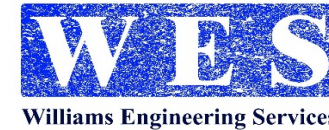


Town of Bridge Creek Comprehensive Planning Survey #1



As approved by the Town Plan Commission for distribution on January 22, 2020.

Background:

This Comprehensive Planning Survey has been created specifically for Town of Bridge Creek residents in order to advise the Town of Bridge Creek in their Comprehensive Land Use Planning efforts in conjunction with both Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 66 and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant as awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA). The results of this survey will be used to advise the Town Comprehensive Plan Commission and the Town Board on long term vision and direction for the Town of Bridge Creek. Considerations have also been made for analysis of survey results in connection with previously conducted surveys completed as part of neighboring municipality comprehensive planning efforts. Thank you for your help in this effort! Additional information can be found at www.townofbridgecreek.org.

Survey Format:

There are a total of 22 questions included in this survey with some having multiple options to consider within each question. Although the questions only give an opportunity to "check the box", please feel free to write any additional thoughts you may have to help clarify or expand on your answers. We welcome you to use this survey as an opportunity to share your thoughts on Town of Bridge Creek activities and please also consider attending upcoming public meetings and public hearings to be held as part of this Town of Bridge Creek Comprehensive Planning effort. Please note that a second survey may be provided at a later time during the Comprehensive Planning process as needed. Please use blue or black ink for your responses. Thank you.

Distribution Methodology:

- 1) Pre-survey notice in the paper including an explanation of the survey effort and notification that a survey would arrive in the coming week.
- 2) Survey mailed directly to landowners or "Current Resident" at associated site addresses provided by Eau Claire County, as listed in the Eau Claire County tax parcel database. **Please only one response per landowner/resident 18 years of age or older. Survey respondents must be: 1) Town resident over half time, or 2) own property in the Town, and 3) 18 years of age or older.**
- 3) Follow-up notice in the paper to thank those that had returned the survey and to encourage those that had not yet replied.

Deadline:

Please Respond By February 21, 2020. For your answers to be included as part of future planning decisions, your response must be postmarked by February 21, 2020 to: **Town of Bridge Creek Comprehensive Plan Survey, PO Box 252, Augusta, WI 54722.** A postage paid envelope has been provided for you.

Privacy Disclosure:

It is intended that this survey will maintain responder anonymity. Any location information listed on the survey paperwork is to be used for the sole purpose of ensuring that no duplicate surveys are submitted. The answers provided within the survey are not intended to be deliberately recorded, tabulated, or reported in connection with the site address or any other personally identifiable information.

Please attach additional pages for written comments (or write in the margins) as needed.

VERIFICATION PAGE

This verification page will be compiled and referenced by a third party reviewer to ensure that survey respondents meet requirements and eliminate duplicate entries from the same respondent. The information on this page is intended to be used for the sole purpose of ensuring that no duplicate surveys are submitted and will not be connected to the remainder of the survey. Pages 1 & 2 of the survey will be catalogued and will be referenced to the remaining response pages (3-12). Following cataloguing by the third party reviewer, the first and second pages will be removed and held by the third party reviewer while the remainder of the survey pages and answers are forwarded to the committee chairman for data compilation. Answers provided within the survey are not intended to be deliberately recorded, tabulated, or reported in connection with the site address or any other personally identifiable information that is included within this form.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS PAGE WILL RESULT IN YOUR SURVEY ANSWERS NOT BEING INCLUDED IN THE FINAL REPORT COMPILATION.

Survey Completion Date _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Are you at least 18 years of age? _____ Yes _____ No

Where applicable:

Address of property owned by you in Bridge Creek _____

Address of your residence in Bridge Creek _____

Please attach additional pages for written comments (or write in the margins) as needed.

DEMOGRAPHICS

1 Do you reside in the Town of Bridge Creek? _____ How long have you lived or owned property in the Town of Bridge Creek? _____

- ☐ Less than 2 years
☐ 2-10 years
☐ More than 10 years
☐ My primary residence is not located in the Town of Bridge Creek (Please list location: _____)

2 For your primary residence, do you currently? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Rent
☐ Own
☐ Own with Mortgage
☐ Own on Land Contract
☐ Live with parents, relatives, or other
☐ Other: _____

3 How many people live in your household, including yourself?

- ☐ One
☐ Two
☐ Three to Five
☐ Six to Eight
☐ Nine or More

3 What age groups currently reside in your household? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ 0-5 yrs
☐ 6-17
☐ 18-34
☐ 35-64
☐ 65 or older

4 What is the PRIMARY occupation or income source for your household? Please select one.

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales/Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saw Mill | <input type="checkbox"/> Services | <input type="checkbox"/> No Answer |

5 What is the location of employment for your household's primary income source? Please select one.

- ☐ At my Property here in the Town of Bridge Creek
- ☐ Elsewhere in the Town of Bridge Creek
- ☐ City of Augusta
- ☐ Elsewhere in Eau Claire County
- ☐ Outside of Eau Claire County

6 What OTHER occupations provide additional income for your household? Please check all that apply.

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales/Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Sawmill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

7 Why do you live or own property in the Town of Bridge Creek? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ I grew up in this area
- ☐ My extended family lives here
- ☐ My spouse grew up here
- ☐ My employment is here
- ☐ I am within driving distance of my job
- ☐ It's a safe place for my family
- ☐ I like the scenic beauty and rural lifestyle
- ☐ It's close to hunting, fishing, and recreational land
- ☐ The land was affordable
- ☐ Other: _____

8 The following would be a reason for me to leave the Town of Bridge Creek: Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Change in employment
- ☐ Family or Friends moving out of the area
- ☐ Lack of adequate land &/or housing available
- ☐ Increase in land value
- ☐ Increase in real estate taxes
- ☐ Town land use restrictions
- ☐ State or County land use restrictions
- ☐ Change in environmental quality
- ☐ Change in rural character
- ☐ Increase of industrial activity (traffic, noise, light, etc.)
- ☐ Other: _____

QUALITY OF LIFE

9 Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in the Town of Bridge Creek...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Over the last 5 years?					
Currently?					
As Anticipated in the next 5 years?					
As Anticipated in the next 10 years?					

10 Overall, how would you rate the following government services available in the Town of Bridge Creek?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Law enforcement (Eau Claire County)					
Fire Department (Bridge Creek Area Fire District)					
Ambulance & Medical Services					
Public Schools					
Recycling					
Garbage Collection Services					
Library Services					
Animal Control/Welfare					
Parks & Recreation Opportunities					
Pollution Control / Environmental					
Town Roadway Maintenance					
Health Care Coverage					

AGRICULTURE, NATURAL, and CULTURAL RESOURCES

11 To what level do you agree with the following statement:

The Town of Bridge Creek should have a plan to provide guidelines for development near:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Productive Agricultural Soils					
Environmentally Sensitive Features					
Mapped Floodplain Areas					
Shorelines and Water Features					
Historic and Cultural Resources					
Current Residential Housing					
Schools and Day Care Facilities					
Tourism Areas					

12 To what level do you agree with the following statement:

The Town of Bridge Creek should make an effort to conserve, protect, and promote:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Productive Agricultural Soils					
Environmentally Sensitive Features					
Mapped Floodplain Areas					
Shorelines and Water Features					
Historic and Cultural Resources					
Current Residential Housing					
Current Businesses					
Tourism Areas					

LAND USE

13 Do you agree with the following statement:

The following land use issues are important to me:

Yes	No	Not Sure	
			Preserve Agricultural Land in the Town
			Maintain Water Quality
			Public Access to and/or Navigability on Water Resources
			Large-scale Farming Operations
			Multiple Family Housing Development
			Mining of Mineral Resources (i.e. Sand)
			Commercial and Industrial Development
			Business and Economic Growth
			Parks and Recreational Development
			Maintain Town Ability to Influence Land Use Decisions
			Maintain Town Ability to Regulate Land Use Decisions
			Encourage Tourism in the Town
			Town Mediation of Neighbor Conflicts
			Maintain rural character of the Town
			Zoning

14 If agricultural land is sold for commercial or residential purposes, what is the minimum size acreage that should be sold? Please Check One.

- _____ I don't think a minimum acreage is needed
- _____ 1.5 - 10 acres (these numbers are typically reflective of the need for accomodating setbacks and amenities)
- _____ 11 - 20 acres (a minimum of this size could also maintain options for future expansions)
- _____ 20-40 acres (i.e. County Zoning policies utilize these larger minimums in an attempt to preserve larger farmland tracts)
- _____ Over 40 acres (some policies on foreign land ownership also reflect maximum tract sizes)
- _____ Not sure, but I'd like to learn more

15 To what level do you agree with the following statement:

I believe that Town of Bridge Creek landowner rights can be protected by...

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Letting me and my neighbors do what we want on our own property					
Neighbors helping each other					
Planning efforts by Local organizations					
Right to Farm Law (Wis. Stats. 823.08)					
The Free Market					
Town of Bridge Creek planning efforts					
Town of Bridge Comprehensive Plan (Wis. Stats. Sect. 66)					
Town of Bridge Creek licensing ordinances (i.e. nuisance, mining)					
Future Town zoning ordinances					
Additional Education Efforts by the Town of Bridge Creek					
Well Protection In The Town of Bridge Creek					
City of Augusta Wellhead/Groundwater Protection Area					
City of Augusta Extraterritorial Area Jurisdiction (within 1.5 miles of the City boundary)					
Eau Claire County planning efforts					
Eau Claire County licensing ordinance (i.e. animal waste)					
Eau Claire County zoning ordinances (i.e. shoreland zoning)					
State of Wisconsin planning efforts					
State of Wisconsin licensing efforts (i.e. burn permits; industrial waste, hunting, etc.)					
State of Wisconsin legislation which upholds locally determined land use regulations (i.e. ATCP 51 Livestock Siting)					
Federal legislation which allows locally determined land use regulations (i.e. floodplain zoning)					
Federal legislation which allows state-determined land use regulations (i.e. OSHA; labor laws, etc.)					

Please attach additional pages for written comments (or write in the margins) as needed.

TRANSPORTATION

16 Overall, how would you rate the following transportation services in the Town of Bridge Creek?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Town Road Maintenance					
Town Road Snowplowing					
Town Road Brush Control					
County & State Hwy Maintenance					
County & State Road Snowplowing					
County & State Road Brush Control					
Railroads & Railroad crossings					
Public & Shared Ride Services					
Buggy Tie Up Areas In Public Areas					
Horse Diaper/Manure Dump Stations					
Safe Routes and/or Parking Areas for Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Buggy Traffic					

17 To what level do you agree with the following statement:

Over the next Ten Years, this is the most effective Transportation System Investment includes:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Maintenance of existing roadways					
Designation and Improvement of Commercial Routes on Town Roads					
Increased shoulder widths to accommodate mixed use transportation (i.e. bicycles/ pedestrians, atv routes, buggies)					
Improved signage and/or visibility for Buggy traffic					
Education/Outreach to improve traffic safety (i.e. no phone use)					
Creation of a Transportation Plan that defines and strategizes planned road improvements					
Improved approaches and signage at Road Crossings					
Assessment & Replacement of Culverts to accommodate storm volumes & fish passage					
Following Driveway and Road Design requirements for developers and any other new construction					
Management of Animal Waste on or near roads					
Following Driveway and Road Design requirements for developers and any other new construction					
Other: _____					

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

18 To what level do you agree with the following statements:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Town Services are adequately staffed to meet the needs of the community.					
I am adequately informed of PROPOSED Town ordinances, resolutions, and policies.					
I am adequately informed of CURRENT Town ordinances, resolutions, and policies.					
Burning Regulations are effectively implemented and enforced.					
We need to work with the City of Augusta to better plan development in areas near the city limits.					
The Town of Bridge Creek should have Village Powers which allow for such things as shared services (i.e. recycling center, fire department, Sexual Predator ID, etc.).					
The Town Board should pursue agreements with neighboring governments to clearly define extraterritorial area jurisdiction.					
The Town Board should work with other public entities to help support and encourage businesses in the Town of Bridge Creek.					
The Town should pursue agreements to share facilities, labor, and equipment with other governments? (i.e. sand salt storage, equipment, recycling facilities)					
The Town of Bridge Creek needs to create additional Town Ordinances to deal with current issues					
The Town Board should pursue agreements with neighboring governments to clearly define shared service coverage areas.					

Please attach additional pages for written comments (or write in the margins) as needed.

HOUSING

19 To what level do you agree with the following statements:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
I am planning a new structure or other improvements to my property in the next 5 years.					
Residential housing developments (i.e. subdivisions, mixed use neighborhoods, etc.) are needed in our area.					
The Town Board should work with public and private entities to help encourage new housing developments in the Town.					
Preserving historical structures is important.					
Many of the existing homes and properties are in need of cleanup, maintenance, or repair.					
Town of Bridge Creek needs more affordable housing.					
Current Property Taxes within the Town of Bridge Creek provide sufficient funds to maintain Town Services.					
Multi-family housing developments should be located within the City of Augusta extraterritorial plat review area (within 1.5 miles of the City boundary)					
The Town should protect its residents from land use development activities which could negatively affect their neighborhood (i.e. excessive noise, odors, soil & groundwater contamination, mining, etc.)					
Existing Town Ordinances (i.e. nuisance ordinance, mining, etc.) are adequate to meet the needs of Town Residents.					
I am familiar with the existing ordinances established by the Town of Bridge Creek					
I am familiar with where I can find and read the town ordinances for myself					
All existing rules at the Town, County, State, and Federal levels are being adequately enforced.					

Please attach additional pages for written comments (or write in the margins) as needed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

20 To what level do you agree with the following statements:

The Town of Bridge Creek is effectively implementing:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Town Right-of-Way Ordinance					
Town Nuisance Ordinance					
Town Mining Ordinance (& Nonmetallic Operators Licenses)					
Town Animal Control Officer Ordinance					
Town Adult Establishment Ordinance					

21 New Commercial and Industrial development in the Town of Bridge Creek:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Should be encouraged					
Should be located near County and State Highways					
Should be located near existing rail lines					
Should be located within the City extraterritorial area					
Should provide fair wages for residents					
Should provide support for existing rural land uses in the Town (i.e. Farming, Forestry, etc.)					
Should be regulated through Town licensing ordinances					
Should be regulated through Town zoning ordinances					
Should be consistent with rural character & protect natural resources					
Should not be restricted					

22 What services could be improved to support and grow businesses in the Town of Bridge Creek? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ BroadBand / High-speed Internet
- ☐ Phone/Telecommunications Lines
- ☐ Cable &/or Satellite Services
- ☐ Electrical Service
- ☐ Natural Gas Service
- ☐ Transportation/Road Networks
- ☐ Housing and Support for Employees
- ☐ Education and Training
- ☐ Waste Disposal Drop-Off Locations and Dump Stations (i.e. offsite recycling, horse manure, ag plastic, etc.)
- ☐ Cellular Service
- ☐ No service improvements are needed

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