

2010 AVA TOWN SURVEY

Thank you for participating in the Ava Town Community Survey. Your answers to the following questions will help the town planning board and the town board understand how the citizens of Ava feel about the direction of the town. The current comprehensive plan for the town was written in 1986 and needs to be updated. The collective results of the survey will assist the planning board in drafting a revised comprehensive plan that will meet the desires of the community. We value your response and want you to know your survey will remain strictly confidential.

1. **Have you ever visited the Ava town website at <http://townofava.org/content/>?**

Yes..... No

2. **What is your residency status?** (Please check (✓) only one.)

Town Resident..... Land Owner

3. **How many years have you lived/owned land in Ava?**

1-5..... 6-10..... 11-20..... Over 20...

4. **What is your age group?**

18-24..... 25-39..... 40-54..... over 65....

5. **Which of the following best describes your employment status?**

Employed full time..... Unemployed.....
Employed part time Retired
Self Employed.....

6. **What are the reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in Ava?** (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

Distance to work..... Crime rate.....
Tax Rates Affordable housing.....
Recreational opportunities Quality of schools
Rural atmosphere Small population
Distance to friends/relatives..... Family homestead
Cost of land

7. **How important is it to preserve the character of Ava?**

Very important Somewhat important.....
Important Not important

8. How do you feel the community has changed in the past ten years? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <i>No change</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Abandon structures</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Less logging</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>More trailers</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>More logging</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>More people</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>More junk</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>New businesses</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Less Farming</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Improved roads</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>More farming</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>New camps</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Recreational development</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>More crime</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. Which of the following issues are you concerned about? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <i>Property taxes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Snowmobiles</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Stream/water quality</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Dog and animal control</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Hunting and fishing</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Fire and police service</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Jobs</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Pollution</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Road maintenance</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Wind farm development</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Tourist businesses</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Cellular towers</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>ATV's</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Subdivisions</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

10. What types of development would you welcome to our community? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <i>Single family dwellings</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Mobile home parks</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Mobile homes on single lots</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Tourism/recreational businesses</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Farms/agricultural uses</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>ATV trails</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Light industry</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Subdivision housing</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Wind turbine development</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Campgrounds/RV parks</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Cell tower development</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Home Occupations | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Snowmobile trails</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Broadband access</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Multi family homes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

11. Which type of housing development should be encouraged in Ava? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <i>Single family</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Senior housing</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Seasonal dwellings</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Multi family</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Apartments</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| <i>Condominiums</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Housing developments</i> .. | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

12. Which areas of the town do you think are worthy of special protection? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <i>Streams</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Historical buildings/sites</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Farm lands</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Open Space</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Cemeteries</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Scenic views</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Forests</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Wetlands</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

13. Which of the following areas would you like to see growth in? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <i>Tourist attractions</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Hiking/skiing/bike trails</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Roads</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Commercial development</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>State owned land</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Home occupations</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>ATV trails</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Town parks</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Small industry</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Snowmobile trails</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Hunting fishing</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Agriculture</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

14. If grants were available, which of the following projects would you like to see the town pursue? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <i>Wind power</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>New town hall</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Emergency shelter</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Solar power</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Community center</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Town park/playground</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

15. How satisfied are you with the following town services?

	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>
Town hall facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building Code Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean-up Recycle Days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town board communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Would you be interested in helping the town planning board with review of these surveys and the drafting of a new comprehensive plan?

- Yes..... No

Additional Comments:

Please return the completed survey by May 1st and we will enter you into a drawing for one of four \$25 prizes.