

TOWN OF POOLESVILLE ♦ COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN THE POOLESVILLE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES. THE SURVEY RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 537 RESPONSES. RESPONSES BELOW ARE SUMMARIZED. FULL RESPONSES AND ANALYTICS ARE PROVIDED IN THE ATTACHED DATA DOCUMENT.

QUESTION 1

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

- **Live in Poolesville – 89.01%**
- Own other property in Poolesville – 5.21%
- Own a “brick and mortar” business in Poolesville – 2.23%
- Own a “home based” business in Poolesville – 5.40%
- Work in Poolesville – 8.94%
- Visit Poolesville – 6.33%
- Live in 20837 outside of Town limits – 5.77%

QUESTION 2

IF YOU LIVE IN POOLESVILLE, DO YOU:

- **Own your home – 96.78%**
- Rent your home – 3.22%

QUESTION 3

I’VE LIVED IN POOLESVILLE FOR:

- 2 years or less – 17.60%
- 2-5 years – 13.95%
- 6-10 years – 19.53%
- 11-20 years – 14.59%
- **20+ years – 34.33%**

QUESTION 4

I LIVE IN POOLESVILLE BECAUSE: (top 4 responses)

- **Small town atmosphere – 67.38%**
- Schools – 62.66%
- Safety/low crime - 43.78%
- Rural character – 42.49%

QUESTION 5

MY AGE IS:

- Under 18 – 1.34%
- 18-24 – 0.96%
- **25-64 – 79.92%**
- Over 65 – 17.78%

QUESTION 6

IF YOU COULD BRING ONE BUSINESS TO POOLESVILLE, WHAT WOULD IT BE (business name or type)?

- Grocery Store
- Sit-down restaurant
- Medical facilities
- Senior Housing/Living Community
- Bowling/Youth Activity Center

QUESTION 7

WHAT'S ONE BUSINESS YOU WOULD **NOT** WANT TO SEE COME TO POOLESVILLE (business name or type)?

- 7-11 or gas station
- Fast food restaurants
- Walmart
- Bar/Liquor Store
- Pizza shop

QUESTION 8

HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU ABOUT:

- Drinking Water – 45.59%
- Wastewater treatment/capacity – 41.24%
- **Preserving small town character – 72.13%**
- Too much growth/growth pressure – 55.42%
- Too little growth/development – 15.53%
- Housing affordability/cost – 29.81%
- **Keeping local businesses – 79.22%**
- Climate change – 55.28%
- Traffic/congestion – 40.79%
- Crime/safety – 50.92%
- Adequate public facilities – 47.82%
- Adequate public transportation – 24.64%
- Public space maintenance/upkeep – 50.21%
- Private property maintenance – 30.58%
- **Loss of farmland – 58.56%**
- Public health (of community, access) – 53.72%

Other concerns raised included concerns about historic preservation, pedestrian safety, senior housing, medical facility access, the loss of Whites Ferry, and issues within the current political leadership and council.

QUESTION 9

BASED ON YOUR RESPONSES TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION, WHAT IS YOUR #1 CONCERN?

- **Too much growth/growth pressure – 24.73%**
- Preserving small town character – 20.22%
- Keeping local business – 12.04%

QUESTION 10

RANK THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS TO QUALITY OF LIFE: (top 3 answers provided)

- **Local Schools – 29.6%**
- Basic Shopping Needs – 17.93%
- Safety/Low Crime – 14.51%

QUESTION 11

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGED TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN POOLESVILLE?

- Grocery store
- Better school facilities (particularly the High School)
- Local police station
- Re-open the ferry
- Support local businesses
- Revitalize downtown area
- Affordable housing
- Community Center/youth activities
- More trails/sidewalks/overall connectivity

QUESTION 12

WHAT ARE POOLESVILLE'S GREATEST STRENGTHS AND ASSETS?

- Small town character
- Open space
- Sense of community
- Schools

QUESTION 13

WHAT ARE THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUES FACING POOLESVILLE TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE?

- Growth and development
- Water quality
- Infrastructure – water/wastewater capacity to serve growth in housing
- Lack of recreational activities for youth
- Failing Downtown businesses
- Re-opening Whites Ferry
- Lack of grocery store

QUESTION 14

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE FOLLOWING IN POOLESVILLE? (top three answers)

- **More programs for seniors – 83.87%**
- Expand parks/recreation facilities – 82.39%
- More programs for teens – 79.74%

Other suggestions included the addition of a grocery store, re-opening the ferry, prohibition of further development within the Town, and revitalization of Downtown

QUESTION 15

CONSIDERING POOLESVILLE'S EXISTING FACILITIES, WHAT NEW OR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES ARE NEEDED? (top three answers)

- **Community Center/indoor facility – 59.67%**
- Seasonable bubble for County pool – 46.23%
- Multi-use trails – 38.92%

Other suggestions included indoor sports complex, police substation, and roller/ice skating rinks.

QUESTION 16

DO YOU SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN POOLESVILLE? (top three answers)

- **No additional housing development – 24.02%**
- Single family homes on large lots – 23.00%
- Entry level/starter homes – 21.22%

Other comments included the need for more affordable housing, the need for senior housing, the need for re-development in lieu of new development, and for an overall reduction in development.

QUESTION 17

IN THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON ISSUES, SUGGESTIONS OR SOLUTIONS OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU FOR POOLESVILLE'S FUTURE THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN'S DEVELOPMENT:

**Note: seven pages of responses were provided – we have noted a few answers that seemed to be echoed among several of the submissions. The complete listing of answers is provided in the survey analytics attached.*

- Police substation
- Discourage development
- Affordable housing
- Focus on infrastructure improvements
- Update the schools
- Senior Housing
- Protect agriculture
- Improve the overall streetscape