



Garfield County
Comprehensive Plan 2030

Keypad Polling Results

Public Meeting #3

Turning Results by Question

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1.) Who won the NCAA championship Monday night?

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Butler	21.51%	20
Duke	53.76%	50
What game?	6.45%	6
Don't care	11.83%	11
I really prefer to be here talking about the comp plan	4.30%	4
Other	2.15%	2
Totals	100%	93

2.) How have you participated in the Comprehensive Plan update process? (Choose all that apply)

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Participated in interviews with staff and consultants	12.50%	28
Attended the first round of meetings (chip games)	11.16%	25
Attended the second round of meetings (3 scenarios)	21.43%	48
Member of the Citizen Advisory Committee	4.91%	11
Attended large landowner forum last month	3.57%	8
Filled out the on-line survey	13.39%	30
Attended round table of elected and appointed officials	6.25%	14
Sounding Board	2.23%	5
Visited the website	16.52%	37
Other	8.04%	18
Totals	100%	224

3.) Public input strongly supports increased efforts to further diversify the county economy. Below are a variety of strategies. Which do you feel are the most important for Garfield County to lead? (Choose 2)

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Research and recruit appropriate industries to the airport industrial park	12.65%	21
Assure that there is a supply of affordable housing	7.23%	12
Preserve rural character of rural areas	16.87%	28
Improve and maintain character of development adjacent to major highways (gravel mining, oil drilling, industrial areas, subdivisions)	8.43%	14
Assure that there is a adequate of land designated for future employment	7.83%	13
Conduct a county wide analysis of economic development opportunities	12.65%	21

Focus on recreational amenities/resources (public lands, river corridors, etc) as a source of economic diversification	20.48%	34
Facilitate institutions and entities that educate the local workforce	7.83%	13
Other	6.02%	10
Totals	100%	166

4.) If we only had enough funds to invest in improving two of the following environmental issues, which would you want them to be? (Select two)

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Preservation of agricultural land	18.45%	31
Preservation of wildlife habitat	20.83%	35
Development of renewable energy sources	23.21%	39
Public access to rivers and streams	8.93%	15
Protect air and water quality	28.57%	48
Totals	100%	168

5.) The Preferred Scenario proposes to protect flood plains, steep slopes and waterways by granting density bonus incentives.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this policy wholeheartedly	34.48%	30
Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	33.33%	29
Don't agree with every aspect of the policy, but could live with it	12.64%	11
Don't agree with the policy much at all	17.24%	15
Other	2.30%	2
Totals	100%	87

6.) Regarding trails, the proposed County policy is that the County is not involved in planning or construction of trails, but financially contributes to other groups that do. (Choose one)

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
I agree with this policy wholeheartedly	18.48%	17
I think the County should take a stronger role in planning	13.04%	12
I think the County should take a stronger role in planning and construction	36.96%	34
I think the County shouldn't have a role in trails development.	29.35%	27
Other	2.17%	2
Totals	100%	92

7.) With regard to affordable housing, the County currently requires 15% of the homes in a development to be affordable.

Agree with the policy as is
 The 15% should be higher
 The 15% should be lower

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with the policy as is	42.70%	38
The 15% should be higher	30.34%	27
The 15% should be lower	26.97%	24
Totals	100%	89

8.) With regard to agricultural preservation, the County currently offers a variety of exemptions from subdivision requirements to make it easier for a property owner to divide off anywhere from 2 to 14 lots, primarily through clustering small lots. Do you believe this provides enough flexibility to large property owners to balance their needs and rights with the interests of the overall population of the county?

Strongly agree
 Generally agree
 Somewhat disagree— doesn't do enough for landowners
 Somewhat disagree— doesn't do enough for general public
 Strongly disagree— doesn't do enough for landowners
 Strongly disagree—doesn't do enough for public interest
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Strongly agree	4.44%	4
Generally agree	21.11%	19
Somewhat disagree— doesn't do enough for landowners	21.11%	19
Somewhat disagree— doesn't do enough for general public	14.44%	13
Strongly disagree— doesn't do enough for landowners	30%	27
Strongly disagree—doesn't do enough for public interest	7.78%	7
Other	1.11%	1
Totals	100%	90

9.) The current Comprehensive Plan allows 2-acre lots anywhere in the Colorado River valley. The Preferred Scenario proposes a minimum lot size of 6 acres in the Colorado River Valley, with 1 home per 2 acres possible through clustering (1-acre lots, 50% left in agriculture)

Strongly agree
 Generally agree
 Somewhat disagree— minimum lot size should be smaller
 Somewhat disagree— minimum lot size should be larger
 Strongly disagree— minimum lot size should be smaller
 Strongly disagree— minimum lot size should be larger
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Strongly agree	11.49%	10
Generally agree	26.44%	23
Somewhat disagree— minimum lot size should be smaller	19.54%	17
Somewhat disagree— minimum lot size should be larger	4.60%	4
Strongly disagree— minimum lot size should be smaller	19.54%	17
Strongly disagree— minimum lot size should be larger	11.49%	10
Other	6.90%	6
Totals	100%	87

10.) The Preferred Scenario acknowledges the existence of several unincorporated communities (Battlement Mesa, Cattle Creek) in the county, and allows/encourages continued growth in these locations.

Agree with this policy wholeheartedly

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this policy wholeheartedly	32.97%	30

Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	31.87%	29
Somewhat disagree—don't think they should grow	10.99%	10
Strongly disagree—they shouldn't grow	13.19%	12
Other	10.99%	10
Totals	100%	91

11.) The Preferred Scenario strongly encourages future major subdivisions to be more self sufficient—by either being adjacent to existing services, or including them internally. (This will in effect discourage the not-quite-large-enough subdivisions)

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this policy wholeheartedly	47.31%	44
Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	21.51%	20
Don't agree with every aspect of the policy, but could live with it	8.60%	8
Don't agree with the policy much at all	21.51%	20
Other	1.08%	1
Totals	100%	93

12.) The Preferred Scenario allows the development of small, mixed-use Rural Centers (such as Catherine's Store) that serve the convenience needs of surrounding residential areas. They would even be allowed to be added to existing subdivisions that can support them.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this policy wholeheartedly	36.96%	34
Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	34.78%	32
Don't agree with every aspect of the policy, but could live with it	17.39%	16
Don't agree with the policy much at all	8.70%	8
Other	2.17%	2
Totals	100%	92

13.) Regarding locations for employment uses, the Preferred Scenario recognizes that the most suitable location is in existing communities that have services and housing. However, it also designates a number of areas as Rural Employment Centers in order to help assure a reservoir of land for employment diversification.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this policy wholeheartedly	31.37%	32
Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	40.20%	41
Don't agree with every aspect of the policy, but could live with it	9.80%	10
Don't agree with the policy much at all	17.65%	18
Other	0.98%	1

Totals	100%	102
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14.) Currently, the objective of the Rural zone is to “preserve rural character”. However, it allows a broad range of uses (some w/ special review) that are not necessarily rural in character. The Preferred Scenario proposes to eliminate some of the more un-rural uses (such as contractor’s yards, a crematorium, warehouse, distribution center).

Agree with this direction wholeheartedly
 Direction could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK

 Don’t agree with every aspect of the direction, but could live with it
 Don’t agree with the direction much at all
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this direction wholeheartedly	29.81%	31
Direction could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	22.12%	23
Don’t agree with every aspect of the direction, but could live with it	13.46%	14
Don’t agree with the direction much at all	34.62%	36
Other	0%	0
Totals	100%	104

15.) Currently, a large portion of the western county are zoned “Resource Lands”, (including Upper Plateau resource lands) at a density of 1 du/ 35 acres. The 2003 Comp Plan designates this area “Outlying Residential”, at a density of 1 du/ 2 acres. The Preferred Scenario proposes to designate this area at 1 du/ 35 acres.

Agree with this direction wholeheartedly
 Direction could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK

 Don’t agree with every aspect of the direction, but could live with it
 Don’t agree with the direction much at all
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this direction wholeheartedly	40.19%	43
Direction could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	23.36%	25
Don’t agree with every aspect of the direction, but could live with it	14.95%	16
Don’t agree with the direction much at all	20.56%	22
Other	0.93%	1
Totals	100%	107

16.) To what degree do you agree with the direction to adopt local Growth Area plans into the Comprehensive Plan and coordinate strongly between the County and each city’s growth area plans.

Agree with this policy wholeheartedly
 Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK

 Don’t agree with every aspect of the policy, but could live with it
 Don’t agree with the policy much at all
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this policy wholeheartedly	53.40%	55
Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	16.50%	17
Don’t agree with every aspect of the policy, but could live with it	7.77%	8
Don’t agree with the policy much at all	22.33%	23
Other	0%	0
Totals	100%	103

17.) How Old Are You?

Less than 18 years (17 or younger)
 18-29
 30-45
 46-65
 66 or older

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Less than 18 years (17 or younger)	0.97%	1
18-29	3.88%	4
30-45	18.45%	19
46-65	58.25%	60
66 or older	18.45%	19
Totals	100%	103

18.) How long have you lived in Garfield County?

Over 20 years
 10 – 20 years
 5 – 9 years
 1 - 4 years
 Less than 1 year

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Over 20 years	52.38%	55
10 – 20 years	18.10%	19
5 – 9 years	14.29%	15
1 - 4 years	8.57%	9
Less than 1 year	6.67%	7
Totals	100%	105

19.) Where do you live?

In city limits in Colorado River Valley
 In unincorporated Colorado River Valley
 In city limits in Roaring Fork Valley
 In unincorporated Roaring Fork Valley
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
In city limits in Colorado River Valley	20.37%	22
In unincorporated Colorado River Valley	27.78%	30
In city limits in Roaring Fork Valley	25.93%	28
In unincorporated Roaring Fork Valley	23.15%	25
Other	2.78%	3
Totals	100%	108

20.) Where do you work?

In city limits in Colorado River Valley
 In unincorporated Colorado River Valley
 In city limits in Roaring Fork Valley
 In unincorporated Roaring Fork Valley
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
In city limits in Colorado River Valley	19.05%	20
In unincorporated Colorado River Valley	21.90%	23
In city limits in Roaring Fork Valley	21.90%	23
In unincorporated Roaring Fork Valley	15.24%	16
Other	21.90%	23
Totals	100%	105

21.) Which best describes your Residence:

Farm (over 25 ac)
 Acreage (2 to 25 ac)
 Large lot (1/3 ac <2 ac)
 Medium lot ¼ to <1/3rd ac)

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Farm (over 25 ac)	13.89%	15
Acreage (2 to 25 ac)	27.78%	30
Large lot (1/3 ac <2 ac)	9.26%	10
Medium lot ¼ to <1/3rd ac)	29.63%	32

Mobile/manufactured home	2.78%	3
Duplex, triplex	3.70%	4
Condo or apartment	9.26%	10
Other	3.70%	4
Totals	100%	108

22.) How would you characterize your support for 'Growth Areas'?

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Strong Support	40.91%	36
Support	27.27%	24
Neutral	12.50%	11
Don't Support	5.68%	5
Strongly Against the concept	13.64%	12
Totals	100%	88

23.) How would you characterize your support for 'Natural Resource Framework'?

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Strong Support	49.07%	53
Support	25%	27
Neutral	11.11%	12
Don't Support	3.70%	4
Strongly Against the concept	11.11%	12
Totals	100%	108

24.) How would you characterize your support for 'Designated Employment Areas'?

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Strong Support	20.19%	21
Support	42.31%	44
Neutral	15.38%	16
Don't Support	9.62%	10
Strongly Against the concept	12.50%	13
Totals	100%	104

25.) How would you characterize your support for 'Cluster Strategy'?

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Strong Support	29.41%	30
Support	40.20%	41
Neutral	9.80%	10
Don't Support	7.84%	8
Strongly Against the concept	12.75%	13
Totals	100%	102

26.) To what degree do you feel the Preferred Scenario accomplishes the goal / objectives Citizen's have voiced?

Very well
 Significantly, could be improved
 Not so well, needs major adjustment
 Not at all.
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very well	29.13%	30
Significantly, could be improved	43.69%	45
Not so well, needs major adjustment	20.39%	21
Not at all.	3.88%	4
Other	2.91%	3
Totals	100%	103

27.) Which density preference do you prefer?

Existing 1 per 2 acre base density
 Future 1 per 6 working your way to 1 per 2 through clustering other.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Existing 1 per 2 acre base density	32%	8
Future 1 per 6 working your way to 1 per 2 through clustering other.	56%	14
	12%	3
Totals	100%	25

28.) The Preferred Scenario acknowledges the existence of several unincorporated communities in the county, and allows/encourages continued growth in these locations

Agree with this policy wholeheartedly
 Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK
 Somewhat disagree—don't think they should grow
 Strongly disagree—they shouldn't grow
 Incorporation
 Other

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Agree with this policy wholeheartedly	18.52%	5
Policy could be tweaked a little, but is generally OK	40.74%	11
Somewhat disagree—don't think they should grow	11.11%	3
Strongly disagree—they shouldn't grow	7.41%	2
Incorporation	22.22%	6
Other	0%	0
Totals	100%	27