

# 10-Question Community Survey\*\*

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## Town of Boonsboro Environmental Commission

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS:** Please take a few minutes to complete both sides of this questionnaire. Results of this important survey will be made public and will be used to formulate a list of goals for the Sustainable Maryland Certified program in which the Town is participating. Please return the survey form to Town Hall, 21 N. Main St., Boonsboro, MD 21713, with your utility bill payment.

*We value your opinion. Thank you for participating in the survey*

### COMMUNITY-BASED FOOD SYSTEM

**Question #1.** Is there a place to buy locally grown food in our community?

**161** Yes **19** No **41** Don't know

**Question #2.** What kinds of activities might you be interested in participating in if they were available in our community?

[No. 1 = 3 pts.] [No.2 = 2 pts.] [No. 3 = 1 pt.]

**Please rank your top three (3), with the No. 1 being the most important to you:**

**128** Attending a local food fair

**36** Attending nutrition and healthy eating classes

**46** Attending a class on preserving locally grown food (canning, pickling, etc.)

**29** Attending a class on cooking locally grown food

**344** Attending a Farmer's Market

**77** Joining a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), where participants pre-pay a local farmer to deliver fresh, locally-grown produce each week to your neighborhood

**44** Growing food in a community garden

**92** Attending a native plant sale

### NATURAL RESOURCES

**Question #3.** Are you concerned about any of these issues in your neighborhood?

**155** Yes **27** No **13** Don't know

**Please rank your top three (3), with the No. 1 being the most important to you:**

[No. 1 = 3 pts.] [No.2 = 2 pts.] [No. 3 = 1 pt.]

**171** Pet waste not being picked up by pet owners

**145** Flooding when it rains

**14** Problems with septic systems

**164** Litter on the ground

**104** Litter in waterways (streams, creeks, ponds)

**82** Not enough trees

**104** Overuse of pesticides or fertilizers on lawns

\*\*Mailed April 2012/Results tabulated June 2012

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Question #4.** Are any of these issues a problem in our community?

**119** Yes **33** No **43** Don't know

**Please indicate which one of the following is the most important to you:**

**30** Childhood obesity

**18** Adult obesity

**21** Lack of activities and information that promote exercise

**10** Lack of activities and information that promote healthy eating

**57** Lack of interconnected sidewalks and walkways throughout the town

**Question #5.** Does your workplace have a wellness program?

**72** Yes **53** No **13** Don't know **73** Not employed

### LOCAL ECONOMICS

**Question #6.** What kind of activities do you think would support local businesses in our community?

**Please indicate which one of the following is most important to you:**

**11** Hold local business discussion group meetings

**46** Encourage our town government to purchase products and services from local businesses

**98** Produce a local business directory for residents and other businesses

**49** Conduct a "Buy Local" campaign

### CLIMATE AND ENERGY

**Question #7.** Do you know what greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are?

**159** Yes **19** No **42** Heard of them but I'm not sure what they are

**Question #8.** Do you know what a carbon footprint is?

**161** Yes **21** No **33** Heard of it but I'm not sure what it means

**Question #9.** Should our community focus on decreasing the energy used for lighting, landscaping, heating and cooling by the town government?

**105** Yes **46** No **62** Don't know

**Question #10.** Would you like to know more about how to make your house, townhouse or apartment more energy efficient?

**108** Yes **88** No **16** Don't know

**NOTE: 235 HOUSEHOLDS OUT OF 1,200 RETURNED SURVEY FORMS.  
NOT ALL RESPONDERS ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS.**

Boonsboro Environmental Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday each month in the Town Hall Annex (old library building) at 21 N. Main St. (rear entrance) in downtown Boonsboro. The public is invited to attend and participate in all meetings. Parking is available behind Town Hall, off of Center Street.