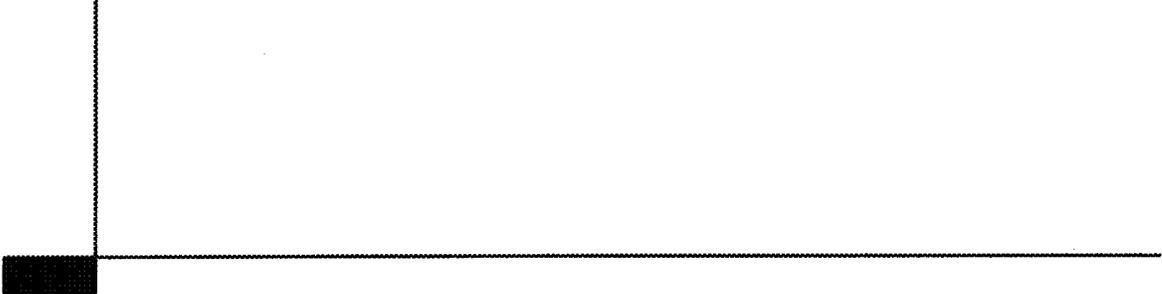


Appendix B

Portage County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Survey Final Report

December, 2001

Town of Belmont
Comprehensive Plan
2005



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

Final Report

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Town of Belmont

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Belmont 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	7	8%
Present projected rate of growth	16	18%
Slower than projected	41	47%
No growth	14	16%
Don't Know	9	10%
Total	87	100%

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

Single family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	20	24%
4-Agree	26	32%
5-Strongly Agree	29	35%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	82	100%

Valid cases 81

Average 3.9

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	18%
2-Disagree	17	24%
3-Neutral	22	31%
4-Agree	9	12%
5-Strongly Agree	9	12%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	72	100%

Valid cases 70

Average 2.8

Rural residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	12%
2-Disagree	12	15%
3-Neutral	17	21%
4-Agree	23	28%
5-Strongly Agree	18	22%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	81	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	3.3	

Family farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	7	8%
4-Agree	24	29%
5-Strongly Agree	49	59%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	83	100%
Valid cases	83	
Average	4.4	

Small businesses

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	5%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	17	21%
4-Agree	27	33%
5-Strongly Agree	30	37%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	81	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	4.0	

Hobby farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	20	26%
4-Agree	34	44%
5-Strongly Agree	16	21%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	78	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	3.8	

Large corporate farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	25	32%
2-Disagree	23	30%
3-Neutral	13	17%
4-Agree	12	16%
5-Strongly Agree	2	3%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	77	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	2.2	

Large retail outlets/centers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	18	23%
2-Disagree	18	23%
3-Neutral	22	28%
4-Agree	14	18%
5-Strongly Agree	4	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	78	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	2.6	

<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	9%	1- Strongly Disagree	18	23%
2-Disagree	6	8%	2-Disagree	15	19%
3-Neutral	19	24%	3-Neutral	21	27%
4-Agree	30	38%	4-Agree	14	18%
5-Strongly Agree	16	20%	5-Strongly Agree	7	9%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	79	100%	Total	77	100%
Valid cases	78		Valid cases	75	
Average	3.5		Average	2.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	11%
2-Disagree	6	7%
3-Neutral	9	10%
4-Agree	29	33%
5-Strongly Agree	32	37%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	3.8	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	10%
2-Disagree	6	7%
3-Neutral	14	16%
4-Agree	24	27%
5-Strongly Agree	32	36%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	85	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	23	26%
2-Disagree	29	33%
3-Neutral	14	16%
4-Agree	10	11%
5-Strongly Agree	8	9%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	84	
Average	2.4	

Housing

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

<u>Apartments</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	9%
2-Disagree	10	13%
3-Neutral	18	23%
4-Agree	25	32%
5-Strongly Agree	18	23%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	79	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	3.5	

<u>Shopping</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	5%
2-Disagree	2	3%
3-Neutral	10	13%
4-Agree	38	48%
5-Strongly Agree	24	30%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	79	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	4.0	

Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	13	16%
4-Agree	30	38%
5-Strongly Agree	30	38%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	79	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	4.1	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	18	22%
4-Agree	25	31%
5-Strongly Agree	32	40%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	80	100%
Valid cases	79	
Average	4.1	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	8%
2-Disagree	12	15%
3-Neutral	24	31%
4-Agree	23	29%
5-Strongly Agree	12	15%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	78	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	3.3	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	11	14%
4-Agree	33	41%
5-Strongly Agree	30	38%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	80	100%
Valid cases	79	
Average	4.1	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	16%
2-Disagree	18	23%
3-Neutral	32	42%
4-Agree	8	10%
5-Strongly Agree	5	6%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	77	100%
Valid cases	75	
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	7	8%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	7	8%
4-Agree	28	34%
5-Strongly Agree	39	47%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	83	100%
Valid cases	83	
Average	4.1	

Single family (<2 acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	25	32%
2-Disagree	19	24%
3-Neutral	10	13%
4-Agree	15	19%
5-Strongly Agree	8	10%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	78	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	2.5	

Duplexes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	26	34%
2-Disagree	20	26%
3-Neutral	18	23%
4-Agree	9	12%
5-Strongly Agree	3	4%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	77	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	2.2	

Multi-family apartments

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	32	41%
2-Disagree	25	32%
3-Neutral	17	22%
4-Agree	1	1%
5-Strongly Agree	2	3%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	79	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	1.9	

Mobile home parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	40	50%
2-Disagree	19	24%
3-Neutral	12	15%
4-Agree	5	6%
5-Strongly Agree	3	4%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	80	100%
Valid cases	79	
Average	1.9	

No new non-farm housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	21	26%
2-Disagree	20	25%
3-Neutral	22	27%
4-Agree	8	10%
5-Strongly Agree	8	10%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	81	100%
Valid cases	79	
Average	2.5	

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

Moderately priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	12%
2-Disagree	9	11%
3-Neutral	20	24%
4-Agree	28	34%
5-Strongly Agree	9	11%
DK-Don't Know	6	7%
Total	82	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	3.2	

Public/subsidized housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	30	39%
2-Disagree	18	23%
3-Neutral	17	22%
4-Agree	4	5%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	7	9%
Total	77	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	2.0	

Higher priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	20	25%
2-Disagree	18	22%
3-Neutral	23	29%
4-Agree	7	9%
5-Strongly Agree	9	11%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	80	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	2.6	

Multi-unit rental housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	31	41%
2-Disagree	20	27%
3-Neutral	12	16%
4-Agree	7	9%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	5	7%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	1.9	

Manufactured(mobile) homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	37	46%
2-Disagree	15	19%
3-Neutral	15	19%
4-Agree	7	9%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	80	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	2.0	

Housing for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	14%
2-Disagree	7	8%
3-Neutral	22	27%
4-Agree	26	31%
5-Strongly Agree	10	12%
DK-Don't Know	6	7%
Total	83	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	3.2	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	19	22%
3-Neutral	17	20%
4-Agree	38	45%
5-Strongly Agree	6	7%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	81	
Average	3.4	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	19	22%
2-Disagree	18	21%
3-Neutral	17	20%
4-Agree	21	24%
5-Strongly Agree	9	10%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	84	
Average	2.8	

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	5	6%
2-Disagree	8	10%
3-Neutral	12	14%
4-Agree	36	43%
5-Strongly Agree	23	27%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	84	100%

Valid cases 84
 Average 3.8

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	9%
2-Disagree	10	12%
3-Neutral	17	21%
4-Agree	38	48%
5-Strongly Agree	8	10%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	80	100%

Valid cases 80
 Average 3.4

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	26	32%
2-Disagree	20	25%
3-Neutral	14	18%
4-Agree	9	11%
5-Strongly Agree	9	11%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	80	100%

Valid cases 78
 Average 2.4

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	8%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	29	34%
4-Agree	23	27%
5-Strongly Agree	20	24%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	82	
Average	3.6	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	21	26%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	53	65%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	7	9%
Total	81	100%

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

Sanitary sewer

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	9	12%
4-Good	4	5%
5-Excellent	0	0%
DU-Don't Use	63	81%
Total	78	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.1	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	9	12%
4-Good	3	4%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	63	81%
Total	78	100%
Valid cases	15	
Average	3.1	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	13	16%
3-Average	29	35%
4-Good	14	17%
5-Excellent	7	8%
DU-Don't Use	18	22%
Total	83	100%
Valid cases	65	
Average	3.2	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	8	9%
3-Average	22	26%
4-Good	27	31%
5-Excellent	13	15%
DU-Don't Use	15	17%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.6	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	5%
2-Poor	9	11%
3-Average	22	27%
4-Good	20	24%
5-Excellent	10	12%
DU-Don't Use	17	21%
Total	82	100%
Valid cases	65	
Average	3.4	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	5	6%
3-Average	20	24%
4-Good	9	11%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	45	55%
Total	82	100%
Valid cases	37	
Average	3.1	

Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	4%
2-Poor	5	6%
3-Average	14	17%
4-Good	18	22%
5-Excellent	4	5%
DU-Don't Use	38	46%
Total	82	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	3.3	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	18	21%
4-Good	22	26%
5-Excellent	9	11%
DU-Don't Use	33	39%
Total	84	100%
Valid cases	51	
Average	3.7	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	20	25%
4-Good	24	30%
5-Excellent	7	9%
DU-Don't Use	28	35%
Total	81	100%
Valid cases	53	
Average	3.7	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	5	6%
2-Poor	6	7%
3-Average	13	16%
4-Good	26	31%
5-Excellent	6	7%
DU-Don't Use	27	33%
Total	83	100%
Valid cases	56	
Average	3.4	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	19	23%
4-Good	16	20%
5-Excellent	8	10%
DU-Don't Use	36	44%
Total	82	100%
Valid cases	46	
Average	3.6	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	4%
2-Poor	3	4%
3-Average	25	30%
4-Good	9	11%
5-Excellent	4	5%
DU-Don't Use	38	46%
Total	82	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	3.2	

Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	6%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	6	7%
4-Agree	27	31%
5-Strongly Agree	45	51%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	4.2	

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	8	9%
2-Disagree	10	12%
3-Neutral	16	19%
4-Agree	13	15%
5-Strongly Agree	36	42%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	83	
Average	3.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	6%
2-Disagree	9	11%
3-Neutral	13	16%
4-Agree	38	46%
5-Strongly Agree	16	20%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	82	100%
Valid cases	81	
Average	3.6	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	36	44%
2-Disagree	19	23%
3-Neutral	12	15%
4-Agree	5	6%
5-Strongly Agree	6	7%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	81	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	2.1	

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	6%
2-Disagree	4	5%
3-Neutral	16	19%
4-Agree	28	33%
5-Strongly Agree	27	32%
DK-Don't Know	5	6%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	3.9	

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	8	9%
3-Neutral	6	7%
4-Agree	24	27%
5-Strongly Agree	44	49%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	89	100%
Valid cases	85	
Average	4.2	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	6%
2-Disagree	5	6%
3-Neutral	15	18%
4-Agree	23	27%
5-Strongly Agree	33	39%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	81	
Average	3.9	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	5	6%
3-Neutral	13	16%
4-Agree	21	25%
5-Strongly Agree	36	43%
DK-Don't Know	5	6%
Total	83	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	4.1	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	5%
2-Disagree	4	5%
3-Neutral	7	8%
4-Agree	26	30%
5-Strongly Agree	41	48%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	82	
Average	4.2	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	2	2%
4-Agree	25	29%
5-Strongly Agree	49	58%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	81	
Average	4.4	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	6%
2-Disagree	6	7%
3-Neutral	7	8%
4-Agree	29	34%
5-Strongly Agree	32	38%
DK-Don't Know	6	7%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	79	
Average	4.0	

19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	5%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	18	21%
4-Agree	21	25%
5-Strongly Agree	36	42%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	81	
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	7	8%
2-Disagree	10	11%
3-Neutral	25	29%
4-Agree	25	29%
5-Strongly Agree	16	18%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	83	
Average	3.4	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	16	18%
4-Agree	33	38%
5-Strongly Agree	29	33%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	84	
Average	4.0	

20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	6%
2-Disagree	7	8%
3-Neutral	24	28%
4-Agree	28	33%
5-Strongly Agree	18	21%
DK-Don't Know	4	5%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	82	
Average	3.6	

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	7%
2-Disagree	10	12%
3-Neutral	28	33%
4-Agree	18	21%
5-Strongly Agree	16	19%
DK-Don't Know	8	9%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	3.4	

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	5	6%
3-Neutral	10	12%
4-Agree	26	31%
5-Strongly Agree	31	36%
DK-Don't Know	10	12%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	4.0	

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	18	21%
4-Agree	29	34%
5-Strongly Agree	25	29%
DK-Don't Know	7	8%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	3.9	

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	26	31%
4-Agree	28	33%
5-Strongly Agree	16	19%
DK-Don't Know	10	12%
Total	85	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	3.7	

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	6%
2-Disagree	6	7%
3-Neutral	11	13%
4-Agree	27	31%
5-Strongly Agree	28	33%
DK-Don't Know	9	10%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	3.9	

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

21a. Municipal wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	21	24%
3-Neutral	23	26%
4-Agree	16	18%
5-Strongly Agree	12	14%
DK-Don't Know	14	16%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	73	
Average	3.2	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	7%
2-Disagree	5	6%
3-Neutral	13	15%
4-Agree	24	27%
5-Strongly Agree	27	31%
DK-Don't Know	13	15%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	3.8	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	23	27%
2-Disagree	22	26%
3-Neutral	18	21%
4-Agree	6	7%
5-Strongly Agree	4	5%
DK-Don't Know	13	15%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	73	
Average	2.3	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	11	13%
3-Neutral	10	11%
4-Agree	32	37%
5-Strongly Agree	21	24%
DK-Don't Know	10	11%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	3.7	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	5	6%
3-Neutral	15	17%
4-Agree	34	39%
5-Strongly Agree	18	21%
DK-Don't Know	12	14%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	3.8	

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	8	9%
2-Disagree	9	10%
3-Neutral	25	28%
4-Agree	24	27%
5-Strongly Agree	16	18%
DK-Don't Know	6	7%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	82	
Average	3.4	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	11%
2-Disagree	11	13%
3-Neutral	26	30%
4-Agree	23	26%
5-Strongly Agree	10	11%
DK-Don't Know	7	8%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	3.1	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	14%
2-Disagree	14	16%
3-Neutral	25	29%
4-Agree	21	24%
5-Strongly Agree	8	9%
DK-Don't Know	7	8%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	3.0	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	17%
2-Disagree	15	17%
3-Neutral	18	21%
4-Agree	19	22%
5-Strongly Agree	12	14%
DK-Don't Know	8	9%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	79	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	5%
2-Disagree	11	13%
3-Neutral	16	18%
4-Agree	31	36%
5-Strongly Agree	23	26%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	85	
Average	3.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	9%
2-Disagree	19	21%
3-Neutral	17	19%
4-Agree	23	26%
5-Strongly Agree	7	8%
DK-Don't Know	15	17%
Total	89	100%
Valid cases	74	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	18%
2-Disagree	23	26%
3-Neutral	15	17%
4-Agree	22	25%
5-Strongly Agree	4	5%
DK-Don't Know	8	9%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	2.7	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	18%
2-Disagree	26	30%
3-Neutral	12	14%
4-Agree	28	32%
5-Strongly Agree	6	7%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	2.8	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	8	9%
3-Neutral	16	18%
4-Agree	55	62%
5-Strongly Agree	7	8%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	89	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	3.6	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	17	20%
2-Disagree	15	17%
3-Neutral	23	27%
4-Agree	17	20%
5-Strongly Agree	6	7%
DK-Don't Know	8	9%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	2.7	

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	17	20%
2-Disagree	16	19%
3-Neutral	27	31%
4-Agree	12	14%
5-Strongly Agree	6	7%
DK-Don't Know	8	9%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	78	
Average	2.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	18%
2-Disagree	9	10%
3-Neutral	27	31%
4-Agree	22	25%
5-Strongly Agree	8	9%
DK-Don't Know	6	7%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	82	
Average	3.0	

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

Road maintenance

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	7	8%
2-Poor	6	7%
3-Average	29	33%
4-Good	37	43%
5-Excellent	6	7%
DU-Don't Use	2	2%
Total	87	100%
Valid cases	85	
Average	3.3	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	4	5%
3-Average	30	36%
4-Good	24	29%
5-Excellent	3	4%
DU-Don't Use	21	25%
Total	84	100%
Valid cases	63	
Average	3.3	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	5	6%
3-Average	12	14%
4-Good	12	14%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	54	63%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	32	
Average	3.3	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	9	10%
3-Average	24	28%
4-Good	37	43%
5-Excellent	9	10%
DU-Don't Use	4	5%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	82	
Average	3.5	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	6	7%
3-Average	11	13%
4-Good	7	8%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	59	69%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	27	
Average	3.0	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	5%
2-Poor	5	6%
3-Average	7	8%
4-Good	10	12%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	59	69%
Total	86	100%
Valid cases	27	
Average	3.0	

<u>Transportation for disabled</u>			<u>Airport facilities</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	5%	1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	5	6%	2-Poor	8	9%
3-Average	7	8%	3-Average	11	13%
4-Good	10	12%	4-Good	13	15%
5-Excellent	1	1%	5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	59	69%	DU-Don't Use	52	60%
Total	86	100%	Total	86	100%
Valid cases	27		Valid cases	34	
Average	3.0		Average	3.1	

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.	44	51%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	33	38%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	9	10%
Total	86	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.	19	22%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	57	67%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	9	11%
Total	85	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	70	81%
Remain neutral	14	16%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	2	2%
Total	86	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	70	81%
Remain neutral	13	15%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	3	3%
Total	86	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	28	34%
Remain neutral	34	41%
Discourage	18	22%
Don't Know	3	4%
Total	83	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	20	25%
Remain neutral	41	51%
Discourage	16	20%
Don't Know	4	5%
Total	81	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	29	35%
Remain neutral	34	40%
Discourage	17	20%
Don't Know	4	5%
Total	84	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	37	44%
Remain neutral	33	39%
Discourage	12	14%
Don't Know	3	4%
Total	85	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	19	22%
Remain neutral	44	52%
Discourage	19	22%
Don't Know	3	4%
Total	85	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	2	2%
1 - 5 years	11	13%
6 - 10 years	5	6%
11 - 20 years	7	8%
over 20 years	35	40%
Not a resident but own land	27	31%
Total	87	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	82	99%
Rent	1	1%
Total	83	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	58	65%
Female	31	35%
Total	89	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	2	2%
35-44	16	18%
45-54	27	30%
55-64	22	24%
65-74	16	18%
over 75	8	9%
Total	91	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	6	7%
high school graduate	30	34%
technical college	20	23%
junior college	3	3%
college	18	20%
post graduate	11	12%
Total	88	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	45	49%
unemployed	2	2%
self-employed	17	19%
student	0	0%
retired	25	27%
do not work	2	2%
Total	91	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	8	13%
Wholesale trade	0	0%
Manufacturing	11	18%
Finance/Insurance/Rael Estate	2	3%
Government	3	5%
Retail trade	4	7%
Transportation/Public Utilities	5	8%
Services	23	38%
Construction/Mining	4	7%
Total	60	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	3	4%
1	18	21%
2	42	50%
3	13	15%
4	6	7%
5	0	0%
6	0	0%
7	2	2%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	84	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	49	78%
1	9	14%
2	5	8%
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	63	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	12	21%
Stevens	5	9%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	0	0%
Wisconsin Rapids	3	5%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	0	0%
Waupaca Area	13	23%
Outside Central Wisconsin	24	42%
Total	57	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	3	4%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	18	23%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	21	27%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33	42%
\$100,000 or more	4	5%
Total	79	100%

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

T. Belmont

1. bicycle trails
2. ATV & dirt bike park
3. no pressing need
4. Gym available to rural areas.
5. ball park
6. WOLF LAKE MAINTAINED CONSERVANCY
7. WOLF LAKE CONSERVANCY
8. Recycling Collection
9. skate park downtown
10. something with out use of engines
11. INDOOR H2O PARK
12. Continue to develop bike/horse walking trails through entire county
13. ?
14. D.N.A.
15. Shooting range southern part of county.
16. Public Horse Trail
17. Snowmobile
18. none
19. communication with in Family
20. Youth centers for rural communities
21. Bruce Springsteen in concert
22. More Horse back riding Trails
23. none
24. boys and girls club
25. swimming pool
26. ?
27. N/A
28. Southern part of county has nothing could use multi-use trails
29. extra large dance + ball room facility
30. water park
31. skate park

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

T. Belmont

1. Poor road quality & large industry
2. Vandalism/Theft/Protection of Property
3. apparent lack of control over land use
4. TAXES TOO HIGH
5. to have the gravel road I live on blacktopped.
6. drinking water pollution
7. breaking up rural areas into small lot single family residences
8. same people at town meetings and all they do is bicker
9. junkyards are everywhere- what is that doing to our environment, groundwater, etc?

10. no zoning
11. private farm dumps and burning trash & plastic
12. Subdivisioin of rural land tracts
13. Roads and ditches are in great disrepair Town of Belmont
14. no zoning
15. Lack of zoning- too many junk cars leaking into the soil.
16. none
17. better zoning enforcement
18. TOWN BOARD GETTING TO BIG FOR THERE BRITCHES!
19. loss of rural land
20. Loss of rural nature
21. snowplowing
22. maintenance of town and county roads
23. Over Development by Professional Non-Resident Developers
24. better zoning
25. Uncontrolled growth, cutting of trees, creating a California
26. NO COMMENT
27. Numerous burglaries and breakins
28. Growth
29. Development of open space by lower income housing/substandard rental (mobil home) or owned but not maintained
30. Our roads are horrific, 3rd ave has holes you can't avoid
31. My concern is your new rules on my land. Please be fair
32. Residents allowed to store junk in their yards like 15 cars and busses also trailers.
33. Higher taxes
34. Narrow minded government.
35. Trailer homes
36. Overcrowding
37. They don't listen to the people, they're liars, they are mostly self serving people with no regard for the voters.
38. I'm afraid of losing my personal control of my land
39. Long wait for fire, ambulance, etc.
40. Loss of township control
41. Urban sprawl with woodland fragmentation
42. more government and more laws and regulations
43. good farm land used to build homes
44. I like it the way it is!
45. When we develop permanent residency in Belmont, we are concerned about ambulance service.
46. Building on less than 5 acre parcels
47. Taxes, Town Belmont, Poor Roads, No Garbage Pick Up or Dump
48. Roads are terrible
49. Meetings tend to held late in evenings and by the time voting comes up many have had to leave to go to bed for work - there fore mayn votes are given.
50. Garbage, Recycling
51. Preserving ground water
52. They large number of Mobile Homes
53. High taxes property and income
54. Water Quality
55. People driving way to fast past my home it is 35 mph and people drive in excess of 60-70 mph. Killing and severely injuring my farms animals.
56. taxes

57. Junk yards
58. Helping single parents with housing and child care
59. junk yards
60. need more police on Hwy 22 - for speeders etc.
61. Taxes
62. Losing local retail stores-including our grocery store
63. we have terrible town roads, poorly maintained, need holes fixed and brush cut back
64. uncontrolled growth
65. NONE

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

T. Belmont

1. Quaint & cozy
2. Peace, Quiet, Nature, Good Neighbors,
3. Quiet, picturesque, slow growth-so far, low crime rate, friendly neighbors
4. NOT A RESIDENT BUT LOVE THE COUNTRY (RURAL) AREA
5. The beauty & the quiet of the country.
6. neighbors
7. remote, unpopulated rural area
8. quiet, neighbors are not on top of each other
9. privacy/ quiet setting
10. open air, few people
11. Rural, independent life
12. Quiet, nearby park, good neighbors
13. great neighbors & quiet
14. Low crime rate.
15. Quiet and peaceful.
16. peaceful
17. LOVE THE SERENITY OF THE COUNTRY
18. living in the country
19. Rural nature of farm land
20. rural area
21. the peace, quiet and beauty of the Town of Belmont
22. Open Space, Clean Air, Low Noise
23. quietness
24. The People, the land, the trees, lakes, birds, animals
25. NO COMMENT
26. Good roads, responsive local government
27. Quiet/ peaceful/ open spaces
28. Rural-less people
29. Peaceful
30. I live in Milwaukee. But I enjoy the people, the Quiet, Stars at night, Wildlife, HUNTING!
31. open areas
32. Wide open spaces
33. Beauty of area
34. Privacy
35. Some what quiet and remote
36. Living without the control of county zoning regulations
37. open space
38. Not highly populated with open spaces and privacy

39. Freedom and civil liberty
40. Wide open spaces in rural peaceful setting
41. I like my freedom to do with my property as I see fit
42. country - no neighbors with in sight
43. Quiet living
44. The Pristine atmosphere...miles of woods, trees, & wildlife. Much of what is rapidly dissapearing in the Nations Heartland.
45. Peace & Quiet
46. Quietness
47. We have freedom to work on homes/ property without interference and extra fees.
48. Quiet, peaceful, beautiful scenery/wildlife
49. We are only weekend township users
50. Great people
51. Peacefulness
52. most of the time it is peaceful and beautiful
53. the Rural Life style
54. quiet
55. Rural living
56. Clean air, quiet, and low crime rate.
57. open spaces
58. Its like a vacation land-woods-lakes etc.
59. Friendly people
60. Quiet
61. we have no zoning
62. privacy- rural area
63. We use our property for recreation only.