

## Village of Wauneta asks residents to help with grant application by completing surveys

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### The Wauneta Breeze

The Village of Wauneta needs the help of its residents. The village is in the process of applying for grant funds to help fund an update to the village's comprehensive plan.

The comprehensive plan was last updated in 2004 and must be updated by 2014. The process of updating the plan takes approximately 18 months.

The plan will focus on the community's needs and plans to achieve those needs in the next 10 years. In addition, the comprehensive plan helps Wauneta to be eligible to complete several types of grant applications.

Wauneta residents are asked to complete a short survey to help with the process.

Comprehensive planning is expensive, updating the village's plan could cost as much as \$40,000. However, there are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available to help defray the costs, if the village meets certain eligibility requirements. The survey being distributed by the village will help determine if residents meet the criteria.

The village must hear back from nearly every household in Wauneta—at least 185 of Wauneta's

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roughly 225 households must complete the survey in order to meet grant guidelines.

The completed surveys will also allow the village to apply for other types of grants in the future.

### **Income data kept confidential**

Village Clerk Evelyn Skelton said Miller and Associates of Kearney will compile the data received from the surveys. In fact, she said no one in Wauneta will ever open the sealed envelopes that hold the completed surveys.

“We’re glad Miller and Associates offered to compile the survey data for us, we appreciate being able to maintain confidentiality for our residents,” said Skelton.

### **Surveys being delivered**

Surveys are available at the village office. Village board members began hand delivering survey this week.

The village asks residents to complete and return the surveys as soon as possible.

Volunteers delivering the surveys will wait for the survey to be completed or will arrange for the survey to be picked up later.

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Skelton said, “We really appreciate everyone who has completed their surveys already. We can’t stress enough the importance of these surveys.”

Individuals who have not yet received their survey can pick it up at the village office. Or, if you have a survey that has been completed you can drop it off at the village office or call the village office at 308-394-5390 and someone will come pick it up from you.