

Community Values Summary

Participants were asked what they value most about living in Twin Falls County during three community workshops and a Steering Committee meeting held during Planning Week January 21st-24th, 2020. The answers provided by workshop participants have been summarized below and serve as a starting point in crafting the community-wide vision statement and planning principles that will guide the development of the Twin Falls County Comprehensive Plan rewrite.

- Love the public lands – keep them accessible
- Open areas and natural resources
- Small towns
- Being able to see the sunrise and sunset
- Wildlife
- Rural values and personality
- Managed growth is desirable
- Excellent place to do business
- Great recreation opportunities
- Easy to get around
- The agricultural economy
- Ability to run a family business
- Good place for raising a family
- Low crime rate
- Agriculture-based economy
- Outdoor activities
- Rural feel
- Family-oriented community
- Snake River Canyon and Rock Creek
- Easy access to services and amenities
- The openness of the county
- The agricultural roots and history
- Clean air and water
- Natural resources in close proximity
- Value the ability to have a safe place to raise a family that offers economically diverse opportunities
- Value the production of agriculture and availability of processing facilities to help drive the economy
- Independence
- Openness – viewshed
- Clean air (most of the time)
- Good neighbors
- Good work and opportunities
- Culture

- Cost of living
- Healthy environment and clean air
- Community-minded
- Rural feel and smaller communities
- Agriculture and agriculture activities like 4-H and FFA
- An agricultural-minded fair
- Rural lifestyle
- Friendly people
- Mountains
- Great place to raise a family
- Small community
- Agricultural community
- Access to open spaces
- Air quality
- Medical facilities
- Choice of housing and affordability
- Recreation
- Life-safety services
- The opportunities we have living around here -recreational
- Small community outside big city
- Preserving history and historic assets
- Homes Twin Falls County
- Different types of opportunity
- Availability of different resources
- As a transplant to this community I love this area and the opportunity to influence future growth for future generations in a sustainable and responsible manner
- Community and public access
- Cost of living
- Lack of corruption in local government
- Lower population density
- Access to outdoor recreation
- Enjoy living in Idaho and fishing, hunting and camping in the outdoors
- Small county with all the amenities needed for senior living
- Hunting, fishing and outdoor activities
- Beautiful parks
- Agriculture
- Open spaces
- Family values
- Raise my family in a small community
- Have access to recreation and the outdoors
- Live in an affordable area with clean water and air
- Low cost of living

- Value the people who live in our community
- Close proximity to hunting, fishing and skiing
- Area is a place where the family can thrive; good jobs, schools, houses, outdoors, communities, water
- A place where you feel a sense of community; a place you are proud to be from
- Love the small-town feel, friendly people
- Value the ability to be by myself; not in a crowded population. People need space.
- Family
- Low cost of living
- Low crime
- Employment opportunities
- Wide-open spaces
- Community and agriculture is a way of life
- Low population, very rural, 2-3 hour from anywhere
- Hunting, fishing, skiing, gambling
- Big city (Twin Falls?)
- Open spaces
- Very scenic – rivers, canyons, desert, mountains
- Small town feel
- Conservative values
- Small town lifestyle
- Close access to outdoor recreation and the diversity of that
- Conservative values
- Sense of community
- Healthy environment
- Beautiful country
- Water, spring and geothermal activity
- Family
- Organic agriculture community
- Value the ability to live in an area with an agricultural background
- Value the ability to enjoy quite country atmosphere with the convenience of being able to enjoy what is available in our cities
- Small town (not too big)
- Being in a small town with good work
- Affordable, small town appeal
- Functioning downtown (Twin Falls)
- Open space is critical for quality of life as well as wildlife use
- The diversity of small town and activities in and around the area is very important (i.e. farming, sports, music, higher education)
- Family values held up in the community
- Great natural resources in the area that should be used as well as protected
- Quiet, no traffic, no crime in Buhl

- Wilderness areas
- Libraries, museums and performing arts
- Agriculture community
- Small town feel
- Quality of life: clean water, clean air and a secure/quiet place to live
- Access to wide open spaces
- Great schools
- Reasonable cost of living
- Access to good health care
- Small town charm
- Small town values, rural area
- Location – proximity to surrounding states
- Good place to do business/business-friendly
- People’s word is their bond
- Lack of population
- Agriculture-based county
- Plenty of water from Twin Falls Canal Company
- Appreciation that the county still values farmers and farmland
- Lots of open space
- Clean water and clean air
- Value the friendliness of the people
- Relative low cost of living
- Safety living here vs. living in a larger city
- Value the wildlife and the birds
- Low population vs. elsewhere in the United States
- Ability to see the sun rise and sunset
- Recreational activities abound
- Solid workforce for my business
- Ease of getting around
- Recreation
- Value open areas, natural resources, small towns and being able to see sunrises and sunsets
- Privacy