

# Phase 1. Foundation & Public Launch

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The Town of Timnath is preparing an update of the Timnath Comprehensive Plan, completed in 2013. The Plan guides the physical development of the Town. The process will update the vision, examine key community needs, capitalize on future opportunities, and refine future growth.

## Introduction:

To kick off the process, the Town and consultant team held a series of events and an online survey to provide an initial opportunity to discuss current issues and opportunities for the Town and inform stakeholders and the public about the overall process. This document summarizes the feedback received from these various events and online comments.

## Outreach Events:

The process of updating the Comprehensive Plan requires collaboration on many levels and begins with the Foundation Phase. This phase included:

**One-on-one stakeholder interviews** took place in October 2018 with representatives from the following groups and agencies.

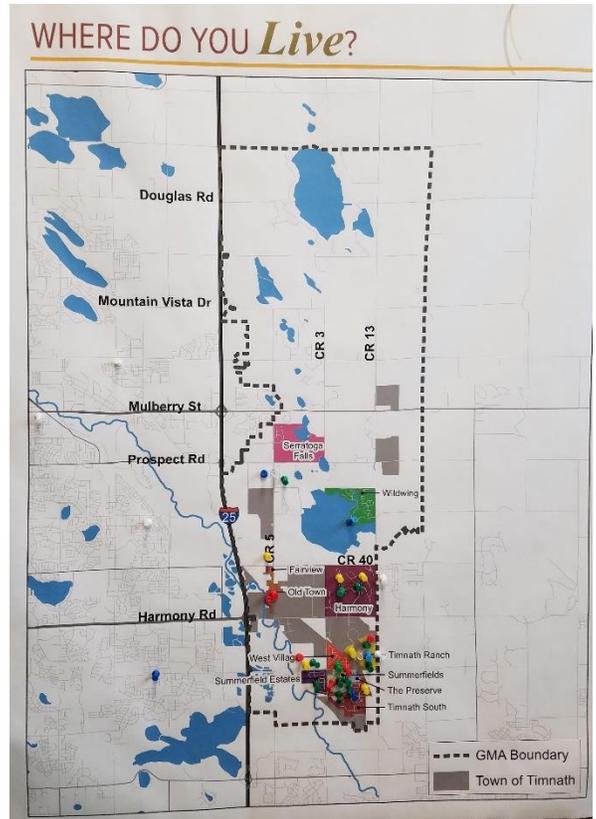
- North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFR MPO)
- City of Fort Collins
- City of Thornton Water Resources
- Town of Wellington
- Town of Severance
- Larimer County
- Xcel Energy
- Box Elder Sanitation District
- Poudre Library District
- Timnath South Metro District
- Poudre School District
- Fort Collins-Loveland Water District
- North Weld County Water District
- East Larimer County Water District (ELCO)
- Poudre Fire Authority
- Local developers

A **public kickoff event** was held at the Taste in Timnath event on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were asked what they love about Timnath; what they would like to improve about Timnath; and what they envision for Timnath in 2040. The overall event saw an attendance of approximately 1,700; the planning team interacted with 80+ people; and directed most attendees to the online survey.

An **online survey** was available from October 4<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. It was posted on the town's website and distributed through the Town's newsletter, Facebook, Nextdoor App and by e-blast, and by word of mouth and postcards at the Taste in Timnath event. The Town received 311 online survey responses.

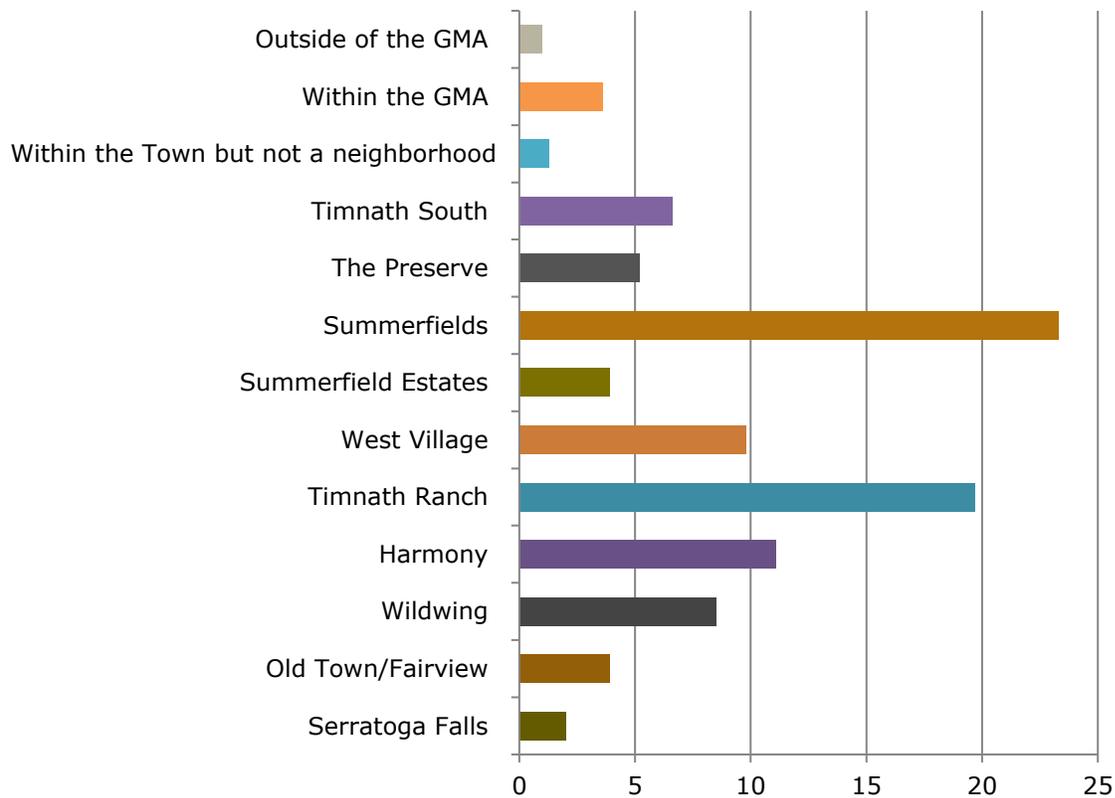
### Who We Heard From:

Online survey respondents were asked to respond to key demographic questions in order to track general response rates comparing residency, location, and age. While not able to collect demographic responses for every attendee, the Taste in Timnath event did include a board asking for participants' locations (See picture to the right). Feedback was mostly collected from Town residents or residents that lived within the 2018 Growth Management Area (GMA). General observation noted participants were mostly young families. The following demographic results have been compiled from online survey respondents.

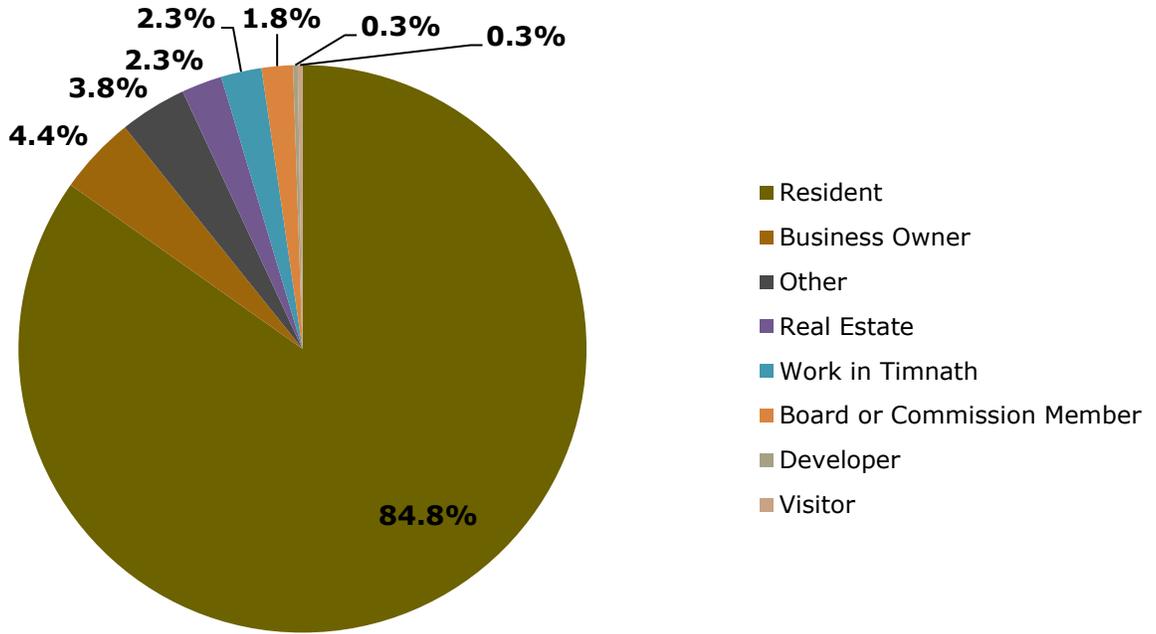


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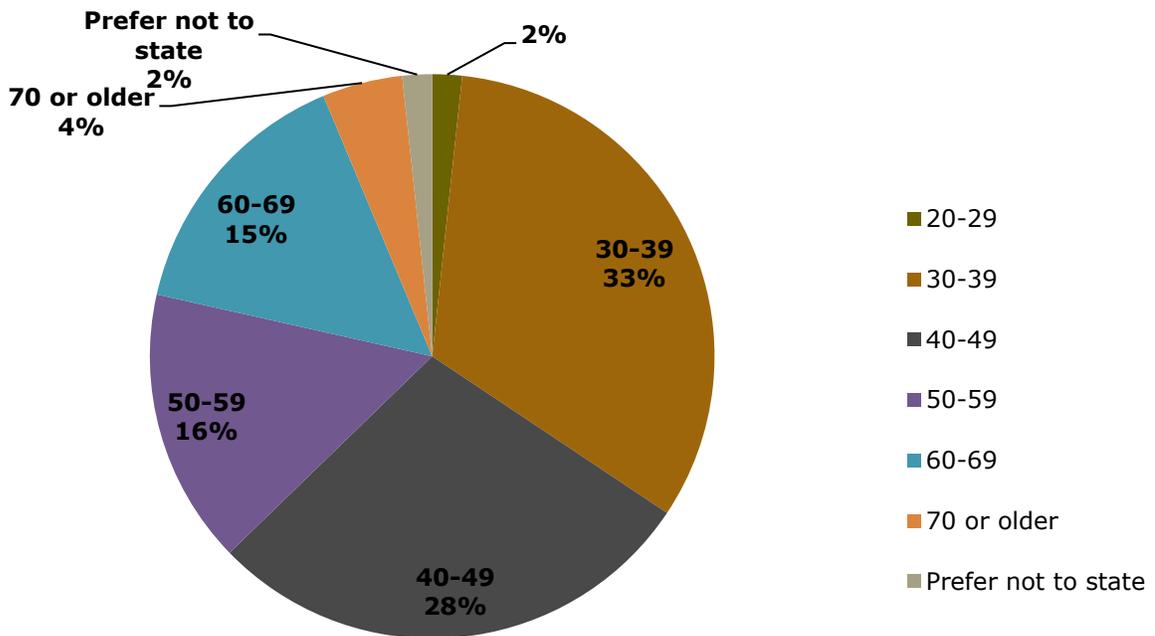
*(Responses: 349, included Taste in Timnath Event)*



*What is your relationship to the Town of Timnath? (Responses: 307)*



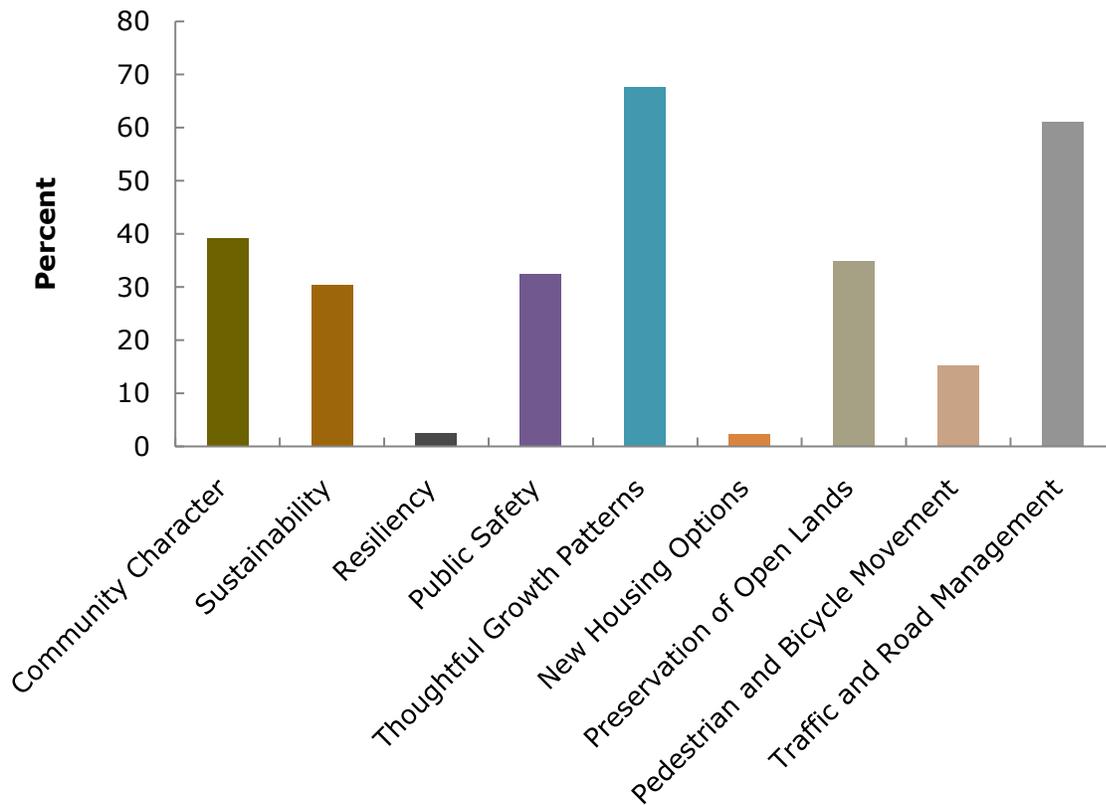
*What is your age? (Responses: 307)*



## Summary of Feedback:

The online survey and in-person events were guided by a set of questions to help gather feedback on the community's values to help inform a Vision; and opportunities for the planning horizon of 2040 to help inform goals and policies within the plan. This foundation information will set the stage for ongoing research and analysis and will be used to refine and update the vision for the Timnath Comprehensive Plan.

*Why do you think planning is important for the future?*



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*"It should be thoughtfully planned; a smart town plans infrastructure for growth in coming decades."*

*"There is a very bright future ahead for this [town] as long as the planners and community work together to make Timnath the best [town] in northern Colorado."*

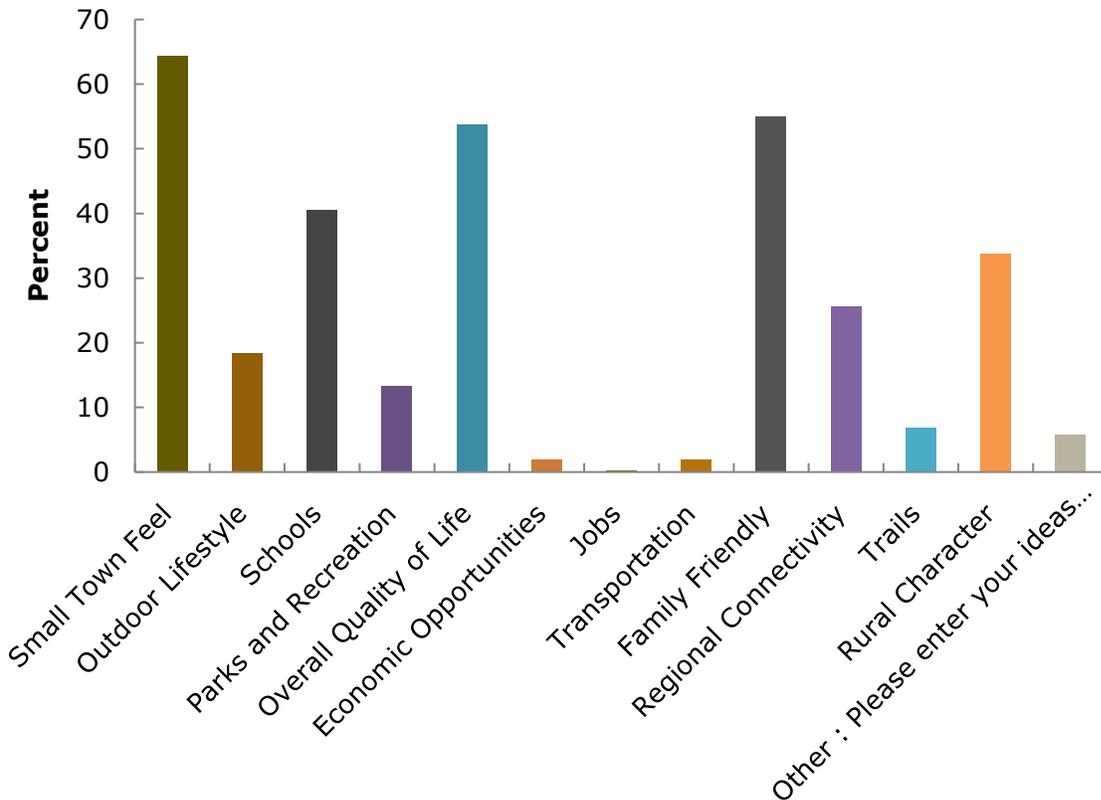
*"Plan for growth with a long-range vision."*

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### Key Community Values:

The following graphic highlights the aspects of the community that should be preserved into the future. The pre-populated choices listed below were based on previous planning efforts. Respondents were able to select up to 4 options, and able to directly enter any additional thoughts.

#### *What do you love about the Town of Timnath?*



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*"...the opportunity to be part of a growing town - make it interesting, viable, and quirky...."*

*"...less congested but still close to amenities..."*

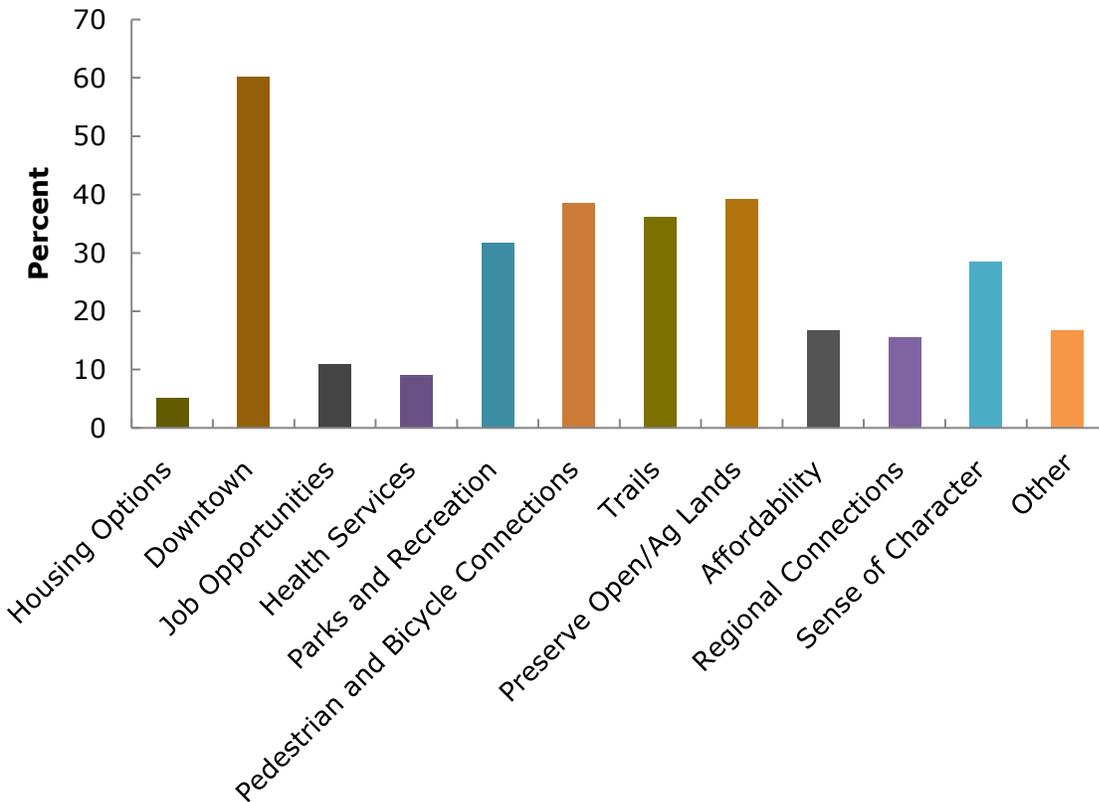
*"...friendly neighborhoods and community feel..."*

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### Key Community Concerns:

The following chart depicts key issues and opportunities for the future of Timnath. The pre-populated choices listed below were based on previous planning efforts. Respondents were able to select up to 4 options, and able to directly enter any additional thoughts.

*What would you improve about the Town of Timnath in the future?*



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*"...restaurants, grocery store, places to go with kids..."*

*"...improve transportation and trail connectivity and safety..."*

*"...high speed internet and better cell phone coverage..."*

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## Future Vision:

The community was asked an open-ended question about what they feel Timnath should be in 2040. While hard to think that far into the future, the community responded with a range of ideas.

### *What should Timnath be in 2040?*

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*"Timnath should be a small town near big city amenities. Ideally with boutique restaurants and shopping options that retain this uniqueness."*

*"Timnath should be a family-focused community with options for grocery shopping, restaurants, small businesses, and a recreation center."*

*"Timnath should have good trails, parks, and recreation with quality housing, and good retail and office solutions."*

*"Interconnected family-friendly neighborhoods with mixed-use development, including commercial, retail, restaurants, unique businesses, etc., and overall, consistent with Timnath's rural roots."*

*"Timnath should accommodate smart growth, well planned infrastructure, a small town feel, and community events."*

*"Timnath will have a fun, small downtown, with shops and eating options, like Stars Hollow (in Gilmore Girls)."*

*"It should be a small town that is known for balance between growth and open space. It should be renowned for its bike trails and small town feel as well as its sense of community."*

*"Timnath will be its own town with a lot of character and built up to be something different in northern Colorado."*

*"Timnath should be known as a community that people want to live in and are proud to be a part of."*

*"Timnath should have an outdoor rural feel, strong community, and outdoor activities."*

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### *What should it be known for?*

Verbatim comments were compiled, summarized, and generally sorted into the following categories.

The highest identified topics included:

- Distinctive small town feel, rural roots
- Family-friendly and sense of community
- Multitude of open space and parks; a focus on an outdoor lifestyle
- Expanded downtown events, arts and dining
- Connected bicycle, pedestrian, and greenway choices
- Thriving local, neighborhood oriented shops and restaurants balanced with regional economic drivers
- Thoughtful, measured, and quality growth
- Centered on schools and public safety
- Easy access to amenities and convenient regional connections
- Well-planned transportation and utility infrastructure