



Mercer County: Better Together

Mercer County Statements

Built by resident feedback through the *Community Heart & Soul* planning process, these statements indicate what matters most to Mercer County residents.

“We honor the cooperation between our volunteer and professional **public services** and encourage more training and sharing of equipment between fire departments, law enforcement, first responders, search and rescue and security corps as they provide emergency and ongoing response for the protection of persons, their property and health which reduces crime and leads to a safer community.”

“We will continue to invest in our local **business** by helping current ones remain successful and expand and create environments to attract and develop new businesses that align with our agricultural, entrepreneurial, health, historical, manufacturing and recreational assets which will create and retain jobs that add to the quality of life for families and enhanced economy for the area.”

“We treasure our natural and built **historical assets** including cemeteries, courthouse, fairgrounds historical buildings, landscapes and museums, as they provide opportunities for tourism and a connection to the past.”

“We appreciate the diversity of **community festivals and events** that each and every community and their volunteers organize; we would encourage better countywide coordination, because these festivals and events bring people together, make connections between people and organizations and encourage tourism that creates community pride and helps to financially support local businesses and our communities.”

“We endorse our formal and informal **education** systems and their use of technology, pre-college, vocational, apprenticeship and employment training, as they prepare job seekers for future success, which further strengthens the workforce and economic development of Mercer County.”

“We seek to build an equitable and sustainable community through **county and community leadership**, effective communication and intergovernmental cooperation as a means to maintain and improve the economic, environmental and social characteristics of the county so that its residents can continue to lead successful, productive lives.”

“We strive for strong **infrastructure** systems that afford quality roads to improve transportation of our agricultural products, vehicular access to our communities, provide efficient access to high speed internet connectivity, and strong water and sewer systems to provide a high quality of life, which will allow Mercer County to compete in the regional economy.”

“We embrace our **recreational** opportunities, through the Mercer County Family YMCA, Mississippi River, parks, ball diamonds, golf courses and campgrounds, which encourage an active and healthy lifestyle, provide activity opportunities for youth, create additional jobs and enhance economic stability.”

“We endorse and support our **natural resources** of agricultural land, lakes, the Mississippi River and its tributaries and wetlands and natural wildlife that provide materials for production to the food, recreation, transportation and tourism industries, that create jobs which improve personal financial security and well-being and increase revenue to the local economy.”

“We endorse and support our local hospital, **health**/healthcare and supportive living entities because they provide easy access and critical care for residents across the life span and assist in meeting the needs of residents with varying levels of care.”
