Welcome to the Harlan County, Nebraska Comprehensive Plan survey.

Thank you for taking the time to answer the following questions. These questions will assist in developing the new Harlan County Comprehensive Plan. All answers are anonymous and cannot be traced back. We ask that you only answer the survey once.

Please provide the following information for our survey. It is anticipated to take about 15-20 minutes to complete the entire survey.

If you have direct questions regarding the survey, please contact Keith at kmarvin@marvinplanning.com or Mason at mherrman@marvinplanning.com.

Thank you for participating in our survey.

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. Your answers will help determine the goals and priorities for Harlan County's next comprehensive plan. Please mark "No Opinion/Not Sure" when the statement is inapplicable to you. This is the longest portion of the survey. To make this as quick as possible, go with your first impression; you do not need to spend extra time thinking about each answer. This part should take about 10 minutes to complete.

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1.	Please	answer	the f	ollowing	General	questions	as in	dicated	above

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Harlan County's history and architecture should be preserved.	0	0	0	0	0
I would support a program to strengthen community pride and appearance.	0	0	0	0	0
It is important to preserve and share Harlan County history.	0	0	0	0	0
Overall, Harlan County is a good place to live.	0	0	0	0	\circ
Harlan County has a likable rural and small-town atmosphere.	0	0	0	0	0
County government officials are responsive to community needs.	0	0	0	0	0
Local government officials are responsive to community needs.	0	0	0	0	0

2. Please answer the following **Economic Development** questions as indicated above

Strongly		No Opinion /		Strongly
Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Disagree

If I had the means, I would start or invest in a small, local business.	0	0	0	0	0
New business should be along highway corridors instead of the downtowns.	0	0	0	0	0
The county should keep new business development within city limits.	0	0	0	0	0
I think wind turbines would ruin my view of the landscape.	0	0	0	0	0
New or expanded manufacturing plants will bring the kind of jobs we need.	0	0	0	0	0
There is a strong, available workforce in Harlan County.	0	0	0	0	0
The County should be more proactive in supporting existing business.	0	0	0	0	0
There are enough part-time jobs for high-school students.	0	0	0	0	0
Retention and expansion of current business is key to Harlan County's economic survival.	0	0		0	0
Recruiting new business should be a priority for the county.	0	0	0	0	0
We should partner with					

neighboring counties for the future of our region.	Ο	0	0	Ο	0
3. Please answer th	ne following De Strongly	evelopment/	Housing question No Opinion /	ns as indicated	above Strongly
	Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Disagree
Commercial real estate is over- priced in Harlan County.	0	0	0	0	0
Old buildings/houses should be cleaned up or torn down.	0	0	0	0	0
Harlan County has a variety of housing options.	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental rates are less expensive than for surrounding counties.	0	0	0	0	0
Public housing is adequate for Harlan County's needs.	0	0	0	0	0
Most homes in Harlan County appear to be in good condition.	0	0	0	0	0
New housing should be built within city limits or within close proximity.	0	0	0	0	0
More affordable housing is needed for young families.	0	0	0	0	0
The elderly needs more housing and assisted living facilities.	0	0	0	0	0
There needs to be more apartments,	\cap	\cap	\bigcirc	\cap	\cap

town homes, or duplexes. More housing should be allowed close the Reservoir New housing developments should be spread throughout the county. There is enough rental property in Harlan County. Farmers should be allowed to sell and subdivide their land however they want. Developers should pay for new water lines and other infrastructure. Developers should be allowed to build residential subdivisions in rural areas. Developers should be required to improve roads. Developers should be required to locate in existing communities. Growth and development should be carefully managed. The county should allow more dense development in the vicinity of Harlan County

Reservoir.					
I would support a program to repair/clean-up homes and lawns.	0	0	0	0	0
. Please answer ti	he following Ag	gricultural qu	uestions as indica	ted above	
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Protecting farmland should be the County's top priority.	0	0	0	0	0
Value-added strategies are needed to enhance agriculture.	0	0	0	0	0
Local farmers need employees but they are unavailable.	0	0	0	0	0
). Please answer th	ne followina Re	newable En	erav questions as	s indicated abo	ve
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Wind farms will strengthen our economy.	0	0	0	0	0
Solar farms will			0	0	0
strengthen our economy.	0	O	0	30-2-30	

6. Please answer the following **Recreation** questions as indicated above Strongly No Opinion / Strongly Not Sure Disagree Disagree Agree Agree There should be more places where kids can hang out with their friends. There are plenty of extracurricular activities and events for kids. There are adequate adult and senior citizens activities. I often use community centers and/or walk-n-bike paths, tracks, or trails. There are not enough places to exercise, or they are too far away. Outdoor recreation options are limited in Harlan County. There are adequate cultural opportunities, events and activities. The reservoir should be promoted more for its recreation opportunities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
County roads are in good condition.	0	0	0	0	0
I would be willing to pay additional taxes for road improvements.	0	0	0	0	0
County Highways are in good condition.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Please answer th	ne following Pu	blic Safety/	Health questions	as indicated a	bove
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The county has quality fire protection.	0	0	0	0	0
The county has quality law enforcement protection.	0	0	0	0	0
The county has quality EMS protection.	0	0	0	0	0
I receive good health care locally.	0	0	0	0	0
I feel that adequate senior services are available.	0	0	0	0	0
I feel that	0	0	0	0	0

9 . Please answer the following ${f Environment}$ questions as indic	ated above
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The river, reservoir, and streambeds are important assets.	0	0	0	0	0
The aquifer (ground water) is an important asset and should be conserved.	0	0	0	0	0
The prairie is an important resource for the future of Harlan County.	0	. 0	O	0	0

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The agriculture questions address issues being faced by the agricultural community.

10. The following value-added strategies for the **agricultural economy** of Harlan County should be undertaken.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
More livestock for feeding grain	0	0	0	0	0
New industries using grain in their manufacturing process (such as bio-plastics, etc)	0	0	0	0	0
Greater effort towards exporting local grain	0	0	0	0	0
Crop diversity (such as hemp, etc.)	0	\circ	0	0	\bigcirc
Diversification of livestock types	0	0	0	0	0
Create farm to home operations (such as farmer's markets, Community- supported agriculture, On- farm stores)		0	0	0	0
Vineyards and wine making	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)					

11. The following are a threat to agriculture in Harlan County.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No opinion / not sure	Disagree	Strong Disagree
Drought	0	0	0	0	0
Commodity prices	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ
Large corporate ag. becoming more vertically integrated (such as owning the land, and commodity all the way to the final product)		0	•	0	0
Foreign producers (such as Brazil, Mexico, China, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Political policies and actions	0	0	0	0	0
Eating practices changing (such as vegetarian, organic, etc.)	\circ	0	0	0	0
Conversion of farmland to residential development	0	0	0	0	0
Conversion of farmland to commercial and industrial uses, including solar/wind farms	0	0	0	0	0
Conversion of productive farmland into conservation land.	0	0	0	0	0
other (please specify)					

Please show how far you generally travel to perform the following tasks. Please select	
Please show how far you generally travel to perform the following tasks. Please select the activity. Please leave blank if there are no applicable locations. This section show minutes.	ald only take a few

12. If you can't find what you want/need in Harlan County, where do you go? In Harlan On-line/ Other County Holdrege Kearney Lexington Lincoln Omaha Internet place Outdoor recreation (such as hiking, boating, camping, etc.) To play sports (such as basketball, tennis, golf, etc.) Indoor exercise (such as walking, aerobics, weights, etc.) Swimming (outdoor or indoor) Entertainment (such as movies, etc.) Groceries **Furniture** Clothes Vehicles (car/truck) Farm equipment Gas / Convenience items Hardware / Lumber Other shopping Dining out fast food Dining out with sit-down service Bar/Entertainment

 $13.\,$ Access to quality goods and services is important. How available are these to you?

	Available	Neutral	Less Available	Not Available
Child care	0	0	0	0
Adult care - in home	\circ		\bigcirc	\circ
Grocery store	0	0	0	0
Banking	0	0	\circ	\circ
Tech support - computers	0	0	0	0
Tourism	0	0	0	0
Nursing home & assisted living facilities	0	0	0	0
Senior services	0	0	0	0
Main street retail	0	0	0	0
Restaurants	0	0	0	0
Healthcare facilities	0	0	0	0
Recreational facilities	0	0	0	\circ
Agricultural support (such as dealerships, parts, repair)	0	0	0	0

14. What is / wil	l be your plan fo	r retirement?			27	
Already retire	ed					
Stay in Harla	n County					
Seek a nearby	y location					
Stay in Nebra	iska					
Move to anoth	her state					
○ None of the a	bove					
Other (please spec	ify)					
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15. The most press	sing environmen	tal concern for t	he count	y now and in the	future is:	
	Important	Less Neutral Important		Less Important	Not Important	
Energy	mportant	Neutran		mportant	Important	
production	0	O		0	O	
Agricultural land	0	0		0	0	
Soils	0	0		0	0	
Native vegetation	0	0		0	0	
Wildlife	0	0		0	0	
Water quality	0	0		0	0	
Water availability	0	0	0		0	
16. In regard to ec	onomic developi	ment, the county	should	concentrate effo	rts in which area?	
(1) Lowest to (5) Hig						
	1	2	3	4	5	
Manufacturing / Assembly	0	0	0	0	0	
Technology	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	
Retail and Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0	0	
Energy	0	0	0	0	O .	
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	\circ	0	\bigcirc	0	\circ	
Other (please specify)						

17. Please rate the following governmental entities.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Improvement Needed	NA
County Appraiser's office	0	0	0	0	0
County Register of Deeds office	0	\bigcirc	0	\circ	\circ
County Treasurer's office	0	0	0	0	0
County Attorney's office	\circ	\circ	0	\bigcirc	\circ
County Public Works	0	0	0	0	0
Planning and Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Management	0	0	0	0	0
County Sheriff	0	0	0	0	0
City Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Local Fire Department	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	0
County EMS Service	0	0	0	0	0
Public transportation	0	0	0	0	0
Senior services	Ó	0	0	0	0
Clerk	0	0	0	0	\circ
County Board of Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Economic Development	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	0
Veterans Services	0	0	0	0	0
ther (please specify)					

* 18. Where in Harlar	n County do you	ı live?
Alma (corporate limits)		
Huntley (corporate limits)		
Mascot (unincorporated)		
Orleans (corporate limits)		
Oxford (corporate limits)		
Oxford Junction (unincorpo	orated)	
Ragan (corporate limits)		
Republican City (corporate	limits)	
Stamford (corporate limits))	
Rural Harlan County		
Outside Harlan County		
19. How long have you lived	in Harlan County?	
less than 1 year		
1 to 5 years		
○ 6 to 10 years		
○ 16 to 20 years		
○ 21 to 30 years		
○ 31 years to 40 years		
41 years to 50 years		
○ 50+ years		
20. Please tell us your age ra		
ounder 18 years	30 to 34 years	55 to 64 years
○ 18 to 19 years	35 to 39 years	○ 65 to 74 years
O 20 to 24 years	40 to 44 years	75 to 84 years
25 to 29 years	45 to 54 years	85 and over

21. How many children do you have/had in y	our family?
O 0	○ 3
<u> </u>	4
O 2	<u></u> 5+
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22. What age/grade level are your children?	Select all that apply.
Daycare/Preschool	
K-5	
6-8	
9-12	
College	
Grown (adult)	
23. My children live: (select all that apply)	
At home	
Away at college	
Grown - Living in Harlan County	
Grown - Living in Nebraska	
Grown - Living out-of-state	
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24. Education style for my children (select al	r that apply)
Public	
Private	
At home	
Other (please specify)	
25. Employment	
	○ Home Maker
Employed Full-Time	
Employed Part-Time Salf Employed	○ Unemployed ○ Retired
○ Self-Employed	O vernen

26. Which of the following industries is your p	rimary income? (US Census categories).
 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining 	 Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management
○ Construction	C Educational, health, and social services
Manufacturing	Arts, entertainment, recreation,
○ Wholesale Trade	accommodation and food services
Retail Trade	Other services (except public administration)
 Transportation and warehousing and utilities 	O Public administration
○ Information	Retired
Finance, Insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	○ Disabled
Other (please specify)	
27. How far is your commute to work?	
○ Work at/from Home	○ 30 to 44 minutes
Cless than 10 minutes	45 to 59 minutes
10 to 14 minutes	○ 60 minutes or more
15 to 29 minutes	Retired
Oth (-lassa	
Other (please specify)	
Other (please specify)	
Other (please specify) 28. Highest Level of Education Grade/Middle School	Community/Technical/Vocational
28. Highest Level of Education	Community/Technical/Vocational 4-year College/University
28. Highest Level of Education Grade/Middle School	

29	Business/Employer Location	nn.	
	At Home/Online	Oxford Junction	☐ Holdrodge
	Alma		Holdredge
		Ragan	Kearney
	Huntley	Republican City	Lincoln
	Orleans	Stamford	Omaha
	Oxford	Neighboring County	Out of state
	Other (please specify)		
30	All of us have different ever	periences with where we live. W	lo want to know how VOII EEEI
		County a quality place to live?	e want to know now 100 FEEL
	Very high quality	Low quality	,
	High quality	Very low qu	
	Neither high nor low quality		
	Other (please specify)		
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31.	I am confident in Harlan Co	ounty's future	
	Yes	,	
_	No		
_	Not sure		

Finally, we would like to give you the opportunity to write in some of your own answers/ comments in relation to Harlan County. Please be brief, concise and legible. Please print if you need to. This final section should only take a couple of minutes. Additionally, we would like you to help us prioritize county efforts with a final ranking. Thank you for your participation in this survey.

32. List the one most important quality of Harlan County that must be preserved.	
22. Elst the one most important quality of huntin country that must be preserved.	
33. List the one thing that most needs to be changed about Harlan County.	
34. What makes Harlan County a comfortable place to live?	
35. What type(s) of outdoor recreation are most important to you?	

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

Please return the survey to one of the following locations:

Harlan County Courthouse