
Village of Bloomington

During September and October of 2007 a total of 318 questionnaires were sent to households in the village of Bloomington and 63 questionnaires were returned for a somewhat disappointing return rate of 20 percent. This number of returned surveys will provide estimates that are expected to be accurate to within plus or minus 11 percent.

Key results of this survey include:

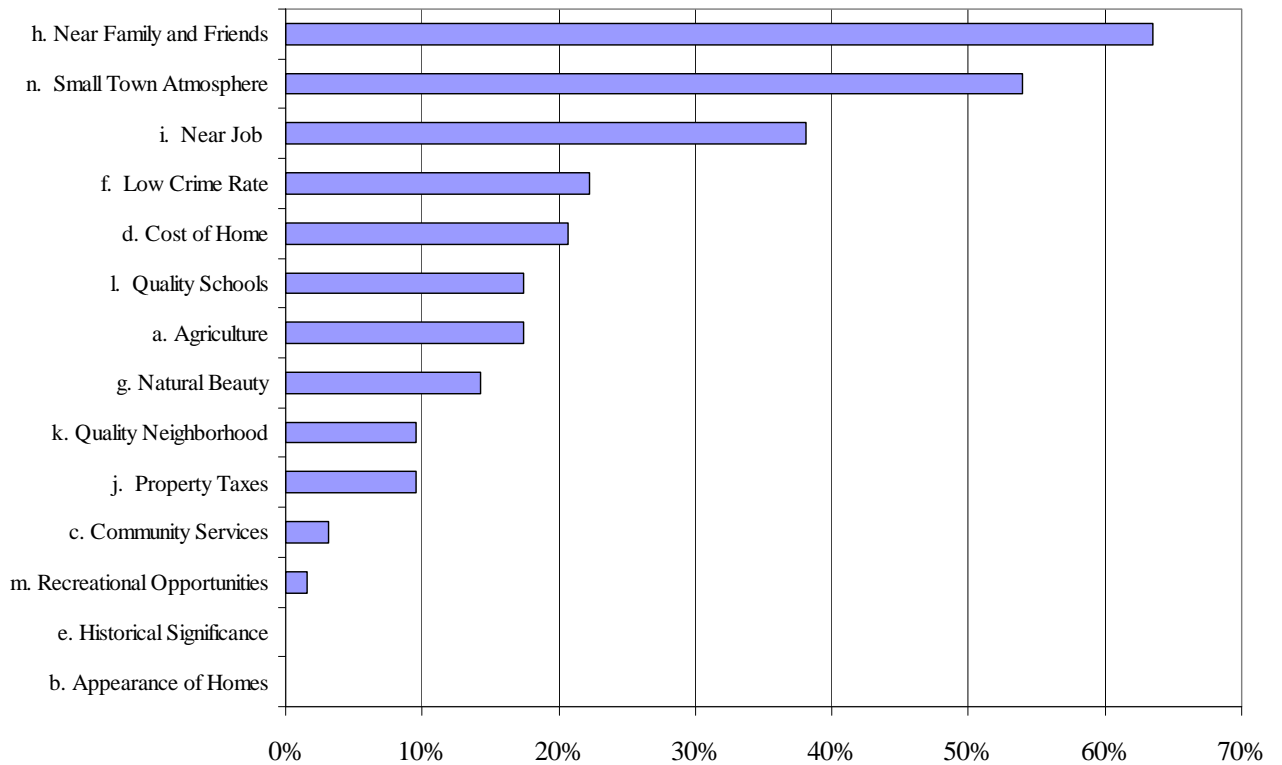
- Compared to Grant County as a whole, those completing this survey from Bloomington contained a higher proportion of women, of residents with part-time employment, more households with no children, more lower-income households, and more long-term residents.
- As is true for most Grant County jurisdictions, Bloomington residents have chosen to live in the Village to be near family and friends and because they appreciate its small town atmosphere. The beauty of the area is a relatively less important reason for Village residents' choice of Grant County as a residence.
- Village residents appear to be generally satisfied with the quality of their community facilities and services. In fact, they tend to be more satisfied with their municipal services than is true for the County as a whole.
- While Bloomington residents agree in solid majorities that it is important to protect natural and cultural resources (air quality, rivers and streams, etc.), their passion for this seems to be somewhat less than for the county (there are smaller percentages saying this preservation is "very important").
- Village of Bloomington residents are most supportive of improving existing homes but also favor more affordable housing, single family homes, and housing for the elderly for the Village. Generally, Bloomington residents are, as was true with natural and cultural resources, less ardent in their support for housing developments than is true for the County.
- Village of Bloomington residents are evenly divided in their preferences for traditional versus cluster designs for housing developments.
- A majority of Bloomington residents do not feel that landowners should be able to develop their land in any way they want but do feel that all driveways should meet standards needed for emergency vehicles and that visual impacts should be considered when evaluating development proposals.
- Expansions of large farms with more than 500 animal units should, according to Village residents, be limited to areas that are at least 2 miles from incorporated areas. They also agree that productive agricultural land should be kept in agriculture rather than developed for other purposes.
- With respect to transportation, Bloomington residents are generally satisfied with roads in the County and in the Village. They are less satisfied with the availability of bike trails and most other transportation options (buses, shared vans, etc.).
- As for most jurisdictions, Bloomington respondents said they'd like to receive comprehensive planning data via direct mailings or, to a somewhat lesser extent, in newsletters.
- There is strong support for developing wind and solar power but less for ethanol development. Village residents also agree that business recruitment should be

coordinated across jurisdictions, that industrial developments near incorporated areas use sewer and water systems, and that these businesses be provided with needed infrastructure such as sewer and water. Bloomington residents' opinions differ little from County opinions with respect to most economic development issues.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – QUALITY OF LIFE

- As is true in many Grant County communities, residents of the village of Bloomington say that they have chosen to live in the County to be near family and friends and because they appreciate its small town atmosphere.
- A substantial number of Bloomington residents also said that their choice of residence was influenced by where their job is.
- Less than one-quarter of respondents identified any of the other factors in the graph below.

Quality of Life Factors



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – QUALITY OF LIFE (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- With one exception, the reasons given by Bloomington residents for choosing to live in Grant County were very similar to the average County resident.
- The exception is that the natural beauty of the area is cited by a substantially smaller proportion of Bloomington residents as compared to the County.

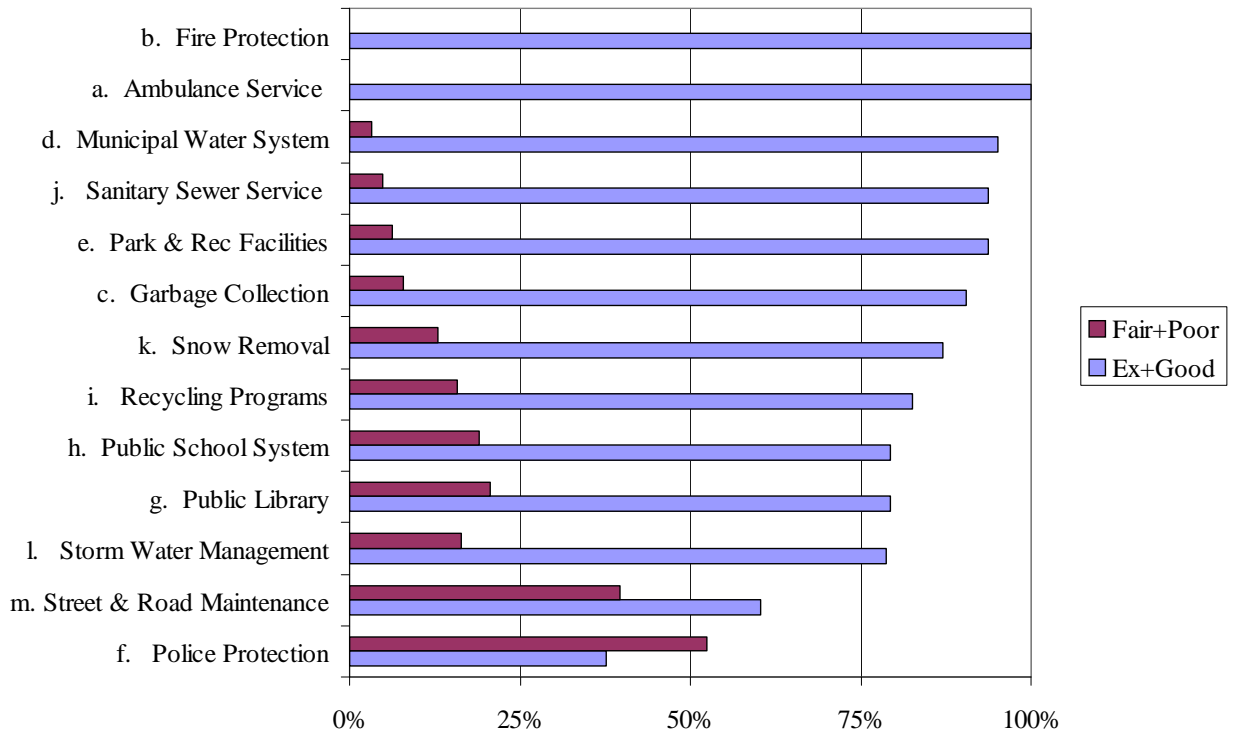
1. What are the three most important reasons you and your family choose to live in Grant County?

	Bloomington	County		Bloomington	County
a. Agriculture	17%	17%	i. Near Job	38%	40%
b. Appearance of Homes	0%	2%	j. Property Taxes	10%	6%
c. Community Services	3%	3%	k. Quality Neighborhood	10%	10%
d. Cost of Home	21%	17%	l. Quality Schools	17%	18%
e. Historical Significance	0%	2%	m. Recreational Opportunities	2%	9%
f. Low Crime Rate	22%	20%	n. Small Town Atmosphere	54%	58%
g. Natural Beauty	14%	24%	o. Other	6%	5%
h. Near Family and Friends	63%	56%			

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Village of Bloomington residents generally rate their facilities and services very highly. Every single respondent agreed that fire protection and ambulance services are good or excellent. More than 90 percent felt that the water system, sewer service, park and recreation facilities, and garbage collection services were good or excellent.
- The only two services that a considerable proportion of respondents rated as fair or poor were street and road maintenance and police protection. The comments section contains a few specific items relevant to both of these issues. With respect to road maintenance, there are a few comments about the general condition of the roads and a few about Amish buggies. With respect to the police, there are, again, some comments about the Amish and some about sex offenders.

Rating Community Facilities and Services



**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES
(COUNTY COMPARISON)**

- Compared to the County average, more Village of Bloomington residents rate many of their community facilities and services as good or excellent. In particular, Village residents rate their ambulance service, garbage collection, municipal water system, park and recreation facilities, sanitary sewer system, and storm water management facilities more highly than the average County respondent did.
- Village of Bloomington residents rate their police protection substantially lower than the average for the County.

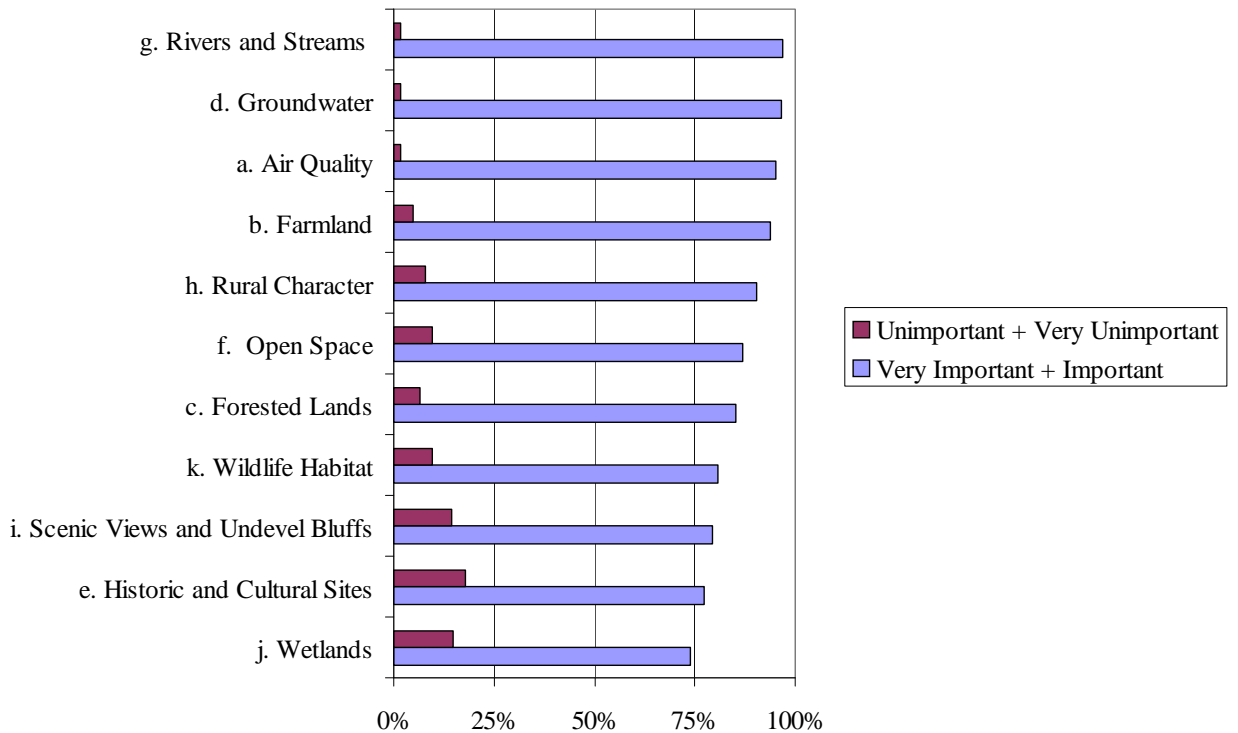
2. Rate the following local services

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
a. Ambulance Service	73%	54%	27%	35%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	5%
b. Fire Protection	76%	54%	24%	39%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	3%
c. Garbage Collection	41%	39%	49%	39%	8%	9%	0%	2%	2%	11%
d. Municipal Water System	51%	23%	44%	38%	3%	10%	0%	2%	2%	26%
e. Park & Rec Facilities	43%	30%	51%	47%	6%	13%	0%	2%	0%	7%
f. Police Protection	3%	27%	34%	45%	36%	20%	16%	4%	10%	4%
g. Public Library	32%	33%	48%	46%	21%	11%	0%	2%	0%	8%
h. Public School System	25%	30%	54%	49%	17%	13%	2%	2%	2%	6%
i. Recycling Programs	24%	31%	59%	51%	14%	12%	2%	2%	2%	3%
j. Sanitary Sewer Service	41%	25%	52%	42%	3%	8%	2%	1%	2%	24%
k. Snow Removal	32%	27%	55%	47%	11%	17%	2%	2%	0%	7%
l. Storm Water Management	25%	16%	54%	43%	13%	16%	3%	3%	5%	22%
m. Street & Road Maintenance	13%	16%	48%	46%	27%	28%	13%	8%	0%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Residents of the Village of Bloomington indicated that protection of natural and cultural resources is very important to them. Approximately 75% or more said that it is important or very important to protect all of the items listed in the chart below.
- Fewer than one in five respondents said that protection of the natural and cultural resources listed is unimportant or very unimportant. The maximum proportion saying that it is unimportant or very unimportant was 18% and referred to protecting historic and cultural sites.

Importance of Protecting Natural & Cultural Resources



**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
(COUNTY COMPARISON)**

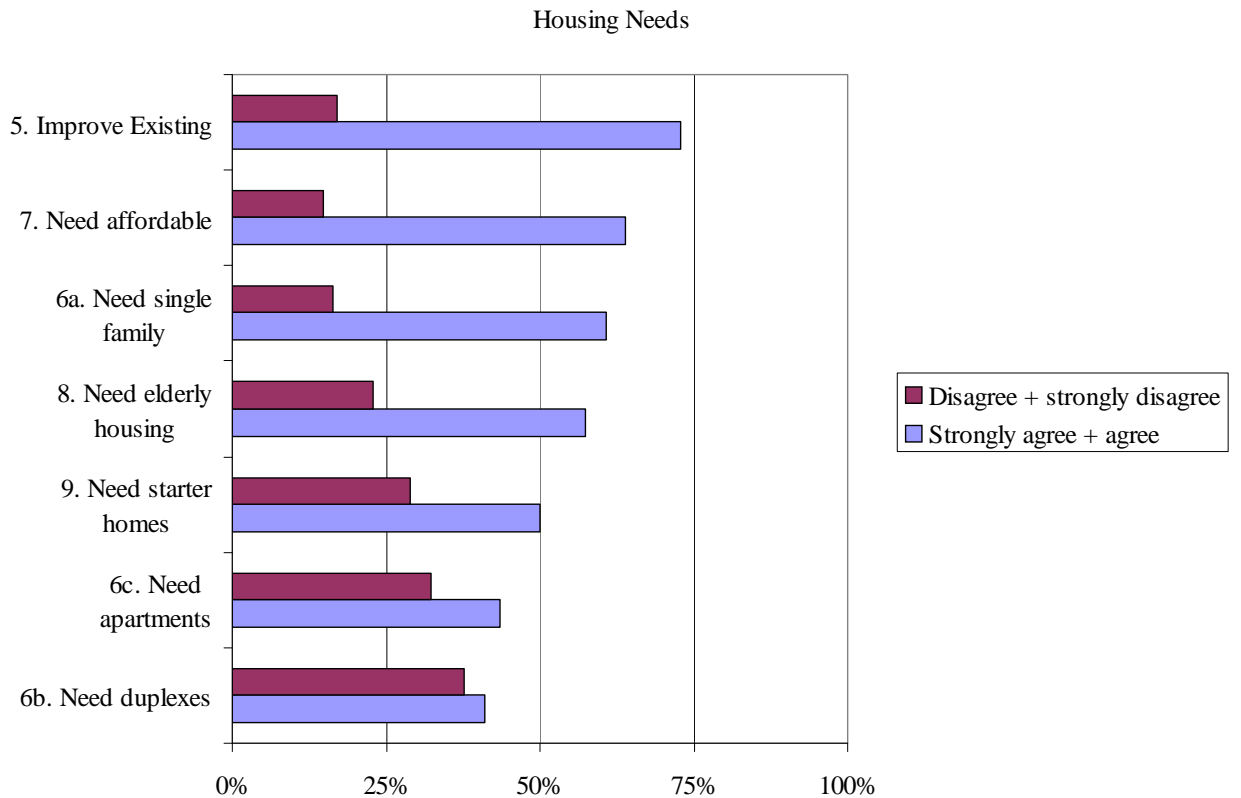
- The proportion of respondents from the Village of Bloomington who rated protection of natural and cultural resources as important or very important is similar to the overall County ratings. However, Bloomington residents tend to exceed the County average in terms of the percent saying such protection is important and be less than the County in terms of those saying it is very important. Thus, the citizens of the Village could be said to be somewhat less passionate about preserving their natural and cultural resources than the average citizen of Grant County.
- Residents of the Village of Bloomington placed substantially less importance on protecting forested land, wetlands, scenic views and undeveloped bluffs, and wildlife habitat.

4. It is important to protect the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
a. Air Quality	71%	68%	24%	29%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%
b. Farmland	56%	59%	38%	37%	5%	3%	0%	1%	2%	1%
c. Forested Lands	44%	54%	41%	40%	5%	3%	2%	1%	8%	2%
d. Groundwater	70%	73%	26%	25%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
e. Historic and Cultural Sites	16%	27%	61%	57%	16%	13%	2%	1%	5%	2%
f. Open Space	27%	34%	60%	53%	5%	10%	5%	1%	3%	2%
g. Rivers and Streams	48%	64%	49%	34%	0%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%
h. Rural Character	35%	39%	55%	47%	5%	12%	3%	1%	2%	2%
i. Scenic Views & Undeveloped Bluffs	33%	46%	46%	42%	10%	9%	5%	2%	6%	1%
j. Wetlands	21%	40%	52%	41%	10%	12%	5%	2%	11%	4%
k. Wildlife Habitat	32%	47%	48%	43%	6%	7%	3%	1%	10%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING

- The highest percentage of Bloomington residents feel that housing development in the Village should focus on improving existing homes.
- Majorities feel that more affordable housing, single family homes, and housing to serve the special needs of the elderly are needed in the Village.
- Public opinion is closely divided (within the margin of error) on the need to develop apartments and duplexes in Bloomington.



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- The pattern noted with respect to how residents of the Village of Bloomington viewed the importance of protecting natural and cultural resources compared to Grant County as a whole holds true for housing as well. The proportions of Village and County residents who agree or strongly agree about the need for housing developments are broadly similar. However, smaller percentages of Village residents tend to “strongly agree” that additional units of these housing types are needed.
- The one area in which Village opinion seems to differ from those of the County is with respect to the need for additional apartment complexes. In both the Village and the County, a minority of residents feel that additional apartment units are needed but a substantially higher proportion of Bloomington residents (43%) agree that they are needed than is true in Grant County more generally (31%).
- A substantial difference is apparent in the housing development preferences of the Village and the County. Bloomington residents are evenly split in their preferences for traditional versus cluster designs for housing development while the County expressed a strong preference for cluster designs.

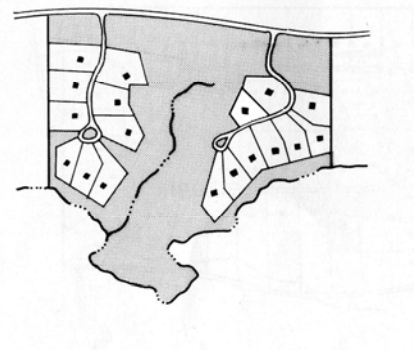
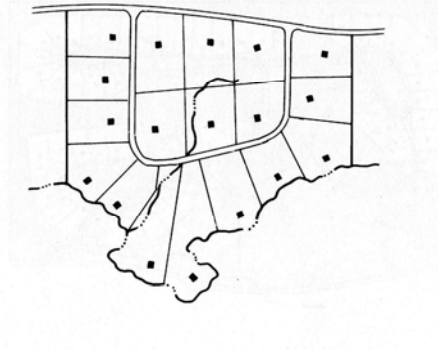
	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
5. Improve existing housing quality.	17%	24%	56%	44%	15%	16%	2%	3%	10%	13%
6. Need following housing types:										
a. Single Family Housing	16%	19%	44%	40%	13%	15%	3%	5%	23%	21%
b. Duplexes (2 units)	2%	8%	39%	33%	31%	25%	7%	9%	21%	25%
c. Apartments (3 or more units)	8%	7%	35%	24%	27%	31%	5%	12%	24%	26%
7. Need affordable housing	20%	31%	44%	36%	10%	14%	5%	6%	21%	13%
8. Need elderly housing	16%	20%	41%	43%	18%	19%	5%	4%	20%	14%
9. Need starter homes	19%	19%	31%	37%	26%	23%	3%	4%	21%	16%

10. Would you prefer housing built in a traditional design (Option A) or a cluster design (Option B)?

OPTION A

OPTION B

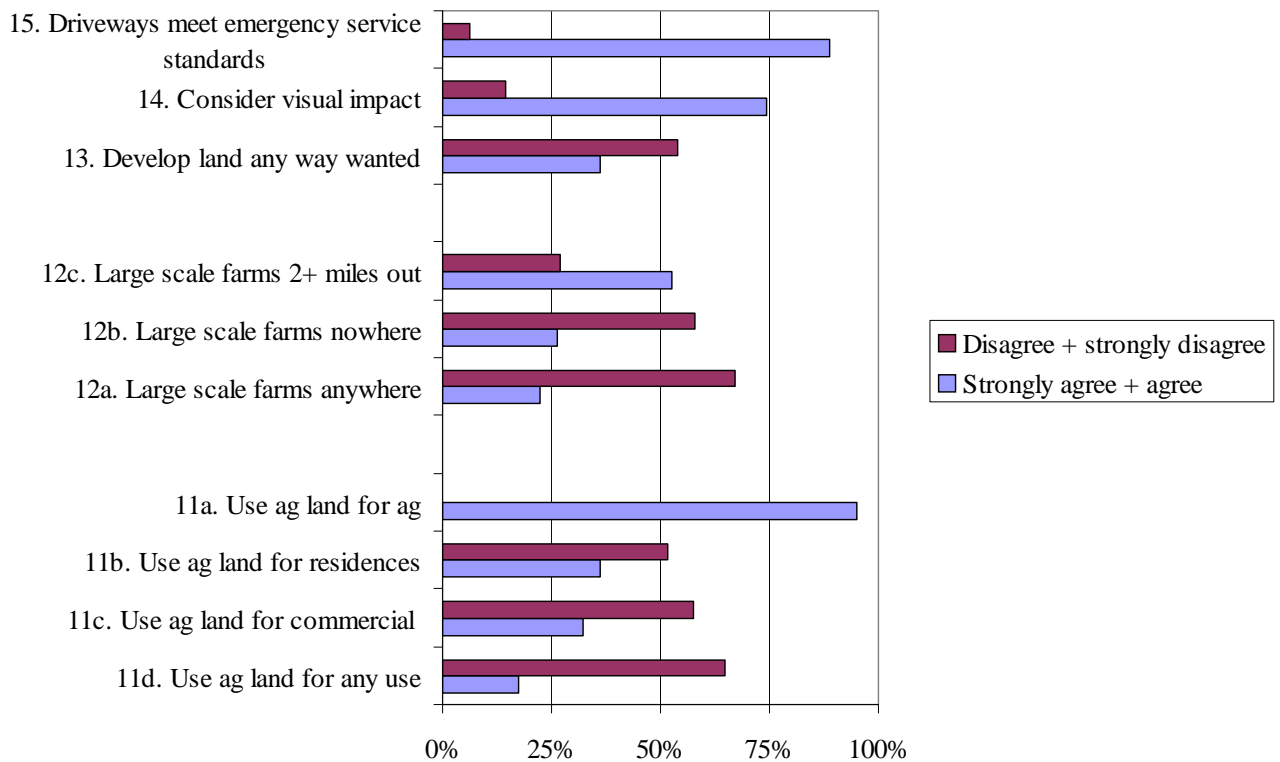
Traditional Design		Cluster Design	
City of Bloomington	County	City of Bloomington	County
48%	39%	52%	61%



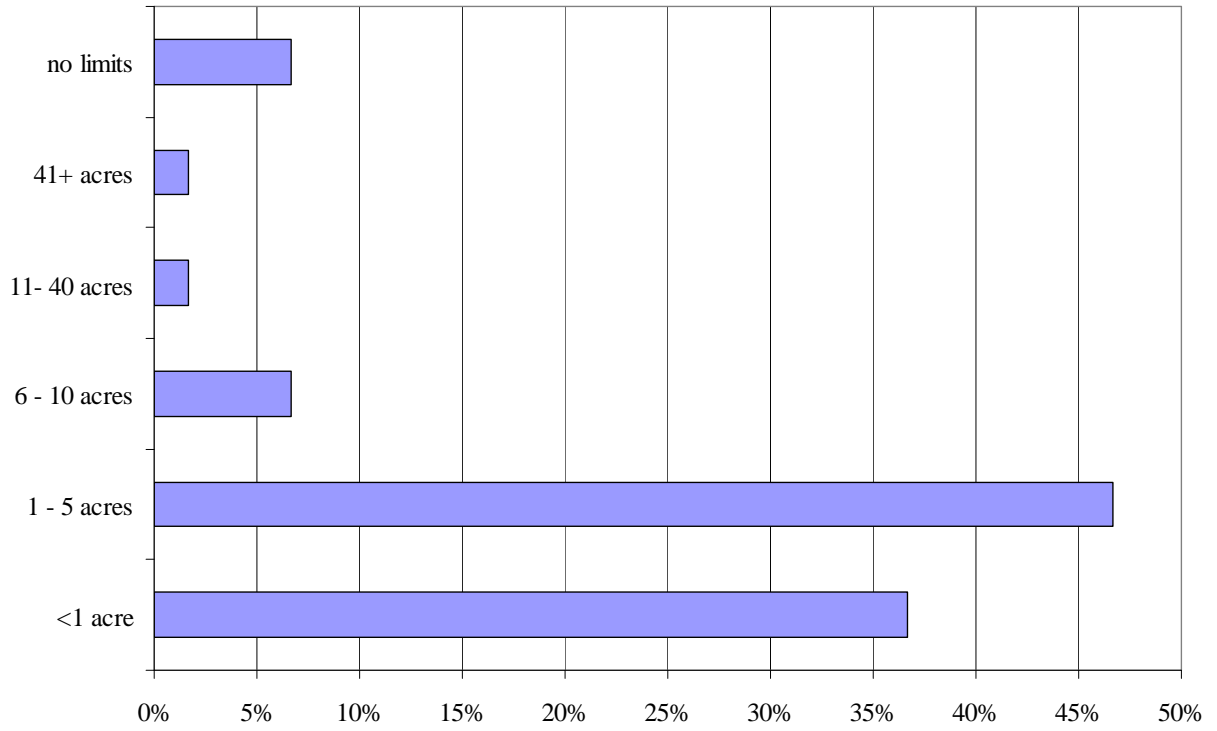
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

- Solid majorities of Village of Bloomington residents agree that driveways should be required to meet standards needed to provide emergency services and that visual impacts should be considered when evaluating development proposals.
- Village residents tend to disagree with the contention that landowners should be able to develop their land in any way they want.
- A slight majority (and substantially more than those who disagree) of Village residents feel that large farms (500+ animals) should be allowed to expand if they are outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas. They rejected, by substantial majorities, the options of allowing such farms to expand anywhere in the County and banning their expansion from the County altogether.
- More than 90% of respondents said that they agree or strongly agree that productive farmland should be used in agriculture. Majorities disagree that such land should be used for non-agricultural purposes but roughly one-third of Village respondents felt that productive farm land be used for residential or commercial uses.
- More than 80% of Blooming residents feel that minimum lot size for rural development should be less than 5 acres.
- Slightly less than 80% reported owning an acre or less in Grant County.

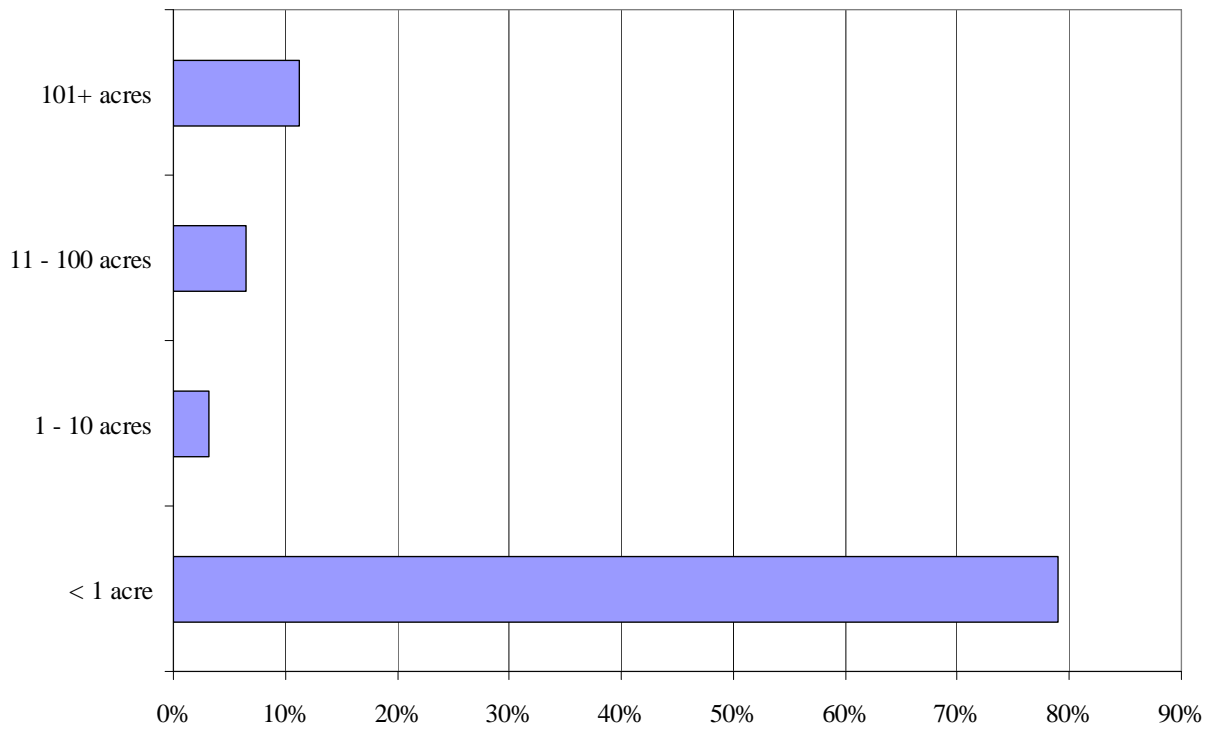
Land Use Opinions



Preferred Minimum Lot Size



Acres Owned in Grant County



**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE
(COUNTY COMPARISON)**

- There are few dramatic differences in the land use preferences of Bloomington residents and those for the County as a whole.
- Village of Bloomington residents are somewhat more open to using productive agricultural land for commercial purposes (though in both the County and the Village this is a minority view). Village residents disagree in substantially higher proportions that landowners should have a free hand in how they develop their land and are somewhat less adamant about considering the visual impacts of development.
- A majority of Village residents feel that there should be a minimum lot size on residential developments in rural area but with a somewhat smaller majority than in the County. In addition, if a minimum size is required, Bloomington residents are more likely to suggest setting the limit at an acre or less.
- Because it is a village, it is not surprising that Bloomington residents tend to own less acreage and be less involved in agriculture than the County as a whole.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
11a. Use ag land for ag	67%	76%	28%	21%	0%	1%	0%	0%	5%	2%
11b. Use ag land for residences	7%	4%	29%	28%	38%	44%	14%	17%	12%	7%
11c. Use ag land for commercial	5%	3%	27%	19%	41%	45%	17%	26%	10%	7%
11d. Use ag land for any use	5%	4%	12%	8%	35%	40%	30%	36%	18%	12%
12. Expand lg farms (500+ an. units):										
a. Anywhere in Grant County	5%	9%	17%	17%	47%	42%	21%	23%	10%	8%
b. Nowhere in Grant County	9%	12%	18%	14%	47%	44%	11%	19%	16%	12%
c. 2 miles outside inc areas	19%	23%	34%	39%	12%	17%	15%	9%	20%	12%
13. Develop land any way wanted	10%	11%	26%	17%	34%	52%	20%	18%	10%	2%
14. Consider visual impacts of developments	19%	28%	55%	57%	10%	9%	5%	2%	11%	5%
15. Driveways meet EMS standards	33%	38%	56%	52%	5%	6%	2%	0%	5%	4%

16. There should be a minimum lot size on residential development in rural areas.

Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
10%	24%	51%	48%	16%	16%	5%	5%	18%	8%

17. In your opinion, what should the minimum lot size be for rural residential development?

Less than 1 acre		1 to 5 acres		6 to 10 acres		11 to 40 acres		41 or more acres		No Limitation	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
37%	19%	47%	49%	7%	13%	2%	5%	2%	4%	7%	11%

18. How many acres of land do you own in Grant County?

Less Than 1 acre		1-10 acres		11-100 acres		101 acres or more	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
79%	60%	3%	17%	6%	10%	11%	13%

19. Do you actively farm the land you own?

Yes		No		Not Applicable	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
5%	14%	55%	55%	40%	31%

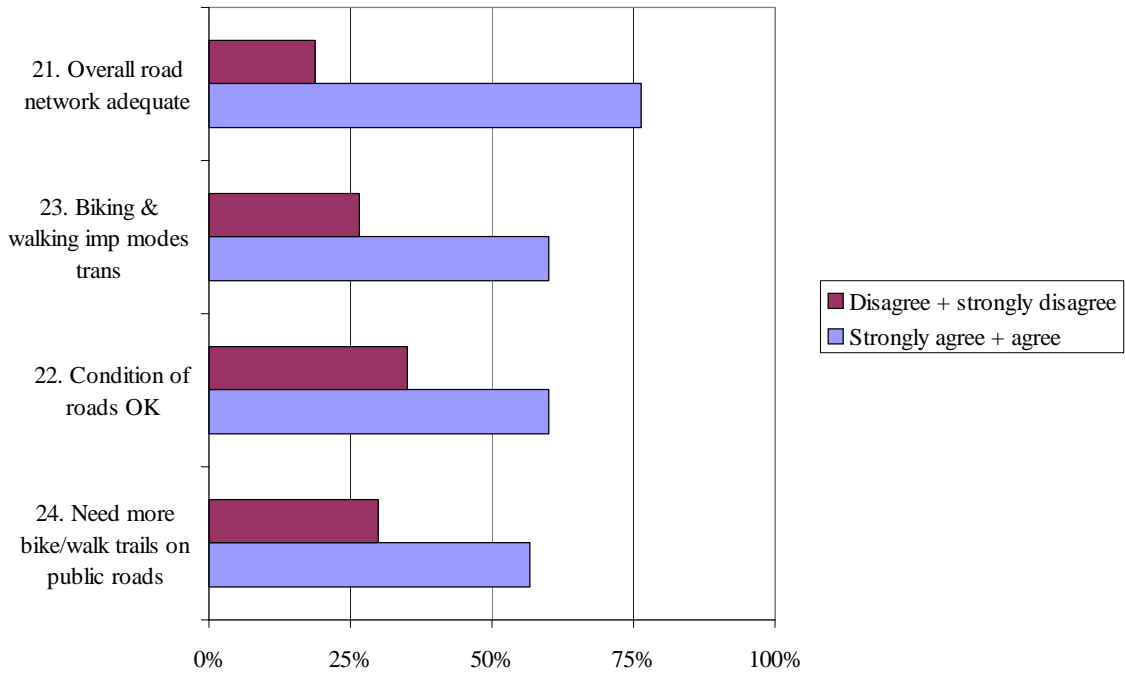
20. Do you think your land will be actively farmed (by you or someone else) in the next:

0-5 years		6-10 years		11-15 years		16-20 years		Not Applicable	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
8%	10%	0%	6%	0%	6%	11%	13%	79%	74%

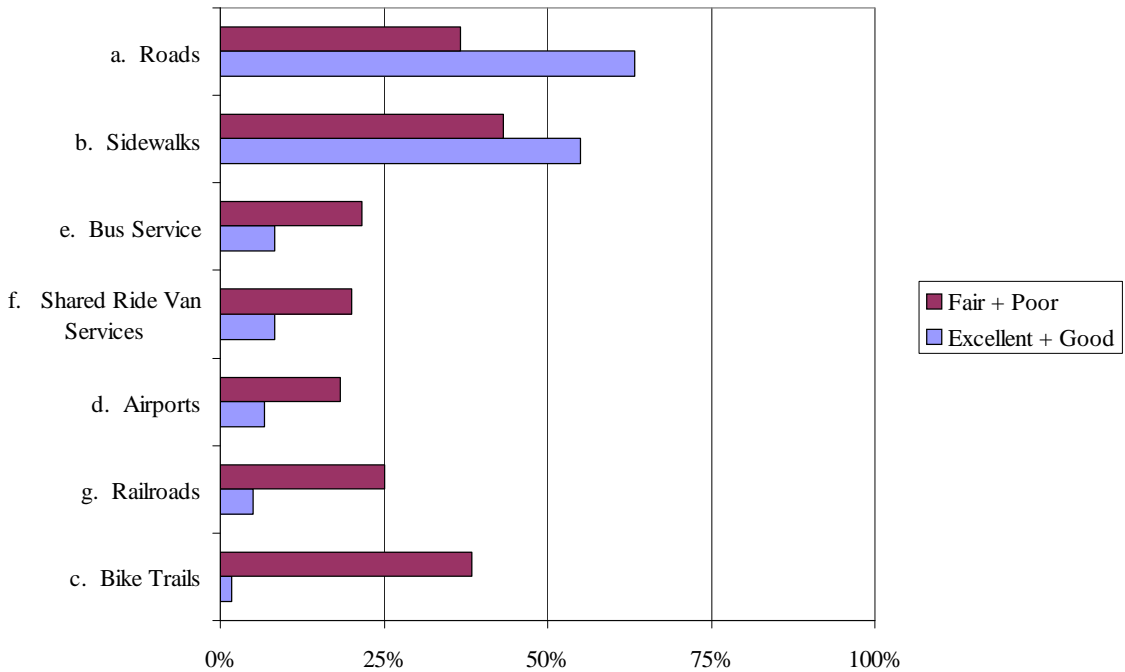
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION

- A solid majority of Bloomington residents agree that the overall network of roads meets the needs of County residents. By smaller majorities they agree that biking and walking are important modes of transportation in the village, that the condition of roads in Bloomington are adequate, and that more biking and walking trails are needed along public roadways.
- A majority of residents are satisfied with their roads and sidewalks but not with any other transportation services in the Village. The level of dissatisfaction with bike trails in the Village is notable.

Transportation Opinions



Transportation Quality in Local Jurisdiction



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- With respect to transportation issues, Village of Bloomington residents tend to agree, but less strongly, with the opinions expressed by County residents as a whole. For example, a solid majority of Bloomington residents agree that the County’s road network meets the population’s needs but at a substantially lower percentage than was true for the County as a whole.
- Bloomington residents were substantially more likely to rate their sidewalks as good than was true for Grant County. With respect to all of the transportation options in Table 25 other than roads and sidewalks, Bloomington residents were more likely to say that it is not applicable to them.

21-24. Transportation issues

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
21. Road network meets needs	8%	14%	68%	74%	15%	9%	3%	2%	5%	1%
22. Condition of roads adequate	5%	11%	55%	64%	25%	20%	10%	3%	5%	1%
23. Biking & walking imp modes trans	13%	18%	47%	44%	22%	22%	5%	5%	13%	11%
24. Need more bike & walk lanes on pub roads	18%	24%	38%	34%	25%	23%	5%	9%	13%	10%

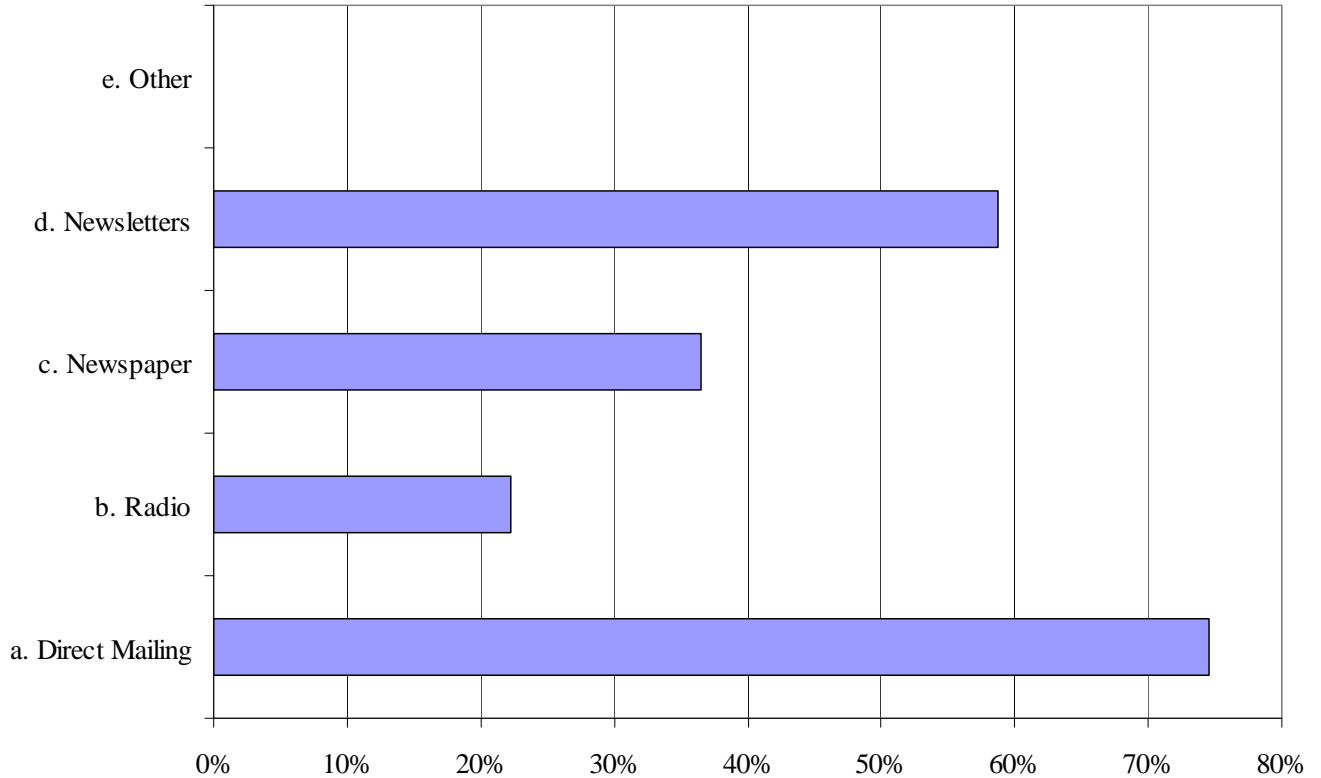
25. Rate the following for your local jurisdiction

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
a. Roads	5%	12%	58%	59%	23%	22%	13%	6%	0%	0%
b. Sidewalks	2%	6%	53%	39%	37%	28%	7%	6%	2%	22%
c. Bike Trails	0%	3%	2%	17%	18%	19%	20%	16%	60%	44%
d. Airports	0%	6%	7%	30%	13%	16%	5%	4%	75%	43%
e. Bus Service	3%	1%	5%	4%	10%	3%	12%	20%	70%	72%
f. Shared Ride Van Services	2%	0%	7%	9%	7%	11%	13%	16%	72%	64%
g. Railroads	0%	2%	5%	11%	18%	10%	7%	13%	70%	64%
h. Other	0%	3%	0%	9%	0%	1%	0%	12%	100%	75%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS - COMMUNICATION

- As is true in most jurisdictions, Bloomington residents prefer receiving comprehensive planning information via direct mailings or, to a lesser extent, newsletters.

Communication Preferences for Comp Plan Info



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNICATIONS (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- There are no significant differences between the communication preferences of the Village of Bloomington and those of Grant County residents more generally.

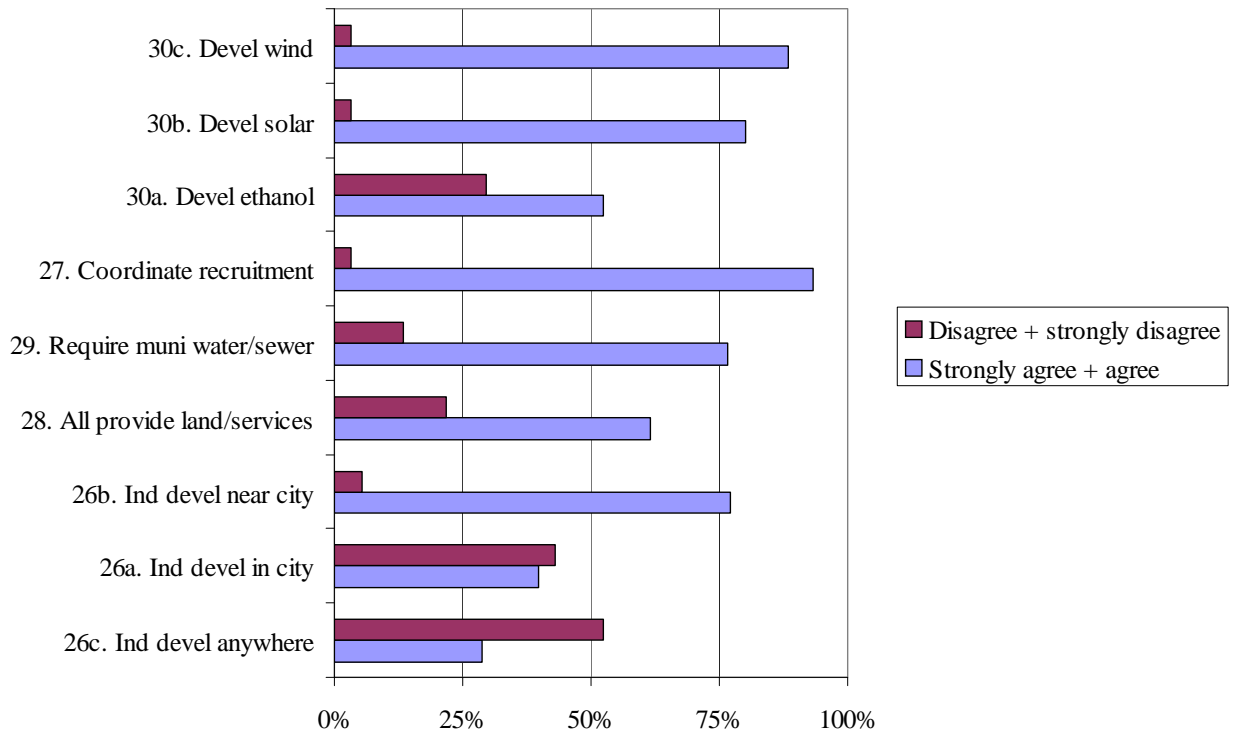
3. What are 2 most effective ways your jurisdiction could provide Comprehensive Planning information to landowners and residents?

	Village of Bloomington	Grant County
a. Direct Mailing	75%	70%
b. Radio	22%	21%
c. Newspaper	37%	44%
d. Newsletters	59%	56%
e. Other	0%	4%

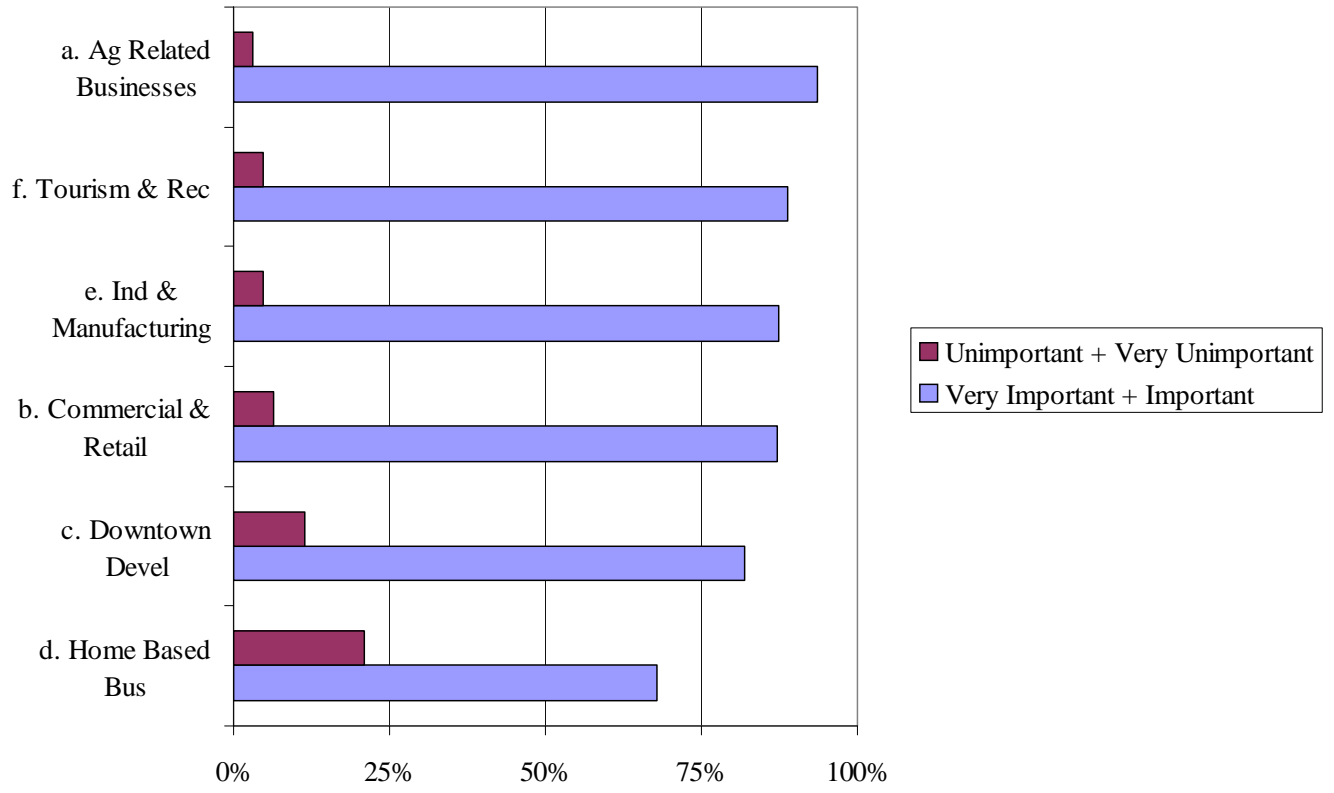
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Village of Bloomington residents are strongly supportive of pursuing wind and solar power generation as economic development strategies. Their opinion of ethanol development is less clear; a majority said that they agree or strongly agree with developing ethanol but the margin of error is sufficiently large that we cannot say with certainty that it has the support of most Village residents.
- Solid majorities of Village residents agree that efforts to attract new businesses and industry to the County should be coordinated across jurisdictions, that all developments on the edge of municipalities should be required to use city/village water and sewer services, and that all jurisdictions should provide at least some land with infrastructure (water, sewer, etc.) for industrial and commercial uses.
- Bloomington residents agree that industrial and commercial activities that involve truck traffic and manufacturing should be located near existing cities/villages but disagree that such developments should be within existing municipalities or that they should be allowed to develop anywhere in the County.
- More than 90% of Bloomington residents agree that agriculturally related businesses are important to Grant County. More than 80% feel that tourism and recreation, industry and manufacturing, commercial and retail, and downtown development are important for the County. About two-thirds of Village respondents feel this way about home-based businesses.

Economic Development Opinions



Importance of Business Development



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Village of Bloomington residents agree in substantially lower proportions that industrial development should be located in an existing city or village than is true for the County as a whole.
- In other respects, Bloomington residents have similar views as those of the County with respect to locating industrial development, coordinating business recruitment, provision of infrastructure for industry, and requiring that such utilize municipal water and sewer systems.
- Bloomington respondents share similar levels of enthusiasm for developing alternative energy as Grant County residents more generally.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
26. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located:										
a. In an existing city or a village	3%	14%	36%	39%	40%	28%	3%	7%	17%	12%
b. Near a city or village	7%	16%	70%	63%	5%	8%	0%	3%	18%	10%
c. Anywhere in Grant County	3%	7%	25%	19%	42%	38%	10%	20%	19%	16%
27. Coordinate business recruitment	45%	53%	48%	40%	0%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
28. Provide land & infrastructure for industry/commerce	18%	16%	43%	43%	17%	19%	5%	7%	17%	15%
29. Required muni water & sewer	23%	26%	53%	45%	8%	11%	5%	4%	10%	14%

30. Grant County jurisdictions should pursue the following energy alternatives as a form of economic development:

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
a. Ethanol Plants	18%	22%	34%	33%	23%	23%	7%	9%	18%	13%
b. Solar Energy	32%	39%	48%	45%	2%	5%	2%	1%	17%	10%

c. Wind Energy	48%	48%	41%	43%	0%	2%	3%	2%	8%	6%
d. Other	9%	28%	0%	8%	5%	0%	0%	0%	86%	63%

- The opinions of Village residents parallel those of the County with respect to the importance of all of the following types of types of businesses.

31. Rate the importance of the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
a. Ag Related Business	60%	59%	33%	38%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%
b. Commercial & Retail	34%	33%	53%	59%	6%	7%	0%	1%	6%	1%
c. Downtown Devel	34%	31%	48%	52%	10%	11%	2%	2%	7%	4%
d. Home-Based Bus	19%	17%	48%	54%	16%	22%	5%	3%	11%	4%
e. Ind & Manufacturing	38%	40%	49%	50%	5%	8%	0%	1%	8%	1%
f. Tourism & Rec	32%	36%	56%	55%	3%	7%	2%	1%	6%	1%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – DEMOGRAPHICS

- Compared to Grant County as a whole, those completing this survey from Bloomington contained a higher proportion of women, of residents with part-time employment, more households with no children, more lower-income households, and more long-term residents.

35. Gender

Male		Female	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
35%	53%	65%	47%

36. Age

18-24		25-34		35-44	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
2%	0%	2%	7%	10%	13%

45-54		55-64		65 and older	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
24%	23%	22%	22%	41%	35%

37. Employment Status

Emp Full Time		Emp Part Time		Self Employed	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
32%	44%	17%	6%	10%	10%

Unemployed		Retired		Other	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
2%	1%	38%	37%	2%	1%

38. Place of Residence

Own		Rent		Other	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
100%	99%	0%	1%	0%	0%

39. Number of Adults (18+) in Household

0		1		2	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
		29%	20%	66%	71%

3		4		5+	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
5%	7%	0%	2%	0%	1%

40. Number of Children (under 18) in Household

0		1		2	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
77%	67%	12%	14%	9%	11%

3		4		5+	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
0%	7%	2%	1%	0%	0%

41. Household Income

Under \$15,000		\$15K - \$24,999		\$25K - \$49,999	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
16%	7%	16%	14%	28%	33%

\$50K - \$74,999		\$75K - \$99,999		\$100,000+	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
30%	25%	9%	15%	2%	6%

42. Years Lived in Grant County

Less than 1		1-4		5-9	
V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty	V. of Bloom	Cnty
0%	1%	2%	5%	2%	9%

Comments

32. Is there anything about living in Grant County that you don't like?

Transportation

- Having horse droppings on road. One time last year there was 13 different spots in our trip.
- Road improvements are lacking to major highways (state and country roads).

Economic Development

- Lack of industry
- The hometown farming is fading (but that is happening everywhere).
- Also the fact we're losing the small farmers.

Taxes

- High taxes
- Taxes
- The taxes of \$1200.00 on a 97 year old house with slate siding!

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues

- Those extensive cattle and hog operations.

Lack Job Opportunities

- Low wage scale
- Poor wages in all business,

Police/Safety Issues

- Sex offenders don't have to stay away from parks and school need stricter laws for sex offenders.
- The rate of crime that has risen.

No/NA

- N/A
- No (4X)
- No (winter weather - but I'll deal with it)

Like It

- I love it here.

Lack Shopping

- Lack of retail shopping.

Housing Issues

- I don't like all the huge garages that are being built in our village.

School Issues

- I don't like the fact that rural schools are underfunded.

Land Use

- Farmers who don't care about the junk that has gathered around their farms when can be seen by locals and travelers.

Miscellaneous

- There is more news in an Iowa paper about Grant County than there is in Wisconsin paper, a very cheap county!
- Would prefer to be a little closer to a larger city such as Madison

Q33. If you could change one thing about your local jurisdiction, what would it be?**Transportation**

- Better streets (2X)
- Better roads and streets. if the village is going to have alleys they should be maintained
- Better roads

Economic Development

- Develop a business/industry to employ several people and it would help the population increase
- Have 1 or 2 industrial or manufacturing businesses in our immediate area for employment of local people. This would help people in our area income and keep our school operating
- The need to attract businesses to the community (Manufacturing).
- Wind energy

Taxes

- High taxes and dubious use of tax monies.
- I would make the Amish people pay taxes buy mobile license too

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues

- A larger library and community building are greatly needed.
- Bike Paths
- I would try to have more trees and natural prairies. Preserve wetlands. I do not like the way they filled in the ditch in Bloomington and put the stream in a culvert.
- More activities for youth in smaller towns

Lack Job Opportunities

- Better paying jobs
- I would like to see higher paying jobs in our county.
- More opportunities available for employment.

Police/Safety Issues

- Police protection
- Require buggies on road to have license plate to help pay for road use, like everyone else and better warning/light system for after dark use
- Sex offender laws.

No/Nothing

- Can't think of anything
- N/A
- Nothing

Housing Issues

- Affordable housing
- We need developed lots for housing, none available now

Utilities

- Better bathroom facilities at our parks and more lighting on residential streets

Land Use

- The stench from those big cattle and hog operations when they're putting manure on the land (putrid). How does that affect our water and food supplies!

Miscellaneous

- To get local TV stations

Q34. Other comments**Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues**

- Will the salt placed heavily on the roads get into our water supply as well as the ground? How about the chemicals spread around? Could these things contribute to cancer?

Job Issues

- Our schools teach college courses to students where there is not jobs to be had around area.

No/Nothing

- None

School Issues

- Our schools are declining every year because of the lack of good jobs in Grant County.

Miscellaneous

- Am tired of having to wash Amish horse crap off my car, need rules!
- Change them.
- We see surveys and questionnaires com and go with no change when the results are tabulated. Bloomington had a group from Plain, WI come in 1992 and the comments weren't very good. You could bring that same group down and they would say that nothing has changed based on their findings 15 years ago.