

TOWN OF BIG FLATS COMMUNITY SURVEY 2021

*With the approval of the Big Flats Town Board, the Plan Commission is undertaking a community survey to help the town gather information on how it should plan for future growth. This survey will address issues important to the Town, such as existing land uses, environmentally sensitive areas, and the physical appearance of the Town. As part of the data collection, this survey is designed to obtain community opinions and attitudes regarding the Town's future development, and to provide guidance in developing community goals and plan implementation strategies. Your opinions and vision for Big Flats are greatly appreciated. Your answers are confidential, and all responses will remain anonymous. Please complete and return this survey by **December 31, 2021** to: **TOWN OF BIG FLATS, 1104 COUNTY RD C, ARKDALE, WI 54613** (A self-addressed envelope is provided.) Thank you!*

TOWN IMPRESSIONS:

1. What do you like MOST about living in or owning property in the TOWN OF BIG FLATS? See Excel results

2. What do you like LEAST about living in or owning property in the TOWN OF BIG FLATS? See Excel results

3. How long have you lived and/or owned property in the Town of Big Flats?
(84) 5 years or less (60) 6 - 10 years (87) 11-20 years (206) more than 20 years

4. Is there a house on this property? (306) Yes (127) No

5. Which of the following best describes your property in Big Flats?
(162) Primary residence (199) Seasonal residence (70) Non-resident undeveloped (5) Commercial or Ag

6. Do you use your property for camping? (101) Yes (329) No

7. Is your property...
(35) in a subdivision
(212) an individual lot 1 acre to 5 acres in size
(171) an individual lot greater than 5 acres in size (non farm)
(7) a farm
(19) Other

8. Which one of the following statements best describes how you feel about development in the Town of Big Flats. (Development is defined as residential, commercial, or agricultural growth. Please check one)
(76) In general there is too much development in the town of Big Flats
(98) In general, more development is needed in the town of Big Flats
(243) In general, the current pace of development is about right in the town of Big Flats

9. Would you support or oppose additional residential development in the town of Big Flats?
(32) Support (34) Oppose (35) No opinion

10. Would you support or oppose additional small business development in the town of Big Flats?
(300) Support (14) Oppose (72) No opinion

(Please continue on other side)

11. Would you support or oppose large-scale industrial development in the town of Big Flats?

(66) Support (286) Oppose (71) No opinion

12. Would you support or oppose additional large-scale agricultural development in the town of Big Flats?

(64) Support (278) Oppose (79) No opinion

13. Current land use ordinances in the town are:

(169) Adequate (71) Too weak (37) Too strong (143) Don't know

14. Please rate the level of priority of the following land-use issues facing the Town of Big Flats:

A. Water quality (streams and ground water) (351) High priority (75) Medium priority (22) Low priority

B. Preservation of woodlands, wetlands (272) High priority (82) Medium priority (21) Low priority

C. Preservation of farmland (183) High priority (165) Medium priority (58) Low priority

D. Recreational availability (135) High priority (178) Medium priority (55) Low priority

E. Accumulation of junk in yards (240) High priority (79) Medium priority (54) Low priority

F. Jobs in the area (107) High priority (191) Medium priority (71) Low priority

G. High-speed Internet (180) High priority (128) Medium priority (61) Low priority

H. Wildfire Danger Prevention (289) High priority (71) Medium priority (0) Low priority

I. Transfer Site operation (164) High priority (161) Medium priority (44) Low priority

J. Access to town officials/office hours (100) High priority (186) Medium priority (81) Low priority

K. Flood control measures (230) High priority (106) Medium priority (32) Low priority

L. Other _____

15. Would you be in favor of requiring landowners to build a principal structure (house) before they can build a garage or storage building? (97) Support (230) Oppose (98) No opinion

16. The town has implemented a Nuisance Ordinance and a Committee to address nuisances. Would you support the town being more aggressive with enforcement of nuisance/junk complaints?

(214) Support (37) Oppose (55) No opinion

17. How often do you visit the town's website at www.bigflatswi.com?

(23) Often (once a month) (142) Occasionally (56) Never (92) Did not know the town had a website

18. How would you ideally picture the town of Big Flats 20 years from now? (see Excel results)

Thank You for Your Time!

PLEASE RETURN SURVEY to **TOWN OF BIG FLATS, 1104 COUNTY RD C, ARKDALE, WI 54613** by **December 31, 2021**