

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is a Comprehensive Plan?*

A comprehensive plan is a strategic guide that expresses the values and aspirations of a community. It is the broadest public policy document our community can create and will set forth the long-range vision for development, transportation, economic development and other topics. It will also include updates to the previous Comprehensive Plan's transportation section and the County's Thoroughfare Plan. The comprehensive plan document gives a universal view of the whole county, is a tool to prepare for change and acts as both a business plan and guidebook for decision-makers. The Plan is not a legally binding document, but it can serve as a foundation for budgeting decisions, zoning ordinances, land development regulations and more.

2. *Why does Clark County need to update its Comprehensive Plan?*

The existing (1999) Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated to reflect current trends and priorities. Regular comprehensive planning represents good stewardship and establishes a foundation for well-supported policies to create the best possible future.

3. *Who is leading the planning process?*

A citizen steering committee was established to help guide the public process and the plan's recommendations. Members were selected to reflect the county's diverse backgrounds and interests. Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) staff, in partnership with the County and City of Springfield, has been working closely with a planning consulting team to facilitate the steering committee's work, convene public workshops, conduct technical work and draft the plan.

4. *Is there a role for residents to get involved?*

YES! County leaders are committed to an open and inclusive process. Anybody that cares about the future of Clark County will be able to participate and contribute their ideas and insight. For details about the process and to learn about opportunities to participate, a portion of the Clark County-Springfield TCC website (accessible at www.ConnectClarkCounty.org) has been dedicated to the planning process.

5. *Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas?*

You are an expert if you live or work in Clark County. Who knows the community better than someone who lives or works here?

6. *What is the timeline for completing the plan?*

The plan and associated implementation strategies will be completed in February 2018.

7. *Where can I learn more?*

For more information about this exciting opportunity please visit www.ConnectClarkCounty.org, or contact: Cory Lynn Golden, cgolden@clarkcountyohio.gov or (937) 521-2131.

Thank you for your participation!