

Austin, MN Sustainability/Resilience Questionnaire

The City of Austin is looking for new opportunities to enhance sustainability and resilience in the community through its comprehensive plan update. The purpose of this survey is to get an initial sense of what residents' concerns as they relate to resiliency.

Resilience is the ability to prepare for and adapt to shocks and stresses due to a changing climate. We want to ask a few questions to get a better understanding of priorities as they relate to resilience. You do not have to answer any questions you are not comfortable answering.

1. How long have you lived in Austin?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 Years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

2. What is the primary language spoken in your home?

- English
- Spanish
- Karen
- Other

3. Housing Type?

- Single-family home
- Multi-family home

4. Home ownership?

- Owner
- Renter

5. What is your occupation?

6. How do you get to work?

- Drive alone
- Carpool
- Bike/Walk
- Public Transportation

7. On a scale of 1-3, how engaged do you feel with the City of Austin?

- 1 Not at all engaged
- 2 Somewhat engaged
- 3 Very engaged

8. In your own words, what are the biggest barriers to City engagement?

9. In consideration of climate change and its impact on the Austin area, what are non-weather vulnerabilities that you believe your city faces? Pick your top two choices.

- Economic turbulence or lack of job opportunities
- Disruption of social cohesion
- Lack of access to healthy food
- Higher utility bills
- Increasingly vulnerable populations (e.g., elderly, low-income, disabled persons)
- Something other than the above options:
- None

10. In consideration of climate change and its impact on the Austin area, what are weather-related vulnerabilities that you believe your city faces? Pick your top two choices.

- Drought impacting the agricultural economy
- Flood events
- Damage from extreme weather events (tornado)
- Extreme heat events
- Power outages
- Increase in disease-carrying insects (ticks and mosquitoes)
- Other:
- None of the above