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
126 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

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.

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