2026 City of Cannon Falls Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

The City of Cannon Falls is in the process of obtaining a new comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan will assist the City in prioritizing its future. The following is a brief survey to gather local input. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. There is also an online version of the survey which can be found by accessing the QR code below or you can use this link: **bit.ly/cannonfalls**

Completed Surveys can be returned to Cannon Falls City Hall by Friday, A ril 20th, 2026 to be included in the results.

This survey is distributed by Community & Economic Development Associates (CEDA). CEDA provides municipal planning services to communities across the Midwest. The City has contracted with CEDA to conduct the comprehensive plan. The results of the survey will be showcased in the City's final comprehensive plan.

For questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Annie Nichols (annie.nichols@cedausa.com), or contact Cannon Falls City Hall. Thank you for supporting your community!

Best,

City of Cannon Falls + Community & Economic Development Associates

Cannon Falls Comprehensive Plan - Community Survey

Section 1 - Demographic Information (1-7)

1. What is your gender?
☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Prefer not to say

2. What is your age?
☐ Under 18
☐ 18-24
☐ 25-34
☐ 35-44
☐ 45-54
☐ 55-64
☐ Over 65

3. Are you a current resident of Cannon Falls?
☐ Yes
☐ No

4. How long have you lived in Cannon Falls?
☐ 5 years or less
☐ 6-10 years
☐ 11-15 years
☐ 16-20 years
☐ 21 years or more
☐ I live outside of Cannon Falls

5. What is your current relationship to Cannon Falls? *Select as many that apply*
☐ Resident of the City of Cannon Falls
☐ Work in the City of Cannon Falls
☐ Business owner in the City of Cannon Falls
☐ Retired
☐ Student
☐ Business owner in a nearby community
☐ Resident of a nearby community
☐ Visitor of the City of Cannon Falls
☐ Live outside of the City of Cannon Falls
☐ Other:_____

6. Please select the industry that most closely aligns with your current job.
☐ Agriculture
☐ Arts, entertainment, or recreation
☐ Construction, manufacturing, warehousing etc.
☐ Customer services, retail, or food services etc.
☐ Educational services
☐ Finance, insurance, real estate etc.
☐ Forestry, fishing, hunting, or mining
☐ Healthcare and social services
☐ Other services and/or utilities
☐ Professional, research, management, scientific etc.
☐ Government services
☐ Retired
☐ I am not presently employed

7. What is your household income range?
☐ Less than $10,000
☐ $10,000-$14,999
☐ $15,000-$24,999
☐ $25,000-$34,999
☐ $35,000-$49,999
☐ $50,000-$74,999
☐ $75,000-$99,999
☐ $100,000-$149,999
☐ $150,000-$199,999
☐ $200,000 or more

Section 2 – Home Ownership Questions (1 - 9)
Please answer all questions as they relate to your home in Cannon Falls.

1. What is your current housing situation?
- ☐ I own the home I currently live in
- ☐ I rent the home I currently live in
- ☐ Other:_____

2. What type of home do you live in?
- ☐ Single Family Home
- ☐ Duplex or Townhome
- ☐ Apartment
- ☐ Assisted Living
- ☐ Mobile Home
- ☐ Other: _____

3. How many people live in your household?
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3-4
- ☐ 5+

4. How much do you currently pay for housing per month?
(Housing cost includes mortgage or rent, insurance, and taxes.)
- ☐ Less than $500
- ☐ $500 to $999
- ☐ $1,000 to $1,499
- ☐ $1,500 to $1,999
- ☐ $2,000 or more

5. Will you consider moving in the next 5 years?
- ☐ Yes, I am interested in moving out of the City of Cannon Falls
- ☐ Yes, I am interested in finding a home that better suits my/my family's needs
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No

6. How much are you willing to spend on housing per month?
(Housing cost includes mortgage or rent, insurance, and taxes.)
- ☐ Less than $500
- ☐ $500 to $999
- ☐ $1,000 to $1,499
- ☐ $1,500 to $1,999
- ☐ $2,000 or more

7. What is your preferred housing type if you were to relocate?
- ☐ Single Family Home
- ☐ Duplex or Townhome
- ☐ Apartment
- ☐ Assisted Living
- ☐ Mobile Home
- ☐ Other _____

8. What is your preferred home size? *(Number of bedrooms)*
- ☐ Efficiency/Studio
- ☐ One
- ☐ Two
- ☐ Three
- ☐ Four
- ☐ Five or more

9. Do you feel there is a shortage of housing options to suit your needs
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Section 3 – Business Questions (1 - 4)

1. How would you rate the appearance of downtown Cannon Falls?

- ☐ Poor (1)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ Excellent (5)

2. What typically brings you to Downtown Cannon Falls?

- ☐ Job or Work
- ☐ Restaurants and Dining
- ☐ Special Events and Festivals
- ☐ Retail and Shopping

3. What goods or services would you like to see in Cannon Falls?

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4. How would you rate the variety of goods/services available in Cannon Falls?

- ☐ Very unsatisfied (1)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ Very Satisfied (5)

Section 4 – City Services (1 - 3)

1. How would you rate the following City services in Cannon Falls?

Please rate each service listed on a scale of 1 to 5:

(1) Very Unsatisfied
(2) Unsatisfied
(3) Neutral
(4) Satisfied
(5) Very Satisfied

- ☐ Fire Protection
- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Parks and Recreation
- ☐ Library __
- ☐ Pool
- ☐ Trails and Sidewalks
- ☐ Local Streets
- ☐ City Plowing __
- ☐ Stormwater Management __
- ☐ Ease of making utility bill payments __
- ☐ Enforcement of Ordinances and Code Violations__
- ☐ Responsiveness to Concerns __
- ☐ Email Communication

2. What is the most effective way to communicate with you about City news, services, and important notices?

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Newspaper Articles
- ☐ City Website

3. How do you follow along and stay updated with City Council?

- ☐ Attend local Council and Board meetings
- ☐ Watch on Cannon Falls Community TV
- ☐ Watch on Facebook
- ☐ Watch on Youtube
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ None

Section 5 – Natural Environment (1 - 5)

1. How often do you use the City park/trail system?
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

2. If you do not use the City park/trail system, why not?
- ☐ Too far from my home
- ☐ Safety Concerns
- ☐ Poor Maintenance
- ☐ Not Interested
- ☐ Lacks Amenities (lighting, benches, signage etc.)

3. Are you satisfied with the amount of greenspace in Cannon Falls?
- ☐ Very Unsatisfied (1)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ Very Satisfied (5)

4. How do you currently use the river or local waterways?
- ☐ Kayaking, Tubing, and Canoeing
- ☐ Fishing
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Community Events
- ☐ Wildlife Viewing
- ☐ I do not use the river

5. What areas of Cannon Falls' natural environment need more attention, improvement, or protection?
- ☐ Water Resources (river/stream health, water quality & pollution prevention, floodplain and stormwater management)
- ☐ Parks and open space (park maintenance and upgrades, preservation of natural areas, tree canopy)
- ☐ Trails and outdoor recreation (trail maintenance, river access, bike and pedestrian infrastructure)
- ☐ Long-term environmental resilience (Weather preparedness, agricultural land preservation, sustainability efforts)
- ☐ Development and environment balance (Protecting natural areas)
- ☐ Nothing currently needs additional attention

Section 6 – Transportation (1 - 3)

1. What would make you more likely to walk or bike more often?
- ☐ Better Sidewalks
- ☐ Safer Crossings
- ☐ Trail Connections
- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ Traffic Calming
- ☐ Nothing would change my habits
- ☐ Other:_____

2. How safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood?
- ☐ Very Unsafe (1)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ Very Safe (5)

3. What transportation concerns affect you most?
- ☐ Speeding
- ☐ Lack of sidewalks
- ☐ Poor road conditions
- ☐ Snow removal
- ☐ Limited crosswalks
- ☐ Limited lighting
- ☐ Lack of bike lanes
- ☐ Limited transportation options
- ☐ No concerns

3. What is your main mode of transportation?
- ☐ Bike
- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Drive alone
- ☐ Carpool
- ☐ Hiawathaland Transit

Section 7 – General Questionnaire (1 - 5)

1. How would you rate your overall quality of life in Cannon Falls?
- ☐ Very Unsatisfied (1)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ Very Satisfied (5)

2. What is one quality or feature of Cannon Falls that should be preserved in the future?

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3. What is one area where Cannon Falls could improve in the future?

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4. What adjectives (descriptive word) would you use to describe the future of Cannon Falls? (Ex. "vibrant", "beautiful", "sustainable", "lively")

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5. Leave any final comments regarding the community:

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