

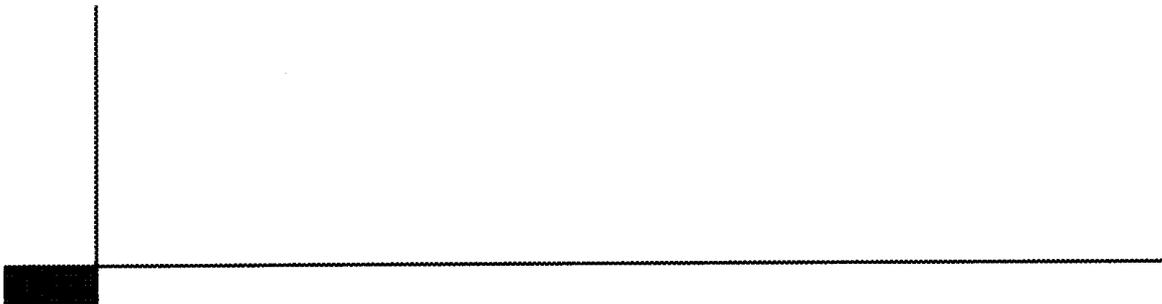
Appendix B

Portage County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Survey Final Report

December, 2001

Town of New Hope Responses

Town of New Hope
2005 Comprehensive Plan



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

Final Report

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New Hope Planning Survey

County Trends and Land Use

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

	Responses	Percent
Faster than projected	0	0%
Present projected rate of growth	33	29%
Slower than projected	52	46%
No growth	20	18%
Don't Know	7	6%
Total	112	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	5	5%
3-Neutral	31	28%
4-Agree	40	36%
5-Strongly Agree	28	25%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	111	100%

Valid cases 107
 Average 3.8

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	16%
2-Disagree	29	28%
3-Neutral	25	25%
4-Agree	18	18%
5-Strongly Agree	11	11%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	102	100%

Valid cases 99
 Average 2.8

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Rural residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	21	20%
2-Disagree	26	25%
3-Neutral	24	23%
4-Agree	18	17%
5-Strongly Agree	15	14%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	105	100%

Valid cases	104
Average	2.8

Family farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	22	20%
4-Agree	40	36%
5-Strongly Agree	44	40%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	111	100%

Valid cases	108
Average	4.1

Small businesses

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	5	5%
3-Neutral	15	14%
4-Agree	67	63%
5-Strongly Agree	18	17%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	107	100%

Valid cases	107
Average	3.9

Hobby farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	6%
2-Disagree	13	12%
3-Neutral	41	39%
4-Agree	31	29%
5-Strongly Agree	11	10%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	106	100%

Valid cases	102
Average	3.3

Large corporate farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	41	39%
2-Disagree	26	25%
3-Neutral	26	25%
4-Agree	8	8%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	104	100%

Valid cases	102
Average	2.0

Large retail outlets/centers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	25	24%
2-Disagree	20	19%
3-Neutral	32	31%
4-Agree	21	20%
5-Strongly Agree	3	3%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	103	100%

Valid cases	101
Average	2.6

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<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%	1- Strongly Disagree	26	25%
2-Disagree	11	10%	2-Disagree	22	21%
3-Neutral	25	23%	3-Neutral	28	27%
4-Agree	53	48%	4-Agree	19	18%
5-Strongly Agree	16	15%	5-Strongly Agree	6	6%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	110	100%	Total	105	100%
Valid cases	109		Valid cases	101	
Average	3.6		Average	2.6	

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	4%
2-Disagree	8	7%
3-Neutral	16	14%
4-Agree	54	46%
5-Strongly Agree	35	30%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	3.9	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	4	3%
3-Neutral	13	11%
4-Agree	59	49%
5-Strongly Agree	39	32%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	4.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	31	26%
2-Disagree	52	43%
3-Neutral	15	12%
4-Agree	11	9%
5-Strongly Agree	11	9%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	2.3	

Housing

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

<u>Apartments</u>			<u>Shopping</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	6%	1- Strongly Disagree	5	4%
2-Disagree	12	11%	2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	21	18%	3-Neutral	25	22%
4-Agree	49	43%	4-Agree	50	44%
5-Strongly Agree	22	19%	5-Strongly Agree	30	26%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%	DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	114	100%	Total	114	100%
Valid cases	111		Valid cases	112	
Average	3.6		Average	3.9	

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Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	4	4%
3-Neutral	18	16%
4-Agree	55	48%
5-Strongly Agree	31	27%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	112	
Average	3.9	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	5%
2-Disagree	4	4%
3-Neutral	8	7%
4-Agree	54	49%
5-Strongly Agree	38	34%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	4.1	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	11%
2-Disagree	10	9%
3-Neutral	26	23%
4-Agree	37	32%
5-Strongly Agree	27	24%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	112	
Average	3.5	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	4%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	13	11%
4-Agree	55	48%
5-Strongly Agree	38	33%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	112	
Average	4.1	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	14%
2-Disagree	22	20%
3-Neutral	41	37%
4-Agree	16	14%
5-Strongly Agree	13	12%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	112	100%
Valid cases	108	
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	9	8%
2-Disagree	16	14%
3-Neutral	12	10%
4-Agree	46	39%
5-Strongly Agree	34	29%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	3.7	

Single family (<2 acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	33	29%
2-Disagree	39	34%
3-Neutral	14	12%
4-Agree	19	17%
5-Strongly Agree	9	8%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	115	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	2.4	

Duplexes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	40	36%
2-Disagree	39	35%
3-Neutral	21	19%
4-Agree	9	8%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	111	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	2.0	

Multi-family apartments

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	55	49%
2-Disagree	42	38%
3-Neutral	9	8%
4-Agree	4	4%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	112	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	1.7	

Mobile home parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	59	52%
2-Disagree	36	32%
3-Neutral	12	11%
4-Agree	3	3%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	113	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	1.7	

No new non-farm housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	27	24%
2-Disagree	34	30%
3-Neutral	28	25%
4-Agree	13	12%
5-Strongly Agree	8	7%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	112	100%
Valid cases	110	
Average	2.5	

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

Moderately priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	12%
2-Disagree	14	12%
3-Neutral	34	29%
4-Agree	34	29%
5-Strongly Agree	18	15%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	114	
Average	3.2	

Higher priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	21	19%
2-Disagree	38	34%
3-Neutral	29	26%
4-Agree	17	15%
5-Strongly Agree	6	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	113	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	2.5	

Manufactured(mobile) homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	46	41%
2-Disagree	37	33%
3-Neutral	17	15%
4-Agree	8	7%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	4	4%
Total	113	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	1.9	

Public/subsidized housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	32	28%
2-Disagree	39	35%
3-Neutral	28	25%
4-Agree	4	4%
5-Strongly Agree	2	2%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	113	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	2.1	

Multi-unit rental housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	39	34%
2-Disagree	41	36%
3-Neutral	22	19%
4-Agree	6	5%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	2.0	

Housing for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	17	15%
2-Disagree	10	9%
3-Neutral	35	30%
4-Agree	36	31%
5-Strongly Agree	13	11%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	111	
Average	3.2	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	5	4%
3-Neutral	27	22%
4-Agree	63	52%
5-Strongly Agree	19	16%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	122	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	7%
2-Disagree	22	18%
3-Neutral	36	30%
4-Agree	38	31%
5-Strongly Agree	14	12%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	118	
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	2	2%
3-Neutral	15	13%
4-Agree	62	54%
5-Strongly Agree	34	30%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	115	100%

Valid cases 115
Average 4.1

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	8%
2-Disagree	16	14%
3-Neutral	29	26%
4-Agree	45	40%
5-Strongly Agree	10	9%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	112	100%

Valid cases 109
Average 3.3

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	44	39%
2-Disagree	28	25%
3-Neutral	22	19%
4-Agree	13	11%
5-Strongly Agree	4	4%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	114	100%

Valid cases 111
Average 2.1

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	4%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	30	25%
4-Agree	56	47%
5-Strongly Agree	20	17%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	113	
Average	3.7	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	31	27%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	79	68%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	6	5%
Total	116	100%

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

Sanitary sewer

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	2	2%
3-Average	10	9%
4-Good	14	12%
5-Excellent	4	4%
DU-Don't Use	83	73%
Total	114	100%
Valid cases	31	
Average	3.6	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	10	9%
4-Good	13	12%
5-Excellent	4	4%
DU-Don't Use	84	74%
Total	113	100%
Valid cases	29	
Average	3.6	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	8	7%
3-Average	31	27%
4-Good	45	39%
5-Excellent	8	7%
DU-Don't Use	23	20%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	93	
Average	3.5	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	3%
2-Poor	9	8%
3-Average	34	29%
4-Good	42	36%
5-Excellent	8	7%
DU-Don't Use	20	17%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	97	
Average	3.4	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	10	9%
3-Average	30	26%
4-Good	41	36%
5-Excellent	10	9%
DU-Don't Use	23	20%
Total	115	100%
Valid cases	92	
Average	3.5	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	8	7%
3-Average	29	25%
4-Good	34	29%
5-Excellent	5	4%
DU-Don't Use	39	34%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	77	
Average	3.4	

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Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	4	3%
3-Average	20	17%
4-Good	47	40%
5-Excellent	14	12%
DU-Don't Use	31	26%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	3.8	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	3%
2-Poor	5	4%
3-Average	21	18%
4-Good	53	45%
5-Excellent	12	10%
DU-Don't Use	24	20%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	94	
Average	3.7	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	14	12%
4-Good	57	49%
5-Excellent	14	12%
DU-Don't Use	30	26%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	86	
Average	4.0	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	3	3%
3-Average	14	12%
4-Good	56	47%
5-Excellent	16	14%
DU-Don't Use	29	25%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	89	
Average	4.0	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	3	3%
3-Average	20	17%
4-Good	61	52%
5-Excellent	15	13%
DU-Don't Use	18	15%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	99	
Average	3.9	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	6	5%
3-Average	24	21%
4-Good	36	31%
5-Excellent	5	4%
DU-Don't Use	44	38%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	72	
Average	3.5	

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	2	2%
3-Neutral	12	10%
4-Agree	44	36%
5-Strongly Agree	62	51%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	120	
Average	4.4	

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

17a. Preserving farmland at all costs

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	4%
2-Disagree	21	18%
3-Neutral	24	21%
4-Agree	35	30%
5-Strongly Agree	28	24%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	115	100%
Valid cases	113	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	4%
2-Disagree	14	12%
3-Neutral	24	21%
4-Agree	51	44%
5-Strongly Agree	19	16%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	113	
Average	3.6	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	55	51%
2-Disagree	34	32%
3-Neutral	12	11%
4-Agree	2	2%
5-Strongly Agree	3	3%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	107	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	1.7	

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	1	1%
2-Disagree	8	7%
3-Neutral	15	13%
4-Agree	63	53%
5-Strongly Agree	28	24%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.9	

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

19a. Woodlands

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	11	9%
4-Agree	39	33%
5-Strongly Agree	66	55%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	4.4	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	3	3%
3-Neutral	18	15%
4-Agree	45	38%
5-Strongly Agree	49	42%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	4.2	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	3%
2-Disagree	7	6%
3-Neutral	21	18%
4-Agree	32	27%
5-Strongly Agree	55	46%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	4.1	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	4	3%
3-Neutral	8	7%
4-Agree	42	35%
5-Strongly Agree	65	55%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	4.4	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	5	4%
4-Agree	36	30%
5-Strongly Agree	77	64%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	4.6	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	14	12%
4-Agree	46	39%
5-Strongly Agree	51	44%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	4.2	

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19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	2%
2-Disagree	3	2%
3-Neutral	20	17%
4-Agree	36	30%
5-Strongly Agree	57	48%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	4.2	

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	8	7%
3-Neutral	14	12%
4-Agree	52	44%
5-Strongly Agree	37	31%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	113	
Average	4.0	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	2%
3-Neutral	10	8%
4-Agree	42	35%
5-Strongly Agree	60	50%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	116	
Average	4.4	

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20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	5	4%
3-Neutral	21	17%
4-Agree	43	36%
5-Strongly Agree	44	36%
DK-Don't Know	6	5%
Total	121	100%

Valid cases 115

Average 4.1

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	18	15%
3-Neutral	30	25%
4-Agree	42	35%
5-Strongly Agree	17	14%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	119	100%

Valid cases 111

Average 3.5

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	6	5%
3-Neutral	23	19%
4-Agree	43	36%
5-Strongly Agree	35	29%
DK-Don't Know	12	10%
Total	120	100%

Valid cases 108

Average 4.0

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	6	5%
3-Neutral	16	13%
4-Agree	57	48%
5-Strongly Agree	33	28%
DK-Don't Know	7	6%
Total	120	100%

Valid cases 113

Average 4.0

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	11	9%
3-Neutral	28	24%
4-Agree	36	31%
5-Strongly Agree	24	20%
DK-Don't Know	15	13%
Total	118	100%

Valid cases 103

Average 3.6

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	9	8%
3-Neutral	29	24%
4-Agree	41	34%
5-Strongly Agree	28	23%
DK-Don't Know	12	10%
Total	120	100%

Valid cases 108

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	5	4%
2-Disagree	15	13%
3-Neutral	44	37%
4-Agree	29	24%
5-Strongly Agree	11	9%
DK-Don't Know	15	13%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	104	
Average	3.2	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	4%
2-Disagree	7	6%
3-Neutral	19	16%
4-Agree	23	19%
5-Strongly Agree	52	43%
DK-Don't Know	14	12%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	4.0	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	12%
2-Disagree	50	42%
3-Neutral	26	22%
4-Agree	10	8%
5-Strongly Agree	7	6%
DK-Don't Know	12	10%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	107	
Average	2.5	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	6	5%
3-Neutral	24	20%
4-Agree	49	41%
5-Strongly Agree	26	22%
DK-Don't Know	10	8%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	3.8	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	5	4%
3-Neutral	30	25%
4-Agree	49	41%
5-Strongly Agree	21	18%
DK-Don't Know	11	9%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	3.7	

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	10	8%
2-Disagree	17	14%
3-Neutral	30	25%
4-Agree	48	40%
5-Strongly Agree	13	11%
DK-Don't Know	2	2%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	118	
Average	3.3	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	12%
2-Disagree	18	15%
3-Neutral	45	38%
4-Agree	35	29%
5-Strongly Agree	5	4%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	3.0	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	12%
2-Disagree	21	18%
3-Neutral	48	40%
4-Agree	25	21%
5-Strongly Agree	8	7%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	116	
Average	2.9	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	17	14%
2-Disagree	17	14%
3-Neutral	32	26%
4-Agree	39	32%
5-Strongly Agree	12	10%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	117	
Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	10	8%
3-Neutral	8	7%
4-Agree	59	50%
5-Strongly Agree	38	32%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	4.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	19	16%
3-Neutral	27	22%
4-Agree	43	36%
5-Strongly Agree	12	10%
DK-Don't Know	16	13%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.4	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	10%
2-Disagree	29	24%
3-Neutral	37	31%
4-Agree	29	24%
5-Strongly Agree	5	4%
DK-Don't Know	8	7%
Total	120	100%
Valid cases	112	
Average	2.9	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	2%
2-Disagree	12	10%
3-Neutral	10	8%
4-Agree	90	74%
5-Strongly Agree	8	7%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	122	100%
Valid cases	122	
Average	3.7	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	2	2%
3-Neutral	13	11%
4-Agree	100	82%
5-Strongly Agree	7	6%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	122	100%
Valid cases	122	
Average	3.9	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	7%
2-Disagree	21	17%
3-Neutral	37	31%
4-Agree	21	17%
5-Strongly Agree	21	17%
DK-Don't Know	12	10%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	3.2	

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	8%
2-Disagree	21	18%
3-Neutral	43	37%
4-Agree	20	17%
5-Strongly Agree	12	10%
DK-Don't Know	12	10%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	105	
Average	3.0	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	8%
2-Disagree	21	18%
3-Neutral	26	22%
4-Agree	38	32%
5-Strongly Agree	22	18%
DK-Don't Know	3	3%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	116	
Average	3.4	

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

Road maintenance

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	4	3%
3-Average	32	26%
4-Good	73	60%
5-Excellent	9	7%
DU-Don't Use	2	2%
Total	121	100%
Valid cases	119	
Average	3.7	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	10	8%
3-Average	40	34%
4-Good	50	42%
5-Excellent	7	6%
DU-Don't Use	9	8%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	109	
Average	3.5	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	11	9%
3-Average	40	34%
4-Good	26	22%
5-Excellent	4	3%
DU-Don't Use	34	29%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	83	
Average	3.2	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	10	8%
3-Average	25	21%
4-Good	62	52%
5-Excellent	17	14%
DU-Don't Use	4	3%
Total	119	100%
Valid cases	115	
Average	3.7	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	12	10%
3-Average	32	27%
4-Good	16	14%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	55	47%
Total	118	100%
Valid cases	63	
Average	3.1	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	10	9%
3-Average	22	19%
4-Good	14	12%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	68	58%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	49	
Average	3.1	

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Transportation for disabled

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	7	6%
3-Average	25	22%
4-Good	10	9%
5-Excellent	2	2%
DU-Don't Use	70	60%
Total	116	100%
Valid cases	46	
Average	3.1	

Airport facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	2%
2-Poor	12	10%
3-Average	34	29%
4-Good	16	14%
5-Excellent	3	3%
DU-Don't Use	50	43%
Total	117	100%
Valid cases	67	
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.	82	68%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	34	28%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	4	3%
Total	120	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.	34	29%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	80	67%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	5	4%
Total	119	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	100	85%
Remain neutral	14	12%
Discourage	2	2%
Don't Know	2	2%
Total	118	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	95	80%
Remain neutral	23	19%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	1	1%
Total	119	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	41	34%
Remain neutral	47	39%
Discourage	24	20%
Don't Know	7	6%
Total	119	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	32	27%
Remain neutral	61	52%
Discourage	20	17%
Don't Know	5	4%
Total	118	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	34	29%
Remain neutral	59	50%
Discourage	18	15%
Don't Know	6	5%
Total	117	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	48	41%
Remain neutral	50	42%
Discourage	10	8%
Don't Know	10	8%
Total	118	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	20	17%
Remain neutral	48	41%
Discourage	39	33%
Don't Know	10	9%
Total	117	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	3	2%
1 - 5 years	7	6%
6 - 10 years	5	4%
11 - 20 years	14	12%
over 20 years	63	52%
Not a resident but own land	29	24%
Total	121	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	111	97%
Rent	4	3%
Total	115	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	81	68%
Female	39	32%
Total	120	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	5	4%
35-44	19	16%
45-54	37	30%
55-64	21	17%
65-74	29	24%
over 75	11	9%
Total	122	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	6	5%
high school graduate	35	29%
technical college	17	14%
junior college	4	3%
college	34	28%
post graduate	25	21%
Total	121	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	59	49%
unemployed	2	2%
self-employed	18	15%
student	1	1%
retired	39	32%
do not work	1	1%
Total	120	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	6	8%
Wholesale trade	5	7%
Manufacturing	13	18%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	4	6%
Government	7	10%
Retail trade	7	10%
Transportation/Public Utilities	1	1%
Services	24	33%
Construction/Mining	5	7%
Total	72	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	0	0%
1	17	15%
2	65	57%
3	14	12%
4	15	13%
5	3	3%
6	1	1%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	115	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	59	69%
1	16	19%
2	9	11%
3	0	0%
4	1	1%
5	0	0%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	85	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	22	30%
Stevens	17	23%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	0	0%
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	1	1%
Waupaca Area	8	11%
Outside Central Wisconsin	24	33%
Total	73	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	10	9%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	18	16%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	37	33%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37	33%
\$100,000 or more	9	8%
Total	111	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. more bike trails
2. outdoor handball courts
3. soccer stadium
4. outdoor theater
5. Can't think of any - Plenty Now
6. bike trails
7. Just leave me alone on my own land & I am happy
8. ?
9. DON'T KNOW
10. Community Arts center in Point
11. swim pool access
12. paved shoulders for bikes
13. skateboard park
14. -museum-
15. More environmental ed. for community.
16. boat landings
17. Bike trails-especially from old railroad beds
18. more cross country ski trails
19. CAMP GROUND & BOAT LAUNCHES
20. Bike path-east to J or K paralleling Hwy 66
21. Have something for the kids, Get them off the streets.
22. Outdoor recreation program for seniors
23. Swing Dancing
24. None, enough is done
25. FARMERS MARKET IN AMHERST
26. bicycle trails along major routs into town & cities
27. YMCA
28. none
29. Town of New Hope
30. ?
31. bike trails
32. None
33. Extend the Ice Age Trail
34. Horse Shoe Pits - (Maintained)
35. Swimming pool in tomorrow river school district
36. youth ATV trail classes safety
37. good car's or truck's shows
38. park
39. youth center (teens)
40. Picnic areas on water
41. Rec Soccer
42. Bicycle trail expansion
43. alcoholic free county parks everywhere
44. the rail to trail hiking trail

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

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1. shrinking rural landscape from home building
2. maintain water quality in Sunset Lake (Amherst Junction)
3. too much development
4. will I be allowed to put house of my design on 15 acres.
5. maintain/develop a land use plan
6. trespassing- no respect for landowners- no enforcement even when police are called
7. mega farms, liquid manure, too many yard lights

8. urban sprawl all rural areas should have minimum 40 acres to build

9. Too many Tree Huggers - Example "Box Elder Ed"
10. sprawl
11. Minure (liquid) from increased herds- manure dispersal on the ground surface.
12. Too many roads built out in the open along the roadways.
13. housing expanding too widely
14. Ground Water Quality
15. My township will not let me expand
16. TOO HIGH TAXES FOR SENIORS
17. The extremely fast development I've seen in the last 5 years of living. There are plenty on spaces available to rebuild in or preserve.
18. Preserving family farms
19. Houses on 10 acres - Bunch 'em or delete
20. corporate farms
21. urban sprawl
22. too much growth in rural areas
23. Sprawl/ development creating loss of farmland for families/ corporate-size farms
24. Overpopulation/ crime
25. Groundwater/ surface water quality
26. Residential sprawl in rural areas
27. we have property, undeveloped, concerned about excessive government regulation regarding our ability to use, develop our property
28. over development
29. THE CREATION & IMPLIMENTATION OF CODES AND ACTS(RULES) BY A FEW THAT CREATE HARDSHIPS ON THE MANY
30. New Hope has a 10 A lot size-differently to large also-chairman in office too long.
31. That small town developments/single family (<10 acres/home) will ruin the beautiful landscape.
32. loss of night, loss of quiet
33. Environmental preservation
34. Property taxes
35. Taxation
36. Loss of local business
37. urban sprawl
38. Over development
39. Keeping taxes reasonable
40. seem to need more planning in east side development (types of business, etc.)
41. TAXES ARE TOO HIGH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HOPE-WE HAVE VERY POOR UTILITIES FOR HTE AMOUNT OF TAXES WE PAY!

42. Haven't lived here long enough
43. over use of sunset cafe - other recreational areas
44. 677=ong distance to Stevens Pt., Iola & Amherst
45. Ground Water
46. apathy; Communication
47. Two many subdivisions-sprawl
48. Over development, increasing numbers of people dotting the rural landscape
49. No manufacturing jobs
50. NO DRUG STORE
51. PROPERTY TAXES
52. Large Scale Farming Operations
53. Asian bugs that resemble lady bugs - they bite + cause illness
54. Unrestricted building of new homes; please no new homes in farm fields
55. THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE, WHICH PUTS A STRAIN ON EXISTING RESOURCES
56. The spread (development) from Stevens Point eastward to cty J.
57. fire protection- it will take ½ hour or longer to get someone here when there is someone closer- but we do not have a contract with them.
58. maintaining rural landscape
59. icy roads
60. Groundwater problems, and environmental preservation
61. No concerns but (development) it;s a getaway that should be preserved.
62. The loss of farm land.
63. quantity of groundwater
64. The way dumpy places make our village look.
65. Over population of farm land
66. lot size being reduced
67. Cut down trees on the sides of the roads and do not notify the landowner and take the wood!
68. Fear of two much development
69. To much brush to close to the road
70. control drugs, drunk driving and crime
71. Groundwater contamination
72. Over population and development of rural area.
73. Lack of fire protection (they must come from 7-8 miles away)
74. Auto speeding on rural roads
75. pure water
76. don't know
77. littering
78. Lack of local full & part time employment for ALL ages
79. Snow removal on ZZ north of Mizia
80. Crowded development around lakes (small lots)
81. Road maintenance
82. Unregulated Factory Farms
83. Pollution - air - water and ground
84. Loss of rural quality of landscape - developing woodlots and marginal farmland
85. fire protection
86. groundwater/ urban sprawl
87. Population explosion with all ancillary problems.
88. Public support for our schools.
89. maintaining the present quality of ground water
90. contaminated ground water
91. high taxes

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

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1. peace & quiet/solitude
2. being on Sunset Lake
3. Rural setting
4. great people
5. the quiet rural life
6. quiet, fresh air-close to wild life
7. Privacy, privacy, no noise or light pollution
8. beauty of the landscape
9. Responsive Town Board - Conservative & Well Managed
10. rural setting
11. peace and quiet- view.
12. Rural type living with limited new development along backroads.
13. relaxing
14. Its beauty
15. Keeping private
16. NO CLOSE Neighbors - Lots of Space
17. I moved her from NYC - to be in open spaces and enjoy rural living! Portage County offers this.
18. Rural landscape
19. Retain rural farm settings
20. beauty of rural landscape; variety of ethnic groups
21. small quiet area
22. open spaces
23. The beauty and serenity
24. Friendly neighbors/ natural wildlife
25. The people- sense of community
26. Green space - fields, forests, wild space
27. like it the way it is
28. The peacefulness of living in the country and the wildlife.
29. RURAL FEELING
30. We are still able to recognize the work of the "Creator & Maintainer" in our county
31. Friendly neighbors
32. Social services provided
33. Tranquility
34. The beauty
35. Peace & Quiet
36. closeness to nature
37. Rural beauty
38. smaller town atmosphere, open space, trees
39. TOWNSHIP OF NEW HOPE IS PEACEFUL (LETS KEEP IT THAT WAY!)
40. Very nice & friendly people
41. natural beauty
42. Beauty, quiet, peaceful, nature-birds
43. non development, for peaceful living.
44. Privacy, open space, rural atmosphere
45. lovely landscape, lovely people
46. rural, quiet, safe living with a mid-sized city (Point) near by
47. Rural living environment

48. OPEN SPACE
49. ENVIRONMENT
50. It's Quiet Here
51. Quiet - low crime rate - honest people
52. i love the quiet, smell of fresh cut hay; and contented cattle on pasture
53. Open undeveloped spaces & farmland/ 10 Acre rule for home building.
54. I love working in the city/ living in the country (quiet)
55. living among the trees & animals
56. Still quite rural & scenic - 10 acre minimum parcel
57. privacy, beauty of country living
58. Very peaceful and open spaces
59. Weekends of peace, tranquility, and much needed downtime.
60. Service is good.
61. quiet beautiful scenery
62. The friendly family like position of people.
63. peace & quiet
64. rural life
65. Quietness less traffic
66. Rural Quiet & (almost) wilderness areas
67. Peaceful
68. Quiet, fresh air, tall trees, lakes, Birds - lots of snow for cross country skiing - ("Next to Nature")
69. Peaceful and secure area
70. Quiet, fresh air, low traffic a feeling of rural life
71. Beautiful countryside and friendly neighbors
72. I enjoy the peace
73. Quiet community
74. Clean Quiet
75. natural environment, quiet
76. good people
77. saloons or bars and stores
78. quiet country living
79. It's out in the country. Clean air, more quiet
80. Generally it's a peaceful, rural environment.
81. Rural setting, family farms, forested areas
82. Enjoy rural living
83. Happy with minimum 10 acre lot size zoning
84. I'm protected by my 80 acres around me.
85. Chance to change present trends
86. clean, quiet & beautiful
87. still safe/ country
88. Nearest resident neighbor is ½ mile away - Quiet
89. Location- Environment- Freedom
90. the neighbors, our privacy, our security
91. nature
92. lower crime area