

City of Bigfork, Minnesota

Comprehensive Plan

Public Input Form

The most recent Comprehensive Plan for the City of Bigfork was adopted in 2011. We are in the process of reviewing and updating that Comprehensive Plan with the goal of adopting a new plan in 2020-21. We need input from all Bigfork residents and businesses to ensure we have a solid plan moving forward.

Each resident and business of Bigfork is encouraged to complete a survey; forms are available at Bigfork City Hall or online at www.cityofbigfork.com

Please return your completed survey no later than September 15, 2020:

- Drop off at the Bigfork City Hall
- Mail to: City of Bigfork
Attn: CP Form, PO Box 196, Bigfork, MN 56628
- email to: cityclerk@bigfork.net

All of the input is strictly confidential unless you want an opportunity to discuss your responses and thoughts in more detail.

Please feel free to contact me with follow up

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like my response kept confidential/anonymous

1. Regarding the City of Bigfork's existing Comprehensive Plan* (check all that apply)

- I did not know Bigfork has a comp plan
- I knew Bigfork had a plan
- I attended public sessions during its creation in 2009
- I have read the plan
- I have not read the plan

2. Considering the last 10 years, how do you feel about the City of Bigfork?

- Things are generally getting better
- Things are generally getting worse
- Things are generally unchanged

3. Considering the last 10 years, how do you feel about the City of Bigfork?

- I like the direction of things happening in the City
- I do not like the direction of things happening in the City

4. Considering the last 10 years, how do you feel about the City of Bigfork?

- A lot has changed in the last 10 years
- Some things have changed in the last 10 years
- Nothing has changed in the last 10 years

*You can find the current Comprehensive Plan on the City of Bigfork website:
www.cityofbigfork.com

5. How important are each of the following factors in your decision to live or own property in the City of Bigfork? (Please rate each factor, with 1 being Highly Important, and 5 being Not Important at All).

	Highly Important 1	2	3	4	5 Not important at All
a. Born or raised in Bigfork	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. A good public school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Good City services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Reasonable taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Housing selection/quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Safe community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Proximity to job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Proximity to friends and family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Peace and quiet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Natural beauty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. Healthcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n. Other factors? (please explain below):					

6. On the whole, the overall quality of life in Bigfork is excellent.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strong Disagree

4a. Please provide any comments informing your response to question 4.

7. On the whole, the overall quality of life in Bigfork is improving.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strong Disagree

5a. Please add reasons for your response to question 5.

8. Where applicable, how would you rate the following facilities and services? (Please rate each factor, with 1 being Outstanding, and 5 being Inferior).

	Outstanding 1	2	3	4	5 Inferior
a. City government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Road maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Snow plowing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Law Enforcement protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Fire protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Emergency services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Healthcare services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Municipal water/sewer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. City park and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Code enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Senior services/activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. Youth services/activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Commercial/Retail services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Job opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Transfer Station/Solid Waste Site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Community Communications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Outdoor Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Telecommunications Infrastructure Phone/Internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

l. Please provide any additional comments regarding your choices.

9. What do you like best about living in Bigfork (assets & opportunities)?

13. Do you think the City of Bigfork should have its own Police Department?

- Yes No

14. Of the following, what are the three most important issues facing Bigfork over the next ten years? (Please mark no more than three).

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of job opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Declining population |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a viable school | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Commercial Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Groceries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Costs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Tax Base |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of telecommunications infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Water/sewer infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of housing/cost of housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of open space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development/Overdevelopment | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Senior Services/Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Youth Services/Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road infrastructure | |

12a. Please share any issues not listed that you feel should be “top three most important” issues for Bigfork to be addressing.

15. What kind of new commercial, municipal, social, recreational or educational facilities would you like to see located in the City?

16. Participant Demographic Information

a. Are you a:

- Year Round Resident (live in Bigfork full time/12 months each year)
- Seasonal Resident (live in Bigfork 4-11 months each year)
- Summer resident (live in Bigfork 3 months or less each year)

b. If seasonal, about how many days do you spend in Bigfork each month?

- | | | | |
|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| ____ January | ____ April | ____ July | ____ October |
| ____ February | ____ May | ____ August | ____ November |
| ____ March | ____ June | ____ September | ____ December |

c. Regarding where you live in Bigfork do you:

- Own/pay a mortgage Rent/pay rent Live with parents

d. If you pay rent, would you like to own a house in Bigfork? Yes No

e. Do you own land in Bigfork other than where you are living? Yes No

f. If you are a year around resident, how long have you lived in the City? N/A
_____ # of Yrs.

g. If you are a year around resident, were you previously a seasonal resident, and if so, for how long? _____

h. If a seasonal resident, how long have you lived seasonally in the City? N/A
_____ # of Yrs.

i. If a seasonal resident, would you like to live in Bigfork year round? N/A Yes No

j. If you answered yes to question **14.i**, what would encourage for you to move to Bigfork?

k. How many people live in your household? _____

l. What is your current work status?

- Work full time Work part time Retired Unemployed
 Season full time Season part time Disabled Student
 Other (please explain) _____

m. If currently working, in what sector of the economy are you employed?

- Self-employed
 Private employer (other than self)
 Public/State and Municipal
 Not-for-profit

n. If currently working, in what type of job are you employed?

- Agriculture
 Arts
 Caretaking
 Construction and trades
 Corporate
 Cottage industry
 Education
 Faith-based

- Health Care / Home Health Aide / Caregiver
- Heavy equipment operator
- Law enforcement
- Logging & Forest industry
- Maintenance & operations
- Management & administration
- Mechanical & automotive
- Non-profit organization
- Property Management (landscaping, cleaning, etc.)
- Public works
- Real-estate
- Recreation & Tourism
- Retail
- Service industry (food service and hospitality)
- Technology & IT
- Transportation & trucking
- Utilities
- Other _____

o. Do you:

- Work from home
- Travel to work in Bigfork
- Travel to work beyond Bigfork

p. About how far do you travel to work?

- 0 - 5 miles
- 5 - 20 miles
- 20 - 40 miles
- >40 miles

q. What is your age?

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 85 or over | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 - 34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 75 - 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 74 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 |

17. Please provide any additional comments and suggestions on the following page provided, or an additional sheet of paper. Thank you for your time completing this survey. We appreciate you sharing your thoughts about Bigfork with the committee.

Additional comments and thoughts for the City of Bigfork Comprehensive Plan are:
