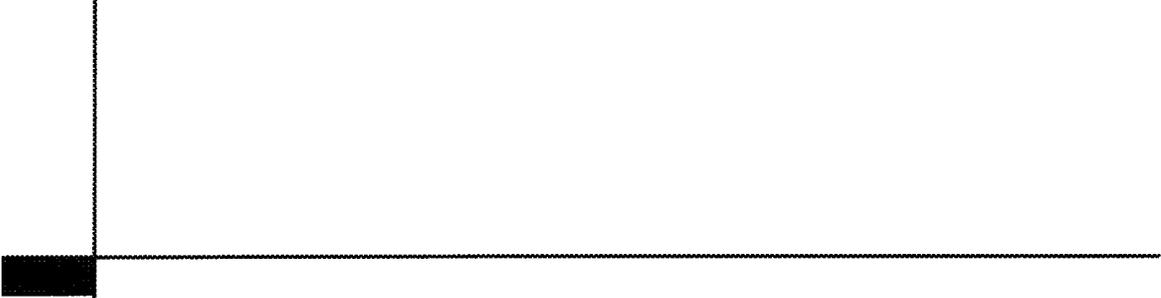


Appendix B

Portage County Comprehensive Planning And Zoning Survey Final Report

Town of Dewey Results

Town of Dewey
Comprehensive Plan
2009



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

Final Report

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Town of Dewey

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Dewey 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	5	6%
Present projected rate of growth	25	28%
Slower than projected	40	44%
No growth	14	16%
Don't Know	6	7%
Total	90	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	6	6%
3-Neutral	19	20%
4-Agree	41	43%
5-Strongly Agree	23	24%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	95	100%

Valid cases 92

Average 3.8

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	14%
2-Disagree	17	19%
3-Neutral	26	29%
4-Agree	24	27%
5-Strongly Agree	8	9%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	90	100%

Valid cases 88

Average 3.0

Rural residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	14%
2-Disagree	10	11%
3-Neutral	24	27%
4-Agree	27	30%
5-Strongly Agree	13	14%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	90	100%
Valid cases	87	
Average	3.2	

Family farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	12	13%
4-Agree	37	41%
5-Strongly Agree	34	37%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	91	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	4.1	

Small businesses

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	17	18%
4-Agree	42	45%
5-Strongly Agree	26	28%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	93	100%
Valid cases	91	
Average	3.9	

Hobby farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	11%
2-Disagree	6	7%
3-Neutral	26	29%
4-Agree	29	33%
5-Strongly Agree	16	18%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	89	100%
Valid cases	87	
Average	3.4	

Large corporate farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	33	37%
2-Disagree	21	23%
3-Neutral	21	23%
4-Agree	7	8%
5-Strongly Agree	4	4%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	90	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	2.2	

Large retail outlets/centers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	16%
2-Disagree	19	22%
3-Neutral	25	28%
4-Agree	15	17%
5-Strongly Agree	13	15%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	88	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	2.9	

<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%	1- Strongly Disagree	11	12%
2-Disagree	6	7%	2-Disagree	18	20%
3-Neutral	17	19%	3-Neutral	26	29%
4-Agree	38	42%	4-Agree	21	23%
5-Strongly Agree	24	26%	5-Strongly Agree	12	13%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%	DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	91	100%	Total	91	100%
Valid cases	89		Valid cases	88	
Average	3.8		Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	10	11%
3-Neutral	12	13%
4-Agree	48	51%
5-Strongly Agree	18	19%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	3.7	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	6%
2-Disagree	6	6%
3-Neutral	15	16%
4-Agree	55	57%
5-Strongly Agree	13	14%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	22	23%
2-Disagree	29	31%
3-Neutral	16	17%
4-Agree	14	15%
5-Strongly Agree	12	13%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	2.6	

Housing

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

<u>Apartments</u>			<u>Shopping</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	11%	1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	14	15%	2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	17	18%	3-Neutral	10	11%
4-Agree	41	45%	4-Agree	47	51%
5-Strongly Agree	9	10%	5-Strongly Agree	26	28%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	92	100%	Total	93	100%
Valid cases	91		Valid cases	92	
Average	3.3		Average	3.9	

Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	8	9%
3-Neutral	15	16%
4-Agree	41	45%
5-Strongly Agree	21	23%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	91	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	3.7	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	10	11%
4-Agree	45	48%
5-Strongly Agree	34	36%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	4.2	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	7%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	19	21%
4-Agree	39	42%
5-Strongly Agree	22	24%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	92	100%
Valid cases	91	
Average	3.7	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	11	12%
4-Agree	52	57%
5-Strongly Agree	24	26%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	92	100%
Valid cases	91	
Average	4.0	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	13%
2-Disagree	18	20%
3-Neutral	31	34%
4-Agree	22	24%
5-Strongly Agree	6	7%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	92	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	2.9	

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

Single family (2+ acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	6%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	9	10%
4-Agree	33	35%
5-Strongly Agree	38	41%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	93	100%
Valid cases	91	
Average	4.0	

Duplexes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	26	29%
2-Disagree	24	27%
3-Neutral	22	25%
4-Agree	12	13%
5-Strongly Agree	4	4%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	89	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	2.4	

Mobile home parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	30	33%
2-Disagree	30	33%
3-Neutral	21	23%
4-Agree	6	7%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	90	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	2.1	

Single family (<2 acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	21	23%
2-Disagree	23	25%
3-Neutral	13	14%
4-Agree	20	22%
5-Strongly Agree	13	14%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	92	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	2.8	

Multi-family apartments

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	35	38%
2-Disagree	36	40%
3-Neutral	10	11%
4-Agree	7	8%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	91	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	1.9	

No new non-farm housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	27	30%
2-Disagree	30	33%
3-Neutral	14	16%
4-Agree	9	10%
5-Strongly Agree	8	9%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	90	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	2.3	

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

Moderately priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	15%
2-Disagree	11	11%
3-Neutral	23	24%
4-Agree	35	36%
5-Strongly Agree	8	8%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	91	
Average	3.1	

Higher priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	17	18%
2-Disagree	28	30%
3-Neutral	30	32%
4-Agree	10	11%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	93	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	2.5	

Manufactured(mobile) homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	31	34%
2-Disagree	32	35%
3-Neutral	19	21%
4-Agree	4	4%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
Total	92	100%
Valid cases	87	
Average	2.0	

Public/subsidized housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	26	28%
2-Disagree	34	37%
3-Neutral	23	25%
4-Agree	3	3%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	7	8%
Total	93	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	2.0	

Multi-unit rental housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	34	37%
2-Disagree	34	37%
3-Neutral	15	16%
4-Agree	5	5%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	92	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	1.9	

Housing for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	16%
2-Disagree	10	11%
3-Neutral	31	33%
4-Agree	24	26%
5-Strongly Agree	9	10%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	93	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	17	18%
4-Agree	60	63%
5-Strongly Agree	12	13%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	16%
2-Disagree	20	21%
3-Neutral	26	27%
4-Agree	28	29%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	94	
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	3	3%
2-Disagree	11	12%
3-Neutral	14	15%
4-Agree	41	45%
5-Strongly Agree	20	22%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	92	100%

Valid cases 89

Average 3.7

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	7%
2-Disagree	14	16%
3-Neutral	26	29%
4-Agree	35	39%
5-Strongly Agree	7	8%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	90	100%

Valid cases 88

Average 3.3

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	20	22%
2-Disagree	17	18%
3-Neutral	19	20%
4-Agree	23	25%
5-Strongly Agree	10	11%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	93	100%

Valid cases 89

Average 2.8

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	8	9%
3-Neutral	22	23%
4-Agree	36	38%
5-Strongly Agree	19	20%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	3.7	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	19	21%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	63	69%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	9	10%
Total	91	100%

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

Sanitary sewer

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	10	11%
4-Good	23	24%
5-Excellent	6	6%
DU-Don't Use	55	59%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	3.9	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	11	12%
4-Good	21	22%
5-Excellent	5	5%
DU-Don't Use	55	59%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	3.7	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	6	6%
3-Average	29	31%
4-Good	36	38%
5-Excellent	15	16%
DU-Don't Use	6	6%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	3.6	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	39	41%
4-Good	32	33%
5-Excellent	16	17%
DU-Don't Use	6	6%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	3.7	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	32	34%
4-Good	34	36%
5-Excellent	17	18%
DU-Don't Use	8	8%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	87	
Average	3.7	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	23	24%
4-Good	27	28%
5-Excellent	6	6%
DU-Don't Use	34	35%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	62	
Average	3.5	

Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	15	16%
4-Good	55	58%
5-Excellent	18	19%
DU-Don't Use	5	5%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	4.0	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	20	21%
4-Good	41	43%
5-Excellent	22	23%
DU-Don't Use	9	9%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	87	
Average	3.9	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	18	19%
4-Good	55	58%
5-Excellent	13	14%
DU-Don't Use	7	7%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	3.9	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	3	3%
3-Average	20	21%
4-Good	47	50%
5-Excellent	17	18%
DU-Don't Use	6	6%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	3.9	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	14	15%
4-Good	47	49%
5-Excellent	17	18%
DU-Don't Use	15	16%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	80	
Average	4.0	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	21	22%
4-Good	32	34%
5-Excellent	10	11%
DU-Don't Use	27	28%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	68	
Average	3.6	

Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	7	7%
3-Neutral	9	9%
4-Agree	45	47%
5-Strongly Agree	30	32%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	93	
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	8	9%
2-Disagree	20	22%
3-Neutral	27	29%
4-Agree	26	28%
5-Strongly Agree	12	13%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	93	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	3.2	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	18	19%
3-Neutral	11	12%
4-Agree	46	49%
5-Strongly Agree	15	16%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	3.6	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	29	32%
2-Disagree	29	32%
3-Neutral	18	20%
4-Agree	12	13%
5-Strongly Agree	4	4%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	92	100%
Valid cases	92	
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	2	2%
2-Disagree	14	15%
3-Neutral	14	15%
4-Agree	42	44%
5-Strongly Agree	19	20%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	91	
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	5	5%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	18	19%
4-Agree	38	40%
5-Strongly Agree	30	31%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.9	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	6%
2-Disagree	9	9%
3-Neutral	27	28%
4-Agree	31	32%
5-Strongly Agree	22	23%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.6	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	7%
2-Disagree	4	4%
3-Neutral	25	26%
4-Agree	30	32%
5-Strongly Agree	28	29%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.7	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	18	19%
4-Agree	36	38%
5-Strongly Agree	30	32%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.9	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	11	11%
4-Agree	37	39%
5-Strongly Agree	43	45%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	4.2	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	6%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	20	21%
4-Agree	37	39%
5-Strongly Agree	31	32%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	96	
Average	3.9	

19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	7	7%
3-Neutral	23	24%
4-Agree	38	40%
5-Strongly Agree	22	23%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.7	

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

20a. Residential runoff

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	12	12%
3-Neutral	18	19%
4-Agree	41	43%
5-Strongly Agree	16	17%
DK-Don't Know	7	7%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	3.6	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	12	12%
4-Agree	37	39%
5-Strongly Agree	34	35%
DK-Don't Know	8	8%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	4.1	

20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	9	9%
3-Neutral	25	26%
4-Agree	35	37%
5-Strongly Agree	18	19%
DK-Don't Know	7	7%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	88	
Average	3.7	

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	16	17%
3-Neutral	33	35%
4-Agree	24	25%
5-Strongly Agree	7	7%
DK-Don't Know	10	11%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	85	
Average	3.1	

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	17	18%
4-Agree	29	30%
5-Strongly Agree	35	36%
DK-Don't Know	10	10%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	4.1	

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	6	6%
3-Neutral	21	23%
4-Agree	38	41%
5-Strongly Agree	21	23%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
Total	93	100%
Valid cases	87	
Average	3.8	

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	11	11%
3-Neutral	31	32%
4-Agree	33	34%
5-Strongly Agree	8	8%
DK-Don't Know	11	11%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	85	
Average	3.4	

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	8	8%
3-Neutral	22	23%
4-Agree	31	32%
5-Strongly Agree	23	24%
DK-Don't Know	10	10%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	3.8	

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

21a. Municipal wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	27	28%
3-Neutral	30	32%
4-Agree	15	16%
5-Strongly Agree	10	11%
DK-Don't Know	9	9%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	3.0	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	17	18%
3-Neutral	18	19%
4-Agree	27	28%
5-Strongly Agree	24	25%
DK-Don't Know	8	8%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	87	
Average	3.6	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	23	24%
2-Disagree	45	48%
3-Neutral	20	21%
4-Agree	2	2%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	2.0	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	18	19%
3-Neutral	31	33%
4-Agree	17	18%
5-Strongly Agree	19	20%
DK-Don't Know	9	9%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	3.4	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	10	11%
3-Neutral	30	32%
4-Agree	27	29%
5-Strongly Agree	17	18%
DK-Don't Know	9	10%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	85	
Average	3.6	

Commerce and Employment

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

22a. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	8%
2-Disagree	10	10%
3-Neutral	23	24%
4-Agree	37	39%
5-Strongly Agree	17	18%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.5	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	9%
2-Disagree	17	18%
3-Neutral	31	33%
4-Agree	29	31%
5-Strongly Agree	8	8%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.1	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	9%
2-Disagree	23	24%
3-Neutral	28	29%
4-Agree	29	30%
5-Strongly Agree	6	6%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.0	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	7%
2-Disagree	15	16%
3-Neutral	18	19%
4-Agree	33	35%
5-Strongly Agree	21	22%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	7%
2-Disagree	24	25%
3-Neutral	19	20%
4-Agree	27	28%
5-Strongly Agree	18	19%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.3	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	27	28%
3-Neutral	22	23%
4-Agree	32	34%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	17	18%
2-Disagree	18	19%
3-Neutral	23	24%
4-Agree	30	32%
5-Strongly Agree	4	4%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	92	
Average	2.8	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	10%
2-Disagree	19	20%
3-Neutral	17	18%
4-Agree	43	45%
5-Strongly Agree	5	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.1	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	16	17%
4-Agree	61	65%
5-Strongly Agree	10	11%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	3.8	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	11%
2-Disagree	20	21%
3-Neutral	31	33%
4-Agree	21	22%
5-Strongly Agree	7	7%
DK-Don't Know	5	5%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	2.9	

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	11%
2-Disagree	19	20%
3-Neutral	34	36%
4-Agree	18	19%
5-Strongly Agree	8	8%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	2.9	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	10%
2-Disagree	13	14%
3-Neutral	32	33%
4-Agree	24	25%
5-Strongly Agree	11	11%
DK-Don't Know	6	6%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	3.1	

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

Road maintenance

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	31	32%
4-Good	48	50%
5-Excellent	9	9%
DU-Don't Use	1	1%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	95	
Average	3.6	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	4%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	38	40%
4-Good	36	38%
5-Excellent	7	7%
DU-Don't Use	6	6%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	90	
Average	3.4	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	29	30%
4-Good	32	33%
5-Excellent	8	8%
DU-Don't Use	21	22%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	3.5	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	4	4%
3-Average	22	23%
4-Good	55	58%
5-Excellent	12	13%
DU-Don't Use	1	1%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.8	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	7	7%
3-Average	28	29%
4-Good	18	19%
5-Excellent	7	7%
DU-Don't Use	34	36%
Total	95	100%
Valid cases	61	
Average	3.4	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	22	23%
4-Good	17	18%
5-Excellent	5	5%
DU-Don't Use	45	47%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	51	
Average	3.4	

Transportation for disabled

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	5	5%
3-Average	19	20%
4-Good	17	18%
5-Excellent	5	5%
DU-Don't Use	48	50%
Total	96	100%
Valid cases	48	
Average	3.4	

Airport facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	10	11%
3-Average	14	15%
4-Good	32	34%
5-Excellent	9	10%
DU-Don't Use	27	29%
Total	94	100%
Valid cases	67	
Average	3.5	

Issues and Opportunities

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

	Responses	Percent
Preservation of the existing rural landscape with limited amounts of new development.	41	44%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	48	51%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	6	6%
Total	94	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	23%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	64	68%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	8	9%
Total	94	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	73	76%
Remain neutral	21	22%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	2	2%
Total	96	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	65	68%
Remain neutral	26	27%
Discourage	1	1%
Don't Know	3	3%
Total	95	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	44	47%
Remain neutral	34	36%
Discourage	12	13%
Don't Know	4	4%
Total	94	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	33	35%
Remain neutral	47	51%
Discourage	11	12%
Don't Know	2	2%
Total	93	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	33	35%
Remain neutral	45	48%
Discourage	13	14%
Don't Know	2	2%
Total	93	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	38	40%
Remain neutral	39	41%
Discourage	14	15%
Don't Know	3	3%
Total	94	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	19	20%
Remain neutral	43	46%
Discourage	27	29%
Don't Know	5	5%
Total	94	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	0	0%
1 - 5 years	7	7%
6 - 10 years	6	6%
11 - 20 years	13	14%
over 20 years	63	66%
Not a resident but own land	7	7%
Total	96	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	92	99%
Rent	1	1%
Total	93	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	71	78%
Female	20	22%
Total	91	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	2	2%
25-34	12	13%
35-44	24	25%
45-54	26	27%
55-64	20	21%
65-74	7	7%
over 75	4	4%
Total	95	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	0	0%
high school graduate	38	40%
technical college	17	18%
junior college	3	3%
college	26	28%
post graduate	10	11%
Total	94	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	53	57%
unemployed	3	3%
self-employed	14	15%
student	0	0%
retired	20	22%
do not work	3	3%
Total	93	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	4	7%
Wholesale trade	2	3%
Manufacturing	11	18%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	4	7%
Government	4	7%
Retail trade	5	8%
Transportation/Public Utilities	7	11%
Services	16	26%
Construction/Mining	8	13%
Total	61	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	0	0%
1	4	4%
2	47	49%
3	15	16%
4	21	22%
5	7	7%
6	1	1%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	95	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	44	54%
1	13	16%
2	18	22%
3	6	7%
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	81	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	26	41%
Stevens Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge	23	37%
Marshfield Area	0	0%
Wisconsin Rapids	0	0%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	9	14%
Waupaca Area	0	0%
Outside Central Wisconsin	5	8%
Total	63	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	4	4%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	11	12%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	21	24%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	44%
\$100,000 or more	14	16%
Total	89	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. bike trails
 2. municipal golf course
 3. HUNTING PROGRAMS
 4. ?
 5. -
 6. -
 7. Hike & Bike Trails - Paths
 8. Rec. center for teens
 9. None more
 10. Parks outside the City
 11. Horseback riding trail
 12. none
 13. 2nd ice rink
 14. ATV trail system in Portage County
 15. Highway wayside(old weight station)
 16. HOCKEY RINK
 17. East side boat ramp below Dubai dam
 18. n/a
 19. ?
 20. recreational center
 21. ATV trails
 22. Parent education centers
 23. casino
 24. satisfied
 25. should not provide county rec. programs
 26. A City (Parks + Rec) golf course - 9 hole (or) a city garden for seniors.
 27. Boys and Girls Clubs
 28. NONE
 29. 4-wheeling trails most county's have them
 30. ?
 31. good as is
 32. horseback riding trails
 33. Indoor Water Facility
 34. none
 35. Indoor public swimming pool
 36. I think you have them all covered
 37. Green Circle
 38. Winter time sledding - like Plover used to have in Weslan Park - Just a hill
 39. We need EMS Fire Responders in all Townships
 40. Town of Dewey
 41. Convention/Community Hall/Large
34. Please tell us the SINGLE greatest problem or concern you have regarding your city/village/township.
- T. Dewey
1. town ok- county- too high taxes

2. I worry about fire protection from our volunteer fire department and I worry about whether the sheriff and ambulance department could quickly find us and respond in an emergency.
3. Property taxes
4. None
5. Homes + business property not being taken care of.
6. DEWEY, ROAD MAINTIANCE SOME ROADS ARE STILL DIRT LIKE PIONEER RD.
7. TAXES
8. over-regulated
9. No Portage County ordinance on manure piles and spreading in our portion of Portage County.
10. Hwy 10 project possibly cutting off access from Fire Dept.
11. Too many agricultural deer kill permits were issued in the Town of Dewey in recent years.
12. Loss of natural settings
13. High Taxes
14. Poor Roads
15. Fire and Roads
16. Too high taxes
17. TAXES ARE TO HIGH
18. much high taxes with no increase in level of services
19. Taxes to high
20. Urban sprawl - homes built on farmland - then conflicting with good Ag practice
21. Highway 10 Bypass
22. need paved roads instead of gravel (vehicle damage)
23. over growth - with selected sections remaining free of development
24. The Ski team on Lake DuBay. They think they own the River. They do what ever they want. Do not follow state water craft laws.
25. over expansion, over populated w/ growth of homes.
26. There are too many people using or trying to gain tax dollars without thinking about the need, long term maintenance etc school supplies are underfunded! Sheriff is underfunded!
27. property taxes
28. Rural Residential Sprawl
29. Taxes
30. Sprawl!
31. Clean up old dumps
32. I BOUGHT A HOME ON<19 ACRES WITH THE INTENTION OF BUILDING ANOTHER AND SPLITTING THE PROPERTY. NOW A 10 ACRE MINIMUM DENSITY WAS IMPOSED. IT'S MINE-AND IT'S ALREADY RESIDENTIAL! WHY NOT?
33. TAXES ARE WAY TOO HIGH
34. taxes
35. Increased Costs
36. The Hwy 10 North Bypass (Hwy X is not an option)
37. GOVERNMENT
38. Property tax's - Road Maintenance
39. over taxation
40. I pay a high tax for land I am told I can't use!!!!
41. Too much new development while not utilizing existing empty development
42. PROPERTY TAX LEVEL
43. taxes!
44. Over development
45. Fear of a large corporate farm and the pollution it would bring (1,000+ pigs or cows)
46. quantity of water supply

47. Lack of diversity in local leadership (sex, race & age etc.)
48. the need for the Hwy 10 bypass
49. good water
50. not enough sand on icy service road in winter
51. Concern: Farmland around us will be (someday) turned into sub-divisions - Don't want that !!!
52. small lot sizes unplanned residential development - lack of restrictions
53. increasing taxes
54. taxes are too high (property)
55. Can a city continue to strive w/o all the new technologies. Can we actually strive for an environmentally safe place to raise a family.
56. UNFAIR PROPERTY TAX AND PROPERTY VALUATION
57. The inner city is dying=empty big buildings econo foods shopko ponderosa
58. too many new housing developments
59. Retail and Housing projects in our township
60. Manure runoff
61. leave as is
62. roads
63. taxes are to high
64. Recycling once a month
65. Big trucks driving too fast on back roads
66. to many new homes in county + small acres sold for it.
67. Taxes. Emergency services are a distance away.
68. Hold down taxes
69. Taxes are to high
70. I love living in the Town of Dewey!
71. Too much Governmental Control
72. Too many people next door
73. Poor road conditions - W. River Rd needs repair
74. Taxes/We need more tax base
75. Only a small amount of property taxes are available for town use.
76. Hwy 10 proposal across the Plover and thru pristine land (farmland)
77. Lower taxes on property.

35. Please share with us the best part of living in your city/village/township.
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1. quiet rural area close to I-39
2. The natural beauty of the area and good and friendly neighbors.
3. Municipal services
4. Good environment and privacy.
5. PEACE AND QUIET
6. SPACE
7. rural
8. Some what peaceful
9. It is run by some wonderful, caring people.
10. Not applicable
11. Freedom and not over populated
12. Quiet Rural Setting.
13. Nature
14. no neighbors

15. private - quiet - enjoyable
16. COUNTRY LIVING
17. Friendliness of people in central Wis
18. quiet, open spaces
19. Rural landscape
20. Having my own open space
21. Love the country and peace and wildlife
22. Coming home after a hard days work.
23. Balanced quality of life with economic opportunity
24. the rural community
25. Peace and quiet country living
26. Quiet
27. I enjoy hunting in Portage county
28. PRIVACY OF RURAL LIVING 10 MINUTES FROM POINT/MOSINEE. <1HR TO WAUSAU OR MARSHFIELD
29. LAKE DUBAY AND OTHER RECREATION AREAS FOR HUNTING.
30. open and clean
31. Privacy
32. country living
33. central location for work purposes
34. I don't live here at the present- am an old timmer however.
35. down town atmosphere
36. NATURE SCENERY
37. open spaces, preserve areas
38. Peaceful rural setting
39. Its quiet with friendly neighbors
40. Value for strong families
41. Country living with not much traffic
42. quiet
43. privacy
44. It's in the country -not alot of houses or neighbors
45. Many wooded areas still left. (But going fast)
46. quiet
47. The surroundings and the people
48. It's away from power plants + peaceful!
49. CENTRALLY LOCATED, EASY ACCESS
50. It is quiet & there is a countryside to drive through & relax
51. good neighbors
52. enjoy the nature & not having too close of neighbors
53. the rural atmosphere
54. worst part is high taxes
55. close proximity to a variety of conveniences
56. space between neighbors

57. Not living very close to each other space for privacy.

58. safe - friendly environment, close to many areas
59. none
60. Small town
61. I feel safe
62. open farm land + good neighbors
63. LAKEDUBAY & DEWY MARSH
64. the environment

65. I like rural living
66. Its rural setting
67. The safe peaceful area I live in
68. Pleasant, Quiet, friendly, good Gov.
69. away from town, fishing, hunting available
70. Small town atmosphere
71. Quality of life, natural resources, opportunities
72. Scenery
73. Beautiful surroundings and nice people!
74. The peacefulness of uncrowded countryside- no noise pollution.
75. wide open spaces