



# PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

**We want to hear your ideas on how Culver can leave a lasting legacy through the Future!**

**The Town of Culver needs your input to help navigate the development of the Destination2040 - Culver Comprehensive Plan. This Plan will help establish a long-term vision, address major barriers, foster partnerships, and create solutions that offer better choices for where and how we live, work, and play in Culver.**

**We appreciate your time and feedback for participating in this survey! Answers are confidential, anonymous, and only used for statistical purposes.**

**Follow the Town on Facebook @townofculver or visit the Plan website at [www.culver2040.com](http://www.culver2040.com) to be notified of future events! Contact Donny Ritsema with MACOG at 574-287-1829, ext. 503 or [dritsema@macog.com](mailto:dritsema@macog.com) for questions.**

**Please return the survey to the  
Town Manager at Town Hall  
200 E. Washington St.  
Culver, IN 46511**

## Defining Culver Today

Strengths of a community is one of its greatest assets to leverage in planning for its future. Determining what you like or love about Culver will help guide the Town to understand what its residents' value about their community. Additionally, letting the Town know of your concerns can help local leaders understand the areas the community falls short that could likely limit future opportunities.

The following questions are intended to help the Town have a better understanding of how its residents perceive Culver.

### 1. What do you think are Culver's top 3 greatest strengths? (Select 3)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The small-town atmosphere and community character | <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable utilities                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to parks and recreational amenities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town services and communication with residents    | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to biking and walking trails        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-quality schools                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to attract tourists and visitors   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality and price of housing                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of community events                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse housing options                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Lake Maxinkuckee              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse employment opportunities                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to healthcare options               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of local businesses to eat and shop       | <input type="checkbox"/> Library & other community facilities       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                      |   |

**2. What are your top 3 greatest concerns about Culver and its future? (Select 3)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Losing the small-town feeling              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rising utility prices  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime and safety                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough things for kids to do                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough resources for seniors                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overcrowding schools                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough high paying jobs                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Losing green space and natural areas       | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough support to help entrepreneurs or local businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much growth                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of childcare and Pre-Kindergarten services              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlively or vacant storefronts in downtown | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of broadband/high-speed internet                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited choices in housing types           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising housing prices                      |   |

**3. Based on your greatest strengths and concerns about Culver, how would you rate Culver's quality of life?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**4. What is your opinion of the amount of growth and development occurring in Culver?**

- There is not enough growth happening
- There is the right amount of growth happening
- There is too much growth happening

# Defining Destination2040

## Future Priorities

Going through a comprehensive planning process provides a unique opportunity for Town leaders and residents come together to create a plan of action to guide future development and create programs that leaves a lasting legacy for all current and future residents to be proud of calling Culver their home.

The following questions are intended to help the Town identify what should be the future priorities to achieve Culver’s future vision related to the bolded topics.

### 5. **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Identify the topics you think should be a priority for Culver. (Select all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support downtown vibrancy (improve building facades and storefronts, streetscape, attracting and retaining local businesses, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Incentives or tools for promoting new development                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balanced growth of residential, commercial, and industrial development   | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic preservation (including historically significant sites or buildings) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical and financial assistance for entrepreneurs and small businesses  | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality, diverse, and affordable housing                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce training opportunities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelop vacant properties   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving and promoting agricultural land   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

**6. RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT: Identify the topics you think should be a priority for Culver. (Select all that apply)**

- The types and scale of parks available (small neighborhood parks, large community parks, or dog parks)
- Better connections to a Town park, trail, community center, etc.
- Offer educational programs or activities (recreation classes, environmental programs, community gardens)
- Offer community events and festivals
- Promote the Lake for tourism and economic development opportunities
- Initiatives to improve the community's health and wellness
- Enhance existing parks' playgrounds and amenities
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SERVICES: Identify the topics you think should be a priority for Culver. (Select all that apply)**

- Quality utilities (water, wastewater, and stormwater drainage)
- Access to high-speed internet service
- Community protective safety services including police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS)
- Quality education system
- Hazard mitigation (such as flooding, natural disasters, or national crises)
- Health and wellness services including hospitals or clinics
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. TRANSPORTATION: Identify the topics you think should be a priority for Culver. (Select all that apply)**

- Improve traffic congestion, roadway safety, and intersections
- Add public transportation
- Roadway or streetscape maintenance (resurfacing pavement, sealing cracks, landscape maintenance, etc)
- Direct access to US 31
- Access to sidewalks and bicycle lanes and promotion as forms of active transportation
- Roadway or streetscape beautification (street trees, lighting, planters, etc)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Defining Destination2040

## Future Development

The following questions are intended to help guide discussions during the planning process to answer the question, "What does Culver look like in 2040?"

### 9. What kind of neighborhood do you imagine you'll want to live in 5 years from now? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A residential neighborhood of entirely single family houses                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> An age-restricted senior community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A residential neighborhood connected to a trail system  | <input type="checkbox"/> A multi-family apartment complex   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A residential neighborhood with a mixture of housing types and no commercial                      | <input type="checkbox"/> A condo                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town center (or Village center) style mixed-use neighborhood with homes, shops, and entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                       |

### 10. What types of housing do you think Culver needs more of in the future? (Select all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family homes on large lots (more than 0.5 acres)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Townhomes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family homes on smaller lots (less than 0.5 acres)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Small multi-family buildings (two stories or less) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family homes with accessory dwelling units (garage apartments, mother-in-law suites, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium multi-family buildings (3-5 stories)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Duplexes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live/work units (home above a shop/office)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                       |

**11. What type of businesses do you think Culver needs more of in the future?  
 (Select all that apply)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office developments (company headquarters, large satellite office campus, and/or business parks)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-working/workshare/entrepreneur spaces                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major manufacturing (warehousing, distribution, and logistics) and/or light manufacturing developments (production of small goods, fabrication, and display showrooms) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery stores   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical institutions or supporting facilities (hospitals and local health clinics)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized local stores (boutiques, bakeries, antique stores, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service-oriented (childcare, drug stores, hair salons, banks, lodging, etc)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unique local destination restaurants                                 |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chain restaurants  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

**12. What type of recreation and leisure activities do you think Culver needs more of in the future? (Select all that apply)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks (small neighborhood parks, large community parks, dog parks) and open green spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Agritourism (i.e. wineries, orchards, etc)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds and amenities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theaters and performance spaces, and/or outdoor even spaces  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-use trails   | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs or activities (recreation classes, environmental programs, community gardens) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports fields and community centers (youth and senior centers)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

**13. Are there any other foreseeable issues that may impact the community that you'd like us to keep in mind in preparing the Comprehensive Plan?**

## Defining Culver's Trail System

The Town of Culver wants to establish a consistent brand and message for its trail system to promote wayfinding to destinations in Culver. The following questions are intended to help identify a trail brand that reflects the culture and lifestyle Culver has to offer.

### 14. Describe the appeal of the trails in Culver in 3 words.

### 15. How often do you use the trails in Culver?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Almost every day     | <input type="checkbox"/> A few times per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A few times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> A few times per year  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never                |  |

### 16. What are your top 3 motivations for using the trails?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have fun               | <input type="checkbox"/> Observe nature                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relax or find solitude | <input type="checkbox"/> Spend time with family/friends          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise               | <input type="checkbox"/> Events                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise for my pet    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/commuting or run errands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & wellness      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

**17. Which of the following activities do you like to do on the trails?  
(Select all that apply)**

Bicycling

In-line skating

Walking

Skateboarding

Running/jogging

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**18. What are the top destinations you visit when you take the trails?**

**19. How would you describe your vision for trails in Culver?**

## Trail Brand Style & Design

Visual identity is a critical component for a successful brand. The logos of successful brands have been as simple as using a word like “Amazon” or a symbol like “Nike”. The following questions are intended to help the Town have a better understanding of your visual preference on the style and design for logos.

In order for the Town to design a trail logo that best reflects the preferred style of its residents, share your favorite 3 local or national branded logos that are successful and describe why.

### 20. Name Brand/Logo #1. Why is it successful?

### 21. Name Brand/Logo #2. Why is it successful?

### 22. Name Brand/Logo #3. Why is it successful?

### 23. Are there any words or phrases that should be included in the trail name, graphics, and branding?

## About You

The following “about you” demographic questions are primarily intended for the Town to know that we’re achieving a broad representation of local residents and who might be participating in the survey.

### 24. How old are you?

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17 or younger | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24       | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34       | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44       |                                      |

### 25. Which best describes your connection to Culver?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in the Town of Culver          | <input type="checkbox"/> I vacation in the summer in or near Culver                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in the area surrounding Culver | <input type="checkbox"/> I like to visit Culver                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work in or near Culver              | <input type="checkbox"/> My children attend Culver Academy or Culver public schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |   |

### 26. If you live in or in the area surrounding Culver, which of the following best describes your living situation?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in Culver year-round in a home I own  | <input type="checkbox"/> I live in Culver part-time in a home I rent                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in Culver year-round in a home I rent | <input type="checkbox"/> I live outside of Culver and rent out a home I own in Culver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in Culver part-time in a home I own   |   |

### 27. How long have you lived in or near Culver?

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 5 years  | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 20 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 21+ years     |

### 28. What is your racial background?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native         | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Other Pacific Islander |  |



Please provide any additional comments about how Culver can leave a lasting legacy and your vision of Culver for 2040.

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