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City of Carlinville Unveils Community Vision Survey Results

Carlinville, IL – As part of the community's update to the Comprehensive Plan, the City of Carlinville has released the findings of its 2025-2026 Community Vision Survey, which gathered input from 282 residents to shape the future of the city. The survey highlighted the community's priorities, concerns, and aspirations, providing a roadmap for strategic planning and development.

Key findings reveal that residents deeply value Carlinville's small-town character, quality schools, and historic downtown, while expressing concerns about infrastructure, economic opportunities, and public services. Improved infrastructure, including water systems, streets, and sidewalks, emerged as the top priority, with 75.97% of respondents rating water treatment services as "poor." Economic development was also a major focus, with residents calling for more jobs, small business support, and targeted industry growth.

The survey identified the North End as the primary area for redevelopment, with residents advocating for infrastructure improvements, code enforcement, and business incentives. Downtown revitalization was also highlighted, with calls for façade improvements, parking solutions, and business recruitment.

Other priorities include the development of a community center, affordable housing initiatives, enhanced parks and recreation facilities, and historic preservation efforts for Sears Standard Addition homes. Respondents also emphasized the importance of sustainability, with strong support for recycling programs and stormwater management.

Mayor Doug Downey stated, "This survey provides invaluable insights into what our residents care about most. We are committed to addressing these priorities and working together to ensure Carlinville remains a vibrant, safe, and welcoming community for generations to come."

The City of Carlinville will use these findings to update the Community's Comprehensive Plan and to guide future investments and initiatives, ensuring a balanced approach to growth while preserving the community's unique character.

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