

13 Ways to Kill Your Community – Chapter 1

Do you feel your community has quality water, adequate sourcing, and infrastructure?

Yes.

Yes. Would like it to be less hard. Main concern is supply. Can we build a housing development if the opportunity arose? Is there water?

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How did you feel about your community after reading the chapter?

We're in pretty good shape on this.

We're are maintaining to this point. Question is can we add housing, businesses, people & have enough water?

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Do you feel that new businesses are welcome in your community?

Sometimes. Could be better

Depends on connection to town. Chains seem to be accepted even though they do not contribute to community to same extent local businesses do.

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How can the community help new businesses?

Organized efforts to seek them. Encourage people to check them out. If financing is needed, help with SBA and other programs as well as some local programs for seed money and space to help get started. Business incubator.

Shop there. Talk good about them. If you have a not so good experience, express to the owner your concerns – don't talk it down to everyone you meet. Visit with them even if you don't buy.

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Why does your community have a low youth stay/return rate?

Lack of jobs. No organized effort to encourage them to stay/return.

To date haven't had jobs to return to. Sometimes marry someone who will not live in small town. Benefit of life in Oberlin not advertised enough.

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Do you feel your community has “dumbed down” the industries / jobs that have been vital to your community?

No.

Population loss has affected quality of businesses that can thrive.

Low-cost living & benefits have attracted some less educated or less work ethic person to some degree. They are not generally taking the jobs available.
