



Bear Lake Community Planning Commission
Village of Bear Lake
Bear Lake Township
Pleasanton Township

OFFICIAL BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY PLANNING SURVEY

This survey has been developed by the *Bear Lake Community Planning Commission* for the **Village of Bear Lake, Bear Lake Township and Pleasanton Township**. Survey responses will be compiled by the *Land Information Access Association (LIAA)*, a nonprofit community service organization in Traverse City. The *Planning Commission* will use the survey results to help develop the Bear Lake Community Comprehensive Plan. This Plan will help direct the local governments in guiding economic development, providing public services, and protecting community resources.

We are very interested in your opinions. **Please answer each of the questions and return the survey to the address below no later than Wednesday, May 2, 2007.**

Please return the completed survey using the enclosed envelope to the following address:

LIAA
Bear Lake Community Planning Survey
324 Munson Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49686

Thank you for your participation and community support.

ABOUT LIVING IN THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY

Q1. How important was each of the following to your decision to live in the Bear Lake Community?
(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, using a scale from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

		<i>Not At All Important</i>				<i>Very Important</i>
a.	Rural/Small Town Character	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Farms & Open Fields	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Desirable Neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Access to Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Public School System	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Recreation Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Affordable Housing	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Friends or Relatives Live Here	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Close to Bigger Cities (e.g., Traverse City, Manistee)	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Easy Commute to Work	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Public Services	1	2	3	4	5
m.	Air & Water Quality	1	2	3	4	5
n.	Retail or Commercial Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5

Others? Please List Below.

Q2. Do you expect to leave the Bear Lake Community in the next five years?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q3. If yes, why will you leave?

ABOUT THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY'S RURAL CHARACTER

Q4. What are the most important qualities of Bear Lake Community's rural character?
 (Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, using a scale from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

		<i>Not At All Important</i>					<i>Very Important</i>
a.	Dirt or Gravel Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	Farms & Open Fields	1	2	3	4	5	
c.	The Small Village Center	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	Farm Houses & Working Farms	1	2	3	4	5	
e.	Seeing Lots of Wildlife	1	2	3	4	5	
f.	Recreation Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	
g.	Affordable Housing	1	2	3	4	5	
h.	Scenic Views	1	2	3	4	5	
i.	Absence of City Lights	1	2	3	4	5	
j.	Large Areas of Forests	1	2	3	4	5	
k.	Access to Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5	
l.	Access to Steams & Small Lakes	1	2	3	4	5	
m.	Access to Hunting & Fishing Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	
n.	Bicycling & Walking Paths	1	2	3	4	5	
o.	ATV and Snowmobile Trails	1	2	3	4	5	
p.	Quiet	1	2	3	4	5	
q.	Low Amount of Traffic	1	2	3	4	5	
r.	Large Lots for Houses	1	2	3	4	5	
s.	Wetlands	1	2	3	4	5	
t.	Historic Buildings	1	2	3	4	5	
u.	Others? Please List Below.						

ABOUT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY

Q5. Additional residential development can be expected in the Bear Lake Community. Where would you like to see most of the new housing developed?

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of where new housing units should be concentrated, ranging from 1 for No New Housing to 5 for Many New Housing Units.)

	<i>No New Housing Units</i>			<i>Many New Housing Units</i>		
a. In the Village of Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5	
b. In Bear Lake Township, away from Village	1	2	3	4	5	
c. In Pleasanton Township, away from Village	1	2	3	4	5	
d. Near Existing Improved Roads in Countryside	1	2	3	4	5	
e. In Groups or Clusters of Houses Outside of Village	1	2	3	4	5	
f. Next to the Village of Bear Lake in the Townships	1	2	3	4	5	
f. Others? Please List Below.						

Q.6 What types of future residential housing would you favor in the Bear Lake Community?

(Please circle the number that matches your level of opposition or support for the different types of new housing listed, ranging from 1 for Totally Opposed to 5 for Completely in Favor.)

	<i>Totally Opposed</i>			<i>Completely in Favor</i>		
a. Single Family Homes on Large Lots (over 1 Acre)	1	2	3	4	5	
b. Single Family Homes on Very Large Lots (over 5 Acres)	1	2	3	4	5	
c. Single Family Homes in Compact Neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5	
d. Duplex (Two-family) Housing Units	1	2	3	4	5	
e. Conversion of Single Family Housing to Multi-Family Units	1	2	3	4	5	
f. Clusters of Single Family Homes Outside of Village	1	2	3	4	5	
g. Mobile Home Parks	1	2	3	4	5	
h. Senior Housing	1	3	3	4	5	
h. Others? Please List Below.						

ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY

Q7. What types of business and economic development would you favor in or very near the Village of Bear Lake?

*(Please circle the number that matches your level of opposition or support for the different types of new housing listed, ranging from **1** for Totally Opposed to **5** for Completely in Favor.)*

		Totally Opposed		Completely Favor		
		1	2	3	4	5
a.	Medical Services (e.g., dentist office)	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Small Manufacturing -25 employees or fewer including delivery and pick of goods with trucks	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Retail Stores and Shops	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Convenience Stores & Gas Stations	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Home Businesses	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Business & Sales Offices	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Bed & Breakfast	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Hotel/Motel & Resorts	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Warehouse/Distribution Center including heavy truck traffic	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Industrial Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Farm Market	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Tourist and Visitor Attractions	1	2	3	4	5
m.	Restaurants	1	2	3	4	5
n.	Others? Please List Below.					

Q8. Do you favor business and economic development in Pleasanton and Bear Lake Townships *outside of the Village of Bear Lake*?

_____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Q9. If you answered YES to Q8, what types of business and economic development would you like to see in Pleasanton and Bear Lake Townships outside of the Village of Bear Lake?

Please list your suggestions:

ABOUT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY

Q10. Which of the following municipal facilities and services would you like to see *constructed or improved over the next 10 years?*

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, using a scale from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

	<i>Not At All Important</i>					<i>Very Important</i>
	1	2	3	4	5	
a. Construction of New Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
b. Pave More Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
c. Maintenance of Roads	1	2	3	4	5	
d. Expanded Public Water Supply System	1	2	3	4	5	
e. Sewer & Wastewater Treatment System	1	2	3	4	5	
f. Improvement/Renovation of Village Hall	1	2	3	4	5	
g. Improvement/Renovation of Bear Lake Township Hall	1	2	3	4	5	
h. Development of New Park on Bear Lake	1	2	3	4	5	
i. Improved School Facilities	1	2	3	4	5	
j. Improvements to the Public Library	1	2	3	4	5	
k. Improved Fire Department	1	2	3	4	5	
l. Expansion of the Villages' Central Business District	1	2	3	4	5	
m. Streetscaping in the Village	1	2	3	4	5	
n. Bury Utilities	1	2	3	4	5	

l. Others? Please List Below.

Q11. To support business and economic development, would you favor the expansion of the public water supply system in and around the Village of Bear Lake if you did NOT have to pay any fees or taxes?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q12. To support business and economic development, would you favor the construction of a public sewer and wastewater treatment system in and around the Village of Bear Lake if you did NOT have to pay any fees or taxes?

_____ YES _____ NO

ABOUT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY

Q13. Do you believe it is important to protect the water quality of the lakes, streams and groundwater of the Bear Lake Community?

_____ YES _____ NO

Q14. Which of the following things would you be in favor of local government doing to protect the water quality of lakes, streams and groundwater in the Bear Lake Community?

(Please circle the number that matches your level of opposition or support for the different types of new housing listed, ranging from 1 for Totally Opposed to 5 for Completely in Favor.)

	<i>Totally Opposed</i>					<i>Completely Favor</i>
a.	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	1	2	3	4	5	
c.	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	Others? Please List Below					

Q15. On a scale from 1 to 5, how important do you think it is for the Bear Lake Community to preserve the following natural features?

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item.)

	<i>Not At All Important</i>					<i>Very Important</i>
a.	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	1	2	3	4	5	
c.	1	2	3	4	5	

ABOUT RECREATION AND TOURISM IN THE BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY

Q.16 How important are the following features to recreation and tourism in the Bear Lake Community?

(Please circle the number that most closely matches your opinion of the importance of each item, ranging from 1 for Not At All Important to 5 for Very Important.)

	<i>Not At All Important</i>					<i>Very Important</i>
a.	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	1	2	3	4	5	
c.	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	1	2	3	4	5	
e.	1	2	3	4	5	
f.	1	2	3	4	5	
g.	1	2	3	4	5	
h.	1	2	3	4	5	
i.	1	2	3	4	5	
j.	1	2	3	4	5	
k.	Others? Please List Below					

Q17. Are you satisfied with the quantity and quality of recreation facilities in the Bear Lake Community?

YES NO

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Answers to the following questions will help us analyze the survey results and make it more meaningful for community planning purposes without specifically identifying you. Please mark the ONE response that most closely describes your status.

Q18. In which jurisdiction of the Bear Lake Community do you live?

Village of Bear Lake Pleasanton Twp. Bear Lake Twp.

Q19. What is your residential status in the Bear Lake Community?

Year Round Resident Seasonal Resident Not a Resident

Q20. How many people live in your household?

1 2 3 4-6 More than 6

Q21. Do you own property in the Bear Lake Community?

YES NO

Q22. Are you a registered voter in the Bear Lake Community?

YES NO

Q23. What is your age group?

Under 25 years 25-44 years 45-64 years 65 years or older

Q24. What is your employment status?

Employed (not self-employed) Self-Employed Unemployed Retired

Q25. What is your household income?

Under \$20,000 \$20,000-\$39,999 \$40,000-59,999 \$60,000 or above

Q26. Do you have school-age children (18 years old or younger) in your household?

YES NO