



## City of Buhl Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off Survey

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The City of Buhl is creating a Comprehensive Plan and would appreciate your involvement. Your feedback will help ensure the Plan reflects the needs, priorities, and values of the community. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and insights!

### Vision

In two (2) words or less, describe what you love about Buhl.

In five (5) words or less, describe which City services you would like the City to focus on in the next 10 years.

In five (5) words or less, describe which infrastructure needs the City should focus on in the next 10 years.

The 2020 Census reported the population of the City of Buhl to be 4,567. In May 2024, the population had grown to 4,764 indicating growth of approximately 4.31%. Is the rate of growth acceptable?

Yes

No

Don't know

## Land Use

Below are various land use designations within the City. Please rank which designations the City should focus on, with "1" being the most important and "4" being least important.

- Residential (Use of land for housing people)
  - Commercial (Use of land for business activities that generate income, such as the sale of goods and services)
  - Industrial (Use of land for manufacturing, processing, storing, or distributing products or producing/refining energy or fuel (ex. plants, sawmills, refineries, etc.))
  - Recreational (Use of land for recreational activities (ex. sports, camping, parks, etc.))
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Please indicate how the City should prioritize its land uses by ranking the following with "1" being the most important and "7" being the least important.

- Large subdivisions (land divided into more than 100 lots)
  - Medium subdivision (land divided into 51-100 lots)
  - Small subdivisions (land divided into 1-50 lots)
  - Rezones (changing the zoning of a property or area to allow for a new use or purpose)
  - Annexations (adding land or territory to City limits)
  - Conditional uses (land use that is allowed in a certain zoning district if certain conditions are met and if approved by planning commission. The conditions of the permit are to help mitigate any negative impact)
  - Agriculture (use of land for growing crops, operating orchards/vineyards, raising and grazing farm animals)
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How do you think the City should balance the need for new development with the need to preserve open space and natural resources?

- Zoning regulations       Conservation easements       Public acquisition
- Other (Please specify)

## Transportation

How would you rate the current condition of the City's road network? This refers to the layout of City streets, not individual street conditions.

Poor

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1

2

3

Excellent

4

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Please share more detail about why you rated this as poor or fair.

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Are there are any transportation challenges or issues that the City should address? Select all that apply.

- Intersections
- Speed
- Public transportation (bus, share taxi's)
- Pedestrian accessibility
- Parking
- Congestion
- Other (Please specify)

# Economic Development

How would you rate the current condition of the City's economy?

Poor

0

1

2

3

Excellent

4

Please share more detail about why you rated this as poor or fair.

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Please rank the industries or businesses the City should attract or retain with "1" being the most important and "7" being the least important.

Manufacturing

Industrial

Agricultural

Retail

Grocery

Dining

Entertainment

Are there any others you think are important?

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Are there specific types of businesses or industries that the City should avoid or discourage?

Manufacturing

Industrial

Agricultural

Retail

Grocery

Dining

Entertainment

Other (Please specify)

# Housing

How would you rate the current housing market for the City of Buhl?

Poor

0

1

2

3

4

Excellent

Please rank the types of housing the City should focus on providing, with "1" being the most important and "7" the least important.

Single-family homes

Apartments

Condominiums

Townhouses

Tiny homes

Accessory Dwelling Unit (a second home on one parcel)

Planned Unity Development (communities with mixed use development)

Are there any other housing types you think are important?

What specific housing challenges or issues should the City prioritize? Select all that apply.

Senior living

Low-income housing

ADA living

Other (Please specify)

How should the City address the needs of vulnerable populations, such as affordable housing, senior housing, and ADA accessibility?

- Rehab vacant properties
- Grants
- Engage local employers
- Partnerships with housing agencies
- Other (Please specify)



## Natural and Cultural Resources

Which natural and cultural resources should the City prioritize or enhance?  
Select all that apply.

Parks

Open space

Natural areas

Historic sites

Sound pollution  
(unwanted or excessive  
sound that can have  
deleterious effects on  
human health, wildlife,  
and environmental  
quality)

Air quality

Light pollution  
(unwanted or excessive  
artificial light that can  
cause adverse effects  
and degrade  
environmental quality)

Other (Please specify)

# Infrastructure

How would you rate the City's current infrastructure, e.g. utilities, roads, public facilities, etc.?

Poor

Excellent

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1

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Please share more detail about why you rated this as poor or fair.

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The City has various infrastructure needs. Please rank these in order of priority with "1" being the highest priority and "11" being the lowest.

- Water infrastructure (wells, pipes, treatment plant, pump stations, equipment, vehicles)
  - Sewer infrastructure (pipes, treatment plants, lift stations, equipment, vehicles)
  - Sanitation trucks
  - Additional Adopt-a-truck
  - Public safety (vehicles, facilities)
  - Library (collections, facilities)
  - New roads
  - Sidewalks/walking paths
  - Airport facilities
  - New park facilities (land, toys, exercise courts, recreational equipment)
  - New pool (upgrade)
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Below are common ways municipalities may choose to pay for infrastructure. How would you prefer that the City pay for its needed infrastructure?

- Impact fees (An impact fee is a fee imposed on a new or proposed development project (growth) to pay for all or a share of the costs of providing public services)
- Increased utility rates
- Bonds (bond is a loan to a company or government that pays investors a fixed rate of return)
- All of the above
- None of the above

Any additional comments?

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How much are you willing to pay annually for your priority infrastructure needs?

- \$0-\$25/year
- \$26-\$50/year
- \$51-\$75/year
- \$76-\$100/year

## Community Facilities and Services

How would you rate the availability and quality of community facilities and services, e.g. schools, libraries, hospitals, and public safety facilities?

Poor

0

1

2

3

Excellent

4

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Please share more detail about why you rated this as poor or fair.

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The City provides a variety of services to its citizens. Please rank these in order of priority with "1" being the highest priority and "16" being the lowest.

Administration

Customer services

Licensing (special events, alcohol, dog, chicken, mobile merchant)

Building permits

Planning & zoning

Code compliance

Water utility

Sewer utility

Sanitation utility

Adopt-a-truck

Utility billing

Public safety

Library

Streets

Airport

Recreation (pool)

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## How would you prefer that the City fund these priorities?

- Impact fees                       Increased utility rates                       All of the above  
 None of the above

Any additional comments?

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## How much are you willing to pay annually for your priority community facility needs?

- \$0-\$25/year                       \$26-\$50/year                       \$51-\$75/year  
 \$76-\$100/year
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## Are there specific community facilities or services the City should prioritize investing in or improving? Select all that apply.

- Schools                       Libraries                       Hospitals  
 Public safety facilities                       Recreation  
 Other (Please specify)

# Intergovernmental

Partnerships between the City of Buhl and the County, the State, and the Federal government are relevant to the City of Buhl's residents and impact the governance of the City's operations and functions at different levels.

Please rate the relationship between the City of Buhl and the listed governments below.

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## County

Poor

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1

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Excellent

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Please share more detail about why you rated this as poor or fair?

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## State

Poor

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Excellent

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Please share more detail about why you rated this as poor or fair?



## Federal

Poor

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Excellent

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Please share more detail about why you rated this as poor or fair?

# Implementation

The following 17 areas are required by Idaho Code 67-6508. Please rank the following considerations when implementing the Comprehensive Plan with "1" being the most important and "17" being the least important.

- Property rights
- Population
- Schools
- Economic development
- Land use
- Natural resources
- Hazardous areas
- Public services
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Special areas or sites
- Housing & residential development
- Community design
- Agriculture
- Implementation
- National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors
- Public airport facilities

Are there any others considerations you think are important?

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Please share more details about the reasons for your rankings in the above question.

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How would you prefer that the City fund these priorities?

- Impact fees                       Increased utility rates                       Bonds (schools, libraries, police and fire facilities)
- All of the above                       None of the above

Any additional comments?

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How do you think the City should involve different agencies and stakeholders in the implementation process? Choose all that apply.

- Open houses                       Workshops                       Surveys/polls
- Community Advisory Board                       Social media outreach                       Attend local service organization meetings
- Other (Please specify)

## Additional Comments

Do you have any additional comments?

# Demographics

## How long have you lived in Buhl?

- Less than 5 years       5-10 years       More than 10 years
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## Do you own or rent your home?

- Own       Rent  
 Other (Please specify)

## What is your gender?

- Male       Female       Prefer not to answer
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## What is your age?

- Under 18       18-24       25-34  
 35-44       45-54       55-64  
 65 or over
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## What ages live in your household? Select all that apply.

- Under age 5       5-9       10-14  
 15-17       18+
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## What is your employment status?

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Self-employed
- Not employed outside home, a homemaker
- Full-time student, not working
- Not employed, but not seeking work
- Student working full-time
- Student working part-time
- Retired
- Not employed, but seeking work
- Other (Please specify)

## What is your total household income?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$14,999
- \$15,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 to \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more
- Not sure

## How do you prefer the City share information with you?

- Email
- Social media  
(<https://www.facebook.com/buhlidaho/>)
- Direct mail
- City of Buhl website  
([www.cityofbuhl.us](http://www.cityofbuhl.us))
- Future surveys
- Community meetings/town halls
- Newspaper articles
- Other (Please specify)

If you would like the City to share updates with you on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan, please share your details below.

First Name

Last Name

Address1

Address2

City

Zip Code

State

Phone

Email