# FULTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SURVEY 2002

Sharing Your Opinions about the Future of Your Community



# **Fulton County Community Survey**

This survey involves questions about your perspective on issues related to land use and development in your community (for example, your village, city, or township) and throughout Fulton County. Questions are divided into four main sections dealing with:

1) you and your residence; 2) your perspective on your community; 3) your preferences regarding future development in your community; and 4) your perspective on options for implementing community decisions. Your responses will help your community and Fulton County develop plans that reflect residents' preferences for the area.

**All of your responses will remain confidential**. Please answer all questions completely. If you would like to share additional comments or suggestions as you complete this questionnaire, please use the inside of the back cover or insert additional pages as necessary.

Thank you for helping with this important effort!

# YOU AND YOUR RESIDENCE

This first set of questions asks about you and your Fulton County residence. For each question, please enter the appropriate response.

1.	How long have you been a resident of Fulton County?				
	O Less than 1 year O 1-5 years O 6-10 years O 11-15 years	0	16-20 years 21-25 years More than 25 years		
2.	How long have you lived at your current	resi	idence?		
	O Less than 1 year O 1-5 years O 6-10 years O 11-15 years	0	16-20 years 21-25 years More than 25 years		
3.	Which of the following best describes you	ur c	current residence?		
	<ul><li>O Single-family house</li><li>O Duplex/Two-family house</li><li>O Mobile/manufactured home</li></ul>	0	Apartment Condominium/Townhouse Other:		
4.	What year was your current residence bu	uilt (	(approximately)? Year: O Don't know		
5.	Do you own or rent your current residence	ce?	O Own O Rent		
6.	How many adults and children currently	live	at this residence?		
	Adults (18 or older)		Children (17 or younger)		

7.	What type of w	rater service do you	use at this residence	e?	
	O My O My	water comes from	a municipality or wate a private well on my p	er utility	
8.	How satisfied a	are you with the qua	ality of the water provi	ided to your residence	e?
D	O Very issatisfied	O Dissatisfied	O Satisfied	O Very Satisfied	O No Opinion
9.	How satisfied a	are you with the <u>am</u>	ount of water provide	d to your residence?	
D	O Very issatisfied	O Dissatisfied	O Satisfied	O Very Satisfied	O No Opinion
			your water quality or comment section at th		
10.	How often do y	ou use bottled wat	er for drinking/cookin	g in your home?	
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Always
	Ο	Ο	Ο	0	Ο
11.	O Ta O To O To O Bo O Ot	ste reduce the risk to reduce the risk to ttled water is more	my family's health convenient		
			uto:		
12.	What is your a	ge?			
	O 18 O 25 O 35 O 45	- 34 - 44	O 55 – 64 O 65 – 74 O 75 years and old	der	

13.	How many total acres of land, including your resone.)	idence, do you own in Fulton County? (Select
	O None	
		40 acres
		100 acres
	O 6-20 acres O Mo	re than 100 acres
14.	Do you own or operate a farm in Fulton County?	
	O No $\rightarrow$ if no, please skip to <u>question 20</u> , or	on the next page.
	O Yes → if yes, please continue with the n	ext question.
45	In Fulton County how money total come of formal	and do your
15.	In Fulton County, how many total acres of farmla	and do you:
	a. <u>Own</u> ?acres	
	b. <u>Operate</u> ?acres	
16.	Of the total acres you <b>operate</b> in Fulton County, following:	how many acres are used for each of the
	Pasture?acres Crops?	acres Other?acres
17.	Approximately how many of the following types	of animals do you have in your farm operation?
	O No animals	
	Dairy cattle	Poultry
	(including heifers and young stock)	Other:
	Beef cattle	
	Hogs	
18.	If you own or operate an active farm in Fulton Cooperation?	ounty, how long do you plan to continue the farm
	<ul> <li>5 years or less</li> <li>6 - 10 years</li> <li>11 - 15 years</li> <li>More than 15 years</li> <li>I don't know</li> </ul>	
19.	Approximately what percent of your household in	ncome comes from farming?%

#### YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON YOUR COMMUNITY

These questions ask you to think about your community (your village, city, or township) as it is today.

20.	How satisfie	How satisfied are you with your community as a place to live?							
Di	O Very issatisfied	O Dissatisfied	O Satisfied	O Very Satisfied	O No Opinion	,			

21a. What level of personal importance do you place on each of the following characteristics of your community? (Select one for each row.)

		Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Important	Very Important	NA / No Opinion
a.	Local retail shopping	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Local personal and professional services	0	0	0	0	0
c.	Local health care	0	0	0	0	0
d.	New housing	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Local economic and business development	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Sense of safety and security	0	0	0	0	0
g.	Rural/country atmosphere	0	0	0	0	0
h.	Small-town atmosphere	0	0	0	0	0
i.	Other	0	0	0	0	0

From the list above, circle the letters next to the TWO community characteristics that are most 21b. important to you. (Circle only two letters.)

#### **Housing**

22. In your opinion, how adequate is the **current** availability of housing options in your community?

	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Adequate	Very Adequate	No Opinion
Housing for seniors	0	0	0	0	0
Housing for people with disabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-family apartment buildings	0	0	0	0	0
Single-family houses	0	0	0	0	0
Condominiums/Townhouses	0	0	0	0	0
Affordable rental housing	0	0	0	0	0
Affordable owner-occupied housing	0	0	0	0	0

#### Recreation

23. In your opinion, how adequate is the **<u>current</u>** availability of the following recreational areas in and around your community?

,	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Adequate	Very Adequate	No Opinion
Park space	0	0	0	0	0
Children's playground facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Sport fields (baseball, soccer, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Bicycle and pedestrian trails	0	0	0	0	0
Golf courses	0	0	0	0	0
Areas for scenic enjoyment	0	0	0	0	0
Hunting areas	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing areas	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Natural Resources and Landscape**

24. How important to you are the following natural resource and landscape features in and around your community?

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Wooded areas	0	0	0	0	0
Grasslands	0	0	0	0	0
Lakes and lakeshores	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers, streams, and their banks	0	0	0	0	0
Wetlands/Marsh	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

25. Which aspects associated with each natural resource and landscape feature in and around your community are important to you? (Check all that apply.)

	Impact on Local Economy	Open Space	Environmental Quality Benefits	Recreational Benefits	Habitat Benefits	Scenic Benefits
Wooded areas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grasslands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakes and lakeshores	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers, streams, and their banks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wetlands/Marsh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0	0

26. How important to you are the fol	lowing matters for t	he area in and	around you	r community	?
	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Preservation of natural areas	0	0	0	0	0
Habitat for fish and wildlife	0	0	0	0	0
Water quality	0	0	0	0	0
Locally grown food	0	0	0	0	0
Preservation of rural character	0	0	0	0	0
The area's scenic quality	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0
<u>mland</u>					
7. In your opinion, what effect does your community?	-	nave on the fol	lowing matte		ound
	Very Negative Effect	Negative Effect	Positive Effect	Very Positive Effect	Don't Know
Preservation of natural areas	0	0	0	0	0
Habitat for fish and wildlife	0	0 0		0	0
Water quality	0	0 0		0	0
Locally grown food	0	0 0		0	0
Preservation of rural character	0	0 0		0	0
The area's scenic quality	0	0 0		0	0
Impact on local economy	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0
3. In your opinion, how important is	s protecting farmlan	d in and aroun	d your comr	nunity?	
O O Very Unimportant Unimportant	O Important	O Very Important		O No Opinion	
9. In your opinion, how important is	s protecting farmlan	d throughout F	ulton Count	y?	
O O Very Unimportant Unimportant	O Important	O Very Important		O No Opinion	

### YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The questions in this section ask you to consider the types of future development you would encourage or discourage in your community. Additional questions at the end of this section prompt you to consider where within your community you would prefer different types of development to occur, if at all.

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30.	To what extent would you encourage or discourage the following kinds of <b>future</b> single-family housing development in your community?							
		Strongly Discourage	Discourage	Encourage	Strongly Encourage	Neither Encourage Nor Discourage		
than 1/2	-family houses on small lots (less 2-acre*) grouped near others. For ole, small-lot subdivisions.	0	0	0	0	0		
than 1/2	-family houses on large lots (more 2-acre*) grouped near others. For ole, large-lot subdivisions.	0	0	0	0	0		
	-family houses dispersed around ea – <b>not</b> grouped with others.	0	0	0	0	0		

\* Note: ½ acre = 21,780 square feet: a square, ½ -acre lot would be about 148 feet x 148 feet.

31. To what extent would you encourage or discourage the following kinds of **future** multi-family and special-needs housing development in your community?

	Strongly Discourage	Discourage	Encourage	Strongly Encourage	Neither Encourage Nor Discourage
Multi-family apartment buildings	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile/manufactured home parks	0	0	0	0	0
Duplexes/Two-family houses	0	0	0	0	0
Condominiums/Townhouses	0	0	0	0	0
Housing for seniors	0	0	0	0	0
Housing for people with disabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

#### **New Industry and Production**

32. To what extent would you encourage or discourage the following kinds of future industrial and production development in and around your community?

·	Strongly Discourage	Discourage	Encourage	Strongly Encourage	Neither Encourage Nor Discourage
Large-scale livestock operations	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture-related business	0	0	0	0	0
Warehousing/distribution	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing and assembly	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy industry	0	0	0	0	0
Mineral extraction (gravel quarries, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

#### **New Recreation**

33.	To what extent would you encourage or discourage the following kinds of <b>future</b> recreational
	developments in and around your community?

	Strongly Discourage	Discourage	Encourage	Strongly Encourage	Neither Encourage Nor Discourage
Park space	0	0	0	0	0
Children's playground facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Sport fields (baseball, soccer, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Bicycle and pedestrian trails	0	0	0	0	0
Golf courses	0	0	0	0	0
Areas for scenic enjoyment	0	0	0	0	0
Hunting areas	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing areas	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

### New Commercial Development and Services

34. To what extent would you encourage or discourage the following kinds of **future** commercial and service-related development in and around your community?

	Strongly Discourage	Discourage	Encourage	Strongly Encourage	Neither Encourage Nor Discourage
Convenience stores/ Gas stations	0	0	0	0	0
Antique, craft, and specialty stores	0	0	0	0	0
Shopping centers	0	0	0	0	0
Grocery stores	0	0	0	0	0
Restaurants	0	0	0	0	0
Child care facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Office facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Health facilities (doctor, dentist, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

#### **New Conservation Areas**

35. To what extent would you encourage or discourage establishing or expanding the following types of conservation areas in and around your community?

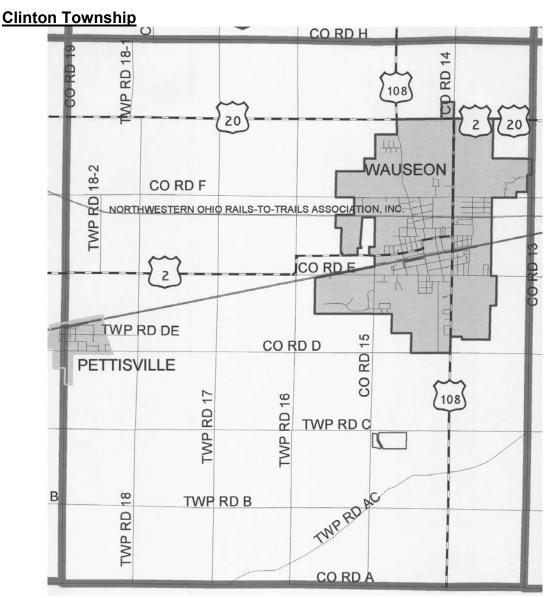
	Strongly Discourage	Discourage	Encourage	Strongly Encourage	Neither Encourage Nor Discourage
Wooded areas	0	0	0	0	0
Grasslands	0	0	0	0	0
Areas adjacent to lakes	0	0	0	0	0
Areas adjacent to rivers and streams	0	0	0	0	0
Wetlands/Marsh	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

#### Future Land Use

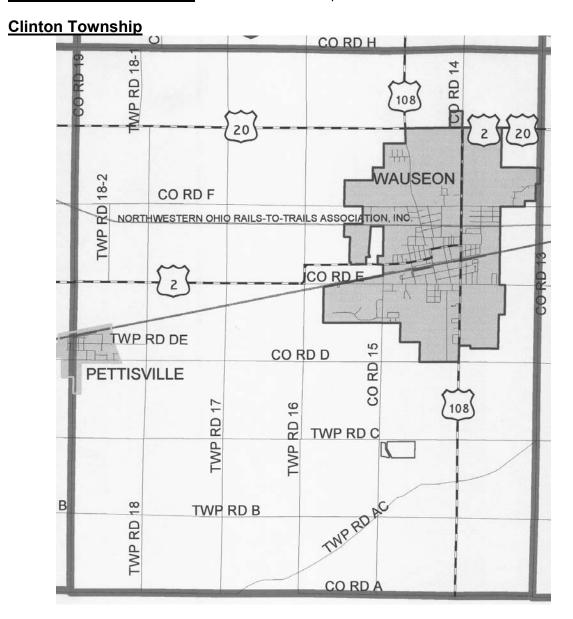
Questions 30-34 asked your opinions regarding specific types of future development. The next several questions use maps of your township to ask where you think various types of new development should occur over the next 20 years.

If you feel that development should not occur in certain areas, include that information as well.

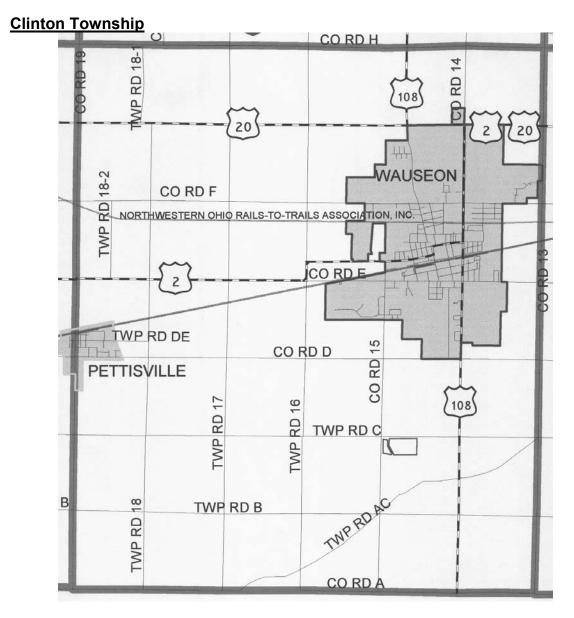
36. Please circle or shade the areas on the map below where you would direct **new housing development** within Clinton Township. Use the area below the map if you would like to add a written description of the areas you identify.



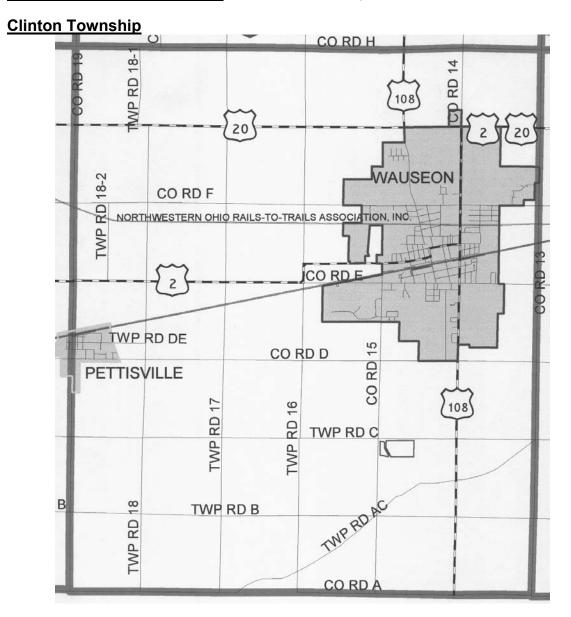
37. Please circle or shade the areas on the map below where you would direct **new industrial and production development** within Clinton Township.



38. Please circle or shade the areas on the map below where you would direct **new recreational development** within Clinton Township.

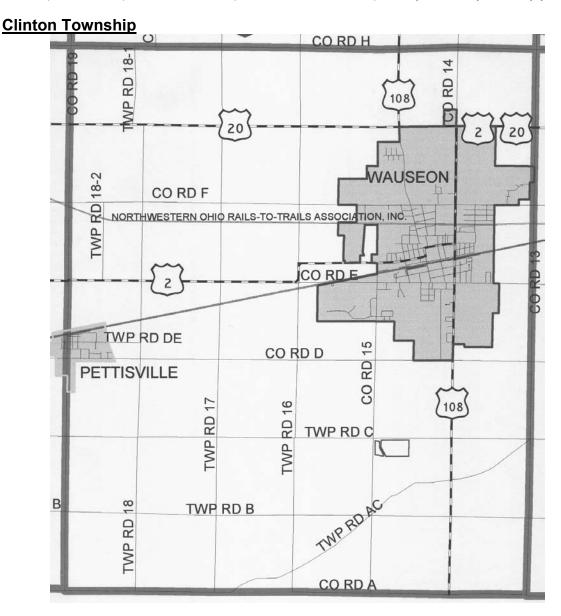


39. Please circle or shade the areas on the map below where you would direct **new commercial and** <u>service-related development</u> within Clinton Township.

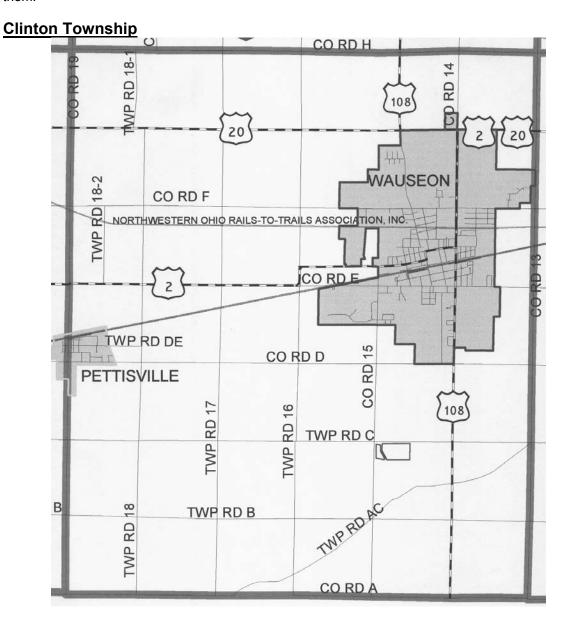


The next several questions ask about places or areas within your township and county that you like and dislike.

40. Using the map below, please identify up to three areas within Clinton Township that you particularly <u>like</u> - places that hold special significance for you or for the community. For example, you might identify a particular park, a pond, a building, a road...something that represents what you like about the township. Use the space below the map to name/describe the places you identify and why you like them.

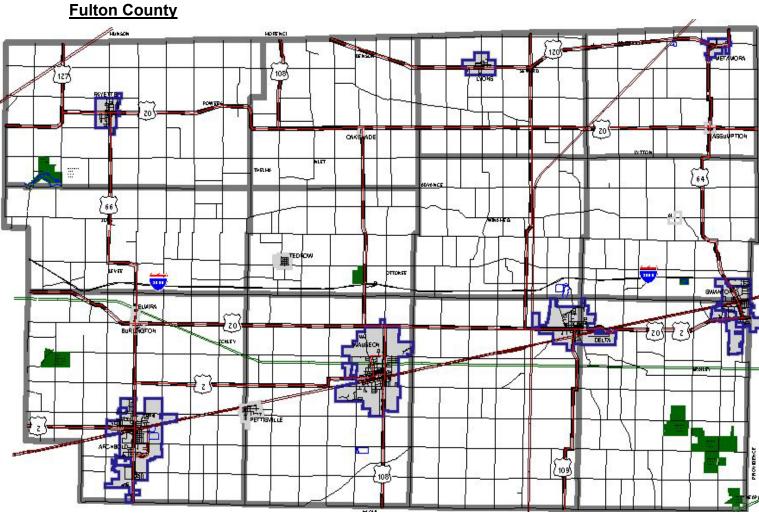


41. Now, please identify up to three areas within Clinton Township that you do not particularly like. Again, use the space below the map to name/describe the places you identify and why you don't like them.

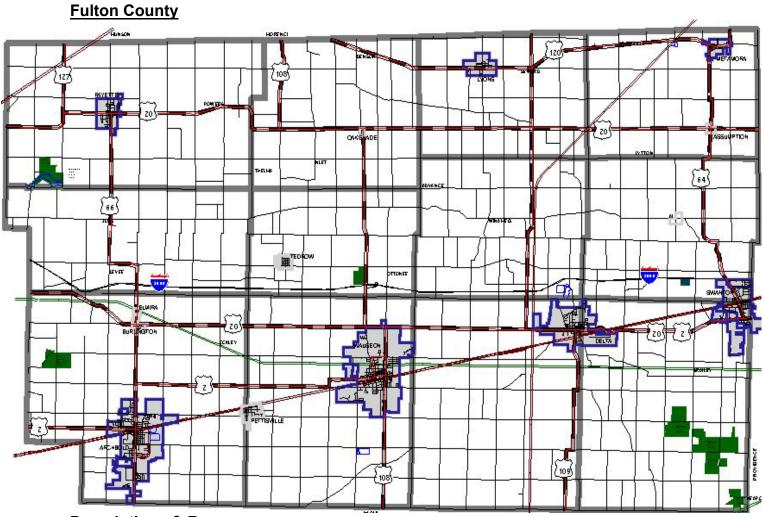


For the next two questions, think about all of Fulton County.

42. Using the map below, please identify up to three areas in **Fulton County** that you particularly like. Use the space below the map to name/describe the places you identify and why you like them.



43. Please identify up to three areas in **Fulton County** that you do not particularly like. Again, use the space below the map to describe the places you identify why you don't like them.



The final question in this section addresses pedestrian and bicycle access in your community.

44. How important to you is the ability to access each of the following types of services/employers in your community by walking or riding a bicycle?

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Convenience stores/Gas stations	0	0	0	0	0
Antique, craft, and specialty stores	0	0	0	0	0
Shopping centers	0	0	0	0	0
Restaurants	0	0	0	0	0
Office facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Health facilities (doctor, dentist, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture-related business	0	0	0	0	0
Warehousing/distribution	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing and assembly	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy industry	0	0	0	0	0

### **OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY DECISIONS**

Communities use a variety of approaches to implement community decisions regarding land use and other issues. This section asks for your reactions to several tools that could be used or expanded in your county and/or community.

#### **Community Plans**

In Ohio, incorporated municipalities may develop their own comprehensive community plans. Unincorporated areas are included in county-level plans.

45.	Which of the statements below best describes your level of knowledge about existing land-use and related planning documents for Fulton County?
	O I am not aware of existing plans
	O I think that plans exist, but I don't know very much about them
	O I am generally familiar with plans for Fulton County
	O I am very knowledgeable about the existing plans

46.	Which statement best describes your level of awareness about current planning efforts for Fulton County? (Select one.)
	O Prior to receiving this survey, I was not aware of current planning efforts.
	O I have heard about planning efforts, but I don't know very much about them.
	O I am generally familiar with the current planning efforts.
	O I am very knowledgeable about the current planning efforts.

O Strongly Unsupportive	O Unsupportive	O Supportive	O Strongly Supportive	O No Opinion
evelopment and	<u>Conservation</u>			
Ordinances (develo	ped by local governme	ents) can define the ty	pes of activities pe	ermitted in different
	ent would you support roodlands, and land ac nty?			
O Strongly Unsupportive	O Unsupportive	O Supportive	O Strongly Supportive	O No Opinion
wetlands, w	ent would you support roodlands, and land ac ulton County?			areas such as d villages (incorporated
O Strongly Unsupportive	O Unsupportive	O Supportive	Strongly Supportive	O No Opinion
puildings together of parcel permanently can be built on a parally sensitive areas  To what ext	developments protect n part of a parcel of la undeveloped. Using t rcel, but they are built , farmland, or other sp ent would you encoura	nd leaving the remain his approach, just as on smaller lots so tha ecial features are left age or discourage this	der of the many homes t environmen-undeveloped.	Example: Instead of building 8 home on 5-acre lots in a 40-acre parcel of land, a develope following this approach might develop 10 homes of 1/2 - acre lots and preserve the remaining 35 acres.
O Strongly Discourage	O Discourage	O Encourage	O Strongly Encourage	O Neither Encourage Nor Discourage
	ent would you encoura d areas) in Fulton Cou		type of developme	ent in <u>cities and villages</u>
O Strongly Discourage	O Discourage	O Encourage	O Strongly Encourage	O Neither Encourage Nor

to protecto an or	ct land. In the	ry or permanent develon his type of transaction, heat will not develop the hership rights like farm	a landowner voluntar land. The landowner	ily sells the right to de	velop a land parcel
		ent would you support development rights for			purchasing
	O rongly pportive	O Unsupportive	O Supportive	O Strongly Supportive	O No Opinion
		ent would you support (for example, 10- to 20			
	O rongly pportive	O Unsupportive	O Supportive	O Strongly Supportive	O No Opinion
54.	advantage o O I do O Very O Like O Unli O Very	gricultural or undevelous opportunities to prote not own agricultural or likely to consider giving up kely to consider giving y unlikely to consider guilt to consider giving y unlikely to consider guilt know/No opinion	ect your land by selling undeveloped land in ng up development rigo development rights up development rights	g development rights? Fulton County ghts for compensation for compensation ts for compensation	? (Select one.)
55.	you would lil O The O The O The	and is offered for sale in the to see the land used land should be used a land should be kept in land should be used in the popinion	d after the sale? (Sel is the new owner des agricultural use or us	ect one) ires sed for agriculture-rela	

#### **Interaction With You**

	0	Local newspapers Television	0	Community newsletters Public meetings
		Radio Letters sent to my home		Computer (web sites, e-mail, etc.) Other:
Using t	the s s wh	pace below, please identify specificere you would notice information a	c con bout	nmunity newspapers or other information <u>community</u> planning efforts.
How w	ould	you prefer to receive information a	bout	county-level planning? (Select all that apply
How w	0	Local newspapers	0	Community newsletters
How w	0	Local newspapers Television	0	Community newsletters Public meetings
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## Thank you for your time and assistance!

Please use the opposite page for any additional comments or suggestions, and return the completed questionnaire in the envelope provided.

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