

Perry Comprehensive Plan - Community Workshop, April 4, 2013

On April 4th, 21 Perry residents and stakeholders participated in a community workshop to provide input on the forthcoming Perry Comprehensive Plan. As part of the workshop, participants were asked to develop "value statements" about their community. **A value statement is a short, general statement (2-3 sentences) that describes what matters most to a person or community.** These value statements are intended to be aspirational- reflecting not only the importance of existing assets in the community, but also the desire to change and improve conditions.

Participants were asked to brainstorm 3-5 of their own value statements and then work in groups to discuss, edit, and prioritize their values. Below is a list of the **group value statements** and **key themes** generated by workshop participants. A full listing of individual value statements brainstormed through this process can be found on the follow pages. These group values statements- along with other input provided through listening sessions and workshops- will be used to generate a **vision** and **guiding principles** for how the community will develop in the next 20 years.

THEME	GROUP VALUE STATEMENT(S)
Arts + culture	We value arts + culture as: -an educational resource -a way to preserve and tell our history -a means of economic development and growth -a way to build partnerships between schools and the Carnegie
Education	Provide educational opportunities for <u>all</u> not just k-12, college-bound (all abilities, non-traditionals, languages); Increase variety of k-12 courses- or access to it; exceptional quality
Education	Retain teachers and their families
Education	Train for jobs that are here now and in the future; Graduate students who can compete/succeed regardless of where they go
Education	Community support needed for school activities and students (not just from parents); advocate for governmental support and mentoring/shadowing from business community
Housing	I value a community that has affordable housing that targets the future Perry: young professionals, young families, and multi-generational housing (granny flats and accessible dwelling units)
Housing	I value a housing stock that accommodates physically challenged (long and short term) people and families and their pets
Housing	I value the traditional Perry that attracts retirees (aging farmers) + single parent households and a diverse workforce who appreciate Perry's affordable housing in close proximity to stores and services
Public Safety	Perry needs a safe place such as a center or a place offering programs for our youth that can provide positive alternative as opposed to getting in trouble
Public Safety	Sufficient budget for the police department for effective patrol, training, community programs, investigative and proactive work- and for having a fully-staffed department of 13 officers
Public Safety	Drug dog with a trained officer and the department funding to effectively maintain that training
Public Safety	Increased budget for the fire department for equipment, training, staffing, as required
Recreation	Finding uses for open space for the community to be involved ("waterpark")
Recreation	Development of permanent fixture that families can access for entertainment and healthy lifestyles (trails, band shell, river access, camping, public pond, water park- zero depth is cheaper)
Recreation	We value a soccer complex where youth and adults can gather to play and socialize in one area
Food/Restaurants	We value having more family-friendly eating establishment in Perry, including a sports bar/grill, that will attract local customers as well as customers from the surrounding area
Food/Restaurants	We value opportunities for all members of our community to have access to healthy foods and job diversity. A community garden that employs disadvantaged people and donates the goods/produce to people in need
Community Character	An engaged citizenry

INDIVIDUAL VALUE STATEMENTS
I want a safe environment for the children
New or updated housing
Recreational areas for our children i.e. soccer complex
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Diversity in Perry is great
Safe environment
Good housing to assist in retail/sales area
Organized draw to historical sites
Respect for all ethnic groups
I value recreational spaces to spend time with friends and family
I value an eating establishment that has more choices to sit and enjoy
I value a safe space where teenaged kids can gather without fear of persecution
I value good books to keep pushing the boundaries of my mind
I value being able to be part of a community that can leave something great to pass on to future generations
I value diversity because we live in a multicultural society and must embrace our differences
I value open spaces because they provide the population with places to interact and engage in recreational activities
I value education because as a society we need it in order to move forward and provide a better future for new generations
I value the bike trail to enjoy the outdoors and exercise with friends and family
I value a smaller community and its sense of safety, as well as a feeling of the ability for a small group to do big things
I value the leadership of the city/government of Perry
Have around 208 children in soccer this season and would like to see a better area for children of all ages to be in the same area to play. This gives the younger children a chance to look up to the older children and keep them interested and out of trouble best we can
Community planning
Specialized healthcare
Open spaces
Recreation
Festivals
Gather people together
Community Unity
Recreational facilities - improvements + new developments
Adaptability
Recreational places
get people together where they can play volleyball, soccer
Soccer complex - area just for that
to leave park space open
quality housing
food / restaurants
diversity
public safety
arts culture
education
healthcare
community caring

INDIVIDUAL VALUE STATEMENTS
housing
Community pride
Family values/ raise kids/value younger citizens/caring for all living beings including pets + animals
Care for elders
Public safety/safe env.
Physical infrastructure
Pets/animal
Clean air + water for future generations
Education, good schools
Shop locally + retail store
Music, art creative
Historic properties
Talented + progressive city government
Work together- cooperation- better organizations
Communicating local events broadly
Understanding + compassion; diversity + representation of Latino + respect all ethnic groups
Public spaces, parks (+ dog park), bike trails for health + recreation
Adequate + attractive + affordable housing + workforce housing
animals are an extension of who we are; we are increasingly a pet pampered country
good schools
parks
talented progressive city government (compilation is great)