

**TAYLOR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANNING COMMUNITY SURVEY**  
**Taylor County (All Governments) Trends and Visions**

**1. How do you feel your community has changed over the last 5 years? (check one)**

30.5% Improved for the better  
 24.3% Became more economically depressed  
 17.6% Became too developed/populated  
 27.7% Has not changed

**2. My preference for development in rural Taylor County to the year 2030 is: (check one)**

47.7% Preservation of the existing rural landscape with a small amount of new development  
 38.1% Preservation of the existing rural landscape with moderate amounts of new development  
 14.2% Unrestricted development in rural areas

**3. Please tell us the single greatest problem or concern you have regarding your city/village/town/county.**

See Attached \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing**

**1. As your community progresses in the future, would you be in favor of the following kinds of housing options/development? (please check)**

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Single-family	92.7%	3.5%	3.8%
Apartments	46.9%	38.7%	14.4%
Traditional Subdivisions	48.1%	38.1%	13.7%
Mobile Home	27.0%	56.8%	16.2%
Mobile Home Parks	19.0%	66.0%	15.0%
Two Family Duplexes	56.1%	28.1%	15.8%

**2. Subdivision & development practices that preserve large parcels of natural undeveloped land should be encouraged through public policies and ordinances?**

57.7% Agree                      22.2% Neutral                      20.1% Disagree

**3. Are the following a problem in your community? (check all that apply)**

34.6% Yes Dilapidated buildings    25.0% Yes Abandoned buildings    31.5% Yes Junk cars    38.1% Yes Junky yards  
 65.4% No                                      75.0% No                                      68.5% No                                      61.9% No

**Utilities and Community Facilities**

**1. New homes should be encouraged:**

a. Primarily in communities where sewer and water are available.    57.5% Agree    23.4% Neutral    19.1% Disagree  
 b. In or next to communities where sewer and water can be extended.    47.1% Agree    33.4% Neutral    19.5% Disagree  
 c. Anywhere in the county with or without services.    47.4% Agree    24.2% Neutral    28.4% Disagree

**2. Business and industry should be encouraged:**

a. Primarily in communities where sewer and water are available.    74.6% Agree    14.6% Neutral    10.8% Disagree  
 b. In or next to communities where sewer and water can be extended.    60.6% Agree    24.2% Neutral    15.2% Disagree  
 c. Anywhere in the county with or without services.    27.0% Agree    22.4% Neutral    50.6% Disagree

**3. How would you rate your community's services?**

a. Fire protection	75.7% Good	20.1% Fair	4.2% Poor
b. Law enforcement	62.1% Good	29.9% Fair	8.0% Poor
c. Emergency medical services	68.7% Good	26.7% Fair	4.6% Poor
d. Recycling program	72.5% Good	23.1% Fair	4.5% Poor
e. Library services	75.7% Good	17.6% Fair	6.7% Poor
f. Municipal/County park systems	67.2% Good	27.9% Fair	4.9% Poor
g. Town/village/city hall facility	71.4% Good	24.3% Fair	4.2% Poor

**Intergovernmental Cooperation**

**1. Neighboring towns, cities, villages, and the county should identify and work together toward shared goals:**

83.5% Agree                      11.7% Neutral                      4.8% Disagree

**2. Are you satisfied with the working relationship between county government and your local government?**

35.2% Yes                      11.8% No                      53.0% Don't Know

If No, why \_\_\_\_\_ See Attached \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Would you support sharing equipment or personnel with a neighboring community or county if it afforded a cost savings with a slight reduction in quality of services?**

62.4% Yes                      22.2% No                      15.4% Don't Know

**Agriculture, Natural, and Cultural Resources**

1. **Local and county units of government should address the issue of development in productive agricultural regions by:**

- a. Preserving all existing farmland at all costs.            31.3% Agree   32.6% Neutral   36.1% Disagree
- b. Protecting productive farmland, but allowing development in areas not suitable for agricultural use.            59.3% Agree   21.2% Neutral   19.5% Disagree
- c. Not protecting farmland.                                      12.2% Agree   19.7% Neutral   68.1% Disagree
- d. Protecting or preserving other agribusiness.            51.9% Agree   37.2% Neutral   11.0% Disagree

2. **My community should make an effort to identify and protect the following:**

- a. Woodlands    70.8% Agree                      19.1% Neutral                      10.1% Disagree
- b. Wetlands & flood plains    56.3% Agree                      26.2% Neutral                      17.5% Disagree
- c. Open spaces    43.4% Agree                      41.2% Neutral                      15.4% Disagree
- d. Lakes, rivers, & streams    84.2% Agree                      10.1% Neutral                      5.8% Disagree
- e. Endangered species habitat    48.6% Agree                      33.5% Neutral                      18.0% Disagree
- f. Historic and cultural sites    60.4% Agree                      30.4% Neutral                      9.2% Disagree

3. **There should be a minimum lot size limit for lake/stream properties?**

57.1% Agree                      25.2% Neutral                      17.7% Disagree

**Economic Development**

1. **What types of businesses do you believe are the most important for Taylor County to attract? (rank each in priority: 5-High priority, 1-Low priority)**

Tourism business	5 (32.0%)	4 (20.8%)	3 (28.9%)	2 (8.8%)	1 (9.5%)
Timber resource industries	5 (29.4%)	4 (29.4%)	3 (29.3%)	2 (7.5%)	1 (4.5%)
Agricultural business (including farm)	5 (44.2%)	4 (28.2%)	3 (20.7%)	2 (4.2%)	1 (2.7%)
Heavy industry (manufacturing)	5 (31.8%)	4 (20.6%)	3 (28.5%)	2 (9.9%)	1 (9.2%)
Public sector/government	5 (6.9%)	4 (12.1%)	3 (37.1%)	2 (21.2%)	1 (22.7%)
Service business	5 (27.9%)	4 (34.3%)	3 (28.1%)	2 (6.5%)	1 (3.2%)
Retail development	5 (33.7%)	4 (27.8%)	3 (25.8%)	2 (7.5%)	1 (5.2%)
Light industry (manufacturing)	5 (49.6%)	4 (28.7%)	3 (16.0%)	2 (3.4%)	1 (2.3%)
High tech industry	5 (41.7%)	4 (24.3%)	3 (22.7%)	2 (6.2%)	1 (5.2%)
Other, please specify	( More shopping choices 100% )				

2. **New businesses/industries should only be located in the city or villages in the county?**

37.8% Agree                      29.5% Neutral                      32.7% Disagree

3. **Local Tax dollars should be used to help attract new jobs or retain existing jobs in Taylor County?**

55.5% Agree                      26.6% Neutral                      17.9% Disagree

**Transportation**

1. **Should all new local roads be built by new housing developers to appropriate specifications, then turned over to the municipality?**

58.1% Agree                      27.0% Neutral                      14.9% Disagree

2. **I would support the development of more of the following on public land: (check all that apply)**

58.2% Yes	41.8% No	Bike routes and trails	42.5% Yes	57.5% No	ATV trails
48.7% Yes	51.3% No	Cross-country ski trails	36.7% Yes	63.3% No	Horseback riding trails
38.9% Yes	61.1% No	Snowmobile trails	5.1% Yes	94.9% No	Other
68.1% Yes	31.9% No	Walking and hiking trails	17.2% Yes	82.8% No	None of the above

3. **How would you rate the following transportation services in Taylor County:**

Local road maintenance	46.7% Good	44.6% Average	8.8% Poor
County highway maintenance	52.2% Good	42.3% Average	5.5% Poor
Local snow plowing	61.0% Good	32.7% Average	6.2% Poor
County snow plowing	57.3% Good	37.0% Average	5.7% Poor
County airport facilities	38.7% Good	54.4% Average	7.0% Poor

## Statistical Information

**1. Which of the following describes your residency of Taylor County?**

80.5% Permanent residence

8.5% Seasonal residence

11.0% Non-resident landowner

**2. Please name the town/village or city in which you live or own land in Taylor County.**

City of Medford	15.5%
Town of Aurora	1.7%
Town of Browning	4.4%
Town of Chelsea	5.2%
Town of Cleveland	1.6%
Town of Deer Creek	2.8%
Town of Ford	1.2%
Town of Goodrich	2.8%
Town of Greenwood	5.5%
Town of Grover	2.2%
Town of Hammel	5.0%
Town of Holway	1.8%
Town of Jump River	2.8%
Town of Little Black	4.2%
Town of Maplehurst	1.5%
Town of McKinley	1.7%
Town of Medford	12.2%
Town of Molitor	3.1%
Town of Pershing	0.9%
Town of Rib Lake	4.3%
Town of Roosevelt	2.1%
Town of Taft	2.0%
Town of Westboro	5.8%
Village of Gilman	2.4%
Village of Lublin	1.5%
Village of Rib Lake	4.0%
Village of Stetsonville	1.8%

## Taylor County (All Governments)

### Trends and Visions

Question 3: Please tell us the single greatest problem or concern you have regarding your city/village/town/county.

Urban Sprawl/Farmland being used up	7.6%
Taxes	23.9%
Low wages/high cost of living/no good jobs	11.0%
Minimum acreage requirements	2.5%
No local shopping choices	7.0%
Destruction of natural lay of land/lakeshores	4.9%
Creating events/environments/parks/dance halls	1.1%
Lack of planning/development/economic development/housing	14.2%
Better roads	5.5%
Government services/Police/EMS	9.7%
Surveying errors/trespassing/restrictions on land	4.9%
Junkyards/dead cars	5.1%
School districts funding/decreasing numbers	1.9%
Unfunded mandates	0.6%

### Intergovernmental Cooperation

Question 2: Are you satisfied with the working relationship between county government and your local government?

If no, why?

Not enough cooperation/too much bickering	69.7%
Does not recognize needs of county outside of Medford	22.7%
Tax dollars wasted/spend too much	7.6%