

Neighbors,

The City of Vinton is in the process of creating a Comprehensive Plan to develop a strategy for our future development. Your opinions are an important aspect of crafting the plan. While the upcoming planning committee meetings are open to everyone, we know that family and work commitments make it difficult for some to participate. For this reason, we've mailed this survey to ask questions about your vision of our future. Please take a few moments to complete this survey and return it with your utility bill to City Hall by the bill's due date (no need to add extra postage). When you submit your completed survey, for your time and efforts, the city will automatically enter you into a raffle for a family-size George Foreman grill! The City will announce the winner in June. As far as the results of the survey, they will be discussed at a future planning committee meeting to be announced on the city's website.

Also, please save the date! On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the City has scheduled a town meeting for the plan. This meeting will be held at the Commons in the High School on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. An explanation of the plan will be provided during this meeting. All comments gathered from this meeting will be considered in the creation of the plan. Thank you for taking part in your City's future!

*The 2020 Vision for Vinton Planning Committee*

**1. Rank your top three issues in the order of importance you would place upon them being accomplished by the city. Use a "1" to indicate the most important issue, a "2" for the second and 3 for the third.**

- Local street maintenance/improvements
- Maintaining small town atmosphere
- Improving appearance of community
- Developing multi-purpose bike and pedestrian trails
- Correcting storm drainage problems
- Extending water and sewer to outlying areas
- Planning for future growth in appropriate areas
- Economic development (attracting new business/industry)
- Making the river a bigger part of the community
- Increasing housing opportunities
- Recreational opportunities (activities complex, swimming pool, etc.)

Please feel free to add additional comments for #1:

**2. Rank your bottom three issues in the order of least importance you would place upon them being accomplished by the city. Use a "1" to indicate the least important issue, a "2" for the second and 3 for the third.**

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Please feel free to add additional comments for #2:

**3. How significant a problem is each of the following (“X” one response for each issue)**

<u>Very Significant</u>	<u>Significant</u>	<u>Not Significant</u>	
( )	( )	( )	Cost of housing
( )	( )	( )	Housing availability
( )	( )	( )	Storm water flooding
( )	( )	( )	Lack of sidewalks
( )	( )	( )	Location of new development
( )	( )	( )	Street maintenance
( )	( )	( )	General appearance of residential areas
( )	( )	( )	General appearance of commercial areas
( )	( )	( )	Lack of a connecting trail system
( )	( )	( )	General appearance of downtown
( )	( )	( )	Downtown parking
( )	( )	( )	Under-utilized properties (vacant store-fronts)

Please feel free to add additional comments for #3:

**4. In general, how restrictive or permissive do you believe the city’s approach is toward controlling growth and development? (“X” one response)**

- ( ) Very Restrictive
- ( ) Restrictive
- ( ) Balanced
- ( ) Permissive
- ( ) Very Permissive
- ( ) Don’t know / No Opinion

Please feel free to add additional comments for #4:

**5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  
 (“X” one response for each statement)**

<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
( )	( )	( )	Vinton should promote increased residential growth
( )	( )	( )	Vinton should promote the preservation of prime agricultural land
( )	( )	( )	Vinton needs more diverse housing opportunities
( )	( )	( )	Vinton population growth should continue
( )	( )	( )	Vinton should improve downtown
( )	( )	( )	Vinton should promote additional opportunities at the Braille School
( )	( )	( )	Vinton needs more commercial development (commercial defined as items being sold on site)
( )	( )	( )	Vinton should promote industrial development (industrial defined as items being created on site but not sold on site)

Please feel free to add additional comments for #5:

**6. Check *any* of the following housing types the city should encourage to develop in the future.**

- ( ) Senior citizen housing / assisted living
- ( ) Starter single-family homes
- ( ) Moderately priced single-family homes
- ( ) High value single-family homes
- ( ) Duplex
- ( ) Town homes / condominiums
- ( ) Apartments
- ( ) 2<sup>nd</sup> story housing downtown

Please feel free to add additional comments for #6:

**7. Please list what type of retail business / commercial types should the city should encourage to develop in the future:**

**8. Feel free to add any additional comments about Vinton's future:**

**9. OPTIONAL** – this will help us with our demographic analysis:

Survey taker's age-range: 0-19 \_\_\_; 20-30 \_\_\_; 31-40 \_\_\_; 51-60 \_\_\_; 61+ \_\_\_ Survey taker's sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Household size: \_\_\_\_\_

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