

# Village of Bosque Farms Survey

## INTRODUCTION

Sites Southwest, in partnership with the Village of Bosque Farms, conducted a community survey to determine goals and priorities for the 2023 comprehensive plan update. The survey consisted of eleven (11) questions. One question is multiple choice, two questions are ranked, and the remaining seven questions were open-ended questions.

The survey was open from January 6, 2023 to February 20, 2023. Paper copies were mailed to every residence in Bosque Farms and also posted online. In total, the survey received 412 responses—a 9.3% response rate—with over 150 responses submitted by paper to the Village offices.

The survey included questions from the previous survey conducted in 2005 as well as questions identified during Steering Committee meetings and Community Input meeting. Questions ranged a variety of subjects that were relevant to the comprehensive plan elements, including businesses, parks and recreation, and senior services.

## ANALYSIS

The survey is separated into eleven questions, most of which are open ended. The following is a detailed analysis of each question. Please note that due to many questions being open-ended, analysis involved coding surveys based on common themes and subjects. Although providing an overview of the themes, it may not be holistically reflective of the individuals' response.

### 1.Are you a resident of...

This question was intended to provide an understanding on the survey taker and the reach of the survey. The survey had three options: Bosque Farms, Valencia County, Other (please specify). Of the responses, 368 answered and 44 skipped this question. Residents who responded as Other claimed to either be frequent visitors to Bosque Farms or residents from Peralta and Isleta Pueblo.

Answer Choices	Response Percentage	Response Number
Bosque Farms	95.11%	350
Valencia County	10.05%	37
Other (Please Specify)	2.45%	9



**3. Listed below are topics and concerns identified by Village residents and the steering committee during the first public meeting. These topics will help Village staff prioritize projects based upon resident input. Rate each statement using the 5-point rating scale: (5) strongly agree; (4) mildly agree; (3) neutral; (2) mildly disagree; (1) strongly disagree.**

In this question, participants were asked to rank previously identified topics and concerns based upon how much they agree with the statement. A higher average indicates higher agreement with the statement.

Some of these topics and concerns are from the previous 2005 survey to indicate if attitudes have changed in any way within the village with respondents.

On average, participants agreed strongest with the statement "Rural and agricultural lifestyle should be protected in the Village". Other statements mildly agreed with include "Bosque Farms should collaborate with regional agencies on initiatives to protect the Rio Grande bosque", "The Village should prioritize regular website updates and communication with residents", and "Neighborhood roadways need maintenance". Generally speaking, participants tended to either mildly agree with or remain neutral with most statements in this section.

However, one statement stood out among responses. Most disagreed with statement "Medium-density housing, such as duplexes, triplexes, quads or courtyard housing, should be allowed along NM 47; do you agree or disagree?". Based upon responses, this concern will not be considered as a recommendation in the comprehensive plan.

Survey respondents also provided other topics and concerns not mentioned the list. Some are as follows:

- Improvements along NM 47 including traffic control, pedestrian safety, beautification, lighting
- Maintain lot sizes and restrict subdividing
- Allow AUDs within lots that are  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre or larger only
- Increase law enforcement
- Prioritize water quality of the village
- Improve communications between residents and village staff—meetings, notices, website, social media, etc.
- Improve village beautification efforts including weed removal, large refuse removal, and new Christmas lights on NM 47

Topics and Concerns	5	4	3	2	1	AVG
Rural and agricultural lifestyle should be protected in the Village.	262	89	13	5	0	4.67
Bosque Farms should collaborate with regional agencies on initiatives to protect the Rio Grande bosque.	167	115	69	10	8	4.2
The Village should prioritize regular website updates and communication with residents.	149	140	73	8	2	4.19
Neighborhood roadways need maintenance.	153	100	96	16	7	4.1
The Village needs to build awareness of the emergency evacuation plan for residents and animals.	140	125	86	11	8	4.08
The Village should add a virtual/hybrid meeting option to future Planning and Zoning & Council meetings.	130	125	85	21	8	4.06
The Village should encourage small-scale commercial activity on vacant lots along its main commercial corridor, NM 47.	119	154	63	15	17	4.01
Bosque Farms should improve recreational access to the Rio Grande bosque open space.	165	77	48	42	38	4.01
The Village should conserve its water resources.	134	105	102	13	12	3.99
Fire services are adequate within the Village.	123	105	115	23	4	3.99
Levees in the Village should be built up to prevent flooding.	119	99	116	25	12	3.91
Police services are adequate within the Village.	113	105	94	40	18	3.91
The Village should improve the visual appearance of the NM 47 corridor.	132	92	79	37	30	3.9
Parks and recreation facilities are adequate within the Village.	82	102	78	69	39	3.69
The Village should allow one mother-in-law quarter or casita or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) per single-family lot.	144	64	57	21	81	3.57
Village should improve public transportation opportunities, including locations of stops and frequency of Rio Metro.	79	67	118	41	65	3.37
Medium-density housing, such as duplexes, triplexes, quads or courtyard housing, should be allowed along NM 47; do you agree or disagree?	29	27	38	45	232	2.1
Answered					372	

## Village Topics and Concerns



#### 4. Please rate the following list of desired future projects, public facilities or services in Bosque Farms from 3-Very Important to 1-Not important.

This section asked participants to rank future priorities for projects as either Very Important (3), Somewhat Important (2), Not Important (1), or No Opinion (N/A). Responses were then averaged and compared.

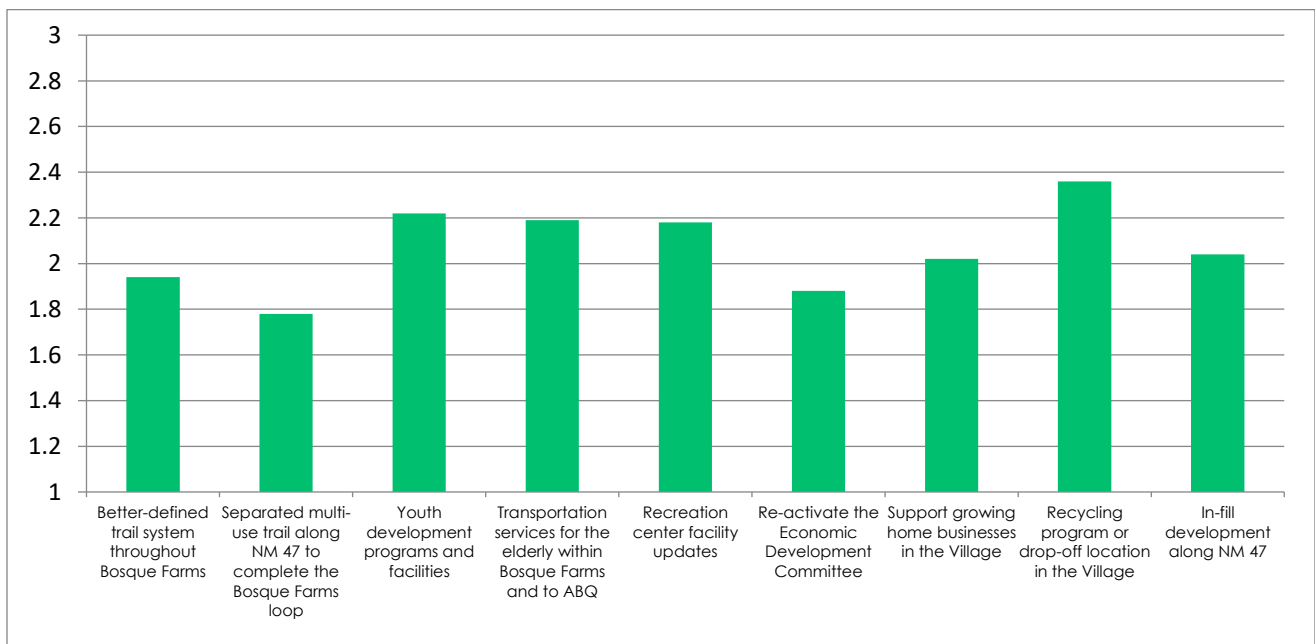
Of the responses, the highest priority identified by participants was a recycling program or drop-off location in the Village. Youth programming, transportation for the elderly, and recreation center facility updates were also considered a high priority.

Survey responders also provided other topics and concerns not mentioned the list. Common responses are listed below:

- Trail improvements on the loop, walking path along Esperanza Rd, and throughout the Village
- Improve overall appearance along NM 47, be selective with types of businesses allowed on NM 47; grocery store is desired
- Enforce weed and refuse removal
- Provide recycling facilities
- Improve water quality

Another note is some residents were unaware of what in-fill means, which may have affected the overall data.

Future Priorities	3	2	1	N/A	AVG
Better-defined trail system throughout Bosque Farms	97	175	120	13	1.94
Separated multi-use trail along NM 47 to complete the Bosque Farms loop	77	148	163	15	1.78
Youth development programs and facilities	165	147	80	14	2.22
Transportation services for the elderly within Bosque Farms and to ABQ	158	146	85	17	2.19
Recreation center facility updates	142	177	71	16	2.18
Re-activate the Economic Development Committee	87	125	129	59	1.88
Support growing home businesses in the Village	127	139	119	21	2.02
Recycling program or drop-off location in the Village	196	146	54	10	2.36
In-fill development along NM 47	90	175	75	52	2.04



### 5. Please list your top three priorities for future projects

This section asks participants to list their top three priorities for future projects. This question was open-ended and allowed participants to provide any response. Because responses were so open-ended, analysis was done in multiple ways. First, responses were coded based upon the plan chapter it most aligned with. Then, each worded response was illustrated in a word cloud. The more a word is mentioned in responses, the larger the word appears in the cloud.

Overall, the most mentioned projects include:

- Provide recycling pick up and/or drop-off in the Village
- A swimming pool

- Roadway maintenance/improvement
- Bring in more businesses, especially a grocery store and restaurants
- Provide more recreational facilities and programming for youth and seniors
- Speeding concerns and pedestrian safety
- Revitalize NM 47 with roadway improvements, storefront improvements, and more businesses
- Beautification in Bosque Farms

Priority #1		Priority #2		Priority #3	
Transportation	90	Transportation	90	Community Facilities	61
Community Facilities	79	Community Facilities	70	Transportation	52
Infrastructure	41	Economic Development	31	Economic Development	33
Land Use	33	Infrastructure	28	Land Use	28
Economic Development	22	Land Use	19	Infrastructure	27
Hazard Mitigation	14	Hazard Mitigation	13	Hazard Mitigation	9
Housing	3	Housing	7	Housing	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>

## PRIORITY # 1

282 participants provided a response for this section. Participants responded with priorities that mostly aligned with projects pertaining to transportation. In transportation, the most mentioned projects tended to be road maintenance, speeding, pedestrian safety, and revitalizing NM 47. Community facilities and infrastructure related projects were also high priorities.

Based upon word counts, however, the most specific project mentioned by participants was providing recycling services available in Bosque Farms. A swimming pool, recreation opportunities, streets, and trails were also highlighted as priorities.













storage. An event venue was also mentioned by 12 respondents, suggesting a space for weddings, outdoor gathering space, stages, and other gathering venues.

Theme	Count
Recreation	160
Public Institutions and Civic Facility	75
Education	46
Open Space	27
Commercial	18
Police/Fire/EMT Facility	16
Event Venue	12



10. Is there anything else that you think is important to include in the comprehensive plan?

The last question of the survey asked residents if they had any other important needs that should be included in the comprehensive plan. These responses were the most varied and were organized into the seven sections within the comprehensive plan. 57 respondents mentioned land use concerns that varied widely—zoning code enforcement, maintaining a rural and agricultural atmosphere, revitalization on NM 47, and general beautification. Economic development projects were mentioned in 27 responses, focusing on attracting wanted businesses, improving NM 47 business corridor, and improving opportunities for small local businesses. Housing was mentioned in 11 responses, mostly concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (also known as Mother-In-Law Suites or Casitas), managing housing development, and maintaining single-family housing development in the Village. Community facilities had 59 responses, focusing on law enforcement, recreation facilities, and support for youth and seniors. Transportation projects were mentioned in 34 responses, concerning roadway maintenance, speeding, transportation support for youth/seniors, pedestrian facilities, and revitalizing NM 47. Infrastructure was mentioned in 19 responses, concerning maintaining utilities, street lighting, water quality, and levee maintenance. Finally, hazard mitigation was mentioned in 6 responses, concerning improving emergency response and preparedness, and supporting first responders with adequate equipment.





## APPENDIX A: COMPLETE SURVEY



### VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS | 2023 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

#### COMMUNITY SURVEY – Draft

The Village of Bosque Farms is conducting a voluntary survey of residents to understand community preferences related to the future development of the community. Information from this survey will be used to update the 2022 Comprehensive Plan for the Village. **Please return the completed survey by Friday, February 17 to the Village Office (1455 W. Bosque Loop), either directly to the office, or you can drop it in the Water Box or Large Survey Box.**

**You may also complete the survey online using the QR code and link below:**



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BosqueFarms>

**Those who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win 1 of 3 prizes, including a gift card to Sopa's!**

The Village of Bosque Farms Comprehensive Plan Update is intended to be a guiding document for the Village over the next 10 to 20 years. It should capture the vision and priorities of community members and provide a framework for Village decision-makers and staff to follow to realize this vision. The finished product will be a plan which highlights current conditions, as well as goals, policies and actions in the following areas: 1) Land Use, 2) Housing, 3) Community Facilities and Services, 4) Economic Development, 5) Infrastructure, 6) Transportation, and 7) Hazard Mitigation.

The previous comprehensive plan for the Village was completed in 2006 and updated in 2013. To review recommendations from that plan – some which have been addressed in the convening years and others which have yet to be addressed – please use this link:

<https://bosquefarmsnm.gov/government/comprehensive-land-use-plan/>



The Village is working with planning consultants from Sites Southwest, under the guidance of a resident-led steering committee, to create this plan update. All of the questions and topics on the following survey have been shaped with the input of the steering committee and interested residents. These topics are not confirmed as part of the plan update; rather, we have included them to better understand whether or not they should be priorities for the future of Bosque Farms. Once the survey results have been collected and analyzed, the team will draft new goals, policies and actions for the areas identified above. We will host a community meeting to review and revise these draft actions in late winter/early spring of 2023.

If you have any questions or ideas you would like to discuss further, please contact:

**Danielle Wilson, Planner – [dwilson@sites-sw.com](mailto:dwilson@sites-sw.com) or 505-822-8200**

1. Are you a resident of:  
 \_\_\_ Bosque Farms  
 \_\_\_ Valencia County  
 \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Which words best describe the character of Bosque Farms? Write at least three words on the line below.  
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3. Listed below are topics and concerns identified by Village residents and the steering committee during the first public meeting. These topics will help Village staff prioritize projects based upon resident input. Rate each statement using the 5-point rating scale: (5) strongly agree; (4) mildly agree; (3) neutral; (2) mildly disagree; (1) strongly disagree.

Topics and Concerns	Ratings				
	5	4	3	2	1
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The Village should allow one mother-in-law quarter or casita or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) per single-family lot.					
Bosque Farms should improve recreational access to the Rio Grande bosque open space.					
Bosque Farms should collaborate with regional agencies on initiatives to protect the Rio Grande bosque.					
The Village needs to build awareness of the emergency evacuation plan for residents and animals.					
Neighborhood roadways need maintenance.					
The Village should improve the visual appearance of the NM 47 corridor.					
Medium-density housing, such as duplexes, triplexes, quads or courtyard housing, should be allowed along NM 47; do you agree or disagree?					
The Village should encourage small-scale commercial activity on vacant lots along its main commercial corridor, NM 47.					
Village should improve public transportation opportunities, including locations of stops and frequency of Rio Metro.					
Levees in the Village should be built up to prevent flooding.					
The Village should conserve its water resources.					
Parks and recreation facilities are adequate within the Village.					
Police services are adequate within the Village.					
Fire services are adequate within the Village.					
The Village should prioritize regular website updates and communication with residents.					
The Village should add a virtual/hybrid meeting option to future Planning and Zoning & Council meetings.					
Other:					



4. Please rate the following list of desired future projects, public facilities or services in Bosque Farms from 3-Very Important to 1-Not important.

<b>Future Priorities</b>	<b>3-Very Important</b>	<b>2-Somewhat Important</b>	<b>1-Not Important</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
Better-defined trail system throughout Bosque Farms				
Separated multi-use trail along NM-47 to complete the Bosque Farms loop				
Youth development programs and facilities				
Transportation services for the elderly within Bosque Farms and to ABQ				
Recreation center facility updates				
Re-activate the Economic Development Committee				
Support growing home businesses in the Village				
Recycling program or drop-off location in the Village				
In-fill development along NM 47				
Other:				

5. Please list your top three priorities for future projects:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What businesses and services would you like to see in Bosque Farms?

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7. What additional park and recreational facilities would you like to see in Bosque Farms?

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8. What additional services should be provided for the elderly in Bosque Farms?

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9. If the Village is able to purchase the 4-acre property (which includes three buildings) north of the Village Complex, what would you like to see here in the future?

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10. Is there anything else that you think is important to include in the comprehensive plan?

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11. If you would like to be entered for the prize drawing and stay up-to-date on plan progress, please add your name and contact information below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this survey.