

IOWA COUNTY SMART GROWTH PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

**Town of Wyoming**

**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	26%
b. appearance of homes	3%
c. community services	0%
d. cost of home	0%
e. historical significance	9%
f. low crime rate	9%
g. natural beauty	89%
h. near family and friends	23%
i. near job or employment opportunities	6%
j. property taxes	6%
k. quality neighborhood	6%
l. quality of schools	2%
m. recreational opportunities	46%
n. small town atmosphere	35%

**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	20%	38%	5%	0%	24%	14%
b. fire protection	15%	47%	6%	2%	15%	15%
c. garbage collection	18%	26%	11%	3%	35%	8%
d. municipal water supply	5%	14%	2%	0%	67%	14%
e. park and recreation facilities	44%	32%	3%	0%	11%	11%
f. police protection	9%	47%	15%	5%	9%	15%
g. public library	20%	41%	8%	3%	17%	12%
h. public school system	8%	42%	9%	5%	20%	17%
i. recycling program	24%	44%	9%	2%	12%	9%
j. sanitary sewer service	3%	15%	3%	0%	65%	14%
k. snow removal	20%	52%	5%	2%	15%	8%
l. storm water management	3%	12%	8%	3%	59%	15%
m. street and road maintenance	17%	63%	6%	0%	9%	5%

**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	59%	29%	9%	0%	0%	3%
b. farmland	36%	30%	23%	8%	0%	3%
c. forested lands	52%	30%	12%	0%	2%	5%
d. groundwater	71%	21%	5%	0%	0%	3%
e. historic and cultural sites	33%	32%	20%	9%	2%	5%
f. open space	50%	24%	17%	6%	2%	2%
g. rivers and streams	65%	23%	9%	0%	0%	3%
h. rural character	48%	26%	17%	4%	2%	3%
i. scenic views and undeveloped hills/bluffs	47%	30%	12%	6%	0%	5%
j. wetlands	50%	23%	15%	8%	0%	5%
l. wildlife habitat	53%	23%	15%	5%	2%	3%

**HOUSING**

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

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
12%	36%	23%	6%	17%	6%

6. The following types of housing are needed:

- a. single family housing

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
3%	32%	17%	9%	33%	6%

- b. duplexes (2 units)

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
0%	17%	18%	27%	30%	8%

- c. apartments (3 or more)

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
0%	9%	21%	29%	30%	11%

7. Affordable housing is needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
6%	27%	17%	23%	23%	5%

8. Elderly housing is needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
9%	20%	23%	12%	33%	3%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
8%	18%	26%	20%	24%	5%

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

Option A, traditional design	9%
Option B, cluster design	77%
No response	14%

### AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

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

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

a. agricultural use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
74%	21%	2%	0%	2%	2%

b. residential use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
6%	15%	30%	41%	3%	5%

c. commercial use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
2%	4%	29%	56%	3%	6%

d. any use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
0%	2%	28%	55%	5%	11%

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
6%	12%	29%	44%	5%	5%

b. nowhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
24%	17%	29%	17%	6%	8%

c. outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
5%	30%	20%	27%	8%	11%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
2%	3%	35%	58%	3%	0%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
56%	38%	4%	0%	2%	0%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
30%	52%	11%	3%	5%	0%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
55%	35%	9%	0%	2%	0%

17. In your opinion what should be the minimum lot size for rural residential development? Please check only one box.

Less than 1 acre	5%
1 to 5 acres	13%
5 to 10 acres	15%
11 to 40 acres	15%
40 or more acres	45%
No limitation	2%
No response	5%

## 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
23%	71%	3%	0%	0%	3%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
20%	71%	5%	0%	0%	5%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
17%	48%	17%	7%	6%	5%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
27%	41%	14%	8%	6%	5%

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%	70%	6%	0%	0%	2%
b. sidewalks	3%	15%	2%	1%	71%	8%
c. bike trails	11%	35%	21%	6%	17%	11%
d. airports	2%	6%	9%	3%	70%	11%
e. bus service	3%	8%	4%	12%	64%	9%
f. shared ride van services	2%	4%	8%	12%	61%	14%
g. railroads	2%	6%	5%	23%	55%	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 for the totals will be more than 100%.

a. direct mailings	64%
b. newspaper articles	26%
c. radio	3%
d. newsletters	50%
e. public meetings	33%
f. Internet	15%

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

24. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located: Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR)

a. in an existing city or village

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
35%	44%	2%	2%	8%	11%

b. near a city or village

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
9%	58%	12%	6%	6%	9%

c. Anywhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
3%	5%	21%	56%	6%	9%

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

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
12%	55%	16%	6%	6%	5%

26. All Iowa 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
6%	36%	26%	15%	12%	5%

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
14%	44%	17%	6%	15%	5%

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	8%	21%	24%	15%	24%	8%
b. solar energy	35%	32%	6%	6%	17%	5%
c. wind energy	39%	38%	3%	6%	12%	2%

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).

	NR	E	VI	I	NI	NO
a. agricultural related businesses	38%	27%	23%	3%	3%	6%
b. commercial and retail development	8%	26%	47%	11%	4%	5%
c. downtown development -- main street	18%	35%	33%	5%	6%	5%
d. home based businesses	12%	24%	33%	12%	14%	5%
e. industrial and manufacturing development	5%	19%	39%	26%	6%	5%
f. tourism and recreation	41%	26%	24%	5%	2%	3%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Please tell us some things about you:

<b>1. Gender</b>	
Male	73%
Female	20%
No response	8%

<b>2. Age</b>	
18 to 24	0%
25 to 34	3%
35 to 44	11%
45 to 54	26%
55 to 64	26%
65 and older	32%
No response	2%

<b>3. Employment status</b>	
a. Employed full time	27%
b. Employed part time	6%
c. Unemployed	2%
d. Self employed	32%
e. Retired	31%
f. Other	2%
g. No response	0%

<b>4. Place of residence</b>	
a. Own	94%
b. Rent	3%
c. Other	0%
d. No response	3%

<b>5. Number of adults (over 18) in the household:</b>	
a. None	0%
b. One	12%
c. Two	79%
d. Three	5%
e. Four	2%
f. Five or more	2%
g. No response	2%

<b>6. Number of children (under 18) in the household:</b>	
a. None	74%
b. One	12%
c. Two	3%
d. Three	5%
e. Four	2%
f. Five or more	0%
g. No response	5%

<b>7. Income range</b>	
a. Less than \$15,000	3%
b. \$15,000 to \$24,999	2%
c. \$25,000 to \$49,999	22%
d. \$50,000 to \$74,999	23%
e. \$75,000 to \$99,999	14%
f. \$100,000 or more	28%
g. No response	9%

<b>8. How long have you lived in Iowa County?</b>	
a. Less than 1 year	0%
b. 1 to 4 years	12%
c. 5 to 9 years	14%
d. 10 to 24 years	42%
e. 25 years or more	30%
f. No response	2%

<b>9. How many acres of land do you own in Iowa County?</b>	
a. Less than 1 acre	11%
b. 1 to 10 acres	14%
c. 11 to 100 acres	35%
d. 100 acres or more	38%
e. No response	3%

**END OF SURVEY SUMMARY**