

IOWA COUNTY SMART GROWTH PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY
Town of Clyde

QUALITY OF LIFE

1. What are the three most important reasons for you and your family to live in Iowa County? (Because of three selections per person the totals will be greater than 100%.)

a. Agriculture	34%
b. Appearance of homes	3%
c. Community services	0%
d. Cost of home	8%
e. Historical significance	6%
f. Low crime rate	11%
g. Natural beauty	82%
h. Near family and friends	26%
i. Near job or employment opportunities	13%
j. Property taxes	10%
k. Quality neighborhoods	2%
l. Quality schools	5%
m. Recreational opportunities	27%
n. Small town atmosphere	27%

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

3. Please rate each of the following services excellent (E), good (G), fair (F), or poor (P). Choose “not applicable” (NA) if the item does not pertain to you or you are not sure about an item. “NR” means No Response.

	E	G	F	P	NA	NR
a. Ambulance service	11%	37%	13%	3%	24%	11%
b. Fire protection	16%	40%	10%	5%	23%	6%
c. Garbage collection	5%	15%	13%	8%	55%	5%
d. Municipal water supply	0%	11%	3%	2%	79%	5%
e. Park and recreation facilities	29%	23%	10%	5%	29%	5%
f. Police protection	12%	29%	16%	11%	23%	8%
g. Public library	6%	37%	5%	2%	44%	6%
h. Public schools system	15%	26%	18%	6%	29%	6%
i. Recycling program	8%	53%	18%	8%	10%	3%
j. Sanitary sewer service	0%	8%	6%	3%	73%	10%
k. Snow removal	11%	55%	15%	3%	15%	2%
l. Storm water management	3%	15%	10%	8%	58%	6%
m. Street and road maintenance	16%	48%	21%	2%	6%	6%

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

4. The following questions ask your opinion about the importance of natural and cultural resources in your community. How important is it to protect the following?

Your responses are Essential (E), Very Important (VI), Important (I), Not Important (NI), Not Applicable (NA) and No Response (NR).

	E	VI	I	NI	NA	NR
a. Air quality	63%	21%	15%	2%	0%	0%
b. Farmland	47%	19%	27%	5%	2%	2%
c. Forested lands	52%	29%	16%	2%	0%	2%
d. Groundwater	71%	13%	13%	2%	2%	1%
e. Historic and cultural sites	27%	31%	29%	10%	3%	0%
f. Open space	45%	21%	15%	15%	5%	0%
g. Rivers and streams	68%	18%	13%	2%	0%	0%
h. Rural character	41%	29%	20%	6%	0%	3%
i. Scenic views and undeveloped hills/bluffs	50%	18%	19%	13%	0%	0%
j. Wetlands	52%	15%	18%	15%	2%	0%
k. Wildlife habitat	58%	23%	16%	3%	0%	0%

HOUSING

Housing is an important part of how a community grows. We would like your opinion about the development of housing in your community.

Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

5. Your local jurisdiction should focus on improving existing housing quality.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
13%	29%	21%	5%	27%	5%

6. The following types of housing are needed:

a. Single family housing

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
16%	39%	10%	6%	24%	5%

b. Duplexes (2 units)

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
2%	11%	24%	29%	27%	6%

c. Apartments (3 or more)

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
2%	10%	16%	41%	24%	6%

7. Affordable housing is needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
13%	24%	18%	15%	24%	6%

8. Elderly housing is needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
8%	37%	13%	10%	26%	6%

9. Starter (first time buyer) homes are needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
8%	29%	18%	10%	31%	5%

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

Option A (traditional design)	19%
Option B (cluster design)	69%
No response	11%

AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

The following questions are asking for your opinion about agriculture and land use in Iowa County.

Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

11. Productive agricultural land should be allowed to be used for:

a. Agricultural use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
74%	23%	2%	0%	2%	0%

b. Residential use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
6%	21%	34%	32%	3%	3%

c. Commercial use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
2%	13%	29%	48%	5%	3%

d. Any use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
2%	10%	29%	50%	5%	5%

12. Large scale farms (500 or more animal units) should be allowed to expand:

a. Anywhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
8%	16%	34%	40%	2%	0%

b. Nowhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
26%	23%	24%	21%	5%	2%

c. Outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
13%	27%	19%	24%	10%	6%

13. Landowners should be allowed to develop land any way they want.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
11%	19%	32%	37%	0%	0%

14. The visual impacts (view of the landscape) of development are an important consideration when evaluating proposed development.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
50%	34%	10%	2%	5%	0%

15. It is important to require driveways that will meet standards for providing emergency services.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
34%	37%	23%	3%	3%	0%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
45%	34%	15%	3%	2%	2%

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

Less than 1 acre	3%
One to 5 acres	26%
5 to 10 acres	11%
11 to 40 acres	24%
40 or more acres	21%
No limitation	5%
No response	10%

TRANSPORTATION

Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

18. The overall road network (roads, streets, and highways) in Iowa County meets the needs of its citizens.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
24%	58%	5%	0%	3%	10%

19. The condition of local roads and streets in your community is adequate for intended uses.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
23%	61%	6%	0%	2%	8%

20. Biking and walking are important modes of transportation in your community.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
11%	27%	24%	16%	13%	8%

21. There should be more biking and walking lanes along public roadways.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
32%	24%	19%	8%	8%	8%

22. Rate the following in your local jurisdiction.

Your choices are Excellent (E), Good (G), Fair (F), Poor (P), Not Applicable (NA), and No Response (NR).

	E	G	F	P	NA	NR
a. Roads	23%	55%	13%	0%	0%	10%
b. Sidewalks	2%	11%	5%	2%	69%	11%
c. Bike trails	3%	15%	18%	11%	44%	10%
d. Airports	3%	11%	8%	5%	61%	11%
e. Bus service	2%	6%	0%	15%	66%	11%
f. Shared ride van services	2%	13%	5%	15%	53%	13%
g. Railroads	2%	3%	3%	23%	58%	11%

COMMUNICATION

23. Check the two most effective ways your local jurisdiction could provide smart growth information to its landowners and residents. (Because more than one response was asked, the totals will be more than 100%.)

a. Direct mailings	76%
b. Newspaper articles	27%
c. Radio	10%
d. Newsletters	26%
e. Public meetings	21%
f. Internet	19%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The following questions are asking about how you view economic development in your local community.

Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

24. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located:

a. In an existing city or village

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
24%	44%	16%	0%	3%	13%

b. Near a city or village

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
15%	58%	10%	3%	2%	13%

c. Anywhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
3%	13%	29%	44%	3%	8%

25. Iowa County should work to coordinate efforts to actively recruit new businesses and industry.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
18%	45%	18%	8%	3%	8%

26. All Iowa County communities should provide at least some land with infrastructure (water, sewer, access, etc.) for industrial and commercial uses either owned publicly or privately.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
5%	34%	31%	16%	6%	8%

27. Development at the edge of cities and villages should be required to have municipal water and sewer services.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
19%	55%	11%	3%	5%	6%

28. Iowa County jurisdictions should pursue the following energy alternatives as a form of economic development.

	SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
a. Ethanol plants	19%	27%	21%	8%	13%	12%
b. Solar energy	45%	29%	5%	0%	11%	10%
c. Wind energy	53%	24%	8%	2%	5%	8%

29. Rate the importance of the following.

Your choices are Essential (E), Very Important (VI), Important (I), Not Important (NI), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

	E	VI	I	NI	NO	NR
a. Agricultural related businesses	40%	24%	22%	2%	3%	8%
b. Commercial and retail development	6%	27%	37%	19%	2%	8%
c. Downtown development – main street	6%	37%	27%	15%	6%	8%
d. Home based businesses	5%	27%	37%	18%	3%	10%
e. Industrial and manufacturing development	8%	24%	31%	27%	2%	8%
f. Tourism and recreation	24%	44%	13%	8%	3%	8%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Please tell us some things about you:

1. Gender	
Male	68%
Female	26%
No response	6%
2. Age	
18 to 24	0%
25 to 34	8%
35 to 44	21%
45 to 54	32%
55 to 64	27%
65 and older	11%
No response	1%

3. Employment status	
a. Employed full time	50%
b. Employed part time	15%
c. Unemployed	0%
d. Self-employed	19%
e. Retired	16%
f. Other	0%
g. No response	0%

4. Place of residence	
a. Own	97%
b. Rent	2%
c. Other	0%
d. No response	2%

5. Number of adults (over 18) in household	
a. None	0%
b. One	13%
c. Two	76%
d. Three	8%
e. Four	2%
f. Five or more	0%
g. No response	2%

6. Number of children (under 18) in household	
a. None	0%
b. One	13%
c. Two	76%
d. Three	8%
e. Four	2%
f. Five or more	0%
g. No response	2%

7. Income range	
a. Less than \$15,000	2%
b. \$15,000 to \$24,999	11%
c. \$25,000 to \$49,999	18%
d. \$50,000 to \$74,999	26%
e. \$75,000 to \$99,999	15%
f. \$100,000 or more	23%
g. No response	6%

8. How long have you lived in Iowa County?	
a. Less than 1 year	3%
b. 1 to 4 years	18%
c. 5 to 9 years	13%
d. 10 to 24 years	34%
e. 25 years or more	26%
f. No response	6%

9. How many acres of land do you own in Iowa County?	
a. Less than 1 acre	2%
b. 1 to 10 acres	10%
c. 11 to 100 acres	55%
d. 100 acres or more	32%
e. No response	2%

END OF SUMMARY