

Appendix B:

Community Survey

Overall Response Rate: Of the 462 surveys mailed, 276 were returned, meaning there was a **60%** response rate.

General Questions

- How would you describe current efforts to guide and regulate these specific aspects of development?

	Too Many Regulations	About the Right Amount of Regulations	Not enough Regulations	No Opinion
A. How much development occurs	25%	31%	31%	5%
B. Where new development is built	26%	30%	33%	4%
C. Type and use of development	24%	31%	30%	6%

- Briefly describe the 2 most important things Brigham should preserve:

- Briefly describe the 2 most important things Brigham should change:

- The 2000 Census reports Brigham had an estimated population of 966 people. The Town grew by 145 people since 1980. The State projects Brigham will grow by about 300 people and 140 new homes by 2025. This is a projection based on several factors including the rate of historic growth. The actual amount of growth will be impacted by the policies adopted by the Town.

At what rate would you like to see growth occur? (Please check one box)

- 43% Depends on what property owners want to do with their land
- 31% Slower than projected
- 3% Faster than projected
- 5% No growth
- 16% Same as State’s projected growth rate
- 4% Don’t know

- What factors should be considered for new housing in Brigham?

Growth and Development

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Property owner desires and market forces	34%	25%	5%	16%	11%
B. Availability of existing services needed to serve the development (roads, schools, etc.)	34%	48%	9%	4%	2%
C. The Town should allow single-family housing development	31%	43%	8%	9%	4%
D. The Town should allow multi-family housing (such as apartments)	8%	12%	15%	36%	26%
E. The Town should allow nursing home and assisted-living facilities	14%	37%	21%	15%	9%

6. New housing in Brigham and the surrounding area should be developed:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. In and near Barneveld	27%	40%	16%	6%	7%
B. In and near existing rural concentrations of homes	8%	24%	24%	23%	15%
C. Scattered on lots throughout the Town	21%	26%	9%	18%	23%

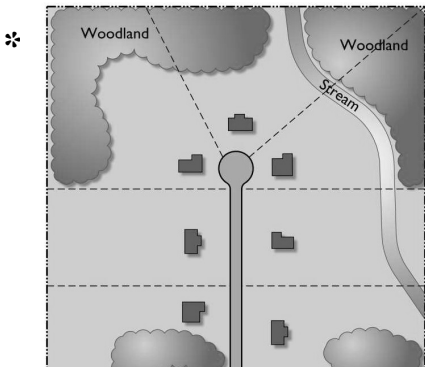
7. What should be the minimum lot size for new residential properties in the Town of Brigham? (Please check only one.)

- 14% Less than 5 acres
- 47% Five acres (current Town ordinance)
- 6% Between 6-10 acres
- 8% Between 11-20 acres
- 4% Between 21-30 acres
- 11% Between 31-40 acres
- 8% Greater than 40 acres

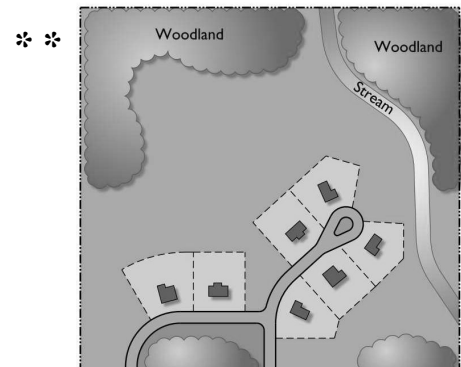
8. What should be the specific minimum residential lot size in the Town? (Please fill in) _____ acre(s).

9. How do you feel about the following residential design options?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Encourage new development to be on lots of 5 or more acres*	32%	24%	5%	15%	19%
B. Encourage cluster/conservation development of housing**	15%	23%	15%	19%	23%
C. Allow a minimum lot size smaller than 5 acres specifically in cluster/conservation developments, provided it results in protected agriculture land or open space	20%	23%	7%	18%	27%



* “5+ Acre Lot” Development
Defined in “A”



** Cluster/Conservation Development
Defined in “B”

As an alternative to converting the entire property to development, cluster/conservation development, as shown on the right, gives the option to group the same number of home sites in one portion of the property while maintaining agricultural or other open lands on the rest of the property. The non-developed lands are deed restricted to limit new development. Lots in these clusters are often allowed to be less than 5 acres as a trade off to preserve other parts of the property. The ownership and maintenance of open space occurs through a homeowner’s association, town/county government, land trust organization, or through individual property owners with deed restrictions.

10. New NON-FARM businesses should be allowed in the following locations:
(Small business = 9 or fewer employees. Large business = 10 or more employees)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Small business in Barneveld	49%	38%	8%	1%	1%
B. Large business in Barneveld	43%	36%	9%	6%	4%
C. Small business in Brigham near Barneveld	28%	45%	10%	11%	3%
D. Small business near HWY 18/151	29%	49%	8%	10%	4%
E. Small business in rural areas	19%	28%	16%	22%	14%
F. Large business near Barneveld	24%	35%	11%	17%	9%
G. Large business near HWY 18/151	31%	35%	9%	14%	9%
H. Large business in rural areas	9%	14%	8%	30%	38%
I. No new non-farm business in Brigham	7%	9%	10%	35%	33%

11. The following types of NON-FARM businesses should be allowed within Brigham:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Industrial and manufacturing	19%	30%	9%	20%	18%
B. Smaller stores and shops serving mostly local residents (i.e. hardware, general store, barber shops)	30%	42%	10%	11%	4%
C. Cottage industry (pottery, woodworking, crafts, etc.) (employing less than 2 people)	35%	47%	11%	4%	2%
D. Home office/occupation	38%	47%	11%	1%	1%
E. Developments with a mix of residential, office, and retail	19%	27%	14%	22%	17%
F. Restaurants	27%	37%	16%	14%	4%
G. Commercial services directed to attract travelers from HWY 18-151	20%	38%	15%	16%	8%
H. Recreational and tourism-related commercial development (i.e. bed and breakfast, bicycle rentals, etc.)	27%	46%	14%	8%	3%
I. Quarrying	9%	17%	18%	26%	28%
J. Sand and gravel pit operations	8%	17%	18%	26%	28%
K. Medical facilities	26%	37%	15%	14%	5%
L. Nursing homes	22%	37%	19%	16%	4%
M. Other:	9%	9%	26%	4%	6%

12. The following factors should be considered for NON-FARM commercial or industrial development:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Traffic flow and circulation	54%	40%	2%	1%	1%
B. Architecture/building design	34%	44%	14%	4%	2%
C. Parking availability	34%	50%	9%	2%	1%
D. Location	51%	38%	5%	1%	1%
E. Site landscaping	39%	45%	11%	2%	1%
F. Hours of operation	27%	43%	22%	3%	1%
G. Size of facility	35%	45%	13%	2%	1%
H. Proposed signage	35%	41%	17%	1%	3%
I. Environmental impact	57%	34%	4%	1%	1%
J. Tax and Town service cost impact	58%	33%	4%	1%	1%
K. Other: see comment sheet	12%	6%	15%	0%	0%

13. The following agricultural-related business activities should be permitted in Brigham:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Direct farm product sales	46%	47%	4%	1%	1%
B. Agriculture tourism	43%	40%	10%	4%	1%
C. Workdays & educational opportunities	40%	43%	12%	2%	1%
D. Other: see comment sheet	12%	8%	15%	1%	3%

14. How do you rate the following public services and facilities?
(Please check the box that most closely reflects your opinion for each service or public facility.)

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	No Opinion	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
A. Ambulance service	45%	34%	18%	0%	0%
B. Fire protection	47%	36%	14%	0%	0%
C. Garbage collection	32%	51%	9%	4%	2%
D. Police/sheriff protection	22%	49%	20%	7%	1%
E. Public school system	28%	42%	18%	8%	1%
F. Recycling program	29%	56%	9%	4%	0%
G. Snow removal	35%	51%	7%	5%	1%
H. Stormwater	11%	41%	40%	3%	1%
I. Road maintenance	25%	61%	7%	6%	0%
J. Telephone	22%	43%	14%	16%	5%
K. Internet	14%	28%	21%	18%	16%
L. Electrical service/supply	25%	58%	10%	4%	1%
M. Cell phone service	12%	39%	15%	22%	9%
N. Postal service	35%	48%	10%	4%	1%

15. The Town of Brigham should maintain its rural character.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
57%	30%	5%	3%	1%

Please briefly describe what “rural character” means to you.

16. How do you feel about the following actions to preserve “rural character”?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Do not create more regulations in the Town	29%	18%	10%	25%	15%
B. Prohibit new developments that create more than 5 lots in a 5-year period (This is classified as a subdivision by the Town of Brigham)	29%	29%	9%	18%	12%
C. Prohibit new development if its size, design, or location causes conflicts with existing agricultural operations	34%	39%	5%	13%	8%
D. Prohibit the disturbance of prime agricultural land (Class 1, 2 & 3 soils) for new development	40%	19%	6%	19%	14%
E. Using grants, purchase land (or easements on land) to limit development	27%	28%	12%	19%	11%
F. Allow only a set number of residential building permits or land divisions each year	21%	22%	10%	25%	20%
G. Adopt light pollution standards	27%	34%	13%	12%	10%
H. Position new development to limit the disturbance of scenic views	34%	29%	10%	17%	7%
I. Prohibit construction of new town roads	20%	19%	13%	31%	15%
J. Prohibit the storage of junked cars and debris where visible by roads	53%	26%	10%	4%	6%
K. Control the spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants	45%	39%	7%	2%	5%
L. Other: see comment sheet	10%	3%	12%	1%	1%

17. The following resources should be preserved in Brigham:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Air quality	60%	37%	1%	0%	1%
B. Farmland	53%	29%	10%	4%	2%
C. Forested lands	50%	34%	10%	4%	1%
D. Groundwater	65%	33%	1%	0%	0%
E. Historic and cultural sites	46%	40%	11%	3%	0%
F. Open spaces	43%	31%	18%	4%	2%
G. Scenic views	47%	30%	16%	5%	2%
H. Wetlands	47%	32%	15%	5%	2%
I. Wildlife habitat	48%	34%	11%	4%	1%
J. Dark skies at night	42%	25%	18%	9%	5%
K. Trout streams	47%	39%	11%	2%	0%
L. Grass lands	44%	29%	15%	8%	3%

Natural Resources

18. How do you feel about the following statements on Park and Recreation?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Current facilities are adequate	24%	45%	12%	15%	1%
B. Parks should be expanded in area	9%	20%	27%	30%	8%
C. Parks should be reduced in area	2%	7%	31%	39%	17%
D. Hiking trail systems should be expanded beyond park borders	7%	23%	23%	29%	14%
E. Picnic areas should be expanded	5%	16%	39%	25%	10%
F. Playgrounds should be added	4%	18%	36%	30%	6%

19. Should Brigham allow the development of the following tourism & outdoor recreation activities?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Nature sanctuary	27%	28%	16%	17%	11%
B. Riding stables	11%	35%	34%	14%	6%
C. Ski hills	7%	21%	33%	26%	12%
D. Golf course	9%	25%	27%	25%	13%
E. Cross country ski trails	13%	38%	30%	10%	6%
F. Snowmobile trails	8%	21%	27%	24%	20%
G. Education/interpretative centers	13%	39%	34%	9%	3%
H. Local nature or heritage-based arts entertainment	12%	33%	36%	11%	6%
I. Game farms	6%	22%	28%	26%	16%
J. Shooting range	6%	20%	23%	28%	21%
K. Trout streams	27%	44%	21%	3%	3%
L. Grass lands	28%	38%	17%	11%	5%
M. Campgrounds	7%	29%	32%	20%	10%
N. Other: see comment sheet	4%	6%	14%	1%	3%

Parks and Recreation

These Questions are Optional

20. Gender

67% Male 27% Female

21. Age

0% 18 to 24 16% 35 to 44 24% 55 to 64
 5% 25 to 34 28% 45 to 54 18% 65 and older

22. Place of residence

88% Own 0% Rent 2% Other: _____

23. Number of children (under 18) in household

56% None 14% Two 1% Four
 13% One 3% Three 1% Five or more

24. Employment status

48% Employed full time 0% Unemployed 20% Retired
 4% Employed part time 23% Self-employed 0% Other

25. How long have you lived in the Town of Brigham?

2% Less than 1 year 11% 5 to 9 years 42% 25 years or more
 9% 1 to 4 years 24% 10 to 24 years

26. In what type of residence do you live?

39% Single-family house, **non-farm** residence 0% Mobile home
 40% Single-family house, **farm** residence 5% Landowner only
 0% Apartment 1% Part time/vacation home
 1% Other: see comment sheet

27. If you own land in the Town, what is the primary use? (Please check only one)

37% Agriculture/working farm 12% Recreational land
 27% Non-farm residence 4% Other: **see comment sheet**
 6% Farm related business

28. How many acres do you own? _____

29. Provide Any Additional Comments Here:

Demographics - Optional

Your Comments

Any additional comments

<p>Since our arrival to the area, light pollution has increased. Please establish light pollution standards.</p>	<p>Get rid of town board.</p>	<p>This survey is too long and detailed!</p>	<p>Do not live in the town.</p>	<p>Please make results available online and in print.</p>
<p>Leave well enough along. If it works don't screw with it.</p>	<p>The quality of life in Brigham Township is wonderful. Let's keep it that way.</p>	<p>Trust Town Board to make these decisions!</p>	<p>We own this farm this is our retirement let us do what we want.</p>	<p>A truly beautiful countryside. Hope it maintains much of its current character.</p>
<p>I live on CTH "ID", and I've heard "rumors" about an industrial development possibly going in the land between "ID" and Hwy 12/18. Besides blocking our awesome view, we feel that would greatly reduce the value of our property.</p>	<p>I don't think people that own 40 acres and less should be able to tell the people that own larger amounts of land what to do with their land.</p>	<p>If Brigham Township does start to allow 5 acre developments these need to be kept under a specific # per section to preserve the beauty of the area.</p>	<p>Different building requirements for different size parcels. If under 40 acres have to rezone residential. If over 40 acres they can build one house on the 40 whether ag land or not.</p>	<p>Don't want no more houses in this Brigham Township, too many cars, and it causes additional cost to all of us the way it has become <u>too</u> populated.</p>
<p>Development is not clearly defined! Do you mean businesses, subdivisions, roads, or mainly single family homes? Without clear questions, people are going to interpret them differently. How many houses total allowed in a given total parcel of land? #9B - question not clear! I'd support cluster development provided there is a total of only 1 house/40 acres of total land. Allow 3 houses close together or an old 120 acre farm, but this on more homes allowed on the total 120 acres. Your options Don't define how many houses will ultimately be allowed on a parcel. #10E - except for this type of "business" I agree with in #11 below.</p>		<p>I see the cluster development to be the best practice for preserving farmland. Forcing each home to have 40 ac. Creates a lot of land that is not used and harbors weeds. By splitting a farm into a maximum # of lots and allowing them to be as large or small as will be used seems to me more affordable to those who just want to live in the country as well as a better use of land. I would recommend a set # of homes per each size of land, rather than being determined by a less than objective board. I also believe due to our proximity to Madison we have an outstanding opportunity for agribusiness, and should plan accordingly. By encouraging agribusiness we encourage land to continue to be farmed. I don't know current regs but that would be one area that the town could certainly encourage business. I don't feel we need more regulation, but rather well thought, useful regs.</p>		
<p>Cluster conservation development seems promising but we do not wish to exclude the possibility of development on suitable parcels of 15 or more acres. Each situation is unique. Its been difficult to respond to these "generalized" questions. I don't want to see the township chopped up into 15 acre sections, but can see 15 acres divided off a larger parcel which remains farm or forest.</p>	<p>9. This assumes that we are in favor of any development and is therefore an unfair question. No such development in either design or others should be allowed. 12. Again, this presumes that development is part of the plan. We don't believe it should be. 16BH. Again, this assumes that any development is ok, which it is not.</p>	<p>Work with the village but don't let them try to take over like Madison is. Encourage tree planting-especially hardwoods. Keep a lid on unkept properties. If people want to live like pigs make sure it is inside their own homes, not outside. Encourage farmers to control erosion. #16D - Only matters if that land will be used for ag purposes when developed.</p>	<p>Waaay too much mum-bo-jum-bo. We have elected a very capable Town board. We have plenty ordinance to guide them. It seems new comers to our township want to dictate what is going to happen to farms and farmers that have been here long before they came. That is wrong.</p>	<p>Consider limiting the number of new lots on major highways or roads.(rural) for a specific time period. You should have provided an opportunity for both husband and wife to complete this survey. Sometimes they don't agree on all questions and it was hard to complete. Or could have had survey available via computer for additional resource.</p>

<p>Rural character cannot be preserved with 5 acre minimum lot size. Those who don't believe that should visit the Town of Middleton. Compromise must be found to preserve farming and rural character (eg. Cluster housing.)</p>	<p>I missed the deadline - mail overlooked. I thought "smart growth" funding by the state had been stopped - ?? I am against any laws that infringe on the right to own property, and relevant decisions. The right to own and manage property is one of our great freedoms.</p>	<p>I want to see the rural character preserved. I want to see the wildlife the trout streams and native as a whole stay. I also believe more, that it should be up to the landowner what happens on his or her land! Not a bunch of people that form a group and parade around town, telling people what they can and can't do. They have what they want, but other people can't? I think of myself as "old school", it is not right to tell someone what you think they should do on their land.</p>	<p>We should not allow those without developable land to restrict the rights of those with land. People who bought 5 or 10 acre parcels and built houses on them are hypocrites when they now want lot sizes increased above that.</p>	
<p>#16L-Develop land that fosters use of marginal wooded land - not in production. This includes access issues to wooded land. The primary issue at present is the division this issue caused. Many citizens who are recent additions to community have invested much money but are contributing very little to agriculture. This change many be insidious but if Brigham becomes an "us and them" community then any development will be problematic. Many farmers are being forced to end their careers early by selling larger sections of their farms and agriculture is disappearing. Common sense and community need to be integrated in regulations.</p>		<p>Prohibit erosion, remove old junk piles. #19N - 4 wheeling tracts. We do not oppose land owners using ATV's and 4 wheeling, but we do oppose land owners who use their land for ATV and 4 wheeling clubs who charge admission and terrorize the neighborhood for several weekends in the summer. We also oppose land owners who let too many hunters on their property at once, especially if they have a small parcel. We also would appreciate an excessive noise ordinance. Thank you.</p>	<p>My biggest complaint - land use lets you subdivide but they tell you where you can build on your parcel. If a farmer sells you 20 acres you should be able to build anywhere on the property - once land is divided it is not farmland anymore regardless of soil types.</p>	
<p>The township should <u>not</u> have so many restrictions. My father worked his whole life on his farm and he should be able to do with the land what he wants!! These folks who have moved into the Township shouldn't dictate what property owners do with their land. <u>Keep the 5 acre rule</u> it is working.</p>	<p>I just think we need more direction, rules/regulations and for board members not to be able to take each individual and allow them (maybe as relatives or friends) to set their own rules - without knowledge of the public. Too many things are under the table. This is costing others!</p>	<p>We have finite water and other resources which will be endangered by unbridled development. The whole community needs to agree on a (hopefully conservative) land use plan and then the Board needs to stick to it.</p>	<p>Considerably increasing the lot size per residence would exclude all but wealthy "outsiders" from future residence in the township. That would gradually undermine the cohesiveness of the Brigham/Barneveld community and accelerate our drift towards become a "bedroom" adjunct to Madison, albeit a scenic one.</p>	<p>Please include my survey results. I did not receive this until just this last week. I am totally for conservation of our lands, if I owned land I would not say I was conserving it and at the same time say my land I should be able to build housing on low acreage lots - its all about money making, not conserving the land.</p>
<p>I look at the old Alferd Shurch farm, divided into 40 acre parcels and all the smaller farm fields, which are harder to farm. Build a house on 1 acre and keep more farmland in use.</p>	<p>I don't agree with housing (developments) multi house clusters. But a landowner should be able to build a house where they want on a 5 acre lot.</p>	<p>Need to clean house on the Town board and get new blood in there. Too much things already been approved before the meetings and passed with no vote from floor??</p>	<p>Nothing wrong with development, in particular, business along 18-151 corridor. Don whatever it takes to keep the anti-everything environmental whakos out of Brigham. Land owner rights should be respected and honored, not infringed upon. Reasonable and sensible loose guidelines such as 10 acre lot size (or 5 even) I have no problem with to maintain the rural feel of the township.</p>	

<p>As long as nature sanctuary stays on tax roll that would be ok. Have a nice day!</p>	<p>As a farmer my land is my retirement and I should have the right to determine what I will do with it. I don't need any more outsiders telling me my needs. Also, the Town Board needs to treat development with respect and fairness. We are more than just tax payers - we are friends.</p>	<p>I believe if you own 40 acres or more you should be able to build any where set backs allow.</p>	
<p>Any new business would have to use Barneveld exit off 151, otherwise it would be a traffic problem. If farmland is worthless for farming, owner should do what he wants with it. But within limits of rural settings. Too much trouble getting building permits and what you can build on your own land.</p>		<p>#16L- Promote organic production or small scale production of farm product for sale to urban markets. #19N- Farm markets U-pick and on farm sales of produce/fruit. We appreciate the chance to voice our opinions. We're glad the town board is taking the time to put these issues on the table. Our greatest hope is that the Smart Growth Plan will unite old and new residents rather than cause further dissention.</p>	
<p>Work more together with Barneveld, we could merge all services together to save money.</p>	<p>Of course any improvements require money and that means bringing in industry. Care should be taken as to what kind of industry.</p>	<p>Farmers should not be forced to preserve their farmlands. It should be their choice. If they are forced to do that, then there should be financial compensation. They don't have fat pensions and 401k programs to live off during their retirement. Others that want it to stay that way for their pleasure have plenty of retirement money and are selfish and self serving to force this upon local farmers.</p>	
<p>Thank you for your efforts!</p>	<p>Cut permit fees.</p>	<p>Township boards have done a good job sticking to their guns, keep that way.</p>	
<p>Adopt signage regulations tighter.</p>	<p>Good survey! Please let's keep what we love about our town! Thanks!</p>	<p>Absent owner lived elsewhere. Lived in town in 1970s. Use to own 120 acres in town and adjacent 40 in Twn Blue Mounds.</p>	<p>It is nice to be able to provide input!</p>
<p>Town has done a very good job of managing growth and development. Preserve the ag-base, keep town roads rural. Give the farmer a stronger vote in development decisions that could adversely impact farm operations. Protect family based rural values. Reward Town employees for jobs well done.</p>		<p>The survey is too vague! One answer will counter another answer and turn results. Surveys can be read to mean a lot of different results. Limit the numbers of home built and where by acreage and land use. No developments!</p>	
<p>16. Regulations should always be adapted when they are needed. This item is short-sighted and hard to answer.</p>	<p>Guard against farmers or others being able to sell off acreage in 1/2 acre lots resulting in big subdivisions sprouting up in the middle of otherwise beautiful landscape. Prevent people from constructing environmentally obscene structures such as tall towers.</p>	<p>The long-term plan for the Town of Brigham (preserving the rural character) should be much more important than needs of some families to provide small acreage for their children and/or make more money for retirement. The rural character (or not) will continue for generations.</p>	
<p>We are concerned that development (housing, businesses) will destroy wildlife habitat, the beautiful rural countrysides, and remove land from agriculture use. Once the land is developed, it will never return to its original state. We are also concerned that a group of pro-development landowners will have a strong influence on your survey results. Some people may not take the time to complete and return the survey, even though they may prefer no/low development.</p>		<p>New home building sites should include close neighbors contact and input! The sale of the lot in front of us will now block our view!! Very disappointing!! 5357 Hwy HH our home - Sharon Walters.</p>	

<p>The number one priority should be landowner rights. To me Smart Growth smacks of something other than smart. I don't necessarily want a thousand new homes dotting the countryside, but its not all my land. Some of the Smart Growth initiatives will directly negatively affect the financial well being of Brigham farmers. It doesn't make any sense to me.</p>	<p>Very concerning that people with very little involvement within the local community are hiring attorneys/legal counsel to contest the Town Board decisions.</p>	<p>Successful farms keep processing facilities nearby, strengthen ties to schools, village businesses and keeps people excited about protecting qualities (water, natural features) of town and villages (attractive, diverse mix of homes, condos, businesses and park land). Brigham has unique opportunity to improve this vision as the farmland is so diverse and attractive to your community.</p>
<p>I don't know the current program we have in place here in the Town of Brigham. But, when we bought land here I was under the assumption that if you owned 200 acres you were allowed 1 home building site for every 40 acres. So, you may build 5 homes on that property. I'm comfortable with that.</p>	<p>We live here because we like the rural quality of life: low population density, farms, open spaces, natural areas, fairly low taxes. We do not want to live in a suburb. If we did, we would move to Barneveld, Blue Mounds, or Mount Horeb. Once the land is parcelled off and developed, it's lost forever. There's no going back. Farmland and green spaces are disappearing at a rapid pace.</p>	
<p>We need to encourage growth of our tax base for local services, AG land in CID or government programs does nothing for the Township. New homes and farmers pay property taxes that support our inevitable growth, most of the land is a poor quality of ag land to start with and should be developed. There is no ag revolution coming to Brigham Township. Recognize this and move forward with what the current market says we have to offer - a very desirable area to live. Within driving distance of areas to make a decent living. We really offer little if any economic opportunity in the Barneveld-Brigham area to attract people here. We should use what we have, meaning a very scenic area with many attractive qualities and attributes the people are willing to pay top market dollar for. However, if lot size is increased to say 40 acres we will price ourselves out of market that we need to support our school and local services - working young families and price ourselves into the market of the affluent i.e. Dr's and lawyers. I have too many of these affluent types here now for my taste and they really have no clue as to this township and area's history or tradition and are very difficult to get along with. Leave them in Dane County on their 40. This is a large part of what ruins our rural character. B</p>		
<p>Stop the senseless shrub and tree cutting - slashing unsightly looking of roadsides by the township erection of unsightly communication towers.</p>	<p>We are absolutely against mining, gravel pits and heavy equipment businesses being allowed in rural areas.</p>	<p>Many questions on this survey can be misconstrued in many ways.</p>
<p>Brigham township people seem to really disagree with the Board decisions. It has appeared that people feel or have felt that favoritism to some is given. All of this could be eliminated with a few "hard" regulations on building development. I believe that a 40 acre residential building requirement will fix these problems. The "prime ag" rule is outdated and is very controversial, get rid of that rule, it's very problematic.</p>	<p>I think we need to allow new homes in our township. Allow land owners to sell 5 acres parallel to help new, young people to move to our area. Allow farmers to sell land and be able to retire in comfort. Be flexible and use common sense when making decisions. Give all board members and township employees a big thank you for all your efforts.</p>	<p>Some sections of this form are confusing. You may be getting inaccurate information because of the wording and format.</p>
<p>The critical factor in Brigham's preservation is not only requiring a 40 acre or larger lot minimum, but to also not allow the clustering of the physical houses by creating lots with extremely narrow appendages so the houses can be near each other. Simply said, we should allow individual single family housing, but discourage - severely limit - not allow "subdivisions" that cluster the actual houses.</p>	<p>Provisions should be made for smaller lots to be sold to family members of our family farmers. I believe 5-10 acre minimums should be required. Development in and near Barneveld should be well planned to bring an artistic flavor to the town. We would discourage fast food restaurants and super stores.</p>	

<p>I grew up in Brigham Township. I love that we don't have subdivisions in the middle of farm fields. We have sustained a beautiful, country look. I want my children to grow up and have the opportunity to live in a place that is rural, has a lot of farms, and is uncluttered by houses all over the landscape.</p>		<p>There are always exceptions to the rule and should be brought before the residents of Brigham and not solely the members of the Plan Commission or Town board, who may have their own opinions/preferences/interpretations. I think they do a great job, but are limited by not wanting to set a new precedent in certain cases. I think in certain cases where gray areas occur that the residents should ultimately decide (by vote at a special meeting) and thereby achieve a spirit of the regulation result as opposed to a letter of the regulation result.</p>		
<p>Keep that country charm.</p>	<p>Do not pass laws that restrict growth and business.</p>	<p>Could be more frequent.</p>	<p>Landowner rights. Too many regulations.</p>	
<p>For a hardware store we can drive 15 mins to Dodgeville or Mt. Horeb. There was a hardware store in Barneveld when I moved to the community. There was not a good inventory of supplies, so they had to order supplies as needed. It was easier to drive to surrounding areas. There are also several tourist attractions in surrounding areas. These areas promote more traffic on rural roads. There are several farms that use roads for large slow moving vehicles. I think it is safer that way. Following these vehicles you may have to slow down to 35-40 miles/hr driving. I don't think a lot of non-farming people would tolerate driving that slowly and we would not like to restrict these vehicles from the roads.</p>				
<p>The European model of land use seems appropriate as Brigham plans for its future. Densification of the Village of Barneveld with emphasis on high quality village life surrounded by a carefully managed rural landscape with increasing acreage accruing to the public domain seems a prudent course for the next century.</p>		<p>This is where I live, and where my children are growing up. It does not have to be where I work. If my children grow up and decide they wish to live near us, I want to be able for my children to be able to afford to live here. I want them to have privacy not neighbors on every side of them. The current housing regulations are good and fair.</p>		
<p>#11M telecommunication towers, golf course #12K impact to farms #16L Prohibit development in prairie remnants and environmentally important areas. #19N SW Wisc grassland and stream conservation. Project and public hunting/fishing. This represents the views of both adult members of this household. Some questions were left blank because they were ambiguous. The questions related to density needed to be expanded and improved. More public lands are needed for outdoor recreation.</p>			<p>Working farms should have more voting power than non-working land. We should look closely at this to tax land that is not used for farming as recreational with no woodland tax benefits.</p>	
<p>It is bullshit that people with their 5 acres come out from the city and then think they should tell and control farmers and tell them what they can do with their land. The land they have is their 401K they should be able to do what they want with their land. They are the ones that have paid taxes on the land all their life. If they want to sell some for homes they should be able to on ag land.</p>		<p>Preserve rural character!! No developments. Maintain 5 acre lot size with a design review to approve design, colors, etc. and must meet all restrictions set by Town of Brigham soil/perk test/driveway/% of slope.</p>		<p>I believe that if you have worked the land for a living (that you own) you should have the right to build a home on the acreage or sell an acre or two for that same purpose to a family member.</p>
<p>Total acreage owned = 80 acres (10 residence - 70 farm)</p>	<p>#14-D (dissatisfied) Due to one experience when the sheriff's dept was called and a former sheriff was abrasive. Response time etc. was satisfactory. Not sure of current regulations</p>		<p>Housing based on density is the only way to have affordable building sites while preserving "the family farm" and rural atmosphere we currently enjoy. One house per 35 or 40 acres with a lot size of 5 acres or greater.</p>	

<p>The more people in the Township, the more problems we have. 15-20 years ago we didn't have all these rules and regulations and problems. As for development all it does is drive our taxes up and it's only going to get worse. I think we should make some kind of regulations where as you must live in the township for 15 or 20 years before you are allowed to develop any of it.</p>	<p>Large farms can cluster homes (i.e. their children_ as long as there is a maximum density limit of homes per total acres. Breaking up large farms into small subdivisions of unrelated people is suburban sprawl. 20-40 acre limits should be set here. I am interested in seeing expansion of organic farming, artisan cheeses, and the like, and prohibition of corporate mega-farms, ethanol plants and so forth. There is a possibility to expand the craftsman/artist traditions of the Spring Green area and other "cottage industry" to make Brigham a destination for high quality rural character instead of anything else.</p>
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<p>Stop non-profit organizations from purchasing all this farmland in Brigham that goes off our tax roll. If they want to own; then make them pay R.E. Taxes like everybody else.</p>	<p>I see the effects of Barneveld growing especially related to losing its small town qualities. I currently reside outside of town and do not want to see an development out my way. I do not believe housing should be allowed to pop up just anywhere. I'm disappointed to see commercial development off of F. Also, I feel it is getting very difficult to gain access from Hwy F to 18 - 151. It is increasingly more difficult and dangerous to drive on the 18 - 151 Hwy.</p>		
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5D. We wouldn't object to owner's rental of an apartment or two within an established house, but multi-family apartment buildings belong in the Village.

9A. This minimum is too low.

9B. Development too close to stream. Otherwise it is better than 1st option

9C. Agree if close to Village. Otherwise disagree.

10AB. Or in an adjacent industrial zoned area. Needs to be close to fire dept. and highway.

11A. Only acceptable along 18-151.

16L. Concentrate development along 18/151. Heavy truck traffic on rural roads is dangerous & expensive and wears roads out too quickly.

This is not a very valid questionnaire since word choices of "agree" or "disagree" could be for conflicting reasons: i.e., I disagree because lots are too small or disagree because I consider that lot size too large.

Finally, why another survey? Is the Board hoping they will finally get the responses they personally prefer? And, are they representing the township or their friends and relatives?

29. Lot sizes as small as 5 acres in Brigham would be disastrous. Assessments will go up and that will drive up taxes. Increased growth will drive up school costs and possibly require building on, again driving up taxes for everyone. More houses means more stress on groundwater for wells, and from septic, lawn pesticides, etc. Light pollution will continue to erode night sky vistas, roads and infrastructures will cost more for free

