

TOWN OF BARNES  
Bayfield County, Wisconsin



CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD  
GROUP RESULTS

Part of the Town of Barnes  
Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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## **GROUP 1**

WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES?

1. Community Involvement
2. Forests (Vast and Accessable)
3. Clean Lakes
4. Clean Rivers
5. Good Retirement Area
6. Outdoor Recreational Opportunities
7. Friendly People
8. Kids (Good Place to Raise Them)
9. Fresh Air
10. Water Clarity (Clear Water)
11. Hand Operated Boat Lock
12. Friends
13. Citizen Rate
14. Northwoods Character
15. Peace and Quiet
16. Low Crime Rate
17. Low Traffic Volume
18. Public Services
19. High Environmental Concern
20. High Economic Resources
21. Tourism
22. Close Proximity to Metro Areas
23. Hunting
24. Quality Lake Living
25. Good Roads
26. Good School Funding

## **GROUP 1**

### WHAT AREAS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES NEED IMPROVEMENT?

1. More Public Swimming Areas/Picnic Areas
2. More Rec/Activities for Kids In the Town of Barnes
3. More Small Business/Industry
4. More Employment Opportunities
5. Better Lake Stewardship Attitudes
6. Property Tax Improvement (Slow Growth)
7. Meaningful Ordinance Enforcement
8. Trail Management Plans
9. Resolution between Residents and Seasonal (Residents)
10. Good Restaurants (No Bar)
11. Cell Phone Reception
12. Tourist Accommodations Needed
13. Less Wolves
14. School Busing Service
15. Medical (Walk-in Clinic)
16. Library/Community Center
17. Off-highway Parking
18. Good Restaurant With Lounge
19. Protect Public Boat Landings

## **GROUP 1**

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN OF BARNES LOOK LIKE IN 10-20 YEARS?

1. High Quality Lake Stewards
2. Self-Regulated Motorized Recreationists
3. Supportive Northwoods Character
4. Septic Tank Inspection Enforcement
5. Prosperous Economy
6. Clean and Accessible Lakes
7. Great Fishing
8. Better Landscape-Natural Environment (No Overdevelopment/Clear Cutting)
9. More Public Access to Lakes
10. More Buses
11. All Recreational Activities Open to the Public
12. Gas Tank Inspection Enforcement
13. Available Public Access to National Forest
14. Business District Confined to a Few Blocks
15. Thick and Full Forests
16. Smoke Free Restaurants
17. Barnes Post Office "Fresh Air, WI"
18. Natural Shoreline
19. Quality Environmental Protection/Bio-Diversity
20. Balanced Lake Usage
21. Forest Management Planning
22. Town Board Support of Lake Management
23. More Involved Town Board with Land Use Decisions

## **GROUP 2**

WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES?

1. Beautiful Lakes
2. Lots of Space
3. Quality Environment
4. Community Support
5. Air/Water Quality
6. Special Events
7. Location
8. Small Town Appearance
9. Lack of Industrial Pollution
10. Quietness/ Lack of Noise Pollution
11. Friendly People
12. Resort Community
13. Outdoor Recreation
14. Weather/ 4 Seasons
15. Lack of Major Businesses
16. Diverse Population
17. Lack of Dirty Industry
18. Good Snow Removal
19. No Traffic
20. Nice Quiet Trails
21. Great Wildlife
22. Churches
23. Good Hunting/Fishing

## **GROUP 2**

### WHAT AREAS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES NEED IMPROVEMENT?

1. Appearance of Downtown Area
2. Limits on Sprawl
3. Keep Small Town Atmosphere
4. Problem with Off-Highway Parking/Need More
5. Need for Grocery/Hardware Store
6. Road Repair/Grading
7. Enforcement of Current Zoning Regulations
8. Long Term Planning
9. Sign Regulation
10. Need for Small Business
11. More Lake Management
12. Lack of Sanding/Salting in Winter
13. Fertilizers Around Lake/Educate
14. Snow Plowing
15. Parks/Swimming Maintenance
16. High Speed Internet
17. Cell Phone Towers
18. Is there a need for Local Police?
19. Light Pollution
20. Review Law of Recreational Vehicles

## **GROUP 2**

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN OF BARNES LOOK LIKE IN 10-20 YEARS?

1. Maintain Small Town Atmosphere/Quaint (Town Wide)
2. More Focused Area of Downtown with Rural Area Surrounding
3. Unified Clean Look
4. More Business
5. Protect Air and Water
6. Need for Library
7. Need for Health Services
8. New Construction Blending with the Northwoods Environment
9. Effective Lake Quality Management Program
10. Recreation-Health Center/Community Center
11. Protect Trees/Propagation
12. Less Logging
13. Address Sanitary Issues
14. More Quality Lake Parks
15. Need for Senior Housing

### **GROUP 3**

WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES?

1. Tourists
2. Lakes
3. Friendly Atmosphere
4. Location
5. Land Mass
6. Good Living Area
7. Local Population
8. Peace and Quiet
9. Clean Air and Water
10. Small Community
11. Sandy Soil
12. Road Access
13. Woods
14. Retirement Community
15. Low Crime
16. Lack of Traffic
17. Tax Base
18. Community Involvement
19. Wildlife
20. Northwoods Character
21. Recreational Opportunities
22. A Lot of Organizations
23. Night Sky
24. Close Proximity of Larger Cities
25. Emergency Services
26. Good Town Government

### **GROUP 3**

#### WHAT AREAS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES NEED IMPROVEMENT?

1. Senior Transportation
2. Improve Road Grading
3. More Activities for Children and Teens
4. Better Communication with Citizens
5. Paint Town Salt Shed
6. Septic Waste Disposal
7. Senior Affordable Housing
8. Stronger Business Association
9. Control Development
10. Plant More Evergreen Trees
11. Control Jet Skis
12. Need a Community/Senior Center
13. Ordinance to Control Eyesores (Junk Cars, etc...)
14. Job Opportunities
15. Campground
16. Library
17. Regulate Appearance of Pole Buildings
18. More Small Businesses
19. Control Excess Drinking
20. New Town Hall Building
21. New Cell Phone Building
22. Moderate Income Housing For Younger Working People
23. Ban Billboards
24. Bike Tail from Barnes to Drummond to Cable
25. Control Noise and Emissions from Industrial Park

### **GROUP 3**

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN OF BARNES LOOK LIKE IN 10-20 YEARS?

1. Air and Water Quality Improved or the Same as Now
2. Looks Like it Does Now
3. New Young Community Leaders with a New Vision
4. Small Town Atmosphere
5. Expanded Business and Recreational Opportunities and Expanded Housing Opportunities
6. Maintain Rural Environment
7. Keep Wooded Atmosphere
8. Clean, Natural with Planned Development
9. Retain Northwoods Beauty by Blending Homes and Businesses into the Woods
10. True Main Street
11. Have a Public Beach

## **GROUP 4**

### WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES?

1. The People (Friendly/Diverse)
2. Limited Population
3. Clean Lakes
4. Quiet/Peaceful Living
5. Parks
6. Natural Environment
7. Proximity to Great Lakes/Twin Cities
8. Forests
9. Clear Air
10. Wildlife
11. Forward Thinking Local Government
12. Public Services
13. Road Accessibility
14. Seasons
15. Local Churches
16. No Industry
17. Fishing/Hunting
18. Snow Skiing/Quiet Recreation
19. Low Crime

## **GROUP 4**

### WHAT AREAS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES NEED IMPROVEMENT?

1. Zoning Enforcement
2. Activities/Services for Kids
3. Property Taxes
4. Expanded Town Hall/Community Center
5. Small Businesses to Retain Younger People
6. Employment Opportunities
7. Coffee Shop/Eating Opportunities
8. Roads
9. Cell Phone/High Speed Internet/Communications Infrastructure
10. Big Boats/Motors on Small Lakes
11. Town Signage
12. Senior Services
13. A Planned Downtown
14. More Rentals/Affordable Housing
15. Better Snow Plowing
16. Cleaning/Maintaining Environment
17. Fitness Center
18. Study/Management of Lakes
19. Stocking of the Lakes
20. Better Grocery Shopping Facility
21. Closed Areas to All Hunting

## **GROUP 4**

WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN OF BARNES LOOK LIKE IN 10-20 YEARS?

1. Enforced/Planned Zoning
2. Multi-Use Community Center
3. Lakes Still Clean with Wild Edges
4. A Planned Downtown
5. Clean Environment (Pollution/Trash)
6. Reforesting in Devastated Areas
7. State of the Art Communications Infrastructure
8. More Businesses that Benefit the Town
9. Young Families Staying in Barnes
10. Northwoods Ambiance
11. Quiet Lifestyle Retained
12. Use of New Energy Technology
13. Environmentally Friendly Industry

# COMPOSITE RESULTS OF ALL GROUPS

## TOP PRIORITIES

### WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES?

1. Lakes
2. Clean air and water
3. Small town atmosphere
4. Good area to live
5. Forests

### WHAT AREAS OF THE TOWN OF BARNES NEED IMPROVEMENT?

1. Lake management
2. Controlled development
3. Zoning enforcement
4. Community center
5. More small business

### WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN OF BARNES LOOK LIKE IN 10-20 YEARS?

1. Maintained "small town" atmosphere
2. Maintain air and water quality
3. Clean and accessible lakes
4. Enforced/Planned Zoning
5. Centralized business district "Main Street"

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Citizen Advisory Board meeting and appreciate taking your valuable time to take part in the formulation of the Town of Barnes Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

We hope you found the evening interesting and enjoyable and look forward to your continued participation.