



## Constant Contact Survey Results

**Survey Name:** 2019 Citizen Survey

**Response Status:** Partial & Completed

**Filter:** None

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In general do you support conservation efforts and policy development by the Town of Blue River?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			82	85.4 %
No			5	5.2 %
No Response(s)			9	9.3 %
<b>Totals</b>			<b>96</b>	<b>100%</b>

What types of conservation projects or policies would you like to see adopted by the Town of Blue River?

Please list in order of priority.

1 = 1 Lowest, 2 = 2, 3 = 3, 4 = 4 Highest

Answer	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Wildlife Habitat					94	3.3
Promotion of native vegetation					95	2.8
Removal of noxious weeds					95	2.9
Light pollution/Participation in dark skies initiatives					93	2.8
Other					25	3.4

\*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Do you have recommendations for any other conservation efforts or policies you would like to see in Blue River?

31 Response(s)

Are you aware that the Town of Blue River offers assistance to create defensible space around your home for fire protection?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			78	81.2 %
No			18	18.7 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
<b>Totals</b>			<b>96</b>	<b>100%</b>

Have you participated in the Defensible Space Grant Program?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			24	25.0 %
No			70	72.9 %
No Response(s)			2	2.0 %
<b>Totals</b>			<b>96</b>	<b>100%</b>

What type of events or programs would you like to see offered in the Town of Blue River?

34 Response(s)

Are you aware of the following programs/events offered in the Town of Blue River? Check all that apply.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Defensible Space Grants			70	77.7 %
Clean Up Day			80	88.8 %
Trustee Talks			68	75.5 %
Trunk or Treat (Halloween)			50	55.5 %
Energy Audit Grants			28	31.1 %
Cisterns for fire protection			49	54.4 %
Community Education Series			16	17.7 %
Founders Day Celebration			44	48.8 %
Winter Coat/Food Drive			31	34.4 %
<b>Totals</b>			<b>90</b>	<b>100%</b>

Would you be interested in volunteering for any of the hosted events or on a committee? If so, please email your contact information to [info@townofblueriver.org](mailto:info@townofblueriver.org).

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes				
No			26	27.0 %
No Response(s)			55	57.2 %
			15	15.6 %
<b>Totals</b>			<b>96</b>	<b>100%</b>

In the past, residents were asked, "What is Your Blue River?" Please take a moment to give a brief note of "What is your FUTURE Blue River?"

63 Response(s)



**Survey Responses for Committee**

**2. What types of conservation projects or policies would you like to see adopted by the Town of Blue River?**

**Answer**

The promotion of native vegetation could cause some residents trouble with obtaining property insurance due to the current wild fire risk mitigation that insurance companies demand. If we are required to maintain any vegetation up close to the house, we could become uninsurable.

Have quite a few neighbors who leave outdoor lights on all night that broadcast light out and not just down. I can understand maybe having flood lights on for a few minutes....but all night is awful when I'm trying to sleep and there's an immense amount of light coming through my windows in every direction.

Aquatic habitat in tarn and upper blue river.

Trails along 9 for safety and recreation to connect

Wildfire mitigation

Noxious weed removal is super important to promote native vegetation; these two go hand in hand.

Conservation policies that Protect the Blue River Corridor by removing human improvements i.e. dams, zip lines, decks, human trails to insure wildlife travel patterns & access to River 2)Protect wildlife habitat (instead of fractured habitat) with access to quality water & food sources, healthy & native vegetation 3)Use eco-friendly means i.e. hand pull noxious weeds & minimize mag chloride on roads 4)Preserve & restore native vegetation & natural landscaping 5)Apply Dark-Sky Ass. strategies.

I would like to see an effort to inform and control short term visitors in regard to litter and trash issues. When and how to deal with said issue due to wildlife and general apathy. Bears and other wildlife spread trash throughout the neighborhood leading to an increase in encounters and random garbage.

Engage in an educational process of Blue River and unincorporated summit county residents about the importance (and requirement) of removing beetle kills from developed and undeveloped private property.

I support conservation efforts as long as they don't interfere with what I think should be our main priorities. (Speed Limits, Road Maintenance and privacy from our neighbors noise, bright lights and barking dogs.)

I listed Light pollution as lowest only because I don't really understand how that is a factor up here? I may not understand fully? Sorry

**3. Do you have recommendations for any other conservation efforts or policies you would like to see in Blue**

**Answer**

Many home owners aren't aware of "best practices" for conservation and land management, especially as it pertains to their own property. It seems like it could be easy content for your newsletter, just a thought, thanks.

Think you should start enforcing the policies you already have before making new ones!!!

homeowners need to be responsible for invasive plant species and remove them.

ALL homeowners need to be responsible for defensible space. The program doesn't work if only a portion of homeowners participates...duh

Noxious weeds and light pollution are increasing very fast.

Planting programs along the west Tarn

Protection of wildlife. This involves state and the feds (hwy) but minimizing conflicts between people and wildlife, vehicles and wildlife. Policing the kooks that stop in the road to get too close to moose. Our wildlife are a great resource for residents and visitors. Already try to address bear issues pretty well.

1)Forest health 2)Town easements for conservation & trails; remove encroachments 3)Acquire lands for conservation uses 4)Restore natural landscaping & wildlife habitat with Town long-term monitoring when land is disturbed 5)Interdisciplinary teams for project designs 6)Trash/recycle on Town property 7)Retain residential zoning only.

Increased forest fire prevention efforts

Blue River should be actively working with residents and the US forest service to create fire breaks, especially between trails and residential areas.

These fire breaks could be made equivalent to natural fires by planting aspen saplings to accelerate primary succession that normally occurs after a fire. Maintain the break by culling lodepoles.

wildflower seeding in open space areas

Trash clean up by continuing town clean up days, needing more than one. Maybe one in May as most snow have melted and then another in the summer.

Litter issues, especially on Hwy9.

Recycling

I've seen bad behavior by visitors toward wildlife - particularly bears, fox and moose. in years past, some notices have been placed on neighborhood entrances from CO 9. Many years back...

Keeping bears out of trash, especially short term renters putting out trash early and not putting away cans.

**6. What type of events or programs would you like to see offered in the Town of Blue River? - Responses**

**Answer**

"Best Snow work" as judged by John

The Halloween Trunk or Treat was fun. Great to see the fire & police department out there!

Clear the snow from the tarn for ice-skating

Town Gathering Events at the Tarn, maybe a boat or paddle boarding event. Really enjoyed the Halloween event but would like more notice. Maybe town barbecue event or something like that. Would like to see our transit/multi-modal circulation updated for the town, like a safe bike path through the town and connecting to Breck and Alma.

Community outdoor activities - races/walks, build a park,

Maybe just getting some energy behind a town party type event to bring people together. Buy some BBQ for Town Clean-up day and make it more of a party?

markets, festivals? community connections, fishing competitions?

More Tarn parties. Halloween at the park was great last year, but needs to be earlier in the day.

1)What everyone can do to protect our natural environment i.e. identify & remove noxious weeds 2)Protect Blue River Corridor 3)All about easements 3)International Dark-Sky Association info i.e. how to reduce light pollution & stargazing event. Include links plus other info on Town web site re: protection of natural environment.

monthly casual meet and greet not associated WITH ANY business

Like the

Clean up day dumpster

The biggest threat we face is from a wildfire and we should be working together to systematically reduce the risk posed to both homes and habitat with active programs to mitigate the risk.

neighborhood clean up projects such as

large lawn garbage removal - yard "Junk" removal

I don't see a big need for additional programs. Funding additional programs could be difficult given the limited revenue the town receives.

Bbq after clean up day so we can come together to get to know one another after a day of cleaning our town.

What we have is great but I would add starting a neighborhood watch program.

Current event are fine.

community weed pull would be awesome, by neighborhood possibly.

Continue tree chipping program and clean up days

**9. In the past, residents were asked, "What is Your Blue River?" Please take a moment to give a brief note of**

**Answer**

staying a small town community, however.... more and more owners are renting out their homes... I would like to see a restaurant or two added to our community. Possibly a gas station with a small convenience store so trips into Breck would not be necessary.

Restaurant / small boat-house on the tarn. More full-time residents.

A retreat for owners and guests alike. I hope the Town of Blue River will not participate in the extreme regulation of short term rentals that other communities are forcing on their owners. Solid Town policies and HOA policies are plenty to handle parking and disrespectful renters. There is no need to impose extra fees and regulations.

The future of Blue River is more crowds, more construction, more noise, more gunshots, more fireworks, more cars speeding through neighborhoods, more noisy diesel vehicles rumbling, more heavy machinery driving by shaking homes, more dogs running loose shitting on private property, more trespassing, more dogs barking, more kids screaming, more renters abusing your maximum occupancy laws, more music blasting, more, more, more! It's not the peaceful place it once was and at this point it's too far gone, which is why I'll be happily be moving out of this town in the spring. Good riddance and have fun listening to all the god damn construction this summer and beyond!

Quiet place to be.

I like how the question is phrased, it is likely to draw ideas from your internal stakeholders, and residents about the future. I have not actually seen a 5-year or 10-year plan for the Town of Blue River. I was wondering if one exists - or if your question is meant to be the initial building blocks of a plan. I'll check the website further.

That said, my thought might be "My Blue River is a growing community, conscious of the environment, sustainable and responsible in investment while creating access to wilderness and resources for residents, guests and visitors".

A place I can continue to raise my children alongside other families...who know and look out for one another.

A place without an overwhelming amount of policies. Our conservation efforts are enough. If residents want to organize further efforts, great. Let them! But the town doesn't need to spend any more time or money figuring these out and organizing additional events.

We have had a home in Blue River since 1969 our family vacation home and it has been a joy for 3 generations. As a real estate Developer and Professional for 40 years I am hoping to see Blue River use educated, well informed, fair development and construction policies and codes. Majority rule is not democracy and leads to the taking of others rights. Leaders of the community are elected to make policy decisions that will benefit the whole while protecting the individual rights. Codes should be fair and reasonable and very easy to understand. They should be very clear so that individual Inspectors or Reviewers cant "interpret them" to fulfill personal agendas or beliefs. All City Staff should be employed to help residents as Quickly and efficiently as possible. Solve Problems not create them! A City dedicated to helping all of its residents will save the City and Residents Millions over its lifetime and foster a great Community bond based on trust and Mutually achieved success.

Small, quite, staying close to its roots.

A place to get away and relax

I would like to see Blue River be more than a small community located next to Breckenridge. I would like to see paved roads. I would like to see the town create a retail / restaurant area. Blue River should be more than just a sleepy community where people work elsewhere. It should be a destination.

Solid shoulders from Breckenridge to Hosier. Fix the dam, monitor the fish health/population. Catch and release only

Limit small town government control. Enable more freedoms to the homeowners.

I hope to not see any additional trails closed.

My future blue river is a place for my family to grow. We want to know our neighbors and have a sense of community. We want to have access to trails and eventually Breck via a bike path.

A place that is more welcoming for hikers.

One where I can get around without a car better.

Clean, free of junk outside homes, no trailers, no rv's, etc.parked on property. Pick up after your dog. Bike path friendly into Breckenridge, Sandy beach around tarn - the tarn fixed. Most neighborhoods are eye sores  
Trails!!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A FUTURE BLUE RIVER WITH A SAFE BIKE/PED PATH THROUGH THE TOWN RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH AND EVENTUALLY CONNECTING TO BRECK AND ALMA. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A FUTURE BLUE RIVER WITH MORE COMMUNITY GATHERING EVENTS LIKE BARBECUES, OUTDOOR ACTIVITY OR CULTURAL EVENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE TOWN PRIDE, UPDATED SIGNAGE, MAPPING, AS WELL AS ACCESS AND TRAILS AROUND TOWN AND TARN FOR RESIDENTS.

Definitely need a community park for kids to play and picnic bench, maybe small walking trail. There needs to be a safe accessible bike trail from blue river into Breckenridge and back. Protected home/neighborhood access to national forest trails.

A community that celebrates and preserves the natural beauty surrounding us. Not sure I have a ton of progressive goals for the town. I think less is more for a simple resident town such as ours.

Widen Blue River Road instead of narrowing it as you did two years ago with the supposed "fix" of drainage! And get Goose Pasture Tarn back to original levels(not waiting 10 years). It looks terrible.

a bedroom community right next to Breckenridge with a community, semi tourist feel, with some FT residents, peaceful and less dense

as a result of draining the tarn lake we have not used it in about 5 years.

our future is selling our home due to loss of sport. we are in discussion with a realtor.

Residential, unpaved, community-led.

That it continues to be a great place to live and raise a family. That it stays independent of Breckenridge and how Breck has turned into a town of 2nd home owners and short term rentals.

Picture post guard of a Rocky Mountain residential area, where regardless of vantage point you would be proud to show a visitor.

Keeping our wild spaces in and around our neighborhoods wild, as much as we can in a responsible and defensible way. Maintain the quiet beauty that attracted us to Blue River in the first place. Little to no Major developments, or at least anything slowly planned and discussed so we can all maintain this quiet little heaven. I feel so lucky now with how crazy the county can be that I live in blue river. I turn into my neighborhood, and it's like a curtain of peace closes in behind me and leaves all of the anxiety behind me. In my future blue river, nothing has changed, and blue river still provides the same magical serenity due to intelligent planning.

A beautiful place to live and play. A place with a strong sense of community, and a commitment to conservation and the protection of wild places.

My future Blue River is a place that has improved bike connectivity to the Town of Breckenridge, while still being a place where those who don't want to live in a development can feel they have some space. It's a place that feels like home.

One in which people are free. Basically already what's going on.

Natural environment with respect for private property rights. Low density with no rental units. Slow traffic. Family friendly.

TOBR is at a crossroads: one path is more human amenities (found in Breckenridge, etc.) at the expense of a healthy natural environment & the other is the protection of the Town's natural environment. We prefer the latter: Let's protect the Town's natural environment & develop Town policies of eco-friendly practices i.e. 1)Minimize light & sound pollution 2)Encourage localized solutions to problems with interdisciplinary professionals 3)Return Blue River Corridor to natural state 4)Honor private, Town & neighboring lands, i.e. National Forest 6)Protect wildlife habitat, food & water sources, travel patterns 7)Acquire & maintain lands, assert Town's right to easements & provide incentives to vacate lot lines for conservation purposes 8)Develop Town-wide sustainable & signed trail system with appropriate mix of pedestrian & bike use & conservation via Town pedestrian & road access easements.

The future TOBR is a peaceful, serene, mountain sanctuary for all human and nature residents.

A town that joins the 21st century and prioritizes road paving.



We love Blue River and it has a unique setting. I hope we do not over build and create an only bedroom community. The community events are really appreciated.

I would like to see the ability to use Goose Pasture Tarn with all water craft with a \$60/summer pass instead of a sticker on every water craft. Many people have several kayaks.....they only use one at a time but have to buy a pass for each. The same with fishing craft and paddle boards, these homeowners have more than one BUT only one is on the water at a time. Also some people don't like stickers all over their boats. Please consider this!

Quiet beautiful and crime free town where you truly feel you are blessed to be.

A pristine, beautiful and exclusive mountain community where the residents are chill and the critters are happy.

A Future Blue River that stays green and true to it's surrounding

Less intrusive government, more resident input and resident ideas and control.

I would love to see:

1. Resident stickers for parking at the end of Blue River Road so we may enjoy the hiking trail and walk to the lake without worrying that our car will be towed.
2. Improvement of the Tarn access road to make it a bit safer.
3. Small community boat house at the Tarn for storing kayaks, cartop boats, SUPs, etc.
4. Work to the Tarn's southend so the blue river is rerouted back to it's original stream bed and into the lake. This will greatly improve the health of the lake and it's critters.
5. Small group of community retail buildings (near your office) for local artisans to display and sell their wares and where the city can make a bit of additional income to pay for improvements within the city.
6. Community garden site.
7. Once completed by the trail's committee, a detailed map of all of Blue River's hiking trails.

My future Blue River includes a bike path to town so we can tow our babies to play dates, lunch, and ride around the lake without hopping in the car. It also includes the bike path so that we, and others, can safely commute to work in the summer.

It includes more trail access so we can hop on our mountain bikes from our door and ride to the hundreds of miles of trails that line our mountains, but are inaccessible (without driving) at the moment.

It also includes a regular bus service with more convenient drop off and pick up locations so that once more, we can ditch the car as much as possible.

The best part about this is that you are already working on all of these things! We moved from the Wellington neighborhood and these are the only three things we miss. Otherwise, Blue River is the best of living in Breck. Thanks for all of your work!

A peaceful, quite bedroom community with minimal traffic and noise close to work and play. Beautiful forests, streams and trails to access. Local living where people are friendly and living is simple

One that puts conservation and fire mitigation at the forefront of the mission of the Town of Blue River. I'm not keen on trail development in Blue River primarily because this will increase the fire risk to our homes because of the knuckleheads who ignore fire warnings/bans as a matter of habit in using wilderness trails....

Scenic, beautiful and natural neighborhoods without "junked up" yards.

(There are lots that currently have plywood storage, unsightly stacked wood, non working vehicles and household junk, construction machinery and/or garbage thrown on or stored on their lawns.). These items have been on these lawns for extended periods of time.

Not much different from my current "Blue River". I think we live in an amazing place in close proximity to outdoor activities. I would like to see less focus on "what needs to change", and more focus on conserving the best parts of what make Blue River such a great place.

Remain a small town, trails for biking that are off the highway and safe for children, slower speeds on highway 9, small gatherings for towns people where we have the opportunity to get to know one another

Community where one can live close to nature with access to trails year round. Community where residents respect the environment, river, trees and wildlife and not be bothered with commercial enterprise.

Blue River is changing. We need to manage the change. Its days as a very rural, mountain highway community has passed. It is now a very important and growing residential community in one of the most beautiful environments in the US. It IS a resort community due to its proximity to Breckenridge. Property values are SUPER important. The town must make and enforce building and restriction codes that take this change in to account. The days of "do whatever you want to your property, it is Blue River after all" have long passed. Piled up junk on property, broken down vehicles, construction equipment, appliances on porches, cars parked all over, out buildings of dubious construction, and so forth need to be dealt with and eliminated.

And most important, but it was in the last survey, we need the roads paved.

Thank you for listening.

Remaining the small community that allows owners to keep their privacy with minimal urban rules

Lower speed limit on Highway 9.

More paved roads in neighborhoods.

Bury electric lines.

A piece of authentic paradise for the past 35 years and still counting!!!!!!!!!!

Stay Libertarian, Blue River... No communist bullshit. DO NOT FOLLOW in BRECK's footsteps !!!!

Lower speed limits on Highway 9 in Blue River.

More paved roads in neighborhoods.

Bury electrical lines.

Safe neighborhoods active in Summit County year round. A place people want to live.

Would love to see it stay a safe and quiet town.

Outdoor space of true mountain beauty seeing local people fish and paddle board in the tarn, biking on the path along hwy 9, and wild life grazing in the open spaces.

Keeping it a small rural mountain community.

I would LOVE to see the speed limit dropped from "Dead Man's Curve"(the intersection of 97 Circle and Hwy 9) to Spruce Creek Rd down to at least 40 mph, if not 35 mph. I live on the blind corner just north of the Blue River Rd and Hwy 9(just after the dip turn) and my wife and kids(as well as visitors) have almost been rear ended many times after pulling out of our driveway from people flying around that corner much too fast. There are also many accidents that happen right there every year which shut down the highway for hours. There is at least one if not two cars flipped over in my front yard every year. I know you all are aware of the desire to slow the speed down through the center of town and CDOT is being difficult to work with, but I am sure the citizens of Blue River would be happy to help persuade CDOT to lower the speed limit if there was a way for us to do so(petitions organized by the town, etc...) or voice our communal concerns.

Thanks for all that you do for us!!

without worrying about complete sentences...

Litter free - everyone picks up their own garbage, lures and lines, pet waste

Respectful for privacy, in property appearance and property enjoyment - to and from residents, owners, short term and long term guests

Safe - posted vehicle speeds and adhere to noise & fire restrictions

and Compliant - Codes enforced and entitlements only based on improvements that have been permitted by building, well, and septic codes.

Pristine and Peaceful. Not the hustle and bustle of Breckenridge.

- Enforce 15 mph speed limit. Much safer, goes a long way toward less road maintenance and dust mitigation.
- Maintain proper application of mag chloride to dirt roads to keep dust down.
- Continue sufficient grading and plowing of roads.
- No barking dogs.
- exterior lights that shine down and don't impact neighbors. (Light Pollution)
- Continued clean up days to maintain trash free neighborhoods and Hwy 9.
- No fireworks ever

A safe place, a refuge, a community where we can share and enjoy this beautiful amazing place. A place where we can take a moment to breathe and forget the way life gets so crazy around us, a place we can be in our own space with a little elbow room. Not only enjoying our life but helping our community as well.

Side note: we previously lived in the Wellington neighborhood, great place but on top of each other.

