“Bowling Green is having an identity crisis. Our young professionals buy houses in Perrysburg because of a perceived identity that Perrysburg is upscale.”

“I heard someone mention how people are moving to Perrysburg, and I think that’s true... but I love the historic downtown and the community feel of BG and I don’t want to live where there are only strip malls! Keep up the great work.”

Bowling Green needs to have new development (zoning) regulations that are up to date and capable of addressing today’s contemporary market and development challenges.

Number of Responses

- Agree Strongly: 172
- Agree: 137
- Neutral: 57
- Disagree: 19
- Disagree Strongly: 9

Bowling Green needs to be able to retain and attract young professionals.

Number of Responses

- Agree Strongly: 208
- Agree: 143
- Neutral: 23
- Disagree: 2
- Disagree Strongly: 0

Bowling Green needs a new comprehensive plan to direct growth and re(development) activities.

Number of Responses

- Agree Strongly: 160
- Agree: 152
- Neutral: 47
- Disagree: 11
- Disagree Strongly: 6
The proposed approach for redeveloping E Wooster will be good for Bowling Green’s future

- **40%** Agree Strongly
- **37%** Agree
- **13%** Neutral
- **5%** Disagree
- **4%** Disagree Strongly

“The proposed approach for redeveloping E Wooster is aesthetically pleasing to me

- **42.09%** Agree
- **28.36%** Agree Strongly
- **18.81%** Neutral
- **4.36%** Disagree
- **2.62%** Disagree Strongly

“BGSU must be encouraged to invest in E. Wooster corridor. Private investment and/or joint private/government projects are necessary. Need to be creative to accomplish project goals.”

“Please balance the aesthetic and ideal with the practical and realistic. A pretty median at the expense of a recent (and hard-won) turn lane could again clog traffic and imperil safety (rear-end crashes) as drivers slow and stop to turn.”

“The east side of Bowling Green needs attention, especially east of I-75. When you get off the ramp there is nothing there and it looks like this city has nothing to offer.”
“Please help families who live south of Wooster near Crim school. In recent years many of those single family homes have been turned in to rental housing and are falling into disrepair. With a great public school nearby, this neighborhood should be attractive to BGSU faculty and staff with families, but it’s quickly becoming a party ghetto.”

“Landlords need to be held accountable for the properties that they own. Upkeep of those properties is essential. I am tired of seeing slum-like conditions in the NE and SE areas of my community.”

“We think that the time has come to consider trading with landlord/developers, allowing re-zoning of selected areas in Wards 1 and 2 so as to allow townhouses or even apartment buildings, IN EXCHANGE for the landlords/developers converting their R-2 rental houses back to single family use. This should be a guaranteed trade; the City should extract real progress toward restoration of our older neighborhoods in exchange for the higher density zoning.”
Conditions in the SE neighborhood of Bowling Green need attention

I support the proposed approach for the SE neighborhood in Bowling Green

“How will we protect these areas when people are allowed to park on the grass, not mow their lawns, not trim or cut their bushes, not repair homes and buildings, not control pets… I would happily invest back into my property and my rental homes if I knew my neighbors weren’t going to park junk cars in their back yard…”

“Be mindful of pre-existing non-conforming uses. People own and purchase their property expecting to be able to continue current uses. Provided they maintain their property reasonably well government should not try to void those uses, at least until they are legally abandoned.”
“I think a parking garage would be beneficial to the downtown area. There are ways that other cities have successfully done this without it sticking out like a sore thumb… a college town with a lot of downtown activity that has successfully done this is Athens, OH. They have a multi-level parking garage that is sort of hidden and nobody notices that it’s a parking garage but it is utilized by many.”

“I believe that it is within our abilities to make BG a more appealing and trendy place to live. I visit Ann Arbor as much as I can when the weather is nice. That city has a healthful vibe. They have safe, wide bike lanes, outdoor seating with umbrellas in the downtown area. They appear to have found a balance between accommodating cars and bikes/walkers.”

“There are a lot of shabby looking places in the most visible places of BG, and that’s a shame for the city. You can’t attract new populations to a town that looks like that. The most important area of a town is downtown. It’s the heart of any city. The downtown is what creates the first impressions on visitors when they first arrive in town. And the downtown in BG is not only Main St. but Wooster as well. Don’t just beautify East Wooster. Make sure the buildings are functional, clean, and up-kept.”
I would be interested in seeing future time and resources dedicated to the following item, which is not currently part of the land use update (select one);

- 35% Annexing land to the west
- 57% Appearance of N/S main commercial corridors
- 8% Creating additional parks

I believe it’s time for Bowling Green to increase its level of reinvestment in itself

- 49% Agree Strongly
- 33% Agree
- 16% Neutral
- 1% Disagree
- 1% Disagree Strongly

I am willing to see more of my tax dollars go towards improving the quality of life in Bowling Green, such as parks, trails, bike lanes, street trees, and other aesthetic improvements

- 38% Agree
- 36% Agree Strongly
- 14% Neutral
- 6% Disagree
- 7% Disagree Strongly

“I think that it is important to enlist the aid of as many citizens as possible, not only in the conceptualizing process but also as volunteers when work/change actually occurs. Please give citizens the opportunity to raise money and/or contribute hours on a regular basis towards those initiatives that are most important to them. City representatives can begin gathering name/contact information immediately so that interested citizens of BG can begin work as soon as they are needed.”
“Landlords should not be viewed as the enemy. Students should not be viewed as the enemy. Bars should not be viewed as the enemy.”

“Someone said that the City needs to decide whether it wants to be married to the university and have industry as a mistress or vice versa. I feel that by making changes that make BG more appealing to college students, young professionals and young families we are actually making the community more attractive to industry as well.”

“BG needs to encourage a progressive vision yet maintain the charms of an ‘olde’ town - preserve the past, but offer QUALITY. A Levis Commons instead of our dying mall would be great. More bike paths and much more attention to the ‘poor side’ of town needs to be paid. Kudos to the planning commission for seeing this and FINALLY doing something about it!!!”

“Quality of life is the most important issue affecting Bowling Green, and that issue most clearly impacts the east side of town. Most of the energy spent updating the plan should be focused on the east side and bringing it up to par with the west side. It’d be great if we could see some creative thought and willpower going toward creating bike lanes and connecting the city and campus, more parks/green spaces, better housing, and more cultural amenities to make BG a vibrant city that attracts and retains young people.”