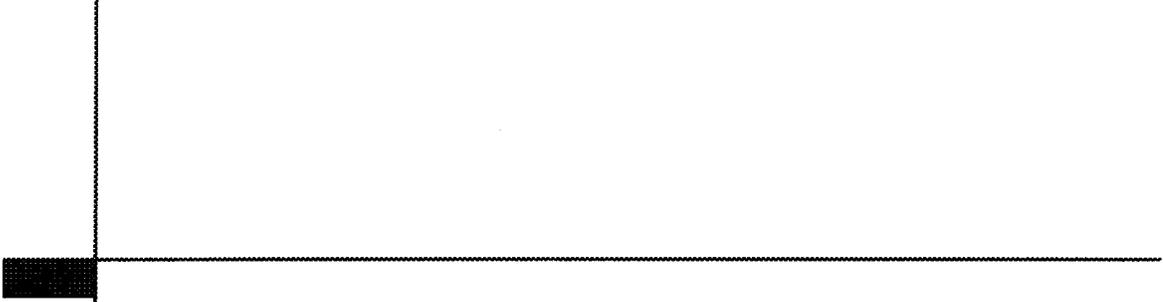


Appendix B

Portage County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Survey Final Report

December, 2001

Town of Grant
Comprehensive Plan
2018



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

Final Report

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Grant 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	6	3%
Present projected rate of growth	70	35%
Slower than projected	93	46%
No growth	19	10%
Don't Know	12	6%
Total	200	100%

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

Single family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	2%
2-Disagree	7	3%
3-Neutral	46	23%
4-Agree	84	41%
5-Strongly Agree	59	29%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	203	100%

Valid cases 200

Average 3.9

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	24	13%
2-Disagree	47	25%
3-Neutral	65	34%
4-Agree	38	20%
5-Strongly Agree	13	7%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	191	100%

Valid cases 187

Average 2.8

Rural residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	19	10%
2-Disagree	21	11%
3-Neutral	48	25%
4-Agree	67	34%
5-Strongly Agree	37	19%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	195	100%

Valid cases 192
Average 3.4

Family farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	9	5%
3-Neutral	43	22%
4-Agree	75	39%
5-Strongly Agree	62	32%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	193	100%

Valid cases 189
Average 4.0

Small businesses

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	2%
2-Disagree	4	2%
3-Neutral	36	18%
4-Agree	94	48%
5-Strongly Agree	56	29%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	196	100%

Valid cases 193
Average 4.0

Hobby farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	2%
2-Disagree	15	8%
3-Neutral	75	39%
4-Agree	60	31%
5-Strongly Agree	33	17%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	191	100%

Valid cases 187
Average 3.6

Large corporate farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	53	28%
2-Disagree	51	27%
3-Neutral	51	27%
4-Agree	15	8%
5-Strongly Agree	9	5%
DK-Don't Know	10	5%
Total	189	100%

Valid cases 179
Average 2.3

Large retail outlets/centers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	30	15%
2-Disagree	27	14%
3-Neutral	53	27%
4-Agree	54	28%
5-Strongly Agree	28	14%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	194	100%

Valid cases 192
Average 3.1

<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	4%	1- Strongly Disagree	23	12%
2-Disagree	10	5%	2-Disagree	32	16%
3-Neutral	36	18%	3-Neutral	45	23%
4-Agree	87	43%	4-Agree	50	26%
5-Strongly Agree	58	29%	5-Strongly Agree	41	21%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%	DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	202	100%	Total	194	100%
Valid cases	200		Valid cases	191	
Average	3.9		Average	3.3	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	8%
2-Disagree	18	9%
3-Neutral	37	18%
4-Agree	100	48%
5-Strongly Agree	34	16%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	205	
Average	3.6	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	2%
2-Disagree	11	5%
3-Neutral	41	20%
4-Agree	105	50%
5-Strongly Agree	43	21%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	208	100%
Valid cases	205	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	34	16%
2-Disagree	69	33%
3-Neutral	39	19%
4-Agree	40	19%
5-Strongly Agree	23	11%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	208	100%
Valid cases	205	
Average	2.8	

Housing

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

<u>Apartments</u>			<u>Shopping</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	21	11%	1- Strongly Disagree	12	6%
2-Disagree	36	18%	2-Disagree	12	6%
3-Neutral	50	26%	3-Neutral	32	16%
4-Agree	66	34%	4-Agree	111	56%
5-Strongly Agree	21	11%	5-Strongly Agree	28	14%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%	DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	196	100%	Total	198	100%
Valid cases	194		Valid cases	195	
Average	3.2		Average	3.7	

Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	4%
2-Disagree	13	7%
3-Neutral	37	19%
4-Agree	90	45%
5-Strongly Agree	47	24%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	198	100%
Valid cases	195	
Average	3.8	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	2%
2-Disagree	1	0%
3-Neutral	25	12%
4-Agree	113	56%
5-Strongly Agree	56	28%
DK-Don't Know	1	0%
Total	200	100%
Valid cases	199	
Average	4.1	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	8%
2-Disagree	29	15%
3-Neutral	44	22%
4-Agree	74	37%
5-Strongly Agree	34	17%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	199	100%
Valid cases	196	
Average	3.4	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	2%
2-Disagree	6	3%
3-Neutral	22	11%
4-Agree	108	54%
5-Strongly Agree	57	29%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	199	100%
Valid cases	197	
Average	4.1	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	42	22%
2-Disagree	48	25%
3-Neutral	61	32%
4-Agree	24	12%
5-Strongly Agree	11	6%
DK-Don't Know	7	4%
Total	193	100%
Valid cases	186	
Average	2.5	

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

Single family (2+ acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	6%
2-Disagree	6	3%
3-Neutral	19	9%
4-Agree	94	46%
5-Strongly Agree	70	34%
DK-Don't Know	1	0%
Total	203	100%
Valid cases	202	
Average	4.0	

Duplexes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	46	24%
2-Disagree	61	31%
3-Neutral	46	24%
4-Agree	28	14%
5-Strongly Agree	11	6%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	195	100%
Valid cases	192	
Average	2.5	

Mobile home parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	82	42%
2-Disagree	58	30%
3-Neutral	30	15%
4-Agree	15	8%
5-Strongly Agree	5	3%
DK-Don't Know	5	3%
Total	195	100%
Valid cases	190	
Average	2.0	

Single family (<2 acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	29	14%
2-Disagree	35	18%
3-Neutral	36	18%
4-Agree	62	31%
5-Strongly Agree	37	18%
DK-Don't Know	1	0%
Total	200	100%
Valid cases	199	
Average	3.2	

Multi-family apartments

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	71	36%
2-Disagree	79	40%
3-Neutral	32	16%
4-Agree	6	3%
5-Strongly Agree	5	3%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	196	100%
Valid cases	193	
Average	1.9	

No new non-farm housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	32	16%
2-Disagree	63	32%
3-Neutral	54	28%
4-Agree	21	11%
5-Strongly Agree	12	6%
DK-Don't Know	13	7%
Total	195	100%
Valid cases	182	
Average	2.5	

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

Moderately priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	5%
2-Disagree	16	8%
3-Neutral	70	34%
4-Agree	79	39%
5-Strongly Agree	25	12%
DK-Don't Know	5	2%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	200	
Average	3.5	

Higher priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	31	16%
2-Disagree	56	29%
3-Neutral	79	41%
4-Agree	17	9%
5-Strongly Agree	7	4%
DK-Don't Know	5	3%
Total	195	100%
Valid cases	190	
Average	2.5	

Manufactured(mobile) homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	78	39%
2-Disagree	68	34%
3-Neutral	34	17%
4-Agree	8	4%
5-Strongly Agree	4	2%
DK-Don't Know	6	3%
Total	198	100%
Valid cases	192	
Average	1.9	

Public/subsidized housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	58	29%
2-Disagree	72	36%
3-Neutral	47	24%
4-Agree	12	6%
5-Strongly Agree	3	2%
DK-Don't Know	6	3%
Total	198	100%
Valid cases	192	
Average	2.1	

Multi-unit rental housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	65	33%
2-Disagree	74	38%
3-Neutral	43	22%
4-Agree	5	3%
5-Strongly Agree	2	1%
DK-Don't Know	6	3%
Total	195	100%
Valid cases	189	
Average	2.0	

Housing for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	21	10%
2-Disagree	32	16%
3-Neutral	72	36%
4-Agree	55	27%
5-Strongly Agree	18	9%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	202	100%
Valid cases	198	
Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	4	2%
3-Neutral	41	20%
4-Agree	134	64%
5-Strongly Agree	24	11%
DK-Don't Know	7	3%
Total	210	100%
Valid cases	203	
Average	3.9	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	25	12%
2-Disagree	52	25%
3-Neutral	66	32%
4-Agree	49	23%
5-Strongly Agree	13	6%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	205	
Average	2.9	

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	2%
2-Disagree	20	10%
3-Neutral	32	16%
4-Agree	97	48%
5-Strongly Agree	46	23%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	203	100%

Valid cases 200
 Average 3.8

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	4%
2-Disagree	24	12%
3-Neutral	46	23%
4-Agree	95	47%
5-Strongly Agree	25	12%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	201	100%

Valid cases 198
 Average 3.5

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	34	17%
2-Disagree	49	24%
3-Neutral	52	26%
4-Agree	40	20%
5-Strongly Agree	21	10%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	200	100%

Valid cases 196
 Average 2.8

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	3%
2-Disagree	19	9%
3-Neutral	64	31%
4-Agree	90	43%
5-Strongly Agree	23	11%
DK-Don't Know	6	3%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	203	
Average	3.5	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	36	18%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	147	74%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	16	8%
Total	199	100%

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

Sanitary sewer

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	3	1%
3-Average	20	10%
4-Good	20	10%
5-Excellent	5	2%
DU-Don't Use	154	75%
Total	204	100%
Valid cases	50	
Average	3.5	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	4	2%
3-Average	19	9%
4-Good	20	10%
5-Excellent	4	2%
DU-Don't Use	155	76%
Total	204	100%
Valid cases	49	
Average	3.4	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	2%
2-Poor	25	12%
3-Average	84	41%
4-Good	67	33%
5-Excellent	9	4%
DU-Don't Use	17	8%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	189	
Average	3.3	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	1%
2-Poor	12	6%
3-Average	72	35%
4-Good	90	44%
5-Excellent	15	7%
DU-Don't Use	14	7%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	192	
Average	3.5	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	1%
2-Poor	9	4%
3-Average	77	38%
4-Good	81	40%
5-Excellent	14	7%
DU-Don't Use	21	10%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	184	
Average	3.5	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	0%
2-Poor	5	2%
3-Average	67	33%
4-Good	35	17%
5-Excellent	7	3%
DU-Don't Use	87	43%
Total	202	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.4	

Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	8	4%
3-Average	30	15%
4-Good	28	14%
5-Excellent	4	2%
DU-Don't Use	132	65%
Total	204	100%
Valid cases	72	
Average	3.3	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	0%
2-Poor	3	1%
3-Average	44	22%
4-Good	91	45%
5-Excellent	28	14%
DU-Don't Use	37	18%
Total	204	100%
Valid cases	167	
Average	3.9	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	11	5%
3-Average	53	26%
4-Good	80	39%
5-Excellent	21	10%
DU-Don't Use	41	20%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	165	
Average	3.7	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	0%
2-Poor	7	3%
3-Average	65	32%
4-Good	86	42%
5-Excellent	15	7%
DU-Don't Use	31	15%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	174	
Average	3.6	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	0%
2-Poor	5	2%
3-Average	42	21%
4-Good	60	30%
5-Excellent	18	9%
DU-Don't Use	77	38%
Total	203	100%
Valid cases	126	
Average	3.7	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	0%
2-Poor	15	7%
3-Average	57	28%
4-Good	53	26%
5-Excellent	11	5%
DU-Don't Use	68	33%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	137	
Average	3.4	

Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	1%
2-Disagree	8	4%
3-Neutral	39	19%
4-Agree	102	49%
5-Strongly Agree	55	26%
DK-Don't Know	1	0%
Total	208	100%
Valid cases	207	
Average	4.0	

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	12	6%
2-Disagree	40	20%
3-Neutral	68	34%
4-Agree	51	25%
5-Strongly Agree	28	14%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	202	100%
Valid cases	199	
Average	3.2	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	3%
2-Disagree	22	11%
3-Neutral	49	24%
4-Agree	104	50%
5-Strongly Agree	22	11%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	204	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	60	30%
2-Disagree	72	36%
3-Neutral	41	20%
4-Agree	15	8%
5-Strongly Agree	10	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	200	100%
Valid cases	198	
Average	2.2	

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	2%
2-Disagree	19	9%
3-Neutral	51	25%
4-Agree	92	46%
5-Strongly Agree	29	14%
DK-Don't Know	5	2%
Total	201	100%
Valid cases	196	
Average	3.6	

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

19a. Woodlands

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	3%
2-Disagree	9	4%
3-Neutral	34	16%
4-Agree	79	38%
5-Strongly Agree	76	37%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	204	
Average	4.0	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	3%
2-Disagree	16	8%
3-Neutral	66	33%
4-Agree	73	36%
5-Strongly Agree	36	18%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	202	100%
Valid cases	198	
Average	3.6	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	5%
2-Disagree	17	8%
3-Neutral	54	26%
4-Agree	67	32%
5-Strongly Agree	56	27%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	204	
Average	3.7	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	3%
2-Disagree	15	7%
3-Neutral	43	21%
4-Agree	78	38%
5-Strongly Agree	59	29%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	202	
Average	3.8	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	2%
2-Disagree	3	1%
3-Neutral	20	10%
4-Agree	87	42%
5-Strongly Agree	91	44%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	206	
Average	4.2	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	2%
2-Disagree	5	2%
3-Neutral	42	20%
4-Agree	93	45%
5-Strongly Agree	57	28%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	202	
Average	4.0	

19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	3%
2-Disagree	12	6%
3-Neutral	48	23%
4-Agree	86	42%
5-Strongly Agree	51	25%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	203	
Average	3.8	

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

20a. Residential runoff

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	2%
2-Disagree	32	16%
3-Neutral	56	27%
4-Agree	78	38%
5-Strongly Agree	25	12%
DK-Don't Know	10	5%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	195	
Average	3.5	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	0%
2-Disagree	9	4%
3-Neutral	24	11%
4-Agree	81	39%
5-Strongly Agree	91	43%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	210	100%
Valid cases	206	
Average	4.2	

20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	19	9%
3-Neutral	42	20%
4-Agree	86	41%
5-Strongly Agree	54	26%
DK-Don't Know	6	3%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	203	
Average	3.8	

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	4%
2-Disagree	41	20%
3-Neutral	57	28%
4-Agree	62	30%
5-Strongly Agree	29	14%
DK-Don't Know	9	4%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	198	
Average	3.3	

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	1%
2-Disagree	19	9%
3-Neutral	46	22%
4-Agree	73	35%
5-Strongly Agree	55	26%
DK-Don't Know	12	6%
Total	208	100%
Valid cases	196	
Average	3.8	

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	14	7%
3-Neutral	51	25%
4-Agree	86	42%
5-Strongly Agree	46	22%
DK-Don't Know	7	3%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	199	
Average	3.8	

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	4%
2-Disagree	23	11%
3-Neutral	68	33%
4-Agree	59	29%
5-Strongly Agree	35	17%
DK-Don't Know	14	7%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	193	
Average	3.5	

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	1%
2-Disagree	26	12%
3-Neutral	50	24%
4-Agree	71	34%
5-Strongly Agree	46	22%
DK-Don't Know	13	6%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	196	
Average	3.7	

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

21a. Municipal wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	11	5%
2-Disagree	34	17%
3-Neutral	65	32%
4-Agree	60	29%
5-Strongly Agree	27	13%
DK-Don't Know	9	4%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	197	
Average	3.3	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	11	5%
2-Disagree	27	13%
3-Neutral	45	22%
4-Agree	70	34%
5-Strongly Agree	44	21%
DK-Don't Know	10	5%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	197	
Average	3.6	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	3%
2-Disagree	16	8%
3-Neutral	45	22%
4-Agree	52	25%
5-Strongly Agree	72	35%
DK-Don't Know	16	8%
Total	208	100%
Valid cases	192	
Average	3.9	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	4%
2-Disagree	24	12%
3-Neutral	62	30%
4-Agree	65	32%
5-Strongly Agree	37	18%
DK-Don't Know	10	5%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	196	
Average	3.5	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	40	19%
2-Disagree	82	40%
3-Neutral	55	27%
4-Agree	18	9%
5-Strongly Agree	5	2%
DK-Don't Know	6	3%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	200	
Average	2.3	

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	4	2%
2-Disagree	18	9%
3-Neutral	61	29%
4-Agree	87	42%
5-Strongly Agree	32	15%
DK-Don't Know	5	2%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	202	
Average	3.6	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	1%
2-Disagree	32	16%
3-Neutral	91	44%
4-Agree	58	28%
5-Strongly Agree	15	7%
DK-Don't Know	7	3%
Total	206	100%
Valid cases	199	
Average	3.3	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	3%
2-Disagree	45	22%
3-Neutral	82	40%
4-Agree	51	25%
5-Strongly Agree	13	6%
DK-Don't Know	7	3%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	198	
Average	3.1	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	3%
2-Disagree	21	10%
3-Neutral	41	20%
4-Agree	78	38%
5-Strongly Agree	58	28%
DK-Don't Know	3	1%
Total	208	100%
Valid cases	205	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	11	5%
2-Disagree	39	19%
3-Neutral	38	18%
4-Agree	85	41%
5-Strongly Agree	30	14%
DK-Don't Know	4	2%
Total	207	100%
Valid cases	203	
Average	3.4	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	19	9%
2-Disagree	53	25%
3-Neutral	42	20%
4-Agree	73	35%
5-Strongly Agree	8	4%
DK-Don't Know	14	7%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	195	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	7%
2-Disagree	34	16%
3-Neutral	60	29%
4-Agree	68	33%
5-Strongly Agree	26	12%
DK-Don't Know	6	3%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	203	
Average	3.3	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	43	20%
2-Disagree	56	27%
3-Neutral	41	19%
4-Agree	64	30%
5-Strongly Agree	7	3%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	211	100%
Valid cases	211	
Average	2.7	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	2%
2-Disagree	12	6%
3-Neutral	36	17%
4-Agree	146	69%
5-Strongly Agree	13	6%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	211	100%
Valid cases	211	
Average	3.7	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	6%
2-Disagree	25	12%
3-Neutral	71	34%
4-Agree	66	32%
5-Strongly Agree	27	13%
DK-Don't Know	8	4%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	201	
Average	3.4	

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	6%
2-Disagree	27	13%
3-Neutral	75	36%
4-Agree	66	32%
5-Strongly Agree	20	10%
DK-Don't Know	9	4%
Total	209	100%
Valid cases	200	
Average	3.3	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	7%
2-Disagree	27	13%
3-Neutral	67	33%
4-Agree	61	30%
5-Strongly Agree	23	11%
DK-Don't Know	13	6%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	192	
Average	3.3	

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

Road maintenance

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	13	6%
2-Poor	29	14%
3-Average	73	35%
4-Good	77	37%
5-Excellent	15	7%
DU-Don't Use	3	1%
Total	210	100%
Valid cases	207	
Average	3.3	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	1%
2-Poor	16	8%
3-Average	100	48%
4-Good	56	27%
5-Excellent	6	3%
DU-Don't Use	27	13%
Total	208	100%
Valid cases	181	
Average	3.3	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	22	11%
3-Average	83	41%
4-Good	34	17%
5-Excellent	6	3%
DU-Don't Use	56	28%
Total	203	100%
Valid cases	147	
Average	3.1	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	6	3%
2-Poor	15	7%
3-Average	69	33%
4-Good	93	44%
5-Excellent	24	11%
DU-Don't Use	3	1%
Total	210	100%
Valid cases	207	
Average	3.6	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	25	12%
3-Average	59	29%
4-Good	24	12%
5-Excellent	2	1%
DU-Don't Use	93	45%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	112	
Average	3.0	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	0%
2-Poor	20	10%
3-Average	50	24%
4-Good	24	12%
5-Excellent	3	1%
DU-Don't Use	107	52%
Total	205	100%
Valid cases	98	
Average	3.1	

<u>Transportation for disabled</u>			<u>Airport facilities</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%	1-Very Poor	3	1%
2-Poor	21	10%	2-Poor	22	11%
3-Average	41	20%	3-Average	52	25%
4-Good	26	13%	4-Good	32	16%
5-Excellent	3	1%	5-Excellent	4	2%
DU-Don't Use	111	54%	DU-Don't Use	92	45%
Total	204	100%	Total	205	100%
Valid cases	93		Valid cases	113	
Average	3.1		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.	96	46%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	98	47%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	15	7%
Total	209	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.	35	17%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	156	76%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	15	7%
Total	206	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	157	77%
Remain neutral	42	21%
Discourage	1	0%
Don't Know	4	2%
Total	204	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	142	69%
Remain neutral	54	26%
Discourage	7	3%
Don't Know	2	1%
Total	205	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	120	59%
Remain neutral	63	31%
Discourage	18	9%
Don't Know	4	2%
Total	205	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	84	41%
Remain neutral	98	48%
Discourage	20	10%
Don't Know	2	1%
Total	204	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	95	46%
Remain neutral	86	42%
Discourage	21	10%
Don't Know	3	1%
Total	205	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	94	46%
Remain neutral	88	43%
Discourage	18	9%
Don't Know	6	3%
Total	206	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	33	16%
Remain neutral	100	49%
Discourage	64	31%
Don't Know	7	3%
Total	204	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	4	2%
1 - 5 years	19	9%
6 - 10 years	28	13%
11 - 20 years	42	20%
over 20 years	92	44%
Not a resident but own land	26	12%
Total	211	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	201	100%
Rent	1	0%
Total	202	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	138	66%
Female	70	34%
Total	208	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	17	8%
35-44	61	29%
45-54	49	23%
55-64	51	24%
65-74	21	10%
over 75	11	5%
Total	210	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	8	4%
high school graduate	82	40%
technical college	59	29%
junior college	2	1%
college	32	16%
post graduate	23	11%
Total	206	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	129	63%
unemployed	3	1%
self-employed	18	9%
student	0	0%
retired	51	25%
do not work	4	2%
Total	205	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	9	6%
Wholesale trade	2	1%
Manufacturing	53	37%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	8	6%
Government	15	11%
Retail trade	11	8%
Transportation/Public Utilities	7	5%
Services	28	20%
Construction/Mining	9	6%
Total	142	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	3	1%
1	26	13%
2	77	37%
3	36	17%
4	49	24%
5	12	6%
6	2	1%
7	1	0%
8	1	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	207	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	89	51%
1	33	19%
2	37	21%
3	12	7%
4	1	1%
5	0	0%
6	1	1%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	173	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	19	13%
Stevens	16	11%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	2	1%
Wisconsin Rapids	97	66%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	1	1%
Waupaca Area	2	1%
Outside Central Wisconsin	9	6%
Total	146	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	6	3%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	25	13%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	68	36%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	80	42%
\$100,000 or more	12	6%
Total	191	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. target range
2. more bike trails
3. none
4. winter indoor soccer
5. 1 - central fairgrounds (st. pt.)
6. na
7. BETTER BOAT LANDINGS AT SOME LAKES
8. something for 18-21 year olds to do
9. N/A
10. Cheaper swimming lessons.
11. shooting range
12. County should stay out.
13. skateboarding park
14. Cultural center/theatre-possibly a collaborative effort with UWSP to serve all of central Wisconsin for large productions like Phantom Ms Saigon etc.
15. Indoor lap pool (Plover)
16. There is none @ present
17. drag strip!!
18. Indoor Public Swimming Pool in the rural area
19. more x country skiing
20. -
21. CLEAN THE SEDIMENT OUT OF HTE PORTAGE COUNTY SIDE OF LAKE WUZEECHU LIKE WOOD COUNTY DID!! ITS A WASTE TO LET A NICE LAKE FILL IN & I PAY MY TAXES RIGHT NEXT TO IT!
22. Indoor-year round water park
23. Horse Back Riding Trails
24. archery range or trap shooting & rifle range
25. bike & walking paths
26. ?
27. none
28. County parks
29. More bike trails
30. dog park
31. more bike trails
32. downhill skiing
33. disk golf
34. YMCA Plover area
35. Bike Racing
36. Boys & Girls Club (not YMCA)
37. another bike trails 10+ miles long
38. skateboard park
39. public golf course - between St Point & Wis Rapids
40. library
41. Boys & Girls Club
42. 6 feet Wide Walk Area on Side of Same Road
43. ?

44. more family parks
45. We use WI Rapids facilities
46. N/A
47. swimming pool
48. to old
49. Rifle Range
50. More parks
51. Bike trails increased
52. Marked snowmobile trails
53. Trade shows
54. skate boarding for kids
55. TOWN OF GRANT
56. corporate theme park
57. Something for senior citizens to enjoy
58. ?
59. Skate board park and rollerblades
60. Soccer field, maybe
61. Bowling alley here, underground swimming pool, carwash
62. Senior center
63. ?
64. First responders in every township
65. ATV trails
66. swimming lessons at evening
67. ?
68. dog parks

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

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1. Leadership! We are tired of the good old boys attitude.
2. open space protection
3. Very bad roads in the town of Grant! Most are still Gravel!
4. Government is getting too large and services are top heavy and expensive
5. cutting woodlands for housing
6. Rural roads
7. Water quality
8. HOUSE GETTING BUILT IN FARMLANDS
9. ROADS IN SOUTHWEST PORTAGE COUNTY ARE IN POOR CONDITION
10. ROAD MAINTENANCE
11. our town supervisor
12. Roads
13. would like to see the circle driveway plowed for the bus to use to turn around in.
14. Large corporate farms cutting down the wooded lands!!
15. Inadequate fire protection.
16. Development of forested areas/ billboard signs
17. Taxes being pd. and Roads not being fixed.
18. cranberry growth x
19. fragmentation of property & housing development
20. Roads are in poor condition.
21. Poor roads - some unpaved

22. Too many people
23. Relies too heavily upon property tax to fund services
24. None
25. Police protection - fire - ambulance
26. Poor road condition- somewhat widely used at excessive speeds (Lake Rd- Town of Grant)
27. High property taxes
28. To much government and stupid laws
29. Roads
30. We can't get our road paved (Pine St)
31. Government serve NOT dictate. Help growth NOT slow it
32. Living at the edge of the county is living in "no mans land" - police patrol is poor - we do not benefit from most of what Stevens Point & Plover enjoys!
33. My neighbors and there junk and rats.
34. Road conditions
35. Too much land being developed for Commercial farming
36. rebuilding, repair and maintenance of town roads
37. dump opens to late in morning
38. no work for people
39. HIGH TAXES - POOR ROADS
40. The poor quality of the town roads (sand). They need to be upgraded
41. Ground water quality and quantity
42. Home-owners taxes are not equal.
43. I wish that the Town of Grant had garbage pickup.
44. future road development, but right now - Hwy 10 Bypass.
45. ?
46. PORTAGE COUNTY NOT COOPERATING WITH WOOD COUNTY ON CLEANING OUT LAKE WAUZEECHA
47. To much regulation, not that anything goes, but don't over burdon.
48. Who to contact
49. Good environment Preservation
50. THAT P+Z WON'T GIVE THE LAND OWNER ANY CHOICE HOW HIS LAND IS ZONED AND THAT THE ZONING WON'T BE FLEXABLE.
51. Our Road needs More Frequent Plowing in Winter
52. Poor road conditions in the township of Grant. I have lived in this area all my life and many of the roads have never been paved.
53. Road conditions are very poor
54. Local Government has to many rules & restrictions
55. Town of Grant Roads
56. Keep the OverSized Equip off roads Farmers ruin more roads than the township can repair They should pay for all repairs Planing & Zoning - Let People do with their land as they wish. Keep the spray planes away Farmers are taking over - DON'T LIK IT!!
57. Lack of concern over silt build up in
58. No garbage pickup
59. Town of grant roads are in very poor condition and need repaving.
60. rules are not applied evenly across township
61. No town garbage pick-up
62. Haphazzard development
63. Roads speed limits
64. High real estate taxes and no police protection
65. Being able to reach our county official
66. Owned land 40yrs afraid I am not allowed to build on it.
67. preservation of forests, wetlands, and water quality

68. loss of land for low income housing
69. LACK OF GARBAGE PICK-UP
70. lack of leadership with township government
71. LAND TAXES GETTING OUT OF HAND
72. Ground water
73. Pollution - from crop duster runoff (water and air)
74. inflexibility for no reason
75. road maintainance
76. Ground water over use by irrigation
77. Poor Roads!!
78. There are far too many rules and regulations that are being forced on town and village residents and more coming!
79. Taxes
80. taxes
81. Lack of long term planning for growth.
82. none
83. Park rules not enforced
84. Good paying jobs
85. Police protection
86. Township does not have open attitude for change (Grant)
87. cutting down woodland for more open fields
88. NONE
89. quality of roads
90. So many woods taken away due to more & more home development
91. Don't have any serious concerns
92. We live closer to Wis Rapids, but vote for Portage Cty seats - we feel left out of campaigns & news about our area - Grant Township. COUNTY NEWSLETTER??
93. If you live in Kellner you don't get any service
94. Too much development in rural areas
95. Lack of respect for others/public property - eg. littering, theft, damaging
96. No problems
97. Not Enough Road Aid
98. TAXES
99. Being on the County line,I don't think we get the law enforcement we should have.
100. CROWDING
101. TOO MANY PEOPLE
102. uncontrolled growth and expansion
103. Road conditions on side roads
104. Pesticide use in fields
105. EMERGENCY SERVICES
106. too small of government. More involvement.
107. communication & representation at county level
108. Groundwater contamination from pesticides & fertilizers.
109. Pesticides on the potato fields.
110. Allowing any type of development (retail - service - industrial) in area intended for residential development rural. Includes no streetlights, sidewalks, etc.
111. traffic concerns with expansion
112. Who to contact with a problem.
113. No place to bring leaves
114. Pollution from land spreading of Paper mill sludge (Mercury)
115. Rough country roads in town of Grant, not sealed in 12 yrs
116. Attitude of local officials of our township

117. Poor roads in Town of Grant
118. taxes are too high
119. Living on the county line - don't feel connected
120. Growth is happening too fast
121. Use of pesticides by potato farmers
122. Low income public housing, trash & garbage collections
123. A regular publicized meeting for township.
124. A 100.00 permit fee to have a few chicks!!
125. Extremely poor road maintenance & snow plowing. town of Grant gets done based on how close you live to the members of the town board & or their family members!
126. Roads-
127. poor police protection
128. That it filled with business along 54
129. TOO MUCH BUILDING/DESTROYING RURAL AREAS/TREE CLEARING, ETC.
130. The roads are terrible - TWN of Grant -
131. No sidewalks or enough lighting for evening walking
132. OPENING FARMLAND FOR PUBLIC HUNTING PRIVILEGES AND IND. LAND.
133. chemical spraying of crops, irrigation dropping water table - this summer the water table dropped three feet
134. Too many cranberry marshes
135. Roads
136. Keeping roads in winter plowed and free of snow + ice
137. How long it would take Portage County officers to respond to a call.
138. Power supply
139. POOR ROADS
140. Preservation-existing city limits should be Frozen Now new housing development beyond those limits
141. Seems like they put more snow in my drive way in the winter months. Then they plow snow when there is less than an inch of snow on ground.
142. Need more woodlot preservation and management
143. Live in Keller-police dept is too spread out-
144. Lack of local town zoning ordinance.
145. Too many little concentrated "expensive" houses in rural areas-town is spreading out
146. Water pollution (houses being built in wetlands) next to streams.
147. Expansion
148. High taxes
149. Clear cutting the forests, so the potato farmers can grow more potatoes, that they can't sell.
150. None
151. Roads to my property!
152. none
153. taxes
154. very poor town of Grant roads
155. taxes
156. that's it's going to keep expanding and soon it will be like living in the city

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

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1. there isn't one, there are too many new people moving in & building
2. open space
3. Good schools

4. The people around us are the best.
5. rural living w/employment + retail close by
6. Space and privacy
7. The lake & stream water quality
8. QUIET
9. WE LIKE THE RURAL SETTING WE ARE IN
10. LIVING IN RURAL AREA
11. no neighbors
12. There are not so many rules of what you can and can't do
13. No close neighbors!!!
14. Love the quiet and friendly people.
15. Not overcrowded.
16. low taxes
17. trees- land- animal life- scenery, ext.
18. undeveloped
19. Rural setting
20. Quite
21. Nature
22. Peaceful Environment
23. Limited Development-Preservation of woodlots and agricultural land
24. Solitude
25. Open space
26. no neighbors
27. Beautiful, quiet neighborhood located close to Plover- Wis. Rapids
28. quiet
29. Love the peace & quiet
30. Hopeful better common sense in government
31. I enjoy the peace and quiet and the great neighbors.
32. The quiet country
33. the peace & tranquility of rural living
34. it's a rural area
35. good water-police and fire protection
36. no close neighbors
37. Quiet Rural Living
38. The open spaces for wildlife
39. Feeling of personal safety - security
40. The wild-life
41. We live in a rural area of Portage county and we want it to stay that way.
42. Very quiet pleasant neighborhood.
43. FREEDOM TO LET PETS RUN FREE OUR CATS-THE NEIGHBORS DOGS DO JUST FINE TOGETHER OR THEY TAKE CARE OF IT ON THEIR OWN
44. Being able to have the flexibility to do things with out having to get a permit, every time you turn around.
45. Fresh air
46. Do not live own land only
47. FEW REGULATIONS (USED TO BE)
48. The peace & quiet of the country - Birds & Wildlife
49. Rural characteristics & access to undeveloped land
50. Good place to raise family
51. Safe area, good neighbors, good schools
52. It would be great if the spray planes would stay away - Enough is enough- Farmers bellie ack all the time how bad it is - Don't think so. Don't make no money

53. Nature
54. It's quiet and peaceful.
55. rural atmosphere
56. Quiet- nonevasive gov't
57. People are nice and help each other.
58. The remoteness and overall quietness
59. Few people
60. Peace and quiet
61. Wonderful neighbors and peaceful
62. neighbors aren't too close
63. QUIET, PEACEFUL
64. quiet & peaceful
65. QUIET AND PEACEFUL
66. Peace and Quite
67. quiet
68. Rural way of life, nice township, good school
69. feeling of safety for my family
70. country
71. Its Quiet
72. Taxes are moderate to reasonable (Town of Grant)
73. isolation
74. Provides us with the home & area we enjoy- so far!
75. Low taxes, moderate priced homes, near a school.
76. quiet, no mill smells, no nosy neighbors
77. peaceful
78. The lower population in the rural areas
79. Safe environment to live in - previously lived in Indiana
80. Small town atmosphere
81. new neighborhood watch program
82. limited neighbors in a rural setting
83. NONE
84. It is more quiet than urban living. We live in a rural area.
85. Quiet, peaceful neighborhood
86. Lack of crowding
87. Close to 2 large cities, but still live in the "country"
88. neighbors
89. Quality of services
90. Small-town atmosphere
91. We are just land owners 10 ac. just for Hunting & Pleasure
92. Clean open Air
93. CLOSE TO SHOPPING AREAS, BUT AWAY FOR THE NOISE & HASSLE
94. Town of Grant is close to schools, Parks, shopping, & recreational opportunities (hunting ,boating, biking, snow mobiling)
95. PRIVACY
96. no hassels of city living IE sewer/water/taxes/rules
97. PEACE & QUITE
98. peace and quiet
99. very small population.
100. Privacy
101. NOT MUCH NOISE
102. close proximity to Stevens Poin & Wis. Rapids
103. rural setting

104. Quiet woodsy country area. Private.
105. no neighbors
106. Peace + quiet of country living
107. well kept area with room not overcrowded housing
108. A caring township.
109. Quiet-not alot of traffic
110. Patch on a patch, Pavement not gravel. Someone show the town of Grant to fill in a dip in the road!
111. Rural life style
112. Relatively crime free
113. Country living
114. Rural area
115. Privacy
116. No rush life style, mail delivery
117. Convenience to church, schools, and central location
118. Good People!!
119. Can choose to remain segregated or join in activities as one sees fit!
120. I just own land in the township
121. Rural Setting
122. Adequate space between homes in residential area
123. It's quiet, open, and not filled with homes/businesses
124. PARKS, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
125. People
126. I live in a very quiet area
127. OPEN COUNTRY LAND
128. Quiet
129. Rural- Country Feeling (Kelner)
130. Privacy/Freedom
131. Being able to see traffic at stop signs without obstructive viewing
132. quiet
133. QUIET COUNTRY SETTINGS
134. I like living in the country.
135. Rural living
136. Rural area but school and gas station close
137. Quiet, peaceful, rather low taxes.
138. The large plots of land people can still own and don't have to worry about a house being built next door.
139. Love country living
140. Every body knows each other
141. Peaceful
142. Good snow removal and fire protection
143. The ability to enjoy wildlife in your backyard and not having a neighbor within ¼ mile.
144. The freedom of rural living and trout fishing on clean streams
145. Don't live there yet!
146. privacy- rural benefits, peace and quiet
147. rural
148. Don't know
149. rural living, peace, safety
150. nice quiet rural area, not to close to factories, mills, etc. nice country living