



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

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Village of Nelsonville

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Nelsonville 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	0	0%
Present projected rate of growth	5	31%
Slower than projected	9	56%
No growth	1	6%
Don't Know	1	6%
Total	16	100%

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

Single family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	5	26%
4-Agree	10	53%
5-Strongly Agree	3	16%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%

Valid cases 18
 Average 3.9

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	2	11%
3-Neutral	5	26%
4-Agree	8	42%
5-Strongly Agree	1	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	11%
Total	19	100%

Valid cases 17
 Average 3.4

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<u>Rural residential</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	26%
3-Neutral	4	21%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	3	16%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.4	

<u>Family farms</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	11	58%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	4.6	

<u>Small businesses</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	6%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	7	39%
5-Strongly Agree	7	39%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	4.2	

<u>Hobby farms</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	2	11%
3-Neutral	4	21%
4-Agree	5	26%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	2	11%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.6	

<u>Large corporate farms</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	26%
2-Disagree	5	26%
3-Neutral	4	21%
4-Agree	4	21%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	2.4	

<u>Large retail outlets/centers</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	22%
2-Disagree	2	11%
3-Neutral	4	22%
4-Agree	6	33%
5-Strongly Agree	1	6%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	2.9	

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Light industry

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	5	28%
4-Agree	9	50%
5-Strongly Agree	3	17%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.9	

Heavy industry

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	16%
2-Disagree	4	21%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	3	16%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	5	26%
4-Agree	8	42%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.9	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	3	17%
4-Agree	9	50%
5-Strongly Agree	6	33%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	4.2	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	22%
2-Disagree	11	61%
3-Neutral	1	6%
4-Agree	1	6%
5-Strongly Agree	1	6%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	2.1	

Housing

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

<u>Apartments</u>			<u>Shopping</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%	1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	6%	2-Disagree	1	6%
3-Neutral	3	19%	3-Neutral	1	6%
4-Agree	9	56%	4-Agree	10	59%
5-Strongly Agree	2	12%	5-Strongly Agree	5	29%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%	DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	16	100%	Total	17	100%
Valid cases	15		Valid cases	17	
Average	3.8		Average	4.1	

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Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	6%
3-Neutral	1	6%
4-Agree	8	47%
5-Strongly Agree	7	41%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	17	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	4.2	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	1	6%
4-Agree	7	44%
5-Strongly Agree	8	50%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	16	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	4.4	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	6%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	3	18%
4-Agree	5	29%
5-Strongly Agree	6	35%
DK-Don't Know	2	12%
Total	17	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	4.0	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	6%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	5	28%
5-Strongly Agree	10	56%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	4.3	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	12%
2-Disagree	3	19%
3-Neutral	6	38%
4-Agree	3	19%
5-Strongly Agree	1	6%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	16	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	2.9	

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

Single family (2+ acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	6%
2-Disagree	2	12%
3-Neutral	0	0%
4-Agree	7	41%
5-Strongly Agree	5	29%
DK-Don't Know	2	12%
Total	17	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.9	

Single family (<2 acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	6	33%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	4	22%
5-Strongly Agree	3	17%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.0	

Duplexes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	35%
2-Disagree	5	29%
3-Neutral	0	0%
4-Agree	5	29%
5-Strongly Agree	1	6%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	17	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	2.4	

Multi-family apartments

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	35%
2-Disagree	4	24%
3-Neutral	2	12%
4-Agree	3	18%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	2	12%
Total	17	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	2.1	

Mobile home parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	53%
2-Disagree	2	12%
3-Neutral	4	24%
4-Agree	1	6%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	17	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	1.8	

No new non-farm housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	6%
2-Disagree	6	33%
3-Neutral	5	28%
4-Agree	2	11%
5-Strongly Agree	3	17%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.0	

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

Moderately priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	3	16%
DK-Don't Know	4	21%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.5	

Higher priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	16%
2-Disagree	6	32%
3-Neutral	7	37%
4-Agree	0	0%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	2.2	

Manufactured(mobile) homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	47%
2-Disagree	3	16%
3-Neutral	4	21%
4-Agree	0	0%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	1.7	

Public/subsidized housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	21%
2-Disagree	7	37%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	3	16%
5-Strongly Agree	1	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	11%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	2.4	

Multi-unit rental housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	16%
2-Disagree	7	37%
3-Neutral	4	21%
4-Agree	1	5%
5-Strongly Agree	1	5%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	2.4	

Housing for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	5	26%
4-Agree	4	21%
5-Strongly Agree	4	21%
DK-Don't Know	4	21%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	12	63%
5-Strongly Agree	3	16%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.9	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	2	11%
3-Neutral	5	26%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.6	

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	6%
2-Disagree	2	12%
3-Neutral	4	24%
4-Agree	7	41%
5-Strongly Agree	3	18%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	17	100%

Valid cases 17
Average 3.5

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	7	37%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	2	11%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%

Valid cases 19
Average 3.3

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	22%
2-Disagree	3	17%
3-Neutral	5	28%
4-Agree	3	17%
5-Strongly Agree	2	11%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%

Valid cases 17
Average 2.8

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	3	16%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	4	21%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	3.8	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	3	16%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	16	84%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	0	0%
Total	19	100%

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

Sanitary sewer

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	3	17%
4-Good	1	6%
5-Excellent	2	11%
DU-Don't Use	12	67%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	6	
Average	3.8	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	3	17%
4-Good	1	6%
5-Excellent	2	11%
DU-Don't Use	12	67%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	6	
Average	3.8	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	5%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	6	32%
4-Good	10	53%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.6	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	5%
3-Average	3	16%
4-Good	14	74%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.8	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	5%
3-Average	6	32%
4-Good	11	58%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.6	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	4	21%
4-Good	9	47%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	5	26%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	14	
Average	3.8	

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Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	2	11%
4-Good	11	58%
5-Excellent	2	11%
DU-Don't Use	4	21%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	4.0	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	0	0%
4-Good	11	61%
5-Excellent	4	22%
DU-Don't Use	3	17%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	4.3	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	3	16%
4-Good	13	68%
5-Excellent	2	11%
DU-Don't Use	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.9	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	6%
3-Average	5	28%
4-Good	8	44%
5-Excellent	3	17%
DU-Don't Use	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.8	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	5%
3-Average	2	11%
4-Good	10	53%
5-Excellent	4	21%
DU-Don't Use	2	11%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	4.0	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	4	21%
4-Good	8	42%
5-Excellent	2	11%
DU-Don't Use	5	26%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	14	
Average	3.9	

Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	9	47%
5-Strongly Agree	8	42%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	4.4	

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	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	6%
3-Neutral	6	38%
4-Agree	4	25%
5-Strongly Agree	5	31%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	16	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	3	16%
4-Agree	11	58%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	4.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	11	65%
2-Disagree	3	18%
3-Neutral	2	12%
4-Agree	1	6%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	17	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	1.6	

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	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	10	56%
5-Strongly Agree	6	33%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	4.2	

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

19a. Woodlands

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	9	47%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	4.2	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	9	47%
5-Strongly Agree	6	32%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.9	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	3	16%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	6	32%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.7	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	8	42%
5-Strongly Agree	6	32%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.8	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	10	53%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	4.4	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	3	16%
4-Agree	10	53%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.9	

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19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	12	63%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	4.1	

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

20a. Residential runoff

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	10	53%
5-Strongly Agree	4	21%
DK-Don't Know	2	11%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	4.0	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	10	53%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	4.4	

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20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	9	47%
5-Strongly Agree	7	37%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	4.2	

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	4	21%
4-Agree	8	42%
5-Strongly Agree	2	11%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	3.6	

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	7	37%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	4.1	

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	0	0%
4-Agree	10	53%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	2	11%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	4.0	

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	3	16%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	4	21%
DK-Don't Know	4	21%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.9	

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	0	0%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	7	37%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	4.1	

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

21a. Municipal wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	7	37%
4-Agree	5	26%
5-Strongly Agree	1	5%
DK-Don't Know	5	26%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	14	
Average	3.4	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	2	11%
3-Neutral	4	22%
4-Agree	5	28%
5-Strongly Agree	4	22%
DK-Don't Know	3	17%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.7	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	8	44%
3-Neutral	5	28%
4-Agree	1	6%
5-Strongly Agree	1	6%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	2.5	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	6	32%
4-Agree	4	21%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	3.8	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	1	5%
3-Neutral	2	11%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	3	16%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	3.9	

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	1	5%
2-Disagree	3	16%
3-Neutral	6	32%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	2	11%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.3	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	2	11%
3-Neutral	7	37%
4-Agree	7	37%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.1	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	1	6%
3-Neutral	8	44%
4-Agree	6	33%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.1	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	11%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	6	33%
4-Agree	4	22%
5-Strongly Agree	5	28%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.6	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	6%
2-Disagree	1	6%
3-Neutral	3	17%
4-Agree	7	39%
5-Strongly Agree	5	28%
DK-Don't Know	1	6%
Total	18	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	6	32%
3-Neutral	5	26%
4-Agree	6	32%
5-Strongly Agree	1	5%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	16%
3-Neutral	6	32%
4-Agree	5	26%
5-Strongly Agree	4	21%
DK-Don't Know	1	5%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.6	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	3	16%
3-Neutral	1	5%
4-Agree	11	58%
5-Strongly Agree	3	16%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.6	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	4	21%
4-Agree	13	68%
5-Strongly Agree	2	11%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.9	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	16%
3-Neutral	8	42%
4-Agree	4	21%
5-Strongly Agree	4	21%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%

Valid cases 19
Average 3.5

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	18%
3-Neutral	7	41%
4-Agree	3	18%
5-Strongly Agree	4	24%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	17	100%

Valid cases 17
Average 3.5

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	5%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	8	42%
4-Agree	5	26%
5-Strongly Agree	5	26%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	19	100%

Valid cases 19
Average 3.7

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

Road maintenance

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	5%
3-Average	5	26%
4-Good	12	63%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.7	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	5%
3-Average	7	37%
4-Good	8	42%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	2	11%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	17	
Average	3.5	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	4	21%
3-Average	7	37%
4-Good	3	16%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	4	21%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.1	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	4	21%
4-Good	12	63%
5-Excellent	3	16%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	19	
Average	3.9	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	5%
2-Poor	1	5%
3-Average	5	26%
4-Good	2	11%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	9	47%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	10	
Average	3.1	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	11%
3-Average	6	32%
4-Good	0	0%
5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	10	53%
Total	19	100%
Valid cases	9	
Average	3.0	

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<u>Transportation for disabled</u>			<u>Airport facilities</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%	1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	11%	2-Poor	2	11%
3-Average	6	32%	3-Average	4	21%
4-Good	0	0%	4-Good	6	32%
5-Excellent	1	5%	5-Excellent	1	5%
DU-Don't Use	10	53%	DU-Don't Use	6	32%
Total	19	100%	Total	19	100%
Valid cases	9		Valid cases	13	
Average	3.0		Average	3.5	

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.	7	37%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	11	58%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	1	5%
Total	19	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.	4	22%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	12	67%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	2	11%
Total	18	100%

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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	16	89%
Remain neutral	2	11%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	8	44%
Remain neutral	9	50%
Discourage	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	8	47%
Remain neutral	6	35%
Discourage	2	12%
Don't Know	1	6%
Total	17	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	6	35%
Remain neutral	6	35%
Discourage	4	24%
Don't Know	1	6%
Total	17	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	16	89%
Remain neutral	2	11%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	8	47%
Remain neutral	7	41%
Discourage	1	6%
Don't Know	1	6%
Total	17	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	12	67%
Remain neutral	6	33%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	18	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	0	0%
1 - 5 years	4	21%
6 - 10 years	2	11%
11 - 20 years	2	11%
over 20 years	10	53%
Not a resident but own land	1	5%
Total	19	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	16	84%
Rent	3	16%
Total	19	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	10	53%
Female	9	47%
Total	19	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	2	11%
35-44	6	32%
45-54	5	26%
55-64	3	16%
65-74	1	5%
over 75	2	11%
Total	19	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	0	0%
high school graduate	4	27%
technical college	1	7%
junior college	0	0%
college	5	33%
post graduate	5	33%
Total	15	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	13	68%
unemployed	0	0%
self-employed	2	11%
student	0	0%
retired	2	11%
do not work	2	11%
Total	19	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	1	8%
Wholesale trade	0	0%
Manufacturing	3	23%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	3	23%
Government	1	8%
Retail trade	1	8%
Transportation/Public Utilities	0	0%
Services	4	31%
Construction/Mining	0	0%
Total	13	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	0	0%
1	3	18%
2	8	47%
3	1	6%
4	3	18%
5	2	12%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	17	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	7	58%
1	3	25%
2	2	17%
3	0	0%
4	0	0%
5	0	0%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	12	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	7	47%
Stevens	6	40%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	0	0%
Wisconsin Rapids	1	7%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	0	0%
Waupaca Area	0	0%
Outside Central Wisconsin	1	7%
Total	15	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	3	18%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	3	18%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	3	18%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	41%
\$100,000 or more	1	6%
Total	17	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. have enough
2. More bicycling trails
3. Teen center
4. Assistance for low income ill people between ages 40-65
5. A place for children to go like kids zone
6. Family aquatic ctr.
7. a teen center
8. Theatre in the park(s) in summer

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

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1. The city and county governments MUST work together for ALL! Put the EGO's on the shelf, NO turf. I challenge Gary & Clarence to cooperate.
2. Village having to provide too many services, board members, etc. at a high expense for 200 population.
3. Vandalism
4. Larger government bodies attempting to control smaller villages.
5. Keeping the quaint look of Nelsonville.
6. Poor Police supervision
7. The fast rate at which my taxes are increasing!
8. Water well contamination from pesticides/ fertilizers.
9. agricultural runoff to groundwater
10. Commercial buildings not utilized
11. None
12. Pure water
13. industrial farming, COFA's, etc...factory farms

35. Please share with us the best part of living in your city/village/township.

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1. Enjoying the current lifestyle we have.
2. natural beauty of rural area & friendly residents
3. Small town living
4. privacy- quiet
5. Scenic beauty & peaceful quiet
6. Local (in village) interest in our village
7. Its quaint and has a good friendly feel.
8. It's a very rural atmosphere
9. It is a very quiet friendly community
10. Quiet, friendly neighbors, access to what we need.
11. my neighbors & local business owners

12. neighbors
13. Quiet
14. caring people
15. small, friendly, quiet, clean, safe, beautiful. Nelsonville.
16. wonderful neighbors, stable population, beauty year round, deep sense of well being