

COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION SURVEY 2023

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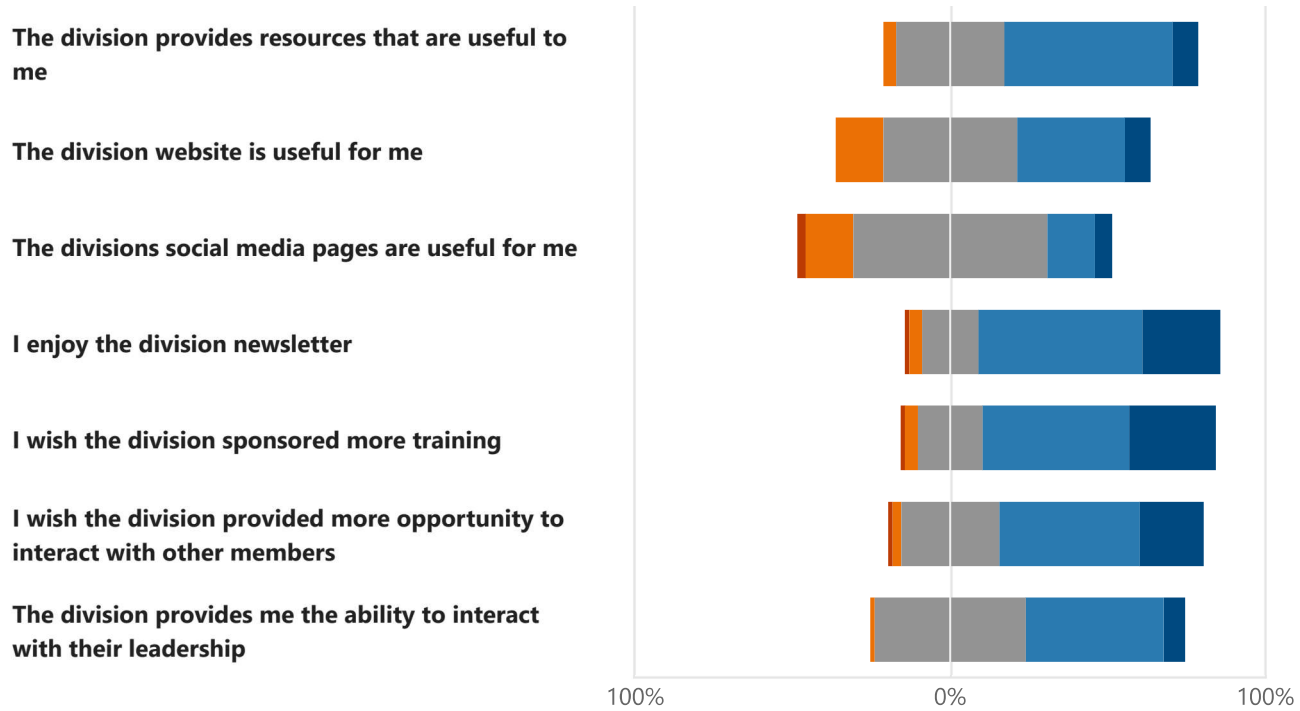
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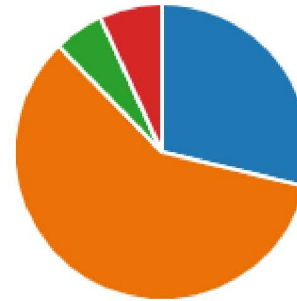
1. Please rate each of the following statements about how the County Planning Division is serving you:

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree



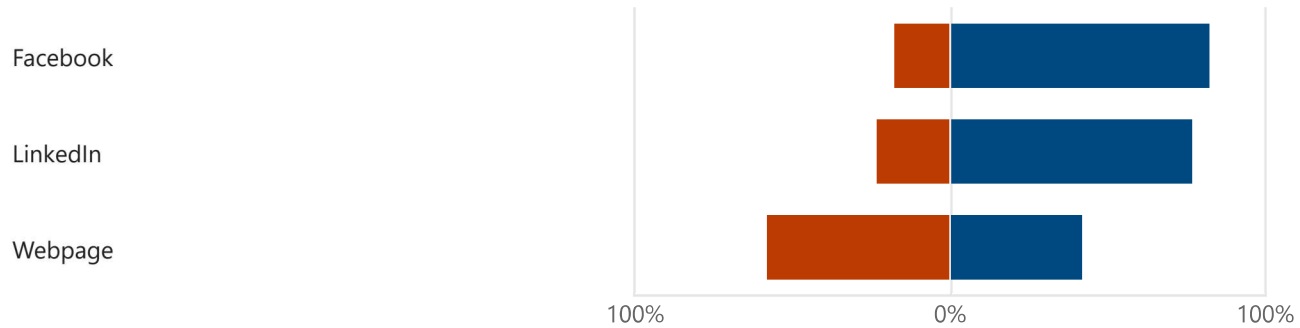
2. Compared to how you felt when you first joined the County Planning Division, how has your perception changed about your membership?

● Satisfied, based on performance	21
● About the same	43
● Dissatisfied, based on performa...	4
● Other	5



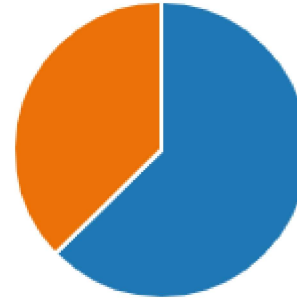
3. Do you visit these County Planning Division pages?

■ Yes ■ No



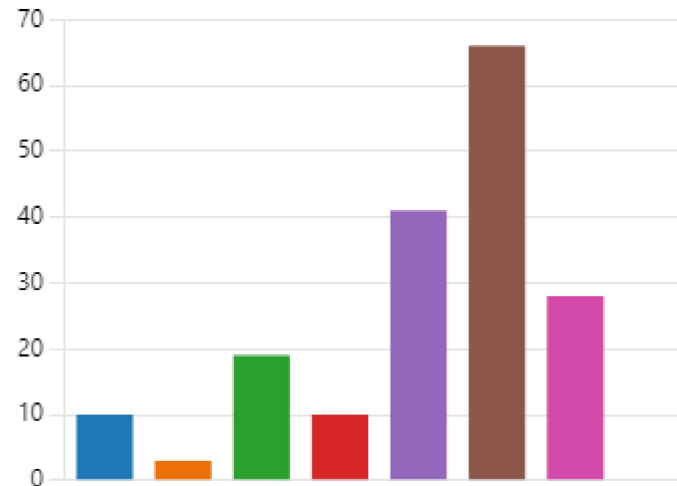
4. Does the County Planning Division Facebook, LinkedIn, or Webpage provide you good/relevant information?

Yes	37
No	22



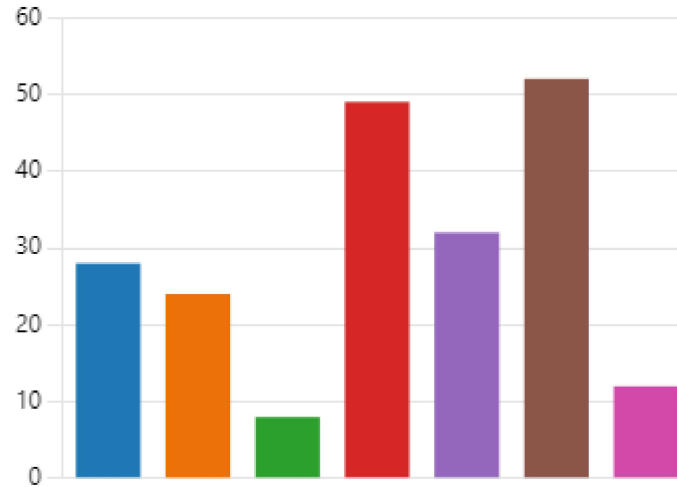
5. Which form or method of communication would you prefer the County Planning Division use to send information to our members? Select all that apply.

Facebook	10
Instagram	3
LinkedIn	19
YouTube	10
Email Newsletter (biannual)	41
Email Update (quarterly)	66
CPD Website	28
Other	0



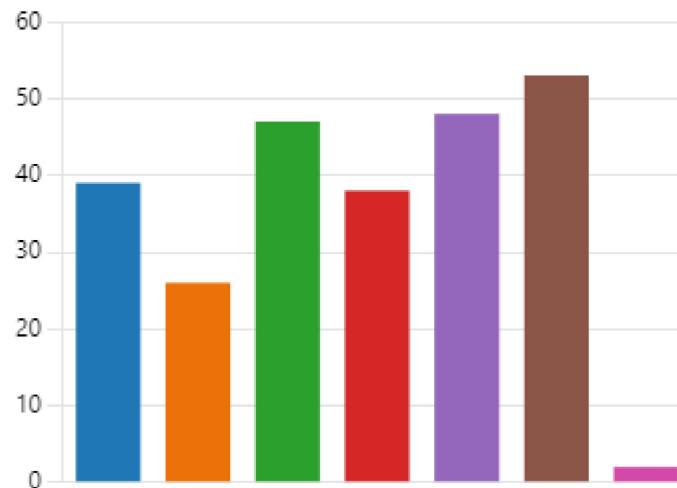
6. How do you typically seek out information on county planning related issues? Select all that apply.

● County Planning Division Webp...	28
● National Association of Countie...	24
● National Association of County ...	8
● State Chapter of APA	49
● County Planning Division Newsl...	32
● APA Website	52
● Other	12



7. What kinds of resources most effectively assist you in your daily work responsibilities and functions? Select all that apply

● Reports	39
● Planning Journals	26
● Webinars	47
● Conferences	38
● Websites	48
● Articles	53
● Other	2



8. What would you like the County Planning Division to offer that they are not currently offering?

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"They may offer this and I have not seen it, but more training on planning a...

"Webinars! How to learn from other counties. "

9. Are there any planning topics that you would like the County Planning Division to provide information on in the the form of an article, paper or webinar?

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"Updates to Indiana code - or any other code that could have a bearing on p...

"Sustainability, land use reform, DEI"

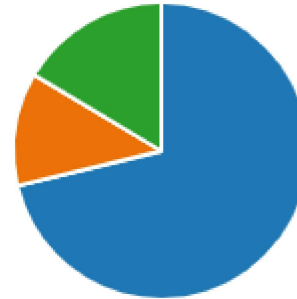
10. How many years of experience do you have in the planning field?

● Student	0
● Up to 5 years	17
● 6-10 years	9
● 11-20 years	10
● More than 20 years	38



11. How long have you been a member of the County Planning Division?

● 0-5 years	52
● 6-10 years	9
● More than 10 years	12



12. What can we be doing better?

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"communication - not that it is bad. Training."
"Communicate more! Expand social media footprint "

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES UNDER “OTHER” CATEGORIES:

Compared to how you felt when you first joined the County Planning Division, how has your perception changed about your membership?

- Am I a member?
- I have only ever received one newsletter that I can remember.
- Forget it even exists
- Need to engage more
- Brand new

How do you typically seek out information on county planning related issues?

- Google/online research
- Western Planner organization (2x)
- Newspaper, other county websites
- State/County Planning group/association (5x)
- Subject matter experts
- Talk to other county planners

What kinds of resources most effectively assist you in your daily work responsibilities and functions?

- Local conferences, not national
- Interacting with agency staff

What would you like the County Planning Division to offer that they are not currently offering?

Training & Education:

- Training opportunities (x2)
- Online AICP prep classes
- How-to training (i.e., how to use the Comp Plan with the UDO); continuing education training
- Economic impact of Bicycle Trails
- Health Care Cost Reduction, Value of Bicycling for the person AND their Employer
- Planning and incorporating comp plan & UDOs
- Funding for affordable housing
- Regular training for newly elected officials
- Webinars
- How to learn from other counties
- Rural county planning

- Comprehensive plan updates and strategies to understand the potential impacts of growth such as scenario planning
- Advocacy. County planning issues are very different than city planning issues. However, because the vast majority of the population lives in cities, counties don't get as much attention on issues like housing and economic development.
- Webinars on issues
- Good articles shared via email or maybe google drive

Interactions:

- One day/half-day mini online conference for county planners or other rural planning divisions that have memberships that aren't able to go to the national conference. Many county planners probably do not attend the APA NPC because of travel/budget constraints.
- Networking with other planners in counties in my state
- Zoom meetings with other members (x2)
- More resources from NACo
- Meet-ups in different locations
- A community forum with moderated discussion threads on County planning topics
- More interaction among members
- LinkedIn page for connectivity, articles, and events
- More interaction, an open forum for questions and discussion
- Discussion on a topic of shared interest by sending out a question either on Facebook or perhaps by email. Maybe it could get started by asking members to submit an issue they are struggling with as a County.

Other:

- I am satisfied with what is offered.
- Outreach regarding other opportunities to reach out. I had no idea there was a FB page or a county planning page.
- Nothing beats reading about what others are doing on particular topics, but it is hard to get people to share unless it is a document that already exists. That might be why awards are a good way to get material from Counties -- they simply have to submit what has already been published
- Had almost no contact over years, don't know
- Not sure... It is a voluntary group and I know it is difficult to provide relevant information to all members. I am not unhappy with the Division.... I still pay for membership annually.
- Anything you can provide

Are there any planning topics that you would like the County Planning Division to provide information on in the form of an article, paper or webinar?

- Case Studies, including "Pleasures and Pitfalls," projects that worked and those that did not work/More case studies
- Affordable Housing/ Affordable housing incentives/ Affordable housing issues
- Rural planning/Comprehensive Planning for rural counties/Developing local "plans" and "implementation" of those plans
- Writing better regulations
- Encouraging Economic Development and Growth in the County
- Cover state statues and more policy related issues
- Affordable housing and economic development in rural, unincorporated areas. There are legal challenges to providing housing near rural jobs (ag, forestry, tourism); however, people who work in rural areas need affordable housing.
- Health Benefits of Bicycle Trails/County Parks and countywide trail systems
- 3P partnerships-- especially review of successful 3P projects for both commercial and residential infrastructure, single-family residential housing
- Nation-wide map of existing bike trails and proposed connector trails.
- Planning for farm communities; working with communities who don't want change; keeping rural character while growing
- Growth Control Boundaries
- Agricultural Preservation/agricultural protections programs
- Performance Zoning
- More about cannabis and ADU's.
- Updates to Indiana code or any other code that could have a bearing on planning/zoning
- It might be better if your training was divided into delivery for counties based on size, since what is relevant for Dade County FL is not for Larimer County CO.
- There is a wealth of info available to coastal counties from NOAA - maybe some climate/flood/hazard mitigation training.
- Training webinars for newly elected county and municipal officials and planning commission members.
- Sustainability, land use reform, DEI
- Regulations and best practices for short-term rentals
- State code updates, commission meeting management, best practices for processing applications
- Renewables, septic/sewer, annexation, sprawl
- Growth management
- Grant funding opportunities.
- How single-family zoning preemption will affect county/rural areas that rely on septic systems. Most of the research/reports I see on promoting more affordable

housing are for urban areas with access to sanitary sewer. This simply isn't an option where I work. "

- Best practices for County planning issues, such as utility scale solar and wind power.
- Commercial wind/solar regulations and zoning/regulations for agrotourism
- How to provide effective public engagement within a rural context.
- Determining the potential impacts of growth; housing issues; we need a forum to discuss updating the Land Use Planning Act
- How to deal with dilapidated Manufactured Homes.
- As a retired Planner I am not in need of specific material, but I still enjoy reading what is happening elsewhere