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BURLEIGH GROWTH 2015

BURLEIGH COUNTY LAND USE STUDY



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Draft Burleigh County Land Use Plan release by October 30th

Project Schedule

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Please complete the Burleigh County land use survey.

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We value your input! Please complete our [survey](#).

Welcome

This site will serve as the main focus for information and progress reports regarding Burleigh Growth 2015, the Burleigh County Land Use Study.

Background

In early 2015, the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Burleigh County selected KLJ to develop the Burleigh County Future Land Use Plan. This work is underway with the draft plan is scheduled for completion in October 2015 and final adoption hearings anticipated for December 2015. The purpose of the Burleigh County Future Land Use Plan is to provide a general pattern for the location, distribution and character of future land uses within the study area.

Once adopted, the Future Land Use Plan will be used by the MPO for its planning activities. Burleigh County will use the adopted Future Land Use Plan as a guide for day-to-day land use decisions and public investment decisions. Property owners, citizens and decision makers will use the Future Land Use Plan to guide and inform their decision-making on land use issues, such as where residential, commercial and industrial development should occur in the future, and at what densities or intensities.

Study Area

The study area includes portions of eleven townships within Burleigh County (Apple Creek, Burnt Creek, Crofte, Fort Rice, Gibbs, Glenview, Lyman, Menoken, Naughton, Phoenix, and River View) located outside of the cities of Bismarck and Lincoln, and their extraterritorial zoning area. The total study area covers about 295 square miles. Approximately 112 square miles are located within the MPO boundary and 183 square miles are located outside of that area.

Planning Process

There will be multiple opportunities for the public to follow and engage in the project through each phase of the process. Open House Workshops are scheduled for July and October 2015, the Land Use Survey is available through September 2015 and all draft material will be available through the website. In addition, the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board, the Burleigh County Planning Commission and the project Steering Committee will be involved throughout the development of the Burleigh County Future Land Use Plan.



MPO Study Area | Burleigh County Study Area

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Attachment 3-31 – Online Community Survey and Results

BURLEIGH COUNTY LAND USE PLAN

237 On-line Survey Responses through October 22, 2015

PART 1

Q. 1
In your opinion, how promising is the future of Burleigh County?

Extremely promising	19.0%
Very promising	37.1%
Moderately promising	18.6%
Slightly promising	5.5%
Not at all promising	0.4%

Q. 2
What is the best part of living where you live?

- Increased cultural opportunities. 2. Access to local decision makers
- 2 properties: In town, close to everything. Rural property: AWAY from everything.
- A diverse range of amenities and the river corridor
- A lot of things to do from sports to entertainment
- Access to and nearness to Missouri River; rural living within minutes of downtown
- Accessibility to north side of Bismarck
- Beauty of the country
- Being able to walk to almost everything I need or want.
- Being away from city traffic
- Being minutes away from food, entertainment, and various stores.
- Bismarck is so clean (meaning litter abatement, street cleaning, absence of blight and dilapidated houses).
- Bismarck is still at a good size for County to be able to access it easily, while preserving the rural benefits of County
- Business is growing to the north where I reside.
- Central part of city with trees
- Cheap taxes until recently
- City with small town feel
- Clean air and abundant opportunities for work and play
- Clean air, light traffic, space.
- Clean community
- Clean well-kept City of Bismarck. Safe for the most part but beginning to decline rapidly
- Close proximity to schools, grocery stores and parks in a relatively clean and safe community
- Close to Bismarck and still able to raise livestock
- Close to Bismarck and yet having acreage to live on.
- Close to Bismarck yet have a huge yard. Plenty of space for gardens and detached shop. I have neighbors but there not that close to my house like in Bismarck. I have the freedom to enjoy nature and wildlife. I enjoy that I can ride ATV's and snowmobile right from my front door. Space and freedom!
- Close to family
- Close to the river. Clean town. Nice people.
- Close to work and not downtown.
- Closeness of parks and schools
- Community
- Connectivity to amenities, entertainment and recreation
- Convince of in town living but not right on top of other homes and stores
- Country living
- Do not live there, own land
- Ease of travel, clean areas, still some rural aspects that are enjoyable
- Easy access and still having open space between neighbors houses.
- Economy is strong



- Elbow room
- Enjoy restaurants and entertainment provided
- Entertainment, events, activities (indoor/outdoor & summer/winter), food,
- Family
- Few people.
- Good job
- Good neighbors
- Great neighborhood (2)
- Growing enthusiasm for multi-recreational trails
- Growth is happening at a high pace.
- Having medical, shopping as well as roads to move traffic from 1 area to another with ease.
- Having space without neighbors on top of you!
- I do not have to pay city taxes and abide by their asinine ordinances.
- I do not reside in Burleigh County, just work here.
- I live in rural Bismarck it quiet and the development has few lots that are 5 acres so the neighbors are not on top of me
- I live in the country which is great and Bismarck is about 20 minutes away
- I live in the country. We have over 80 acres and I enjoy the peace and tranquility
- I live on the north side near all the new business
- I love that my home is in a quiet and peaceful area not far from the city.
- I work in Burleigh and live in Morton. Burleigh trails for walking/biking are the best!
- I'm out of the city in the country
- In county, but still close to the City of Bismarck
- In the country but close to a major city
- It is close to almost everything.
- It is growing!
- It is such a short commute everywhere
- Its country. No close neighbors, not much traffic, can enjoy a rural lifestyle and my animals.
- It's quiet.
- It's somewhat in the country (NE Bismarck). Developments have larger lots and no one is on top of each other.
- It's where my wife lives
- Large city amenities, small city living
- Large lot size, distance from neighbors, low traffic, quiet.
- Larger lot sizes, quiet, lower taxes, without being too far away from Bismarck
- Larger lots size, privacy
- Location (2)
- Low crime (2)
- Low Density population concentrations
- Low population density and quiet surroundings.
- Low population, privacy, view
- Low traffic, quiet
- Market Values
- Mature neighborhood
- Neighborhood with school
- New roads and traffic signals.
- No street lights
- Not a lot of traffic, quiet, open space, short commute to work, great neighborhood
- Not crowded or busy not taxed like the city and no special assessments
- Open space
- Open space - homes not packed together
- Open spaces and rural setting with access to small city amenities.
- Open spaces, low population
- Open spaces, minimal traffic, no commercial developments, peace and quiet.
- Openness
- Orderly growth. Development to date has not been hap hazard.
- Out of town (2)
- Outdoor Activities
- Parks, safety, walkability
- Peace & Quiet - very few neighbors
- Peace and quiet
- People, proximity to favorable activities, desirable climate
- Planning commission took away our quality of life on our property needlessly so we are forced to move
- Plenty of room, close drive to everything, quiet

- Privacy
- Privacy with proximity to the city
- Proximity to Bismarck's amenities
- Proximity to work and grocery store
- Quality of life driven by small town attitude with larger community amenities
- Quick access to all amenities.
- Quiet
- Quiet living in a rural subdivision
- Quiet residential neighborhood yet close access to school, shopping, groceries and gas
- Quiet times outside of the city
- Quiet, open space
- Quiet, wide roads, big yards, away from businesses.
- Quality of life and safety of community
- Remote access, limited neighbors
- Rural feeling
- Rural nature
- Rural nature
- Rural. No development
- Safety
- Safety. Beautiful landscape.
- Scenery
- Secluded and get to experience and enjoy country living
- Sense of community and great people
- Settled neighborhood within walking distance to grocery store, restaurants, pharmacy and more.
- Small town feel, but all the necessary amenities
- Small town feel, much safer than larger cities
- Smaller town feel with access to ethnic foods and different shops
- Solitude
- Space and privacy
- Space, large lots with lots of space
- Space, Trees, activities
- Specifically, we enjoy living outside city limits as we enjoy the rural setting but we also appreciate the proximity to the amenities that Bismarck-Mandan has to offer.
- Sufficient distance from major roads
- The beautiful river and surrounding countryside
- The closest neighbor is 1/4 mile away
- The community
- The community environment
- The community is growing but still small enough to have low crime rates, it is a safe place to raise a family.
- The diversity in the land - river, river valley, plains. We have it all for ND living. We also have steady downtown growth and a good start-up culture forming.
- The location and access to community needs.
- The opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities
- The opportunity to live close to a large town and yet enjoy rural life
- The outdoors (river, parks, recreation resources) and open land - room for country setting home plots
- The parks
- The people (2)
- The progressive nature of growth and the collaborative business environment.
- The quiet neighborhood
- The room to do as I want
- The rural scenery (fields, trees).
- The services we need are close: grocery, gas, retail, schools.
- The small town feel with the access to big city services.
- The weather
- The wide open spaces and ability to participate in small agricultural practices.
- The woods and many trees
- There are a lot of amenities available to the area.
- There is a lot of industrial and commercial growth potential.
- There is no traffic congestion by our home (south of the airport). There is easy access to the Missouri River and River Bottoms for hunting and fishing. Our neighborhood is zoned for 3 to 5 acre lots allowing for beautiful views of the river, wildlife and serenity.
- Topography. Not as flat as the red river valley
- Train horns at 2 am



- Transportation hub, medical facilities, recreational opportunities and beauty of the river, cultural riches and
- Used to loving here but traffic high rental prices and the process of taking away all access to the river and camping areas are forcing m to look elsewhere to live
- Very clean and city,
- We have room, but are not too close to the neighbors. The drive to town is still fast.
- Wide Open locations and Clean Air
- Wide open spaces (2)
- Wonderful neighbors

Q. 3 How has recent growth in the region impacted you and Burleigh County?	Positively	Negatively	No change	I don't have an opinion on this
You and/or your family	35.5%	39.3%	17.1%	8.1%
Burleigh County	42.2%	29.9%	14.7%	13.2%

Q. 4 What are the most pressing issues facing Burleigh County? Please pick the top five issues.	
Traffic	15.8%
Safety/crime	14.1%
Cost of living	14.0%
Affordable housing	12.5%
Quality of life	8.8%
Schools	7.7%
Farmland preservation	5.4%
Public service costs	5.2%
Recreational opportunities	5.2%
Quality housing	4.6%
Community facilities	3.8%
Employment opportunities	2.8%

**Q. 5
Do you have any other concerns?**

- Nearly not enough money is spent on education. I realize that this is not a Burleigh county problem but rather a Bismarck Public Schools problem. There are not enough elementary schools 550+ students at a BRAND new school is ridiculous. There is not proper supervision. Any time you talk to anyone in administration at the school their excuse is that there are too many kids to know the names. I get that. But they don't even try.
- Affordable Daycare More daycare options
- Allowing for larger country lots for homes and hobby farms outside of current Bismarck city boundaries, even inside the city "buffer" zone. Green space. Protect quality of life related to safety, crime, drugs/alcohol, vandalism, littering, theft, etc.
- Attracting the wrong people
- City planning - ensuring that suburban sprawls are avoided

- Conserving the Missouri River
- Daycare needs
- Everyone has a barking dog
- Generally, I am concerned that community leaders have experienced a high influx of population and economic growth over the assets they manage in a short timeframe. It is not clear to me that they truly know how to manage this, or will know how to manage when and if conditions change.
- Get rid of the specials on housing. The developers need to pay for the creation of developments. We are the only state that has this.
- Getting a replacement to the civic center to bring better entertainment
- Gravel roads poorly maintained, sheriff needs to make regular pass by rural homes on a weekly or biweekly schedule.
- I would have never guessed that Bismarck would have a rush hour but they have two. The evening rush hour is the worst and I make a point of it to stay off Centennial Road and State Street. Not much we can do about it but that is my complaint. In addition, with only 1 grocery store chain besides Walmart, in north Bismarck the cost of groceries is very high!
- Infrastructure and its maintenance has been ignored and not kept up with demand.
- Is the county spending money for infrastructure that will not be needed when the oil field closes down?
- It bothers me to see trash all over the roadsides on interstate and in town. This does not leave a positive impression on visitors when Tourism is a major industry in this state.
- Keeping development clustered around other existing developments. Development is needed and important, but every tract of land that is sold should not be a housing development. Orderly development is critical.
- My biggest concern is the city seems to be expanding too far out instead of up. It's such a hassle to drive nearly an hour across town. We should look into having a city skyline that reaches upward instead of out.
- No (2)
- NO REAL THOUGHT TO PLANNING, JUST RAPING AND PILLAGING OF THOSE WHO ALREADY ESTABLISHED HOMES, FARMS AND RANCHES. If there were thought processes being used certain areas would have frontage roads, turning lanes, round about, streets and avenues with numbers not just random names selected out of the blue, and clear defined routes that allow traffic to flow from one point to another. A clearly established "Truck Route" that will pass around both Bismarck and Mandan across the Missouri River on a new bridge that does not pass through already established residential areas, which miss the target 25 years ago. SO TO ME YOU ARE ALREADY A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT. And By The Way; WHY did Burleigh County Need a new County Shop, WHOSE multimillion unneeded unnecessary inexplicable brain child was that???? And to pay for it you raise our taxes and lesson the one service we get from the Co and that is to blade our gravel road... Really shame on them.
- Opportunities are not available for younger families to get involved with farming and ranching at a hobby level. Land prices have soared, pricing many (even with six figure incomes) out of the market. Land is no longer being subdivided in large enough tracts to allow horses and 40 acre parcels zoned for agriculture are not available or cost prohibitive for beginning farmers and ranchers.
- Property taxes
- Quality of life and safety should be maintained for current homes when decisions are made to split properties
- Rent keeps going up, but our income does not. Why can't the Governor step in and do something about it. Our rent was \$690 when we moved here. It is now \$905 and going up again in December.
- Rural infrastructure-roads, bridges, culverts, dams, etc.
- Safety on 71st Ave. With the amount of traffic and larger vehicle traffic, the speed seems an issue



- The rule of only 40 acre parcels if NOT in a development is very outdated for the price of land and reality is people can't afford housing in the country anymore with the relatively low, stagnant wages. Wise up Burleigh, it can't continue. I have had many out of state visitors wonder how we can afford to live here with the high price of gas and groceries...and they are from small towns.
- The Traffic is insane! After spending 3 years in Fargo I can't understand how there can be such a dramatic difference in the flow of traffic. Build more lanes to support the growing population, and additional stoplights don't solve much, especially if I sit through 3 cycles to cross an intersection.
- To get more eating establishments on north side Bismarck and bypass to cross river to get on highway 83 on north side of Bismarck. To get a Cabela's store to come to Bismarck.
- Traffic disruptions for new construction. New construction precedes access road improvements. Construction traffic as well as people who live "deeper" in my neighborhood travel considerably faster than posted 25 mph, and very frequently! If they had better access, they wouldn't speed past my house perhaps?
- Traffic on 71st Ave has seemed to increase and has therefore I am concerned about safety. Also the number of large vehicle traffic seems to have increased.
- Traffic on Centennial road and 43rd Ave is terrible. Will only get worse with a new HS and enormous apartment complexes being built. What is the plan to improve Roads? 43rd Ave is nothing more than a gravel road that was paved. Property taxes are becoming unbearable. Every year they increase and increase. What can be done to control property taxes?
- TRAFFIC!!!! AFFORDABLE HOUSING!!!
- Urban sprawl
- Urban sprawl is a problem; there needs to be more incentives toward denser urban growth and the development of common lands and a more walkable city
- Would like to see a manned booth at the entrance of Kimball Bottoms and a small fee charged to those that would like to use this space for appropriate recreational purposes. This may deter those that wish to use the area for partying and illegal drug transactions.

Q. 6

In Burleigh County over the past five years, did these items improve or worsen?

	Significantly improved	Somewhat improved	Stayed the same	Somewhat worsened	Significantly worsened	I have no opinion
Schools	23	86	47	30	7	29
Access to shopping	42	107	50	11	5	4
Ease of travel	1	17	28	87	83	7
Crime	1	5	18	98	92	7
Recreational opportunities	8	51	110	30	2	20
Community appearance	9	70	73	52	10	7
Affordable housing	0	7	12	75	112	16
Good place to raise a family	6	45	85	61	16	9
Employment opportunities	61	103	41	7	0	10
Good neighborhoods	2	41	101	54	10	13

Q. 7
Please rate each category based on where you live.

	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	n/a
Child care	2	20	49	46	95
Cost of home insurance	2	25	123	53	9
Cost of utilities	4	39	139	31	1
Employment opportunities	44	105	55	5	6
Entertainment	11	70	90	39	5
Health care	29	83	86	13	2
Housing affordability	1	8	54	138	12
Housing that fits your needs	7	40	99	55	13
Open space and recreation	12	70	93	37	2
Quality of schools	29	75	72	6	32
Sense of safety and security	9	49	86	68	2
Shopping	20	74	97	19	3
Social and cultural activities	8	61	95	43	7
Transportation options	3	31	87	81	11
Water and sewer infrastructure	19	61	102	16	16
Water quality (drinking water)	45	77	81	7	4

Q. 8
My current residence has the following services

	Yes	No
Rural water service	97	108
Municipal water service	102	107
Private well	36	164
Septic tank	108	96
Public sewer service	108	103
Natural gas service	133	79
Paved roads	161	51



Q. 9

In deciding where to live, how important are the following to you?

	Very important	Important	Not Important
Proximity to major roads	98	160	82
Public water service available	170	112	60
Public sewer service available	120	104	120
Natural gas available	124	108	110
Paved roads within development	178	92	70
Safe neighborhood	284	58	0
Views	128	148	68
Large lot sizes	146	118	78
No special assessments	144	124	72
Quick response time from police or fire service	184	138	20
Quick response from ambulance service	176	140	22
Near an elementary school	50	96	196
School rating	94	142	106
Near hospital or clinic	42	160	140
Near parks or trails	74	146	122
Affordability	222	112	6
Ability to have horses, etc.	50	40	252

Q. 10

Who should pay for the extension of the following services to new development

	Land Owner	Developer	Other
Public water service	21	172	17
Public sewer service	20	172	18
Natural gas	28	158	24
Paved roads within a new development	25	175	10
Collector roads adjacent to new development	12	121	76

Q. 12
Would you be willing to pay an additional assessment or additional taxes to bring these services to your community?

Yes	20.5%
No	65.9%
n/a	13.6%

Q. 13
Where do you live now?

City	44.5%
Suburb	5.2%
Small Town	0.5%
1 - 2 acre lot	21.3%
5 acre lot	9.0%
10 acre lot	0.5%
Rural Area/Farm	19.0%

Q. 14
Where do you prefer to live?

City	27.8%
Suburb	7.5%
Small Town	0.5%
1 - 2 acre lot	18.4%
5 acre lot	11.3%
10 acre lot	5.7%
Rural Area/Farm	28.8%

Q. 15
Where do you prefer new industrial development to be located?

Concentrated near existing industrial development	32.4%
Near railroad lines	18.4%
Near I-94 interchanges	15.1%
Spread across the county	1.4%
Away from residential uses	31.6%
I have no opinion	1.2%
Rural Area/Farm	28.8%



Q. 16

What should be our priorities for locating future industrial uses within the study area? Please rank each of the location criteria between 1 (Low) and 6 (High).

	1	2	3	4	5	6
100 acre minimum site	4	4	6	6	3	14
40 acre minimum site	6	3	11	3	6	8
Direct arterial road access	3	1	4	4	7	15
Direct collector road access	3	3	6	4	9	11
I-94 access within 1/4 mile	4	3	7	7	3	13
Less than 10% slope	3	3	14	5	5	6
No floodplain	2	5	5	4	5	17
No house within 1/4 mile	4	0	1	2	8	23
No prime farmland	3	1	3	6	5	21
No wetlands	2	1	7	4	8	17
Adjacent to rail line or spur	2	1	7	4	9	14
Soils suitable for industrial use	1	1	5	3	12	15
Within 200 feet of an existing industrial use	2	1	5	10	3	15

Q. 17

Future population growth will result in an increased number of land use decisions. Do you believe Burleigh County should encourage or discourage the following types of development

	Encourage	Discourage	I have no opinion
Convenience stores	115	31	59
Other services (including, health, gasoline, restaurant)	157	12	39
Shopping Centers or Other Retail	140	28	40
Office parks	122	37	46
Agriculture-related businesses	144	17	47
Recreational Facilities	161	10	35
Family Farms	136	20	52
Hobby Farms	119	32	55
Large corporate livestock farms	27	132	46
Industrial	101	56	45
Mobile-home parks	32	127	48
Multi-family residences	92	72	41
Single-family residential in clustered subdivisions	132	37	33
Single-family residential on 1-2 acre lots	150	28	29
Single-family residential on 5 acre lots	115	47	42
Single-family residential on 10 acre lots	102	58	44
Rural residential	151	13	39

Q. 18
In your opinion should these land uses be located next to each other?

	Yes	No	Need additional information	No opinion
Single family homes and multi-family homes	113	62	26	9
Single family homes and retail uses	70	104	31	6
Single family homes and office uses	69	101	29	9
Single family homes and industrial uses	10	183	16	2
Single family homes and farms	102	67	27	15
Single family homes and schools	191	9	7	4
Single family homes and highways	43	121	35	12

Q. 19
Is it important to preserve the rural character of the county?

Yes	76.7%	161
No	14.3%	30
I have no opinion	9.0%	19

Q. 20
Which of the following statements describe your commute to work

Too much congestion (traffic)	19.9%	96
Too long	4.4%	21
Unsafe	7.5%	36
Not enough alternative routes	17.4%	84
Scenic	6.4%	31
I am unemployed or retired and do not currently commute to work	2.5%	12
I work from home	0.8%	4
Enjoyable	10.6%	51
Frustrating	10.4%	50
My commute is worth it to live where I do	20.1%	97

Q. 21
Which of the following do you use to commute to work?

Personal vehicle	83.7%	195
Carpool	3.9%	9
Bus	0.0%	0
Bicycle	3.0%	7
Walking	2.1%	5
I don't commute	4.3%	10
Other	3.0%	7



Q. 22

How long is your commute to work?

Less than 10 minutes	19.5%	40
10-15 minutes	33.7%	69
16-30 minutes	37.1%	76
More than 30 minutes	5.4%	11
I don't commute	4.4%	9

PART 2 – Demographics, etc.

Gender

Male	52.2%	105
Female	47.8%	96

Age

Less than 18	0.0%	0
18-24	3.5%	7
25-34	27.2%	55
35-54	44.6%	90
55-69	21.8%	44
70+	3.0%	6

Employment Status

Full-time	90.1%	183
Part-time	2.5%	5
Student	0.0%	0
Unemployed	1.0%	2
Retired	5.9%	12
Unemployed but not looking for work	0.5%	1

Type of Employer		
Farming	2.5%	5
Health Care	2.5%	5
Education	2.0%	4
Government	21.6%	44
Hospitality/Gaming	1.0%	2
Retail	1.5%	3
Service	2.5%	5
Professional	48.0%	98
Industry	8.3%	17
Utility	2.0%	4
Non-government Organization (NGO)	2.5%	5
Other (please specify)	5.9%	12

Number of People in Your Household		
1	11.8%	24
2	36.0%	73
3	19.7%	40
4	20.7%	42
5	9.9%	20
More than 5	2.0%	4

Number of Employed Adults in Your Household		
0	5.0%	10
1	22.6%	45
2	64.3%	128
3	6.0%	12
4	1.5%	3
5	0.5%	1
More than 5	0.0%	0

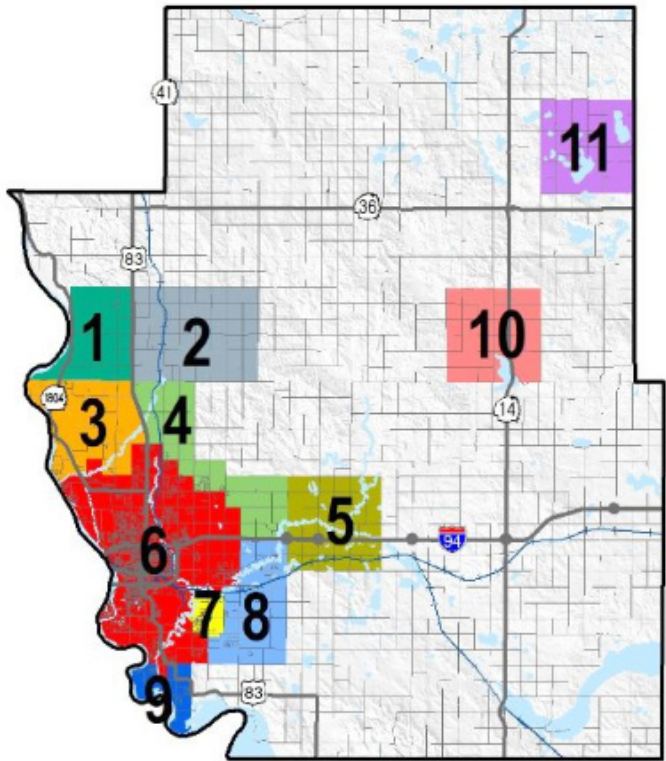
Number of Children in Your Household			
	Pre-school	Elementary or middle school	High school
0	35	10	30
1	23	13	18
2	13	23	14
3	1	7	1
4	0	1	0
5	0	0	1
More than 5	0	0	0



Household Income		
Under \$25,000	1.0%	2
\$25,000 - \$34,999	3.1%	6
\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.7%	21
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17.3%	34
\$75,000 - \$99,999	21.9%	43
\$100,000 and over	45.9%	90

Please indicate the areas on the map that are closest to where you live and work

	Live Here	Work Here
Area 1	6	7
Area 2	10	1
Area 3	14	7
Area 4	18	3
Area 5	8	3
Area 6 (Bismarck)	102	138
Area 7 (Lincoln)	7	0
Area 8	17	3
Area 9	12	0
Area 10	2	1
Area 11	1	0
Outside the Study Area within Burleigh County	1	2
Outside Burleigh County	6	8



How many years have you lived in Burleigh County?

Less than one year	4.4%	9
1-3 years	7.4%	15
4-6 years	7.4%	15
7-10 years	11.3%	23
Over 10 years	63.7%	130
I am a part-time resident	1.5%	3
I don't live in Burleigh County	4.4%	9

I choose to live where I do because....

I inherited the property	1.1%	7
Affordability	8.6%	56
I grew up here	4.9%	32
Close to my or a family member's job	9.8%	64
In a good school district	5.5%	36
Area has little crime	9.2%	60
Close to services and/or entertainment	5.0%	33
Close to family and/or friends	9.3%	61
Large lot size	12.2%	80
No special assessments	8.0%	52
Recreational opportunities	5.8%	38
I want to raise a family here	11.6%	76
Great views	9.0%	59

Do you plan to live in Burleigh County in 10 years from now?

Yes	86.0%	172
No	14.0%	28

If you plan to move away from Burleigh County, why?

- Because of the treatment we received from the planning committee destroying our quality of life and privacy
- Change of pace; new challenges
- Cost of living and too much expansion coming our way
- Cost of Living is as high as much larger cities, with lower salaries and less public services and entertainment.
- Crime, lack of good paying jobs, cost of living, and corruption in local law enforcement agencies.
- Don't like the direction this state is moving. Oil ruined the people, views of movement, and the land.
- Employment.
- Housing is too expensive.
- I can't wait to leave ND!! As soon as our obligations of our parents are gone, we want to move out of state. We grew up in ND but not happy here. We lived in VA & MN and I wish we never moved back to ND. Should have stayed in MN.
- I may for a larger city and more employment opportunities, but would like to come back to raise a family.



- I will be living here if I cannot retire in 10 yrs. but will move as soon as retired or sooner if possible
- I'd prefer to live closer to home around Illinois where my family is located.
- If oil and gas doesn't come back I'll be forced to move to find a good paying job. The city and county need to get other well-paying industries into the area that are not heavily influenced by the oil and gas industries.
- If Rural Development grows out to where we live.
- If taxes keep increasing and services and roads decreasing with no improvements I will be forced to move because I will not be able to afford to live in Burleigh County.
- If the price of living in Burleigh County continues to outpace wages - I may be forced to move.
- It has become way too expensive to live here. Since moving here in 2006 my salary is still average for my industry yet my cost of living and housing have skyrocketed.
- It is far too concerned with maintaining its "small town" feel. It needs to become the Capital City of a Modern North Dakota. It could learn a lot for Fargo and even more from Minneapolis
- Lack of infrastructure, crime, social change of the community
- Might move to other side of river if it is friendlier for building on large acre lots. I would like to get a place on 10+ acres, prefer 40+ if possible.
- More outdoor (ATV) recreation in Black Hills - you can ride an ATV in town there - can't in Bismarck.
- Mountains
- Move to a more rural area.
- My son will move on to college in 10 years and then I want to travel more and possibly relocate.
- My wife and I plan on living and retiring in Burleigh County unless our chosen way of life is forced to change. That being, the current rural/agricultural area in which we live now is forced to become or converted into a more Rural Residential area. We have already discussed a plan of leaving the county and moving into a more rural neighboring county should our current way of life and area of land use be forced to change. Thank you.
- No infrastructure
- No recreation and too much wind
- Not planning to move but the increased insurance rates due to distance to rural fire department does cause concern
- Old age
- Possible opportunity to move upon retirement?
- Pursue outdoor recreation in the mountains and/or by lakes.
- Retire to rural area in 35 years
- Retirement to warmer climate
- Retirement.
- Smaller communities, less people, less crime. There is something to be said about getting back to basics, where they know you by your first name....
- Taxes are too high for retirement.
- To be nearer to family (3)
- Too busy for my lifestyle
- Too restrictive on hobby farms - I'd like to do the full gamut of agricultural activities on a lot sized under 40 acres. 10-15 would be ideal for one couple to manage as an orchard, with small animal assistance in some of the maintenance requirements.
- Want to have more recreation opportunities.
- Weather
- Work

What would keep you here or bring you back?

- This is our home. We like our quality of life, community opportunities, our neighborhood and this is where we have established our roots. We also have elderly parents here and our children live here as well. Finally, at our age the medical community is important to us. As we age, options exist for whatever our medical and health needs might dictate.
- A diverse business community. Outdoor recreation areas.
- A more walkable city, more beautiful public architecture and incentives for more beautiful private architecture, more green space and opportunities to live an agricultural lifestyle within the city
- Access to medical attention.
- Affordable housing (to build a home) and employment opportunities
- Affordable land near job opportunities. Not everyone buying more than 5 acres intends to develop the property or use it for industrial purposes. Local land owners expect developer prices for agricultural land.
- Affordable living
- Availability of smaller rural lots that allowed full agricultural uses. The reasonably-sized lots I've found have been very skewed towards city-style covenants.
- Better traffic regulations. The drivers are terrible.
- Better wages, so children could afford to move back here.
- Control or proper planning of how the City and County Grows.
- Crime rate staying relatively low and of course, sustainability of current employment
- Don't crowd people into smaller lots in Bismarck.... Keep the 1 - 5 acre lots an option. I am seeing in Bismarck, larger and larger houses on lots that making them look like a house with a sidewalk in between the buildings.
- Employment. (2)
- Ensuring that the Agricultural area we now have stays as is and no further Rural Residential development occurs in our general area since we now are 10 miles from Bismarck City Limits. Thank you.
- Family (2)
- Fix the traffic flow and build a larger variety of places to eat and shop. MOST importantly attract more college age citizens to help hold jobs at those new businesses.
- I really don't know.
- If the city offered more activities such as game stores with game nights, or trivia nights at local bars through triviamafia based out of the Twin Cities.
- If the weather changed and it wasn't so cold in the winters
- Improved cost of living compared to services and entertainment available.
- Increased flights at more reasonable rates to up hub cities.
- Interstate 94 access on 80th street. It would be nice to go to the school closest to our property instead of the middle of town. I think Burleigh County has done a great job so far.
- It would be nice to have a community center on the east side of Expressway that also might have an exercise center, recreation (pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, bike paths. Playground) and a place to hold larger outdoor events.
- Keep the area where I live the same no city taxes or specials and minimum traffic
- Large Mountain to snowboard
- Larger lots, lower cost of living, better traffic flow, more grocery shopping options, family still in area
- Let me live on my land the way I want to without subdivisions or commercial or industrial property too close. I like it quiet.
- Longer summers
- Low crime, good education for my kids and affordability
- Low taxes, space, view, quiet, low traffic
- Lower cost of living.
- Lower housing costs. Lower property taxes and specials.
- Lower property taxes and cost of living.
- Lower taxes and less regulation.
- Lower taxes, more affordable housing choices, higher wages



- Major increase in cultural events.
- Medical Services
- More affordable housing
- More affordable housing and land options.
- More affordable housing options
- More employment opportunities, reasonable commutes, safety (low crime), more open-mindedness
- More opportunity for my kids
- Moving to a farm outside of town
- My family and friends are here.
- Nice, affordable housing.
- Nothing (4)
- Organized development with retail and industrial growth.
- Proper and responsible development
- Proper management of the future land use. If the County continues to approve industrial and commercial zoning near rural residential we will probably move. If we move it will be out of state.
- Protect the land.
- Quality of life
- Quality of life, family in the area
- Quality of life...but if it deteriorates any further here (like it has in the last 10 years), I will retire elsewhere. Maybe someplace where the leaders and residents aren't so desperate to be noticed and feel the need to seek approval and validation from people from other cities/states. Someplace where the residents have enough self-esteem that making some stupid Forbes list of "Top Ten Cities to..." doesn't make them giddy with excitement.
- Quality of life; mix of urban and rural
- Retail, healthcare, growth, event center
- Road improvements for increased traffic flow.
- Still own property north of Bismarck.
- Stop increasing taxes for rural residents to pay for things that apply only in city of Bismarck. Have a fair tax rate. Your property tax should not be pulled from a sheet of numbers based on a property value for a house a mile away or same size house in Bismarck. Burleigh County has become greedy, and wasteful increasing fees on building permits etc. Not everyone works in the oil industry with oil field wages. Spending out of control and the tax payers get burdened with the debt. Stop being greedy and wasteful.
- Sustained growth all the while keeping Bismarck-Bismarck
- The community being a safe place to live. If crime increases then for me the good can't outweigh the bad.
- Work