
Appendix A

TOWN OF CASEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

Town Response Rate – 39.0%

County Response Rate – 35.5%

Note: Minor data inconsistencies in survey results are due to invalid or missing responses. In some cases, these inconsistencies result in a disproportionate number of resident and non-resident responses when compared to total town responses.

I. COMMUNITY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

Please examine your community (town, village or city) issues and opportunities and check HOW IMPORTANT the issue or opportunity is to you and HOW SATISFIED you are with each.

		<u>Level of Importance</u>			<u>Level of Satisfaction</u>		
		Important	Neutral	Not Important	Satisfied	Neutral	Not Satisfied
1. Property Taxes	T	284 (94.4%)	15 (5.0%)	2 (.7%)	34 (11.8%)	54 (18.7%)	201 (69.6%)
	R	120 (96.8%)	3 (2.4%)	1 (.8%)	12 (10.3%)	10 (8.5%)	95 (81.2%)
	NR	161 (92.5%)	12 (6.9%)	1 (.6%)	22 (13.0%)	43 (25.4%)	104 (61.5%)
	C	4,269 (93.1%)	288 (6.3%)	27 (.6%)	812 (18.3%)	1,015 (22.9%)	2,608 (58.8%)
2. Recreational Opportunities	T	183 (61.6%)	92 (31.0%)	22 (7.4%)	160 (56.1%)	99 (34.7%)	26 (9.1%)
	R	71 (58.2%)	42 (34.4%)	9 (7.4%)	67 (57.8%)	36 (31.0%)	13 (11.2%)
	NR	110 (64.0%)	49 (28.5%)	13 (7.6%)	91 (54.8%)	62 (37.3%)	13 (7.8%)
	C	2,935 (64.5%)	1,260 (27.7%)	354 (7.8%)	2,408 (55.0%)	1,573 (35.9%)	400 (9.1%)
3. Local Roads	T	226 (74.8%)	69 (22.8%)	7 (2.3%)	124 (42.8%)	89 (30.7%)	77 (26.6%)
	R	103 (83.7%)	19 (15.4%)	1 (.8%)	35 (29.9%)	36 (30.8%)	46 (39.3%)
	NR	120 (68.2%)	50 (28.4%)	6 (3.4%)	87 (51.2%)	52 (30.6%)	31 (18.2%)
	C	3,366 (73.7%)	1,046 (22.9%)	156 (3.4%)	2,151 (48.8%)	1,281 (29.0%)	978 (22.2%)
4. Clean Drinking Water	T	267 (88.7%)	23 (7.6%)	11 (3.7%)	212 (73.6%)	64 (22.2%)	12 (4.2%)
	R	113 (91.1%)	8 (6.5%)	3 (2.4%)	91 (77.8%)	20 (17.1%)	6 (5.1%)
	NR	151 (86.8%)	15 (8.6%)	8 (4.6%)	119 (70.8%)	43 (25.6%)	6 (3.6%)
	C	4,111 (89.9%)	383 (8.4%)	79 (1.7%)	3,061 (69.9%)	1,056 (24.1%)	264 (6.0%)
5. Quality Public Education	T	151 (50.3%)	101 (33.7%)	48 (16.0%)	85 (30.1%)	154 (54.6%)	43 (15.2%)
	R	88 (71.0%)	25 (20.2%)	11 (8.9%)	49 (42.6%)	35 (30.4%)	31 (27.0%)
	NR	62 (35.8%)	74 (42.8%)	37 (21.4%)	36 (22.0%)	116 (70.7%)	12 (7.3%)
	C	2,790 (61.1%)	1,305 (28.6%)	470 (10.3%)	1,590 (36.3)	2,148 (49.1%)	638 (14.6%)
6. Job Opportunities	T	132 (44.0%)	111 (37.0%)	57 (19.0%)	47 (16.8%)	168 (60.0%)	65 (23.2%)
	R	76 (61.3%)	36 (29.0%)	12 (9.7%)	22 (18.8%)	50 (42.7%)	45 (38.5%)
	NR	55 (31.8%)	74 (42.8%)	44 (25.4%)	24 (15.0%)	116 (72.5%)	20 (12.5%)
	C	2,377 (52.3%)	1,483 (32.6%)	689 (15.1%)	709 (16.3%)	2,433 (55.9%)	1,214 (27.9%)

Level of Importance

Level of Satisfaction

		Important	Neutral	Not Important	Satisfied	Neutral	Not Satisfied
7. Shopping Facilities	T	143 (47.7%)	121 (40.3%)	36 (12.0%)	126 (43.3%)	120 (41.2%)	45 (15.5%)
	R	67 (55.4%)	40 (33.1%)	14 (11.6%)	47 (40.2%)	38 (32.5%)	32 (27.4%)
	NR	74 (42.0%)	80 (45.5%)	22 (12.5%)	77 (45.0%)	81 (47.4%)	13 (7.6%)
	C	2,016 (44.2%)	1,819 (39.9%)	726 (15.9%)	1,648 (37.5%)	1,955 (44.5%)	792 (18.0%)
8. Housing You Can Afford	T	143 (48.0%)	101 (33.9%)	54 (18.1%)	68 (24.5%)	169 (60.8%)	41 (14.7%)
	R	77 (63.1%)	33 (27.0%)	12 (9.8%)	31 (27.2%)	62 (54.4%)	21 (18.4%)
	NR	65 (37.6%)	67 (38.7%)	41 (23.7%)	35 (21.7%)	106 (65.8%)	20 (12.4%)
	C	2,503 (55.0%)	1,433 (31.5%)	613 (13.5%)	1,323 (30.4%)	2,319 (53.3%)	712 (16.4%)
9. Environmental Quality	T	270 (90.0%)	28 (9.3%)	2 (.7%)	177 (61.0%)	88 (30.3%)	25 (8.6%)
	R	110 (90.2%)	10 (8.2%)	2 (1.6%)	64 (54.7%)	40 (34.2%)	13 (11.1%)
	NR	158 (90.3%)	17 (9.7%)	0 (0%)	112 (65.9%)	46 (27.1%)	12 (7.1%)
	C	4,023 (87.9%)	464 (10.1%)	90 (2.0%)	2,603 (59.1%)	1,339 (30.4%)	466 (10.6%)
10. Air Quality	T	276 (91.4%)	24 (7.9%)	2 (.7%)	212 (72.6%)	70 (24.0%)	10 (3.4%)
	R	113 (91.9%)	8 (6.5%)	2 (1.6%)	82 (69.5%)	32 (27.1%)	4 (3.4%)
	NR	160 (90.9%)	16 (9.1%)	0 (0%)	128 (74.9%)	37 (21.6%)	6 (3.5%)
	C	4,070 (89.0%)	435 (9.5%)	69 (1.5%)	3,207 (72.8%)	1,023 (23.2%)	178 (4.0%)
11. Waterfront Protection	T	246 (82.3%)	41 (13.7%)	12 (4.0%)	147 (51.2%)	95 (33.1%)	45 (15.7%)
	R	98 (80.3%)	17 (13.9%)	7 (5.7%)	62 (53.9%)	31 (27.0%)	22 (19.1%)
	NR	145 (83.3%)	24 (13.8%)	5 (2.9%)	84 (49.7%)	63 (37.3%)	22 (13.0%)
	C	3,493 (76.4%)	877 (19.2%)	204 (4.5%)	1,864 (42.4%)	1,606 (36.5%)	927 (21.2%)
12. Quality of Life	T	264 (88.0%)	33 (11.0%)	3 (1.0%)	197 (68.2%)	84 (29.1%)	8 (2.8%)
	R	113 (91.9%)	8 (6.5%)	2 (1.6%)	86 (72.9%)	27 (22.9%)	5 (4.2%)
	NR	149 (85.6%)	24 (13.8%)	1 (.6%)	108 (64.3%)	57 (33.9%)	3 (1.8%)
	C	4,022 (88.2%)	473 (10.4%)	66 (1.4%)	2,874 (65.5%)	1,256 (28.6%)	260 (5.9%)
13. Noise Pollution	T	226 (75.3%)	66 (22.0%)	8 (2.7%)	140 (48.6%)	106 (36.8%)	42 (14.6%)
	R	93 (76.2%)	26 (21.3%)	3 (2.5%)	65 (55.6%)	36 (30.8%)	16 (13.7%)
	NR	130 (74.3%)	40 (22.9%)	5 (2.9%)	74 (44.0%)	69 (41.1%)	25 (14.9%)
	C	3,314 (72.6%)	1,026 (22.5%)	227 (5.0%)	2,145 (48.8%)	1,595 (36.3%)	660 (15.0%)
14. Public Land Management	T	205 (68.3%)	87 (29.0%)	8 (2.7%)	97 (33.9%)	135 (47.2%)	54 (18.9%)
	R	77 (63.1%)	39 (32.0%)	6 (4.9%)	28 (24.1%)	54 (46.6%)	34 (29.3%)
	NR	126 (72.0%)	47 (26.9%)	2 (1.1%)	67 (40.1%)	80 (47.9%)	20 (12.0%)
	C	3,117 (68.4%)	1,264 (27.8%)	173 (3.8%)	1,503 (34.3%)	2,052 (46.9%)	822 (18.8%)
15. Adequate Energy Supply	T	226 (75.3%)	63 (21.0%)	11 (3.7%)	159 (55.6%)	109 (38.1%)	18 (6.3%)
	R	97 (79.5%)	20 (16.4%)	5 (4.1%)	64 (55.2%)	40 (34.5%)	12 (10.3%)
	NR	126 (72.0%)	43 (24.6%)	6 (3.4%)	92 (55.1%)	69 (41.3%)	6 (3.6%)
	C	3,440 (75.5%)	984 (21.6%)	133 (2.9%)	2,430 (55.4%)	1,609 (36.7%)	350 (8.0%)

16. How satisfied are you that your local elected officials are serving your needs?

	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	No Opinion
T	69 (23.1%)	81 (27.1%)	149 (49.8%)
R	29 (24.0%)	50 (41.3%)	42 (34.7%)
NR	39 (22.3%)	31 (17.7%)	105 (60.0%)
C	1,560 (34.2%)	1,252 (27.4%)	1,752 (38.4%)

17. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes or user fees to improve services such as fire protection, law enforcement and road maintenance?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
T	43 (14.3%)	225 (74.8%)	33 (11.0%)
R	19 (15.4%)	96 (78.0%)	8 (6.5%)
NR	24 (13.7%)	126 (72.0%)	25 (14.3%)
C	799 (17.4%)	3,291 (71.6%)	506 (11.0%)

18. Should my local government develop cooperative agreements with adjoining jurisdictions to share equipment such as graders, dump trucks and other heavy equipment?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
T	247 (82.1%)	18 (6.0%)	36 (12.0%)
R	102 (83.6%)	7 (5.7%)	13 (10.7%)
NR	143 (81.3%)	11 (6.3%)	22 (12.5%)
C	3,501 (76.1%)	473 (10.3%)	629 (13.7%)

19. Is there a need for neighboring local governments to meet and work together as a team?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
T	231 (78.8%)	14 (4.8%)	48 (16.4%)
R	97 (82.2%)	6 (5.1%)	15 (12.7%)
NR	131 (76.2%)	8 (4.7%)	33 (19.2%)
C	3,450 (77.6%)	263 (5.9%)	733 (16.5%)

II. LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING

Land use planning involves a process of defining goals & priorities for your community and using these goals and priorities to guide elected officials and citizens in making better informed land use decisions.

20. How important are land use issues to you?

	Important	Not Important	Not Sure
T	238 (79.3%)	14 (4.7%)	48 (16.0%)
R	94 (77.0%)	7 (5.7%)	21 (17.2%)
NR	141 (80.6%)	7 (4.0%)	27 (15.4%)
C	3,571 (78.7%)	302 (6.7%)	666 (14.7%)

Please respond to the following statements that address growth management issues in your community:

LAND USE PLANNING		Yes	No	Don't Know
21. Does my town/village/city need land use planning?	T	163 (54.5%)	42 (14.0%)	94 (31.4%)
	R	68 (55.7%)	20 (16.4%)	34 (27.9%)
	NR	93 (53.4%)	22 (12.6%)	59 (33.9%)
	C	2,568 (56.0%)	694 (15.1%)	1,320 (28.8%)
22. Does Washburn County need land use planning?	T	193 (64.5%)	28 (9.4%)	78 (26.1%)
	R	81 (66.4%)	13 (10.7%)	28 (23.0%)
	NR	109 (62.6%)	15 (8.6%)	50 (28.7%)
	C	2,887 (63.0%)	533 (11.6%)	1,166 (25.4%)
23. Should there be more cooperation among communities in planning for growth?	T	225 (75.5%)	21 (7.0%)	52 (17.4%)
	R	91 (75.2%)	13 (10.7%)	17 (14.0%)
	NR	131 (75.3%)	8 (4.6%)	35 (20.1%)
	C	3,416 (74.7%)	348 (7.6%)	807 (17.7%)
WATER RESOURCES		Yes	No	Don't Know
24. Should the surface waters of Washburn County (its lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands) be further protected from the negative effects of development?	T	226 (75.6%)	42 (14.0%)	31 (10.4%)
	R	88 (72.7%)	23 (19.0%)	10 (8.3%)
	NR	135 (77.1%)	19 (10.9%)	21 (12.0%)
	C	3,369 (73.4%)	725 (15.8%)	497 (10.8%)
25. Should provisions be made to preserve the natural beauty of lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands?	T	245 (81.9%)	32 (10.7%)	22 (7.4%)
	R	95 (78.5%)	17 (14.0%)	9 (7.4%)
	NR	147 (84.0%)	15 (8.6%)	13 (7.4%)
	C	3,723 (81.2%)	491 (10.7%)	369 (8.1%)

ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS

		Yes	No	Don't Know
26. Do zoning restrictions improve areas more than they detract from them?	T	155 (52.4%)	39 (13.2%)	102 (34.5%)
	R	65 (53.7%)	15 (12.4%)	41 (33.9%)
	NR	88 (51.2%)	24 (14.0%)	60 (34.9%)
	C	2,332 (51.1%)	830 (18.2%)	1,398 (30.7%)
27. Should land use be restricted by zoning?	T	178 (59.3%)	48 (16.0%)	74 (24.7%)
	R	69 (56.1%)	21 (17.1%)	33 (26.8%)
	NR	107 (61.5%)	27 (15.5%)	40 (23.0%)
	C	2,690 (58.9%)	937 (20.5%)	942 (20.6%)
28. Should there be aesthetic requirements for commercial and industrial development (i.e. landscaping, natural colors and material)?	T	201 (67.2%)	50 (16.7%)	48 (16.1%)
	R	76 (62.8%)	23 (19.0%)	22 (18.2%)
	NR	125 (71.4%)	26 (14.9%)	24 (13.7%)
	C	3,021 (66.0%)	917 (20.0%)	638 (13.9%)
29. Should new businesses generally be required to locate near other businesses?	T	164 (54.5%)	76 (25.2%)	61 (20.3%)
	R	57 (46.3%)	40 (32.5%)	26 (21.1%)
	NR	106 (60.6%)	36 (20.6%)	33 (18.9%)
	C	2,418 (52.8%)	1,400 (30.6%)	764 (16.7%)
30. Should rural residential lots have a minimum size restriction?	T	195 (65.4%)	68 (22.8%)	35 (11.7%)
	R	78 (63.9%)	33 (27.0%)	11 (9.0%)
	NR	114 (65.9%)	35 (20.2%)	24 (13.9%)
	C	2,703 (58.9%)	1,339 (29.2%)	550 (12.0%)
31. Should land use regulations be strongly enforced?	T	205 (68.3%)	36 (12.0%)	59 (19.7%)
	R	80 (65.0%)	19 (15.4%)	24 (19.5%)
	NR	122 (70.1%)	17 (9.8%)	35 (20.1%)
	C	2,966 (64.8%)	731 (16.0%)	880 (19.2%)

PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

		Yes	No	Don't Know
32. Is it important to preserve the agricultural industry in Washburn County?	T	210 (70.0%)	31 (10.3%)	59 (19.7%)
	R	85 (69.1%)	14 (11.4%)	24 (19.5%)
	NR	122 (70.1%)	17 (9.8%)	35 (20.1%)
	C	3,248 (70.8%)	549 (12.0%)	788 (17.2%)
33. Should a landowner have the right to sell his or her farmland for purposes other than farming?	T	242 (81.2%)	17 (5.7%)	39 (13.1%)
	R	100 (81.3%)	7 (5.7%)	16 (13.0%)
	NR	140 (81.4%)	9 (5.2%)	23 (13.4%)
	C	3,638 (79.7%)	307 (6.7%)	620 (13.6%)
34. Should the rural character of Washburn County be preserved?	T	222 (74.0%)	22 (7.3%)	56 (18.7%)
	R	87 (70.2%)	13 (10.5%)	24 (19.4%)
	NR	134 (77.5%)	9 (5.2%)	30 (17.3%)
	C	3,416 (74.7%)	398 (8.7%)	756 (16.5%)

		Yes	No	Don't Know
35. Is it important to attract new population to this area?	T	99 (33.0%)	159 (53.0%)	42 (14.0%)
	R	47 (38.2%)	62 (50.4%)	14 (11.4%)
	NR	50 (28.7%)	96 (55.2%)	28 (16.1%)
	C	1,568 (34.3%)	2,386 (52.2%)	617 (13.5%)
36. Is it important to attract more tourists to this area?	T	136 (45.3%)	125 (41.7%)	39 (13.0%)
	R	66 (53.7%)	47 (38.2%)	10 (8.1%)
	NR	68 (39.1%)	77 (44.3%)	29 (16.7%)
	C	2,112 (46.2%)	1,878 (41.0%)	586 (12.8%)
37. Is it important to attract new industry to this area?	T	183 (61.0%)	75 (25.0%)	42 (14.0%)
	R	91 (74.0%)	21 (17.1%)	11 (8.9%)
	NR	89 (51.1%)	54 (31.0%)	31 (17.8%)
	C	2,765 (60.3%)	1,160 (25.3%)	657 (14.3%)
38. Is it important to plan for future utility corridors?	T	200 (66.7%)	41 (13.7%)	59 (19.7%)
	R	80 (65.0%)	17 (13.8%)	26 (21.1%)
	NR	117 (67.2%)	24 (13.8%)	33 (19.0%)
	C	3,013 (65.9%)	610 (13.3%)	948 (20.7%)

Do you think your community should place MORE OR FEWER restrictions on the following:

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
39. Where mobile homes can be located	T	124 (41.1%)	86 (28.5%)	29 (9.6%)	63 (20.9%)
	R	54 (43.5%)	39 (31.5%)	12 (9.7%)	19 (15.3%)
	NR	68 (38.9%)	46 (26.3%)	17 (9.7%)	44 (25.1%)
	C	1,912 (41.7%)	1,586 (34.6%)	486 (10.6%)	605 (13.2%)
40. Where residential housing can be built	T	54 (18.0%)	152 (50.7%)	28 (9.3%)	66 (22.0%)
	R	24 (19.4%)	71 (57.3%)	13 (10.5%)	16 (12.9%)
	NR	30 (17.3%)	80 (46.2%)	15 (8.7%)	48 (27.7%)
	C	941 (20.6%)	2,479 (54.3%)	522 (11.4%)	624 (13.7%)
41. Location of campgrounds and RV parks	T	101 (33.8%)	118 (39.5%)	24 (8.0%)	56 (18.7%)
	R	39 (31.7%)	51 (41.5%)	13 (10.6%)	20 (16.3%)
	NR	60 (34.7%)	67 (38.7%)	11 (6.4%)	35 (20.2%)
	C	1,322 (29.0%)	2,183 (47.8%)	385 (8.4%)	673 (14.7%)
42. Location of manufacturing plants	T	105 (34.9%)	98 (32.6%)	21 (7.0%)	77 (25.6%)
	R	38 (30.6%)	44 (35.5%)	15 (12.1%)	27 (21.8%)
	NR	65 (37.4%)	54 (31.0%)	6 (3.4%)	49 (28.2%)
	C	1,493 (32.7%)	1,801 (39.4%)	368 (8.1%)	905 (19.8%)
43. Location of retail and commercial enterprises	T	68 (22.7%)	142 (47.5%)	21 (7.0%)	68 (22.7%)
	R	27 (22.1%)	55 (45.1%)	14 (11.5%)	26 (21.3%)
	NR	41 (23.6%)	85 (48.9%)	7 (4.0%)	41 (23.6%)
	C	1,164 (25.6%)	2,209 (48.5%)	381 (8.4%)	799 (17.5%)

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
44. Location of cellular towers	T	99 (33.3%)	90 (30.3%)	28 (9.4%)	80 (26.9%)
	R	39 (32.0%)	43 (35.2%)	15 (12.3%)	25 (20.5%)
	NR	59 (34.3%)	46 (26.7%)	13 (7.6%)	54 (31.4%)
	C	1,643 (36.0%)	1,441 (31.6%)	541 (11.8%)	942 (20.6%)
45. Location of sand and gravel pit operations	T	86 (28.8%)	114 (38.1%)	21 (7.0%)	78 (26.1%)
	R	38 (30.6%)	50 (40.3%)	10 (8.1%)	11 (6.4%)
	NR	46 (26.7%)	64 (37.2%)	11 (6.4%)	51 (29.7%)
	C	1,314 (28.9%)	1,921 (42.2%)	406 (8.9%)	913 (20.0%)
46. Location of large feedlots	T	119 (39.7%)	80 (26.7%)	24 (8.0%)	77 (25.7%)
	R	41 (33.3%)	45 (36.6%)	10 (8.1%)	27 (22.0%)
	NR	77 (44.3%)	35 (20.1%)	14 (8.0%)	48 (27.6%)
	C	1,749 (38.3%)	1,355 (29.7%)	419 (9.2%)	1,041 (22.8%)
47. Location of agricultural processing plants	T	95 (31.9%)	95 (31.9%)	15 (5.0%)	93 (31.2%)
	R	33 (26.8%)	47 (38.2%)	7 (5.7%)	36 (29.3%)
	NR	60 (34.9%)	48 (27.9%)	8 (4.7%)	56 (32.6%)
	C	1,516 (33.3%)	1,534 (33.7%)	318 (7.0%)	1,178 (25.9%)
48. Development on wetlands	T	129 (43.0%)	93 (31.0%)	33 (11.0%)	45 (15.0%)
	R	50 (40.3%)	44 (35.5%)	16 (12.9%)	14 (11.3%)
	NR	77 (44.5%)	49 (28.3%)	17 (9.8%)	30 (17.3%)
	C	1,792 (39.2%)	1,572 (34.4%)	675 (14.8%)	533 (11.7%)
49. Development on floodplains	T	127 (42.2%)	84 (27.9%)	32 (10.6%)	58 (19.3%)
	R	49 (39.5%)	41 (33.1%)	13 (10.5%)	21 (16.9%)
	NR	76 (43.7%)	43 (24.7%)	19 (10.9%)	36 (20.7%)
	C	1,730 (37.9%)	1,490 (32.7%)	574 (12.6%)	766 (16.8%)
50. Development on land with unique natural features	T	142 (47.2%)	78 (25.9%)	28 (9.3%)	53 (17.6%)
	R	52 (41.9%)	45 (36.3%)	11 (8.9%)	16 (12.9%)
	NR	88 (50.6%)	33 (19.0%)	17 (9.8%)	36 (20.7%)
	C	1,861 (40.9%)	1,478 (32.5%)	510 (11.2%)	703 (15.4%)
51. Billboards	T	139 (46.2%)	82 (27.2%)	44 (14.6%)	36 (12.0%)
	R	55 (44.4%)	38 (30.6%)	22 (17.7%)	9 (7.3%)
	NR	83 (47.7%)	44 (25.3%)	22 (12.6%)	25 (14.4%)
	C	2,140 (46.8%)	1,243 (27.2%)	777 (17.0%)	410 (9.0%)
52. Logging practices	T	100 (33.3%)	111 (37.0%)	31 (10.3%)	58 (19.3%)
	R	45 (36.3%)	42 (33.9%)	17 (13.7%)	20 (16.1%)
	NR	53 (30.6%)	69 (39.9%)	14 (8.1%)	37 (21.4%)
	C	1,364 (29.8%)	1,962 (42.9%)	507 (11.1%)	739 (16.2%)

III. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

53. How would you rate your local government (town/village/city) or community services?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Road Maintenance	T	22 (7.5%)	129 (43.7%)	86 (29.2%)	41 (13.9%)	17 (5.8%)
	R	10 (8.3%)	37 (30.6%)	47 (38.8%)	27 (22.3%)	0 (0%)
	NR	12 (7.0%)	90 (52.3%)	39 (22.7%)	14 (8.1%)	17 (9.9%)
	C	487 (10.7%)	2,133 (47.0%)	1,123 (24.7%)	554 (12.2%)	244 (5.4%)
Fire Protection	T	24 (8.1%)	103 (34.7%)	62 (20.9%)	35 (11.8%)	73 (24.6%)
	R	12 (9.8%)	39 (31.7%)	30 (24.4%)	24 (19.5%)	18 (14.6%)
	NR	12 (7.0%)	63 (36.6%)	31 (18.0%)	11 (6.4%)	55 (32.0%)
	C	620 (13.6%)	2,019 (44.4%)	682 (15.0%)	237 (5.2%)	986 (21.7%)
Law Enforcement	T	20 (6.7%)	125 (42.1%)	65 (21.9%)	28 (9.4%)	59 (19.9%)
	R	8 (6.6%)	52 (42.6%)	29 (23.8%)	20 (16.4%)	13 (10.7%)
	NR	12 (6.9%)	71 (41.0%)	36 (20.8%)	8 (4.6%)	46 (26.6%)
	C	467 (10.3%)	2,113 (46.6%)	834 (18.4%)	313 (6.9%)	809 (17.8%)
Ambulance Service	T	19 (6.4%)	100 (33.7%)	50 (16.8%)	19 (6.4%)	109 (36.7%)
	R	9 (7.3%)	50 (40.7%)	25 (20.3%)	12 (9.8%)	27 (22.0%)
	NR	10 (5.8%)	49 (28.5%)	25 (14.5%)	7 (4.1%)	81 (47.1%)
	C	590 (13.0%)	1,762 (38.8%)	642 (14.1%)	200 (4.4%)	1,345 (29.6%)
Health Care Availability	T	26 (8.8%)	129 (43.4%)	59 (19.9%)	19 (6.4%)	64 (21.5%)
	R	11 (8.9%)	55 (44.7%)	29 (23.6%)	14 (11.4%)	14 (11.4%)
	NR	15 (8.7%)	72 (41.9%)	30 (17.4%)	5 (2.9%)	50 (29.1%)
	C	510 (11.2%)	1,896 (41.8%)	947 (20.9%)	342 (7.5%)	845 (18.6%)

54. Should my elected officials encourage the startup or expansion of private economic development?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
T	134 (46.0%)	68 (23.4%)	89 (30.6%)
R	62 (51.7%)	25 (20.8%)	33 (27.5%)
NR	71 (42.0%)	42 (24.9%)	56 (33.1%)
C	2,112 (47.2%)	1,041 (23.3%)	1,319 (29.5%)

55. Should my community provide incentives (such as reduced cost to purchase commercial/industrial land, development of roads, or provide infrastructure-electricity, natural gas) to encourage local economic development?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
T	112 (38.4%)	102 (34.9%)	78 (26.7%)
R	60 (50.0%)	35 (29.2%)	25 (20.8%)
NR	51 (30.0%)	67 (39.4%)	52 (30.6%)
C	1,789 (39.9%)	1,669 (37.2%)	1,028 (22.9%)

56. Are there adequate community facilities?

		Yes	No	Don't Know
Local Parks	T	182 (61.1%)	49 (16.4%)	67 (22.5%)
	R	72 (58.5%)	35 (28.5%)	16 (13.0%)
	NR	110 (63.6%)	14 (8.1%)	49 (28.3%)
	C	3,032 (66.9%)	721 (15.9%)	779 (17.2%)
Town/Village/City Hall	T	216 (72.5%)	13 (4.4%)	69 (23.2%)
	R	100 (81.3%)	8 (6.5%)	15 (12.2%)
	NR	116 (67.1%)	5 (2.9%)	52 (30.1%)
	C	3,568 (78.4%)	169 (3.7%)	813 (17.9%)
Town/Village/City Garage	T	145 (48.8%)	17 (5.7%)	135 (45.5%)
	R	62 (50.4%)	13 (10.6%)	48 (39.0%)
	NR	83 (48.3%)	4 (2.3%)	85 (49.4%)
	C	2,818 (62.4%)	252 (5.6%)	1,449 (32.1%)
Schools	T	170 (57.6%)	52 (17.6%)	73 (24.7%)
	R	74 (61.2%)	34 (28.1%)	13 (10.7%)
	NR	95 (55.2%)	18 (10.5%)	59 (34.3%)
	C	2,914 (64.1%)	674 (14.8%)	956 (21.0%)

IV. RECREATIONAL USE ISSUES

Should there be MORE OR FEWER restrictions on the following recreational activities on public land, such as state and county forests, or water.

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
57. Use of personal watercraft	T	158 (53.0%)	104 (34.9%)	22 (7.4%)	14 (4.7%)
	R	67 (54.5%)	41 (33.3%)	8 (6.5%)	7 (5.7%)
	NR	89 (51.4%)	63 (36.4%)	14 (8.1%)	7 (4.0%)
	C	2,243 (49.3%)	1,719 (37.8%)	387 (8.5%)	202 (4.4%)
58. Use of high speed boats	T	153 (51.5%)	104 (35.0%)	26 (8.8%)	14 (4.7%)
	R	68 (55.3%)	38 (30.9%)	11 (8.9%)	6 (4.9%)
	NR	85 (49.4%)	64 (37.2%)	15 (8.7%)	8 (4.7%)
	C	2,466 (54.1%)	1,419 (31.1%)	479 (10.5%)	195 (4.3%)
59. Use of snowmobiles	T	88 (29.5%)	172 (57.7%)	24 (8.1%)	14 (4.7%)
	R	38 (30.9%)	73 (59.3%)	7 (5.7%)	5 (4.1%)
	NR	50 (28.9%)	98 (56.6%)	17 (9.8%)	8 (4.6%)
	C	1,405 (30.8%)	2,450 (53.8%)	423 (9.3%)	279 (6.1%)
60. Use of all terrain vehicles	T	133 (44.8%)	104 (35.0%)	45 (15.2%)	15 (5.1%)
	R	58 (47.5%)	42 (34.4%)	16 (13.1%)	6 (4.9%)
	NR	74 (42.8%)	61 (35.3%)	29 (16.8%)	9 (5.2%)
	C	1,815 (39.8%)	1,723 (37.8%)	740 (16.2%)	278 (6.1%)

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
61. Use of off-road motorized dirt bikes	T	150 (50.3%)	85 (28.5%)	38 (12.8%)	25 (8.4%)
	R	62 (51.2%)	32 (26.4%)	16 (13.2%)	11 (9.1%)
	NR	87 (49.7%)	52 (29.7%)	22 (12.6%)	14 (8.0%)
	C	2,005 (43.7%)	1,563 (34.0%)	570 (12.4%)	453 (9.9%)
62. Hunting	T	24 (8.1%)	233 (78.5%)	28 (9.4%)	12 (4.0%)
	R	8 (6.7%)	98 (82.4%)	11 (9.2%)	2 (1.7%)
	NR	16 (9.1%)	133 (75.6%)	17 (9.7%)	10 (5.7%)
	C	498 (10.8%)	3,270 (71.2%)	610 (13.3%)	217 (4.7%)
63. Fishing	T	20 (6.7%)	244 (81.6%)	25 (8.4%)	10 (3.3%)
	R	6 (5.0%)	103 (85.1%)	10 (8.3%)	2 (1.7%)
	NR	14 (8.0%)	139 (79.0%)	15 (8.5%)	8 (4.5%)
	C	324 (7.1%)	3,477 (75.7%)	609 (13.3%)	183 (4.0%)
64. Recreational boating	T	35 (11.7%)	227 (75.9%)	20 (6.7%)	17 (5.7%)
	R	16 (13.2%)	91 (75.2%)	9 (7.4%)	5 (4.1%)
	NR	19 (10.8%)	134 (76.1%)	11 (6.3%)	12 (6.8%)
	C	619 (13.5%)	3,302 (72.1%)	436 (9.5%)	224 (4.9%)
65. Off- road mountain biking	T	60 (20.1%)	157 (52.5%)	30 (10.0%)	52 (17.4%)
	R	24 (19.7%)	66 (54.1%)	13 (10.7%)	19 (15.6%)
	NR	36 (20.6%)	90 (51.4%)	17 (9.7%)	32 (18.3%)
	C	783 (17.1%)	2,414 (52.9%)	590 (12.9%)	780 (17.1%)
66. Structures on water (such as...boat lifts, trampolines, rafts)	T	68 (22.7%)	179 (59.7%)	21 (7.0%)	32 (10.7%)
	R	32 (26.2%)	66 (54.1%)	11 (9.0%)	13 (10.7%)
	NR	36 (20.5%)	111 (63.1%)	10 (5.7%)	19 (10.8%)
	C	1,150 (25.0%)	2,402 (52.3%)	531 (11.6%)	509 (11.1%)

V. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RESIDENCE OR OTHER PROPERTY

67. Is your primary residence located in Washburn County?

T 124 (41.3%) YES

C 2,527 (54.9%)

a. What Town? _____ na

b. What Village? _____ na

c. What City? _____ na

T 176 (58.7%) NO, I reside outside of Washburn County.

C 2,078 (45.1%)

d. Do you own or rent your dwelling?

T	118 (99.2%) Own	1 (.8%) Rent
C	2,386 (99.2%)	19 (.8%)

68. Approximately how many total acres do you own in Washburn County?

Number of Acres	Town	Town-Resident	Town-Nonresident	County
0 – 1	100 (33.0%)	30 (24.2%)	68 (38.6%)	1,284 (27.6%)
1.1 – 3	69 (22.8%)	25 (20.2%)	44 (25.0%)	789 (17.0%)
3.1 – 5	23 (7.6%)	12 (9.7%)	11 (6.3%)	450 (9.7%)
5.1 – 10	28 (9.2%)	12 (9.7%)	16 (9.1%)	428 (9.2%)
10.1 – 20	22 (7.3%)	7 (5.6%)	14 (8.0%)	299 (6.4%)
20.1 – 40	27 (8.9%)	16 (12.9%)	11 (6.3%)	435 (9.4%)
40.1 – 100	22 (7.3%)	15 (12.1%)	7 (4.0%)	508 (10.9%)
100.1 – 500	9 (3.0%)	5 (4.0%)	4 (2.3%)	382 (8.2%)
500 – 6,800	3 (1.0%)	2 (1.6%)	1 (.6%)	69 (1.5%)

69. Is your primary Washburn County residence (or most frequently used property in Washburn County)?

	Lakeshore Property	Riverfront Property	Non-Waterfront Property (neither lakeshore nor riverfront)
T	225 (76.5%)	2 (.7%)	67 (22.8%)
R	82 (67.2%)	1 (.8%)	39 (32.0%)
NR	141 (82.9%)	1 (.6%)	28 (16.5%)
C	2,014 (45.8%)	193 (4.4%)	2,189 (49.8%)

70. If you own undeveloped lakeshore or riverfront property, do you plan on developing the property?

T	30 (18.6%)	YES, in
R	11 (15.7%)	
NR	19 (20.9%)	
C	444 (19.9%)	

	1 - 5 years	6 – 10 years	11 – 15 years	16 – 20 years
T	9	12	5	1
R	6	3	1	0
NR	3	9	4	1
C	236	131	36	10

T	131 (81.4%)	NO
R	59 (84.3%)	
NR	72 (79.1%)	
C	1,789 (80.1%)	

71. If you own undeveloped non-waterfront property, do you plan on developing the property?

T 30 (20.1%) **YES**, in

R 15 (20.5%)

NR 15 (19.7%)

C 552 (19.8%)

	1 - 5 years	6 - 10 years	11 - 15 years	16 - 20 years
T	16	12	2	0
R	7	7	1	0
NR	9	5	1	0
C	284	182	42	22

T 119 (79.9%) **NO**

R 58 (79.5%)

NR 61 (80.3%)

C 2,230 (80.2%)

V. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

72. How long have you lived (or owned property) in Washburn County as either a permanent or seasonal resident?

Number of Years	Town	Town-Resident	Town-Nonresident	County
0 - 5	54 (17.8%)	12 (9.7%)	41 (23.3%)	968 (20.8%)
6 - 10	52 (17.2%)	26 (21.0%)	25 (14.2%)	791 (17.0%)
11 - 20	74 (24.4%)	27 (21.8%)	46 (26.1%)	928 (20.0%)
21 - 30	62 (20.5%)	30 (24.2%)	32 (18.2%)	869 (18.7%)
31 - 40	35 (11.6%)	12 (9.7%)	23 (13.1%)	465 (10.0%)
41 - 50	17 (5.6%)	12 (9.7%)	5 (2.8%)	318 (6.8%)
50 years and greater	9 (3.0%)	5 (4.0%)	4 (2.3%)	305 (6.6%)

73. Please list the total number of people in each age group that live in your household:

	Under 5	5 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 74	75 +
T	22	25	100	36	102	245	56	94	44
R	7	10	29	4	38	88	23	55	21
NR	15	14	70	32	62	155	33	39	23
C	377	546	1,586	516	2,092	3,500	910	1,259	530

74. What is your gender?

	Male	Female	Multiple Respondents
T	214 (71.3%)	78 (26.0%)	8 (2.7%)
R	79 (64.8%)	36 (29.5%)	7 (5.7%)
NR	133 (75.6%)	42 (23.9%)	1 (.6%)
C	3,285 (71.8%)	1,144 (25.0%)	146 (3.2%)

75. Is your current place of employment located in Washburn County?

	Yes	No	Retired	Unemployed
T	30 (10.0%)	155 (51.8%)	111 (37.1%)	3 (1.0%)
R	28 (23.0%)	31 (25.4%)	60 (49.2%)	3 (2.5%)
NR	2 (1.1%)	122 (69.7%)	51 (29.1%)	0 (0%)
C	932 (20.5%)	2,076 (45.7%)	1,464 (32.2%)	74 (1.6%)

If employed, how many miles do you travel round trip to your place of work?

Number of Miles	Town	Town-Resident	Town-Nonresident	County
0 – 2	252 (83.2%)	89 (71.8%)	161 (91.5%)	3,590 (77.3%)
2.1 – 4	1 (.3%)	0 (0%)	1 (.6%)	69 (1.5%)
4.1 – 8	8 (2.6%)	5 (4.0%)	3 (1.7%)	140 (3.0%)
8.1 – 12	7 (2.3%)	2 (1.6%)	5 (2.8%)	114 (2.5%)
12.1 – 17	7 (2.3%)	7 (5.6%)	0 (0%)	120 (2.6%)
17.1 – 24	5 (1.7%)	3 (2.4%)	2 (1.1%)	123 (2.6%)
24.1 – 32	4 (1.3%)	2 (1.6%)	2 (1.1%)	130 (2.8%)
32.1 – 45	5 (1.7%)	3 (2.4%)	1 (.6%)	114 (2.5%)
45.1 – 70	6 (2.0%)	6 (4.8%)	0 (0%)	126 (2.7%)
70.1 – 2000	8 (2.6%)	7 (5.6%)	1 (.6%)	118 (2.5%)

76. What are the top three most important issues to you confronting your community?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

77. What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

78. What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

79. Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

Please mail back this survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Please return by January 30, 2002. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

New high school in Spooner.

School!! We don't need a 31 million dollar school.

Taxes are too high.

Taxes.

Adequate growth strategies and building type codes for lakeshore.

Taxes.

Lack of amenities and services expected by non-township residents now retiring in the area.

Quality of life; health care.

A new school.

Property taxes.

Solution to the "new school" problem.

Better schooling. I.e. High School.

Education of the children.

Stop lake pollution.

The ability to make improvements to my property.

Community leaders stuck in time warp and are stopping progress and growth.

Recreational use of the public forests.

Middle class or retired, fixed income owners being forced to sell property because of excessive taxes and re-evaluation criteria.

Lake associations that try and place or make restrictions on lakes.

Taxes are so high they almost force you to sell. I planned to retire and build a home here but might not be able to afford to do this. My wife's family lived here but we can't.

High high taxes-you are driving us out!!

Taxes.

Use of 4-wheelers.

Road maintenance including snow removal on a tire fly basis.

Schools. Roads.

Schools.

Improvement of the Casey roads.

Rapid growth.

Presenting sprawl onto Ag land.

Higher paying jobs.

Controlling cost of government services.

Preserve loon-nesting areas.

Public access roads to my property.

Taxes.

Abuse of lakes by jet skiers, large watercraft on small lake, excessive water speeds, disruption of wild life, "nesting."

I think the laws that the D.N.R. have right now are fine.

Taxes again!

Taxes.

Taxes.

Community schools.

Preserve our natural resources.

Environment.

High taxes because of out state big bucks paid for land.

Holding the line on taxes.

Public transportation.

Tax rate increases.

Stop developments of property not suitable for development of business.

Enforcement of current codes in the proper maintenance of property.

Preservation of waterfront areas.

Air, water and land quality should be protected and upgraded.

Land owners shouldn't be able to make new restrictions or make rules governing lake usage.

What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

High taxes. People are forced to see lakeshore to pay taxes. If we are to preserve lakeshores give us a break!

Taxes.

Taxes.

The head of the zoning administration in Shell Lake has done a very poor job enforcing the zoning laws that are already on the books, much less expecting him to take on any new ones! He or his offices have used questionable judgment when his office advises the Washburn County board on decisions they must make. The public opinion is ignored.

Lack of industry.

Property taxes. The amount of taxes we pay will eventually force us to move out of Washburn County. In 23 years, it has gone from \$400/yr to \$4,400/yr. On a fixed income, this is untenable.

Have appropriate and reasonable land use plan in place and fully enforce them.

Improve roads.

Lack of county police patrols and speed limit enforcement.

Property taxes.

Taxes.

Taxes.

Education-lack of community involvement.

More employment if possible.

Preservation of pristine wilderness.

New schools.

Taxes.

Property taxes.

Natural resource protection/wise use.

Protection and enforcement of water quality and lakeshore.

Jobs.

Taxes.

We have realized that some county board members on many occasions have not individually researched the subject that they are voting on and just go along because of the pressure from other board members. The public opinion is ignored.

Inadequate school facilities.

Fair taxation.

Improve Lower McKenzie Lake fish quality.

Taxes.

Inspective septic systems, particularly around lakes.

Tourism-we need to capitalize more.

Better downtown area.

Preserve high quality of lake water.

Preserve natural beauty.

Taxes.

Improvement of local public school facilities.

High taxes.

Education.

Taxes.

Windy politicians.

Equal voice from non-resident landowners.

Improve tax assessment figuring.

Taxes.

Better fire and police protection.

Lack of industry.

School and better school board.

Concern with pollution.

Encourage suitable development.

Taxes.

Maintaining quality of life.

TCASEY

What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

Town roads and parking. Proper consideration for all owners.

Development vs. conservation.

Keeping the taxes down.

Fire protection.

Taxes.

Good schools, fire and police protection.

Property taxes.

Taxes.

Property taxes too high for services required.

High taxes.

Education.

Taxes.

School.

Maintain status quo.

Development of land use plan to maximize smart growth and infrastructure efficiencies.

Control of lake front development.

Growth-residential, which effects water (groundwater) due to so many septic tanks and well close together.

Lowering property taxes.

Residential housing.

School consolidation. We don't need duplicate facilities every 6-8 miles up and down Highway 53/63. Education is much more than bricks and mortar.

Taxes are too high.

Rapid development of waterfront properties and rural sites.

Taxes.

Preserving a rural lifestyle.

Water quality.

I would like to see more industry.

Lack of industrial growth.

Jobs.

County government seems totally unconcerned about needs and wishes of the community-they listen only to special interests.

Health care.

Quality of life.

School.

Adherence to land use plan.

maintaining water quality and lake level.

Minimum lot size spreads houses apart and creates urban sprawl.

Preserve land and water environment.

The loss of farmland.

We do not need to spend \$31,000.00+ for a new school.

The "non-resident" issues. I.e. less services and higher fees etc. Even though non-residents pay taxes and generate economic base to the local community.

Local roads.

Slowing the development along the lakes and rivers.

Medical facilities.

Road upkeep/reasonable plow service.

Jobs.

Refused by government agencies to enforce laws (rules) already in the books!

Taxes.

Too much growth.

School.

Equal representation of all property owners.

Re-cycling (regarding cranberry bog diversions.)

Have houses close together and use common sewer collection tank to be pumped periodically.

Provision of adequate electric services.

High priced land with higher taxes.

Spooner needs more industry and cooperate to make it grow.

I think education should always be a priority for local government.

Energy supply.

What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

Environmental-we need to protect our natural heritage. Forests and waters-we need to educate people about renewable energy and sustainable living.

Taxes.

Lower taxes.

Funding for good education and schools.

High taxes.

Condition of secondary roads.

Quality jobs.

Property taxes are too high.

Fishing.

Fire protection.

Taxation.

Road maintenance.

Casey township-road maintenance.

School infrastructure.

Schools.

Really lacking good city parks for kids.

Lower taxes.

Water level control of Lake Casey.

Noise-annoying.

High property taxes.

Education.

Taxes.

Improve roads.

Property tax.

Taxes.

Stocking of game fish.

Need new school.

Taking care of our elderly and our children.

Road improvements.

Fix the roads.

Better roads and maintenance.

The school and all the many votes over and over. It was voted down its brought up over and over again.

Lake water quality.

Reduce taxes.

We need good environmental protection.

Hunting.

Law enforcement.

Environment.

Law enforcement.

Control of recreational vehicles (watercraft and four-wheelers.)

Land use freedoms being taken away.

Economic development that encourages locally owned business that pays a livable wage.

County owns too much land and this makes taxes too high.

Less restriction.

High taxes for seasonal land values.

Personal watercraft, jet ski's.

Property taxes.

Reduce taxes.

School issues.

Lowering taxes.

Property taxes more equitable.

Keeping our rural Northwood's way of life.

Plow the roads.

Keeping taxes down.

New garage, why?

Taxes.

Retaining the towns young people.

Good zoning laws.

Land use-public lands.

Noise pollution.

Fire protection.

Lower property taxes.

Lakefront/wetland development. Minimizing sprawl in development.

Roads and public infrastructure are poorly kept!

Less government control.

Sprawl development.

Dirt bikes.

Jobs.

Share community resources.

Land development.

Setting limits off how much horsepower on boats and lakes.

TCASEY

What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

More local private businesses to employ "Caseyites" not a Russian dominance over the land owners who pay their own taxes.

Education.

School referendum.

Stresau Lab should not be allowed to expand.

Lakefront development and conservation.

Maintain wilderness and the environment. Protect lakes from excess development.

Preserving the quality of life in Washburn County.

Protection of natural resources (E.g. Lakes and wetlands from development.

We are currently building a cabin in Washburn County that will be used year-round by our family. I'm sure our opinions differ among local residents but we view this area of WI as Heaven on earth. We have been coming to Spooner and the surrounding area for over ten years. We consider it our second home and building a cabin is a dream coming true. We enjoy the solitude and northern woods feel. It would be disappointing to see growth take away these characteristics that are hard to find in today's world. Most of our time is spent on the lake, we don't get to town that often, but when we do we find all that we need. The town of Spooner is wonderful.

Taxes.

Elected officials show respect for non-residents.

Taxes are too high and are going up every year. Being retired we only have limited income.

Environmental quality.

Roads.

Taxes.

Not to be told what they have to do with their property.

Jobs.

County planned new facility.

Schools in Spooner.

Do not allow multi-ownership or use of lakeshore lots.

Preserving the natural wilderness.

Hunting (too many folks shooting too close to residences.)

Taxes.

Assessors should treat non-residents the same as residents.

Noise pollution (snowmobile, dirt bikes, etc.)

Taxes.

Education.

Don't yield to federal, state or local rule! No freedom.

Quality of life.

Real estate taxes.

Attracting businesses and tourism.

Good roads and police and fire protection.

Planning for future development.

Being unable to afford property taxes.

Taxes.

Land use development-concern re: over development.

Protecting the environment.

Winter snowplowing.

What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

Need for an up-graded system to encourage people to live here and to give local students a quality education.

Proper development to maintain a beautiful area.

Property taxes.

Putting a cap on taxes.

Good roads to property.

Keeping things natural, quiet and clean.

There should be a change in hunting and fishing because we own and pay taxes just like the residents but we pay vacationers licenses.

Taxation without representation.

Keep taxes low.

Taxes.

Water use.

Roads.

No commercial development.

Property taxes.

Taxes.

Noise pollution on lakes.

Rising taxes.

Taxes.

Taxes.

Improve industry.

Increasing taxes.

We need less government not more!

Taxes that are affordable.

Roads.

Police protection.

Taxes that don't escalate and are stabilized.

Quality of life for year-round residents.

Pushing a new school each year for four years when enrollment is declining, why didn't they mess with Shell Lake?

Enforcement of fishing regulations on lake especially in the winter.

Fish.

Dirt bike use.

No restrictions on residential development (within reason.)

Medical.

Taxes.

Taxes on recreational property.

Rising cost of real estate.

Lack of job opportunities.

Equal rights ex: non-resident licenses.

Improved schools.

Growing population.

Growth.

School issues.

Fire protection.

Economic health of the area.

Ban personal watercraft and rafts on lake.

Weeds.

Street biking and snowmobile.

Entertainment.

Taxes.

Water quality of lakes.

Restrictions on waterfront property.

Responses of elected officials to a request for petition on needed corrections especially road safety items.

Pollution.

Make over community better for our children to stay in our community and develop it for their children.

The growing number of motorized recreational vehicles.

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What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

Lakeshore property taxes are too high.

Development.

Improve the school system.

Road maintenance.

Protect natural resources.

Maintain recreation.

Less government interference.

High property taxes.

Economic development.

Too many regulations regarding use of my property.

Reasonable property taxes.

Taxes.

School.

Taxes.

Clear cutting.

Lakeshore development control.

Protection of wildlife.

Taxes.

High taxes.

Need new high school.

Land use.

Very high tax increasing every year is so unreasonable.

Public land use.

Lower taxes.

Real estate taxes.

Keeping property taxes under control (lower).

Property tax is too high.

Taxes.

Road services (grading and plowing) not adequate or good.

Business development.

Crime prevention.

Roads.

Less government interference.

Taxes.

Spraying of toxic chemicals on public/private lands.

Environmental issues.

Taxes.

Snowmobiles.

Willful trespassing.

Cleanliness of lakes.

Clean water.

Waterfront usage (private property).

Better roads.

Remodel, addition, etc. to middle and elementary schools.

Land development.

Road maintenance.

Road repair.

Shopping.

Reduce government.

Reduce taxes for out-of-state landowners.

Keeping development to a minimum.

Less government interference.

Quality of life.

Increasing property taxes.

Zoning.

Snow plowing.

ATV's.

Over building onto small land parcels. Restrict, regulate jet skis, snowmobiles and ATV's.

Clean air.

Land use (private property).

Better service.

More industry.

Real estate taxes.

More jobs in community.

Jobs.

What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

Cost for property tax.

High speed power crafts on small lakes.

Taxes.

Restriction on motor vehicles: four wheelers and snowmobiles etc. on county and public land.

We don't need this new school plus higher taxes.

Taxes are increased too quickly.

Education.

Jobs.

Taxes.

Land value increasing.

High taxes!

Taxes are too high.

If taxes keep going up, I may have to see my retirement land!

Spoooner passing the school referendum.

Property taxes are too high for services provided.

To have other options for electric (like Excel energy).

Maintaining water quality.

Lower property taxes.

Real estate tax relief.

Taxes are tough and about to get worse with the new school referendum.

Lake usage. Lake property with a high education school be given some variance for a storage shed within the 75-100' set back.

Four wheel all terrain use.

Logging practices.

Seniors cannot survive with rising taxes.

There needs to be a place to get rid of garbage without going all the way to Sarona.

Taxes.

School.

Our taxes have increased nearly 400% in ten years.

Taxes rising.

State and local government restrictions.

Enhance downtown Spooner to draw more tourists.

Poor road maintenance for unimproved roads (that go to lakeshore properties paying the most in taxes).

To have other options for natural gas instead of propane.

Maintaining security.

Have Madison people mind their own business on taxation anywhere up north.

State and county assistance in protecting water quality.

Environmental quality of lakes and streams.

Roads.

Law.

Expensive government programs and people that cause taxes to increase.

Logging practices.

Improve/expand snowmobile/ATV trails.

The rising lakeshore property taxes.

Reasonable taxation.

Have town board members say no more taxes.

More benefits for taxes paid-assistance in road maintenance-lowing, law enforcement, fire protection.

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What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

School issue. We many need improvement but not to the tune of 32 million. A more modest improvement is in order-the current school board is not listening to the electorate. Sell the land purchased by the school boats-we do not need a 3's companies.

Property-tax equality.

Taxes that are too high and keep increasing.

Inadequate school size.

Maintaining its lake county ambiance.

Do not need a \$31 million dollar school.

Property taxes and the sky rocketing price of undeveloped as well as developed land and everything that goes with that.

Taxes.

Property taxes.

Education.

High taxes.

Over development of rural land and population growth.

Taxes.

Lower taxes.

Taxes-ridiculous increases in the last two years! No vote!

Proper development to maintain a beautiful area.

Taxes.

Over development of lakes and wooded areas.

High taxes.

Maintain Island Lake Road from where the blacktop ends to Otter Trail Road (blacktop it.)

Provide zoning and development regulation that will help maintain property values and quality of life and force it.

Increased housing and land costs.

Not going overboard in land use laws.

More people with more toys that irritate others and sometimes cause environmental damage.

New or remodeled school.

Exotic species in our lakes.

Land use protection.

Lack of major planning on school issues in Spooner.

Escalating land prices and higher resulting taxes.

Limit growth.

Maintaining the privacy and beauty of the lakes and health of local wildlife.

Taxes that are affordable.

Taxes.

Over fishing.

Lake overcrowding.

Allow non-residents who own land to buy licenses at the same rate as residents.

The height and size of houses that interfere and intrude with the woods and wildlife.

Keeping wetlands as such and not as cranberry marshes.

Heavier demands on natural resources especially fish, wildlife and open space.

Lack of industry for a stronger tax base.

Water and land usage.

Protecting nature.

Action by elected and school officials without timely disclosure to the general public.

Growth.

The damn school board.

Fires.

Restrict the use of high powered boats and noisy jet skis and dirt bikes destroying our road.

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What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

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Property taxes. Just because assessed values have increased this as not increased services proportionately.

Taxes are too high.

Not letting small businesses pop up everywhere. Build them in suitable, same as other businesses.

Limited employment opportunities for present and future generations.

Recognizing that a substantial number of property owners are "seasonal" who both pay taxes and contribute a lot of money to the local economy.

Too many regulations.

Taxes.

Maintaining environmental quality.

Control of boating, water skiing, jet skis during certain hours.

Good paying local jobs.

PWC and high speed boats.

Waterfront development.

Taxes that keep increasing.

Good, honest responsible government.

Improved education

Escalating taxes may mean sale of our property. Huge increases since we bought it.

Schools.

Plenty of public lands for recreation and hunting.

Pristine lakes and wetland protection.

Peace and quiet.

Property taxes.

Preservation of lake quality and recreational use.

Avoid lakefront zoning with campgrounds and multi-family development.

Development, small lakeshore lots and back lots.

Taxes becoming too high.

Preserving the environment yet making room for improved living conditions and a strong local economy.

Poor roads.

Schools.

Avoiding over development.

Not letting tourist and lakeshore owners take away the beauty of the area.

Local department stores.

Road maintenance.

Water and land use.

Restrict personal watercraft to large lakes over 300 acres.

Controlling the cost and expansion of government.

Adequate law enforcement and ambulance service (to respond quickly to emergencies and not be 1/2 hour away.)

Jobs.

Seasonal residents are taxed too much for too few services.

Economic growth.

Lower taxes.

Local road improvement.

Control overpopulation and pollution.

Water (lake) quality and lake level. DNR let it get too low.

Using the land I grew up with. I.e. Skunk lake.

Supporting local businesses for products and services.

Roads.

Providing sound economical base.

Jobs for local people with good pay.

Road maintenance.

Repair and maintain dangerous roads and intersections.

Reducing consumption of natural resources.

Deforestation and more billboards of outdoorsy appeal of the area.

Work for younger people.

Keep water quality high.

Schools.

Public land management.

Limit commercial and industrial growth.

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What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

Better schools.
High taxes!
Job opportunities for young people.
Taxes.
Roads.
Taxes are too high.
Protect lakes.
Real estate taxes are increasing every year, this must stop!
Keeping the country clean, fresh air, clean water and lake regulations.
Taxes are too high.
Environment.
Job availability and economic development.
Taxes.
Stop the growth of property taxes not much the township can do.
Taxes. The never-ending rise for property taxes.
Schools.
Destruction of lakeshore and degradation of lakes
Taxes are too high.
Lack of leadership from township. They seem like uneducated hillbillies that think their personal opinions are the way things are!
Property taxes are too high.
Taxes.
Keep industry off of lake fronts.
High taxes.
Taxes.
Preservation of lakes and forests.

Maintenance of roads.
Land use.
Public transportation, bus or taxi etc.
Water quality.
Taxes.
Jet skis should not follow boats.
Protect environment.
Road maintenance for safety.
Need better trained assessors to make more equitable assessments.
Quality education.
Assessing of property. If an outsider is taxed much higher--easy to prone to go open book!
Smart growth equals no growth.
Taxes.
Employment opportunities.
Incompatible industrial/commercial development.
Bad roads.
Because we are non-resident we cannot vote.
Environment.
Future development.
Moderate development slow.

Jobs.
High taxes.
Roads.
Schools.
Clean drinking water and swimmers itch.
Hold taxes down.
Law enforcement, protection, trespassing with dogs used for hunting needs more regulation.
Need better leadership on important issues. Better trained.
Affordable housing.
Go back to plowing snow by town.
Taxes.
Washburn County committees.
We own property and pay taxes but we get no discount on hunting and fishing licenses.
Good zoning.
Maintain/reduce tax levels.

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What are the three most important issues confronting your community?

Quality of life.

Use of public land for recreation.

Lakeshore utilization.

Keep the lakes clean.

Pollution of lakes, rivers with farm chemicals noise
pollution from motorized recreational vehicles.

First pass of snow plow should drop (same as
interstate.)

Keeping our lakes clean.

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Clean air.

Lakeshore development.

Quality tourist attractions.

Restrict personal watercraft and high speed boats on
small lakes under 400 acres.

I own lake property but primary residence is
Minnesota. You should charge me the same license
fee for fishing as a Wisconsin residence. Stock Big
McKenzie with 5" to 7" walleye.

Restrict personal watercrafts and high speed boats on
small lakes.

Clean water.

Road maintenance.

High taxes on undeveloped lakeshore.

High taxes on undeveloped lakeshore property.

What do you think you should do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Lower taxes.

Improve local public/private extension. Incentives for development of environmentally friendly. Industry and commerce. Equal treatment by all of towns by county regardless of population and distance from Shell Lake.

Lower taxes to the permanent resident.

Open space, limited housing development or industrial development unless there is a Planned Unit Development.

Coordinated and thoughtful growth to plan for the future that emphasizes reason and common sense. To minimize extreme influences and allow for individuality without sacrificing common good interests. These common interests should be emphasized, especially in terms of needed services, despite objections of pockets of dissenters who do not see immediate personal benefit.

Better township roads.

Get a grip on taxes so the average person can live here.

Clean up the community. I.e. Junk cars, abandoned home sites, junky yards, etc. Establish a citizen's patrol to help prevent lawbreaking and aid peace of mind.

Attracting industry to the area.

Get level of taxation stabilized.

I think the quality of life is good in Washburn County. I just don't want unnecessary government regulations in my day-to-day activities.

Provide services.

Our main interest is recreational. We enjoy the fine shopping facilities, restaurants and social events. We are very active snowmobilers, ATV riders, hunters, and fisherman. Keep the public forests open to ATV, motorcycles, and snowmobilers.

Preserve green space, protect our water and air, and restrict new businesses to industrial parks. Enforce laws that are currently in place.

Lower taxes.

New high school. Economic opportunities, other than minimum wage services. Tourism opportunities for young people. Smart growth strategies in forested and shoreline areas.

Fish and wild life protections. Better schools. Zoning.

Developing and maintaining long range plans-especially leadership in the balancing of short term and long term objectives. Development of essential and effective infrastructure. Coordination of commercial development.

School! School! School! A new school!

New school.

Build shoulders on the town roads. Clean up the junk cars that reside in the town. Establish some parks on the many lakes in the town. Establish a public grass airstrip. Build a community counter.

Build a new high school and staff with teachers that don't rely on movies as teaching aides.

More reliable and cheaper Internet accessibility.

Improved distance learning opportunities.

I wonder what I am getting for my taxes.

Industry-more jobs, shopping, and recreation.

Attract tourism by making narrow one-way ATV trails. Narrow winding trails are more fun and less dangerous.

Taxes that push people off property they have owned and managed for years.

Water quality. Environmental quality. Natural beauty of Washburn Co.

The scenic natural beauty and resources. Clean air and fresh water. Optional government services. Police, fire, etc.

Road maintenance and zoning.

The independence and self-determination that is unique to smaller communities, that still allows for the exercise of common sense, in the balance between common and individual interests.

Rural setting and land use regulations enforced.

The small town atmosphere.

Quality of the lakes, forest and agriculture land management. Low population density. Good roads.

The quality of our lakes, rivers and public land.

Natural beauty of land, lakes and trees.

Water quality.

Public use of our natural resources. Better ATV trails. Straight wide trails promote speed and 4-wheel drive vehicles.

A clean, healthy, crime free environment with parks, lakes and rivers that are managed so they are enjoyed but not abused by tourists that visit our community.

What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Let the D.N.R. enforce rules of the lake: not lake associations or retired people who don't want any watercraft on their lakes.

The community is adequate as is. Just follow and enforce violations anytime.

Industry with good wages.

Keep taxes down so I don't have to sell my cabin.

Listen to what the voters say and not just give a "pat on the back" and say, "we'll look into it." Lets have a little action.

Lower taxes so we can afford to stay on the property we have worked for all our lives.

Strongly control development outside of towns. Enforce air quality and water quality regulations. Enforce land use rules.

By-pass county highway E around east side of Big McKenzie Lake.

Fire and police. Better roads.

Paved bicycle trails and off road trails. Greater emphasis on non-motorized recreation.

More police patrol of county rural roads. A good house cleaning in zoning office-It needs it for better enforcement.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Industry with good wages.

Industry.

Yes, we need "Smart Growth," but an un-biased, well-informed board must govern it.

Passing of adequate ordinances and enforcing these ordinances to keep our city clean and free from junk.

Lake and riverfront properties will soon belong to seasonal residents only as local residents will no longer be able to purchase or maintain. Services have deteriorated in rural areas. Just this year, Casey switched from county snowplowing to a private company. It costs twice as much for a lousy job.

Effective communication of local actions to non-resident landowners. Effective and realistic response in decision-making and land and resource regulations from non-resident input and comments. Improve lakeshore lines and lake quality.

Leave things alone.

Fire and police. Better roads.

Recruiting commercial interests. Being more willing to attract industry. Work harder toward that end. (Industry.)

A better downtown area-cleaner and more parking encourage local garden clubs to plant more flowers with help from the city- a weekly flee market at Northwest Sports Complex. Hayward has two a week. More daytime activities-street dances are okay, but they are at night.

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Good fire protection, good police enforcement, maintain good shopping that is already in Spooner area.

We have none to maintain.

Additional development and promotion of the railroad theme within the City of Spooner. Improve and assist RR Museum to enhance and promote our Railroad heritage.

To maintain natural condition of land and restrict commercial development to specific areas. To avoid over development. To permit and encourage development in population centers. Lake quality. Road maintenance.

Rural atmosphere, environment.

Land, air and water.

State and county forests. Water quality in our lakes. Rural setting.

The "Wild" rural-ness of living here.

Lakes, rivers, streams, water and our environment. Railroad museum, passengers train rides and the Northwest Sports Complex. The D.N.R. fishing areas. There are a number of things to do and see around the Spooner area, but outsiders do not know about them.

What do you think your municipality should do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Follow up on regulations. Heavily fine folks who remove all trees on lakeshore property and put sod and pollute with herbicides right on our lakeshores. Also equal voice for non-resident owners.

New school. Preserve waterfront. Provide more beach access.

Set up local commission different property issues with tax assessor and town officials.

Lower property taxes.

Stop natural resource degradation. Limit/restrict use of ATV's to prescribed trails or private land only. Protect remaining lake shore from development. Build on improved public school facility for Spooner school district.

Maintain town roads and control 4-wheelers, PWC's, bikes and ATV's.

To control the lakeside homes and their constant fertilizing their lawns.

Fire protection. Water quality. Medical facilities.

Playgrounds and public parks for the children.

Reduce property taxes. It seems as though our property values are based primary on people from outside the area who live in a completely different economy who buy property at inflated prices. If this is the case and the townships have more money, then issues like road upkeep should not be a problem, however it continues to be so.

Take a vacation.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Effective communication with all landowners (Resident AND non-resident) as to what is being done.

New school. New businesses.

Slow down and talk it over. It's only \$\$\$.

Develop more new businesses.

Improved school facility for Spooner School District. Tighter zoning regulations and enforcement of current regulations. Keep development away from lakes and rivers.

Better representation of non-resident who have been paying taxes.

Better roads.

Fire protection. Water quality. Medical facilities.

I would like to see a shopping mall with maybe Kohl's, Wal-mart and a variety of small shops.

Some industrial growth/Competitive wages.

Decent paying jobs.

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

To keep woods healthy for bird and wildlife; to maintain clean, clean water by prohibiting phosphate use, *(herbicides)* in drain fields close to water. Encourage development in Spooner, Trego, Minong, but not on private property.

Small town character. Natural beauty.

Roads and lakes and county forest land.

Roads and utilities.

Preservation of the natural character of our lakes, rivers, forests and barrens. Low density rural population.

Better representation of non-resident who has been paying taxes. Maintain town roads and control 4-wheelers, PWC's, bikes and ATV's.

More natural habitats need to be protected. In the 10 years we've owned property, there has been a lot of new development of new development of waterfront areas.

Un-polluted lakes, woods and trails.

Lakeshores, air quality and forest protection. Reduce logging.

I like the friendly helpful in our government and town. Most of the people treat others with respect. There are a few that let power go to their head but I guess you get that anywhere. Everyone has a right to free speech and press.

The natural beauty of the area/water quality.

Decent employment opportunities.

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What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Enforce the zoning laws.
 School and road maintenance.
 Improve policing.
 Less government. Fewer local lake associations. (Allow existing state and DNR rules to govern.)
 Quite satisfied with the quality of life. Restricting times of fireworks on waterfronts.
 Minimize pollution from future growth.
 Highe attends at town meetings.
 More parks and bike trails. More nice supper clubs.
 Need a homestead tax credit for all resident owners.
 Maintain the rural characteristics! I realize what my reasons for enjoying Washburn County may not reflect what is good for the overall economic good of the area. Having a plan makes a lot of sense!
 Enforce current lakeshore and riverfront zoning laws. In the 10 years I've lived here I've seen many people break the law on buffer zones with full knowledge of their actions and with no consequences!! We can't have healthy lakes and rives without buffer zones.
 Lower taxes, and fix and plow the roads.
 More employees on quality education and the arts. Affordable housing and controlled or planned growth.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Slowing down growth.
 School, parks and limit on use of trailers for residents.
 Limit powers of lake associations. Out of state property owners need equal opportunity for input since they provide substantially to the financial well being of the community.)
 Better stocking of fish (in Big McKenzie Lake.)
 Horseback riding facilities and walking nature trails.
 Plan-plan-plan with an eye to the future.
 More industry in the right place with more jobs. Not so much low income housing. More ball fields, some soccer.
 Consolidation of schools.
 More industry in Spooner.
 Seeing to it that our lakes are not polluted by high powered watercraft like jet skis.
 Keeping our rural way of life addressing education and health care issues. Helping family farms, promoting family farms. Guard our environment and our natural resources.
 Lower taxes, and fix and plow the roads.
 Newer and better schools. Industrial development and affordable housing.

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Forests, lakeshore and quality of clean lakes.
 Lakes and lakeshore. Forests-quiet and wildness.
 Small town and rural environment.
 The timber, fish and the wildlife including deer and recycling.
 Natural recreational use such as hiking and fishing.
 Preserve our land and lakes.
 The farm land that we currently have with county atmosphere.
 Natural setting.
 I love the forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife etc. People who wish to "selfishly" impact the natural resources with motorized vehicles weather they are cars, boats, snowmobiles, all terrain or motorcycles should be restriction to a limited number of specified areas.
 Quality of life.
 The country feel of Washburn County. The family farm feel, the fresh air, we live in a beautiful county. We are only here for a short time, lets take the opportunity to be good stewards.
 Lakeshores and rural atmosphere.
 Preservation of the areas as much as possible.
 Lower taxes, and fix and plow the roads.
 Education, environmental quality and controlled growth.

What would you and your community do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Quit raising the taxes. I am almost being forced out of the home that I worked so hard to have. So much for a dream home!! It's getting to the point where I can't afford to live in my own home.

Bring in new industry and improved shopping centers.

I would like a garbage dump, good zoning laws, environmental protection and lower property taxes. Reduce the tourist influx.

Use of lakes.

Protect our lake from being fished out.

Restrictions on use of personal watercraft on lakes smaller than 300 acres (No PWC on lakes smaller than 300 acres.)

Better maintenance of County E. School buildings.

More non-consumptive recreational opportunities like swimming, skiing and biking trails. Ensure county forest stays in public ownership and is managed in a way to provide a variety of recreation opportunities including non-motorized use.

Better parks for kids-playgrounds. And also the library needs more funding.

Lower taxes.

Lower property taxes.

Upgrade building codes and control water level of Lake Casey.

"Slot limits" on Big Casey Lake. Weed control and beaver control.

Better schools and more jobs.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

If the pay of the jobs in the area were in step with the taxes, that might help. We aren't getting pay raises that compensate for the tax hikes.

Health care professionals and improved downtown business district.

A garbage dump would be helpful, good zoning laws, environmental protection and lower property taxes. More emphasis on natural resources and less on tourism.

To patrol the lake water so that the speed boats and water "scouters" do not destroy the weed beds.

Waterfront protection and public land management.

School.

Better zoning. Keep business development out of rural areas other than traditional restaurant. Larger minimum size lots.

Allow new businesses to come in! Allow development to happen! Focus on giving money to children and education! Support this by drawing from business tax base!

Sell some county land to improve the tax base.

Enforcement of building codes.

More structures to enforce the local residents from making their properties look like junk yards.

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

I bought acreage because I like peace and quiet. I enjoy the county, a quiet kind of life. My property value has gone up \$87,000. That's fine and dandy if you want to sell, but what if you don't want to but taxes are making it impossible to keep up. Taxes are my biggest concern!!

Good environment, water, air, scenery and roads.

Slow pace.

Land use for hunting and fishing

To leave the land stay in the natural state. We leave the deer, turkey and partridge and wild animals alone to live their lives. The DNR are doing a good job in this area.

Rural atmosphere and environment protection.

Rural nature, large land-base of public land for recreation, quality lake environments and undeveloped shorelines.

It is friendly and local officials are accessible!

Environment.

Open land areas, water quality, wetlands and provide for adequate livelihood of existing residents. Small town feel of Spooner.

Can we grow and maintain the small town atmosphere?

What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Hopefully we won't be taxed out of our home. Our taxes went up \$1000.00 this year! That is w/o school referendum passing and the county proposal for a new building.

Improve roads, reduce taxes and share community resources.

To move County Road E behind properties that are along Big McKenzie Lake. The excessive speeding and road traffic is unbearable to the summer months. The large pulp trucks area also a problem.

Set limits on boats based on sizes of lakes.

Less politics.

Do not engage Smart Growth. Its no more than running the livelihood has of our township. All vets have fought for freedom for all of us. P.O.W.'s of World War II and recent wars will lose the exact freedom they fought for. At 84 years I'm going to lose freedom?! No! No!

Distribute our taxes evenly, don't just use our taxes to maintain areas where 'locals' live.

Heed the decision or vote of the electorate.

Stop the building of more buildings on Stresau Lab. This is lake environment and an eyesore to our community. They belong in an industrial zone not by lake property.

Provide a healthy environment that will attract new residents who can afford the infrastructure needed to make this an economically sound county.

Maintain wilderness and the environment. Protect lakes from excess development. Do not allow multi-ownership or use of lakeshore lots. Good roads and police and fire protection.

Restrict those actions that aversively affect the natural wilderness of our county.

Strong town board with long range for sight.

Better fishing would bring more tourists. Need more Ma-n-Pa stores they have dwindles over the years.

New school, reduction of non-resident ownership or corresponding increase in taxes for these individuals to offset their use of the area.

It seems the town of Casey has an intelligent board. There would be a great disgust in the town to have to take up with this smart growth. I know, I live in the Town of Scott!

Schools and jobs so families can get an education and make a living. Its too late for my family, we left.

Limit the number of referendums. (No means no!)

Stop rezoning forestry to commercial or industrial.

Rising property taxes on our underdeveloped lakeshore may soon force us to develop it. Perhaps a tax reduction on undeveloped land may result in less development pressure or a slowing of development which may be beneficial.

More industry and jobs. Good schools also to it attracts the new residents.

Maintain wilderness and the environment. Protect lakes from excess development. Do not allow multi-ownership or use of lakeshore lots. Good roads and police and fire protection.

Maintain and control lakeshore before property owners.

The lakes.

The homey feel.

Small town atmosphere.

Those who aren't satisfied should move to the town of Scott!

Its "down home" atmosphere. Water quality, recreational opportunities and quality of the wildlife. Road maintenance, law enforcement and health care.

Keep lake shore properties. We have housing every 100 feet or more here on Dunn Lake. Industry is not in its proper place out here. Help us don't always work against us. Keep our lake safe and clean.

Friendliness, caring and small town atmosphere.

Maintain wilderness and the environment. Protect lakes from excess development. Do not allow multi-ownership or use of lakeshore lots. Good roads and police and fire protection.

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Why do you think you need to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Lower property taxes, restrict land being repurposed for industrial/commercial purposes if will hurt neighbors (E.g. The gravel pit.) Fight the power lines.

Restrict and manage development. Keep lake lots from being split up into tiny parcels.

Clean lakes and protection from water milfoil.

Provide fair taxation for out of state lakeshore property owners.

Keeping the aesthetic feel.

The environment and rural feel. We have no problems to date with building, however it may be years before we build a garage and my concern is that zoning issues may not allow us to do what we want to on our property.

Keep it rural.

Provide places to take leaves and brush for disposal.

Keep forest lands as they are.

Maintain environmental quality, reduce noise pollution and restrict industrial/feedlot/sand/gravel and logging developments.

Reduce logging.

Relatively un-developers, unspoiled land, environmental quality, unspoiled lake, clean air and clean water.

More police protection.

More grocery stores.

The beauty of nature.

Protect the beauty of the land and water. Keep the country atmosphere and more for the retired.

Natural gas.

Return to county snowplowing plan as before 2001-2002.

More industry and small businesses.

Maintain our natural resources-lakes and forests.

Keep air quality clean. Better regulations on four-wheelers and more health care needs at the clinic. Advocate more than once a week (more news available in Spooner.)

Job opportunities, schools to give the children a great education but not so expensive we cannot afford them. More stop lights on 53 between Minong and Saron.

Pure water in our lakes. Tourists keep enjoying the area. Marking areas so local people can afford to stay. Taxes don't become beyond our means.

The city of Spooner could partake in an Incubation center for new entrepreneurs, hopefully in an area where utilities are readily available. Possibly new agriculture methods and products such as industrial hemp to help farmers maintain in the future.

Lakes, streams, rivers and forests. The things which attract tourists to our area which our economy largely depends on.

Better blacktop roads and maintenance of shoulders.

Health care doctors, updating from time to time of the hospital and clinic facilities.

Restrictions on personal watercraft on lakes of 500 acres or less. Restrictions of large H.P. motors (50 horsepower or more) on lakes less than 500 acres.

Keep environment safe from pollution and keep lake safe to bathe and fish.

Protecting wildlife to enjoy. Continuing restrictions building near lakes for septic and wells.

What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Encourage job producing, low impact businesses that will improve the tax base.

Eliminate swimmers itch and stock more fish in the lake.

Attract new business to Spooner.

Roads.

Keep taxes down.

Keep it quiet and don't over-regulate.

Better manage county government. No new facilities at this time. Enhance job opportunities and build tax base with commercial and industry.

Maintain roads.

Hold the line of taxes. We are not a 'well to do' area, yet our officials act as though we are. I.e. \$32,000,000.00 school, \$10,000,000.00 county building and then this comp. Land use plan-all costs money and government keeps growing.

Road repairs and enforce aesthetics for business homes.

Control government spending so having a family cabin is affordable.

Leave me alone, we need less government.

Keep government control out of the picture as much as possible.

Clean air and water.

Build a fence around the state of Minnesota. Continue to support the household hazardous waste program and bring more single ladies into the area.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Maintain the rural, unhurried atmosphere.

The quiet, no hustle and bustle. The air is clean and the people are great!

Good roads.

Roads.

Golf course.

Revitalize own town area.

Bring in more business. This need has extended for all of my seventy years, especially in Spooner area. The more distractions we put in place the more difficult it will be to attract business and the less affordable will it be for locals but to tax burden.

Road conditions are poor in some areas. We don't want beautiful highways, we would only ask that large holes in the roads be filled.

Keep government control to a minimum.

Build a fence around the state of Minnesota. Continue to support the household hazardous waste program and bring more single ladies into the area.

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

We appreciate the quiet, secluded, unsullied naturalness of the area. We are not opposed to change or development as long as it is orderly and well planned. Preserving the beauty and charm we have enjoyed for over fifty years in our highest priority.

To keep everything the same, we love it!

Control of lakes and lands.

Snowmobile trail system.

Small town non-developed atmosphere.

Keep it quiet and don't over-regulate.

Small town atmosphere.

No over-development.

Friendliness and small town atmosphere.

Our recreational opportunities but we do need to share them to bring in additional tax revenues so we can continue to afford to live here. For the working age we need jobs. Lets go after companies willing to locate here.

Natural surroundings and rural feel of the county.

The beautiful lakes and wildlife. I would like to see that resorts and buildings on lakes be kept to a minimal.

Low density, rural atmosphere, minimize use (but not eliminate) of high powered boats, ATV's etc.)

Civic Center and the rail road.

What would you like your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Road improvement.

Leave county forests in county lands.

Focus on developing a stronger economy instead of laws or restrictions regarding land use.

More activities for the youth, more programs for the elderly and increase job opportunities (with decent pay).

If we could get a reasonable assessment of our home it would help our financial situation.

Close snowmobile trails.

Promote rural settings and natural landscape.

Protect wildlife.

Be realistic in development, planning and needs for the future.

Lower taxes, better roads and better service.

More jobs to keep good families here.

Lessen restrictions on some public land use.

Afford more business.

Less taxes and regulations.

Lower my property tax.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Less logging and destruction of wild areas.

Continue cutting back vegetation along roadway.

Focus on developing a stronger economy instead of laws or restrictions regarding land use.

Economic development.

Expand health care, improve the educational system, encourage big business and assistance to small business owners.

Let people know about existing financial aids (grants, loans etc.) Encourage industry for future jobs.

Raise taxes for non-Wisconsin resident land owners.

Closer regulation of game and fish by commercial non local concerns and misuse by American Indians for their own needs.

Protection of wildlife.

To service the maturity of tax payers not living in the community. Paying taxes but not being represented.

New high schools, better buildings for elementary and middle schools. More industry and keeping updated the schools, industry and health care to draw good families to leave here.

Don't cut public land forest for family sales. It rapes the area.

Less environment!!!

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Water quality and protect natural resources.

Waterways, forestry and farming.

Rural atmosphere.

Small town atmosphere.

The county land preserved for future use.

Tourism.

Rural, natural landscapes.

Quiet un-crowded area.

Protection of wildlife.

Maintain the beauty that we have in our community. And communicate to out of state tax payers that pay for most of the community services.

Good progressive schools and health care system.

We like the area the way it is now.

Waterfront preservation.

Public, timely, natural resources. The high school, no new high school.

Beauty and environment.

Forests, water, lakes and rivers.

What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

We pay very high of property tax with a good portion going to the local schools which we do not use. To maintain a strong market for this type of property tax has to be held at an affordable rate. Keep it small enough to be pleasant.

Better snowmobile trails.

Watch county spending. Try to maintain lower tax levels to local people use their money to bring economy back.

More retail and more jobs.

Reduce property taxes.

Improve educational facilities.

Encourage new business development.

Reduce taxes so we can stay in our home.

Keep personal watercraft of small lakes.

Preserve quality of our lakes.

Improve boat ramps, minimize billboards, new zoning regulations on large garages, barns and storage facilities near lakefront.

Reduce taxes, better shopping facilities and better medical facilities (clinics and hospitals).

Pave the road section. Provide access to the paved roads west of Lower McKenzie for bicycling and avoiding the mess that gravel roads produce during bad weather.

Board members: name just one benefit or service that we get from our taxes? Just One!

Tax relief, assistance in access to lake property over county owned forest roads which must be paid for by lake residents. Allow public use of county owned forest land presently gated off.

Keep the country as clean and neat as the city. Regulate the amount of eyesore "junk" (old cars, trailers, trash, etc.)

Provide a public garbage collection site perhaps just dumpsters.

New educational facilities and road improvements.

New school and more jobs.

More public access to lakes.

Reduce government size at cost.

Pave roads.

Zoning restrictions and pass the school referendum in Spooner.

Utility corridors, snowmobile, and ATV trails.

Need more industry for job locations and to help with the reduction of property tax.

We pay for fire protection in our cost, garbage and recycling, roadway snow removal and extra taxes on any improvements one makes to the property.

Development of industry which would provide employment. Less government interference in how we are allowed to live on and enjoy our property.

Use of the water ways, clean air and water and low traffic use.

Small town feel.

Keep our wooded forest land. Don't clean it out.

The lakes and rivers, wildlife and forests.

Recreational opportunities.

Rural atmosphere, trees, animals and birds.

Forest land.

Environmental quality.

Rural environment.

More business that provides better paying jobs and benefits.

I don't think trailers should be allowed on property. Next door property loses value absolutely no water skiing on small lakes. Have all fishing lakes be restocked.

Lake water quality (assistance in maintaining as a tax benefit). Prevent more clear cutting and destruction of county and state owned land.

What do you think you should do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

If the community is defined as Washburn County, I believe the arts and theater are woefully inadequate! Protection and enhancement of the put on recreational activities.

We need some good restaurants, not fast food type.

Strengthen and improve enforcements on current restrictions that deal with trailers/mobile homes and shoreline cutting.

Remain a small town community.

Create more school space-try an alternative plan than the one tried in 2001 and 2002. Strongly enforce the current lake frontage restrictions.

Improve quality of lakes so there is less weed growth and swimmers itch.

Encourage more stores to move in here for more local shopping, instead of having to go to Rice lake. Pamida is pathetic!

Keep property taxes down by any means possible while still meeting (true) needs for services! This includes minimizing impacts of loaded logging trucks on secondary roads.

Seek out new industry/business to help educate the high taxes.

Maintain the water quality of the lakes.

More areas designated in public recreation. Ex: Walking trails, lakeside parks, public access to indoor facilities for walking, etc.

Appreciate what they love and not promote its destruction.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Spooner is a drab and unattractive. Business and community should work together to upgrade the downtown area. Shopping opportunities (other than food) are poor with no Wal-mart, Menards, etc.

Do not allow residential homes in the industrial park. Improve the riverfront, use it as an asset, not an eyesore. More than Post office sorting station-to another location. Make the Railroad Museum an attraction, not an after thought.

Develop a Spooner area senior center. Continue to foster local planning and lake associations. I have at times taken advantage of it because I am a part-time residents. I would like to be treated as an equal.

Stricter zoning codes for development-controlling high density developments. Controlling increased paved areas causing water run-off.

Un-crowd the elementary, middle, and high schools. Get rid of the billboards.

Restrictions on noisy and speeding water craft.

Casey township was a very nice place when we bought lake frontage at a very reasonable price in 1989. Its getting expensive to continue to own that same lake frontage now, however, There are more demands on resources along with irritating toys ever year.

Seek out middle group concerning the new school.

Improvement of police and fire protection.

Better paying employment.

More even-handed application of zoning rules, more county and city support for local libraries. More careful management of forest government lands.

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

People are very friendly.

The Rodeo idea is worth maintaining.

Low population density-rural character. Tree lined roads.

Preserving the natural beauty of the land, wildlife, open space, and lake waterways.

The wonderful lake environments, especially the lake diversity and wetlands.

The presence of a good bar/restaurant that serves as a community gather/meeting place.

The quality of the northern experience relating to forests and lakes must be preserved. That's the few things I'd be willing to pay more property taxes to support!

Clean air, water and natural resources.

Preservation of natural woodlands or less logging of the woodlands.

Small communities with rural areas.

Direct application of sales revenue to property taxes.

The rural character with the scenic beauty.

What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Limit the number of campgrounds in smaller lakes to "0" in the future.

Keep air quality clean. Better regulations on four-wheelers, more health care at the clinic, advocate more than once a week (more news available in Spooner.)

Develop a strong "smart growth" plan to protect the beauty and rural nature of the county.

Lower taxes.

Put a limit on property tax increases for long-time owners who do not want to sell or be forced to sell.

Protect water quality.

Restriction on "noisy" vehicles (jet skis, snowmobiles etc.) Restrict development on small lots.

Think simple don't get carried away with growth. We lose track of simple things and make Washburn County where I want to return.

Encourage economic growth.

Encourage the development of local businesses that both supports the community and provide employment. Support improved schools even at the cost of increased taxes.

Control growth.

Improve roads, nuisance abatement, strict development and standards.

Enough affordable housing. Good education for children and keep the beauty of your area and wildlife.

Bring in more jobs.

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Better roads.

Job opportunities, schools to give the children a great education but not so expensive we can't afford them. More stop lights on 53 between Minong and Sarona.

Improve the care of roads in the winter time.

Re-pave Island Lake Road. Nothing has been done to it in the thirty years I've owned my property but less traveled roads have been torn up and new blacktop put down.

Provide trash and garbage pick-up disposal.

A move equitable and fair system of balancing taxes between residences (who can vote) and non-residents (taxation without representation.)

Community efforts with us cutting our town costs to county taxes keeping more in the township and subbing out less. I.e. Sub out our own township needs and plow our own roads.

Employment opportunities and countywide development to expand tax base.

Organize and control the economic expansion so that it progresses in pattern that does not interfere with the basic "Northwood's" character of the county.

Roads.

Attract industry for a tax base.

Full-time emergency and medical service.

Maintenance of some of the roads.

More department stores for shopping locally.

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Limit development.

Clean, clear lakes.

Pure water in our lakes, tourists keep enjoying the area, working areas so local people can afford to stay and taxes that don't go beyond our means.

Open land.

DNR beaver control.

The quiet serenity that I purchased the land for.

Rural "atmosphere."

Quiet, rural atmosphere with minimal development.

Rural, rural, rural.

Expansion without losing the "Northwood's" flavor.

Keeping the northwoods feel and look unchanged.

Natural beauty, clean air and water.

Improve on what you have but don't dwell on bigger and more is better.

Natural habitats.

What you you must do
that would enhance the quality of life for
you and your family?

Restrict PWC and high speed boats on smaller lakes.
Preserve the balance development and environmental
issues.

Better town road maintenance and repair.

Develop a theme that is different to give the area an
identification.

Get property taxes stabilized.

More cell phone towers and restrict development of
total lakeshore property.

Build a new school and create a work environment.
Closing trails to motorized traffic has been restrictive
for my husband with limited mobility.

Not allow the area around our lake property to turn
into a "trailer park."

Reduce property taxes and road improvements and
maintenance.

Maintain rural nature and environmental quality.

Demand the loggers to clean up their wood areas.

Keeping noise water vehicles off lake. Keep area
rural, quiet and have good roads.

Keep rivers and lakes as clean as possible.

Continue with the program.

Bring in more industry.

Enforce the rules of county as it pertains to water
front and wild life preservation.

What improvements would be beneficial to
the future of your community?

Put a beach in Spooner and keep Leisure Lake camp
going.

Faster, better, cheaper internet connections.

Improved distance learning opportunities.

More stores to shop at instead of driving to Hayward.
Curbing erosion of some roads from all terrain
vehicles and storms.

Jobs.

Get the Spooner school issue settled.

Road improvements and maintenance. Better
management and use of property taxes.

Increase abundance of wild game, fish and plants.

Schools and jobs.

Repair roads and make it illegal to have junk all over
yards. Clear sides of the road of debris.

Better school facilities.

Do something in Spooner like Hayward does.

Make and enforce laws to stop reckless use of speed
boats. Stop speed boating in weedy bays (to protect
fish habitat.) Better control of speed boats on small
lakes.

Which characteristics of your community
are important enough to maintain for the
future?

Rural character. Planning and zoning to preserve
land use.

The good neighborly spirit.

Natural beauty of the land, lakes and trees together.

Roads and their maintenance, some erosion issues
and the natural appeal of lake country feeling.

Plenty of public lands for recreation and hunting.
Seasonal residents are taxed too much for too few
services and keep the water quality high.

Lakes, parks and a sense of community.

Peace and quiet.

All items identified in section (I) community issues
and opportunities as important.

Quiet, rural, sparse population. Clean, unpolluted
and relaxed culture.

Nature and paint the center line on our roads.

Quiet and clean. Higher standards for debris in yards
or property.

Maintain present property rights don't take any more
way.

Rural atmosphere.

Stores and forests.

Lakeshore development control. Don't let them
become cities or villages.

Good shopping, health care availability and good
infrastructure.

Natural environment.

What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Be informed on decisions that are to be made on the local level.

Lower property taxes.

Encourage new residents to feed wild animals so that they become unafraid of humans and become pests or dangerous. Feeding birds is alright.

Reduce building code requirements.

Enforce the laws that are on the books. Don't have second set of laws, one for insiders and one for outsiders.

Reduce taxes for retired lake property owners.

Clean up downtown and improve county roads.

Plan for future development wisely.

Lower taxes and fix the roads.

Let out of staters have a vote on our elected officials! We pay more taxes and get less use!

Good zoning.

Make regulations and stick to them.

Slow down development. Maintain rural quality and the character. Keep taxes moderate.

Maintain the quality of what we have.

Need more businesses-like Wal-Mart, K-mart and Cub Foods.

Maintain rural Washburn County.

Lower taxes.

Cluster the residential areas, leave common areas wild-like. Now lawns close to lakes, no concrete drives near lakes, leave it natural.

Financial incentives to attract business development.

Light industry, job industry to make the young people stay in the community.

Restrict the size of homes being built on lake with all the high homes being built on many of the smaller lakes. It just keeps the assessments for the rest of the citizens going up and up and very unaffordable for the retired people.

Schools, employment opportunities and get some 'open minded' people on committees.

Better roads and more jobs. More for our children to do to keep them out of trouble.

Good zoning.

More business so kids don't have to move from here to get good paying jobs.

Environmental preservation and conservation. Avoid over development of lake/river areas. Maintain natural shorelines.

Quiet and friendly.

Effective land use.

Better roads.

When I moved up here from it I wanted to live in the woods, be close to nature, smell fresh air. We would like this always. We have to protect the lands and nature to keep the waters clean. We need this planning ahead.

Trees.

Maintain wild rural recreational residential areas.

Leave things natural, forests, habitat and clean water.

Public safety and ratio of public to private property.

This town we were told is a 'bedroom' community, that their wasn't any business, its added to Spooner.

With the current administration doing very little to better anything in this community as I see it. The only time you have anything from this bunch is when they keep raising your taxes. It would be nice to know what these people are spending all our tax dollars on.

Clean air and lakes.

We like the rural and semi natural environment. With continued future development it will be increasingly important to have areas available for passive recreation.

Small towns. Personal touch and the country feeling.

Lovely lakes.

Rural characteristics, woods and open spaces.

Rural feel.

Roads and schools.

What would you like your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Down the use of motorized vehicles or water and land.
Move county Highway E off the lake and make new E behind properties from or near Big McKenzie Lake.
Un-restricted rights regard adding on to residential home, adding swimming pool (exception soil test.)
Keeping our lakes clean. Restrict personal watercrafts and high speed boats on small lakes.
High taxes on undeveloped lakeshore property.

Down the use of large farms and their run-off. Down the use of motorized recreational vehicles.

Keeping our lakes clean. Restrict personal watercrafts and high speed boats on small lakes.
High taxes on undeveloped lakeshore property.

Preserve the rural environment and protect water resources.

Rural setting; no development on cranberry bogs at Big McKenzie.

Keeping our lakes clean. Restrict personal watercrafts and high speed boats on small lakes.
High taxes on undeveloped lakeshore property.