

## Independence 2030: A Comprehensive Plan Sustainability Survey Responses

**Independence 2030: A Comprehensive Plan** is a 20-year plan intended to guide the future development of Independence. The Plan will focus on Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Economic Development, Parks, the Environment (Sustainability) and Historic Preservation. Below are the results of the Sustainability survey conducted in the fall of 2011. The survey were available both on-line and in paper format at various locations throughout the city. This feedback from citizens is being incorporated into the Long-Range plan for the City including a future land use map. The Plan will document the Vision, Values and Priorities for the physical development of the City.

Thank you to everyone who participated. The more input we receive, the better the Plan will reflect what you believe is most important for the future development of the City of Independence.

Stay tuned for draft versions of the Plan and the accompanying land use map.

### Sustainability Survey Question 1 (A, B and C)

How important is it to you that the City of Independence invest in the energy efficient city activities, even if the up-front costs are higher than conventional activities?

*Please rank the topic below from "1 Very important" to "5 - Not important at all"*

#### **A. Energy efficient buildings, including landscaped roofs, rainwater collection & recycling, water recycling to reduce water consumption as well as energy efficient lighting and heating/cooling systems.**

<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Somewhat Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Not Important at all</i>
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138	60	45	27	15
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*285 Responses*

#### **B. Alternative fuel (natural gas, electric) and hybrid vehicles for city use.**

114	86	45	16	24
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#### **C. Storm water runoff collection and street construction techniques that collect water for irrigation and reduce pollution in the storm water collection system.**

148	77	33	12	12
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*282 responses*

**Sustainability Survey Question 2**

**How important is it to you that the city provide incentives for developers and builders who voluntarily include sustainable, or green building practices in their projects? This could include energy efficient buildings and the surrounding landscaped areas & parking lots.**

<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Somewhat Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Not Important at all</i>
112	80	52	25	17

*286 responses*

**Sustainability Survey Question 3**

**How important is it to you that development be encouraged at higher densities (more homes per acre or larger commercial building size) that can financially support public transit (bus or rail) on high traffic streets?**

<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Somewhat Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Not Important at all</i>
83	58	60	39	46

*286 responses*

**Sustainability Survey Question 6**

**How important is it to you that your tax dollars are spent promoting energy and environmental conservation measures including increasing public awareness and education?**

<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Somewhat Important</i>	<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Not Important at all</i>
93	76	51	38	28

*286 responses*

## **Sustainability Survey Questions 7 and 8**

### **7. How long have you lived in Independence? Are you a resident of Independence?**

93% said they are a resident of the City;  
7% are not residents of Independence;

76% of respondents said they have lived in Independence more than 10 years;  
11% said they have lived here between 5 and 10 years;  
11% said they have lived here between 1 and 5 years;  
Only 4 respondents indicated they have lived here less than one year;

### **8. If you live in Independence, tell us where you live.**

Of 259 responses 30% live in Northwest Independence;  
25% live in Southeast Independence;  
24% live in Northeast Independence; and  
21% live in Southwest Independence