



Introduction

This survey is an opportunity for residents and neighbors of Berkeley County to share opinions about the future growth and development of the County. Your feedback will be used by the County's staff, Planning Commission, and County Commission as we work to update the County's Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is the County's most important document regarding growth and development for the next 10 to 15 years. It establishes important visions and goals for public and private activities as they relate to land use and community facilities. The Plan is the basis for land development regulations, capital improvements and public facilities investments, and environmental and historic resource protection.

Note: This Plan will NOT address growth and development within the City limits of incorporated Martinsburg.

Survey Details

Survey Dates: April 5 to May 24, 2025

Paper Copies: Pick up at the County Administration Building, Planning Department, 400 W Stephen St #203, Martinsburg, WV 25401. Return the survey to the same location by Friday, May 23, 2025.

Questions? Contact Laura Hoffmaster, Senior Planner, at (304) 267-5000 ext. 8165 or at lhoffmaster@berkeleywv.org

Visit <https://www.berkeleywv.org/807/Comprehensive-Plan> to take this survey online and stay informed about the plan process!

Questions

1. What concerns you the most about Berkeley County's future? (Choose up to four):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Growth & Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate police, fire, & Rescue (EMS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Community Services (e.g., library, social services) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities (water, sewer, gas, electricity) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of Living | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance, Traffic, & Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Rural Character, Natural Resources & Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Parks & Recreation Facilities | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Healthcare | | |

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2. What should Berkeley County prioritize as it plans for the future? (Choose up to four):

- Limiting Growth & Development
- Property Maintenance
- Public Water & Sewer
- Waste & Recycling
- Broadband Expansion
- More Healthcare Options (Hospital, Clinic)
- Expanding Fire & Rescue (EMS)
- Expanding Law Enforcement
- Housing Affordability
- Parks and Recreation
- Trails & Sidewalks
- Tourism/Agritourism
- Job Skills Training
- Expanding Employment
- Business Development
- Protect Natural Resources
- Protect Historic & Cultural Resources
- Other: _____

3. What kinds of jobs are most needed in Berkeley County? (Choose all that apply):

- Agriculture, Forestry
- Childcare/Pre-K
- Public Education K-12
- Retail/Restaurant
- Medical/Healthcare
- Government
- Technology/Computer Science
- Warehousing & Distribution
- Manufacturing
- Tourism
- Professional Services
- Small Business/Self Employment
- Trades (e.g., carpentry, electrical, HVAC)
- Other: _____

4. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the County? (Choose one for each):

Land Use	Encourage	Discourage	No Opinion
Agriculture and forestry			
Outdoor recreation, tourism, and agritourism (hiking, biking, fishing, camping, roadside stands, etc.)			
Public parks (playgrounds, sports fields, trails, etc.)			
Low-density residential development (e.g., single-unit detached homes)			
High-density residential development (e.g., multi-unit apartments or townhomes)			
Commercial development (e.g., shops, restaurants, offices)			
Community services (e.g., health care, libraries, social services)			
Mixed-use (e.g., commercial, office, and residential together)			
Warehousing, data, and distribution centers			
Light industrial with <i>limited</i> external impacts (noise, truck traffic, etc.)			
Heavy industrial with external impacts (noise, truck traffic, debris)			
Short-term rentals (e.g., Airbnb, VRBO)			

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5. Please share one word you hope will describe Berkeley County in 2040.

Demographic Survey Questions

Questions 6-9 ask for anonymous demographic information and are optional for completion.

6. What is your residential status in Berkeley County? (Choose all that apply):

- County Resident Property Owner Visitor Only Seasonal Resident

7. How long have you lived in Berkeley County?

- Less than 3 years 3-5 years 5-10 years 10-20 years Over 20 years
- I do not live in Berkeley County

8. What is your employment status in Berkeley County?

- I work in the County I commute outside of the County I work from home Retired
- I own a business in the County Student Other: _____

9. What age group are you in?

- Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44
- 45-54 55-64 65+