

## City of Afton 2007 Community Survey

### General Introduction

As part of our Comprehensive Plan Update procedure, the City undertook a survey of Afton citizens in the summer of 2007.

The survey was based on a prior survey, conducted as part of the 1997 Comp Plan Update. Where comparable questions were asked, the results of the 1997 survey are included in the summary areas for comparison.

Approximately 1200 surveys were sent to residents of Afton. 434 surveys were returned and are tabulated here, approximately 35% response.

In addition, many of the questions in this year's survey included the options for two people in a household to enter separate responses. By means of these multiple responses, we heard from 743 individual respondents, 37% of the approximately 1980 adult residents according to the 2000 census. However, not every respondent answered every question, so many of the percentages do not total to 100%. (Percentages are calculated according to the total number of respondents for the specific question.)

### We thank the citizens of Afton for taking the time to respond to this survey.

Each part of the survey has its own worksheet in this workbook. You can change worksheets by clicking on the appropriate tab at the bottom of the page. On each page, you can scroll up to see the individual entries that contribute to the summary at the bottom of the page. This is particularly useful to see individual comments associated with particular responses. The comments are quite important since they clarify or amplify the respondent's responses elsewhere.

The column labeled "**Tracking ID**" is an arbitrary sequence number assigned to each survey as received. The sole purpose of these "**Tracking IDs**" is to allow identification of later responses with the mostly demographic information on the "**General Info**" sheet. For example, if we want to see how residents in the Old Village responded to particular questions, the "**Tracking ID**" will allow us to identify those respondents.

In later sheets, where a second respondent has indicated answers to the survey, there are two lines, **one for each respondent**, but using the same "**Tracking ID**" for both lines.

All entries except columns labeled "**Other**" are numeric in order to allow later tabulation. We use the following convention:

For simple **Yes/No** questions, a **1** (number one) indicates "**Yes**" and a blank indicates "**No**."

For **Yes/No/No Opinion** questions, a **1** (number one) is entered in the appropriate column.

For checked boxes, a **1** (number one) is entered in the column corresponding to each box checked.

Where a specific number is requested/answered, that number is entered, e.g., "How many acres?"

Columns labeled "**Other**" record comments entered on the survey by respondents. If part of the response is covered up by following columns, click on the cell to read the full comment in the header area of the worksheet.

Full comments are entered exactly as written by the respondent, including misspellings, indicated by [sic].

If necessary, areas to which the comment applies are indicated by [square brackets] when the respondent simply wrote in a general area of the questionnaire. **These comments make up a significant portion of the survey responses.**

**Note** that this survey was not conducted according to statistical standards. Hence, while the survey results may indicate general trends, it would be erroneous to assume that they necessarily represent the collective opinion of the entire population of the city.