

Q1 What are our community's greatest strengths? (attributes of the community)

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Wells County Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Survey

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Agriculture & a small town USA feel.	8/28/2020 10:48 AM
2	Size	8/26/2020 10:12 AM
3	We are a community that comes together for people in need.	8/25/2020 7:36 PM
4	It's small, very interwoven	8/25/2020 7:11 PM
5	The faith filled people, and the ability for our community to come together!	8/24/2020 9:32 PM
6	Close knit, willing to help people in need, city is well taken care of	8/24/2020 6:11 PM
7	State Park, River, River Greenway, Parks Department, City Pool	8/24/2020 4:55 PM
8	variety of small businesses trail system in Bluffton and Ossian community involvement	8/24/2020 11:43 AM
9	Supporting Small businesses	8/24/2020 10:33 AM
10	Its family oriented way of life	8/23/2020 12:45 PM
11	Our bondage.	8/23/2020 9:34 AM
12	Safe	8/22/2020 2:43 PM
13	Feeling of "community," coming together in times of neec	8/21/2020 11:31 PM
14	Our willingness to come together.	8/21/2020 11:10 AM
15	For the most part people care for one another. They give generously and Volunteer to help when needed.	8/21/2020 11:08 AM
16	It's close to Ft Wayne, has grocery stores, and some shopping.	8/21/2020 11:01 AM
17	Proximity to FW	8/21/2020 8:43 AM
18	small town feel	8/21/2020 8:17 AM
19	Conservative and willing to jump in and help those in need	8/19/2020 8:22 PM
20	People take care of each other.	8/19/2020 6:01 PM
21	The Parks Department's sponsored activities, Godly churches, great police force, safety.	8/18/2020 7:46 PM
22	Not being too big to handle every day concerns and upkeep for the area.	8/18/2020 4:08 PM
23	Rural community that loves God and is not fearful of the world's craziness.	8/18/2020 2:02 PM
24	Agriculture, Manufacturing, Safe, Faith-Worship Heritage, Community-Neighborly, Energetic Planners, Local Daily News Paper.	8/17/2020 7:00 PM
25	It's Racism	8/17/2020 5:52 PM
26	Caring people	8/17/2020 10:31 AM
27	Parks Department. Downtown is getting more interesting. Bluffton street fair. Some more local car shows.	8/16/2020 8:53 PM
28	It's a clean, welcoming, caring, safe peaceful community. It does offer a variety of shopping businesses; eateries; summer concerts; places of employment; reliable police and fire departments; good public schools; and medical facilities.	8/16/2020 6:40 PM
29	Sense of community, I love when someone is in need, we come together to help. Parks Dept., Library, State Park, Creative Arts	8/16/2020 6:22 PM
30	Family oriented and Amazing School system	8/16/2020 3:03 PM
31	Local shops	8/16/2020 3:02 PM
32	Pride and loyalty of the residents to their community	8/16/2020 1:07 PM
33	Good people	8/16/2020 9:06 AM
34	Rural community	8/16/2020 9:06 AM

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35	A small town	8/15/2020 11:58 PM
36	The Small Hometown Feel. Also, a feeling of safety.	8/15/2020 2:02 PM
37	Nothing	8/15/2020 7:38 AM
38	Small tight knit community. Nice park system. Close to a State Park.	8/15/2020 12:46 AM
39	People, schools, closeness to FW, small businesses, churches	8/14/2020 7:14 PM
40	1)People who are conscientious and care about the community. 2)People who are willing to work. 3)Generous givers. 4)Decent schools. 5)Good churches. 6)Good businesses. Good Senior Center/CAC/ and other nonprofit organizations.	8/14/2020 4:54 PM
41	Cost of living	8/14/2020 1:21 PM
42	Library, Hospital, Groceries, ability to not have to go to other towns or city to live. Internet	8/14/2020 7:51 AM
43	Great work ethic. Wealthy county overall	8/13/2020 9:10 PM
44	Downtown is really starting to revitalize!	8/13/2020 2:56 PM
45	We all come together when someone is in need.	8/13/2020 2:16 AM
46	Parks department ,arts center,library and downtown shops	8/13/2020 12:07 AM
47	Community closeness	8/12/2020 9:54 PM
48	Small town atmosphere. Everything(stores, Hospital, banks) close & easy to get to. New sidewalks/walkways thru town & RiverGreenway. Oubache Park.	8/12/2020 5:00 PM
49	Safety, sense of community, and resources used to help revitalize and continue community growth and engagement	8/12/2020 4:36 PM
50	Local businesses willing to give back, trails/outdoor entertainment	8/12/2020 3:27 PM
51	Has lots of churches, events at Keyhole park	8/12/2020 3:13 PM
52	Even though we may have differing opinions about a subject when there is a real need in the community, people step up to help. Whether financially or otherwise.	8/12/2020 2:46 PM
53	Parks Dept., development of downtown, sense that our leaders/organizations care about the community and are invested in seeing it succeed, local businesses	8/12/2020 2:16 PM
54	The community's ability, including the faith community, to come together for people's needs. Also a reasonable job market, good law enforcement.	8/12/2020 1:14 PM
55	Giving spirit.	8/12/2020 1:12 PM
56	Small town atmosphere, low crime rate, opportunities for growth, good school systems, job availability	8/12/2020 1:02 PM
57	they keep the community best concerns for growth.	8/12/2020 12:55 PM
58	unity	8/12/2020 12:10 PM
59	Small town atmosphere, helping hand from the community when needed.	8/12/2020 11:56 AM
60	Sense of pride and ownership in our town. Would be nice to have some type of symbol or design to represent Bluffton or Wells County. Kind of like the Heart, Faith and Hope.	8/12/2020 11:43 AM
61	We are a small family community but very diverse family that cares about each other. As a community we reach out to those in need.	8/12/2020 11:40 AM
62	Programs for kids and adults. Nice parks. Assistance programs like Helping Hands.	8/12/2020 11:16 AM
63	Plaza, Downton, river, etc.	8/12/2020 11:09 AM
64	Location: within commuting distance of metropolitan area. School systems: three progressive systems. Local government (city/county) willingness to work with outside authorities to encourage new business and manufacturing. Progressive attitude of community leaders: looking to the future.	8/12/2020 10:50 AM

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65	Generosity. Conservative.	8/12/2020 10:40 AM
66	Independence, rejection of the frivolous, prudence, high expectations	8/12/2020 10:39 AM
67	Wells County has many strengths, lots of programs and educational opportunity through our Chamber, Parks Dept has lots of programs to help involve the community and kids, we are family friendly and now we are using the river more often with outings and kayak/canoe trips.	8/12/2020 10:34 AM
68	Great sense of community and unity in the county. Amazing schools.	8/12/2020 10:17 AM
69	SMALL BUSINESSES PULLING TOGETHER WHEN NEEDED AMAZING POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPTS	8/12/2020 10:16 AM
70	Close community, efforts at growth and revitalization.	8/12/2020 10:10 AM
71	Their willingness to move forward with growth.	8/12/2020 10:04 AM
72	Our current focus on the quality of life in Bluffton. (ie., focus on quality of our schools and buildings, downtown revitalization, trail systems, management of natural resources for public use, etc.)	8/12/2020 10:03 AM
73	Our communities faith and families along with our ability to accomplish big goals from within.	8/12/2020 9:48 AM
74	Parks department	8/12/2020 9:26 AM

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small School system **growth** State Park **businesses** come together **feel** county
Local community come together **help** schools **people** shopping
community small businesses **need** Great **care** small town
good people need **Close** sense community **downtown** Small town atmosphere
Parks Department family

Q2 What are our community's greatest weaknesses? (attributes of the community)

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lack of variety when it comes to dining options as it feels like the majority is fast food options. Also, no indoor activity/learning center adults can go play with their children at for ages 6 mos. - 5 years old.	8/28/2020 10:48 AM
2	Vision	8/26/2020 10:12 AM
3	Not enough things for our children to do close to home. Not enough places to eat besides fast food.	8/25/2020 7:36 PM
4	Lack of things to do, lack of housing	8/25/2020 7:11 PM
5	Substance abuse	8/24/2020 9:32 PM
6	Lack of things to do; movie theater, putt putt golf course, trampoline park, arcade, lack of restaurants, Applebee's, Olive Garden, Long John Silvers, Fazzoli's, lack of shopping stores, Target, Meijer, Kohl's, Hobby Lobby, Publix, lack of transportation; taxi cabs, buses, a university campus branch (ivy tech, Purdue Fort Wayne, IWU, Devry)	8/24/2020 6:11 PM
7	Downtown dining, not much for young kids to do, down town shopping (although it is getting better)	8/24/2020 4:55 PM
8	getting more individuals involved (few do most of work) getting people to shop at small businesses in Ossian and Bluffton utilizing and marketing our unique qualities and events	8/24/2020 11:43 AM
9	Lack of housing	8/24/2020 10:33 AM
10	The police department has speed traps most definitely in not needed areas.	8/23/2020 12:45 PM
11	in activities	8/23/2020 9:34 AM
12	drugs	8/22/2020 2:43 PM
13	Lack of resources for those dealing with low income, addiction, mental illness, etc.	8/21/2020 11:31 PM
14	Narrowminded people, lack of better infrastructure.	8/21/2020 11:10 AM
15	The poor and those who don't act or believe or look like the majority are often not seen or heard.	8/21/2020 11:08 AM
16	Sit down restaurants, need some.	8/21/2020 11:01 AM
17	The apololstolics run the town, starting a competing business is impossible.	8/21/2020 8:43 AM
18	religion in local government	8/21/2020 8:17 AM
19	Judgey and not welcoming to outsiders	8/19/2020 8:22 PM
20	Drug problems.	8/19/2020 6:01 PM
21	Poor condition of sidewalks, poor timing of traffic lights, double dipping of fees between departments, spent money for things that will never be used (steps at Court House), no businesses for family fun.	8/18/2020 7:46 PM
22	Trying to grow as much as Allen has.	8/18/2020 4:08 PM
23	Not much positive activities for our young people to keep them engaged and wanting to remain here. With school activities so limited currently, Our young people have even less to occupy their time.	8/18/2020 2:02 PM
24	Ultra-Conservative, No "Niche", Largest Festival is Stale, Under Developed Resources-(River, No New Festivals, Music, Food, Crafts, Art, etc.) ((Although getting much better)) Affordable Housing, Non-Inclusive	8/17/2020 7:00 PM
25	It's Racism	8/17/2020 5:52 PM
26	Worn buildings and properties cluttered with rubbish.	8/17/2020 10:31 AM
27	Major chain restaurants to be attracted to the area is a weakness. Need more apartment buildings.	8/16/2020 8:53 PM
28	Public restrooms at the city parks should be open. We have had to get back into the car and	8/16/2020 6:40 PM

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drive to a fast food restaurant or a gas station for our kids to find relief on a pleasant afternoon. A steak house restaurant would be appreciated. A miniature golf course would add to entertainment options for our family. Right now we go to Muncie to do this activity and eat out while there. An honest to goodness Senior Center would be nice. We had relatives in other communities that had a center where they daily could meet to play cards, board games, pool,....have carry-ins, places to sit and visit. It helped the seniors to maintain good cognitive, physical, and emotional health...staved off depression....gave them a reason to get up in the morning.

29	Affordable housing, too much emphasis on everything going north while the south continues empty.	8/16/2020 6:22 PM
30	The masks, the COVID 19 regulations no kid should have to wear them.	8/16/2020 3:03 PM
31	Stupidity	8/16/2020 3:02 PM
32	Arrogance, not enough cultural diversity, prejudice because of the lack of diversity, low standard of living and low income levels and the problems that come with those.	8/16/2020 1:07 PM
33	divided on what is best	8/16/2020 9:06 AM
34	Some of those running it.	8/15/2020 11:58 PM
35	The drug problems and the number of unchurched and broken families.	8/15/2020 2:02 PM
36	No communication	8/15/2020 7:38 AM
37	Nothing for youth to do....no movie theater, putt putt golf, etc.	8/15/2020 12:46 AM
38	Understanding that having the lowest tax rate but not providing services I.e. building inspector, maintauning infrastructure, and other services needed by a hopefully growing county.	8/14/2020 7:14 PM
39	Property taxes rising drastically.	8/14/2020 4:54 PM
40	Jobs	8/14/2020 1:21 PM
41	Shopping,	8/14/2020 7:51 AM
42	Restaurants Restaurants Restaurants	8/13/2020 9:23 PM
43	County leaders are cheap. Large divide between haves and have nots	8/13/2020 9:10 PM
44	Need more stores/restaurants/entertainment	8/13/2020 2:56 PM
45	Entertainment and restaurants	8/13/2020 2:16 AM
46	Nothing for kids to do when cold/wet,	8/13/2020 12:07 AM
47	Drug awareness	8/12/2020 9:54 PM
48	No movie theatre. Not enough clothing stores. Need more things for teens & seniors to do. People aren't very friendly.(close-minded, judgemental) Not enough activities(but it's definitely improving). We need more educational opportunities. (training, classes, etc.) More jobs that pay well..(not factories or fast food)	8/12/2020 5:00 PM
49	There is a lack of diversity in this community overall. In religion, ethnicity, and cultural acceptance. There are still issues with poverty in the community, but I believe a lot is being done right now to address this.	8/12/2020 4:36 PM
50	Lack of entertainment (outside of outdoor activities) for families and young adults	8/12/2020 3:27 PM
51	Nothing for young people to do. Need more things like a movie theater, ice set down restaurants. More police presence in the small towns in our county.	8/12/2020 3:13 PM
52	We have seen an increase in poverty that we really don't want to discuss in a public forum.	8/12/2020 2:46 PM
53	Drug issues, extension of public walkway down to Bluffton Woods (I feel there is a large number of people that walk from Bluffton Woods into town and have to walk on the road/side of the road)	8/12/2020 2:16 PM
54	Not sure	8/12/2020 1:14 PM
55	Need more drug programs	8/12/2020 1:12 PM

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56	Proximity to Fort Wayne, shopping options	8/12/2020 1:02 PM
57	right now and can't help it was parks and pools for the kids. Keep kids busy and out of trouble.	8/12/2020 12:55 PM
58	Housing for middle and lower incomes Development primarily to North Encouragement of business development down town besides craft businesses	8/12/2020 12:10 PM
59	Not many entertainment options, such as a movie theater, mini golf, etc. especially in the winter.	8/12/2020 11:56 AM
60	Variety of entertainment entities other than restaurants; ie: movie theatre, bike or scooter rentals for greenway, something to do with the river, skate park,. Reason for others to come here. Love the idea of the trolley bike dinner.	8/12/2020 11:43 AM
61	Communication between community partners for resources. We are some times silos that never connect to do the best for the community. This includes businesses, resources and community events.	8/12/2020 11:40 AM
62	Drug problems and vandalism	8/12/2020 11:16 AM
63	Nothing for our children, movies, nothing for our Youth.	8/12/2020 11:09 AM
64	Aging infrastructure.	8/12/2020 10:50 AM
65	Non-inclusive. Closed to outsiders. Lack of diversity.	8/12/2020 10:40 AM
66	acceptance of the status quo, insular attitude, lack of self-awareness, using independence as excuse for lack of action, belief that low cost = value	8/12/2020 10:39 AM
67	We need more information for the public to learn of the programs being offered and possibly let folks know ahead of time so they can plan to come to events. Maybe count down to an event. We need more things for the youth to do, that is any community. Kids need to feel part of the community and welcome.	8/12/2020 10:34 AM
68	Lack of police presence. According to their website the Wells County Sheriff has 17 people to protect over 28,000. That is seriously understaffed.	8/12/2020 10:17 AM
69	TOO MANY OF THE SAME TYPES OF BUSINESSES (AUTO PARTS, NOT ENOUGH RESTAURANTS DILAPITATED HOUSES	8/12/2020 10:16 AM
70	Lack of city officials working to integrate more efficient systems. Not enough incentives for downtown growth and business expansion (too many hoops to jump through).	8/12/2020 10:10 AM
71	Their fight against projects that could better help the county as a whole.	8/12/2020 10:04 AM
72	Lack of diversity and lack of openness to diversity and new ideas/people.	8/12/2020 10:03 AM
73	Lack of Volunteerism, Busyness, and stigmatism	8/12/2020 9:48 AM
74	Not enough shopping options. To hillbillyish and rednecks	8/12/2020 9:26 AM

Q2 What are our community's greatest weaknesses? (attributes of the community)

housing Need things kids low community feel enough
entertainment **restaurants** town **Lack** shopping **need**
Drug **businesses** lack diversity **activities** children **better** Nothing
people

Q3 What are our community's greatest opportunities? (attributes of the external environment)

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The fact that we are right next door to the second major city in Indiana (Ft. Wayne).	8/28/2020 10:48 AM
2	Carrying for others	8/26/2020 10:12 AM
3	Growth, event attraction	8/25/2020 7:11 PM
4	Great schools , all three	8/24/2020 9:32 PM
5	State Park and the river	8/24/2020 4:55 PM
6	proximity to Fort Wayne potential of connectivity through the trails the river	8/24/2020 11:43 AM
7	Factory jobs are easily available	8/24/2020 10:33 AM
8	Parks and rec	8/23/2020 12:45 PM
9	Our state park, New factories	8/23/2020 9:34 AM
10	plenty of jobs if you want one	8/22/2020 2:43 PM
11	Our young people.	8/22/2020 1:36 PM
12	Taking advantage of green space, creating more trails	8/21/2020 11:31 PM
13	Little to none	8/21/2020 11:10 AM
14	We have the opportunity to grow and become more inclusive.	8/21/2020 11:08 AM
15	Close to Fort Wayne, airport.	8/21/2020 11:01 AM
16	growth, small town feel	8/21/2020 8:43 AM
17	growing economy	8/21/2020 8:17 AM
18	Great parks and walk ways. Restoration of buildings	8/19/2020 8:22 PM
19	Lots of jobs.	8/19/2020 6:01 PM
20	Grants, Wells County Foundation endowment funds, gracious donors.	8/18/2020 7:46 PM
21	We are well located to take advantage of what larger cities offer, while staying a family friendly size here.	8/18/2020 4:08 PM
22	If commercial buildings whether for rent or for sale, would bring down the cost to own or rent, more small businesses could be successful in our county. Parking remains a huge issue to bringing in more patrons.	8/18/2020 2:02 PM
23	Listening, Committed, Travel-Team-Sports, Conferences, Water Recreation, History, Youth.	8/17/2020 7:00 PM
24	Stop being racist	8/17/2020 5:52 PM
25	River	8/17/2020 10:31 AM
26	A lot of companies that are anchored here and employee quite a few of people.	8/16/2020 8:53 PM
27	Drugs and domestic abuse	8/16/2020 6:40 PM
28	Schools, trails, downtown improvements	8/16/2020 6:22 PM
29	Our parks Parks Department all the different activites they make for kids. The Care of fixing up the Already old parks	8/16/2020 3:03 PM
30	Trails to walk, oubache, the activities for the kids. Bring back pee-wee football lol	8/16/2020 3:02 PM
31	New faces that want to be involved. Current faces need to stop being scared of new people and ideas and allow new blood into organizations.	8/16/2020 1:07 PM
32	education and skills training	8/16/2020 9:06 AM
33	Not much	8/15/2020 11:58 PM
34	We have great walking and biking trails and a nice State Park near by. We have good schools and churches. We have a nice downtown area that continues to improve.	8/15/2020 2:02 PM

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35	Jobs	8/15/2020 7:38 AM
36	River, parks	8/15/2020 12:46 AM
37	More housing options, bypass around Ossian allowing it to be a community, growing tax rates to be available for needs and not keeping tax rate so low that nothing can be gained as a county.	8/14/2020 7:14 PM
38	Maybe enticing more business and industry because of our strengths.	8/14/2020 4:54 PM
39	Religion	8/14/2020 1:21 PM
40	Good jobs	8/14/2020 7:51 AM
41	Can afford to do many improvements and projects	8/13/2020 9:10 PM
42	With downtown growing, hopefully it will be attractive to business/franchise owners to consider Bluffton	8/13/2020 2:56 PM
43	The River.	8/13/2020 2:16 AM
44	Children growing a fairly safe environment	8/12/2020 9:54 PM
45	Education. Home ownership.	8/12/2020 5:00 PM
46	Our State Park, abandoned or under utilized buildings, and opportunities for job creation with closed factories!	8/12/2020 4:36 PM
47	Revitalize downtown with places that people will want to go to.	8/12/2020 3:13 PM
48	Growing our population and retaining young talent,	8/12/2020 2:46 PM
49	Growth for small businesses and the desire to stay in Bluffton, creating a diverse community that celebrates differences	8/12/2020 2:16 PM
50	Not sure	8/12/2020 1:14 PM
51	Entrepreneurship.	8/12/2020 1:12 PM
52	the parks dept, crafts and activities for kids as well creative arts.	8/12/2020 12:55 PM
53	Clean town with strong Parks and Rec. Development of trails program	8/12/2020 12:10 PM
54	Lots of places to hike or walk, lots of parks.	8/12/2020 11:56 AM
55	Utilizing the river for fun activities- however it does need to be cleaned up in some areas to create more depth. A lot of cement blocks in bottom.	8/12/2020 11:43 AM
56	Our greatest opportunities are to be inclusive to all factions of the businesses, community at large and resource providers and offering real incentives for people to remain and serve in this community. Too often whether by design or lack of planning businesses, community and resource providers in this community are often left out of the planning and then invited after the fact to participate and share the cost. Too much is left to social media and not enough to personal invitations for these facts to give ideas and offer strong alliances within this community.	8/12/2020 11:40 AM
57	The river makes for a great walking path and nice park	8/12/2020 11:16 AM
58	????	8/12/2020 11:09 AM
59	New growth potential due to location and progressive nature of government. Nearness to State Park Facilities.	8/12/2020 10:50 AM
60	Development of natural resources as public asset: Ouabache State Park, Wabash River.	8/12/2020 10:40 AM
61	State Park, Wabash River, access to Fort Wayne, Positive Public School perception	8/12/2020 10:39 AM
62	Free Educational programs. Or relatively cheap. Parks that have splash pads and other things for kids to do. SAD that pool was not open for the youth to visit this year.	8/12/2020 10:34 AM
63	Population increase from major metropolitan areas, with more housing available in Wells County.	8/12/2020 10:17 AM

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64	Expansion to the north and south because of surrounding farm ground and developable land.	8/12/2020 10:10 AM
65	Unsure	8/12/2020 10:04 AM
66	Drawing outside businesses/new residents/travel to Bluffton, driven by the community investing in itself.	8/12/2020 10:03 AM
67	Grow on Ft. Waynes energy and growing national trends such as trails and waterway activities	8/12/2020 9:48 AM
68	find a way to bring in more intelligent residents	8/12/2020 9:26 AM

Q3 What are our community's greatest opportunities? (attributes of the external environment)

businesses walk people factories New downtown trails schools
growing State Park parks bring river Great jobs
opportunities community Lots

Q4 What are our community's greatest threats? (attributes of the external environment)

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	FLOODS, damaged edges of roads, & roads that are too narrow.	8/28/2020 10:48 AM
2	Complacency	8/26/2020 10:12 AM
3	Trash and litter, allowing smoking around our children in public places	8/25/2020 7:36 PM
4	Economic downturn, job loss	8/25/2020 7:11 PM
5	Drugs	8/24/2020 9:32 PM
6	Lack of opportunity for jobs besides factories and fast food, ever increasing utility bills, need to upgrade utility meters so utility costs are more fair	8/24/2020 6:11 PM
7	losing the young people to trendy'ier places lack of resources to compete with other places attracting people to shop, dine and play in Wells County	8/24/2020 11:43 AM
8	Meth and Heroin	8/24/2020 10:33 AM
9	Drugs	8/23/2020 12:45 PM
10	loss of jobs	8/23/2020 9:34 AM
11	Failure to move ahead or do anything.	8/22/2020 1:36 PM
12	Drugs, lack of affordable housing.	8/21/2020 11:10 AM
13	We need to be careful not to become so big that we lose our small town feel.	8/21/2020 11:08 AM
14	Keeping the businesses we now have. Adding more.	8/21/2020 11:01 AM
15	Religious exclusion	8/21/2020 8:43 AM
16	itself- old fashioned backwards thinking	8/21/2020 8:17 AM
17	People coming in and disrupting the "community" feel	8/19/2020 8:22 PM
18	Loss of farm land.	8/19/2020 6:01 PM
19	Vandalism, lack of security cameras	8/18/2020 7:46 PM
20	Trying to become another Allen County. Selling farm land for housing.	8/18/2020 4:08 PM
21	A socialist form of government and ideology. Our freedoms are being systematically removed before our eyes. For local communities to thrive, socialism must be eradicated from our society.	8/18/2020 2:02 PM
22	Unwillingness to change	8/17/2020 7:00 PM
23	It's racism	8/17/2020 5:52 PM
24	Drug culture gaining foothold. Need more forced rehab.	8/17/2020 10:31 AM
25	Lack of major chain restaurants.	8/16/2020 8:53 PM
26	There's still a great push by numerous politicians to have wind turbines and solar power dotting our nation. Until both of these can exist without heavy subsidies from tax payers and can actually produce energy consistently and cheaper than fossil fuels, they should never darken our county.	8/16/2020 6:40 PM
27	Spending too much right now on projects. Understand some needed, but would like to see slowing down some before taxes have to get jacked up. Drug use	8/16/2020 6:22 PM
28	Drugs (not including Weed or CBD) and safety of our kids sexual predators. With masks on it hard to tell kids apart	8/16/2020 3:03 PM
29	Drugs not including pot/weed and sexual predators	8/16/2020 3:02 PM
30	Lack of acknowledgement of any faults existing in the thought process of current decision makers and committee heads. Lack of ability to admit there are problems that can't be solved by "pretty sidewalks, facades, and building upgrades". Low income, unemployed citizens that just hang out on the streets Of downtown Make it difficult to overlook that this remains an unsolved problem that has lingered here for many years.	8/16/2020 1:07 PM

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31	divided along political lines	8/16/2020 9:06 AM
32	Over spending on downtown decorations.	8/15/2020 11:58 PM
33	Possible flooding	8/15/2020 2:02 PM
34	Drugs	8/15/2020 7:38 AM
35	Losing jobs which would keep people here	8/15/2020 12:46 AM
36	Low tax rate, old thinking, no growth,	8/14/2020 7:14 PM
37	Being close to Ft. Wayne--their problems can trickle down to us.	8/14/2020 4:54 PM
38	Jobs and housing	8/14/2020 1:21 PM
39	Drugs, lack of understanding of world outside county borders.	8/14/2020 7:51 AM
40	County is too cheap to do projects	8/13/2020 9:10 PM
41	Cities like Fort Wayne, and Huntington offering more variety in entertainment (movies, shopping etc) and restaurants. More to do for children as well.	8/13/2020 2:56 PM
42	Drugs	8/13/2020 2:16 AM
43	Attempting to let the "big city" move in	8/12/2020 9:54 PM
44	Pollution, lack of opportunities for our youth(they will get in trouble or move away). Lack of employment(jobs) or not enough good-paying work, with benefits(that can support families). Drug addiction & alcoholism.	8/12/2020 5:00 PM
45	In regards to external environment, the major issue has always been flooding and weather related. Other threats to our community would be outsourcing jobs, developing only to the north of town (pushing towards Ossian and Fort Wayne as this will shift funds, taxes, etc.	8/12/2020 4:36 PM
46	Drugs	8/12/2020 3:13 PM
47	The greatest threat is complacency and that we are doing ok as a community.	8/12/2020 2:46 PM
48	Drugs, loss of mid-level jobs, closure of local businesses	8/12/2020 2:16 PM
49	Moral decline	8/12/2020 1:14 PM
50	Drugs. Low income housing.	8/12/2020 1:12 PM
51	Drugs in the city. Not being addressed.	8/12/2020 1:05 PM
52	State and Federal funding, school funding	8/12/2020 1:02 PM
53	drugs and sex trade, it can be around and don't know about it.	8/12/2020 12:55 PM
54	Judicial system that puts repeat criminals back on streets with smack on hands Lack of jobs	8/12/2020 12:10 PM
55	Not knowing the difference between unity and uniformity.	8/12/2020 11:43 AM
56	Our greatest community threat is loss of community, loss of business that drives the economy of a community and loss of important resources that wish to become part of this community. Like so many Indiana counties we will become a ghost town with abandoned buildings, failing economy and our community going elsewhere to larger communities where they feel they are best served.	8/12/2020 11:40 AM
57	Wind storms	8/12/2020 11:16 AM
58	????	8/12/2020 11:09 AM
59	Limited access to Bluffton proper should a disaster occur that damages Main St. bridge. Transportation routes that limit speedy travel to points north (ie Allen County).	8/12/2020 10:50 AM
60	Ignoring interests of youth: Adults think there are a lot of entertainment options and activities for youth, but they are not in touch with youth's interests.	8/12/2020 10:40 AM
61	being outperformed by the region, willingness to wait for opportunity to come to us, others perceive the community as difficult or behind, if our only benefit is being cheap we will secure	8/12/2020 10:39 AM

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the identify as the 'discount' community and never the envy of others.

62	Knowing when to use the River, it could be too high and too swift and people can get hurt if they do not what they are doing. Kids need a place to skateboard etc... we tend to have some that want to use the new plaza for this. It can damage the cement. Maybe make a place for them to go?	8/12/2020 10:34 AM
63	I fear the county will be playing catch-up to meet the demands brought on by population increase.	8/12/2020 10:17 AM
64	No answer.	8/12/2020 10:10 AM
65	Not willing to grow in some aspects	8/12/2020 10:04 AM
66	The "welcoming spirit" of other communities. Missing opportunities due to fear of become more diverse culturally and economically.	8/12/2020 10:03 AM
67	That nice things are to hard to accomplish or do not fit well in a small community.	8/12/2020 9:48 AM
68	stupid residents	8/12/2020 9:26 AM

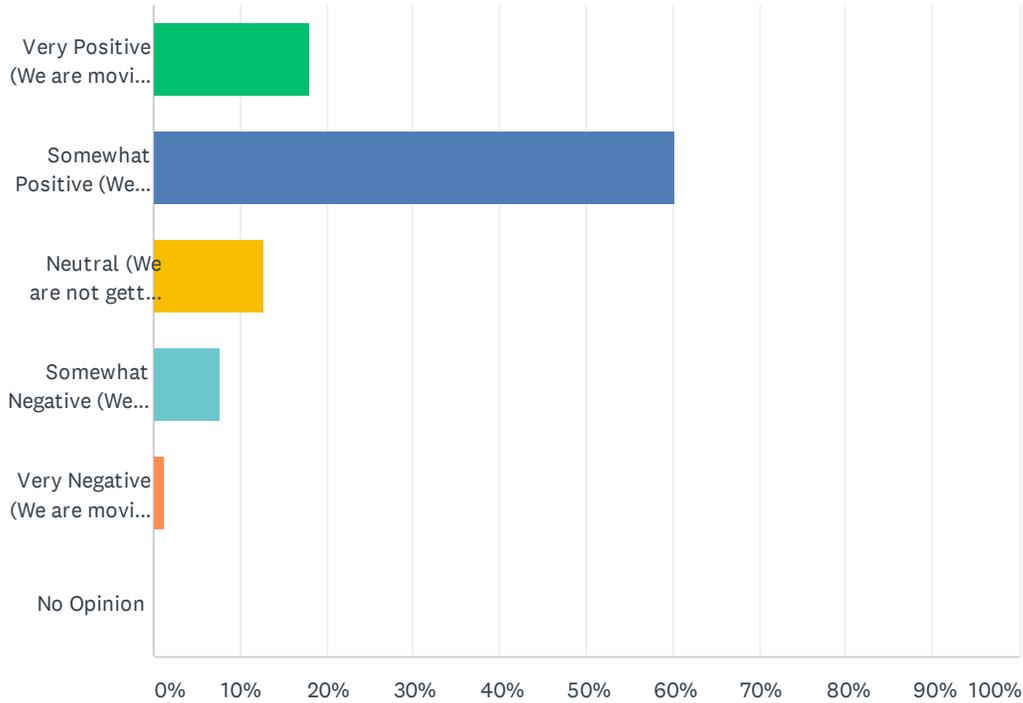
Q4 What are our community's greatest threats? (attributes of the external environment)

county become **Lack** need **community** places

Drugs people **jobs** housing **loss** will

Q5 How do you gauge our community's future?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Positive (We are moving in the right direction)	17.95%	14
Somewhat Positive (We are getting better but still have a ways to go)	60.26%	47
Neutral (We are not getting better or worse)	12.82%	10
Somewhat Negative (We are getting worse but still have some hope)	7.69%	6
Very Negative (We are moving in the wrong direction)	1.28%	1
No Opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		78