

Town of Byron Survey 2003

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- Purpose: To receive input from landowners and residents of the Town of Byron.
- 562 surveys sent out
- 367 residents and 19 non-residents returned surveys (Total 386)
- Participation Rate of 68 Percent

Who Completed the Survey?

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Professional	112	28%
Skilled Craft/Trade	100	25%
Retired	84	21%
Farmer	42	11%
Factory Workers	39	10%
Other	23	6%

Survey Question # 35

Age of Survey Respondents

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18-29	11	3%
30-44	93	24%
45-55	126	32%
56-65	87	22%
Over 65	73	19%

Survey Question # 36

How Many Years Have You Been a Resident of Byron?

<u>Years</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1-4	53	14%
5-10	54	14%
11-20	74	20%
21-30	64	17%
Over 30	124	34%

Survey Question # 2

The Quality of Life in Byron

Since You Became a Resident is:

The Same	226 (63%)
Better	95 (26%)
Worse	40 (11%)

Survey Question #3

Opinion About Future Development of Public Services

<u>Service</u>	<u>Opinion(%)</u>	<u>Yes (%)</u>	<u>No(%)</u>	<u>No</u>
Bulky Waste Pickup	44	46	10	
Internet Access	34	47	19	
Cable Service	33	47	20	
Road Maintenance	27	66	7	
Parks and Recreation	18	59	23	
Telephone Service	18	71	12	
Road Snow Removal	15	79	23	
Fire and Rescue	13	74	14	
Town Web Site	12	53	35	
Police Protection	12	72	17	

Comprehensive Plan High Priority Guidelines

- Ground/Drinking Water Protection
- Woodland, Wetlands, Open Space Protection
- Preservation of Best Farmland
- Safety and Security
- Small Town Atmosphere

Survey Question #6

Town of Byron Population Growth and Projection Trends

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1970	1,300
1980	1,681
1990	1,634
2000	1,550
2003(est.)	1,582
2010	1,544
2020	1,536

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and Wisconsin Department of Administration

Town of Byron Population: 2023

<u>Population Range</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>
1,500 to 2,000	275 (75%)
2,001 to 2,499	68 (19%)
2,500 to 2,999	18 (5%)
3,000 to 3,499	1
Greater than 3,500	5 (1%)

Survey Question #7

Business Park Development

Yes 77 (20%)

No 219 (57%)

Not Sure 87 (23%)

Survey Question #8

Commercial Development

Yes 168 (47%)
No 193 (53%)

What Type?

Gas Station/Convenience Store 107
Restaurant 103
Farmers Market 85
Antique and Specialty Shops 65
Office Type Businesses 64

Survey Question #9

Promote Business and Residential Growth along U.S. Highway 41

Yes	148 (39%)
No	133 (35%)
Not Sure	99 (26%)

Survey Question #25

Develop Golf Courses With Subdivisions

Agree 66 (17%)

Disagree 225 (59%)

No Opinion 92 (24%)

Survey Question #10

Parks and Recreation Development

Should Bryon pursue grants for park and recreation development?

Yes	158 (42%)
No	134 (36%)
No Opinion	84 (22%)

What recreational projects do you envision?

Walking, Biking, and Hiking Trails	224
Multi-use Town Park	120
More Snowmobile Trails	58
Ball Diamonds	47

Survey Questions 33&34

Place of Residence

Rural Residence	207 (55%)
House in a subdivision	66 (18%)
Operating Farm	51 (14%)
Hobby Farm	37 (10%)
Other	16 (4%)

Survey Question #18

Number of Acres Residence Occupies

<u>Acres</u>	<u># of Residences</u>
1 to 3	182 (49%)
5.1 to 40	61 (16%)
3.1 to 5	46 (12%)
101 to 250	35 (9%)
41 to 100	24 (7%)
Less than 1 acre	20 (5%)
Over 250 acres	4 (1%)

Survey Question #19

Does Byron Have Housing That Meets the Needs of All Income Levels?

Survey Question # 21

Agree	223 (59%)
Disagree	56 (15%)
No Opinion	100 (26%)

New Housing Development

Single Family (125,000 – 200,000)	264
Hobby Farms	191
Single Family (201,000 – 300,000)	187
Single Family (Over 300,000)	120
Senior Housing	113
Condominiums	61
Apartments	57

Survey Question # 20

Housing Type Preferences By Respondents Age

Type/Age	18-44	45-55	56-65	>65
125-200,000	76	93	56	50
200-300,000	55	60	42	30
>300,000	35	42	28	21
Apartment	8	18	17	18
Condo	12	21	14	16
Hobby Farm	64	64	34	26
Senior Housing	26	34	30	30

Percentage of Development in Sewered or Unsewered Areas

<u>Percent</u>	<u>Sewered</u>	<u>Unsewered</u>
None	33 (10%)	50 (15%)
<25	93 (28%)	88 (26%)
25-49	85 (25%)	106 (31%)
50-74	67 (20%)	43 (13%)
75-99 (7%)	28 (8%)	25
100 (8%)	30 (9%)	28

Survey Questions 23 and 24

Requirement to Create Sanitary Districts

For New Subdivision Development

Agree	142 (37%)
Disagree	145 (38%)
No Opinion	92 (24%)

For Groundwater Protection

Agree	194 (51%)
Disagree	92 (24%)
No Opinion	91 (24%)

Survey Questions 14&15

Develop Guidelines to Regulate Telecommunication and Wind Towers

Yes	272 (72%)
No	50 (13%)
Not Sure	56 (15%)

Survey Question #17

**Guide Growth to Prevent Conflicts
Between Current Land Use and New
Development**

Agree 138 (74%)

Disagree 25 (13%)

No Opinion 23 (12%)

Survey Question # 30

Develop Conditions for New Large Farms and Expansion Projects

Yes	300 (79%)
No	38 (10%)
Not Sure	44 (12%)

Survey Question #11

Definition of a Large Farm

<u>Number of Cows</u>	
250 to 499	178 (48%)
500 to 749	104 (28%)
Under 250	58 (16%)
750 to 999	19 (5%)
Over 1000	15 (4%)

Survey Question #13

Large Dairy Farm Concerns

- Ground/Surface Water Contamination 293
- Large Manure Storage Facilities 185
- More Odor Producing Chemicals 173
- New Residents with Little Knowledge of the Dairy Industry 169
- Decline in Residential Property Values 137

Survey Question #12

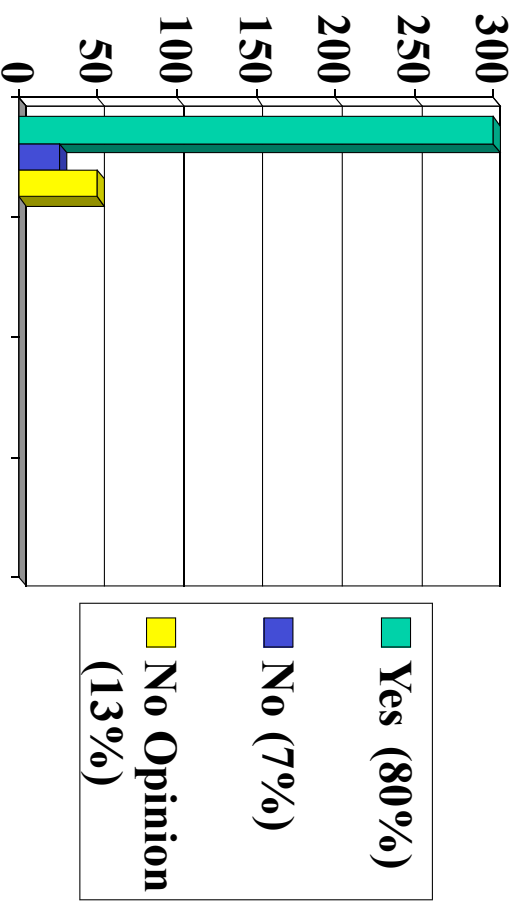
Future Trends for Agricultural Land

	<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11-20</u>
Continue to Farm	48	35	28
Retirement	13	20	25
Rent for Ag Use	52	44	32
Sell for Ag Use	1	8	9
Sell to Develop	8	12	14
Pass on to Family	17	19	25

Survey Questions 27, 28 and 29

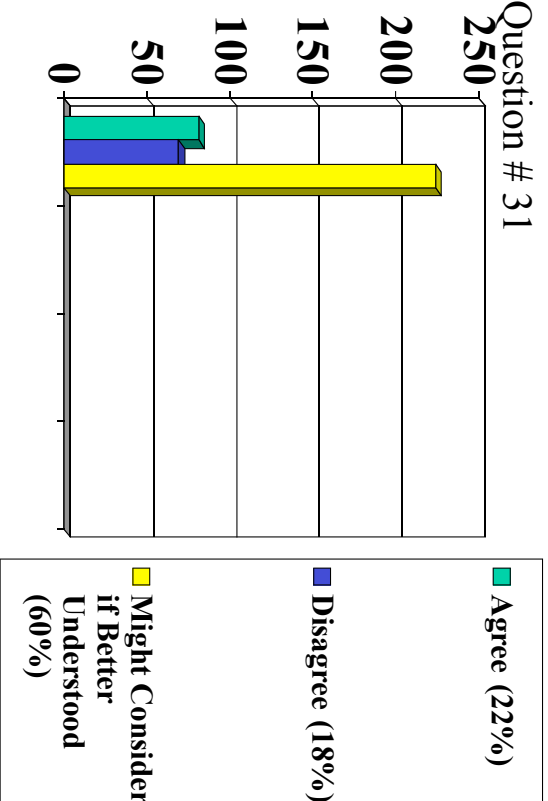
Are Family Farms Important?

Survey Question #26



Pursue a Purchase of Development Rights Program?

Survey Question # 31



What People Ranked Most Valuable in Byron

- Survey Question #4
 1. Location
 2. Small Town Atmosphere
 3. Friendly Neighborhood
 4. Safety and Security
 5. Services and Government

What People Ranked Second Most Valuable in Byron

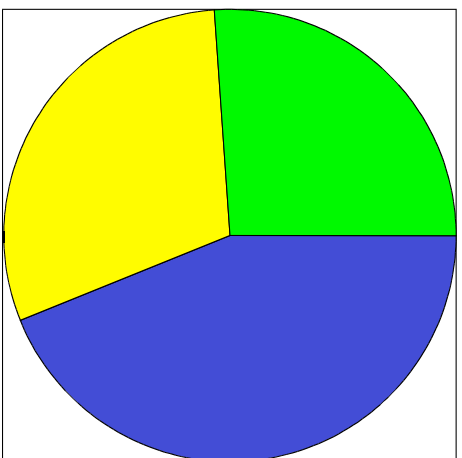
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 1. Small Town Atmosphere
 2. Friendly Neighbors
 3. Location
 4. Safety and Security
 5. Services and Government

What People Ranked Third Most Valuable In Byron

- Survey Question #4
 1. Safety and Security
 2. Friendly Neighbors
 3. Small Town Atmosphere
 4. Location
 5. Services and Government

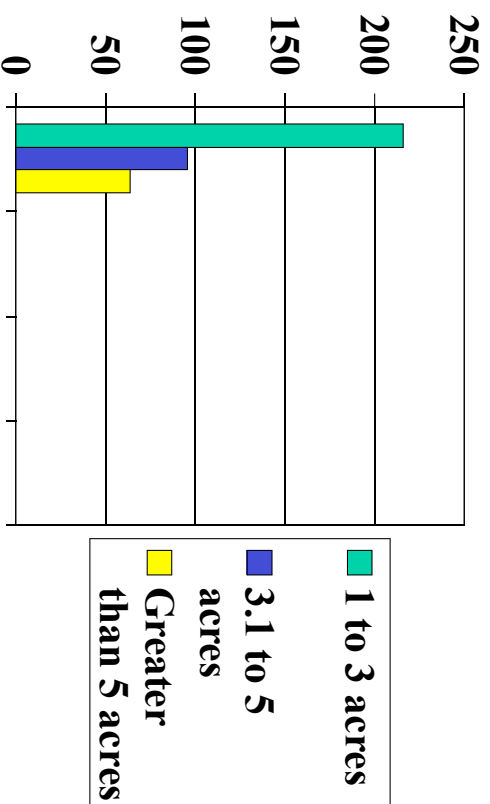
Good Water Quality and Water Supply that Protects Quality of Life for the Next 20 Years

Survey Question #32



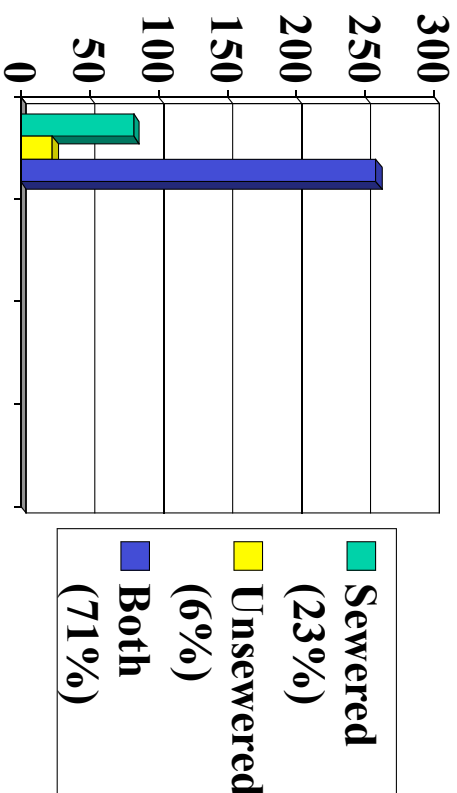
What Should be the Minimum Lot Size in Unsewered Areas?

Survey Question #16



Should New Housing Be in Sewered or Unsewered Areas

Survey Question #22



Conclusion

- A comprehensive plan guides and helps a community make informed decisions about its future.
- Your all part of the Byron Community and very important to the planning effort.
- Your citizen input will help the Byron Comprehensive Planning Committee learn, understand and decide what direction(s) the Town of Bryon is moving toward.