

Analysis of Survey Results

Union County, OH

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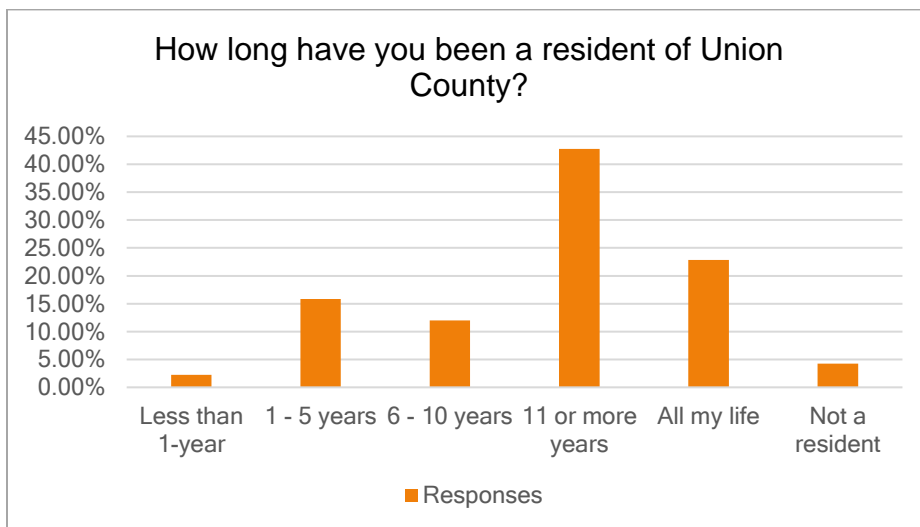
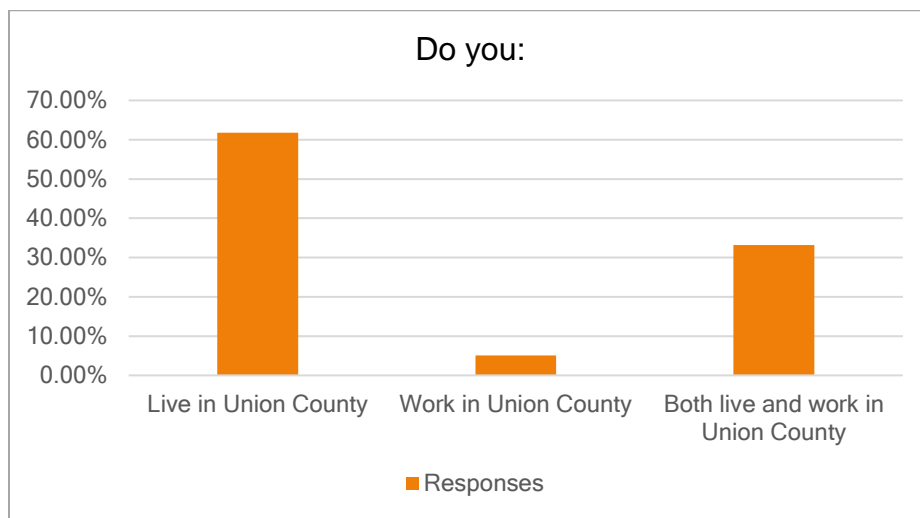
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Introduction

In 2022, a list of survey questions was created by the Steering Committee for the Union County Comprehensive Plan Update. The survey had 29 questions and required only the first four questions to be answered. The survey was opened in October 2022 and closed in January 2023. At the time of closure, there have been 1,148 respondents.

Demographics

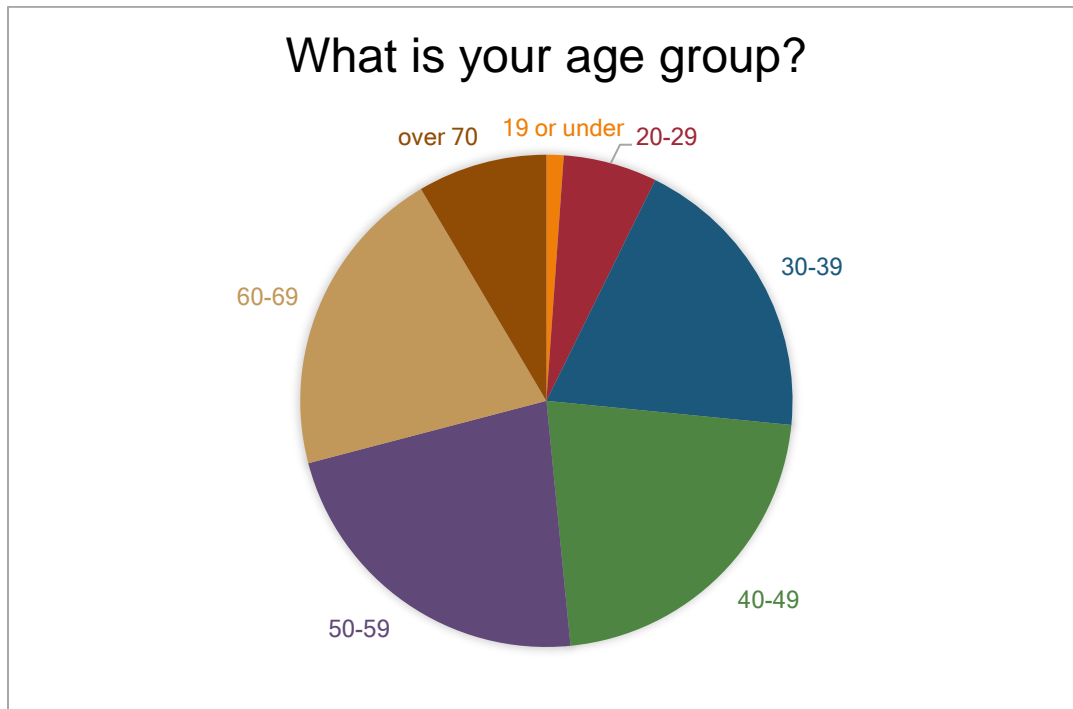
Of the 1,148 respondents: 61.76% reported living in Union County, 5.05% reported working in Union County, and 33.19% reported both living and working in Union County. Of the 709 residents who reported living in Union County, 42.77% of them have lived in the county for more than 11 years. There were respondents from every political jurisdiction; there were 48% respondents from incorporated areas, 43% from unincorporated areas, 7% located in other areas, and 2% did not provide a location.



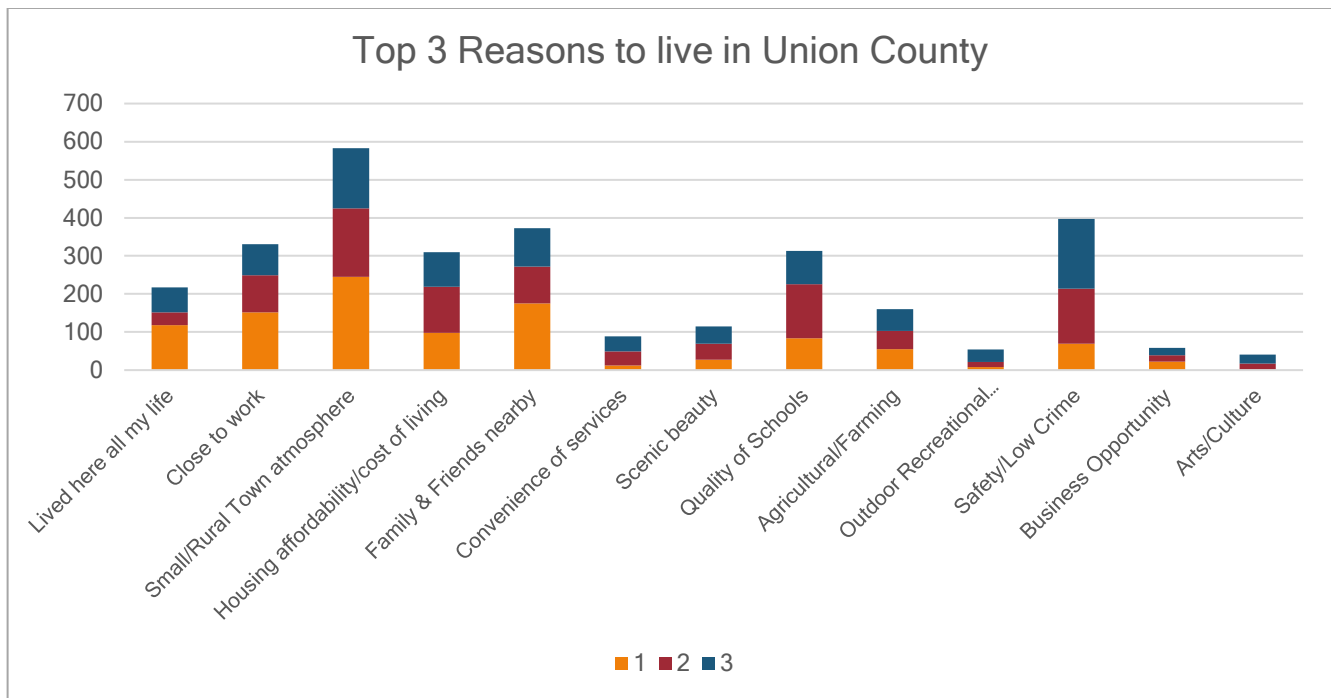
Location	Number of Respondents
Allen Township	88
City of Dublin	19
City of Marysville	432
Claibourne Township	17
Darby Township	46
Dover Township	39
Jackson Township	6
Jerome Township	93
Leesburg Township	28
Liberty Township	46
Magnetic Springs	3
Milford Center	23
Millcreek Township	25
Other	78
Paris Township	47
Plain City	28
Richwood	44
Taylor Township	24
Union Township	21
Unionville Center	3
Washington Township	14
York Township	4

If a particular jurisdiction is interested in further analysis of responses in their area, that option is available.

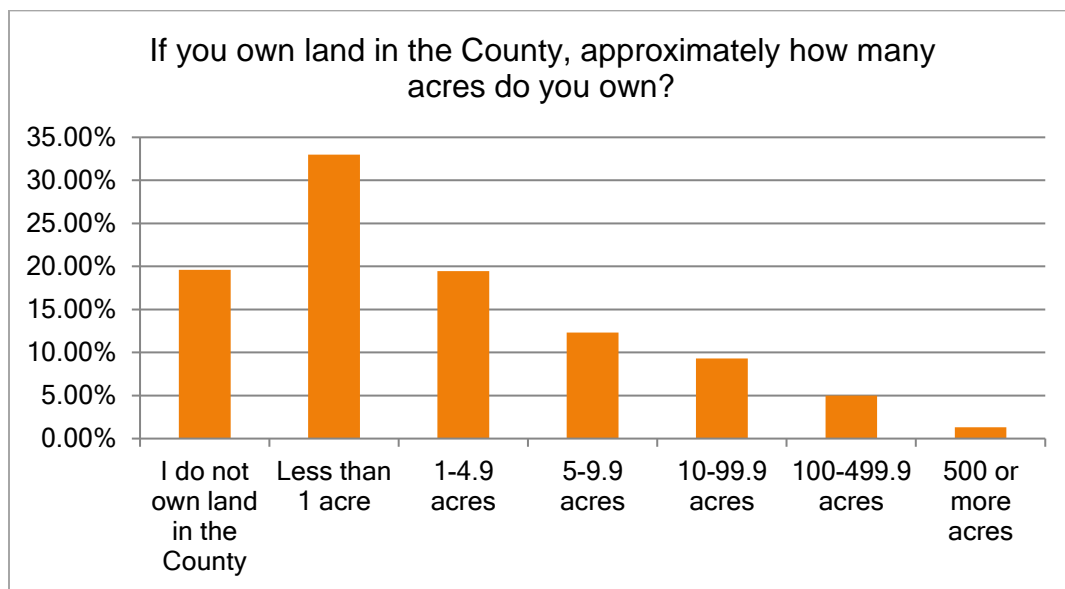
This survey was completed by a broad range of age groups with most responses coming from people aged 30 and over.



Respondents were asked to rate their top three reasons for why they live in Union County. Small/Rural Town Atmosphere (583), Safety/Low Crime (397), and Family & Friends nearby (373) received the most total votes.

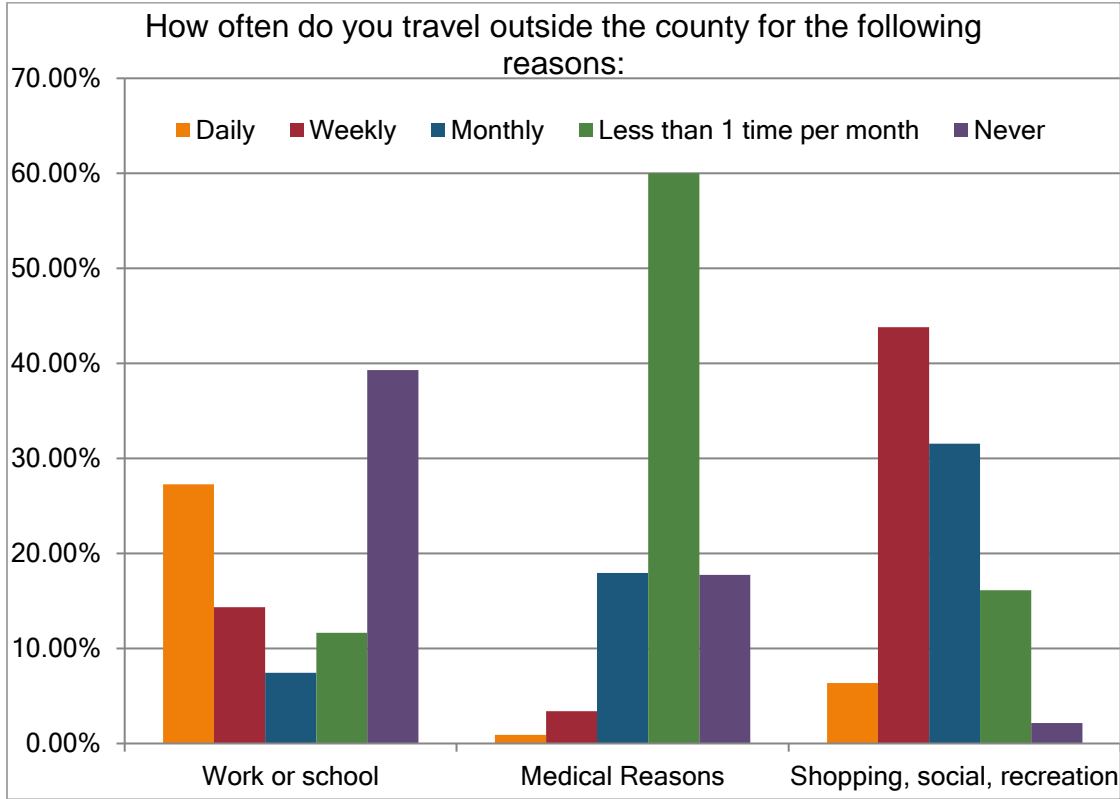


Respondents were asked to identify the approximate acreage they own in Union County. The largest number of respondents chose less than one acre, followed by not owning any land in the county and owning 1-4.9 acres.

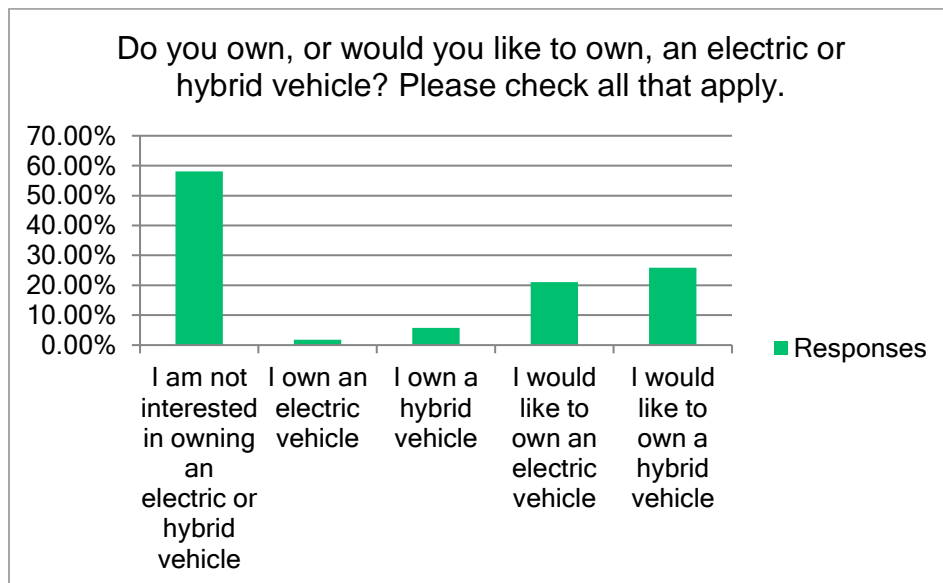


Question 8 asked about farmland and how it's farmed. Of the respondents: 944 responded this question does not apply to them, 85 reported they farm the land themselves, and 97 responded they lease the land to someone else to farm.

Respondents were asked how often they travel outside of Union County. Respondents reported how often they travel outside the county for work or school, medical reasons, and shopping/social/recreation. 27% of respondents reported traveling outside the county daily for work or school. 44% of respondents reported traveling outside the county weekly for shopping/social/recreation. 44% of respondents reported traveling outside the county weekly for shopping/social/recreation. 44% of respondents reported traveling outside the county weekly for shopping/social/recreation.



Respondents were asked about electric or hybrid car ownership. Of the 1,142 responses: 58% expressed no interest in owning an electric or hybrid vehicle, 2% own an electric vehicle, and 6% own a hybrid vehicle. Some respondents (21%) reported they'd like to own an electric vehicle and some (26%) reported they would like to own a hybrid vehicle.



Housing

A three-part housing question received responses from 1,086 respondents. When it comes to current housing, 1,002 reported they currently live in a single-family home; and, in the future, 628 see themselves living in a single-family home.

This question had an option for respondents to provide further commentary regarding housing. Comments varied, but two common themes were: no more development and more affordable options. There was also confusion expressed in the comments from individuals who didn't understand how to respond to this question. One individual reached out to local organizations regarding this question, and it appeared differently when respondents used a phone instead of a computer. The entire list of comments for this question, Question 10, is available in the Appendix.

Housing

What type of housing do you currently reside?								
	Single	Multi-family	Downtown Apartment	Housing for Elderly	Townhome/Condominium	Manufactured/Mobile Home (Individual)	Manufactured/Mobile Home (in a park)	Tiny Home
19 & Under	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-29	51	1	2	1	3	1	2	1
30-39	198	6	3	0	2	4	1	0
40-49	228	4	1	1	1	1	3	1
50-59	224	4	1	1	4	4	3	1
60-69	204	8	4	8	11	2	3	0
Over 70	88	1	0	3	3	1	0	0
Percentage of 1086 responses	92%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%

In the previous table, most respondents (1,002) currently reside in single family housing. For the portion of the question gauging the type of housing respondents would like to see increase, single family homes received the highest responses with 379 or 35%.

Housing

What type of housing would you like to see Increased/Created								
	Single	Multi-family	Downtown Apartment	Housing for Elderly	Townhome/Condominium	Manufactured/Mobile Home (Individual)	Manufactured/Mobile Home (in a park)	Tiny Home
19 & Under	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	3
20-29	27	15	14	9	9	3	1	8
30-39	95	30	46	44	32	4	6	17
40-49	100	31	37	39	40	3	5	21
50-59	78	29	33	55	34	3	5	18
60-69	58	15	22	48	20	5	3	28
Over 70	18	5	8	17	6	0	2	12
Percentage of 1086 responses	35%	12%	15%	20%	13%	2%	2%	10%

Housing

Type of home you see yourself living in 5-10 years								
	Single	Multi-family	Downtown Apartment	Housing for Elderly	Townhome/ Condominium	Manufactured/ Mobile Home (Individual)	Manufactured/ Mobile Home (in a park)	Tiny Home
19 & Under	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
20-29	45	3	6	1	3	1	0	2
30-39	155	6	2	1	3	2	0	0
40-49	150	4	4	4	11	0	0	6
50-59	143	4	5	11	21	2	1	9
60-69	98	7	4	23	22	2	0	4
Over 70	31	0	0	8	6	1	0	1
Percentage of 1086 responses	58%	2%	2%	4%	6%	1%	0%	2%

The survey asked respondents about lot sizes in new single-family developments. (Lot sizes were characterized as: small lots - 1/4-acre, medium lots - 1/2 acre, and large lots - 1 acre or more.) The preference for a mix of lot sizes in new residential developments received 42.33%, followed by medium lot sizes (30.41%), large lot sizes (26.99%), and small lot sizes (15.34%). The table below shows the preferred lot sizes of respondents by age cohort. (Note: It was possible to select multiple options when responding to this question.)

	Preferred Lot Size			
	Small	Medium	Large	Mixture
19 & Under Summary	3	3	5	6
20-29 Summary	12	26	14	25
30-39 Summary	34	66	59	91
40-49 Summary	25	70	69	101
50-59 Summary	34	75	76	91
60-69 Summary	35	67	46	106
Over 70 Summary	23	19	18	38
Percentage of 1078 responses	15%	30%	27%	42%

The Steering Committee requested the same housing data (above) be divided by rural and non-rural areas. The following tables show the same data summarized by Townships/Villages versus Cities. (Note: Figures vary slightly due to some respondents not specifying a location.)

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Townships/ Villages	582	9	2	7	3	10	7	2
Cities	378	11	8	7	19	3	4	1

What type of housing would you like to see Increased/Created

	Single	Multi-family	Downtown Apartment	Housing for Elderly	Townhome/Condominium	Manufactured/Mobile Home (Individual)	Manufactured/Mobile Home (in a park)	Tiny Home
Townships/Villages	173	53	59	107	61	10	13	59
Cities	186	62	90	97	73	6	10	43

Type of home you see yourself living in 5-10 years

	Single	Multi-family	Downtown Apartment	Housing for Elderly	Townhome/Condominium	Manufactured/Mobile Home (Individual)	Manufactured/Mobile Home (in a park)	Tiny Home
Townships/Villages	346	11	9	27	25	5	1	13
Cities	252	12	11	20	38	3	0	8

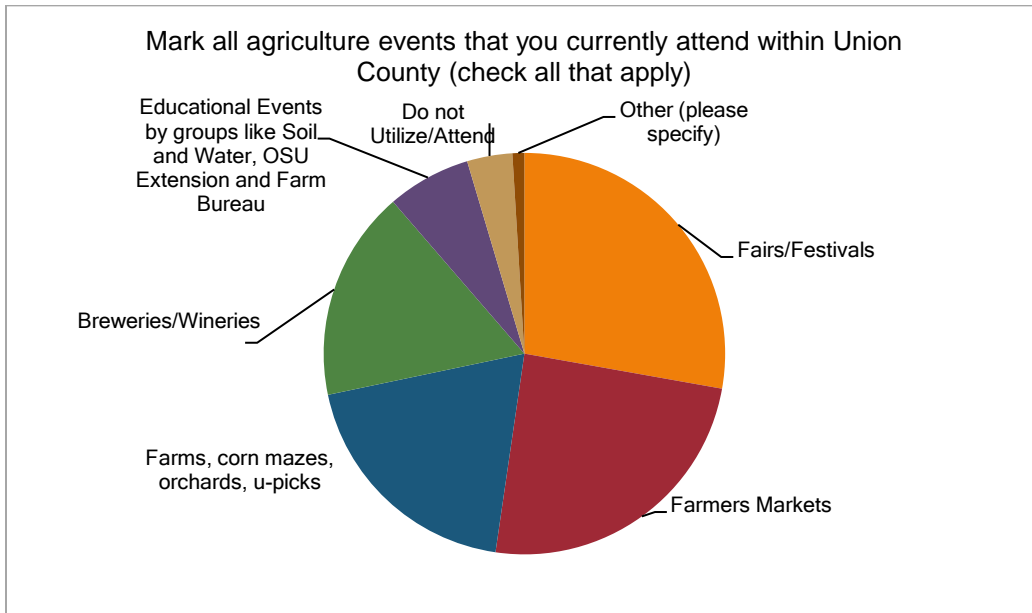
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	Small	Medium	Large	Mixture
Townships/Villages	87	179	155	258
Cities	71	126	117	171

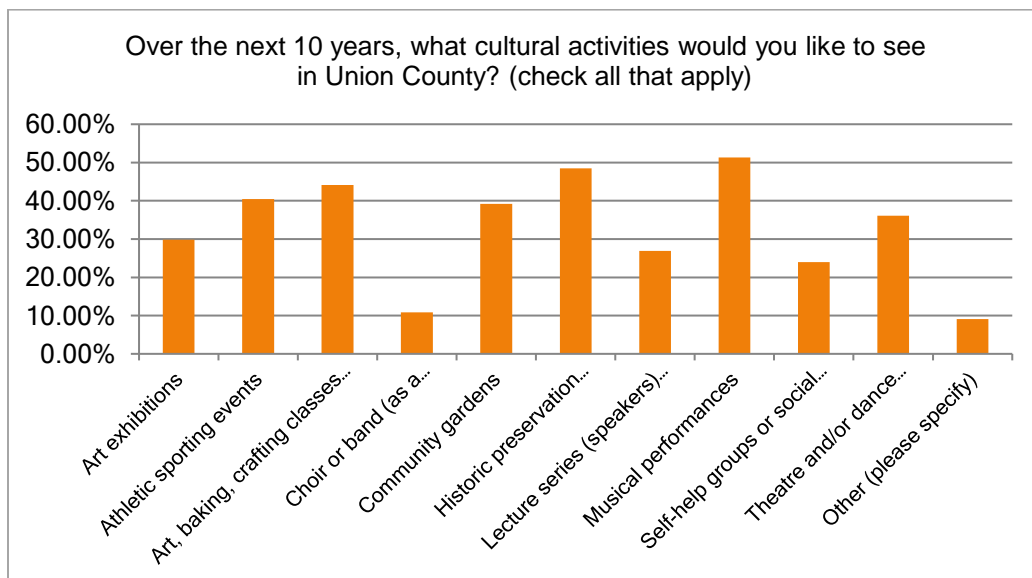
Community Involvement

The survey had several questions regarding Community Involvement to get an idea of activities that are supported in the community, as well as what residents would like to see available.

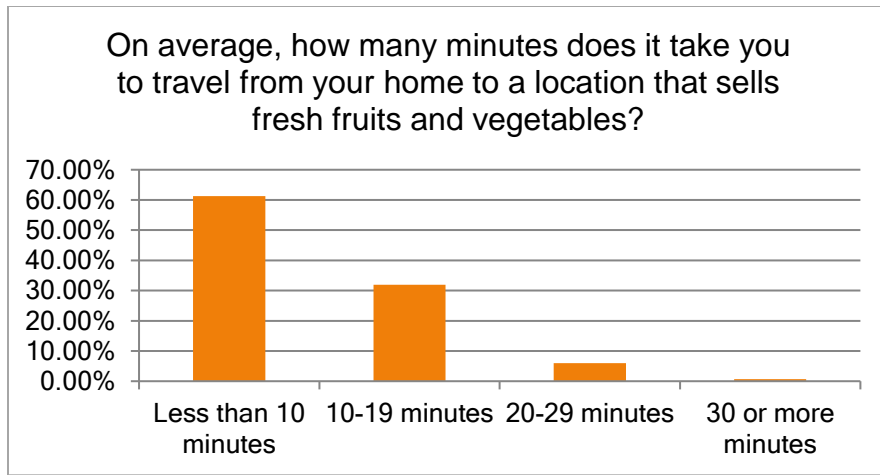
A majority of respondents reported attending fairs/festivals (841), farmers markets (742), farms, corn mazes, orchards, upicks (587), and breweries/wineries (512). This question allowed for comments; twenty-nine were received and can be further explored in the Appendix under Question 12.



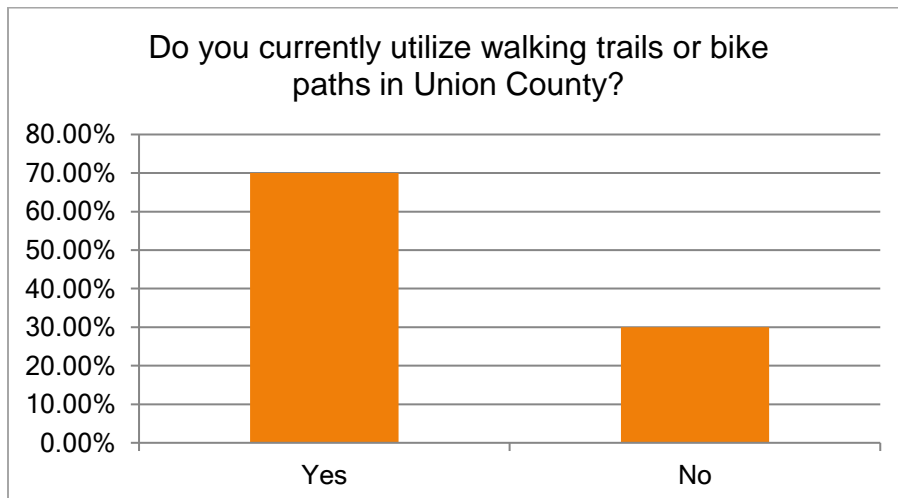
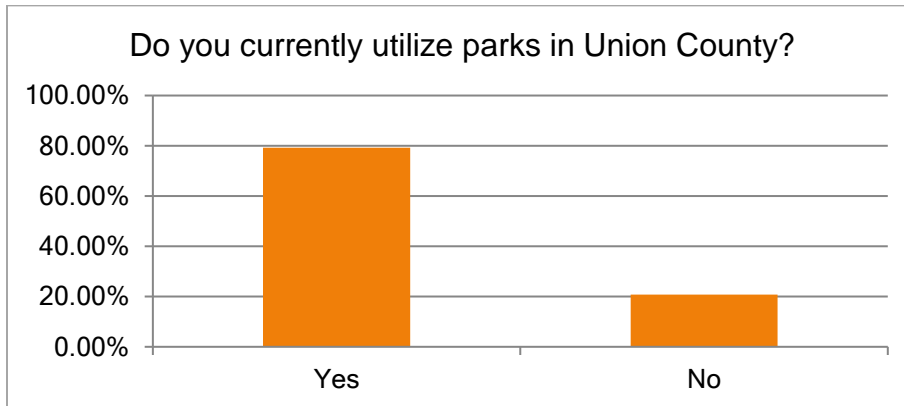
Respondents were asked about cultural activities they'd like to see in the next ten years. Several activities were selected by 40-50% of respondents to the question. Respondents had the opportunity to add additional options, which some chose to do, and these can be viewed further in the Appendix under Question 13.

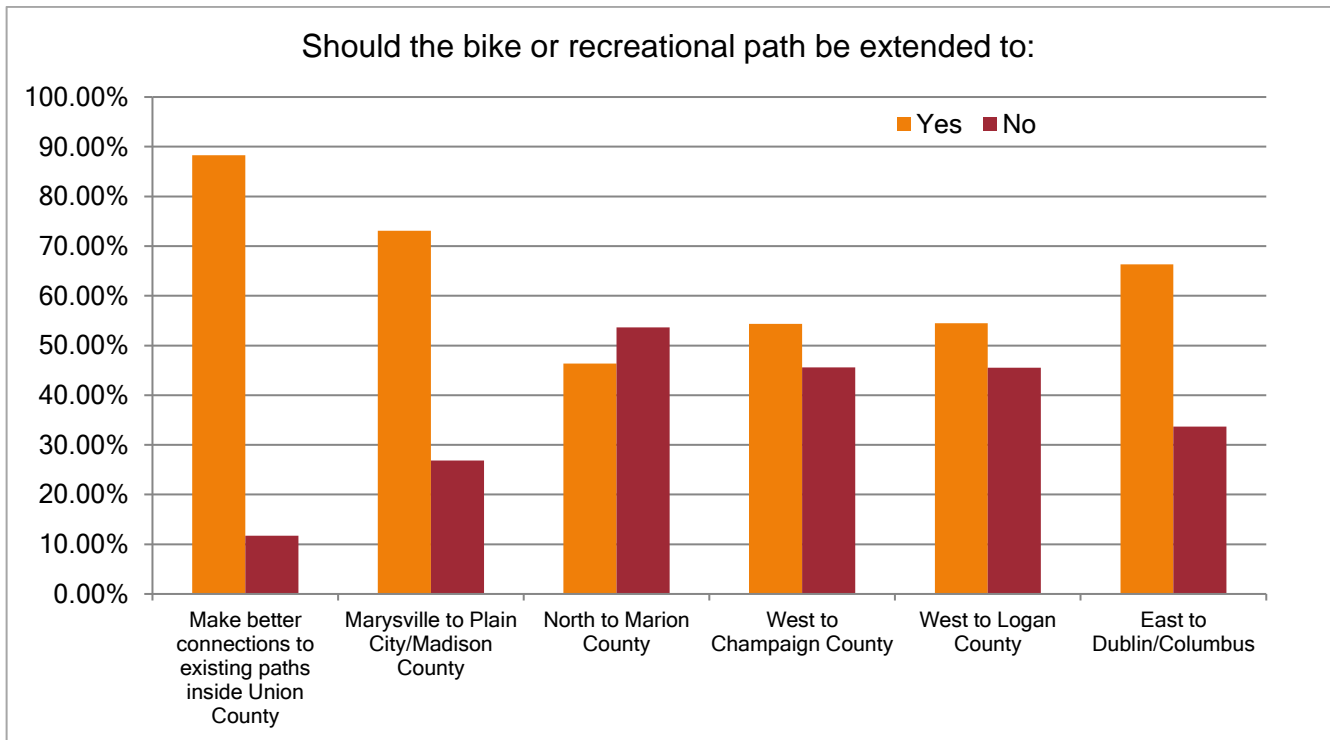
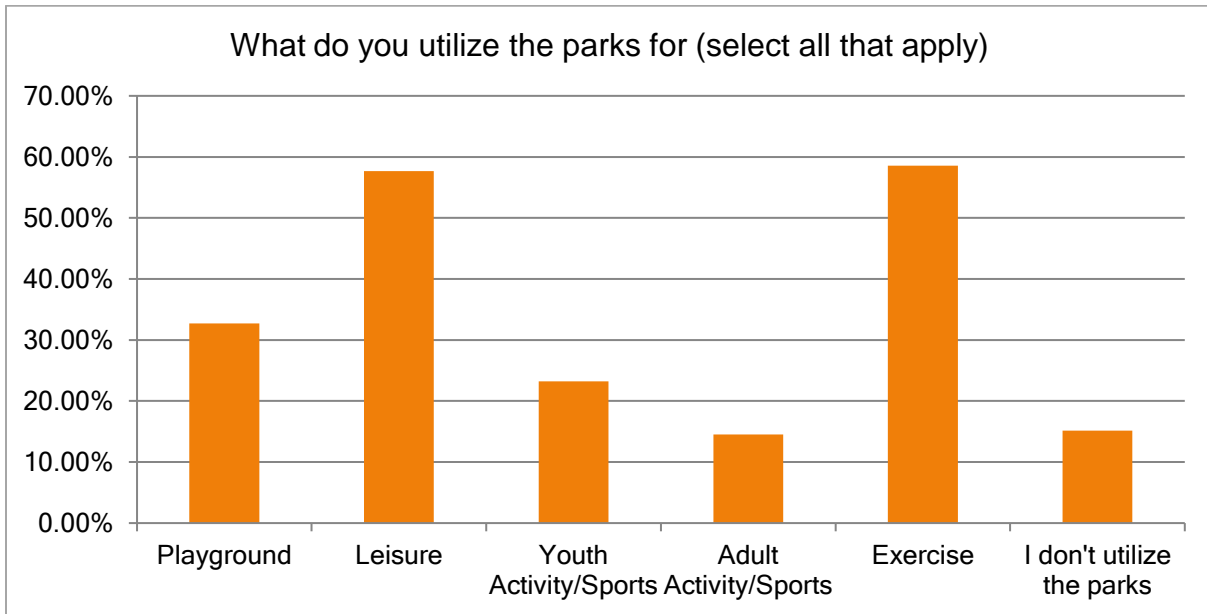


The survey had a question asking how long it takes to travel to a location that sells fruits and vegetables: 61.28% of respondents said less than 10 minutes, 31.96% said 10-19 minutes, 6.03% said 20-29 minutes, and 0.73% stated 30 minutes or more.

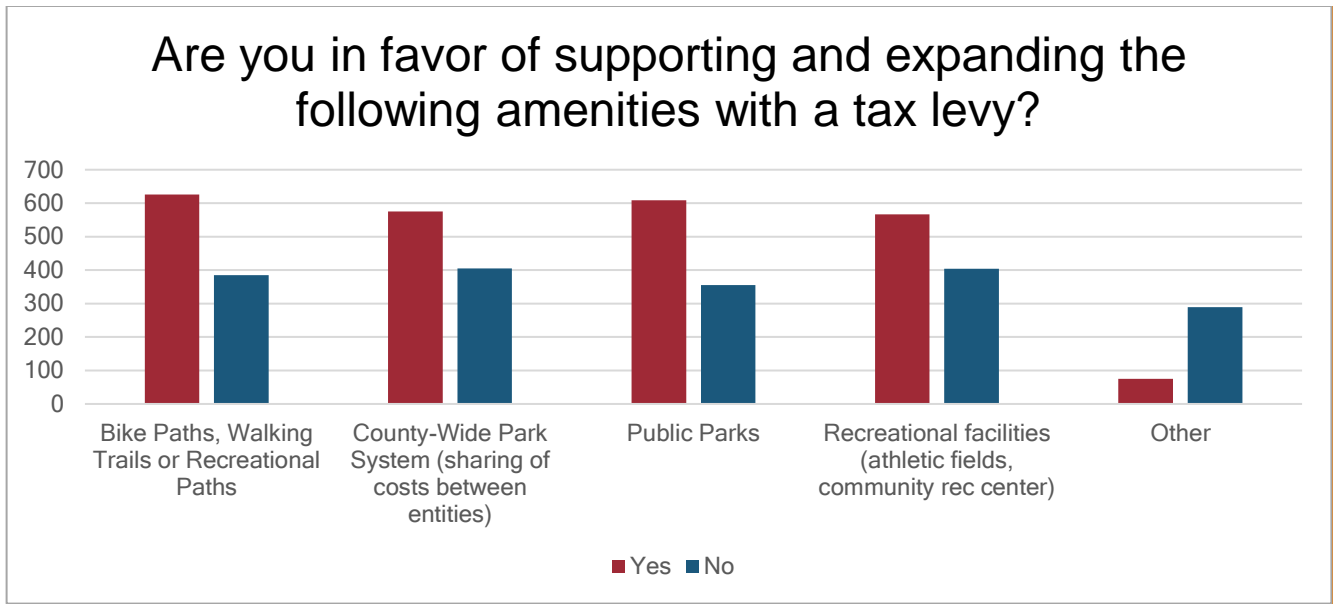


A majority of respondents reported utilizing parks and/or walking or bike trails in Union County, with leisure and exercise being the top two reasons. A majority of respondents were interested in expanding bike trails in most directions, except north to Marion County.



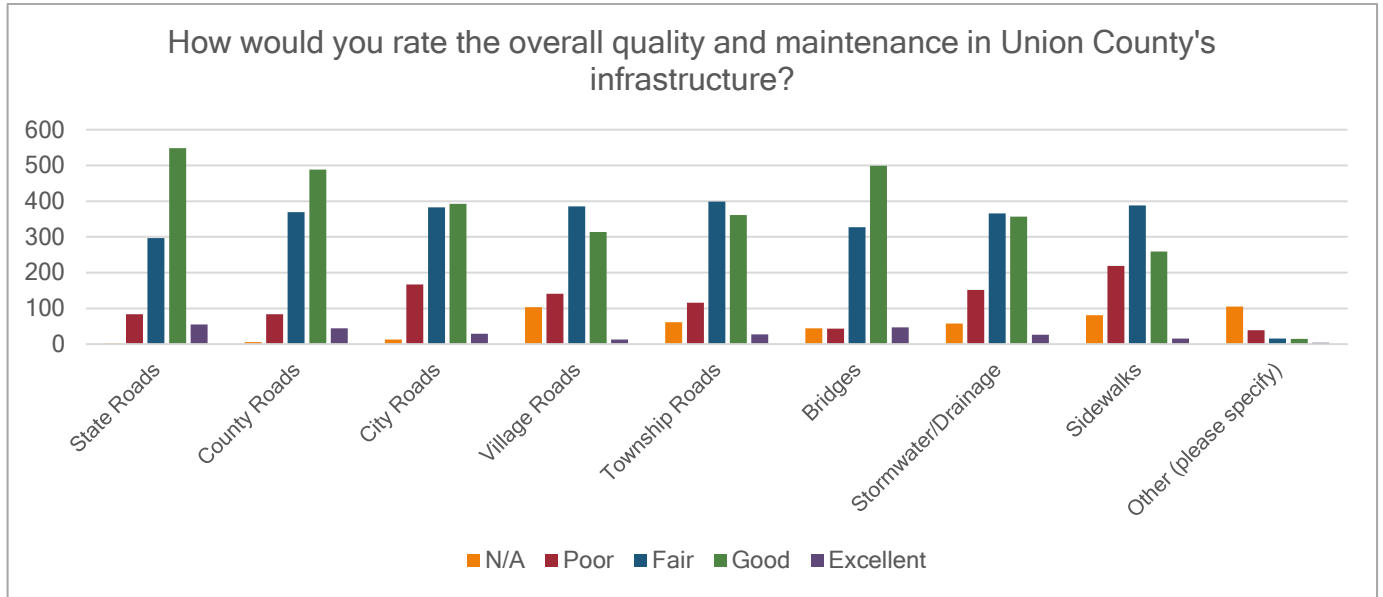


Respondents were asked if they support expanding identified amenities with a tax levy and all four items showed support. This question allowed respondents to provide comments and 87 respondents did which can be read more thoroughly in the Appendix under Question 19.

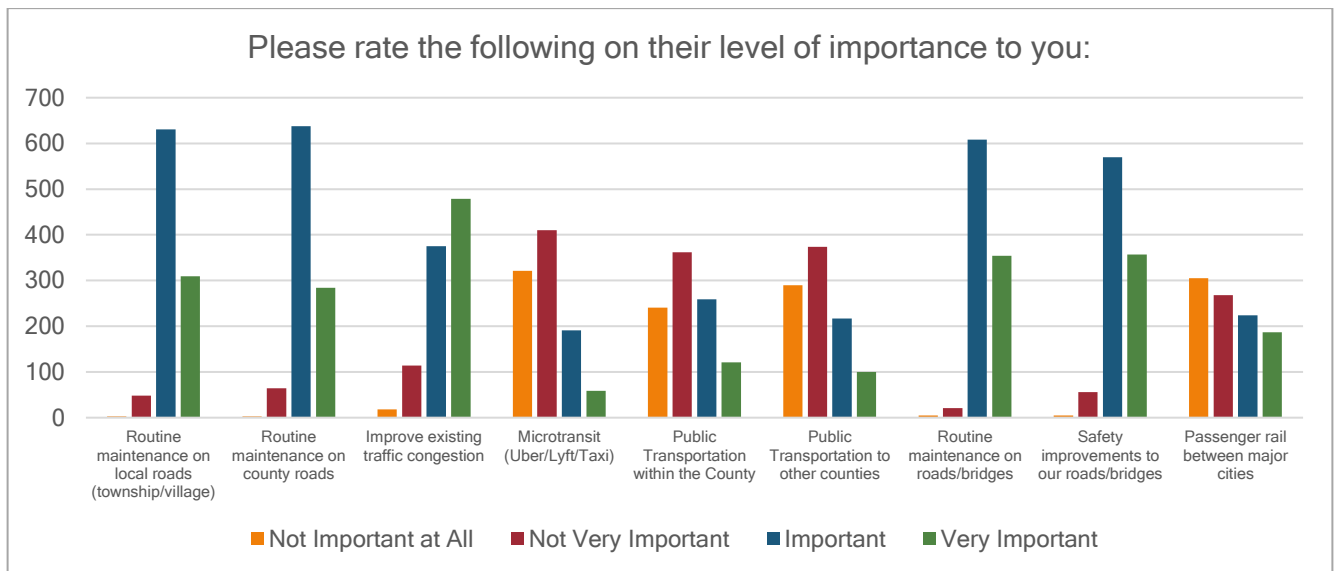


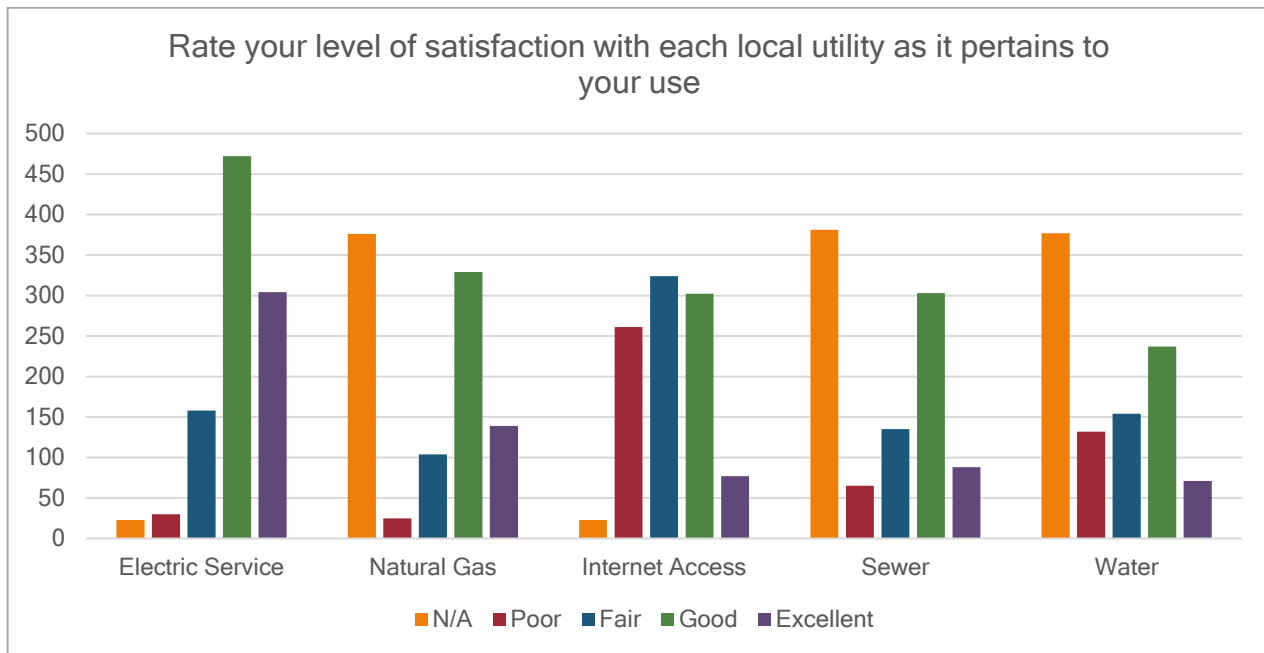
Infrastructure

Respondents were asked to rate the quality and maintenance of Union County's infrastructure. The State, County and City Roads received the highest percentage of ratings for Good; as did Bridges. This question allowed respondents to provide comments and 69 respondents did which can be read more thoroughly in the Appendix under Question 20. A common theme in the comments regarded US 33's condition in Marysville.



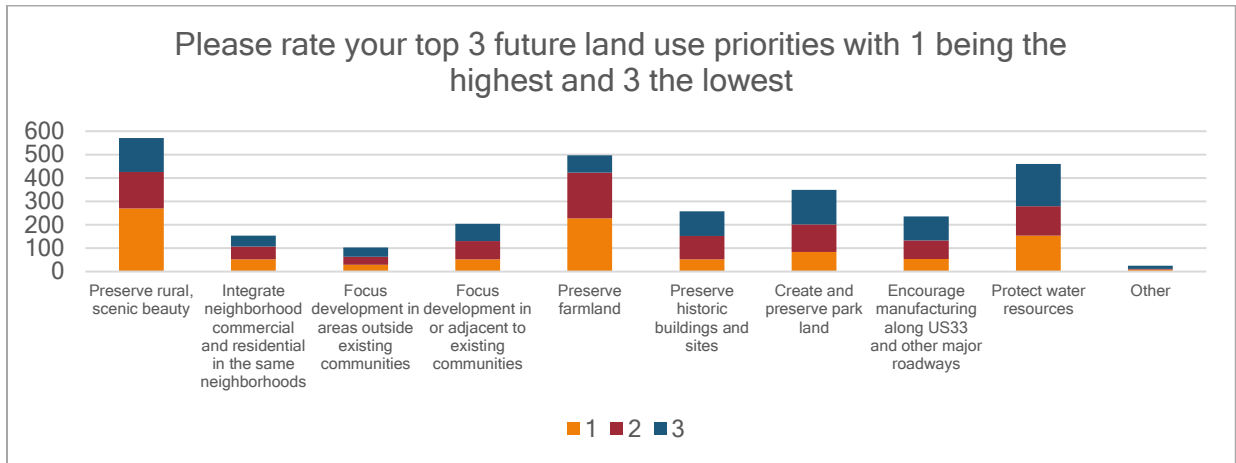
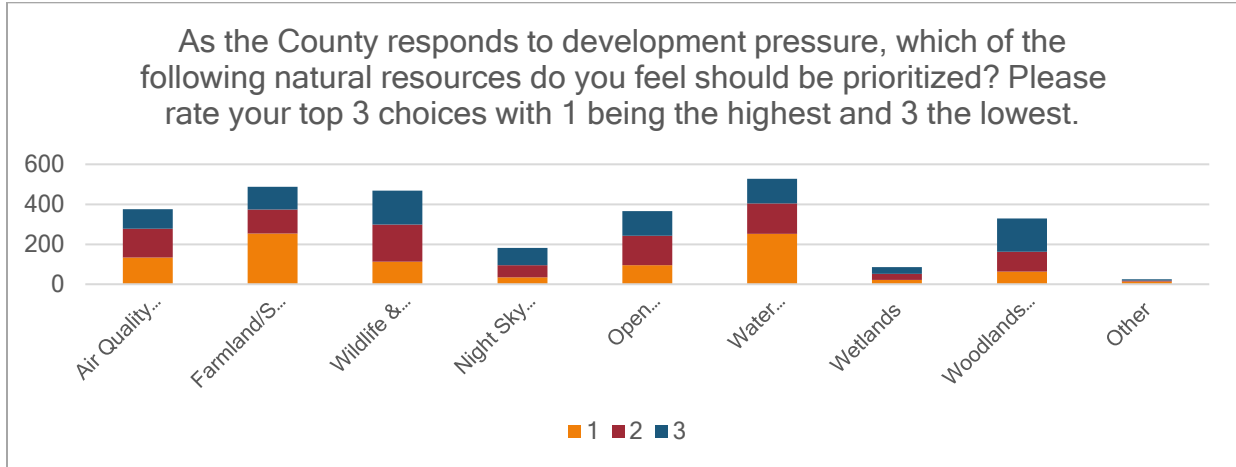
Respondents were asked to review/rate various transportation infrastructure activities in Question 21 and respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with local utilities in Question 22. Respondents were able to select one option for each category. For example, respondents could rate natural gas as either N/A, Poor, Fair, Good, or Excellent.



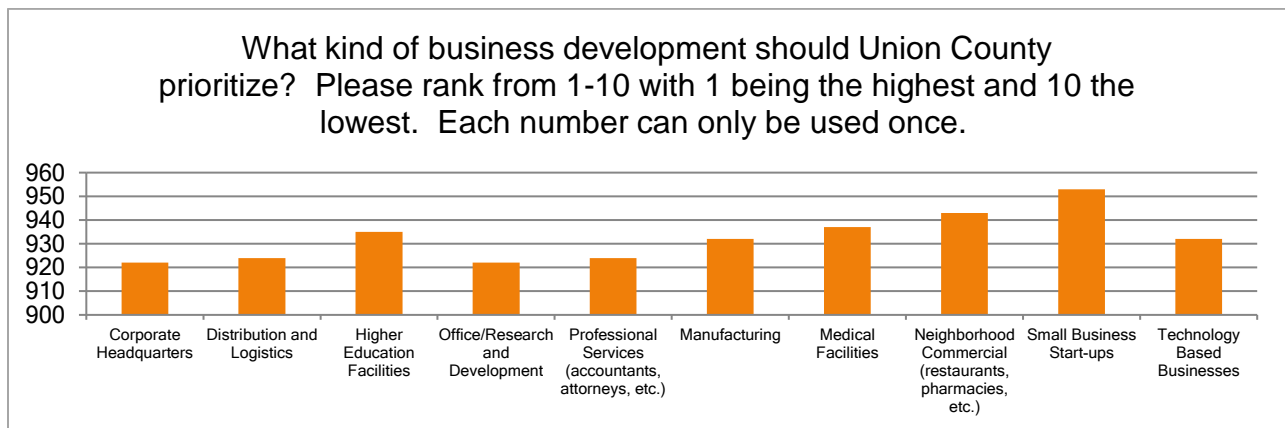


Development

Question 23 and 24 asked respondents to prioritize natural resources and future land uses. Respondents could provide feedback, which can be found in the Appendix. A theme in the comments for Question 23 is that more than three natural resources should be prioritized.

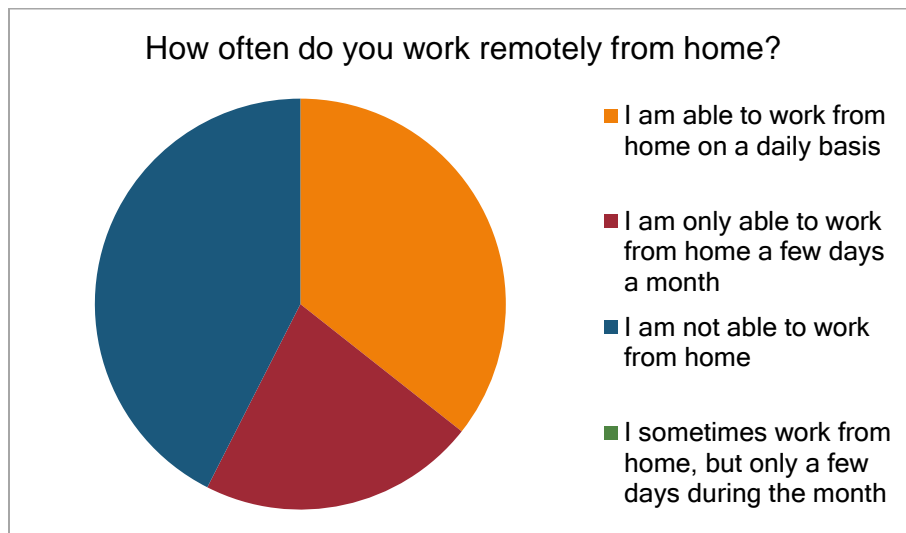


Question 25 asked respondents to rank various types of business development, those they believe Union County should prioritize. Each respondent ranked the categories in order of preference from 1-10. The graph shows the total responses for each item.



Closing

More than half of respondents have some availability to work from home, while 42.5% report they are not able to do so.



Questions 27 and 28 were open-ended to allow respondents a chance to provide more feedback, with less restrictions. For the question regarding what Union County's biggest challenge is, 813 people chose to provide feedback. The comments are varied by individuals, but some common themes involve no more development, concern for rapid growth, concern for infrastructure, need for safe and affordable housing, and concern for traffic. For the question regarding what Union County's biggest opportunity is, 887 people chose to provide feedback. All this information is available in the Appendix.

Appendix

Question 10 – Housing Comments expanded.

- Single family owned housing. i.e. non-rental single family homes.
- Perhaps a step sort of community for older citizens to go from independent living to assisted. Perhaps the community would have easy walking access to stores and shops in town!
- we have enough housing
- None as building is out of control
- Union County needs to stop growing until essential services can catch up.
- affordable housing for disabled and others in fixed incomes
- Too many houses being built. Quaint Marysville is gone.
- Income based for low to moderate families
- Live with family
- So how do I answer this. Pretty f* up format
- Affordable housing
- Whom ever wrote the housing questions is stupid. You cannot answer them. The survey is flawed
- Section 8 Housing
- Moving out of Ohio
- Not a resident of U.C., but would be willing to move there
- house
- Build more housing! All of them! YIMBY
- Would just like to see the town cleaned up and updated
- single family at a slow controlled growth pace
- Affordable, safe housing that won't fall apart in 10 years
- more affordable housing so people that work in marysville can afford to live here
- No more housing in Union County for awhile
- affordable
- high end apartments
- Question make no sense
- Affordable housing for first time homeowners
- None, too many citiots, you've runned the small town feel
- Stop building houses..we need more business and restaurant
- I live in a single family home. Your housing questions make no sense.
- Airpark community development at Union County Airport
- Airpark community with access to Union County Airport.
- Affordable housing for young couples starting out.
- Too many houses going up and not enough infrastructure to handle them
- This form appears to be an error.
- We don't need anymore apartments that are \$1,550. a month people can not afford that much for rent and we don't need any more housing complexes before every road in town is repaved.
- Condo
- Confusing questions
- These questions don't make sense.

- Affordable Housing
- I hate what this county has become.
- No more at this time. Already crowded.
- 55+ apartment
- Single family is what I live in and where I see myself staying
- Low income housing
- Dictated by free market system
- Do not want to see more apartments
- Affordable low income housing and housing for the homeless. The low income housing is NOT affordable in this county.
- Question is reversed. This can not be answered correctly
- None. Marysville is growing too big. It is losing the small town atmosphere.
- I do not want new housing development in Union county
- in a home outside of Union county
- Apartment
- Plenty of houses
- No more new housing developments. We can't even support the ones we have now with water and sewage services
- There is nothing on my screen to select under single family housing other than 3 questions with check boxes. Please stop these massive housing developments in Marysville and work to preserve the small town feel. Invest money into doing something with the empty space above the shops in Uptown. Work on the roads. Put in more walking paths and green spaces.
- more affordable home outside of Marysville
- Slow down with housing expansion and let roads and restaurants catch up.
- There is already too much housing/development going in. It's incessant.
- no increase in housing
- I don't think any more homes need added to the county or the people that have lived here the longest will be driven out by the newcomers
- Farmhouse
- No push for development, please. Will only cause more development, more congestion, and higher taxes
- Union county is overloaded with houses
- none, too many housing developments already present
- No more apartments built or homes in Union County
- We need AFFORDABLE single-family housing. There are simply no starter homes to be found for younger people
- I don't understand this questioning?
- No housing increase. The community is growing too fast now!!!!
- Affordable housing for elderly and lower income employees.
- None
- 5-10 years from now I don't see myself living here
- Please slow down the growth.
- NONE
- Affordable & safe low income housing
- No more we are becoming too over populated and our streets cannot handle this
- No increase. Let's keep Union county rural!
- This survey question has errors and cannot be answered accurately

- Somewhere warm
- Would like to see planned developments stopped at least for a while/
- Oops! You clearly have a survey formatting problem! Always good to preview before posting.
- Rural housing
- great need for affordable housing -in any form
- Homes on larger lots
- Subsidized housing for minimum wage workers
- Too many houses now
- There are enough houses around my area.
- We don't need anymore apartments, townhouses etc unless they are truly affordable for the area.
- Mobile home retired
- This section of questions is not working
- Would like to see extremely limited new building in Union county; all the recent building has taken away a lot of the small town feeling.
- More affordable options for retirees
- These questions make no sense.
- This question is formatted correctly.
- No more additional housing in Marysville
- I don't think this part of the survey is set up to get answers to your w questions. I can only check box the questions. There is no way to answer the question
- Affordable housing
- Must be an error here. Stop allowing for low quality massive housing developments!! They are ruining our town! Slow down, please! Be more thoughtful as to what you're allowing and where and how it's affecting every single thing about our daily lives and not for the better. People are angry. We have more than enough apartments!!!! Stop the madness, please.
- Too many homes being built in Union County!!! Need smarter development.
- None
- This question is poorly structured and can't be answered properly.
- Duplex
- affordable apartments
- Affordable housing, condo in Florida
- affordable housing for many groups- seniors, people with disabilities, low income
- Affordable housing that allow people to live here. There is no point in creating jobs (retail/restaurant) if no one can afford to live here.
- Condo
- I don't think Marysville needs any more housing
- Not sure how to answer these
- Affordable apartments and houses
- Stop growing this town has taken a serious town turn, traffic is horrific as the city never plans ahead. You all need fired on the spot.
- I do not want any more housing to be added to the county. We have lost the small town atmosphere and have made life here less desirable.
- HUD-Helen Evans
- Assisted living
- None.

- None until infrastructure is updated
- If I am still alive, I will be living in Michigan
- No more housing, the county is growing to fast as it is.
- Missing Middle
- Small lot single-family
- All types of housing needed
- Multigenerational housing with in-law type suite on 1/2 to 3/4 acre minimum lot size
- Planning housing for 55 and older that is affordable
- None. Slow the growth
- I could not access any of the housing questions on my phone
- Affordable Housing
- Single Family in the country w/acreage
- None
- Handicap accessible housing
- affordable apartments (less than \$1000/month)
- We are losing too many arable, food-producing acres to urban sprawl and development and industrial solar development in Union County.
- Please stop building and decrease the prices of current homes so residents can afford them. Cater to current residents and stop trying to attract new ones. Marysville is losing it's small town feel. Union County is losing it's rural feel. We are not Dublin or Franklin county and we don't want to be.
- affordable housing less apartments
- Urban sprawl is a huge problem
- I don't think we need any more housing. Already to much for the current infrastructure
- I believe this set of questions were not written appropriately.
- I do like all the homes being built. Too many people in this town now. It used to be a small great town but it is changing way too much now. getting way too big. It has lost its small town appeal.
- Duplex condo. Need more affordable housing for young families. Either apartment or single family
- None
- I think this question is messed up
- Affordable houses
- Quit building sub divisions!
- Don't understand this section
- NONE
- affordable rentals
- Mixed use developments
- House
- Low-income housing
- great need for affordable housing -in any form
- Affordable
- SinglefamilyThis question is unanswerable ?
- Affordable apartments for everyone
- Apartment, NOT downtown
- Housing that is affordable for service industry workers (servers, grocers, gas station attendants, etc)

- None

Question 12 – Agricultural Events currently attended

- We are a farm
- Down town events. Thurston house. Bridges.
- Meetings
- uptown fridays
- 4h events
- Would consider attending informational/entertainment if in daytime.
- Events at the airport
- Fly-Ins at the Union County Airport
- I hate what this county has become.
- FFA events
- Own and work on family farm
- Friday Nights Uptown
- none seem too exciting for my age group
- Would enjoy going to the union county fair if more was offered.
- MVSTA
- These events exist because we're rural.
- Greenhouse events
- All in Richwood.
- Animal shows
- road-side stands
- city sponsored events
- Anything in Richwood
- road side stands
- Church services
- Local Restaurants, shopping, antique stores, etc.
- Eols
- Soil and water tree sales
- Old car shows 4th July uptown Friday nights craft shows
- Friday Night Uptown

Question 19 – Using tax levies to expend amenities

- Community gym/pool
- Entertainment such as a movie theater, skating rink, putt putt, etc.
- Too many taxes now/School levy coming due to development
- All taxation is theft
- taxing is ok as long as done in equality with facilities for the area--don't tax Richwood and build it all in Marysville
- Money is tight for most people at this time. Increase in cost of living. Please don't create more expenses.
- While visiting Partners Park, we couldn't stay due to unruly kids.
- My answers depend on if the northern part of the county are included.
- ROAD repair
- Stop with all the taxes
- senior center with recreational facilities
- Indoor Children's Play areas
- Take my taxes and build better infrastructure
- I will support no additional taxes
- Would not be in favor of any tax levies.
- i think we have more than enough parks within the city limits with the addition of the new metro park
- PUBLIC TRAINS OR TRANSIT
- I think new developments should pay for this
- You have taxed us enough! And allowed solar farms to line your pocketbooks
- Will not vote for tax levy
- We're taxed too much as it is. Make the housing developers pay for this.
- Better and wider roads
- Not in favor
- Improved street maintenance.
- Rec center should have been added 20 years ago
- increased library services
- Airport improvements
- Construction of new hangars and runway overruns at Union County Airpor
- Maybe answered this, but there is a overgrown/disused rail system that goes from Marysville to Milford Center...Bike Rail Trail and renovate the town similar to Yellow Springs please! They did NOT need another ugly dollar store but recreation folks coming in from Marysville instead for ice cream, shops, etc. like Yellow Springs did. Preserve the clean water Darby creek in that town with a trail as well.
- With taxes climbing to mirror the desire to be like columbus, perhaps sharing where all the money is going now can help with this answer. Lots of out of town corporate ties are rolling in to town and making deals with our tie guys, what are the deals and hand shakes they are making on behalf of all the citizens paying for it?
- I hate what this county has become.
- Anything that would better our community
- Arcade in Marysville
- Supporting EV

- Fix our roads.
- Atv riding areas
- No more raising taxes. We need to stop wasting taxpayer dollars on needless positions in county buildings to free up public funds.
- athletic fields have already been renovated enough.
- Taxes are becoming excessive. We don't want to be Dublin.
- Rugby pitch with regulation dimensions.
- Sidewalk improvements, city streets improvements (NOT more roundabouts)
- No increase in taxes
- Bike trails that lead to large workplaces such as Honda of scots
- Waste of taxpayer money fix the streets!!!!
- Upgrade pool
- Walking/bike path over 33.
- YOU ALREADY TAX TOO MUCH!!!!
- taxes are already high
- More bike paths in the city and to amenities
- Would love a recreation center - pool, fitness, etc
- In general I support financially supporting enriching community resources to enhance the community
- Retired no new taxes
- Real estate taxes are TOO HIGH now. Wish we would have stayed in Delaware county!!!
- If they benefit Richwood..yes. otherwise no.
- Stop giving tax breaks to big businesses like AWS and Solar Farms then we may support a tax levy. Shame on you Union County Commissioners.
- Fixing roads
- New school for Fairbanks.
- dog parks
- make downtown part of park system/bike paths
- If we are going to spend money on parks though, we need to evaluate what we can do better. Even the new park at Schwartzkopf is lacking. Went to a park in Grandview over the weekend and my kids had so much fun.
- Creating a restoration of Magnetic Springs historical significance, a health spa, recreation, vital, varied work skills, and local jobs for village residents.
- As long as Richwood strongly benefits!!
- The taxes have tripled in 30 years. I think we pay enough taxes already. With the influx of apartments being built homeowners have to take on more taxes to support the community. This is not fair. All the changes being called progress
- Roller blades
- Make the residential developers to pay for this
- Community center with small theatre, meeting rooms.
- Renovating the Opera House
- equestrian bridle trails
- Only if county wide and a plan is laid out not just a theory
- Trails and bike paths should be provided by developers as sites are developed/redeveloped. Make it a requirement to provide the connection for their site.
- Commuter to Dublin and Columbus with regular commuter schedule. Preserve natural landscapes and waterways

- Mountain Bike Trails (#baileystrailsystem)
- Fair Grounds
- Marysville downtown parking and development
- MORE BICYCLE PATHS PLEASE!!!
- Infrastructure and water conservation
- Comprehensive action sports park, bmx pump track and skate park
- if there were less tiff'd homes the need for a levy would be different
- Unfortunately I support a levy for parks; however it is not the right timing to add a levy
- Isn't there government grants for all that.. Richwood floods we don't have proper drainage but are charged for it and you want to raise taxes for parks!!! I think there are bigger issues to fix than parks right now!!
- If in northern union county yes
- bike lanes or just sidewalks to connect neighborhoods to Uptown - I live just a few miles away but have to drive because it's not bike/pedestrian friendly to get there
- We love the Marysville Dog Park
- options/facilities needed in smaller/rural/poorer communities-not dublin/mville
- If it's for Richwood area - I'll all for taxes. Nowhere else.
- A community rec center similar to Prairie Township near Grove City or Dublin would be very nice
- I don't live in Union County

Question 20 – Infrastructure

- City water
- Rural roads in terrible condition
- Who clears sidewalks in city limits?
- Union County City TOWN roads are terrible
- Bike paths do not connect downtown to neighborhoods
- Traffic Development
- the ones i travel on of course. i dont know about the ones i dont travel on outside of city. i have noticed that city does a good job making road improvements each year as well as sidewalks
- Marked fair. Because you find a all sorts. Such as the north end of Osborne Rd. Needs to be widen and striped.
- Curbs and sidewalks generally poor. Street lights insufficient in some areas. Illogical traffic flow.
- State route 245 is the worst maintained road in Ohio!!
- Sidewalks in villages north of Marysville are in desperate need of attention
- overall water quality is abysmal, fix the hardness already
- Airport
- State Route 33 between 36 and 245 East and West are pathetic. We live in Mill Valley and we can hear the road noise all day. Patching is not getting the job done. What an embarrassment to Union County. Past time to resurface.
- Facilities and parking lot maintenance at Union County Airport
- Delaware ave and Coleman's crossing needs to be addressed
- repave the roads
- street lights
- 33
- 33 in both directions feels like driving in Marion. Terrible quality. Dodge potholes left and right. Not good for the longevity of my vehicles.
- Rt 33 around Marysville is a nightmare! I just don't understand the lack of priority on the most traveled road in Union County
- Sidewalks are nonexistent and many homes have ripped them up. Disability & elderly walks are impossible using sidewalks
- Not enough sidewalks in residential areas. Some end before reaching an intersection.
- 5th street from the court house to Pizza Hut bounces my truck all over the road
- Snow removal
- City maintained section of 33 in both directions. Almost all bridge ridge joints are very rough(33 east, bridge over mill creek and cherry street). Old crumbling concrete base under 33 needs removed before wasting money resurfacing over it.
- Stop tearing up the same roads every year and fix the ones that actually need it!! Hint the road in front of the county building being redone yearly, Buckeye street between 9th and Collins is horrible!!
- Would like more active accountability in Jerome Township to remove parked vehicles on streets that have been immobile for years blocking traffic in New California subdivision. Street lights are emitting blue lights and look terrible. Lighting for safety is inefficient. Master plan is not good for egress onto 42. It is unsafe from New Callifronia especially with a new subdivision across the street. Sidewalks should have been built

and considered on 42 away from roadway with all the family developments and Convenience and medical easily connected with sidewalks.

- Multiuse trails
- Marysville city streets especially 5th st, are terrible. Traffic management is terrible/dangerous
- Us33 from us36 to us36 (s-bend) is pretty rough for a highway
- rural roads need to be protected from construction equipment, semis, those that do not belong on them. This is a huge safety issue and it's getting worse.
- There are a lot of potholes.
- The County Home Road to St. Rt. 4 South has a left turn arrow that drivers on the opposite side cannot see. Opposing drivers turn right (southbound) at the same moment as traffic from County Home Road..
- Infrastructure is fine at current size/cost
- Too much groundwater in Dublin. We need to fix this ASAP.
- With the new 33 improvements on either side of Marysville, the city really should have paid to improve there section. Not doing this was really not good business! It's ridiculous!
- 33 is awful near Marysville
- Public restrooms in winter
- Northern Union county, not getting fair share of tax money spent
- 33 through Marysville is awful with pot holes and drainage issues. Why wasn't this addressed when the rest of 33 was re-paved?
- Intersection of 42 and Industrial Parkway needs upgrading
- There is a run that borders part of our farm land and this Spring it flooded more than it ever has in the 41 years we have lived here. There were cornstalks from neighboring fields that went into the run and clogged the flow of water. My husband called the county about this issue.
- I marked fair as and overall assessment. There are several areas that need addressed in all of the road infrastructure
- The roundabouts are not a fix for the ongoing traffic issues. You promise to fix intersections but you do nothing and more and more accidents happen everyday. Where is the accountability? Union County has had record breaking revenue for several years in a row but still minimal improvements to roads such as intersections along Industrial Parkway.
- Rt 33 & city roads in & around Marysville are terrible, the worst in Ohio
- Don't really know because I'm unfamiliar with standards for infrastructure. Sidewalks depends where you are. Many in town are in poor repair and hazardous for walking.
- Can't bicycle on all the chip sealed county roads that used to be paved
- The county has not been responsive to Jerome Twp. needs
- clean up our alleys, help folks improve eyesores
- I don't have a strong opinion or knowledge from a county perspective
- If you don't live in the County you don't if a road is County, City or Township
- Traffic lights at Scott'slawn and 42 are terrible. As is Scottslawn and Industrial. Train tracks there need fixed too.
- Coordination between government and municipalities with developers that only address development infrastructure.
- Sidewalks - desperately need maintenance in certain areas of downtown Marysville.
- The sidewalks in Marysville are terrible. Low tree branches too, it is not a walkable community.
- wastewater / public water

- Stop shutdown of forest access
- 33 is horrible in and around Marysville both directions. In town lines on road are invisible when it rains, day or night.
- Marysville needs to pave more streets! They are terrible
- Drainage and waterway maintenance creeks and streams damned by debris
- We pay extra on tag for street repair..so many potholes in richwood not funny.. storm drain pay for it but don't have it!! That's why we flood!! But they have been working on it for the last 7 years or more!!!
- I do not know which roads are township vs city vs county
- Quality high speed broadband in rural areas
- Too many chip and sealed at same time
- Not enough sidewalks near schools (Navin Elementary & Bunsold Middle School)
- All the recent chip sealing on county roads is destroying bike routes
- need to replace repair more than add new
- Too wide of county question. If for Richwood area - answers change!

Question 23 – Natural Resource preservation (no changes were made to the comments)

- Union County development is destroying these resources. Why do we need to let developers & realtors get rich over destroying our community?
- Stop the small multi dwelling developments, stop cookie cutter housing expanding west, we don't want to be a suburb of Columbus.
- Sound from increased traffic
- Why can you only pick certain questions?
- All these things are very important. Much more so than anything to be gained by development.
- Stop destroying land with solar fields
- A complete ban on solar farms greater then 50 MW
- All of these are important and tied to each other
- Allowing individuals to participate in selling/constructing without government overstep / obstruction.
- Several of these I would rate very important. But it wouldn't let tap more than one. we need to protect our natural resources wetlands, woodlands, wildlife and water, air etc.
- All the above, which requires less multi level sky apartments
- I hate what this county has become.
- bury utility lines
- All of the above
- Please stop putting houses everywhere with not much entertainment options or regard for farming land and historical areas
- I have more than 3. All thing pretaining to nature and wildlife. Air and light polution. Farmland preservation.
- I would choose all if I could. If I wanted a bigger city feel I would NOT have chosen Marysville. Drinking water and clean air are important but so are natural spaces!! Parks, green spaces, etc.
- Maintain existing openness and agriculture lands ... Slow development to a sustainable pace
- Why respond to development pressure? Who is applying the pressure? Is it rather the developers want more and more of the county land and are willing to offer millions for it?
- The rapid expansion of building is destroying the community.
- Reduce development in Union County. More development brings more congestion, higher taxes, and loss of rural areas (farm, woodlands, wetlands).
- All of them deserve the utmost protection
- Farmland preservation
- Air Quality and drinking water are not regulated by the county and should not be on the list.
- All of these are #1
- Trails and parks
- Air Quality (and Drinking Water) seems odd to include given its state and federally regulated, NOT locally regulated
- I would put all of these as more important than development
- Sound Pollution
- our county and city planners lack courage to regulate

- Small villages like Magnetic Springs!
- The county used to be known for dairy farms and was considered an agricultural county. It doesn't seem like progress to see our farms disappear because of greedy land developers. We don't have to look too far to see what happens when developers take over rural areas. Dublin is a good example of a lovely little town turned into a crazy mess of traffic that people are now wanting to escape to the next "small town" which is Marysville. Why is it progress to ruin these small towns do a few people make a great deal of money?
- Safety
- Woodlands and Wildlife preservation are complimentary
- All should be a priority! Ridiculous to be asked to choose.
- Stop the new neighborhoods, it's enough. You are destroying the county, Marysville, and our home.
- My concern with air quality Scotts.
- Predator control
- Stop developing farm ground... we need to preserve that the most.
- All of are rated as a 1.
- say NO to Solar wildlife, water air quality all should be considered and protected
- No solar farms
- All of the above
- Solar energy
- Air, wildlife, woodland & wetland
- Use higher density developments to prevent large land consumption
- No solar farms
- Preserving woodlands and open spaces I feel also falls within wildlife habitat preservation & farmland preservation
- Reduce or eliminate agricultural smells near residential areas. Also, fertilizer is killing Ohio's waterways!

Question 24 – Future Land Use

- Stop the out-of-control development. We do not need anymore housing developments.
- Quit handing out new building permits until current structures have a minimum occupancy. Remodel existing rather than building more at some point.
- keep development inside city
- ensure development does not strain service capabilities, e.g, medical, traffic, groceries
- Our focus needs to be on maintaining the rural and spacious atmosphere of the county.
- NO MORE SOLAR FARMS
- Airport improvements and sustainment
- Growth and protection of Union County Airport
- If 1 could be focusing on bringing companies to marysville/union county that would be it
- I hate what this county has become.
- All the ones that pretaine to preserving areas
- Stop wasting farmland with neighborhoods and solar panels
- Consider the whole journey and the connectedness to things. Infrastructure seems to come too late here. Sidewalks, traffic lights, enhanced site lighting, roundabouts. We are getting extremely backups on industrial, 42, 33 area and that is before we get new development open. Your plan is not accommodating enough lanes or enough turn only dedicated lanes.
- Marysville residents live here because they do not want to live in a crowded, crime ridden city with run down government subsidized neighborhoods.
- preserve open land
- Reduce manufacturing and other development which brings more development, congestion, and higher taxes. Preserve rural Union County.
- We need preserve Ellis Mounds, a Native American national landmark located in Union County. It is currently on private land and has been actively plowed and farmed for decades. The mounds are disappearing. This land need to be acquired by the country and preserved ASAP. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellis_Mounds?wprov=sfti1
- stop/slow housing developments
- Workforce/affordable housing
- Preserve farmland
- This question needs to be improved.
- I deliberately have no #3
- officials seem more interested in touting growth than protecting/& improving what we have
- Stop the development, it is destroying Marysville.
- Preserve existing buildings, not demo them and then build a new building
- We need to pull in the reins on bringing in more people and large companies. We are growing too fast and it appears without much foresight. Growth for growth's sale makes no sense.
- preserve creeks and rivers
- Again, how can water be less than the highest priority? And preserving history and rural/scenic all need to be highest priority.
- No more apartment buildings.

- Create unique opportunities/venues - stop with fast food on every corner
- Historic buildings, water resources, rural scenery
- Provide housing for jobs added
- improve /redo /remake existing housing avoid expansion-collect back relestate taxes ,there is ALOT of money owed with NO attempt to collect-use that money to rehab what we have!
- Preserving farmland is integral to preserving rural scenic beauty

Question 27 – Biggest Challenge

- Maintain Farm Land!!!
- Staying ahead of the increase in crime.
- Growth, congestion
- Lack of independent businesses
- Competition from Intel/New Albany
- Public transportation
- Solar Facilities robbing us of farmland for the next 30 years and beyond.
- Affordable housing and strain on infrastructure due to Dublin/Columbus (population growth) moving up 33 to Marysville.
- Cost of living is too high. If you don't drink alcohol there is nothing for you and your family to do. We have every major fast food joint multiplied by three or more.
- Protecting prime farmland from being sold to developers.
- no Chic Fil A
- The cost of living in Union County is challenging for single income people to move here and live comfortably.
- attracting/staffing decent retail. Development pressure, keeping it rural. Why does our infrastructure and signage have to be so ugly?
- Rapid growth
- Entertainment for youth and families, unique dining options (too many fast food/ pizza/ chain restaurants)
- Keeping road system up with development, especially in the City of Marysville. The town is split by # 1.. US 33 and # 2. RR Also, Mill Valley should have an exit way onto Raymond Rd and something needs done with Northwest Parkway, SR 245 and all the ZuS 33 Ramps.
- Keeping it as rural county or township.
- Parking space depleted at Stocksdale Plaza. Too much unnecessary green space. Should have used grass pavers instead of taking spots away.
- Roads and school overcrowding
- Management of growth.
- rapid expansion
- Stopping the destruction of a good place to live. (Too much traffic, inability of public services to keep up, too many people) Preserving remaining quality of life
- Keep current residents in Union County for shopping, eating and entertainment
- Balancing population growth and preservation of the natural spaces
- Current roadways not designed for the number of vehicles traveling them.
- Manage the growth and preserve farmland. We don't need solar farms or windmills.
- Making our opinions matter. Doing more of family oriented entertainment resources.
- Attracting commercial development to stabilize and secure our tax base for future generations
- Preserving farmland
- Balancing growth with existing "small town" feel; developing infrastructure at the pace needed to keep up with growth
- Bringing in more businesses and spreading them out vs all on one road or section of town
- idk

- Traffic
- Urban sprawl leeching into the area
- Infrastructure. With all of the growth primarily around the JV areas.... Shocking that more resources aren't allocated to expanding and maintaining the roads, and in investing in developing grocery stores and gas stations not requiring a 15+ drive out of the county.
- Transportation to get from place to place.
- Too many expensive single housing developments, not enough roads to support, poor planning of infrastructure, need affordable housing and public transportation.
- Too much growth, do not listen to residents concerns. It's all about the money not the residents
- Infrastructure and utilities
- Infrastructure and employment
- Traffic and too many developers not caring about the infrastructure before more people arrive.
- people that do not want any change. living in the past.
- Growing smart: protecting heritage while attracting value added businesses
- Growth and anticipated congestion on roads. I

I lives in northern Cincinnati and watch a green space community ranked highly in the US as places you live become a congested/ gridlock mess with mixed use, 1000s of new apartments. Gas stations and big box stores. Was no longer a community worth living

- Don't know. But, I do know most residents, and surrounding areas don't want our city turned into a big traffic flow, it more crime coming in by growth expansion out.
- Growth
- Lack of freedom of use.

High tax burden.

- The cronyism in both city council and county commissioners is laughable. Who the hell else has a chamber of commerce headed by a county employee?
- Local leadership both political and business. Some real idiots have been appointed to positions of influence.
- Keeping an identity as development occurs and attracting a diversity of incomes to live and work in Union County, not just being a cheap place to live, a close place to work or a suburb with no identity.
- Maintaining current ownership. Need to stop new development till all current needs are met.
- Losing the small town feel and growing before business settles elsewhere
- To improve roads & traffic!
- Affordable housing/resources for lower income families.

- Population
- Keeping the crime ridden scum from Columbus Ohio out of the county. Back the blue and prosecute criminals fully like Delaware county does. Keeping this a safe and clean county is number one. No one wants to live in or run a business in a slum.
- Bringing in higher priced residential communities.

Lake Butler is known as a low income trailer park small town.

- people
- Stop the growth

- Expansion is too quick and unchecked

Too many tax incentives given to businesses

- Lack of coordination between government entities.
- Fighting the growth of the county. People want to move here and that's a great thing, so we need to find a way to make it a positive instead of a negative that is currently the attitude that is so prevalent
- Growth. It's growing too fast.
- Remaining independent / staying at arm's length from Federal Agencies and Federal mandates
- Roads and traffic congestion within Marysville
- Excessive taxation, government interference with real property rights, and excessive regulations. The latter being a problem only in Marysville.
- Congestion Traffic .not enough lights coming out of the stores in Colmen Crossing
- managing growth
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Too many people! Keep County small stop building new homes etc. Keep farms and wildlife If you do not like country life and small towns move! or don't move here!
- Losing farmland to building but not having roads to handle increase traffic and weight
- Variety of amenities (restaurants, etc) and water quality/cost
- Lower income people wanting cheap housing and stuff. We need to spruce up the housing and other facilities.
- Keeping up with rapid growth. Manage infrastructure to support the amount of people moving to the county from the Columbus area. Marysville seems to be getting the brunt of the increase with ongoing high density apartments. Encouraging new development to spread the load out before established towns become overrun.
- Managing growth in Marysville.
- Increasing population faster than amenities and schools. As well as lack of affordable housing and jobs
- Controlled growth
- Trumpism
- Solar Farms that don't belong on prime farmland. I think at this point there is enough, actually to many. Richwood does not need another solar farm.
- Overgrowth with crowded schools
- Sustainable and controlled growth
- Maintaining the rural communities
- Handling the population increase from roads to schools
- Hiring people for good pay
- managing growth
- Development pressure
- Preserving our rural, small-town atmosphere.
- Keeping a small town atmosphere while trying to add new businesses and restaurants, etc. We also need better schools in Fairbanks school district with a smarter development strategy .
- Road infrastructure has not kept up with the development of the county and is now a hinderance to further growth
- There is a lot of growth which is good, but continued preservation of our natural resources and land is of paramount importance. Trying to find the balance of

increased revenue through higher population and still maintaining the quality of life and expense is crucial.

- Preserve farmland
 - downtown traffic congestion in marysville
 - Smart and intentional growth while maintaining a hometown feel, like keeping the character of the uptown area intact. We need to be welcoming to new residents and be more open to new housing development so that we will have the workforce needed in the area while not alienating our existing residents.
 - Building a long term tax base to ensure the burden is not placed on the residents
 - Educating residents that development is needed to increase services
 - People move here for job opportunities, specifically at Honda/Honda contractors/Honda Suppliers/etc. but there is limited job opportunities outside of that. When they try to advance their career they look elsewhere because there are not many jobs with other companies and for many there is usually not much reason to stay in union county if you only moved here for a job
 - Rapid expansion - too much too fast. Keep it a small, rural town.
 - Lack of infrastructure planning ahead of population growth. New roadways to handle traffic, more schools to handle increased population with less busing.
 - The area has manufacturing, agriculture and not much else. Neither of those industries will be a sustainable employer long-term as automation becomes more prevalent. We should work to increase the diversity of area businesses.
 - Rapid growth outward instead of building up populated areas to support more people
 - Lack of reliable public transportation (bus/train) to surrounding Columbus area.
 - Maintaining a balance between commercial and service areas like restaurants in regards to public housing
 - Navigating the future decisions that need to be made to retain our individual feel while growing. We don't want to be a suburb of Dublin. Along with this comes how to have enough well placed housing (especially affordable housing) which is not be prioritized and how approving additional housing effects all the other community services and taxes of current residents.
 - Growth
 - Diversity in places to eat. I travel out of the county most of the time
 - Losing the small town feel, low representation in decisions and loss of land.
 - Traffic Congestion, Water Resource Preservation, Internet equality, high rents
 - Affordable housing
 - Developing Housing for those who need it, and for it to be affordable enough to use with a single household income.
 - Maintaining to rural environment and controlling the growth. We need to provide housing to support our existing industry but growth needs to be well thought out. Single family homes will better support our tax needs than apartments and duplexes. Rural outlying areas need to maintain acreage per household to retain the natural habitats.
 - Growth vs. preservation
- Stop increasing taxes
- Pressure to develop land.
 - Loosing what makes union County great. More people=more problems.
 - Congestion and resources! You Destroyed farmland and acres of wildlife homes creating an upset in the ecosystem!
 - Staying rural

- Preserving the mixture of housing and agricultural land. Solar farms are threatening to take over farm land and change the landscape of our county.
- Traffic
- The encroachment of large scale solar farms in the northern half of the county is a major stain on the county overall and the residents in the affected project areas. County leaders must take a proactive stance in preserving the esthetics of the county's rural communities and limit solar development exclusively to industrial corridors along US 33 and Industrial Parkway. Claiming to be powerless to the desires of developers and the state bureaucracy has been proven to be false when looking at what has been achieved in other counties facing solar farm blight. Leadership and creating solutions are needed.
- Getting too big
- Population growth and losing it's current identity
- Balancing the pressure of growth with the preservation of at least some of its rural character/heritage.
- affordable housing near established housing
- out grow itself
- natural gas and cable Tv/Internet infrastructure to more rural areas.
- growth control
- Stopping / slowing residential growth and shifting the cost burden from residents to housing developers
- Growth
- Lack of reasonably priced high speed Internet for rural residents
- Roads too small for increasing housing subdivisions
- Traffic and congestion
- Traffic and lack of commerce
- Attracting business investors while keeping that midwestern small town atmosphere that draws people in.
- traffic, no affordable housing for young professionals to stay and work
- Government overregulation standing in the way of progress. We will either grow in all directions or end up like so many surrounding communities that are dying.
- Taking care of the current property, road conditions being one example. Before spending money on new projects
- Public transportation
- City identity
- Traffic congestion at 33/36 and along Coleman's Crossing BLVD
- Marysville city council trying to make us dublin. Lower effin property tax and let the big city stay the big city
- Solar stealing our farmlands
- Being able to affordable educate all of the children that are moving into the County.
- Roads in town and parking.

Stop building apartments and condominiums!

Too many lower income people cause crime to increase.

- Growing to fast
- From what I see all the new homes being built, farm land turned into housing developments, too congestive to get through town.
- I am not sure.
- Housing for population demand

- Income tax penalties in Marysville are unfair
- City council
- Traffic issues
- growth and housing
- Affordable housing for first time home buyers
- UNCONTROLLED GROWTH !!!!! UNCONTROLLED GROWTH !!!!!

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- Traffic, poor roads, the influx of people ruining the small town feel.
- Too many homes being built....we moved here for the quiet rural aspect....we don't want more subdivisions here.
- Traffic
- Managed growth where the county doesn't become a cookie cutter of towns and homes.
- Trump supporters
- What type of people it will attract. I.e., will it invest in entertainment to bring outside people/money here for an evening (short term), or will it invest in family-friendly opportunities (long term) to keep people here?
- Development of the rural areas. We do not have the infrastructure to support growth and allow the farmland to continue simultaneously. If there was central water and sewer there would not be a need for 5 acre home lots. Therefore more homes in a smaller area, farmland continues to exist and there is an increase in property protection because of the presence of hydrants
- The terrible drinking water that has caused so much Cancer in certain neighborhoods in connection. Scotts miracle Grow needs to pay the city for the damages they have done to Mill creek from dumping waste in the ground.
- Resistance to change.
- Protecting the airport and land use around it.
- Bringing in growth and technology businesses, increasing tax revenue, and providing cost effective services to residents while not increasing taxes on them.
- Repairing infrastructure for future
- Fixing the roads!
- Compatible land use around Union County Airport.
- You built thousands of houses and apartments in an area with poor road design. Even Coleman's crossing was a horrible design. Too narrow, Bottleneck design, drivers must stuff through the middle of an antique town to get to the other side. Increasing violence and crime because of overdevelopment. Poor design destroyed the prettiest spot in town for the new Kroger...this is called Urban Sprawl and sadly, it is now too late to correct course. Go look at Marion or Cleveland Heights to see what lies in wait for us.
- Too much development
- Too many people are afraid of change.
- Department of job and Family Services does not protect our children. They keep adding new company services to oversee things without actually adding services to the kids and families. It's all overhead!
- Growing too quickly for infrastructure
- Handling all of the traffic and congestion being created by all the houses being built. No longer has that know your neighbor feel
- Too much increase in people, not enough change in infrastructure.

- Middle and High School - Only one exists. Improve standard like Dublin/Powell/Olentangy
- Managing growth and the problems that growth can create
- Growing too fast
- Keeping jobs here in case Honda leaves
- Keeping up with labor needed to support the growing population and the restaurants/stores that they want. Lots of new young professionals will draw the businesses in, but we need families with high school age kids to help staff these places
- Growing too fast to maintain current services - poor planning - out growing schools, crime is on the rise and hard to get needed medical appointments.
- Bad business development gambles
- The perception that growth is not wanted or needed.
- Providing enough housing options while dealing with residents who don't want to keep expanding and growing.
- Traffic
- Staying rural but modern
- Growing too quickly and eroding what makes Marysville special. Resisting the urge to "sell out" the town to outside influence without properly vetting their intentions.
- Supporting rapid expansion.
- Controlling growth.
- Deals being made with big developments and what appears to be self directed ego to change the environment of Marysville to the big blue city of Columbus and try to be like everyone else - New Albany, Westerville, etc - losing what community means and welcoming all the bad that comes with trying to be a big disconnected city and pushing out all the history, lifelong residents and making housing/taxes/quality of life out of reach of the very people who made it the cool place it once was. I won't be able to retire here. Gentrification I guess.
- Residential and Commercial development within the City of Marysville along with its weak road infrastructure and parking
- Not enough businesses locally, have to drive to other counties for shopping at bigger stores. All the store built in Union county are always on a smaller scale and packed all the time.
- The county is growing faster than infrastructure can keep up. Traffic is horrible. There is no affordable housing. Taxes are too high for what the county has to offer.
- To many people moving in and taking our small town away which brings more crime and homeless people living in the woods and also brings more drugs to town.
- Property taxes
- Infrastructure
- Balancing the needs of a growing region with maintaining the rural and small town feel of Marysville and the county at large.
- The older generation that does not want change and/or growth.
- Mega farmers stopping growth
- Na
- Increasing infrastructure support for all the new residents while maintaining a small town feel.
- Growing too quickly and not making preservation of farm/agricultural land the top priority. This is a huge problem for our county. Residential growth needs to be restricted.
- High cancer rates

- The infrastructure in and surrounding the city of Marysville. The streets cannot handle the population now and they keep approving housing developments.
- Town traffic
- To realize we don't need to keep building small houses on small lots just to increase our numbers. This is a small town and we want to keep it that way.
- Keeping a rural, small town feel. Keeping big city crime at bay.
- Future development harming the small town feel and destroying what is left of the natural beauty of this area.
- growing way too fast and not being able to fully support that growth
- Competition with employment in Dublin/Columbus. Better pay 20 minutes east. Also, overall more "stuff" in dublin/columbus such as food choices, bars, sports, etc.
- People from Franklin County moving here.
- Trying to make it into another Dublin, not at all what we want, we live here for small town feel.
- Lack of entertainment for the community.
- Traffic and safety
- Too much fast food - enough with the McDonald's, Taco Bell etc. Why encourage a healthy community and keep bringing in fast food?? Stop impacting downtown healthier options with the crap! Stop with the franchises. And no more auto repair shops please
- Poor roads
- Limit housing to reduce crowding and traffic problems.
- improve existing infrastructure/amenities first, then expand
- keeping it a smaller town, it's its charm and the roads are horrific
- Too many new housing developments
- The temptation to concentrate too many resources in the few cities we have and ignoring the significant rural population
- Accelerating infrastructure upgrades for the electric future (10+ years)
- Overcrowding on the roads
- Stopping growth
- Population explosion
- Need more/better restaurant options.
- Close mindedness of residents
- You have to drive everywhere .
- Growing
- Overpopulation and and WAY too many developing housing developments AND apartments! We want to remain a small town!
- Quick growth and congestion. Also, the largest employer is Honda and should diversify to prevent a dying city if it goes.
- Rapid expansion
- Too many kids - not enough school space for upcoming little ones
- Becoming over populated and insufficient roads for flow of existing traffic.

Make roadways safer before building more housing developments. Too much congestion on existing routes around Marysville

- Growth
- Dealing with growth, increased taxes and cost of living even within villages.
- Parking downtown and traffic downtown
- Managing the growth

- Maintaining rural and small town atmosphere and pushing back on out-of-town developers with deep pockets.
- Keeping the small town feel with the population growth
- Growing too fast without commerce keeping up.
- I feel Union County does not listen to it's residents, or maybe it's the city but still, the city is within Union County. I have seen multiple complaints regarding different things that are repetitive but do not change. For example, there NEEDS to be a light or some type of way to control traffic at Chestnut & 5th street. Down Chestnut/Weaver, there are now entries to several subdivisions (Keystone Crossing, Chestnut Run, Adena Pointe, Weaver Ridge, Etc). The traffic that comes out of these neighborhoods that attempt to turn left at 5th backs up the traffic to almost 6th street most of the time during busy hours. The cars that are parked on the side of the road between 5th and 6th on Chestnut only cause more congestion and it is often a tight squeeze there. Traffic on 5th heading into uptown turning to turn left onto Chestnut often stops the traffic backing it up multiple cars while waiting for clearance to turn left. Cars will pry themselves between the car turning left and the curb to get around and it's just simply dangerous. This is the worse intersection I have seen day after day but yet the issue they're discussing is putting a round a bout in at 5 points even though that is not a problem. It is rare to see a backup there that is more than any other traffic light in this town so I'm confused why they want to dedicate the time and money into a round a bout. I feel there is a lot of spending on stupid things that their shouldn't be.
- Old Town politics
- Growth
- Affordable housing and quality hospital
- Cost of government
- Balancing growth and future infrastructure needs. Housing growth is good, but school, police/fire and local amenities (restaurants, shopping, grocery) support.
- Union County needs to slow down the growth and be selective on what businesses and what type of residential builds are implemented. Don't want to grow too fast where the City, County, and Schools can't keep up.
- Traffic congestion
- Modernization
- The growth that is forced by the city council and politicians. They are determined to turn our town into Lewis Center.

We do not need more apartments with people who do not pay adequate taxes and put more demand on our resoyrces

- Managing growth with proper infrastructure to handle the increased population.
- Infrastructure growth
- the county does not ask for as much feedback or ask for input at all from students aka the future of Marysville. We are expanding so fast that there are a bunch of houses but not enough entertainment options for teenagers and children. Also there is a major problem with traffic at the end of the school day in town which causes teen accidents and frustration. We also are going to need a new elementary school now because class sizes are outrageous.
- Unchecked growth.
- Add more activities and more food options
- Things in for kids to do
- Needs more diversity
- Growth is great, however is it happening too fast?
- Low income housing availability

- Maintaining schools and roads/infrastructure to keep pace with community growth
- Stop building housing developments that don't bring in tax revenue.
- Impact of rapid growth on infrastructure & traffic congestion.
- Affordable housing for low income families, the elderly, single parent families, the homeless. Affordable internet and WiFi
- Same as the whole country. Creating value. Focus on making actual products with actual value.
- Poor planning and infrastructure for the current rapid growth.
- Infrastructure and maintenance keeping up with growth.
- Continuing to meet the demand of growth with properly servicing the community.
- People driving under the speed limit
- Keeping the small town feel while growing business paying a wage families can live on..
- Over development taking away from the small town feel with more traffic and crime.
- Keeping the building of houses down. We need farms and farm lands
- Turning into a Dublin. Losing the small town feel. Increasing traffic.
- Growing to quickly. The cost of housing is a big issue which is causing more younger adult children to live with parents longer.
- Stupid decisions
- Way too many houses, we do not have enough room for this many people.
- Providing the necessary infrastructure and services to support the growth, Retail is sorely lacking. One true full blown grocery store (Kroger) and no clothing type stores like Target or Kohls.
- City roads congestion and Too many housing additions going in too quickly
- Squeezed between little rural community and expanding to a larger city.
- Lowering cost of living expenses and lowering property taxes. Stop trying to develop everything, and focus on the roots of the founding families in the area.
- Affordable Housing
- Na
- Too much housing getting too big
- Affordable housing with out homeowners bearing all the tax burden
- Farmland loss
- Too fast growth rate
- Growing & improving while being eco-friendly and keeping the environment in mind
- Need good infrastructure to support growth. Thoughtful approval of new building and growth. Water quality.
- Ensuring adequate infrastructure is in place to support development - for example Jerome Township. The Trustees are completely clueless with respect to economic and community development.
- Out of control development that threatens property values, impoverishes the school system (TIF) and invites Marysville to become Dublin North. No thank you.
- Creating a lively downtown. A place where people want to shop, walk, eat and enjoy. Something similar to downtown Delaware.
- Transportation
- Maintains water quality and supply while the Country grows. Monitoring the underground water resources so private home wells don't dry up or is polluted.
- Fixing our roads and getting a Chick Fil A...
- People continuing to move here from big cities and Dublin over taking the bottom corner of county.

- Getting competent and ethical leaders to be involved in Union County's political system.
- losing too much farm land and natural resources tltto over priced houses and apartments. It seems that you are trying to drive away senior citizens and low income and middle class
- Traffic
- Population
- Affordable housing
- Traffic congestion, too much growth in too short a time.
- Keeping up with infrastructure improvements to keep pace with growth in housing developments.
- To many people and housing!!
- No solar panels
- Growing to fast losing small town feel
- Too much rapid population growth leads to many issues like traffic and crime
- Attracting residents to Union County.
- Keeping up with the expanding population (homes, schools, medical, roads, etc)
- Too much growth! Too many new people and too many new apartment complexes! People who have no investment in the preservation of the beauty or future of the county.
- Affordable housing
- Urban sprawl
- Open ditches that have not been maintained
- Trying to improve and expand in Bodnar within town, without taking farmlands and disrupting the natural woodlands and animals.
- Rapid growth. Infrastructure to support.
- Wasting taxpayer money for stupidity and hiring people we don't need. I.e. City attorney for \$175k a year. We need to go back to having a mayor and not a city manager. There also needs to be more youth sports than football that uses public spaces, other activities got kicked off playing fields for football in the fall. There were more kids playing in the local soccer league than the football league. Football isn't everything!!!
- Unsustainable population growth in terms of resources and infrastructure
- Traffic
- Traffic
- Infrastructure with how quickly areas are growing.
- Congestion and danger of losing the small town feel. Constantly building houses in Marysville instead of parks, nice restaurants, and restoration of what we have.
- Not enough resources and tax benefits back to our schools and town. The adjacent towns like Dublin are draining our daily dollars because we truly offer nothing of value to most residents. Barely any food, nothing but fast food and pizza, no grocery. We need to stop considering ourselves a small town and embrace change. Support schools and longer term thinking faster. We are being outpaced by others in education, facilities like community rec centers. We are brining in higher income residents who expect these things for their children.
- Infrastructure keeping up with development. Would like to see water brought to local roads by new Jerome water tower too as we have been heavily impacted by water tower construction. (We are on wells)
- knowing where to properly place roundabouts & adding/removing traffic lights

- Traffic-Roads are not expanded before or at same time as development so residents must live with congested traffic for years before improvements are made
- Excessive population growth without anything being done to accommodate the increased traffic.
- Infrastructure and housing keeping up with growth.
- Low quality development. Small Size, high density, low end materials, low landscape standards of new housing (in City of Marysville and Village of Plain City. Jerome Twp. not as much).

Low building material, landscape, and sign standards of retail development.

- Crowding, need more food/ recreation outlets for all the people
- discouraging dense residential development
- For the City of Marysville Officials to get off of their crosses, someone else could use the wood.
- Putting too many gas stations so close together on Delaware Ave. Putting in a roundabout at 5 points.
- Population growth and reduction of farmland
- Urban Sprawl - City/urban Planning
- Traffic congestion and parking
- Traffic management
- Needs to stop building too much apartments. We have enough
- Maintain small town feel ... Development has strained traffic in uptown and surrounding roads. New developments style is meant to match Dublin more than existing. Keep it simple and unique.
- Listening to residents who live here for the rural atmosphere and peace, and resisting the temptation of caving to developers waving millions of dollars at the county.
- Maintaining the beauty and safety of the area. People move here because this is NOT Columbus. The small town, community feel drew us here. We do not want to see areas like Sawmill Road with half of the businesses closed. We came from a city where met housing ruined neighborhoods and do not want to see that happen to Marysville. Too many neighborhoods and apartments will flood the infrastructure. The economy is floundering and no one can afford more taxation.
- Containing sprawl.
- Controlling the massive amount of housing development.
- Infrastructure and schools to keep up residential growth
- managing the rate of commercial/industrial development
- Maybe a second school district in the country or subsidize private education;

Remaining a "small town" atmosphere

- not listening to the people who currently live here and drawing in a higher paying crowd to make more money
- Keeping our community family friendly, ideologically, educationally, and in relation to housing.
- Getting the people to except the growth of city as well as backing it financially.
- Remaining unblemished in a region bent on trying to development 100% of rural farm land, increase congestion to the point where it's frustrating to drive or visit establishments, and increase taxes to pay for it all. Dublin, New Albany, Delaware County, Fairfield County, these are areas I wouldn't want to imitate as they have traded their original charm and appeal for development.
- Lack of public transport. The growth of ugly cheep and unwanted suburbs.
- A place people outside the county want to come to.

- Growth
- Unprecedented rapid growth without pre-preparation for traffic and school enrollment.
- Housing
- rapid growth
- Growth control
- preserving farmland
- Preserving heritage and identity while cultivating growth
- Infrastructure not keeping up with current development (new single and multi family homes, traffic congestion). Lack of retail, entertainment, restaurants. Future overcrowding of schools.
- I am concerned about people's strong reactions about solar and wind power. I think they will be needed
- Derelict and run down buildings and houses in the smaller towns. Noone wants to stop in a town that looks like a ghetto.
- Too many housing and business developments that are changing the small town atmosphere. Too many people moving in creating traffic issues.
- Traffic
- It has outgrown the small town it was without adequate infrastructure expansion or educating new residents what it means to live in a small town or supporting existing residents in making the transition to living in a small city.
- Keeping up with development
- Keep tax base strong to maintain high quality of life standards.
- Growing population
- Need fiber internet service
- Traffic
- All the traffic that is here now. There have been times when there are so many cars downtown that when the lights turn green not even all the cars can get from one traffic light to the next.
- old mind set not wanting to change with the times
- Infrastructure and over budgeted
- rural areas growing to fast for school infrastructure
- The congestion along industrial road and all the semi trucks that travel north and south.
- Convincing residents that development is coming so we need to plan accordingly.
- Water pricing, traffic, growth
- Growing to fast. No preserving the farmland. It is all about getting bigger, and bringing in jobs, but farms are jobs as well and you are taking away livelihoods for generational farms. If we continue to destroy the farmland who is going to provide for your farm markets, community food give backs, groceries... Look at the bigger picture and remember that those of us that farm or families do that you are taking away their livelihood.

List to your community members that are saying slow down. We don't want to be a Dublin... It is not about just councils agendas but what the people of Marysville are talking about.

- Too much growth too quickly
- Resolving competing interests/conflicting visions in southern and northern parts of the the County.
- Growth with purpose to encourage community longevity
- Not enough planning for roadways for the traffic from the growth of the city

- Keeping development out and slowing down growth
- Maintaining land and not developing
- We are not Dublin, quit trying to be.
- Not p*ssing off longtime/lifetime residents, and you're failing hard. No one wants the bilge from cowlumbus you've drug out here. No one wants a d*mn useless solar field covering thousands of fertile acres. No one wants crippling taxes just so you can keep up with Dublin and Powell.
- Changing demographics
- Backward priorities
- Finding a balance between the rapid development and maintaining the small town feel.
- Controlling development
- Slowing down the growth.
- water table too high and poor drainage
- Infrastructure
- Growth. It makes me so sad to see so many high density housing developments popping up all over the place, even though most of the residents are clearly not in favor of this. Growth needs to be slower and more controlled.
- Too much development, and too much of it with no character or vision for the future....we are starting to lose our history and identity to franchises, bedroom community residential development, and solar energy.
- Affordable housing.
- affordable living
- Keeping it from becoming over populated and losing the hometown feel. People want to live safe and uncongested lives.
- Keeping development particularly housing at bay. Limiting them to enable preservation of natural resources and features.
- We don't seem to be able to attract or keep businesses. I think we miss alot of opportunities. We don't have a niche here. It's a hodge-podge of things, we over saturate the city with duplicate restaurants, gas stations and other retail stores that are similar and are close together. The smaller towns, except Plain City are dying.
- Traffic/roads
- Keeping up with the growth in a responsible manner - when sewers are expanded to new developments, the existing unsewered areas must be included.
- Infrastructure- providing safe roads
- Side roads are not maintained
- proper planning for the future ie: roads, infrastructure, lack of commercial development , retail,
- Safety resources in relation to crime like theft and drugs!!!! Coming into our county. Must take a STRONG stance!!!
- Dealing with all the infrastructure upkeep
- Attracting new business that will keep residents local.
- Too much growth at one time!
- Protect that Small Town feel
- growing so quickly
- Unwanted housing developments causing changes in "historic" Marysville and causing traffic problems, crime, etc.
- Think that we HAVE to grow. This is a false narrative. We don't HAVE to do anything. It is a choice. And we can choose not to allow developers to erode our farming communities. We can choose to protect our small towns and their values. We can

choose to build neighborhoods within our communities rather than developments. It takes creativity and guts. It takes vision. Or you can just keep getting herded along like sheep.

- Getting reliable and budget friendly internet to rural communities
- Staying small and keeping the identity of a rural small county
- Growing too fast without the infrastructure to support it.
- Population Growth
- Losing the heart of what the county truly is, and being over run by outside sources.
- Keeping it rural and the traffic
- Not enough health options for food at restaurants need less fast food
- Too much development. Legoland type housing developments invite those who aren't committed long term to the success of Plain City and Union County.
- Improve roads
- Balancing growth and quality of life
- Lack of vegetarian options for food. Italian restaurant would be nice. Bring some of what Dublin has to Marysville for the residents.
- growth
- diversity
- Inconsistent development along 33 (houses vs business). Higher quality development should be required in the future. Affordable high speed internet for those living in townships. It is a challenge for working and learning from home.
- Excessive development and poorly planned. Development should focus first on revitalizing Marysville and existing villages and not spill over into rural areas.
- Always going to Dublin or Columbus to eat or shop. Would like to keep \$\$\$ at home.

Marysville needs more than fast food & Walmart .

- keeping real estate taxes reasonable
- With an aging population there is a real need for recreational areas for exercise and to enjoy the outdoors. It is hard to believe all the surrounding counties have multiuse trail systems that connect to other counties and cities. Union county has none. It should be a priority to establish trail networks for recreational as well as commuter use throughout the county and the cities/towns within the county.
- Rapid growth
- Too much growth too fast and ignoring existing problems
- More walking and bike path needed to get to amenities. This will help with traffic congestion . Limit the number of strip malls and chain restaurants. Public transportation is long over due. All the surrounding counties manage to have some type of public transit. Affordable housing for seniors and others.
- Rapid growth
- Keeping a small town feel in the face of rapid growth.

Traffic congestion. Supplying infrastructure to developments. Tax increases.

- Needs to stop growing so quickly
- Rapid growth in one area of the county and farmland preservation in other less rapidly growing areas.
- Handling growing population (traffic)
- Rapid growth and proper management of it
- Preserving country settings as growth occurs
- Traffic
- Lack of education

- Keeping up with the growth in schools and roads and safety. We need to slow down and let our schools and infrastructure catch up.
- Too much growth
- Smart Growth
- Fighting the scourge of Dublin invading our borders.
- Traffic
- Overgrowth
- Staying rural.
- Traffic on 2-lane roads
- traffic congestion
- Fast growth without proper infrastructure. Traffic is a nightmare and the schools are overcrowded.
- Over development of residential housing and proper infrastructure to support it
- Growth
- A strategic growth plan
- Personal/residential property theft
- More residents and homes than infrastructure to support them. Where will the water come from and the sewage go with the rate of growth that is presently under construction or planned?
- Traffic
- Staying Rural
- How to support a growing community, remained committed to the existing residents and businesses and allowing for economic growth and development in a way that elevates all of us
- Managing growth without losing small town friendliness
- affordable housing
- No where close to eat or shop. We go to Delaware and Franklin county for everything we need the only money I spend in Union county is my property taxes.
- The Quality of our schools that are overcrowded with the potential of more housing being developed and our students will suffer. No one seems to care about it. With no potential of developing more schools especially our high school and junior high school.
- Getting residents to accept change. Moving forward is hard but Union County (from what I've seen) has potential to be the leading provider of manufacturing growth and technology.
- Lack of working for and with police and fire
- Tax increases might chase us out of Jerome twp.
- Too much growth so fast
- Managing growth
- Agreeing on how to move forward with development
- Getting farmers to sell their land for development. Need to keep development along SR33 and let the areas outside that stay rural.
- New housing developments with no consideration for infrastructure and required services.
- Adjusting to and effectively controlling the inevitable growth and suburban sprawl moving this way.
- Affordable housing
- Jobs
- Not fixing traffic issues prior to massive development.
- Folks that live inside marysville and lack of local retail

- Affordable housing
- Remaining a small town
- Too many cookie cutter houses
- Not enough restaurant's
- Making sure the cats are taking care of and Union county. Our humane society is more interested in dogs than cats so therefore we need to open up a humane society just for cats. I take care of all the stray cats in my neighborhood they don't ask to be this way and they need our help but Union county seems like they do not want to help them
- Not grow too fast
- Keeping housing developments out
- Having to go out of town for some of the shopping and entertainment and not having much for kids to do
- Infrastructure is not in place for the rapid growth
- Managing growth...balancing residential needs with the need for the financial benefits of business/commercial expansion
- Housing
- Providing affordable housing to aging population
- Traffic
- Maintaining a small town feel while encouraging quality growth
- The woke agenda which prioritizes equity over common sense land use.
- Outside companies coming into rural areas and taking over farmland and creating a distasteful view with their renewable energy which causes the loss of valuable farmland.
- Affordable Housing
- Infer structure not able to keep up with development
- Growth and dense housing developments
- Affordable housing
- Infrastructure
- Growth Management. Marysville and other cities/villages need to allow for higher density (taller apartments). And all communities (cities/villages/townships) need to focus on higher quality development (industrial, commercial and residential). And workforce housing, can still be affordable and high quality. The county along with cities and townships need to continue to strive to work together. Find ways to provide efficient shared services.
- Too many houses being built leading to too much congestion. We live here because it's not Dublin or Columbus.
- Keeping up infrastructure, with growth, and not growing too big. Everyone moves here for the small town feel and safety.
- Controlling and balancing growth while preserving rural character and and natural resources to promote quality of life for residents.
- Managing growth
- Coping with the change from a rural mindset to a suburban mindset
- Keeping its small home town qualities
- Controlling growth; MUST make sure to balance expansion of housing with NECESSARY roads BEFORE development begins. Do not increase property taxes on those living on fixed incomes.
- Allowing businesses that aren't already here to come and be supported by the massive amount of people that have moved here. As someone who's lived here my entire life, we've always traveled outside of Marysville to do "shopping" and eat at

places besides casual dining or fast food. It seems every event in Union County is focused around alcohol and that's truly disappointing for those of us who choose to live a sober life + not have our children around people drinking at EVERY local event.

- Education system keeping up with the growth. Fiscally and physically.
- Too many New housing developments, not enough restaurant options, more things for teens/young adults to do.
- Realizing there's alot more to our county than just Marysville! Union County (especially any agency that takes that on as a part of their identity) must live up to that!!
- Conservative residents holding back future generations from being able to better our lives, community and dreams.
- Expanding too quickly, not listening to the citizens who want to keep the small town feel.
- Too much growth which impacts Real Estate taxes. I do not want to be like Dublin!
- Unimpeded residential growth without sufficient attention being given to infrastructure support.
- Lack of public transportation and Managing increasing traffic
- Growth that is too fast without long term planning as too the negatives that it is doing to our community long term
- The growth we are seeing without the planning beforehand.
- Consistent zoning/development, some areas look missy or like after thoughts.
- Lack of adequate safety services throughout the county. With the Trustees and Commissioners allowing tax abatements and pilot programs safety services are not being taken care of.

Overtaxation of residents. Residents throughout the County continue to pay more for less while big businesses like AWS get a 100% tax break. Tell me how why some Townships have to pay double for police protection for a service they are required to get by ORC, but to ensure they have a deputy in the are which is not always a guarantee the residents have to pay double. How is that responsible government?

The leadership is more focused on looking good instead of actually doing good. Never trust a politician right.

- Rapid growth in a short time frame. Too quickly and local residents don't like seeing the land developed
- growth/schools
- Unity and experience of all people within the county. The amount of hate spread is alarming and sad.
- Drainage issues in Allen Township, specifically Paver Barnes Rd. The county has done nothing to help us even after repeated attempts at getting help. All of the neighbors on this road have had to invest thousands of their own dollars to remediate the issues at the county should be taken care of.
- Maintain quality roadways & make necessary repairs. Roads are the worst we have seen around the state
- Planning for the future
- Public Transportation
- Balancing growth with maintenance of the small town feel and the infrastructure/amenities that people expect.
- Need more higher paying, salaried, full-time positions

- Not being friendly to start a small business. I know a lot of small business owners are launching their businesses in Marion or Logan county because both tend to prioritize small business
- School capacity. Schools are not large enough to support the current population and not on track to expand with future population growth
- Urbanization

Keeping a small town feeling

- Urbanization. Too much development and expansion.
- Traffic flow
- Activities for our youth. We need places where youth can gather safely to play, such as trampoline parks, roller skating, movie theaters, etc so they can stay in Union county
- Too much residential development too quickly.
- The demand of growth, having proper roads and stores to support demand
- Citizens. There is a clash between those wanting it to remain what they knew growing up versus those who know that the only way to survive is to change with the environment around us or be left behind.
- Keeping the small town feel, open land and low cost of living with the pressure of more people moving out the city.
- The current infrastructure is not meeting the needs of all the new growth. You cannot turn left anywhere in town anymore without a light. Schools are too crowded. Too many low quality developments crammed into small areas. Cutting down trees. We are NOT happy with the direction the city of Marysville is taking. We want SLOW deliberate growth. We used to bike and run every day down Boerger Road. Sadly we do not allow our kids to do this anymore. Traffic is significantly increased and cars fly. We have requested more patrolling but officers understandably have better things to do with the population explosion.

And another note, there is significant increase of loitering uptown which discourages our family from supporting the uptown businesses. Not to mention overall lack of parking.

Please make better decisions and take into consideration how your decisions are affecting the future of Union county not just temporary solutions. You can't un-do what you are doing. Slow down, please. The lack of housing is not specific to Union county. It's nationwide. It is not up to us to house everyone immediately.

- The roads everywhere in union county
- Prioritizing farmland over development and solar panels. We only have so many acres that can be farmed. Once the acres are developed or have solar panels on them, it's pretty unlikely those acres will ever be farmed again.
- Too much growth causing us to lose the rural feel that many come here for
- Overcoming the farmer mentality.
- Building new houses without prioritizing the existing houses/apartments and businesses needed renovated. Milford Center needs completely renovated. It is a wonderful community but our village appearance does not reflect it.
- Traffic and Parking in Marysville
- Meeting the needs of ALL residents. During meetings concerning the solar projects, at least one of the commissioners couldn't name all the townships in the northern part of the county. It is indicative of the mindset of our leadership. We are not thought about or made a priority. The commissioners saw dollar signs and chose the money over

the desires of those having to live around solar panels and the economic domino effect of tens of thousands acres taken out of farm production.

- Welcoming growth in a strategic way.
- Managing growth
- Growing too fast
- Population growth at its current rate. Growing too fast.
- Employees for small businesses.
- Affordable housing-we need stand alone condo communities
- Over development from outside sources!
- Meeting the needs that the growth in the county foresees
- Government constantly trying to get more and more development, not concentrating on communication with citizens or their needs at all.
- Internet Access, Quality restaurants and retail
- NIMBY-not in my bak yard
- Poor water quality underground :) very hard water.
- Ag nimbyism
- the population boom that is coming-
- Roads and infrastructure to support continued development in the South-east part of the county.
- NIMBY
- Housing
- leadership. in the race for economic growth we have failed to improve/elevate what we already have. current administrators don't measure the kind of progress folks want. Commissioners/city council are good people but not good stewards and seem to lack courage to take a stand. We want people and good economics here but the counties strength-the reason people want to be here- is that our leaders of old had the courage and foresight to see that opportunites weren't rushed into. The now or never approach was never part of our history or the reason for our strength as a community. Lets grow but hold our ground, take our time. Just seems that if a company or project says "hey we want to build here" we are like a little kid who just can't resist jumping into agreements and then stick their chest out with bravado while the people who build this town and the folks settling here want a more measured, take your time and get it right for the long term approach.
- Streets and Roads
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- Growing too quickly without the necessary resources.
- Traffic management and maintaining good roadway infrastructure
- Matching infrastructure growth with population growth. The school systems need to work to be ahead of the growth and not trying to catch up to it. If the county waits and tries to catch up, it will only hurt the children.
- Residential growth
- Planning for and then implementing growth
- Failing to recognize and value our agricultural community. It seems we work hard to bring in businesses/companies that push out farms. We are short- sighted, failing to look 20+ years in the future. Society in general praises all non-ag businesses.

We need to be innovative, embrace and uplift all our residents, work to promote agriculture as well as business, tech and manufacturing, highlight our heritage and promote it.

We try to reinvent ourselves, trying to be like bigger cities & towns, acting as if our community is less than other communities.

We need to instill pride in our community; not expand and change at the expense of the great things that make people want to live here.

- marysville
- Growth
- Balance in economic development for the whole county, not just the Marysville area.
- Money
- Drugs
- Utility/infrastructure and balance between growth and preserving rural/small town qualities
- Affordable Housing
- Improving infrastructure to keep up with growth. (Parking, traffic flow.)
- Ugly, unconstrained use of precious farmland, a resource never duplicated! The Greeks kept the Attica, the land around Athens, safe for food production and cultivating self-motivating and hard-working and willing patriots who would fight to protect their land, in other words good citizens! We must watch being bought off by foreign interests with deep pockets!
- Minimal outdoor recreation
- Solar development.
- Transition from an agricultural business base to manufacturing and high tech business base. Traffic and railroad crossings.....
- Marysville's biggest problem is developing too quickly and bringing in too many people. More people equals more crime and traffic and disconnection.
- Marysville is getting too big. Solar farms need to be outlawed. Farm land needs to be preserved.
- Trying to grow too large. Most families who transplanted here chose Marysville because it wasn't a big city.
- Over growth. Too much expansion and business and infrastructure cannot keep up. Increased prices are driving out families and making hardships
- Embracing the challenges that come with a desirable/growing community
- Too many solar farms and housing that isn't affordable
- Maintain roads and traffic movement for the growing population. Don't forget that there is still farm traffic on the road in town and out.
- Managing the population growth and not wasting land
- Growth with prudent planning for infrastructure
- Balancing growth with preserving the rural, small town atmosphere of Union County and having adequate infrastructure to handle the growth.
- Not enough activities for families
- Roads in city and train issues.
- Lack of public transportation from the Northern part of the County.
- Growth
- Lack of retail and restaurants
- Development
- Growing too fast
- Trying to grow too fast
- Loss of farmland
- Population ,affordable housing and transportation

- Horrible planning with growth, you all are destroying what Marysville had that was attractive. It's. It a small town any more, I haven't been in a town this size with worse planning. Traffic is horrible, there's no thought in any developments, you let cheap cookie cutter houses be put up every where with no thought.
- The leaders of the community need to remember if things keep growing like they are we will lose what everyone is moving here for - to live in a nice little town and to have a rural community. Marysville is no longer a nice little town and once the farms are gone we can't get them back. People spend a lot of money to travel to nice quaint little places, but we are destroying our nice little town. I'm the 40 years I have lived here I feel the quality of life has deteriorated not improved.
- People move to Union County to escape the big city, by constantly allowing development the big city is moving here. Union County is going to undergo a radical shift in the cultural and societal make up of the area. Crime, congestion and pollution are going to result. I believe the biggest challenge the county should undertake is containing development to maintain the already desirable conditions within the county and slowing growth to allow growth to happen more organically rather than cyclical boom and catch up that the county is currently experiencing as well maintaining the societal make up of the area that can not be recreated once it's destroyed.
- Marysville City Council trying to be dictators and not following planning commission recommendations.
- Traffic. Nice HUD housing for single persons like me who work hard but even at 17 dollars an hour must live in HUD housing. Apartments are too expensive for one income. Need better parks and types of affordable Recreation. I know just a lot of people around here unfortunately are very heavy so there is a big health issue.
- Keeping the development under control.
- The biggest challenge, I think, is maintaining and preserving the county's heritage and identity. We are quickly becoming subservient to the Columbus monster, just as Delaware County did in the past. The inevitable future is higher traffic, higher crime, higher taxes.... negating every reason I had for coming here.
- The ease of starting and owning a business. The codes and taxes force people to look outside of (Marysville) to start and own businesses.
- Holding on to the small town/country fill.
- Allowing faster development by removing approval hurdles, but doing so with a master plan so it is put together with thought and makes the area attractive to residents and major businesses.
- Traffic control
- Over population and over development we don't want to be Dublin
- Controlling the growth - it appears to be inevitable but it seems out of control. Industrial Pkwy is not called Residential Pkwy but residential growth seems to be out-pacing Industrial entities.
- Smart growth. Please don't fall into the suburbia sprawl trap.
- People and traffic
- Lack of God in public life.
- Growth management
- Roads and schools keep up with the growth of communities
- Improve accessibility to Jerome Village development from Rt 42 and safety on Rt 42.
- Crowded unsafe roadways
- My understanding is we need more utility (gas/electric) infrastructure for larger scale manufacturing. There is an opportunity to bring in supply chain for semiconductors and EV batteries. Keeping up road infrastructure with population growth may be a

challenge as well. A planned, integrated trail system as the county grows would be great in my opinion

- Water quality & selling out to housing development.
- Infrastructure to support growth and to satisfy existing communities

Developers promise things then don't deliver

- Lack of resources
- Developers ruining the rural environment
- Residential development hurting schools, traffic, pollution. It doesn't pay enough to cover the cost of community services it requires.
- Rapid growth is beginning to cause traffic problems
- Too many houses, traffic but nothing to do for family entertainment.
- To keep it unlike Franklin county. Keep it rural and wonderful.
- Unbridled development with developers making long-term decisions for the county based on developers needs, not county or residents needs. County planners need to make their plans to be considered first regardless of what developers want to do, otherwise why waste the money doing a plan in the first place? Roads and infrastructure need to be figured out first and foremost. Then developers have a parameter in which to work and can further county goals as well as their own.
- Finding a balance between growth and keeping a rural, agricultural dynamic.
- Bringing business into small villages
- N/A
- Preserving its small town and agricultural character.
- Small minded views
- Growth of single family homes, facilities to accommodate these families and businesses while balancing traffic and infrastructure.
- Traffic congestion in uptown Marysville
- new people moving into union county and expecting it to be like columbus or dublin
- Elected leaders taxing too much instead of being fiscally responsible.
- rural interchanges along 33 corridor that do not support future traffic
- Housing h
- Growing in a way that makes sense, less suburban sprawl and more mixed use zoning and walkability with public transportation would be great to have as the county grows
- Parking, lack of housing
- Growth and expansion
- Breaking out of small town mentality to adapt to the growing community.
- congested car traffic, lack of public transportation, lack of sidewalks in some areas, and lack of affordable housing
- Maintaining the quiet, small community atmosphere in the face of development pressure
- Housing and growth. I see the positive and thr negative about how fast we are growing. If we want Marysville to stay our small town feel then we need to slow down on growth and taxes spiking, but with all the new jobs we need affordable housing for people to be able to work those jobs...
- Housing market WAY too high!
- Managing growth in a way that can be paid for and maintained.
- The amount of people going back and forth between Franklin and Union counties for either work, or their place of residence. There needs to be more options in Union County to attract residents to live, work, and play in their County.

- Reliance on US-33 to commute to Columbus and to bring workforce into the county. Accidents and closures are becoming more and more frequent and it demobilizes the whole county. We need alternative and reliable routes (road routes) and high quality commuter rail into Dublin and Columbus.

Low density residential and urban sprawl impacting farmland, the rural character of the county, and natural systems (water and animal habitat). Central Ohio is a successful region, growth is to be expected but we need to manage and guide growth to create high quality neighborhoods and a sense of community not just bedroom communities.

Property taxes have risen drastically.

- Traffic and getting entertainment (nightlife, restaurants) to downtown and surrounding area so residents don't have to go to dublin or columbus.
- Cost of living and housing seems to be growing much faster than wages.
- Nimbysm against residential and commercial development. Not working together as a community - municipalities, county, schools
- Housing
- Not enough businesses and too many residential areas
- Management of growth
- Housing of all types.
- Health care resources keeping up with population growth.

School district growing too large without increasing the number of high schools.

- Affordable housing and public transportation
- Leadership and decision-making. Our local leaders are terrible.
- Increased population buying property but working remotely or commuting to areas such as Columbus, making it more costly for local workers to buy housing.
- Solar farms taking over farmland
- Affordable housing.
- Residents that don't understand development is a good thing for the community as a whole.
- Elected Officials with their own private agendas that do not take into consideration their constituents
- Managing residential growth and the cost of infrastructure and services ie. Emergency Services etc.
- Roads need widened to support the increased flow of traffic.
- Lack of open space with growth
- Slowing the growth
- Destruction of farmland, unchecked growth optimized for people WHO DON'T LIVE HERE at the cost of quality of life for those who already do. Stop telling us it's inevitable, its not. Stop telling us its for our own good, its not. The potential State Route 245 neighborhood is a complete betrayal of the people who live out there. It wasnt part of the development plan posted on the city website, i know people who spent their life savings to build out that way only to have the city pull this stunt. Start focusing on those of us who already live here and not bending over backwards for developers and people who might come here.
- Affordable housing is a major issue. I am primarily exposed to only one corner of the county on a regular basis. In that section, traffic is an issue. In the northern and western parts of the county, improved job opportunities seems to be a challenge.
- Unsustainable growth.

- Managing growth and traffic congestion
- Roads
- losing farm land
- Leaders need to be thinking longer term Land use decisions are next to impossible to reverse and redevelopment or corrections are expensive. Example- we should have realized traffic at Coleman's Crossing required more lanes and now adding lanes is difficult. Same mistake will happen if roadways aren't improved before the proposed housing on west end of Marysville's at 5th Street and 33 bypass bridge. Cost of these types of roadways needs to be assessed to development as it happens, not play catch up later
- Congestion around Marysville particularly, bad road maintenance, and rough railroad crossings
- Needing more shopping options
- Don't have a response.
- Stopping industrial Solar on agricultural land.
- Infrastructure
- Balancing residential growth with commercial. The country seems to be adding more housing developments, apartment complexes at a far quicker pace than commercial property as well as overloading the current infrastructure to support them.
- Roads & Bridges
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Affordable housing, Rotting small towns in need revitalization of facilities, and not enough investment in public works / infrastructures with water conservation in mind.
- Renovation over the lively-hood and wellbeing of rural folk. We the people have the right to the land we've worked hard to purchase and maintain for generations to come.
- Maintaining its Town & Country ambiance amidst residential growth.
- Union County is a vast space. Connecting the small towns together through rails and trails programs would benefit everyone.
- entertainment, shopping options, variety of restaurants
- explosive growth
- Growing faster than it can keep up with from an infrastructure and quality of life perspective
- Growth... housing needs....different needs and challenges from northern county vs southern county.
- Emergency medical and fire. I would like to see one rural fire, and ambulance ran by the county for efficiency.
- Housing growth
- Traffic
- Union county is building too many apartment complexes. This town does not need more apartments. It needs to put that money towards improving road ways, land preservation, and bettering what is already here.
- Keeping a rural atmosphere/ small town feeling while being developed
- Overwhelming the aging infrastructure. Getting too big too fast. Gobbling up farm land with solar projects and housing. You can't make more farm land.
- All these different priorities and focuses. Change is coming and among us and it is uncomfortable. How can we be strategic and focused?
- Too much population growth but those people leave the county for work and to shop.
- Traffic, dumping large box facilities in peoples back yards.
- Maintaining/balancing its rural home town atmosphere with progress

- Protecting farmland from turning into housing. Equality in school infrastructure between districts
- Housing
- Getting better places to eat. And control crime of the area .
- Population growth
- Smart growth; much of the rural area wishes to stay rural. Faribanks LSD growth in the northern reaches will likely change that school district.
- Growing too fast to keep up infrastructure and lack of good planning on growth
- Rapid Growth
- Building amenities while keeping rural feel
- Need more schools, less apartments. Apartments become slums in 1-2 decades.
- traffic congestion and affordable housing
- Keeping the small town charm but appealing to the residents of Union County. Most have money and like nicer, bars, restaurants and establishments that we don't have to travel away for. But doing it thoughtfully
- There is not enough affordable housing.
- Growth out pacing the funds to improve or expand infrastructure
- Fiber optic internet, infrastructure, roadways, county services, the conservative views of many residents, too much religion involved in schools and county decisions.
- Commissioners don't want to spend money
- Entertainment & Affordable housing for those that work here and have lived here their entire lives and DO NOT WORK AT HONDA!
- affordable housing
- Lack of public transportation and alternative transportation (Uber, Lyft, etc)
- Population exploding
- Regressive political leaders
- Resistance to growth and the technology required to be a prosperous community
- The roadways do not support the commercial and residential development going on in the county
- Many 'leaders' don't live in the community so their growth focus is simply economic and how it benefits themselves/their own career and not the communities they're supposed to serve
- roadways infrastructure and TIF'd homes taking money from county agencies
- Growth
- Keeping solar panels out
- Lots of unused and broken-down buildings on the main streets of towns like Milford Center and Marysville.
- Lack of transportation for all
- bringing in business that can create tax base. Manufacturing and technology have high income. Keeping farmland to feed the world is a close second.
- Providing high-speed internet service in rural areas. 10M up/download is not acceptable; we need fiber ran to houses.
- Getting overwhelmed with population before we have houses for everyone
- Preserving the attributes that make Union County an attractive place to live: low crime, great healthcare, rural landscapes and lifestyles, small businesses, safe water, strong schools, and a farming community that not only supports the schools and county but is also interdependent with all Union County businesses and residents. Growth is inevitable but there is a responsible way to grow that does not sever the county from its heritage and the life-root of what has always made Union County a great place to

live. Capitalize on what we already are instead of fabricating something we are not. If this can be accomplished, Union County will be a crown jewel in the heart of Ohio.

- I think retail shopping. I have to leave Union County to shop for Christmas and clothes shopping.
- There's nothing here. No entertainment, restaurants. Internet sucks. Property taxes way too high for what getting.
- Sin
- Affordable housing
- Dependence on Honda, law enforcement stuck in 1950's thinking, lackluster elected officials
- 1 AFFORDABLE housing.

2 Trying to be like Dublin instead of embracing our small town/rural roots and honing in on that. We should strive to be more like a Yellow Springs and less like a Dublin.

- Affordable housing
- Providing housing options for the homeless and underserved residents. Sending economic opportunities outside of Marysville; the outlying villages are not getting considered for growth.
- I'm not sure about union county, but apparently the village of Richwood needs help.. They can't get all of our streets repaired to where they're not full of potholes.. They can't provide everybody with proper storm drainage that we are charged for so we don't flood and our properties get ruined and we have to deal with other people's sewage on our properties when we flood..... We can't get proper street lighting to make our neighborhood safer... You can go to council meetings and talk until you're blue in the face and you get nowhere.. Not sure exactly where all of our tax money goes.. because all I hear about is grant money not actual tax dollars.. I do enjoy all the improvements that you do see around town, But we do have bigger issues that need to be addressed.

Just like we were told our water plant was crumbling.. Do you believe they received money from the state for a new one but haven't heard when I was going to happen but now there's word that magnetic springs is affiliated with the village of Richwood??

- Richwood streets and sidewalks, solar farms
- NIMBY "Not In My Back Yard" attitude of residents.
- Land
- Maintaining city and country life balance. Having a city like Marysville but still respecting country living and farming.
- Rural areas are much poorer than the Cities.
- Fast Growth
- Growth and allowing solar farms
- changing the mindset of not growing the city
- The loss of thousands of acres of farmland to solar. A significant shift is occurring in the makeup of the land in the northern part of the county and local officials have essentially been deaf to their constituents.
- Controlling the extremely fast development that is currently happening.
- Unmanaged growth. Growth is a positive, but unmanaged growth without future planning is a problem. In addition, the unwillingness of many in the community to accept change.
- Growth - we don't need to become Dublin - we are growing which is great but we do not need solar to take our farm ground if it works there is a place for it in commercial areas roof tops over parking lots etc

- Preserving farmland
- Growth, right now no plan seems in place. Each city, village or township follows its own plan. Each wants to finance through tax dollars, which are not wisely spent. Need to coordinate plans with all local governments and County chases the wrong growth, easy developments financed by developers incentives. Need to focus on jobs, senior living and lowering taxes.
- Managing urban sprawl. Protecting farmland
- Traffic, get * * off his *ss and retime traffic lights for better flow
- Too much growth
- Developing in a thoughtful way. People that have always lived here reject change and stand in the way...union county will grow regardless of they want it or not and it needs to be embraced.
- Jobs
- Distance to entertainment, restaurants and creature comforts.
- Choices of restaurants and no movie theaters
- Wealthy people trying to Make Marysville something it isn't. Not considering farmers

- Growth, cost of living, lack of employees for new businesses
- Traffic and safety, school overcrowding
- Stupid growth. Truck terminals. Not listening to the residents. Too much density in new housing developments.
- Deferred maintenance
- Stop placing large PUD and apartment developments in and around Marysville and Jerome.
- loss of farmland and open space
- Roadway infrastructure, food services, school district getting to large
- keeping up with, while controlling, growth this includes housing and schools
- Manufacturing jobs are leaving the US - it's inevitable. Please help the community to pivot. Biggest challenge is fighting the "growth = crime" small-town, polarizing mindset. Frame anything new as part of traditional values to help.
- Agriculture vs Renewable energy solutions
- Managing growth and infrastructure
- Water/sewer prices
- growth
- urban sprawl
- Focusing on bringing more industrial businesses instead of focusing on bringing things that will keep locals in town to spend their money on entertainment and bring outsiders to visit for a day or evening.
- Getting people back to work in service industries from fast food to trained plumbers and electricians.
- Crime
- Traffic
- Same things keep going in. We have enough gas stations and pizza places.
- Building 2 of the same restaurants instead of bringing in new. A Cracker Barrel would be perfect here
- Zoning too strict
- Quit taking farmland
- Old school culture

- Rampant growth of housing and the loss of the small town rural atmosphere which makes Marysville unique and a pleasant place to live.
- Controlling green space and making sure building does not decrease home values
- housing
- Water quality, traffic congestion, affordable housing, shopping is limited
- Manage growth in a strategic way
- Tax cost
- Broadband, what about directly East and NE?
- Housing and infrastructure
- Growth/development
- People reluctant to change and unwilling to support something that isn't a chain
- Roads
- Not enough affordable housing and high water bill with poor quality water
- Ensuring responsible growth to ensure long term fiscal solvency.
- People don't want change but it's needed and not a small town anymore.
- Too much traffic
- Traffic congestion from lack of planning when building Colman's crossing (more traffic lights needed plus there should have been 2 lanes with turn lanes both directions. Need to figure out how to reduce traffic through town also as there is no room to add drive lanes.
- Being patient in order to not being transformed the low cost housing hub of Central Ohio.
- Lack of a plan to keep up infrastructure with growth.
- Growth in a proper and controlled manner
- Allowing land owner rights to their property to do as they see fit
- Affordable housing for young adults
- Keeping up with growth.
- Development pressure, increased need for services
- Traffic
- Hospital ER is not equipped for the rapid growth in population. Schools are becoming overwhelmed with students.
- Growing too quickly for the infrastructure
- Affordable housing due to ridiculous rate of growth.
- Infrastructure to support growth
- Water quality
- Too much growth. Stop handing out building permits.
- Keeping small town appeal while dealing with exponential growth.
- Entertainment
- Public transportation
- Same as biggest opportunity.
- Stopping urban sprawl and putting an end to the GD solar farms that are plaguing our beautiful rural landscape
- Keeping our young people here (housing, jobs, ...).
- Ensuring that our most vulnerable populations (children, the infirm, the elderly) are taken care of in a manner that our community members would expect for their own families.
- Backwards leadership who want Marysville and Union County to insular, small-minded, and most importantly, white.

- Controlling the growth of housing developments
- Solar farms
- Maintaining clean water fresh air and dark sky's as they continue to grow and expanding roadways to meet increased needs.
- Managing growth and traffic.
- High Speed Internet to ALL AREAS!
- Proper economic planning to best attend to the quick growth that is already happening. Providing funds to allow the best people for these jobs to see this done well.
- More connected roadways in Marysville.

Reroute traffic around residential areas of old Marysville

- The growth is out of hand. There is no plan in place for safety of citizens, traffic thru our precious Uptown sucks and affordable housing is nonexistent.
- enough money for the schools
- Infrastructure, need to slow down township PUD growth until roads and utilities are in place. Traffic congestion, water shortages can be avoided with proper planning.
- Innovation, inclusion and letting go of the past to make room for a bright future.
- Tax abatements for commercial property placing strain on residential
- Proximity to events and activities
- Lack of shopping and dining and entertainment
- Maintaining the small town feel with the expanding growth of Marysville. Traffic, housing, social services, infrastructure for a small town but expanding population.
- Infrastructure— we have grown too fast and we have not upgraded road etc to support it. And that intersection at 5 points...OMG
- Offering services without pricing people out of the county due to tax increases & recognizing the importance of bringing businesses to the county that will help the tax base
- Lack of housing for all the job growth desired.
- lack of affordable housing and the sheer size of the county, with so many people in rural areas it is difficult to provide services
- Terrible drivers on 33 and exits at marysville
- Population diversity from north of county to south
- Providing adequate and affordable single family homes for singles, retirees.
- Condensed over development in SE corner of the county.
- Limiting the solar farms to only the two which are approved an no more to be allowed in the county. 8300 acres of panels are too many already. We definitely don't want or need more
- Preserving the small town atmosphere while growing.
- Crime
- Traffic congestion and jobs
- NIMBYism
- No clear plan for future development. Building infrastructure and improving roads is always after the fact when new businesses, residential areas are built.
- Continuing to grow effectively and encouraging development to keep money spent by residents in Union county instead of traveling to Delaware or Franklin
- Opportunities for Schools, traffic flows, & entertainment for families to keep up with population growth. Homelessness is a concern.

- Increased developmental pressures are eating up space and disrupting the status quo. This is creating conflict between urban/commercial interests and those who live in rural areas. The County must learn how to accept new development while preserving natural and agricultural land. To me, this means clustered, mixed use, and higher density development. Also, housing costs are crazy. The average person can't afford to spend half of their paycheck on a one bedroom apartment. We need housing that is more affordable.
- Cleaning up our community , W4thstreet residents have been putting up with bad people across the street for over 2 years. These trashy houses that Roshaun owns an rents to low life's is horrible. People that lives near these places puts up with a lot of disruption an threats from them. Please do something
- Probably the differences in lifestyles and opinions in the southern and northern regions of the county.
- Large solar facilities in the unincorporated areas
- affordable housing
- People moving from urban areas
- Diversity
- Affordable housing
- Allowing Marysville to grow but keeping the small town feel.
- Remembering that the county goes far beyond Marysville! Nothern part of county is only visited by "elected officials" when it's time to vote.
- They are letting too many housing developments come in with small plots of land. Make the minimum 1 acre for all future houses
- Not having enough help/housing for individuals with disabilities. There is NO day programs and transportation is a joke.
- managing growth....the scenic beauty and the traditional farming community values are at the fabric of who we are. I would hate to drive down 33 and enter into UC with all you see is subdivisions and apartments
- PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- Traffic movement
- Managing growth by making difficult decisions that are in the best long-term interest of the Union County community.
- Growing too fast!
- Population vs housing availability
- Dealing with growth, losing open green spaces
- Being located next to a major city without inheriting big city issues like crime/drugs/violence.
- Union County is becoming too expensive to live and work here. I don't know where everyone is earning their money. I work here and I live here. I bought my home in 2014. I cannot afford to buy a home now.
- Lack of parks and arts
- controlled growth and losing the key attributes that has made this such a great place to live.
- Leadership. We need PRO-GROWTH members on council, school board, commissioners.
- Traffic Management. Marysville has become congested, Coleman's Crossing needs expanded and/or stop lights already. 42 and 33 interchange is better with recent update, but 42 and Industrial Parkway intersection has become ridiculous. Need left turn lanes!
- Uptown traffic in Marysville at peak hours
- Accepting change and that growth has to occur.

Question 28 – Biggest Opportunities

- The opportunity to plan for safe, attractive, smart growth throughout the county.
- Maintain Farm Land
- Lack of a nice place where everyone comes together.
- Small town character, friendliness, service
- It's people
- Value/Quality
- Public Transportation
- add exits to 33 for Mill Valley to alleviate traffic on 31.
- Taxes. Utilize additional tax revenue to invest in infrastructure. Plan now for the next 50+ years.
- Smaller town that is close to Columbus. It's an easy commute for when you need something
- Provide incentives to farmers to keep thier land.
- Get a Chic Fil A
- Union County is close to Columbus without being in the big city. Currently, people can enjoy rural living and still experience big city activities conveniently.
- attracting new farmers, organic/small farm, eco-friendly opportunities
- Rapid growth
- Concern for neighbors
- Fast growing community. Allow business to keep people and money into the county.
- The rural living Atmosphere.
- Slow growth
- New residents will want services.
- Replace city leaders and employees with people who live here and care about the community, not their resumes. City manager should live where he works. Listen to residents who have been here a long time, not a few who want everything changed. Common sense, not greed.
- Have a master plan. Make Union County a destination
- preservation of natural spaces
- Preserve farming and farmland
- Union County needs to support the big businesses (Honda, Scotts, Nestles, etc. and their subsidiaries) that have been here for years. Union County doesn't need more corporate headquarters moving here.
- I know no ide
- To attract talent to live and work in our unique rural atmosphere just outside the "hustle and bustle"
- not sure
- being the "smart hub" for developing technologies such as driverless vehicles
- Use existing areas to rebuild for commercial and restaurants
- idk
- Education & medical facilities
- Self reliance, commuuity

- You have the opportunity to proactively “plan” what you want the county to look like. Instead of reactively rezoning at every opportunity for a business or housing development to come in.
- Utilize the 33 corridor.
- Caring community
- Manufacturing and research
- Keeping the small town rural atmosphere
- Utilize more roundabouts and Walking Paths to connect to contiguous counties.
- Listen to the residents of Union County. This survey is a good start
- technology growth and being close to the the central part of the state
- Tax base is huge, utilizing existing income more wisely
- Innovation companies which build off TRV, Honda, Intel plant spillover with sub suppliers, OSU research ties leading to advanced tech companies. Ability to adapt to future technology ddawing from great high schools, solid votexh trlning Nd ties to OSU
- My opinion is manufacturing. But, with that brings in more people to develop more housing, then more schools to higher crimes within.
- Growth
- Lots of space open to opportunity.
- Getting the inept dunderheads off of city council.
- Slow growth
- Being able to capitalize on and direct the high amount of growth, investment and development that is coming into the county as central Ohio grows and Union County is in a hot spot for growth.
- Improve looks and provide full utilities to all. Focus on areas of the city. Many areas are ignored.
- Sustained growth now
- Keep a safe invirarment!
- The steady population growth.
- Jobs
- To attract nice clean people and businesses into the county by slow controlled development and eliminating corruption
- Attracting businesses.
- large business
- To stop the growth
- Preserving farmland
- US 33 and the proximity to Columbus
- Our people! We have a beautiful county full of amazing people who are doing awesome things!
- More opportunities for new business
- Self-sufficiency
- Small town feel
- Create affordable housing for workers in lower paid service industries.
- Honestly not sure
- Improve quality of residents lives
- Taking advantage of the 33 Smart Corridor
- Small town living
- Improving communication with residents
- Location

- The influx of people to the county is an opportunity to try and get people to spend their money locally.
- Learning from Dublin And Hilliards mistakes.
- creating community spaces
- To stop clinging to the past and look to the future.

Millenials and GenZ already represent > 50% of the population. Stop catering to boomers.

- Leave the rest of the farmland alone!
- Attracting nearby big cities to our businesses
- Honda / other businesses from that
- Low crime. More people want to move to a more rural setting. Stop large developments and cater to larger lots.
- To manage growth appropriately
- Land
- growth
- Our beautiful land and farming communities.
- Have giving people that understand the opportunity's that await us and put money problems aside to see the future.
- Location
- We have land for growth in the public and private sector. It allows for more employment and population growth.
- its people
- we can control the growth and balance the future residential needs so as to ensure the growth is congruent with the commercial growth. i appreciate the fact that you are seeking input from the community
- We have an opportunity to become the most desirable destination in Central Ohio for people to both live and work if we can find a smart way to grow both our population and our business / manufacturing presence.
- Bring in higher technological focused businesses for tax base and higher paying positions
- The opportunity to develop and improve services county wide
- Easily attracts a talented workforce for jobs at Honda/Honda contractors/Honda Suppliers/etc.
- Grow within the current infrastructure - plenty of opportunities to build upon what is already existing in the current community, without turning into a Hilliard or Dublin.
- Being in a major highway corridor (33), and large businesses making it it's home. Makes for secure jobs and increasing property values regardless of economic conditions.
- I moved here because Union county has all the benefits of a rural area while still being close to Columbus. If we develop in a way that preserves or enhances the small town charm while increasing amenities, we can attract new residents from both the city and rural areas.
- New businesses moving in
- I think the potential to attract people looking to live outside of Columbus and have a decent commute is huge but I would focus on dense public housing and easy walkable safe neighborhoods to do it
- Growth in a proper balance
- Being a unique community and destination with open space and unique businesses. Keeping the small town more rural feel while staying in the front of technology. The opportunities available with current industry could be greatly expanded.

- Rural community
- Attracting more business and people by providing lower cost of living and places to eat
- Education, our youth.
- Growth, business start-up, development of self-sufficiency ie. solar, wind, electric vehicles etc.
- Small town charm
- Our close proximity to Columbus makes it difficult to keep people in Marysville for recreational activities. But I believe trying to bring those activities to Marysville is our biggest opportunity.
- Building more in the 33 corridor where there is already development and infrastructure.
- Being a "small town" with accessibility and opportunities for residents.
- Rural community/living in close proximity to Columbus.
- Business and local business
- To make it right with the community and the residents affected by your poor decisions
- To protect the rural life/feel
- Preserve the current way of life.
- Proximity to Columbus
- Expand development of the Rt 33 corridor for commercial and industrial development including large scale solar.
- Back off on homes
- Maintaining the agriculture, attitudes, local business, etc that is making it so attractive in the first place. Otherwise, growing too much and too fast and it will all be lost.
- In many ways I think Union County has a blank slate to create something unique and special that can bring many visitors to the area and have many local attractions. I've always felt we have an opportunity at a major youth sports facility (such as Grand Park in Westfield, IN).
- growth
- hometown feel
- Opportunity to leverage proximity to Columbus for increased high value employers.
- maintaining rural lifestyle
- Union county can be a leader in green building and advancing the use to renewable resources. Builders should be required to adhere to green building standards and should be required to make use of 100% renewable resources immediately.
- Small town feeling
- Working with businesses to be on the technology forefront
- Better roads
- Take advantage of the growth and bring things to Union County to keep the resident spending in Union County
- Sustainable infrastructure for Housing growth
- Still being a small town with a vision and to change with the times to still be a vital community destination.
- GROWTH! All directions, all industries, less government involvement attempting to make development as hard as possible.
- Rapid growth. Schools keeping up. Businesses to keep new growth money in Marysville. Solar farms. Losing farm land.
- Keeping the small town flavor in the midst of a growing area
- The walkability of the city and the built environment of the older areas of town

- Staying the small town away from the big city environment
- We have a lot of jobs available
- Increased ability to capitalize on our proximity to the Ohio State capitol and the businesses that come here/there as a result, ie. Retail, rail, restaurants, R&D..all of it.
- If we keep it from growing we had a nice town and schools.
- Staying small
- I am not sure.
- Development of parks into places that host athletic or music events
- Traffic isn't bad and it's pretty quick to get to Columbus or Dayton
- Wind and solar power
- Lots of people adding to the community
- bring businesses into the county
- Housing for Union County residents, not outsiders !!!!!
- To control growth in an effort to maintain quality of life for residents. Do not become Dublin/Hilliard!
- Don't create another Dublin Ohio, don't ruin the small town feel
- Need more business..not more houses
- Not sure anymore
- Wise use of commercial development along 33
- Bringing in major retailers; ie target, kohls etc
- Working with the local community
- We are growing and need to have a vision for the future not just where we are today or in 5 years but long term
- Growing to a thriving community or sinking into what Marion is
- It is on the last undeveloped spur leading out of Columbus. It is poised to pop, but resistance is strong. Growth needs to be managed and expected. That will require thoughtful planning.
- Growth of the airport
- Utilize available land and resources to bring in new companies that will provide long term underpinning to the tax base of the communities while minimizing drain in infrastructure and resources.
- Insure infrastructure for the future
- Develop and promote Union County Airport.
- Still have some natural areas left and sky was dark enough to see the Milky Way. This may have changed since the new water plant has dozens of spotlights. Thought you could have a dark sky festival on the upground reservoir but it is too late now.
- Don't know
- We have the space and opportunity to grow , but need to do so respectfully and responsibly, taking into account the effects it will have on the environment.
- They still have the ability to maintain a somewhat small atmosphere if they start preserving the land that is left and keep development where it is at.
- Proximity to Columbus and available space
- Being too close to Columbus
- Advancement in retail/recreation. Need less reason to leave town
- Adding a University
- To make planning, land use, infrastructure, education and social decisions that result in our communities being livable, sustainable, affordable and desirable in the long term.

- Innovation parkway. It's make or break
- Provide big city conveniences in a quieter community
- To slow down and let everything catch up!
- Great schools and a safe community, make us extremely desirable. Run with opportunities that can provide.
- More variety of businesses who should be showing interest yet seem to only slowly make their way in.
- Growth
- Leveraging citizen input on ways to keep the county feel local but modern
- Fiber internet would help many that work from home.
- Embracing rapid expansion, inviting a diversified industrial landscape, and the ability to offer affordable housing.

Marysville has the opportunity to get ahead of the curve when facing the problems that Columbus is facing and will continue to face as it continues to grow. Learn from the mistakes, establish infrastructure and support that aids in a proactive approach to problems that await just around the corner.

- hanging on to that hallmark movie feel instead of the political hand shakes of big business at the expense of pollution, crime and unattainable housing. Another spot on a map isn't what the heart of this town was meant to be. Population caps aren't a bad thing if you aren't investing in better social work budgets, mental health support and schools that want to teach our kids how to be successful adults versus trained to identify suicide watch in classrooms. Financial classes, home ec, shop and home improvement - what have we done to our future generations? We can stop this and make our own roadmap versus following suit of those selling out for a quick turn and a seat at the gala.
- Developing residential, commercial and industrial sites that are attractive to potential and existing residents
- Putting shops and restaurants around all of the apartment complexes and housing developments that keep popping up
- Marysville needs to figure out how to deal with new traffic.
- To try and keep the small town feel of this town if we all wanted to live in Columbus we would have lived there. We all love our small town. And would like to have our roads redone.
- Small Town living
- People
- Ability to benefit from the region's growth without necessarily being right in the middle of it.
- To grow and expand so that it continues to make it desirable for the younger families moving here.
- This place is going to be a Columbus ex-burb in 20 years
- Small town close to city
- With the population growth, Marysville could become a hub of culture, nature, and local entertainment.
- To be well known for the protection and utilization of our farm land and agricultural practices and maintaining a small town feel.
- Developing land into entertainment and local services.
- I have no idea.
- Schools

- Maintain small town feel
- Improve infrastructure ahead of growth. Planned growth.
- Leveraging growth to preserve land for natural recreation through new parks and focusing on high density development instead of sprawl.
- close proximity to larger communities
- Lower cost of living, huge honda/Scott's farm presence, and land to work with
- Get new County Commisioners.
- Movie theater.
- Location
- To continue to be a good mix of farm and city. Stop the apartments - we have enough now, they gouge the kids anyway. To not be bought out by money grabbers, stop letting them buy houses to rent at ridiculous prices.
- Proximity to Columbus with a small town atmosphere
- Maintain the small town culture.
- choosing growth priorities
- bring high paying jobs
- Host sporting events especially with the amount of hotels we have
- Preserve small town feel
- The industry it could bring by accelerating infrastructure upgrades. If you build it, they will come.
- Honda's futurw
- Preserving our way of life
- Manufacturing facilities
- Improve commercial offerings near neighborhoods; restaurants, shopping, groceries, oil change places, etc.
- Leveraging the small town charm to host many artisan and historic events
- I don't know.
- Keeping the small town feel
- Honda and Scotts
- I'm not sure
- Small town feel
- Technology growth
- Fix our existing traffic issues on outskirts of town
- Growth
- Could be a major hub for tech and business along US 33 corridor.
- Utilization of industrial parkway with production facilities
- Provide more jobs
- Revitalizing the downtowns of our small towns with unique shops, restaurants, breweries, wineries and fun activities for all.
- Developing communities and neighborhoods with keeping and improving natural ammenities.
- Ability to grow
- What's not broke, don't fix it. Stop trying to expand and allow Marysville to be Marysville. No solar panels needed
- Growth and expansion
- Growth
- Industrial development

- Wide open land, strong job market with competitive wages compared to cost of living
- Negotiation power due to location
- Encouraging, but managing growth so it's not haphazardly done.
- Planning for the Future
- It was and should stay a small town
- Adding retail stores with East/West roads other than 5th Avenue.
- Growth with maintaining small town atmosphere
- Being by Honda and Scots.
- The time and resources to plan smartly.
- Use existing structures for shipping and entertainment
- To create more diverse and accepting communities
- Na
- Longevity. Residents have the opportunity to live in Marysville their entire life. With a good schooling system, continually increasing housing availability, and proximity to a major city, it is a great rural town.
- The chance to better plan roads for future growth, unlike Coleman's crossing
- More single family homes and more places to eat and shop. Bring in the bigger department stores.
- Proximity to Columbus suburbs for skilled labor.
- Nothing for me.

Any roundabouts would be a problem for my family

- Vicinity to workforce and leveraging proximity to Columbus but don't become Columbus.
- Located near major educational institutions, major transportation routes
- residential and commercial development
- To bring more fortune 500 companies.
- Scenic walking places
- Improve the infrastructure of a fast growing community.
- Preserving the small town feel
- Maintaining good traffic flow and small town feel
- The opportunity to have natural beauty
- Keeping it small
- Ability to entertain retail and business partners due to vast land available and highway access and to learn from other suburbs of Cbus who have made mistakes in their planning
- Growth but too much too quickly is not good
- Balance between home town rural Marysville and growth to reduce taxes and improve services.
- The ability to elect new council members and commissioner to move back to a conservative outlook and not drive the elderly out
- To provide economic growth, while preserving natural beauty, and maintaining the "small town" feeling.
- Na
- Revitalizing downtown
- Good schools
- Need to slow growth
- Solar panels to help grow new electric infrastructure

- Proximity to Columbus - take advantage of desirability and plan smartly.
- Maintain rural character to differentiate from other suburbs of Columbus.
- Leveraging our existing manufacturing base to attract newer high quality employers
- Due to Union Counties location, the county can develop areas that support the wants and needs of areas like Dublin while still providing the more rural life in many other parts of the country. There is space to support all styles of living. Growth is not a bad thing if well planned and is inevitable due to the counties proximity to Franklin Co.
- Growth
- Access to Columbus and other countries to allow medium sized companies to distribute their products and services.
- It would a great place for a Chick Fil A.
- Industrial sector
- Union County currently has a unique, small town feel while still being close to Columbus. Although this trait is quickly going away, this trait can and should be leveraged to keep Union County attractive to its current residents.
- to step away from all the development and to preserve natural resources. There is no need for the solar fields. they have no benefit for the people in this county!!!!
- Vocational education and training.
- Na
- Commercial property development (movie theater, Target, etc)
- Location to Marysville and Dublin/Columbus
- Agriculture
- Preservation
- Unsure
- Making this a place where people desire to live, but keeping our morals and values.
- Preserve what it has! A ton of beautiful farmland that is currently being filled with awful, potentially environmentally harmful solar farms. Last I checked, Union County was majority right leaning so I'm shocked at how this stuff continues to be developed.
- Affordable housing for lower income families
- Still has agricultural land mass
- To slow growth and focus on quality of life with the population in place
- Up and coming City. Beautiful town in Marysville. Improving already existing housing/buisnesses
- Improve school curriculum and provide options for schooling K-12
- To add more places to work and to prioritize the land we have to having places to go and get away from things. Stop developing more housing projects. We aren't a small community anymore.
- Manufacturing and technology research
- Jobs
- Attracting higher paid employees who want the small town feel! Investing in parks/walking trails/greenways for those same higher salaried people who are used to that in the high tax areas they are leaving. (Dublin)
- Support the school systems. Find a way for better funding, taxes etc. Keep up with the demands of the infrastructure, especially the traffic study needs and expect to pay for the solutions.
- To attract businesses to the area that would keep people from going to sawmill/Dublin for groceries/shopping. I'd go for a grocery store, Lowe's or YMCA south of the Jerome water tower
- enough housing but not affordable for many

- To maintain the current small-town feel.
- Proximity to fiber optics on 33
- Dublin
- To preserve rural feel
- smart development planning to preserve rural heritage.
- Lots of workers
- Getting their public services and private homes that are close together compatible. You will cause home values to go down if you put a gas station next to a housing subdivision. Think about things like this as if it were your own home and family. Get the infrastructure and road construction right. A roundabout at 5 points is pointless. The lights work well the way it already is.
- Many volunteers
- Preserve the rural “feel”, but expand wisely
- More retails to alleviate having to drive to Columbus

More local owned restaurants

- Growth
- Small town atmosphere
- Blend agricultural heritage with modern business ... Be unique from modern towns Dublin/Hilliard
- Preserving the agricultural beauty and vast open spaces. If the county needs to monetize that to make it make sense, as a marketing/PR professional (of which I'm one) - we know how to plan, prioritize, make clients happy and help them make or preserve funds.
- This community should continue to be safe and affordable. Farmland and natural resources should be supported and apartments and rentals kept at a minimum.
- Affordable multi-unit housing.
- Control the massive amount of housing development.
- Preserve rural spaces
- Growing Memorial Health with more people moving into county
- to stop while we're ahead and now waste money on cookie cutter apartments and houses wasting good farmland that makes Marysville just like the other cities people are running from
- Preserve the farming and rural way of life that make our community great.
- Grow with the times
- To stay unblemished.
- Local manufacturing jobs with ample access to affordable a pleasant living. Pleasant living being access to public Greene spaces, local produce, and a community that provides for each other.
- Park & recreation development
- Business
- Controlled growth.
- Growth
- ??
- Central Ohio is growing so fast. We should be welcoming to more housing.
- Location. Being so close to Columbus there's amazing opportunity for the small towns to stay cozy and quaint while taking advantage of tourism.
- Limit housing developments, maintain small town appeal.

- Growth
- A natural disaster cutting the town size in half.
- Development
- Light rail corridor
- Neighborhoods and apartments
- Close to highway
- Open space
- To provide a great community to live in if we can offer new home owners some sort of starter homes that they can afford to buy.
- not sure
- Traffic congestion already and there is a lot more growth coming
- preserve farm land and parks
- Essentially a blank canvas to make this a pedestrian friendly, park abundant county that will drive strong growth for the next 10-20 years.
- SR 33 corridor. Use it and develop around it. Leave the other areas alone.
- Improve water pricing
- Keeping the County in Farm Land
- Farmers
- The tech and manufacturing base that has been developed over the past 50 years.
- Creating community through thoughtful growth
- Too build up the downtown
- Honda
- Preserve the heritage. Protect the farmers and quit over taxing them.
- Close the doors on urban expansion
- Changing demographics
- Getting infrastructure set before all these massive multi-family buildings are put in place. :/
- The diversity that all the new development will bring to the community.
- The available land to utilize in the best use
- Location
- opportunity to fix the water table / drainage
- Logistics
- Improving business / recreation. Uptown Marysville is a great place to visit and I'd like to see downtown Plain City be something similar.
- Downtowns that have potential to help us maintain our small town/rural identity and history, along with entrepreneurs who are willing to invest in our downtown areas.
- Growing and room for expansion.
- affordable living
- Preservation
- Giving visitors and residents a really good downtown experience. Being able to satisfy the majority of the needs. Union County has made a good start to this but still missing the mark.
- We're not to far from other towns and cities that are adding much better retail and restaurants.
- City growth
- The technology corridor
- Smart growth- however, people that have lived here and want to stay should not be uprooted because a developer needs to make more money. Set backs are very poor.

- Connecting schools and businesses to provide skilled workers
- to reach out to other counties in the US for best practices and to learn how to properly develop and put in place long term goals and objectives.
- Keeping a country rural atmosphere
- Retaining a small community feel,
- Still small enough to be an attractive place to live.
- Excellent school district
- Union co. has mindfully grown over the years, and has done so with lots of thought and purpose- keep up the thorough planning with the small town feels in mind
- An opportunity to stay a smaller, rural community where folks feel safe to continue living without congestion and traffic problems
- Stand up for yourself. Don't get dazzled by money and "services". What we have is special. Small, quiet, quaint. Protect it. It is rare and a gem to be treasured. Developers are greedy and want what we have. Don't let them buy it from you. No money in the world can buy back what we already have.
- Improve school or education system
- Being unique and maintaining the small county identity. That charm attracts big city folks for a visit and they can spend their money here
- Attracting businesses
- Population Growth
- To think clearly, rise to see the good future of what makes us shine. To come together not just for the southern Union county, but for northern side of Union county too.
- Retail restaurants
- The rivers, making them more useful for water activities
- Plenty of space for shopping needs to use that space for some clothing stores
- Inviting the right type of manufacturing to the 33 area. We dont need another Amazon distribution center, I'd like to see a family owned manufacturer.
- Improve infrastructure
- Providing affordable housing for lower income families
- New restaurants and shopping for residents
- farmland
- create a more diverse decision making group
- County and communities can invest now in infrastructure and planning to require higher quality development that will last in to the future, because development is going to happen whether we want it or not.
- Maintain rural peaceful character, low crime, and sense of community.
- Growth.
- keep real estate taxes reasonable
- Rapid growth
- The people who have chosen to live and stay here
- To be a shining star around the state with innovation and progress yet keep the small town feel that people are seeking. To continue to have that sense of community.
- Rural
- Great opportunity for small business.

- Needs to build things for the residents that are here --- rec center, entertainment, etc
- Growth in industry and education/quality of life.
- People are drawn to it because of the small town atmosphere. We need to preserve that.

- Good location
- New Business
- Thoughtful development. Slow down and make sure it's the right growth. Not growth for the sack if it.
- Location to Columbus
- Existing Companies will drive the need for new companies to move to Union County
- Traffic
- An affluent community that can preserve the property and prevent an urban atmosphere. E.g. Houses on small lots.
- Staying rural.
- Retail development close to Dublin
- proximity to Columbus & Dublin
- Rural feel within close proximity to amenities
- To manage to keep the rural character, avoiding tightly clustered residential lots. Avoid overcrowding
- It has great potential but the growth needs to be smart and measured. No more things like the fed ex hub without fixing the roads first.
- Job development
- Vacant land to be responsibly developed w/ appreciation for rural character.
- Education
- Keeping farmland farmland and not solar farms
- Stay rural
- Becoming a mid-size town with a rural, connected culture. Rather than being "small Dublin", we can maintain our own unique identity as we grow.
- Make the county more sustainable
- use of existing small towns for "hubs"
- Beauty
- If you insist on us becoming another Dublin and Delaware. it seems all you are doing is building more homes and apartments without any foreseen consequences of traffic or Overwhelm on our schools. Maybe someone needs to talk to the old superintendent of Olentangy who did a great job of Developing new schools with every new housing development.
- Manufacturing and technology
- Growth in many areas
- Room for tech businesses
- Keeping the farm community and small town feel
- Maximizing the opportunity for growth
- Access to natural land and water to create clean outdoor recreation for all
- SR 33 corridor access to Columbus and other areas.
- Eco tourism
- Availability of space and proximity to the Columbus Metro area.
- Community
- County engineer keeping up with funding and personnel
- Beautiful area
- Taking advantage of business related to Intel.
- Preserve the existing open space while we still have some
- Railroad use
- Job opportunities

- Grow slowly to keep the small town feel while improving quality of life.
- Growth. The more people that come the more jobs/opportunities/businesses that come
- Maintaining the farmland in the growth
- Working immediately to involve the community in the development of a plan for growth in the next 25:plus years
- People who are charitable and give back
- Smart growth to accommodate the increase in jobs
- Proximity to Columbus
- Our people are conservative.
- Unknown at this time.
- To provide affordable housing for all people
- Preserve farmland without solar/windmills
- Maintain rural nature
- Sustainable growth without taking away the rural feel
- Size
- Location and highways, create anchor companies and an educated workforce
- Keeping its small town feel while still providing opportunities for small local businesses and our farmers.
- Close to Columbus, can be picky on better class of residents,people , businesses they allow in
- Growth in the region allowing for continued development to upgrade economic and social benefits to residents
- Growth, proximity to columbus
- Embracing the disruption that new businesses create
- Keeping its small home town quality
- Taking advantage of our growth
- Utilizing land for preservation parks.
- Working with Richwood and other smaller county communities to build them up!
- Diversity in our neighborhoods and businesses
- Creating sustainability through the farmers, farmsteads etc, creating healthier communities and opportunities
- To hopefully create an atmosphere of inclusiveness so all people can feel welcome in Marysville.
- Expanding retail development to support residential growth
- To planfully move forward with infrastructure to meet the increasing population and everything it brings with it.
- To remain a good place to raise a family and it's rural atmosphere
- Responsible growth
- The residents if the leadership would actually take the time to listen to them.

Perfect example is the solar farms. There was an overabundance of opposition but the residents were ignored by the leadership in the county.

- Increase in jobs, advancement in technology
- growth
- The growth of people from all over to the county. This will provide to opportunity with in the county for allowing more people to learn about other cultures and people.

- I think that Union County needs to make smart decisions on where they are expanding residential areas too. The city of Marysville will do whatever they can to annex land and call it their own without giving voters a chance to weigh in. People come to Union County because they want to be in a rural community. Let's protect that.
- Development of shopping availability for the residents & surrounding county residents
- Rural, close to larger metro areas/business/shopping
- I am not sure.
- More recreational and social activities to support those who live here. Don't make us drive elsewhere to shop or dine out.
- Capitalizing on it's location in proximity of Columbus and being a beautiful area to escape the larger city life style.
- Open a technical college. This will encourage young people to stay and work in the city, help support local businesses and open up higher education opportunities.
- Opportunity to remain small town
- Say No to urbanization and development.
- Community
- Building youth activities and keeping the small town feel of Marysville
- Being the unique community that it is. I always feel like Union County is the little engine that could. Like it wants to be a mini Dublin. There is no need to be anything other than the great community that it is.
- To bring in retailers to help with taxes
- Proximity to rail, interstates, workforce, and Columbus.
- Keeping the small town values and feel - people are sick of the crime and unsafe feeling of being in the city with high costs of living.
- Preserve and improve the uptown. Slow down and require more from developers. They are banging down the doors here because it's too easy and cheap for them. Please have higher standards. Build up, not out!!!
- Not sure
- Balancing things in Union County so that we won't be present day Dublin in 25 years.
- Capitalizing on our rural roots - breweries/wineries, agrotourism, etc.
- Growth - need to attract business that employ people in the county and allow for nice housing. Look to Dublin as a model.
- Lots of educated people are moving into the area therefore Union County has an opportunity to use people's potential for the county to be innovative while providing services to our most vulnerable populations.
- We have the opportunity to keep the small town feel with preserving our agricultural heritage. On the flip side, we have the opportunity to continue to expand Marysville and become a suburb of Dublin.
- Providing an environment to live, work, and play while maintaining the beauty that exists in the rural areas.
- ?
- Beautiful area. It has small town charms in the middle of agriculture, but still has amenities. Finding a balance of avoiding too much growth too fast while finding ways to invest in local businesses and community could make it a great place to live and be a great destination for travelers.
- Access to Columbus and surrounding area.
- To provide a healthy, safe and affordable place for families to live.
- Affordable housing
- Slow down over development

- We are positioned to have the opportunity to grow big - but we need to strategize the plan so we don't peak too soon or too late to take full advantage
- We're still small enough to mostly know neighbors and make connections while being close enough to Columbus to access high quality secondary education and cultural & entertainment venues. We have lots of families that would love to be able to do things in town with their children and very few places to go with them, though. Tap into that existing market instead of trying to get more and more people to move here without much to do.
- growth
- Preserving its way of life; keep it small and rural mixed with renovation. We need more local small businesses... especially restaurants that are not major chains.
- Renewable energy
- Commercial and tech development in the South-east portion of the county.
- Growth of Central Ohio.
- Its people. Long time residents and new folks to town DO want first and foremost that small town sense of safety, education and well thought out neighborhoods. These groups understand and get the "growth thing". No problem with that and no prejudices. The opportunity is for our leadership groups to be fair but willing to fight for principled things. If we miss the opportunity-which I fear we are-to truly define the principles(not slogans) we stand for and have the courage to say no or be patient with progress. Quality over quantity wins the day in the long run.
- Business
- Get more restaurants here. And NOT taprooms, beer/brew halls, bars. Places like Cane's, Steak & Shake, Target...
- Great "small" town with opportunities to make a name for ourselves. Don't become the next Dublin. We have lots of established parks, but nothing that would make anyone drive here for them. I've actually driven out of our county to go to others. Can't wait to see the new area open up, but I'm afraid it will be like the others, just above par.
- The growth is coming and cannot be stopped. It needs to be managed to maintain the quality of life. Infrastructure planning (traffic and roadway management) before the growth overwhelms the community further is the biggest opportunity to maintain a balance and good quality of life. Not after the fact.
- Capitalize on the smart corridor. Continue to work on attracting tech into the area. Technology is the future and if Union County can continue to build on what it already has in the works, it will set the county up for greater success.
- Development
- Planning for and implementing the type of growth that Union County wants.
- We are blessed to have a community that values our way of life, has a history of hard work and good values, and treat others the way we'd like to be treated. We need to recognize these and take advantage of our strengths.
- fill voids for franklin and delaware counties
- Technology
- Location. Not a long commute to jobs that are outside of Marysville.
- Land development
- Solar power
- Smart growth and prosperity with a strong vision to guide us. We have great rural assets AND manufacturing & technology assets supported by strong public education to prepare our workforce.
- Properly Managed Growth
- Maintain small town living in the face of outrageous housing prices.

- Location, rural compatibility with city/village values. The drive to my Cafe in Magnetic Springs is often the best part of the visit my customers tell me!
- Proximity
- Preserving farm land. Keeping our water safe environment of clean Air
- Keep small town feel and farms!!
- Stay rural and appeal to small town families.
- Keeping and retaining current citizens with the amazing land and opportunities Union county gives.
- Preparing for the influx of residents that will be migrating from larger cities or implants from other areas due to the economic growth of this area
- Preserving agriculture
- To grow and maintain the rural atmosphere.
- Attracting major businesses to our community
- The opportunity to grow responsibly but not too quickly.
- Land area
- Further development of industrial parkway/33/smart corridor
- Small business
- More retail and restaurants
- Preserving natural lands
- Not sure
- Attractive to man industries because of our proximity to Columbus
- Development of small towns
- Being Equal to all
- To be stuck in traffic due Lack of planning and lack of control of growth
- To protect what is left of this area that made it different. Now when you drive into Marysville it looks like any other suburb with the same motels, restaurants, big box stores and traffic jams. When people move to a small town to get away from the rat race they don't realize they are bringing the rat race with them.
- To say no. Do we want to be Dublin and Hilliard? Or do we want to run our cities and county in a way that we are not constantly kneeling to development and corporate pressure? What if Union County took on the challenge to remain and preserve the feeling of rural Ohio despite the pressure of development and found a way to balance the demands to create something that is other than endless strip malls and sub developments.
- Sizing your fish with all the interest in our area
- Job development on Industrial Parkway. Continue to create a good school environment. Keep developing our parks and making them more beautiful more interesting adding some water. Water activities up by the reservoir. With so many seniors developing Safe Transportation. Encouraging Medical specialist into the area-we're not far from Columbus. Create a roundabout at Five Point. Please get rid of any two-way stop streets and make them four way within town for safety reasons. Make sure kids can get to school safely by having areas lighted well... several children have been killed in Columbus because of poorly lit streets where the traffic is fast- so sad. Have opportunities for people that are struggling with depression and addiction and any mental health issues. If they are brave enough to make the caller there should be a human on the other and of the phone line not a message machine. Support diversity. Think outside the box and develop small but efficient affordable housing pods. See how they're doing that internationally. Support small businesses. They should get the breaks not big corporations. Do something about the Y..it is looking terrible. The track around the gymnasium up towards the ceiling the bathrooms you

don't even know which one belongs to the men or the women and everything inside of them looks antiquated. Think of the elderly and people with disabilities look at our swimming pool they don't even have a dressing room for people with disabilities we don't even have a program here anymore for adults with disabilities. And for gosh sakes please don't open one more gas station like it looks like you're going to over by the roundabout and please please no more pizza places. It's embarrassing. I would like to see some restaurants that are not part of chains I don't care if they are diverse I don't care if they're Asian or Indian or Turkish or Greek as long as they're clean and the food is good.

- see above
- The biggest opportunity I can see is to take the steps necessary to prove in practice that a county can border a metro area like Columbus without becoming infected by its problems.
- Growth. A thriving county with potential.
- To be the best county in the nation. (respect for each other, low crime, etc)
- Take advantage as a great area to live with growth from Columbus coming outward.
- Good schools
- To stay a rural county
- To find ways to balance growth with quality of life
- Bike trail connectivity
- best use of open space
- Revitalize downtown Marysville to be a bigger draw.
- Growth
- You are missing a huge opportunity by not adding restaurants and retail close to Jerome Village development.
- New business coming to Union County
- Attracting hi tech manufacturing and supply chain.
- To preserve land, natural beauty
- Controlled growth
- Bringing in business that benefits the communities basic needs
- Block development
- Innovation in green building and sustaining environment
- Room for properly planned growth
- Plenty of people
- To keep its wonder and beauty as natural as it can. Can be as different and rural as possible.
- Union County has a real opportunity to prevent future degradation of the county by preventing unbridled development to lead and define the path forward for the county. Listen to the residents who are already suffering the consequences of developers' actions. Granted not all residents suffer the same circumstances; however, just because some don't doesn't mean other concerns should not be addressed.
- Finding a way to utilize the quality of schools in the county to bring in more businesses to employ more of the residents in the county.
- Bringing business into small villages
- N/A
- Can't think of one at the moment.
- The schools are awesome
- growth
- Honda/TRC relationship. Access to 4 lane freeway.

- to preserve farmland and rural atmosphere
- Not to become Dublin.
- affordable housing compared to Franklin and Delaware Counties
- Marysville is one of the fastest growing cities for good reason, growth should be encouraged
- Jobs
- Hi Tech opportunities
- We can see it coming and are working to shape it
- To be able to grow but keep the safe small town feel we have had. It's going to be a challenge. We are getting to big for our community currently.
- Bringing in outside economy with shows/festivals/lectures/etc
- Growth pressure without revenue: too much housing.
- To capitalize on the opportunity to provide options to live, work, and play in the County. Union County needs easy access to various resources (more options for healthy food, access to healthcare, places to work out, and public parks) for residents to feel comfortable.
- The potential for having more small businesses in the communities
- Invest in our small towns (including Marysville) to create authentic places, and strengthen our sense of community. Support agritourism as a way to foster economic development and promote agriculture. Balance growth between residential and revenue generating land uses.
- Small and large businesses
- Growth of major companies and manufacturing.
- Centrally located.
- Add more grocery stores and small businesses
- Management of growth
- Land. Lots of land for development. All types of development (business, industrial, housing, commercial, retail, etc). Don't screw it up. lol
- To become a technology development haven.

Become an entertainment destination (ie. movie theater, concert venue, restaurant/district)

- Tech corridor
- Attract affordable housing that doesn't 'Start At \$300K'
- Growth and proximity to Columbus.
- Growth of technology manufacturing providing jobs to coincide with population growth.
- Controlled growth
- Affordable housing.
- Building more housing (single family AND multi-family).

Drawing tech companies to the area.

- People want to live here
- Farming community proven Manufacturing excellence
- Residential development brings more tax revenue.
- Big darby creek
- Maintain rural atmosphere
- To stop building bedroom neighborhoods.

- Begin to really focus on developing infrastructure, supporting manufacturing and services, and restaurants/retail to attract additional economic benefit as Intel and other corporate entities begin to develop in the Columbus area.
- We still have time to grow responsibly.
- Proximity to Columbus to attract businesses
- Parks and recreation
- to stay rural
- Our proximity to Columbus with availability of land with water/sewer means high demand likely to continue. We have the luxury of choosing what type of community we develop into
- It's inhabitants
- Having the space to expand and attract more businesses
- To increase businesses along the Industrial Parkway corridor
- To expand!
- Keeping Union county's rural beauty!
- Technology
- It's location. With 33 and links to 270 and other artery highways.
- Housing
- Education
- Revitalization and repopulation of small towns to support business start ups and manufacturing, with good public transportation between them. Having a park system to support wildlife and rural tourism would also be a big win.
- More potential jobs.
- Creating bicycle- and agri-tourism culture and infrastructure in the community economies.
- There are many small towns within the county. Each these towns stand to benefit from small business start ups to provide many commercial aspects to their local communities.
- Location to Columbus and open areas to develop
- Spread growth across county.
- Jobs to keep our younger population in the county.
- The ability to plan for, and control, new development. Infrastructure needs to be put in place in conjunction with new development, and developers need to contribute to these costs.
- Agriculture
- The opportunity to stop building apartment complexes.
- Access to so many things. Can go in any direction you choose
- Being a attractive place to live because of location to Columbus but still have a rural feel... IF it doesnt get too big.
- We are on the cusp...and you can see the wave coming, so there is time to strategically plan and approach it
- Improve road safety
- Small business, breweries, local opportunities to build a downtown that people want to come visit and stay.
- Housing
- Job growth
- Business growth
- Space. Prime development land along 42 & 33
- Good jobs, close to Columbus but still small town feel

- Employment
- Honda attracts far more people than any other business in central Ohio. We need more engineering jobs coming in.
- grow the technology space
- Creating a perfect happy-medium. A place that has a lot to offer but not so over crowded that it becomes a city
- Our downtown has a lot of potential to bring small business to the area.
- No good opportunity's left. Only options now are to manage growth and development and try to preserve the small town atmosphere. Limit large commercial development
- Tech Companies, Automotive Companies, the county workforce
- Growth!
- Employment. We have so many jobs here and the wide variety makes it the place to be.
- Jobs
- Growth coming into the county
- Controlling growth

- Solar farms
- Solar producing facilities
- An opportunity to shape future growth rather than retro fit existing neighborhoods/infrastructure
- The growth coming to the community
- Opportunity to plan for and create sustainable growth so that the infrastructure can handle the growth that will continue to come here
- Develop smartly without being forced to comply with agendas that don't necessarily make sense yet (solar, etc)
- To keep a short distance between scenic country land and convenient businesses, while utilizing space that doesn't fall into either (by using unused buildings and unused land in the middle of more urban areas)
- Workforce development
- Leverage Honda to encourage more manufacturing, towards Honda's need for electric vehicles
- Growth of businesses to the area.
- Job creations
- To recognize, embrace and capitalize on the attributes that have always made Union County a great place to live: an agricultural community with low crime, strong schools, beautiful landscapes, small businesses, great healthcare, strong independent banks, and a short drive to all the city amenities offered in nearby Dublin and Columbus.
- It's growth but allow Union County to keep the small-town environment.
- Everything
- Jesus
- Natural resources and green space
- New residents
- To set itself apart as unique.
- Technology
- The county hasn't secured a college branch/campus.
- Making changes
- Technology and manufacturing.
- Stop solar farms

- IDK
- Honda
- Transportation from rural to city
- To continue being a good area of logistics for different businesses
- It's only going to keep growing so plan for future development before putting more housing in
- Preparing the infrastructure to accommodate and attract good paying jobs and great companies
- That would probably be its proximity to NW Columbus and Dublin and businesses existing in that area.
- Controlling the extremely fast development that is currently happening.
- Location, availability of land/resources, to make growth be a positive.
- Opportunity are here already if we can figure out balance - we are in a sweet spot and with a short drive get to shopping that most due from their lap top or cell phone
- Preserving farmland
- Elected officials have no insight and not qualified to run a growing community.
- Union county has the opportunity to protect the rural character that attract people to the area
- Won't be any without good traffic flow
- To fight to keep a small town feel
- Industrial parkway
- Land
- Investment in electrifying roadways
- To have entertainment for all
- Preserving the quality of life in rural America
- Ability to control how we develop since there is much undeveloped land. Do not make Union county into Franklin County. Keep the rural small town feel. Invest in farmers as much as you support development. Find a balance.
- Location - Small town/rural near larger city
- Preserve the beauty of the majority of the county and stop rampant development. Marysville and Jerome leaders should be ashamed of themselves for continuing to destroy land permitting uncontrolled development
- Its rural character
- building more schools
- that we have room to grow for businesses and housing
- Just a lot of potential with literally room to grow and new people
- Technology/business
- Quality of life
- tech
- urban sprawl
- Being so close to the bigger cities and having driven young residents gives the opportunity to create new businesses focused on local and small town feel. That could lure city people away for a day in a relaxed setting.
- Encouraging young people to for go college and train in a field as an apprentice. Construction, electrical, plumbing and heating, appliance repair, mechanical, etc.
- New businesses
- Put in a good movie theater so folks don't have to go to Dublin for that. Help out the YMCA to make it updated
- Honda

- Stop solar farms
- Not to lose small town
- US 33 Smart Mobility Corridor
- To maintain the rural setting and hometown atmosphere.
- Preserving charm of county and developing businesses to locate to county because of its charm and quality work force
- Water quality, traffic, shopping, small business, fownyown
- attract more business to increase tax base
- Can grow
- Continue to build community “spirit”
- Proximity to Columbus but far enough away to be a small community where people know each other.
- Keeping it with a small town family atmosphere
- Being in the top third of education and one of the youngest counties in the state leads to a resilient future proof workforce.
- Diversity of new people
- Workforce
- If they would bring in movie theater and places like Dave and Busters for families. The youth need more things to do in this county
- Available land for development in a growing region.
- Being in high demand. The county has an opportunity to be selective on what they allow to be built.
- 33 smart corridor
- Solar energy
- 33corridor
- Developing our athletic facilities.
- Better stores like target
- Retailers
- Affordable housing for people making less than \$2000,000/yr
- Attracting businesses with the large population growth
- Community events that interests all ages
- Fixing main st and 5th ave.
- Attract new businesses
- Entertainment
- Planned growth providing diverse housing, activities, and services to a multi-generational population.
- Keeping the small town feel and not becoming Dublin Jr
- Union county is a great place that is so close to Columbus.
- We are a wealthy county and offer a good quality of life.
- The incredible wealth of very intelligent people from all over the world and their families that places like Honda pull into our area.
- Growth of technology through use of the Rt. 33 smart corridor.
- Make Marysville and Union County a model community. This growth can help make change
- Space to expand for Manufacturers and infrastructure to attract the new car tech. (Smart Corridor)
- Quick growth, hospitable residents, wide variety of living choices (rural, city, etc).
- Support Honda. They’ve done so much for us.

- small public busses between Honda and Delaware with stops that favor businesses.
- slow controlled growth
- There is still opportunity to control and plan for growth and development. We need to slow down developers and enforce infrastructure to be in place. No more RT 42 and Industrial Parkway mess.....
- Manufacturing and technology integration.
- Location
- Expand (and connect) pathways to become a destination like Columbus metroparks.
- People move here from Columbus because Union County is lovely & convenient.
- It's people. We need to get more people involved
- Bringing more jobs to the area while preserving the farmland
- Ensuring the long-term energy needs for renewable power demanded by industry like Honda, GM, Intel, Amazon, Microsoft, and Google
- The sheer size of the county with lots of room to grow
- Become more accepting of different cultures
- Dublin / Plain City expansion
- Room for growth
- Good question
- Raising our children in a beautiful agricultural community which doesn't have a large crime or drug rate
- Rural living
- Don't know
- Under utilized land
- Improving energy self sufficiency through alternative sources such as solar and wind generation.
- Capitalize on the Intel plant to get overflow development to support them
- Invest in opportunities to create family / teen recreation.
- N/A
- Extensive development is still in its earlier phases. We have the opportunity to decide what we want development to look like in the County and to make any policy/legal/economic decisions we need to make to steer development in that direction. But, if we wait too long and do not act, this development will occur haphazardly and we may permanently be stuck with whatever consequences may arise from that.
- Solar if it doesn't go overboard and use up all the farmland.
- US 33 corridor for smart mobility
- not (yet) overdeveloped - keep it so !
- Anything we want it to be
- Open a decent fine dining restaurant
- To grow responsibly
- Growth
- Do everything possible to help the Village of Richwood to once again become a thriving business community! Acknowledge the Northern end of the county and work with us - not against us!
- Keep the country living we all want
- To help those with challenging disabilities live a normal or close to normal daily living.

- being a community where parks, open spaces and farmland are abundant. strategically centralizing population growth so that we preserve the beauty and charm of our county
- Property Values
- tax revenue
- Planning, preparing, educating and collaborating to make Union County community the best it can be.
- Don't know
- Growth
- Energy and investment from continued growth.
- education
- I think we have smart people here with good ideas. I think we can better tap into our people.
- Take advantage of the growth that is occurring in Central Ohio, especially with Intel coming. Our biggest opportunity is to stop listening to the NIMBYs and do what's right, what's needed, and what's equitable.
- We are still somewhat small but poised for growth - please keep traffic flow as a key priority as we grow and develop.
- Location to transportation and large city.
- Growth is evident and although some resist it, we have the opportunity to shape and steer this growth in the direction we want it with proper planning.

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