

High Springs Comprehensive Plan Update Survey

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WHAT IS THIS ABOUT AND WHY SHOULD YOU COMPLETE IT?

The City of High Springs is beginning the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a document that establishes the vision for the future. Its objectives are to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community with a focus on quality of life.

Florida Statutes requires that every community updates its Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”) at least every seven years. High Springs is due to submit its updated Plan to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity by April 2021. The City of High Springs has hired Kimley-Horn to facilitate this process.

If you are interested in reading High Springs’ current Comprehensive Plan, you can find it online at www.highsprings2040.com or contact Project Manager Allison Megrath at 352-415-1933 or Allison.Megrath@Kimley-Horn.com.

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

The Comprehensive Plan should reflect the ideas, opinions, and vision of the City’s residents. *Every citizen of High Springs, property owner and/or stakeholder is invited to complete this survey.* Each person may submit the survey to the City only once.

WILL YOUR RESPONSES BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. Your survey responses will be kept confidential. When your survey is received, the first two pages will be separated from the rest of the survey. If you submit the survey online, your personal data will be separated from the rest of the survey.

HOW AND WHERE DO YOU SUBMIT THE SURVEY?

ON PAPER

You may send your survey by U.S. mail to: **Comprehensive Plan Survey
Kimley-Horn
747 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 171, IMB #55
Gainesville, FL 32601**

If you need additional paper copies of the survey so that each member of your household, friends, family, or others can participate, feel free to photocopy it. You may also download copies of the survey and print it at www.highsprings2040.com/survey. Finally, you may contact Project Manager Allison Megrath at 352-415-1933 or Allison.Megrath@Kimley-Horn.com to request a copy.



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ON-LINE

To complete the survey on-line, go to www.highsprings2040.com/survey.

If you still have questions about how to complete or submit the survey, please contact Project Manager Allison Megrath at 352-415-1933 or Allison.Megrath@Kimley-Horn.com.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Resident of High Springs ___ Non-Resident Land Owner ___ Non-Resident Business Owner

Would you like to be included in the Comprehensive Plan Update email list? ___ Yes ___ No

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1. Current employment status?

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Self-employed
- Unemployed and looking for work
- Unable to work
- Full-time homemaker
- Retired
- College/university student
- Grade/middle/high school student

2. Where do you work/attend school?

- City of High Springs
- City of Alachua
- City of Gainesville
- City of Newberry
- Elsewhere in Alachua County
- Outside of Alachua County
- Not applicable

3. What mode of transportation do you use most often to get to work/school?

- Walk
- Personal vehicle
- Carpool/rideshare
- Bus
- Bicycle
- Other _____
- Not applicable (work at home/not employed/retired)

4. How many people live in your home?

5. What is your age bracket?

- 19 or younger
- 20 - 29
- 30 - 39
- 40 - 49
- 50 - 59
- 60 - 69
- 70 - 79
- Prefer not to state

6. Do you consider your housing to be:

- Above average
- Average
- Below average
- Poor

7. If you own land, how many acres?

- <1
- 1-4
- 5-49
- 100 or more

8. What type of structure is your home?

- Single-family
- House/building with two units
- House/building with more than two units
- Mobile or Manufactured home

9. Do you own or rent your residence?

Own

Rent

Not applicable (live with parents/ others/senior citizens home, etc.)

10. How do you use your home?

(check all that apply)

Residence

Business (non-agricultural)

Business (agricultural)

Other _____

11. Do you participate in outdoor recreation?

(Check all that apply)

Hunting

Fishing

Hiking

Jogging/Walking

River/Springs activities

Motocross

Other _____

Nothing available locally that suit my hobbies (indicate what is missing) _____

12. Please check one box for each reason why you choose to live in High Springs and what you value about it.

REASON YOU LIVE IN HIGH SPRINGS	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT APPLICABLE
Rural character				
Natural beauty				
Grew up here				
Housing cost				
Proximity to Gainesville				
Employment				
Sense of community				
Cost of living				
City size				
Investment opportunity				
Proximity to springs				
Cultural and entertainment activities				
Sense of safety				
Other (<i>specify</i>)				

13. For each of the services below, please indicate whether you think the level of service is appropriate, should be increased, or should be decreased. (*Please check only one for each service.*)

SERVICE	APPROPRIATE	INCREASE	DECREASE	NO OPINION
Road maintenance				
Provision of public water and sewer services				
Police protection				
Fire protection/rescue				
City Hall services/hours				
Access to City Leadership (e.g. City Commission, City Manager, etc.)				
Building department				
Internet connectivity				
Cell service				
Street lights				
Sidewalks/bike lanes				
Community events				
Recreational areas				
Services/activities for youth (e.g. recreational, job placement, gathering places, etc.)				
Services/activities for seniors				
Recycling				
Notification of development in the City				
Availability of buildings for public use				
Businesses				
Other (<i>Specify</i>)				

14. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in High Springs? (Check one for each)

LAND USE	ENCOURAGE	DISCOURAGE	NO CHANGE	NO OPINION
Residential development: single-family homes				
Residential development: multi-family units				
Mobile home park				
“Green” building construction				
Affordable housing				
Senior/assisted living				
Public green space				
City parks for active recreation				
City parks for passive recreation				
Commercial development				
Industrial development				
Sidewalks				
Bike paths/lanes				
Protection of natural areas/open space				
Protection of air, soil, and water (streams and groundwater) quality				
Large-scale solar installation (commercial)				
Community center				
Historic preservation				
Additional gas stations/convenience stores				
Grocery/retail stores				
Businesses related to tourism (e.g. bed and breakfasts, restaurants, gift shops, eco-tourism, etc.)				
Home-based businesses				
Professional offices (e.g. medical/dental/legal/technology, etc.)				
Child day care				
Elder care				
Farmer’s market				
Hotel/motel				
Other (specify)				

15. What do you like most about High Springs?

16. What is your biggest concern about the future of High Springs?

17. What would you change about High Springs?

18. On a scale of 1-5, do you believe High Springs has been changing for the better or worse?

(Circle one)

BETTER		NOT CHANGING		WORSE
1	2	3	4	5

19. Please feel free to provide any additional comments below.



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Remember, please visit the project website at www.HighSprings2040.com for more information, upcoming opportunities for public input, and project documents.