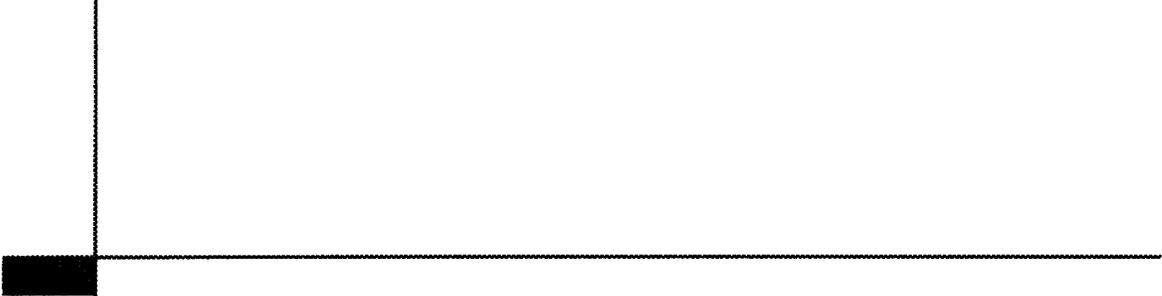


Appendix B

Portage County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Survey Final Report

December, 2001

Town of Carson
Comprehensive Plan
2015



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

Final Report

December, 2001

Town of Carson

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Carson Planning Survey

County Trends and Land Use

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

	Responses	Percent
Faster than projected	4	3%
Present projected rate of growth	53	46%
Slower than projected	40	34%
No growth	8	7%
Don't Know	11	9%
Total	116	100%

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

Single family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	22	19%
4-Agree	47	42%
5-Strongly Agree	41	36%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	113	100%

Valid cases	113
Average	4.1

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	11%
2-Disagree	17	16%
3-Neutral	45	41%
4-Agree	24	22%
5-Strongly Agree	8	7%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	109	100%

Valid cases	106
Average	3.0

Rural residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	11%
2-Disagree	14	12%
3-Neutral	30	26%
4-Agree	36	32%
5-Strongly Agree	21	18%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	3.3	

Family farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	14	12%
4-Agree	36	31%
5-Strongly Agree	62	53%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	4.3	

Small businesses

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	19	17%
4-Agree	46	40%
5-Strongly Agree	44	39%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	4.1	

Hobby farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	7	6%
3-Neutral	41	36%
4-Agree	38	34%
5-Strongly Agree	17	15%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	113	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	3.4	

Large corporate farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	34	30%
2-Disagree	30	27%
3-Neutral	23	21%
4-Agree	14	12%
5-Strongly Agree	8	7%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	112	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	2.4	

Large retail outlets/centers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	19	17%
2-Disagree	20	17%
3-Neutral	31	27%
4-Agree	24	21%
5-Strongly Agree	19	17%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	115	100%
Valid cases	113	
Average	3.0	

<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%	1- Strongly Disagree	11	10%
2-Disagree	1	1%	2-Disagree	10	9%
3-Neutral	32	28%	3-Neutral	25	22%
4-Agree	46	40%	4-Agree	42	37%
5-Strongly Agree	30	26%	5-Strongly Agree	24	21%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	114	100%	Total	114	100%
Valid cases	113		Valid cases	112	
Average	3.9		Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	5%
2-Disagree	15	12%
3-Neutral	21	17%
4-Agree	60	48%
5-Strongly Agree	20	16%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	122	
Average	3.6	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	11	9%
3-Neutral	26	21%
4-Agree	58	46%
5-Strongly Agree	25	20%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	122	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	26	21%
2-Disagree	35	28%
3-Neutral	19	15%
4-Agree	27	21%
5-Strongly Agree	18	14%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	125	
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	6	5%	1- Strongly Disagree	5	4%
2-Disagree	15	13%	2-Disagree	6	5%
3-Neutral	26	22%	3-Neutral	19	15%
4-Agree	53	45%	4-Agree	68	54%
5-Strongly Agree	17	14%	5-Strongly Agree	26	21%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	118	100%	Total	125	100%
Valid cases	117		Valid cases	124	
Average	3.5		Average	3.8	

Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	2%
2-Disagree	9	7%
3-Neutral	24	20%
4-Agree	51	42%
5-Strongly Agree	34	28%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	121	
Average	3.9	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	4	3%
3-Neutral	12	10%
4-Agree	55	45%
5-Strongly Agree	49	40%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	121	
Average	4.2	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	7	6%
3-Neutral	27	23%
4-Agree	49	42%
5-Strongly Agree	28	24%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.8	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	4	3%
3-Neutral	15	12%
4-Agree	63	51%
5-Strongly Agree	37	30%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	121	
Average	4.1	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	17	15%
2-Disagree	27	23%
3-Neutral	40	34%
4-Agree	22	19%
5-Strongly Agree	8	7%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	2.8	

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

Single family (2+ acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	5%
2-Disagree	5	4%
3-Neutral	14	11%
4-Agree	57	47%
5-Strongly Agree	38	31%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	122	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	4.0	

Duplexes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	31	26%
2-Disagree	26	22%
3-Neutral	40	33%
4-Agree	16	13%
5-Strongly Agree	4	3%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	2.5	

Mobile home parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	54	47%
2-Disagree	32	28%
3-Neutral	20	17%
4-Agree	6	5%
5-Strongly Agree	3	3%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	1.9	

Single family (<2 acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	18	15%
2-Disagree	27	23%
3-Neutral	21	18%
4-Agree	34	29%
5-Strongly Agree	17	14%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	3.0	

Multi-family apartments

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	39	34%
2-Disagree	42	36%
3-Neutral	27	23%
4-Agree	5	4%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	2.0	

No new non-farm housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	23	20%
2-Disagree	26	23%
3-Neutral	31	27%
4-Agree	16	14%
5-Strongly Agree	12	11%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	2.7	

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

Moderately priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	10	8%
3-Neutral	47	39%
4-Agree	37	31%
5-Strongly Agree	12	10%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	3.3	

Higher priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	28	25%
2-Disagree	26	23%
3-Neutral	42	37%
4-Agree	10	9%
5-Strongly Agree	3	3%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	2.4	

Manufactured(mobile) homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	40	35%
2-Disagree	36	32%
3-Neutral	30	26%
4-Agree	3	3%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	110	
Average	2.0	

Public/subsidized housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	24	21%
2-Disagree	36	31%
3-Neutral	37	32%
4-Agree	9	8%
5-Strongly Agree	5	4%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	115	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	2.4	

Multi-unit rental housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	36	32%
2-Disagree	33	29%
3-Neutral	33	29%
4-Agree	5	4%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	2.1	

Housing for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	11	9%
3-Neutral	38	32%
4-Agree	45	38%
5-Strongly Agree	13	11%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.4	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	6	5%
3-Neutral	25	20%
4-Agree	81	64%
5-Strongly Agree	7	6%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	6%
2-Disagree	30	24%
3-Neutral	34	27%
4-Agree	40	32%
5-Strongly Agree	13	10%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	125	
Average	3.2	

Utilities & Community Facilities

11. New homes and businesses should be encouraged :

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	9	8%
3-Neutral	19	16%
4-Agree	57	48%
5-Strongly Agree	29	25%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	118	100%

Valid cases 116
 Average 3.9

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	15	13%
3-Neutral	30	25%
4-Agree	41	34%
5-Strongly Agree	19	16%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	119	100%

Valid cases 113
 Average 3.4

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	22	18%
2-Disagree	25	21%
3-Neutral	24	20%
4-Agree	31	26%
5-Strongly Agree	10	8%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	119	100%

Valid cases 112
 Average 2.8

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	5%
2-Disagree	14	11%
3-Neutral	30	24%
4-Agree	52	41%
5-Strongly Agree	13	10%
DK-Don't Know	12	9%
Total	127	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.5	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	18	15%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	89	75%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	12	10%
Total	119	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	21	17%
4-Good	31	25%
5-Excellent	3	2%
DU-Don't Use	66	54%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	57	
Average	3.6	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	20	16%
4-Good	27	22%
5-Excellent	5	4%
DU-Don't Use	71	57%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	53	
Average	3.7	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	3	2%
3-Average	52	42%
4-Good	45	36%
5-Excellent	16	13%
DU-Don't Use	7	6%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	3.6	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	3%
2-Poor	8	6%
3-Average	40	32%
4-Good	43	35%
5-Excellent	25	20%
DU-Don't Use	4	3%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.6	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	8	6%
3-Average	42	34%
4-Good	47	38%
5-Excellent	22	18%
DU-Don't Use	5	4%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.7	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	6	5%
3-Average	36	30%
4-Good	35	29%
5-Excellent	11	9%
DU-Don't Use	28	24%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	91	
Average	3.5	

Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	3%
2-Poor	5	4%
3-Average	35	28%
4-Good	44	35%
5-Excellent	12	10%
DU-Don't Use	26	21%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	100	
Average	3.5	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	24	20%
4-Good	60	49%
5-Excellent	22	18%
DU-Don't Use	15	12%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.9	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	3	2%
3-Average	29	24%
4-Good	55	45%
5-Excellent	24	20%
DU-Don't Use	12	10%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	3.9	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	6	5%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	39	31%
4-Good	57	45%
5-Excellent	10	8%
DU-Don't Use	8	6%
Total	127	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	3.5	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	2%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	28	23%
4-Good	47	38%
5-Excellent	26	21%
DU-Don't Use	19	15%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.9	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	29	23%
4-Good	46	37%
5-Excellent	14	11%
DU-Don't Use	27	22%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	97	
Average	3.7	

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	4	3%
3-Neutral	11	9%
4-Agree	55	43%
5-Strongly Agree	54	42%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	128	100%
Valid cases	124	
Average	4.3	

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

17a. Preserving farmland at all costs

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	23	19%
3-Neutral	36	29%
4-Agree	28	23%
5-Strongly Agree	25	20%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	3.3	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	6%
2-Disagree	7	6%
3-Neutral	25	20%
4-Agree	55	44%
5-Strongly Agree	23	19%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	3.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	35	29%
2-Disagree	40	33%
3-Neutral	24	20%
4-Agree	8	7%
5-Strongly Agree	9	7%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	122	100%
Valid cases	116	
Average	2.3	

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	3	2%
2-Disagree	11	9%
3-Neutral	31	25%
4-Agree	45	37%
5-Strongly Agree	26	21%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	116	
Average	3.7	

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

19a. Woodlands

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	8	6%
3-Neutral	18	14%
4-Agree	51	40%
5-Strongly Agree	45	35%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	127	100%
Valid cases	124	
Average	4.0	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	8	6%
3-Neutral	41	33%
4-Agree	34	27%
5-Strongly Agree	32	26%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	3.7	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	8	6%
3-Neutral	36	29%
4-Agree	38	30%
5-Strongly Agree	36	29%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	122	
Average	3.8	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	5%
2-Disagree	7	6%
3-Neutral	23	19%
4-Agree	42	34%
5-Strongly Agree	42	34%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.9	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	15	12%
4-Agree	48	38%
5-Strongly Agree	59	46%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	127	100%
Valid cases	125	
Average	4.3	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	29	23%
4-Agree	52	42%
5-Strongly Agree	40	32%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	122	
Average	4.1	

19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	2%
3-Neutral	32	26%
4-Agree	45	36%
5-Strongly Agree	41	33%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	122	
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	5	4%
2-Disagree	21	17%
3-Neutral	25	20%
4-Agree	43	34%
5-Strongly Agree	26	21%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.5	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	10	8%
3-Neutral	20	16%
4-Agree	57	46%
5-Strongly Agree	30	24%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	121	
Average	3.8	

20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	6%
2-Disagree	16	13%
3-Neutral	35	28%
4-Agree	45	36%
5-Strongly Agree	16	13%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.4	

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	8%
2-Disagree	24	19%
3-Neutral	39	31%
4-Agree	34	27%
5-Strongly Agree	11	9%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	3.1	

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	11	9%
3-Neutral	29	24%
4-Agree	48	39%
5-Strongly Agree	22	18%
DK-Don't Know	9	7%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	3.6	

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	6	5%
3-Neutral	28	23%
4-Agree	56	46%
5-Strongly Agree	23	19%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	122	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.8	

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	5%
2-Disagree	18	15%
3-Neutral	34	28%
4-Agree	41	34%
5-Strongly Agree	10	8%
DK-Don't Know	12	10%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	3.3	

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	10	8%
3-Neutral	38	31%
4-Agree	41	33%
5-Strongly Agree	20	16%
DK-Don't Know	11	9%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	113	
Average	3.6	

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

21a. Municipal wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	24	19%
3-Neutral	44	35%
4-Agree	25	20%
5-Strongly Agree	7	6%
DK-Don't Know	17	14%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	3.0	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	19	15%
3-Neutral	39	32%
4-Agree	30	24%
5-Strongly Agree	13	11%
DK-Don't Know	15	12%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.2	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	12	10%
3-Neutral	29	24%
4-Agree	33	27%
5-Strongly Agree	27	22%
DK-Don't Know	15	12%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.6	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	5%
2-Disagree	10	8%
3-Neutral	37	30%
4-Agree	40	33%
5-Strongly Agree	13	11%
DK-Don't Know	16	13%
Total	122	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	3.4	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	22	18%
2-Disagree	46	38%
3-Neutral	28	23%
4-Agree	9	7%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	14	12%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	107	
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	8	6%
2-Disagree	13	10%
3-Neutral	23	19%
4-Agree	51	41%
5-Strongly Agree	25	20%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	124	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.6	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	23	19%
3-Neutral	42	34%
4-Agree	34	28%
5-Strongly Agree	11	9%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	3.1	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	10%
2-Disagree	28	23%
3-Neutral	40	33%
4-Agree	24	20%
5-Strongly Agree	14	11%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	3.0	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	10	8%
3-Neutral	10	8%
4-Agree	55	44%
5-Strongly Agree	40	32%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	122	
Average	3.9	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	10%
2-Disagree	17	14%
3-Neutral	33	26%
4-Agree	35	28%
5-Strongly Agree	24	19%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	121	
Average	3.3	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	6%
2-Disagree	34	27%
3-Neutral	31	24%
4-Agree	39	31%
5-Strongly Agree	5	4%
DK-Don't Know	10	8%
Total	127	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	9%
2-Disagree	25	20%
3-Neutral	24	19%
4-Agree	46	36%
5-Strongly Agree	10	8%
DK-Don't Know	10	8%
Total	127	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	3.1	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	6%
2-Disagree	24	19%
3-Neutral	19	15%
4-Agree	68	53%
5-Strongly Agree	9	7%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	128	100%
Valid cases	128	
Average	3.4	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	15	12%
3-Neutral	17	13%
4-Agree	86	68%
5-Strongly Agree	9	7%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	127	100%
Valid cases	127	
Average	3.7	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	6%
2-Disagree	32	25%
3-Neutral	40	31%
4-Agree	21	16%
5-Strongly Agree	16	12%
DK-Don't Know	11	9%
Total	128	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	3.0	

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%
2-Disagree	32	25%
3-Neutral	41	33%
4-Agree	21	17%
5-Strongly Agree	14	11%
DK-Don't Know	11	9%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	8%
2-Disagree	26	21%
3-Neutral	36	29%
4-Agree	29	23%
5-Strongly Agree	20	16%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	126	100%
Valid cases	121	
Average	3.2	

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

Road maintenance

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	6	5%
3-Average	40	32%
4-Good	70	56%
5-Excellent	8	6%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	125	
Average	3.6	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	6	5%
2-Poor	10	8%
3-Average	56	46%
4-Good	43	35%
5-Excellent	5	4%
DU-Don't Use	3	2%
Total	123	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	3.3	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	11	9%
3-Average	35	29%
4-Good	41	34%
5-Excellent	6	5%
DU-Don't Use	28	23%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	3.5	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	5	4%
3-Average	34	27%
4-Good	72	58%
5-Excellent	12	10%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	125	
Average	3.7	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	17	14%
3-Average	35	29%
4-Good	27	22%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	41	34%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	3.1	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	6	5%
3-Average	33	26%
4-Good	25	20%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	59	47%
Total	125	100%
Valid cases	66	
Average	3.3	

<u>Transportation for disabled</u>			<u>Airport facilities</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%	1-Very Poor	4	3%
2-Poor	7	6%	2-Poor	11	9%
3-Average	33	27%	3-Average	35	29%
4-Good	21	17%	4-Good	26	21%
5-Excellent	1	1%	5-Excellent	6	5%
DU-Don't Use	61	50%	DU-Don't Use	39	32%
Total	123	100%	Total	121	100%
Valid cases	62		Valid cases	82	
Average	3.3		Average	3.2	

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.	57	46%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	54	44%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	13	10%
Total	124	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Infill and redevelopment with no outward expansion of existing urban areas.	22	18%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	88	72%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	13	11%
Total	123	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	93	76%
Remain neutral	21	17%
Discourage	4	3%
Don't Know	4	3%
Total	122	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	95	77%
Remain neutral	27	22%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	2	2%
Total	124	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	72	60%
Remain neutral	37	31%
Discourage	8	7%
Don't Know	4	3%
Total	121	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	47	39%
Remain neutral	56	46%
Discourage	14	12%
Don't Know	4	3%
Total	121	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	62	50%
Remain neutral	43	35%
Discourage	14	11%
Don't Know	4	3%
Total	123	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	52	43%
Remain neutral	50	41%
Discourage	13	11%
Don't Know	6	5%
Total	121	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	22	18%
Remain neutral	55	45%
Discourage	39	32%
Don't Know	7	6%
Total	123	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	2	2%
1 - 5 years	5	4%
6 - 10 years	5	4%
11 - 20 years	14	11%
over 20 years	94	75%
Not a resident but own land	5	4%
Total	125	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	121	98%
Rent	3	2%
Total	124	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	74	61%
Female	48	39%
Total	122	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	1	1%
25-34	11	9%
35-44	38	31%
45-54	29	24%
55-64	18	15%
65-74	14	11%
over 75	12	10%
Total	123	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	7	6%
high school graduate	48	40%
technical college	24	20%
junior college	1	1%
college	25	21%
post graduate	15	12%
Total	120	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	70	56%
unemployed	2	2%
self-employed	18	14%
student	3	2%
retired	32	25%
do not work	1	1%
Total	126	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	16	17%
Wholesale trade	3	3%
Manufacturing	20	22%
Finance/Insurance/Rael Estate	9	10%
Government	8	9%
Retail trade	3	3%
Transportation/Public Utilities	2	2%
Services	27	29%
Construction/Mining	5	5%
Total	93	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	2	2%
1	20	16%
2	35	28%
3	23	19%
4	29	23%
5	11	9%
6	3	2%
7	1	1%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	124	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	42	44%
1	18	19%
2	22	23%
3	11	11%
4	3	3%
5	0	0%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	96	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	29	33%
Stevens Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge	32	36%
Marshfield Area	3	3%
Wisconsin Rapids	18	20%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	3	3%
Waupaca Area	1	1%
Outside Central Wisconsin	3	3%
Total	89	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	12	10%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	18	15%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	35	29%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	29%
\$100,000 or more	20	17%
Total	120	100%

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

T. Carson

1. zoo
2. more sports
3. Hockey
4. A nude beach
5. River Boat Rental
6. rv camping w/fishing
7. public garden space
8. Walking or hiking trails
9. ice skating rink/Pool area
10. Anything for "teenagers"
11. community youth center
12. Swimming pool
13. PARKS
14. Sailing center
15. More tourist attractions
16. Don't know
17. better marina in Point
18. Bike trails to connect up surrounding villages - cities
19. activities for teenagers
20. recycling program
21. -o-
22. ?
23. Land tax relief
24. Bike/walking trails (maybe along Hwy 10 east & west)
25. none
26. parks with shelters
27. zoo
28. More parks
29. The state snowmobile trail could be used for 4 wheelers and hikers
30. Place of activity for teens
31. Variety Educational - learning sports
32. historic site
33. Pro-training camp
34. T-ball (like Wis Rapids Park & Rec offers)
35. ?
36. ATV Riding Area
37. LIBRARY IN JCT CITY
38. more youth ctrs
39. more snowmobile trail in country
40. get rid of the ugly mound systems
41. more marina space on river
42. new ice arena
43. Rails to trails hike/bike to Rapids Wausau or Marshfield
44. Library in Junction City
45. A ZOO
46. A marina on the Wis. River.

- 47. mini golf or/and jr. golf course
- 48. ATV Trails

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

T. Carson

- 1. Real estate taxes too high
- 2. more blacktop roads
- 3. Black top more gravel roads
- 4. To many people moving to the country
- 5. Relax restrictions on zoning sewers or at least use Wisconsin code - County should not overrule state regulations
- 6. Cost of property taxes
- 7. School system - people not qualified for position
- 8. loss of small family farms
- 9. taxes (to high)
- 10. Taxes and watching how there spent
- 11. high taxes
- 12. Sewer and water out Highway 10 West
- 13. taxes too high
- 14. no restaraunt
- 15. fire & medical response
- 16. allowing urban sprall of surrounding area (larger lots if happen)
- 17. To many homes being built on land that need holding tanks instead of mound septic systems
- 18. The quality of Elm Road North
- 19. Decline in QUALITY of PUBLIC schools in Stevens Point Area!
- 20. The grass is not mowed on side roads and obstructs vision at stop signs and corners. Also in winter slush is not plowed and tends to freeze making side roads hazardous
- 21. too many new single houses
- 22. Fire coverage
- 23. Taxes
- 24. taxes, roads
- 25. Sprawl
- 26. Fire protection
- 27. Expansion
- 28. None
- 29. no city water or sewer or natural gas
- 30. none
- 31. Would like HWY 10 West to be 4 lane
- 32. safety of KOCHpipeling
- 33. The town of Carson people are fine. But not the Portage County are not.
- 34. To many people moving to rural area destroying farmland that a farmer can't afford to buy & raising taxes
- 35. Rising property tax
- 36. Urban sprawl
- 37. Loss of family farms & over building on 2 acres or less parcels of farm lands
- 38. Increase in taxes due to state mandates
- 39. peace and quiet
- 40. Keeping the quality of the Wisc. River high
- 41. too high taxes for non-farmers living in rural areas

42. -too high Real estate taxes-
43. Assessments too high
44. fire protection
45. Loss of farm land
46. Hwy, the new Hwy 10 will affect our growth "Jct City"
47. good as is but have R railroad stop blowing horn where signals are Central Wis not bad but CN is terrible
48. Poor fire protection
49. No business on West side of river, everything on Hwy 10 east
50. Construction of HWY 10 (Corridors 2020) through wetlands and privately owned property with limited access to proposed hwy. i.e. on-ramps located miles away
51. not enough heavy industry
52. snow removal/road maintenance in our township is poor
53. Services- no water, paved road, garbage pick-up-why AM I paying the taxes?
54. Property taxes
55. making people go broke by forcing new septic systems this is a scam & rip off of the home owner!!!
56. increasing property taxes
57. High tax rate in Carson
58. Road upgrade
59. a smaller group of people paying most of the property taxes
60. high taxes
61. road maintenance
62. don't know of any
63. residential street surface
64. To much money wasted in school system
65. New Hwy 10 Rout Don't Want it
66. Taxes are too high!
67. EXPANSION AND LAND USE FOR FARMING REDUCED
68. CARSON-POOR ROAD MAINTANCE; POOR SNOW PLOWING
69. *Hwy 10 north should not go thru Starlite it's a landmark. People need to speak up before it's TOO late.
70. Weed and brush removal along the roads
71. I didn't receive this questionarie until Sept 22. the letter states "return by Sept. 21." That sure does raise my whole level of confidence in this project
72. High taxes in rural farm areas
73. Black top roads
74. Taxes raised all four years in town of Carson/snowplows hitting mailbox & ruining them!
75. old buildings are abandoned & left to rot - instead of cleaning them up or rebuilding them. Stores keep building into the country inst ead of cleaning up there cities
76. An equitable crossing of WI River by Hiway 10
77. Town of Carson is to large (diverse) for its tax base.
78. development of rural areas - environmental destruction
79. property taxes
80. Property Taxes
81. Hwy 10 bypass
82. Too much development
83. Poison ivy along roads is a problem. No 4 lane highway on west side; no grocery store on west side-my town board allows many residents to allow junkyards on personal property and not put in a lawn.
84. No grocery stores or hardware downtown or west of river
85. Farmland preservation

86. My land passes state Perk test, but Portage County, therefore I can't build until 2003
87. Keeping up the lawns, snow on walks in winter
88. Too much new development-houses
89. Unfair Land Taxes because of Land Use assessments.
90. Big taxes paid- - nothing to show for it - unequal land assessments
91. fixing the roads in the towns (Jct. City)
92. Inflated land values due to rural sprawl
93. the rerouting of highway 10 west

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

T. Carson

1. Friendly and concerned neighbors
2. very pleasant
3. quiet neighborhood
4. Peace & Quiet
5. Township has excellent officers to work with unlike Portage county officers
6. we're close to the city limits but live in the country (wildlife, trees, etc)
7. Good neighbors
8. the rural living quality is great
9. Fresh air
10. quiet area and general friendly people
11. Low Crime Rate
12. free to hunt & fish
13. Good Parks
14. quality of life all around - healthy
15. peaceful and easy to live a daily life
16. A rural setting to raise our children
17. small farm in town of Carson, zones Heavy Ag use
18. peace & quiet in Rural areas
19. The neighborhood - friendly and supportive neighbors
20. our neighbors
21. Rural quiet
22. Open spaces, quiet
23. education, quality of life.
24. PRIVACY
25. Closeness to work
26. Beautiful Natural Resources - River, Woods, meadow
27. good neighbors
28. Country living
29. location, location, location
30. privicey
31. not overpopulated
32. The wisconsin River
33. Is I made my living in Portage County and asked no one for a job as a welder portable welding all over the country.
34. Quiet small town not many people in rural areas.
35. Rural beauty
36. Portage Co. parks, trails
37. Wide open sparsely developed country
38. Non-development

39. the natural beauty of our surroundings
40. fresh air & natural beauty
41. fresh air - beauty
42. not a resident
43. Not resident
44. country setting
45. Small Town Atmosphere, Friendly, Helpful, Honest People!
46. like living peacefully
47. Quiet & secluded
48. Friendly, everyone knows their neighbor.
49. Wildlife and habitat for wildlife
50. close proximity to all shopping needs
51. Secluded-no development
52. Fire/EMS protection
53. Roads are maintained well
54. peacefulness and privacy
55. Privacy
56. quiet, neighbors over 40 acres away, closer to work
57. Privacy
58. big enough to provide quality services, but small enough to be "country"
59. quiet atmosphere- open area
60. Peaceful/If you need help, someone will usually help
61. overall quality of life
62. Open Space
63. The roads and ditches are clean
64. ISOLATION FROM SOCIETY
65. BEAUTY; RIVER; EASY ACCESS; MEDICAL CARE
66. The people - great scenary
67. clean air, ample wildlife, low noise level, open space
68. Peace and quite
69. Good fire protection, open spaces - fresh air
70. rural living
71. rural atmosphere
72. there is enough shop & services - The country is beautiful - until someone slaps up another house.
73. Overall quality of life- access to Wi River
74. the quiet and the fresh air
75. recreation and environmental quality
76. rural privacy
77. Peace & Quiet
78. The beauty of the landscape and the people
79. City parks, trails and university - Township is less than desirable
80. Freedom
81. school
82. It is quiet and Peaceful
83. The people and friends
84. open space-country atmosphere-areas left undeveloped
85. quiet, fresh air
86. Lower taxes and more room than in the city.
87. friendliness of people
88. not being congested
89. Privacy