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Online Survey Lets Residents Weigh In on Creation of Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan

HARRISBURG, PA – A new online survey is giving local residents and businesses a chance to make their voices heard on the future of Dauphin County.

According to Dauphin County Planning Coordinator Leah Eppinger, AICP, the survey will help to shape the county's comprehensive plan, a "living document that guides county and municipal officials and helps them to develop their own long-range plans."

Created by the Dauphin County Planning Commission, the survey covers a wide variety of issues, including the following examples:

- land use -- growth and development, recreation and zoning;
- housing -- ensuring a supply of housing choices for people of all income levels and needs;
- economic development -- attracting business and creating jobs;
- transportation -- daily commuting, public transportation and bicycle and pedestrian travel;
- natural resources and the environment -- agriculture, utilities, recycling, water and wildlife;
- community service -- healthcare, libraries and emergency services;
- and culture -- managing the county's historical and archaeological resources.

"Knowing what their citizens want helps communities to prioritize what's important to them," Eppinger said. "This survey is a chance for people to become more involved in decisions that affect everyone, especially when it comes to maintaining a balance between smart growth and the unique personalities of individual communities. That's the aim of the county's comprehensive plan."

As an added incentive to fill out the survey, participants can enter a drawing for one of three \$25 gift certificates to a Dauphin County restaurant, Eppinger said.

To complete the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCCompPlan>. Deadline is May 27.

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