

## Appendix B

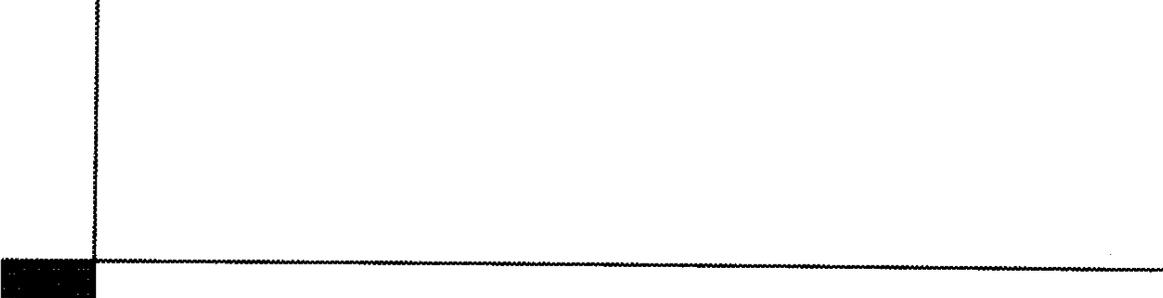
### Portage County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Survey Final Report

#### Town of Alban Responses

December, 2001

Town of Alban  
Comprehensive Plan  
2008

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**Final Report**

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*Town of Alban*

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## Alban Planning Survey

### County Trends and Land Use

**1. From the year 2000 to 2020, Portage County's population is projected to increase 21 percent from 67,182 to 81,242. At what rate would you like to see growth occur?**

	Responses	Percent
Faster than projected	4	4%
Present projected rate of growth	41	39%
Slower than projected	41	39%
No growth	9	9%
Don't Know	9	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2. The following types of growth should be encouraged within Portage County**

**Single family residential**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	25	24%
4-Agree	42	40%
5-Strongly Agree	26	25%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100%</b>

Valid cases                      98

Average                              3.9

**Multi-family residential**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	12%
2-Disagree	27	26%
3-Neutral	37	36%
4-Agree	13	12%
5-Strongly Agree	10	10%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100%</b>

Valid cases                      99

Average                              2.8

**Rural residential**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	7%
2-Disagree	15	14%
3-Neutral	29	28%
4-Agree	23	22%
5-Strongly Agree	24	23%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
Total	104	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	3.4	

**Family farms**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	12	11%
4-Agree	27	26%
5-Strongly Agree	57	54%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	100	
Average	4.3	

**Small businesses**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	11	10%
4-Agree	45	43%
5-Strongly Agree	43	41%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	102	
Average	4.2	

**Hobby farms**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	6	6%
3-Neutral	34	33%
4-Agree	31	30%
5-Strongly Agree	21	20%
DK-Don't Know	8	8%
Total	103	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.6	

**Large corporate farms**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	53	51%
2-Disagree	16	15%
3-Neutral	18	17%
4-Agree	9	9%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
Total	104	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	1.9	

**Large retail outlets/centers**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	24	23%
2-Disagree	28	27%
3-Neutral	23	22%
4-Agree	18	17%
5-Strongly Agree	9	9%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	102	
Average	2.6	

<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%	1- Strongly Disagree	20	19%
2-Disagree	4	4%	2-Disagree	18	17%
3-Neutral	21	19%	3-Neutral	20	19%
4-Agree	53	49%	4-Agree	27	26%
5-Strongly Agree	24	22%	5-Strongly Agree	16	15%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%	DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	108	100%	Total	104	100%
Valid cases	105		Valid cases	101	
Average	3.9		Average	3.0	

**3. Local units of government have the responsibility to protect property owners and the community by regulating land use.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	13%
2-Disagree	10	9%
3-Neutral	17	16%
4-Agree	43	40%
5-Strongly Agree	21	20%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.4	

**4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	11	10%
3-Neutral	23	21%
4-Agree	51	46%
5-Strongly Agree	17	15%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	3.6	

**5. People should be allowed to develop their property any way they see fit.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	24	22%
2-Disagree	31	28%
3-Neutral	12	11%
4-Agree	21	19%
5-Strongly Agree	23	21%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	2.9	

**Housing**

**6. Ideal urban neighborhoods would include homes as well as:**

<u><b>Apartments</b></u>			<u><b>Shopping</b></u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	11%	1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	16	15%	2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	30	28%	3-Neutral	14	13%
4-Agree	36	34%	4-Agree	63	57%
5-Strongly Agree	9	8%	5-Strongly Agree	25	23%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%	DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	106	100%	Total	110	100%
Valid cases	103		Valid cases	108	
Average	3.1		Average	4.0	

**Employment**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	4	4%
3-Neutral	15	14%
4-Agree	49	46%
5-Strongly Agree	33	31%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	106	100%
Valid cases	103	
Average	4.0	

**Parks**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	4	4%
3-Neutral	15	14%
4-Agree	42	40%
5-Strongly Agree	42	40%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	106	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	4.2	

**Sidewalks**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	11%
2-Disagree	11	10%
3-Neutral	29	27%
4-Agree	35	33%
5-Strongly Agree	17	16%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	106	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	3.3	

**Schools**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	18	17%
4-Agree	45	42%
5-Strongly Agree	39	36%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	4.1	

**Alleys**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	15%
2-Disagree	28	27%
3-Neutral	36	34%
4-Agree	17	16%
5-Strongly Agree	4	4%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	101	
Average	2.7	

**7. Other than farm residences, what types of housing would be appropriate in rural areas**

**Single family (2+ acre)**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	8%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	12	11%
4-Agree	42	39%
5-Strongly Agree	36	34%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	3.9	

**Duplexes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	23	22%
2-Disagree	37	35%
3-Neutral	25	24%
4-Agree	11	10%
5-Strongly Agree	6	6%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	102	
Average	2.4	

**Mobile home parks**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	43	41%
2-Disagree	38	36%
3-Neutral	15	14%
4-Agree	3	3%
5-Strongly Agree	4	4%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	106	100%
Valid cases	103	
Average	1.9	

**Single family (<2 acre)**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	11	10%
2-Disagree	26	25%
3-Neutral	20	19%
4-Agree	33	31%
5-Strongly Agree	12	11%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	102	
Average	3.1	

**Multi-family apartments**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	28	27%
2-Disagree	51	49%
3-Neutral	13	12%
4-Agree	4	4%
5-Strongly Agree	6	6%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	102	
Average	2.1	

**No new non-farm housing**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	18	17%
2-Disagree	32	30%
3-Neutral	28	27%
4-Agree	9	9%
5-Strongly Agree	11	10%
DK-Don't Know	7	7%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	2.6	

**8. My city/village/township has a need for more:**

**Moderately priced homes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	10	9%
3-Neutral	36	33%
4-Agree	33	31%
5-Strongly Agree	14	13%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	100	
Average	3.4	

**Higher priced homes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	24	23%
2-Disagree	28	27%
3-Neutral	28	27%
4-Agree	15	14%
5-Strongly Agree	3	3%
DK-Don't Know	7	7%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	2.4	

**Manufactured(mobile) homes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	35	33%
2-Disagree	29	27%
3-Neutral	22	21%
4-Agree	8	8%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	7	7%
Total	106	100%
Valid cases	99	
Average	2.2	

**Public/subsidized housing**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	27	26%
2-Disagree	27	26%
3-Neutral	29	28%
4-Agree	9	9%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	10	10%
Total	104	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	2.3	

**Multi-unit rental housing**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	35	33%
2-Disagree	32	30%
3-Neutral	17	16%
4-Agree	8	8%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	8	8%
Total	105	100%
Valid cases	97	
Average	2.1	

**Housing for seniors**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	6%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	32	30%
4-Agree	32	30%
5-Strongly Agree	28	26%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	101	
Average	3.7	

**9. The overall quality of housing in my city/village/township is good.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	7	6%
3-Neutral	23	21%
4-Agree	59	54%
5-Strongly Agree	10	9%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	3.6	

**10. Government should provide financial assistance for lower income residents to maintain and improve their homes.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	12%
2-Disagree	22	20%
3-Neutral	27	25%
4-Agree	27	25%
5-Strongly Agree	21	19%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	110	
Average	3.2	

**Utilities & Community Facilities**

**11. New homes and businesses should be encouraged :**

**11a. Primarily in communities where sewer and water are available...**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	12	11%
3-Neutral	18	17%
4-Agree	49	45%
5-Strongly Agree	27	25%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	108	100%

Valid cases 107

Average 3.8

**11b. Next to communities where sewer and water could be extended...**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	15	14%
3-Neutral	21	20%
4-Agree	54	50%
5-Strongly Agree	13	12%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	107	100%

Valid cases 104

Average 3.6

**11c. Anywhere in the County, with or without sewer and water services...**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	20	19%
2-Disagree	18	17%
3-Neutral	27	25%
4-Agree	25	24%
5-Strongly Agree	14	13%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	106	100%

Valid cases 104

Average 3.0

**12. Future boundaries should be established for municipal water and sanitary sewer systems.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	5%
2-Disagree	8	7%
3-Neutral	30	27%
4-Agree	40	36%
5-Strongly Agree	19	17%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	103	
Average	3.6	

**13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be**

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	15	15%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	75	73%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	13	13%
Total	103	100%

**14. How would you rate each of the following local services.**

**Sanitary sewer**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	16	15%
4-Good	15	14%
5-Excellent	3	3%
DU-Don't Use	69	65%
Total	106	100%
Valid cases	37	
Average	3.5	

**Municipal water**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	4	4%
3-Average	15	14%
4-Good	13	12%
5-Excellent	0	0%
DU-Don't Use	72	67%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	35	
Average	3.1	

**Police protection**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	4%
2-Poor	8	7%
3-Average	41	38%
4-Good	36	33%
5-Excellent	5	5%
DU-Don't Use	14	13%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.3	

**Fire protection**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	34	31%
4-Good	47	43%
5-Excellent	10	9%
DU-Don't Use	9	8%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	100	
Average	3.6	

**Ambulance service**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	7	7%
3-Average	43	40%
4-Good	33	31%
5-Excellent	9	8%
DU-Don't Use	12	11%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.4	

**Social service**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	4%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	36	33%
4-Good	22	20%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	37	34%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.2	

**Garbage collection**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	5	5%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	34	31%
4-Good	33	30%
5-Excellent	6	6%
DU-Don't Use	29	27%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	3.4	

**Library**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	24	22%
4-Good	38	35%
5-Excellent	19	17%
DU-Don't Use	26	24%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	83	
Average	3.9	

**Parks**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	6	6%
3-Average	25	23%
4-Good	51	48%
5-Excellent	15	14%
DU-Don't Use	9	8%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	3.7	

**Recycling program**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	4%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	38	35%
4-Good	41	38%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	17	16%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	92	
Average	3.3	

**Education**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	28	26%
4-Good	34	31%
5-Excellent	10	9%
DU-Don't Use	29	27%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	3.5	

**Recreation programs**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	6	6%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	30	28%
4-Good	27	25%
5-Excellent	7	6%
DU-Don't Use	31	29%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	3.3	

**Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources**

**16. Portage County should work with farmers to identify and protect productive agricultural regions.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	9	8%
4-Agree	42	39%
5-Strongly Agree	51	47%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	4.3	

**17. Local units of government in Portage County should address the issue of development in productive agricultural regions by:**

**17a. Preserving farmland at all costs**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	8%
2-Disagree	8	7%
3-Neutral	25	23%
4-Agree	31	28%
5-Strongly Agree	35	32%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.7	

**17b. Protecting productive farmland, but allowing growth in areas not suitable for agricultural use.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	8	7%
3-Neutral	10	9%
4-Agree	63	59%
5-Strongly Agree	17	16%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	3.7	

**17c. Not protecting farmland, let owners develop as they see fit**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	46	42%
2-Disagree	32	29%
3-Neutral	16	15%
4-Agree	7	6%
5-Strongly Agree	6	6%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	2.0	

**18. The rural economy of Portage County should be protected by having growth directed into and around existing developed areas.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	6	6%
3-Neutral	20	18%
4-Agree	48	44%
5-Strongly Agree	29	27%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.8	

**19. My city/village/township should make an effort to identify and protect the following:**

**19a. Woodlands**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	14	13%
4-Agree	36	33%
5-Strongly Agree	53	48%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	4.3	

**19c. Open spaces**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	23	21%
4-Agree	36	33%
5-Strongly Agree	36	33%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.9	

**19e. Endangered species habitat**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	6	5%
3-Neutral	24	22%
4-Agree	25	23%
5-Strongly Agree	48	44%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	4.0	

**19b. Wetlands and floodplains**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	15	14%
4-Agree	38	35%
5-Strongly Agree	43	39%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	4.0	

**19d. Lakes, rivers and streams**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	7	6%
4-Agree	33	30%
5-Strongly Agree	67	60%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	110	
Average	4.5	

**19f. Parkland, existing and future**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	18	17%
4-Agree	42	39%
5-Strongly Agree	44	40%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	4.2	

**19g. Historic and cultural sites**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	24	22%
4-Agree	38	35%
5-Strongly Agree	39	36%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	4.0	

**20. The following represent a threat to the quality of Portage County's groundwater:**

**20a. Residential runoff**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	10	9%
3-Neutral	25	23%
4-Agree	42	38%
5-Strongly Agree	29	26%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.8	

**20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	4	4%
3-Neutral	16	15%
4-Agree	39	35%
5-Strongly Agree	46	42%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	4.1	

**20c. Manure and liquid waste application**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	9	8%
3-Neutral	19	17%
4-Agree	44	40%
5-Strongly Agree	32	29%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.8	

**20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	17	16%
3-Neutral	34	31%
4-Agree	26	24%
5-Strongly Agree	21	19%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	103	
Average	3.4	

**20g. Industrial waste land spreading**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	18	16%
4-Agree	42	38%
5-Strongly Agree	38	34%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	103	
Average	4.1	

**20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	17	16%
4-Agree	49	45%
5-Strongly Agree	28	26%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	101	
Average	4.0	

**20f. Improperly abandoned wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	13	12%
3-Neutral	33	30%
4-Agree	34	31%
5-Strongly Agree	18	16%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	102	
Average	3.5	

**20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	11	10%
3-Neutral	26	23%
4-Agree	34	31%
5-Strongly Agree	30	27%
DK-Don't Know	9	8%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	102	
Average	3.8	

**21. The following represent a threat to the quantity of Portage County's groundwater:**

**21a. Municipal wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	19	18%
3-Neutral	41	38%
4-Agree	26	24%
5-Strongly Agree	6	6%
DK-Don't Know	12	11%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.1	

**21c. Drinking water bottling plants**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	9	8%
3-Neutral	25	23%
4-Agree	26	24%
5-Strongly Agree	34	31%
DK-Don't Know	11	10%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	3.8	

**21e. Private wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	20	19%
2-Disagree	40	37%
3-Neutral	28	26%
4-Agree	7	6%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	100	
Average	2.4	

**21b. Agricultural irrigation wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	12	11%
3-Neutral	32	29%
4-Agree	28	26%
5-Strongly Agree	24	22%
DK-Don't Know	9	8%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	100	
Average	3.6	

**21d. Industrial water users**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	11	10%
3-Neutral	29	27%
4-Agree	35	32%
5-Strongly Agree	21	19%
DK-Don't Know	11	10%
Total	109	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	3.6	

**Commerce and Employment**

**22. What types of new development do you believe would be good for Portage County to attract?**

**22a. Retail development**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	14	13%
3-Neutral	27	24%
4-Agree	43	39%
5-Strongly Agree	20	18%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	3.6	

**22b. Service Development**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	16	15%
3-Neutral	34	31%
4-Agree	42	38%
5-Strongly Agree	6	5%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.2	

**22c. Office Development**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	9%
2-Disagree	26	23%
3-Neutral	42	38%
4-Agree	24	22%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	2.9	

**22d. Industrial Development**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	9%
2-Disagree	18	16%
3-Neutral	20	18%
4-Agree	39	35%
5-Strongly Agree	20	18%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	3.4	

**23. New retail or commercial businesses should only be located in cities or villages**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	19	17%
3-Neutral	16	14%
4-Agree	40	36%
5-Strongly Agree	27	24%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	3.6	

**24. There are enough job opportunities to make a living in Portage County.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	28	25%
3-Neutral	25	23%
4-Agree	30	27%
5-Strongly Agree	6	5%
DK-Don't Know	15	14%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	96	
Average	3.0	

**25. Tax dollars should be used to develop new jobs in the County.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	19	17%
3-Neutral	37	34%
4-Agree	29	26%
5-Strongly Agree	13	12%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.2	

**Transportation**

**26. Local roads in my city/village/township are in good condition**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	20	18%
3-Neutral	16	14%
4-Agree	56	50%
5-Strongly Agree	11	10%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	3.4	

**27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	13	12%
3-Neutral	14	13%
4-Agree	72	65%
5-Strongly Agree	11	10%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	110	
Average	3.7	

**28. Local units of government in Portage County need to provide:**

**28a. more bicycle routes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	16	14%
3-Neutral	44	40%
4-Agree	25	23%
5-Strongly Agree	11	10%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	3.1	

**28b. more pedestrian routes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	17	15%
3-Neutral	47	42%
4-Agree	21	19%
5-Strongly Agree	11	10%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	3.1	

**29. Local units of government should provide connections to regional trail systems.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	9%
2-Disagree	14	13%
3-Neutral	38	35%
4-Agree	26	24%
5-Strongly Agree	16	15%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	3.2	

**30. How would you rate the following transportation-related services in Portage County:**

**Road maintenance**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	6	5%
3-Average	31	28%
4-Good	53	48%
5-Excellent	16	14%
DU-Don't Use	3	3%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.7	

**Public parking**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	42	38%
4-Good	43	39%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	16	14%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.4	

**Bicycle/pedestrian facilities**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	8	7%
3-Average	40	37%
4-Good	20	19%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	37	34%
Total	108	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.2	

**Snow plowing**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	20	18%
4-Good	60	54%
5-Excellent	18	16%
DU-Don't Use	6	5%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.8	

**Bus / Taxi / etc.**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	11	10%
3-Average	28	25%
4-Good	16	15%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	53	48%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	57	
Average	3.2	

**Transportation for seniors**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	13	12%
3-Average	29	26%
4-Good	16	14%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	52	47%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	59	
Average	3.1	

**Transportation for disabled**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	9	8%
3-Average	29	26%
4-Good	16	14%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	56	50%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	55	
Average	3.2	

**Airport facilities**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	6	5%
2-Poor	8	7%
3-Average	32	29%
4-Good	19	17%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	44	40%
Total	110	100%
Valid cases	66	
Average	3.0	

**Issues and Opportunities**

**31. My preference for development in rural Portage County in the year 2020 is:**

	Responses	Percent
Preservation of the existing rural landscape with limited amounts of new development.	46	42%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	51	47%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	12	11%
Total	109	100%

**32. my preference for development in urban Portage County in the year 2020 is:**

	Responses	Percent
Infill and redevelopment with no outward expansion of existing urban areas.	22	20%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	74	69%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	12	11%
Total	108	100%

**33. As Portage County and local government units plan for future development, should they discourage, encourage, or remain neutral regarding each of the following:**

**33a. Environmental preservation**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	86	80%
Remain neutral	15	14%
Discourage	2	2%
Don't Know	4	4%
Total	107	100%

**33c. Industrial development**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	46	42%
Remain neutral	46	42%
Discourage	15	14%
Don't Know	3	3%
Total	110	100%

**33e. Retail development**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	42	38%
Remain neutral	47	42%
Discourage	17	15%
Don't Know	5	5%
Total	111	100%

**33g. Vacation homes**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	29	26%
Remain neutral	52	47%
Discourage	24	22%
Don't Know	5	5%
Total	110	100%

**33b. Farmland preservation**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	95	86%
Remain neutral	12	11%
Discourage	3	3%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	110	100%

**33d. Residential development**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	34	31%
Remain neutral	61	56%
Discourage	11	10%
Don't Know	3	3%
Total	109	100%

**33f. Tourism facilities**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	47	42%
Remain neutral	46	41%
Discourage	15	14%
Don't Know	3	3%
Total	111	100%

**Demographics**

**36. How long have you been a resident in Portage County?**

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	1	1%
1 - 5 years	10	9%
6 - 10 years	10	9%
11 - 20 years	18	16%
over 20 years	52	46%
Not a resident but own land	21	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>100%</b>

**38. I currently**

	Responses	Percent
Own	106	97%
Rent	3	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100%</b>

**39. Please indicate your gender:**

	Responses	Percent
Male	74	68%
Female	35	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100%</b>

**40. What is your age:**

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	3	3%
25-34	7	6%
35-44	24	21%
45-54	20	18%
55-64	27	24%
65-74	20	18%
over 75	11	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>100%</b>

**42. What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

	Responses	Percent
some high school	6	6%
high school graduate	48	44%
technical college	17	16%
junior college	4	4%
college	23	21%
post graduate	11	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100%</b>

**43. What is your employment status:**

	Responses	Percent
employed	53	49%
unemployed	1	1%
self-employed	11	10%
student	1	1%
retired	41	38%
do not work	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100%</b>

**44. What is your field of employment?**

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	7	11%
Wholesale trade	5	8%
Manufacturing	8	13%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	7	11%
Government	3	5%
Retail trade	2	3%
Transportation/Public Utilities	3	5%
Services	22	35%
Construction/Mining	5	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100%</b>

**41. How many people live in your household, including yourself?**

	Responses	Percent
0	1	1%
1	15	14%
2	54	50%
3	10	9%
4	20	18%
5	7	6%
6	2	2%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	109	100%

**41a. number under 18 years old.**

	Responses	Percent
0	50	62%
1	11	14%
2	14	18%
3	4	5%
4	0	0%
5	1	1%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	80	100%

**45. Where do you work?**

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	23	34%
Stevens	20	29%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	0	0%
Wisconsin Rapids	0	0%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	4	6%
Waupaca Area	1	1%
Outside Central Wisconsin	20	29%
Total	68	100%

**46. What is your approximate gross (before tax) yearly family income?**

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	8	8%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	23	23%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	35	34%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	30%
\$100,000 or more	5	5%
Total	102	100%

15. One recreational program or facility that my family or I would like to see provided somewhere in Portage County is:

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1. Fishing Tournament
2. Disabled access & disabled fishing piers on all lakes with county parks
3. COLLINS PARK
4. Athletic/Aquatic Ct.
5. Recreation
6. social centers or clubs for kids
7. Batting range/driving range
8. none
9. ice off roads for walking
10. ATV TRAILS
11. Don't use
12. Summer fisheries for kids
13. NONE
14. -
15. saving shore lines on lakes
16. Something for teens
17. Bicycle Path
18. Provide help with cleaning and maintaining lakes.
19. Recreation program in outlying areas.
20. horse trails
21. archery
22. none
23. River Watershed Projects
24. Red Lobster
25. library open all day Sundays our day off of work
26. None
27. don't have an idea
28. Improved tot lots
29. Waysides with picnic area and walking trails
30. Public Land
31. horse riding trails
32. More trails for horse back riding
33. Tackle football program for middle schoolers; little league for younger kids.
34. Making public aware of wright lifting facilities at public schools
35. facility for young people
36. swimming pool
37. Has enough
38. swimming pool tennis ct

34. Please tell us the SINGLE greatest problem or concern you have regarding your city/village/township.

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1. Uncontrolled burning of garbage in barrels on a daily basis ruining the quality of air and life.
2. Sanitary Sewer System, Especially around Lake, Rivers,Streams

3. Not a res. but never find out about town or county meetings
4. need to preserve the integrity of undeveloped areas-
5. Taxes - Those on retirement can't keep up with taxes - we don't get more money each year!!
6. THE AREA PARKS DON'T OFFER ANY HIKING OR BIKING TRAILS.
7. Chemical usage on farmland
8. Too high of property taxes
9. Lack of stricter environmental standards in many areas
10. ever rising property taxes
11. no stores or fast food
12. Nothing for kids to do
13. Water quality on lakes/short water ski hours
14. Destroying good Farmland, For building homes
15. preserve land for FAMILY Farms
16. they are trying to give back public roads and we don't want that
17. FARMLAND BEING USED FOR NEW HOUSES
18. Trespassing During Hunting season
19. Too much development
20. Ambulance Fire Police Service
21. Rosholt - Lack of jobs
22. Condition of the roads during winter
23. Getting things accomplished
24. UNCHECKED DEVELOPMENT OF REMAINING RURAL AREAS (WOODLAND, FARMS)
25. Lack of Restarants in County
26. Protection or woodlands and groundwater
27. Ever-increasing taxes
28. Property taxes too high for what benefits are provided.
29. Manure and liquid waste spreading in fields.
30. loss of farmland
31. Local , state, and federal government trying to control everything owners have.
32. lack of road maintenance on some roads (Lake Helen)
33. Real estate taxes too high/ tap the NFL for help on school tax. We are running a farm system for them !!
34. The village is stagnet- no growth, actually dying before our eyes.
35. Old leadership
36. Mobile homes and dumping of trash
37. small business can't stay here - can't make it ( Rosholt)
38. none
39. Property taxes
40. Too hard to remodel or add a addition because of town rules.
41. the building of homes in rural areas
42. Water quality - both surface and below ground
43. No new business' are encouraged to start
44. n/c
45. No water 2000 program please. Do NOT like additives in city water.
46. Village of Rosholt Business dying off
47. mobile homes in rural area - infrastructure, low paying jobs and sub standard wages and working conditions. Hap hazard development in stevens point, very poor planning, building inspector not doing his job properly; material and foundation work done improperly
48. none
49. Business places closing up, lack of people shopping locally
50. none

51. That small villages and cities are fading away
52. Allows some people to have solid waste dumps on property.
53. bypass of Stevens Point with highway 10
54. Don't cut road side grass & weeds.
55. none
56. snow plowing & salting & speeders
57. people are very rude
58. fire protection
59. To many junk cars on some properties, unkept mobile homes.
60. Lack of services, road maintenance, Natural Gas
61. Urban people moving to the rural areas requesting special interests
62. Business are closing- apartments are taking the place of where a business used to be run.  
Main street now consists of people renting apartments instead of people being employed.
63. We need more industrial development in our area.
64. Groundwater contamination
65. jobs
66. none
67. no problems
68. Not utilizing the vacant buildings + land in the city for homes, shops, businesses
69. Not aggressive enough at encouraging new businesses or helping the current ones to stay in business.
70. Tn Board run by good ole boy network - Concerned more for themselves than town
71. farm land preservation
72. Having to pump out my 1/2 empty septic tank every three years
73. Lakes
74. Madison
75. Limited income opportunities to support quality of life

35. Please share with us the best part of living in your city/village/township.  
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1. "Small town" atmosphere
2. Wilderness
3. Not a res. - stepdad was raised in Rosholt area and his cousins are my friends & neighbors at the lake
4. natural setting with peace and quiet
5. Good atmosphere, quiet, nice people.
6. NO RAILROAD OR INDUSTRY TO KEEP US AWAKE AT NIGHT
7. beautiful area to live, good school system
8. Quiet Rural Area
9. I am mainly familiar with Stevens Point & Rosholt area - comfortable places to be. 2 of my children attended UWSP and I became aware of the city and would have been happy to live there!
10. quietness
11. open spaces, nice neighbors
12. clean air
13. Clean, fresh air, & lack of traffic noise
14. Peace & Quiet and having no neighbors around!
15. clean air and quiet country side
16. peaceful, family oriented
17. small less people alot of open land/distance between homes
18. QUITE good water & fishing
19. Surroundings

20. small not very populated
21. PRIVACY
22. RURAL SCHOOLS AND IT'S QUALITY
23. private
24. Friendly sharing people
25. I like the rural life
26. Privacy of rural landscape
27. Peace and quiet with helpful neighbors
28. Lots of public hunting and fishing nearby
29. The Park System & Cleanliness of them, Grass Mowed, No Garbage Ect.
30. The people
31. Peace and Quiet
32. Relaxed, layed back, living style
33. very little government
34. We live in the country, leave us alone.
35. Peace and quiet and relaxation
36. Quiet and peaceful fish anytime Penny Lake
37. Usually fairly peaceful, with nature nearby.
38. Seasonal residents only
39. Closeness with neighbors in surrounding areas
40. small # of residents
41. low crime good schools
42. rural atmosphere
43. hometown feeling - nature
44. The open spaces
45. large tracts of relatively undeveloped countryside
46. we have an excellent school system, police coverage
47. A good town to live in
48. out of library book loan services
49. rural setting
50. clean area, schools, hopefully better quality of life for my children
51. good
52. Nice quiet neighborhood, close to stores and churches
53. rural location
54. We like our privacy
55. good little country village library. good roads
56. easy access to major cities in area.
57. Private & quiet.
58. clean air
59. caring and helpful people
60. the beauty
61. peace & quiet
62. It's beautiful and safe.
63. Quite country living.
64. Quiet area
65. Freedom from major developments and traffic
66. Small town atmosphere- quality education for our children.
67. the privacy we have at home and the friendliness of people in public
68. peaceful and friendly
69. country living with shopping close by
70. Beautiful surroundings, great neighbors
71. Its small and safe

72. Remote location- great for privacy.
73. Privacy, Quiet
74. preservation of existing rural landscape
75. peace and quiet
76. Solitude
77. The people
78. Quiet, low crime, good fire service and ambulance & police protection