



# Mercer County: Better Together

*Success Through Collaboration. #MCBT*

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## SEATON

Seaton is a village of 246 people, located in southern Mercer County three miles north of the Warren County line. The village lies within Abington Township, which features a population of 392. Residents enjoy natural resource activity opportunities, and have joined together to develop their downtown park and baseball facility. Half of Seaton residents are employed in the education/health care, agriculture and manufacturing sectors. An agriculturally-driven community, Seaton hosts the annual Seaton Community Antique Power and Tractor Show each June, which ends with a tractor drive across Mercer County. Proximity to the Monmouth, Galesburg, Burlington, Iowa, Muscatine, Iowa and Quad Cities metro areas offer opportunities for commerce and employment.

### Seaton Community Heart & Soul Statements

“We are a small, farm and family-oriented community that values our park, fire station, post office and church because they strengthen our community by providing a high quality of life.”

“We appreciate our close community that values and supports youth and children by providing a safe park for health and exercise opportunities that attracts others to the community.”

“We envision improved roads, better internet connectivity and more use of our library and ball diamond.”

Seaton Area Community Representatives categorized each line of survey data on the following questions; then summarized survey responses into most common themes –

#### 1) Why do you live here?

- Born & raised here
- Feels like home
- Farm/property here
- Family history

#### 2) Why did you move or stay here?

- Family here
- Farm here

**3) What do you especially love about your community?**

- The people
- Churches
- Park
- Friends
- Firemen

**5) What do you think matters most to your neighbors?**

- Jobs
- Friendly people
- Safety
- Taxes/state budget
- Roads

**6) Why is your community “home” to you?**

- Family/friends
- Live here
- Born here

**8) What are the most important places in your community? Why?**

- Parks; exercise, fresh air, brings community together
- Churches
- Fire station
- Post office

**10) What should stay the same in your community?**

- Churches
- Parks
- Fire station
- Post office

**11) What should change in your community?**

- Post office
- Roads
- Internet
- More use of ball diamond
- More use of library