



COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE SURVEY RESULTS

The County mailed approximately 1200 surveys and received 228 responses (19% response rate). 159 responses were submitted by mail/e-mail and 69 respondents used the on-line form posted on the County's website.

Responses by parcel size were:

<u>76</u>	< 6.9 acres
<u>12</u>	6.9-17.9 acres
<u>43</u>	≥ 18 acres

Survey results were as follows:

Question #1:

Should country residential subdivisions be used primarily for residential uses and not be developed with other recreation or storage uses?

<u>121</u>	Yes
<u>96</u>	No

Question #2:

Should the County allow construction of accessory buildings (e.g. garages, storage buildings, personal shops) before construction of a residence?

<u>166</u>	Yes
<u>55</u>	No

Question #3:

Should the County require the completion of construction (residences or accessory buildings) within a specified timeframe?

<u>137</u>	Yes
<u>87</u>	No

If yes, specify preferred timeframe:

<u>38</u>	1 year
<u>74</u>	2 years
<u>25</u>	Other

Question #4:

Should the County allow use of vacant lots for personal RV storage?

141 Yes

75 No

Question #5:

Should the County allow home-based businesses?

214 Yes

7 No

If yes, should the home-based business ...

39 Be allowed only within the residence (e.g. home office, crafts, child care, etc.)

169 Be allowed either within the residence or within an accessory building (e.g. small auto/equipment/appliance repair, etc.)

6 No preference

Question #6:

Rank the following (use of near-by properties vs appearance of near-by properties) in order of concern (1 = primary, 2 = secondary)

15 respondents ranked neither use nor appearance as a concern

37 respondents ranked both use and appearance of equal concern

48 respondents ranked use as the primary concern

128 respondents ranked appearance of near-by properties as the primary concern

Question #7:

Are there other uses (not mentioned above) that should be allowed on acreages?

The responses to this question were numerous and varied. Many indicated that landowners should be allowed to develop their properties as they see fit, although almost all qualified that statement by specifying that such development should not bother neighbours (noise, smell, traffic, aesthetics).

Question #8:

Are there other concerns regarding use of country residential property (e.g. ATVs or dirt bike tracks, music festivals, etc.)?

There were many responses to this question. The majority of respondents did not support noisy activities (e.g. ATVs, dirt bikes, music festivals, gun ranges, etc.).