

Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan Priorities Survey

For each of these survey items, please indicate your level of agreement with the item:

- 0 = I need more information or I have no opinion
- 1 = I strongly disagree
- 2 = I disagree
- 3 = I am neutral
- 4 = I Agree
- 5 – I Strongly agree

	Survey Item	Your Response					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
	General						
1	It is important to preserve the rural way of life that many in our county enjoy.						
2	Our health and safety should be a primary concern of Yavapai County staff and elected officials.						
3	A balance needs to be struck between the benefits of a development and its impacts on our environment.						
4	Community Plans written by unincorporated communities should be adopted into the Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan.						
5	In our Comprehensive Plan, Yavapai County should document measurable goals that are monitored and reported on regularly.						
6	It is important for all residents to have access to broadband internet service.						
7	We need to preserve and protect our archeological and historical sites.						
	Land Use						
8	We should conserve our working ranches, unfragmented open space and the county's rural character.						
9	We need to make sure that new developments reflect the character and sense of place of the surrounding area.						
10	We should promote orderly, concentrated growth in or near existing communities where appropriate levels of infrastructure and services exist.						
11	Incentives should be offered to affordable house developers through zoning ordinance revisions.						
12	Development standards should be created that limit building on hillsides and ridgetops.						
13	Development standards should be created that limit building near natural washes and drainage areas.						
14	We should set upper limits for development density.						
15	Commercial developments should not be allowed on inholdings completely surrounded by public land.						
16	Commercial development should be designed and located so that it is compatible with the character of the area.						
	Transportation						
17	When planning the construction of new roads, Yavapai County should consider our transportation needs and desires as expressed in Community Plans.						
18	We should construct trails, walking paths and bike paths that are separate from roadways, to ensure our safety.						
19	Incentives should be offered for developments that promote walking or riding a bicycle to shopping and services.						
20	The county should identify unpaved roads that create significant dust problems for residents and wildlife and should identify non-toxic treatments that are then applied.						

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21	We should provide incentives for the further development of public transportation.								
Open Space									
22	National Forest land needs to be protected and preserved.								
23	We should preserve places where our children can safely run, play and experience nature.								
24	Open space helps provide us recreational activities and promotes economic growth.								
25	We should preserve open space that is left in its natural state.								
26	Yavapai County should conduct a comprehensive inventory of open space.								
27	Scenic vistas need to be protected and preserved.								
28	We should take advantage the economic value of our county as a travel destination by supporting non-destructive outdoor activities.								
29	We should implement a plan to purchase and preserve additional land as open space.								
30	Developments next to public lands should not substantially increase wildfire risk.								
31	We should further develop regional trail systems within open spaces for hiking, biking, and equestrian use.								
32	Open space that is set aside by developers as a condition for their development approval should be open to the public.								
Energy									
33	We should increase the use of cost-effective and clean alternative energy.								
34	Increasing renewable energy will support economic development.								
35	Rooftop and residential solar should be encouraged and incented.								
36	Yavapai County should target new commercial solar farms and wind farms in areas that do not harm wildlife corridors, streams, ephemeral streams, wetlands, or our scenic vistas.								
37	We should encourage construction of commercial wind farms.								
38	We should provide incentives for new pumped water renewable energy.								
39	It is important to expand the availability of electric vehicle charging stations.								
40	Yavapai County should update building codes to promote greater energy efficiency.								
Environmental									
41	We need to protect our river, lakes and streams from overuse and pollution.								
42	Clean air and clean water are necessary for our quality of life and health.								
43	We should provide a variety of incentives for using building techniques that protect land and conserve water.								
44	Methods of solid waste disposal should safeguard our health.								
45	Recycling by individuals, businesses and waste removal companies should be promoted and supported.								
46	County waste transfer stations should sort and recycle waste.								
47	We should implement a plan to acquire and preserve land along our rivers, lakes, and streams.								
48	We should establish a countywide "Dark Sky" ordinance and seek certification as the first "Dark Sky" county.								
49	Yavapai County should manage Off Highway Vehicles to reduce impact on the land and to ensure public safety.								
50	We should protect the unique fish and wildlife found in our county.								

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51	Species diversity and ample wildlife habitat are important to the health of the environment.								
52	We should implement a county-wide Climate Action Plan.								
	Cost of Development								
53	We should make sure that financial impacts to services and infrastructure from new developments are adequately covered by developers.								
54	We should provide incentives to developers to redevelop problem properties in a manner that is compatible with surrounding properties and communities.								
	Growth Areas								
55	There should be constraints on growth that help preserve our rural way of life.								
56	We should focus on growth through infill next to already developed land, rather than developing isolated parcels.								
57	We should give preference to projects that include redevelopment and higher-density development within existing communities.								
58	We should encourage development of multi-use communities in our urban areas.								
	Water								
59	Safe and reliable drinking water needs to be preserved for current and future generations.								
60	I am concerned about wells going dry in the county.								
61	We should conserve and reuse water whenever possible to ensure our scarce water resources for future generations.								
62	We should protect springs, streams and creeks, including associated habitat.								
63	We should promote and participate in watershed restoration programs that improve habitat and contribute to improved water supply.								
64	We need to better understand how our aquifers and streams function and connect, in order to manage the sustainability of these precious resources.								
65	We should expand and maintain groundwater level monitoring to better track our current water resources and project future levels.								
66	We should expand and maintain surface water monitoring to better understand flow volumes and water quality.								
67	Water impacts from proposed developments should be assessed and shared with the public during plan review.								
68	Yavapai County should construct and maintain a database showing where wells have gone dry over the last 50 years.								
69	In partnership with other regional and local governmental agencies, we should lobby the State of Arizona for more local control over preservation of water resources.								
	Final Free-form Question								
70	Use the following text box to let Yavapai County know what you feel are the most important topics/issues that the updated Comprehensive Plan should cover.								