

## **GVMC's 15<sup>th</sup>-Annual Growing Communities Conference**

### **Feedback**

Evaluation forms were handed out for attendees to tell GVMC planners what they thought of the conference. While we report the feedback here, the amount of feedback we received was not large enough to be as representative of the opinions of all attendees as we would like. If you would like to let us know what you thought, [click here](#).

- 89% of respondents rated the staff and facilities as 'excellent.'
- Respondents gave the conference format, audio-visual presentation, and topics 'good' and 'excellent' ratings in roughly equal measure.
- Exhibits were rated 'excellent' by 15% of respondents, 'good' by 31%, 'fair' by 23%, 'poor' by 8%, and 'no opinion' by 23%.
- Some respondents said these specific speeches were their favorite part of the conference: Dan Gilmartin, Barbara Fails, Mayor James Buck, and the cross-panel discussion.
- Other respondents said their favorite part of the conference was the 'quality,' 'variety,' and 'relevance.'
- Two respondents complained of trouble hearing speeches, and suggested that keynote speakers project voices more, and that breakout speakers wear microphones.
- Suggested topics for next year included suburban retrofit, greyfields, re-development, LEED – ND, attracting baby boomer retirement development, more from development community, child-friendly cities (especially schools), and waterfront and rural development.