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Dear Residents:

The Westphalia Planning Commission has developed a Village Survey that is being sent to all property owners within the Village limits. The last time this type of survey was done was nearly 15 years ago and much has changed since then. We need your input to help the Planning Commission and the Village Council know what is most important to our residents.

As you complete the survey, I hope you will think not only about today, but also about the future of Westphalia. Many of our young people have decided to stay, or return, to Westphalia to raise their families. This is absolutely wonderful! These young families are our future! However, it is important that we provide infrastructure, opportunities, and amenities that will continue to make Westphalia an attractive place to live for all age groups.

I realize that you might feel that certain items on the survey would not provide a direct benefit to you. However, in completing the survey, I encourage you to keep an open mind and think about the “big picture” which is to help secure the future of our Village for the long-term. You may also consider potential indirect benefits that some of these items provide, such as increased property values, retaining/increasing our younger population, attracting new businesses, etc., which all fit into the “big picture” scenario.

In closing, I ask that you please answer the survey questions based on your honest feelings of what is best for our Village. I thank you in advance for taking the time to help the Planning Commission and the Village Council in our efforts to shape our community in a way that will secure our future and keep Westphalia a place we can all be proud to call “home.”

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia