

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Question 1: Jefferson County should adopt a clear set of land use policies and regulations to guide the location and type of rural development.

Strongly Agree	70	54.3%
Agree	41	31.8%
Disagree	10	7.8%
Strongly Disagree	5	3.9%
No Opinion	0	0.0%
No Response	3	2.3%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 2: Jefferson County should relax its land use policies and regulations so that all development can respond more freely to market conditions.

Strongly Agree	14	10.9%
Agree	16	12.4%
Disagree	41	31.8%
Strongly Disagree	53	41.1%
No Opinion	2	1.6%
No Response	3	2.3%
Total	129	100.0%

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Question 3: Jefferson County's land use policies and regulations should emphasize preserving the rural and agricultural character of the countryside.

Strongly Agree	68	52.7%
Agree	37	28.7%
Disagree	14	10.9%
Strongly Disagree	8	6.2%
No Opinion	0	0.0%
No Response	2	1.6%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 4: Jefferson County should generally encourage nonagricultural-related businesses and industries to locate within cities and villages, where public utilities are available, rather than in rural areas.

Strongly Agree	55	42.6%
Agree	52	40.3%
Disagree	10	7.8%
Strongly Disagree	7	5.4%
No Opinion	2	1.6%
No Response	3	2.3%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 5: Jefferson County should actively encourage higher density development in the townships contiguous to cities and villages where public utilities are most likely to become available.

Strongly Agree	27	20.9%
Agree	58	45.0%
Disagree	23	17.8%
Strongly Disagree	9	7.0%
No Opinion	11	8.5%
No Response	1	0.8%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 6: Jefferson County should adopt a “no-growth” policy and prohibit all residential development in rural areas.

Strongly Agree	22	17.1%
Agree	26	20.2%
Disagree	38	29.5%
Strongly Disagree	35	27.1%
No Opinion	4	3.1%
No Response	4	3.1%
Total	129	100.0%

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Question 7: Jefferson County should permit more development in the rural areas of Jefferson County.

Strongly Agree	8	6.2%
Agree	35	27.1%
Disagree	31	24.0%
Strongly Disagree	47	36.4%
No Opinion	6	4.7%
No Response	2	1.6%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 8: If Jefferson County accommodates new development along public roads and highways, the County should require it to be clustered with landscape buffering.

Strongly Agree	23	17.8%
Agree	68	52.7%
Disagree	12	9.3%
Strongly Disagree	9	7.0%
No Opinion	13	10.1%
No Response	4	3.1%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 9: Jefferson County should use zoning and other land use regulations to protect and preserve identified environmental areas and corridors.

Strongly Agree	45	34.9%
Agree	64	49.6%
Disagree	9	7.0%
Strongly Disagree	4	3.1%
No Opinion	3	2.3%
No Response	4	3.1%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 10: Jefferson County should adopt stricter ordinances to limit the size and number of highway billboards.

Strongly Agree	53	41.1%
Agree	43	33.3%
Disagree	8	6.2%
Strongly Disagree	4	3.1%
No Opinion	20	15.5%
No Response	1	0.8%
Total	129	100.0%

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Question 11: Jefferson County should limit development on hillsides and hilltops.

Strongly Agree	28	21.7%
Agree	25	19.4%
Disagree	34	26.4%
Strongly Disagree	18	14.0%
No Opinion	23	17.8%
No Response	1	0.8%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 12: If Jefferson County accommodates new development in rural areas, greater emphasis should be placed on aesthetic quality.

Strongly Agree	31	24.0%
Agree	63	48.8%
Disagree	14	10.9%
Strongly Disagree	6	4.7%
No Opinion	13	10.1%
No Response	2	1.6%
Total	129	100.0%

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Question 13: It is not appropriate for government to regulate the aesthetic quality of developments.

Strongly Agree	14	10.9%
Agree	21	16.3%
Disagree	52	40.3%
Strongly Disagree	23	17.8%
No Opinion	16	12.4%
No Response	3	2.3%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 14: Jefferson County should charge "impact fees" to finance the costs of public services required by new development.

Strongly Agree	34	26.4%
Agree	50	38.8%
Disagree	20	15.5%
Strongly Disagree	14	10.9%
No Opinion	9	7.0%
No Response	2	1.6%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 15: Jefferson County should charge zoning, land division and building permit fees sufficient to cover the entire cost of reviewing and administering ordinance requirements.

Strongly Agree	32	24.8%
Agree	53	41.1%
Disagree	27	20.9%
Strongly Disagree	5	3.9%
No Opinion	9	7.0%
No Response	3	2.3%
Total	129	100.0%

OPEN SPACE, CONSERVANCY, AND RECREATION POLICIES

Question 16: Jefferson County should acquire more public conservancy areas to preserve identified environmentally-sensitive sites, wildlife habitats, and unique natural resources.

Strongly Agree	46	35.7%
Agree	45	34.9%
Disagree	18	14.0%
Strongly Disagree	9	7.0%
No Opinion	9	7.0%
No Response	2	1.6%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 17: Jefferson County should acquire land and/or access easements to create recreational trails and open space corridors along major rivers.

Strongly Agree	26	20.2%
Agree	52	40.3%
Disagree	24	18.6%
Strongly Disagree	13	10.1%
No Opinion	13	10.1%
No Response	1	0.8%
Total	129	100.0%

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Question 18: Jefferson County should promote recreation trails and bicycle routes connecting to regional trail systems, such as the Glacial Drumlin Trail and the Ice Age Trail.

Strongly Agree	27	20.9%
Agree	63	48.8%
Disagree	17	13.2%
Strongly Disagree	10	7.8%
No Opinion	11	8.5%
No Response	1	0.8%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 19: Jefferson County should expand the number, size and location of county parks.

Strongly Agree	16	12.4%
Agree	47	36.4%
Disagree	32	24.8%
Strongly Disagree	10	7.8%
No Opinion	23	17.8%
No Response	1	0.8%
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Question 20: If Jefferson County acquires additional land for parks and trails, how would you rank the need for the following types of outdoor recreation facilities?

N/R=No Response

	Low Priority					High Priority	
	1	2	3	4	5	N/R	Total
All-terrain vehicle trails	90 69.8%	7 5.4%	12 9.3%	4 3.1%	8 6.2%	8 6.2%	129 100.0%
Ball diamonds	26 20.2%	14 10.9%	48 37.2%	19 14.7%	15 11.6%	7 5.4%	129 100.0%
Bicycle trails/routes	20 15.5%	14 10.9%	32 24.8%	27 20.9%	31 24.0%	5 3.9%	129 100.0%
Boat landings	24 18.6%	19 14.7%	36 27.9%	19 14.7%	24 18.6%	7 5.4%	129 100.0%
Campgrounds (publicly-owned)	35 27.1%	18 14.0%	37 28.7%	22 17.1%	11 8.5%	6 4.7%	129 100.0%
Cross country ski trails	33 25.6%	13 10.1%	35 27.1%	26 20.2%	17 13.2%	5 3.9%	129 100.0%
Equestrian trails	41 31.8%	19 14.7%	33 25.6%	10 7.8%	19 14.7%	7 5.4%	129 100.0%
Fishing piers	24 18.6%	19 14.7%	36 27.9%	21 16.3%	21 16.3%	8 6.2%	129 100.0%
Golf courses (publicly-owned)	54 41.9%	17 13.2%	27 20.9%	12 9.3%	13 10.1%	6 4.7%	129 100.0%
Hiking trails	18 14.0%	7 5.4%	41 31.8%	29 22.5%	28 21.7%	6 4.7%	129 100.0%
Historic and archaeological sites	18 14.0%	17 13.2%	31 24.0%	20 15.5%	36 27.9%	7 5.4%	129 100.0%
Mountain bike trails	54 41.9%	18 14.0%	24 18.6%	16 12.4%	10 7.8%	7 5.4%	129 100.0%
Natural "wilderness" areas	11 8.5%	9 7.0%	25 19.4%	26 20.2%	53 41.1%	5 3.9%	129 100.0%
Snowmobile trails	56 43.4%	22 17.1%	22 17.1%	12 9.3%	10 7.8%	7 5.4%	129 100.0%
Swimming areas	19 14.7%	18 14.0%	39 30.2%	24 18.6%	23 17.8%	6 4.7%	129 100.0%

FARMLAND PRESERVATION POLICIES

Question 21: Jefferson County should preserve as much prime farmland as feasible.

Strongly Agree	60	46.5%
Agree	44	34.1%
Disagree	9	7.0%
Strongly Disagree	12	9.3%
No Opinion	3	2.3%
No Response	1	0.8%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 22: The Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance currently allows the creation of up to 3 residential lots from farming units, provided the lots are not on tillable prime agricultural soils.

22a. This policy should be continued.

Strongly Agree	26	20.2%
Agree	50	38.8%
Disagree	23	17.8%
Strongly Disagree	22	17.1%
No Opinion	3	2.3%
No Response	5	3.9%
Total	129	100.0%

22b. This policy is too restrictive. Landowners should be allowed to create more rural residential lots.

Strongly Agree	17	13.2%
Agree	12	9.3%
Disagree	32	24.8%
Strongly Disagree	53	41.1%
No Opinion	6	4.7%
No Response	9	7.0%
Total	129	100.0%

22c. This policy is not restrictive enough. Landowners should not be allowed to create this many rural residential lots.

Strongly Agree	33	25.6%
Agree	20	15.5%
Disagree	37	28.7%
Strongly Disagree	26	20.2%
No Opinion	6	4.7%
No Response	7	5.4%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 23: Jefferson County should use revenues collected from property and/or sales taxes to purchase "development rights" from farmers and other landowners as a means of preserving prime farmland, woodlands, and other environmentally important areas.

Strongly Agree	21	16.3%
Agree	37	28.7%
Disagree	24	18.6%
Strongly Disagree	27	20.9%
No Opinion	17	13.2%
No Response	3	2.3%
Total	129	100.0%

Question 24: Jefferson County should explore creative approaches to land use regulations, such as "transferable development rights", that would provide financial incentives to keep land in agricultural use.

Strongly Agree	30	23.3%
Agree	63	48.8%
Disagree	14	10.9%
Strongly Disagree	12	9.3%
No Opinion	8	6.2%
No Response	2	1.6%
Total	129	100.0%