

SURVEY

Instructions

PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS SURVEY, please carefully review the enclosed **SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS** document for information related to who should complete the survey, how to return the completed survey, confidentiality related to responses in the survey, and how results from the surveys will be reported.

This survey is advisory and does not determine outcomes for any specific property.

SECTION 1: About You

1. Which best describes your connection to Spring Lake? (**Select only one; This question must be completed for the results of this survey to be considered**)
 - Resident** currently living within town boundaries
 - Non-resident** owner of property that is located within town boundaries

 2. What originally attracted you to Spring Lake? (*Select up to 5*)
 - Natural beauty and scenery
 - Open space and rural setting
 - Small-town feel
 - Ability to farm and/or keep animals
 - Quiet lifestyle
 - Lake access and views
 - Proximity to nearby cities
 - Family or community ties
 - Other (*please specify*): _____
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SECTION 2: Community Character & Identity

3. Which characteristics best define Spring Lake today? (*Select up to 5*)

- Rural/open space
- Small farms and agricultural uses, including farm animals
- Quiet and low-density living
- Lake access and views
- Dark skies
- Scenic-mountain views
- Small-town feel
- Proximity to larger cities
- Other (*please specify*): _____

4. How important is it to preserve Spring Lake’s rural character? (*Select only one*)

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

5. How important is preserving Spring Lake’s agricultural character, including small farms and the right to own farm animals? (*Select only one*)

- Extremely important
 - Very important
 - Somewhat important
 - Not important
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SECTION 3: Growth & Development

6. Which statement best reflects your view on future growth in Spring Lake? (*Select only one*)

- Growth should be minimal and carefully limited
- Moderate growth is acceptable if well planned
- Growth should accommodate housing demand
- Growth should generally not be limited

7. If you feel growth should have some level of limitation, which of the following factors should be evaluated when considering the limitation on future growth: (*Select all you feel are appropriate*)

- Consistency with the General Plan
- Compatibility with existing land uses, including agricultural uses
- Impact on open space and the rural feeling of Spring Lake
- Impacts on current residents, including noise, lighting, traffic and visual intrusions.
- Adequacy of existing infrastructure and public services
- Expected long-term impact of growth on tax rates and other public costs related to roads, infrastructure, utilities, emergency services, maintenance and other required infrastructure or public services
- Other (*please specify*): _____
- I generally do not feel growth should be limited

8. As the Town plans for future residential development, which of the following housing types, if any, would be appropriate in Spring Lake? (*Select all that you believe could be appropriate in some areas of town*)

- Single-family homes
- Accessory dwelling units (*smaller, separate living units on the same lot as a main home*)
- Townhomes
- Apartments
- Other (*please specify*): _____

9. If the Town were to establish a **general minimum lot size** for most residential areas, which would you prefer? (*Select only one*)

- Less than ½ acre
- ½ acre
- 1 acre
- 2 acres
- 5 acres
- Other (*please specify*): _____

10. How do you feel about allowing limited, light commercial use within designated areas of Spring Lake? (*Select only one*)

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neutral
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

SECTION 4: Natural Resources & Environmental Quality

11. Which of the following natural resources would you like to see the Town preserve for future generations? (*Check all that apply*)

- Water quality in the lake and streams
- Low-density preservation of green space
- Quiet environment (i.e., low noise pollution)
- Dark skies
- Scenic views
- Access to public lands
- Other (*please specify*): _____

SECTION 5: Long-Term Community Vision

12. Which of the following community services and infrastructure, if any, would you like to see the Town focus on providing or improving over the next 20 years? (*Choose all that apply*)

- Centralized sewer system
- Centralized culinary (indoor/drinkable) water system
- Centralized secondary (outdoor/irrigation) water system
- Public parks
- Public trail system
- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Street lighting
- Town hall
- Libraries or other public buildings
- Dedicated police force
- Dedicated fire and EMT department
- Professional town staff
- Other (*please specify*): _____
- None. The current level of community services and infrastructure is adequate.

13. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes for the Town to provide improved community services and infrastructure?

- Yes. I would be willing to pay more in taxes for improvements in community services and infrastructure
- Maybe. I may be willing to pay some increase in taxes for certain improvements in community services and infrastructure, but it would be situational and limited
- No. I do not want my taxes to increase for any improvements in community services or infrastructure

14. In one sentence, what should Spring Lake look and feel like 20 years from now?

SECTION 6: Priority Ranking Exercise and Open Feedback

15. Please rank the following from 1 (highest priority) to 6 (lowest priority):

___ Protect rural character

___ Protect the lake

___ Preserve small farms & animal rights

___ Allow limited housing growth that could be supported by existing infrastructure and services

___ Allow larger scale housing growth that would require expanding infrastructure and/or services

___ Maintain low taxes and infrastructure costs

16. What else do you feel should be considered while planning for the future of Spring Lake?

(OPTIONAL):

Certification with Submittal

17. By submitting this survey, you confirm that you are submitting only one response per household or property owner and that you are participating in good faith.

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SURVEY NUMBER _____

*(NOTE: Survey number is used only for avoiding duplication of surveys and is not linked to any individual respondent. **DUPLICATED SURVEY NUMBERS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM SURVEY RESULTS.**)*