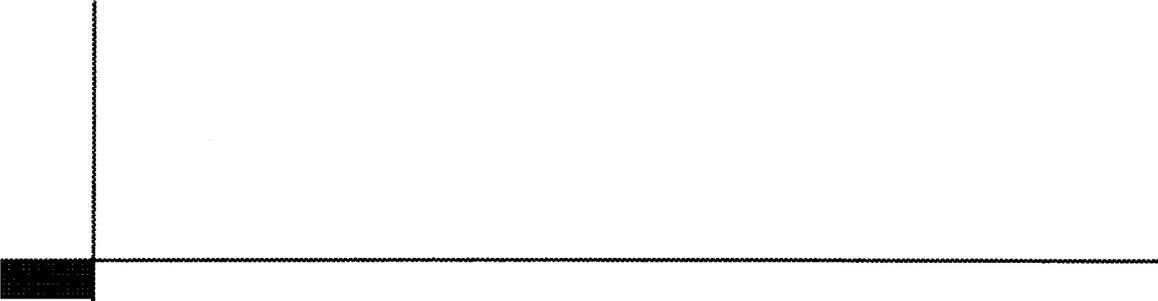


Appendix B

Portage County Comprehensive
Planning and Zoning Survey

Village of Amherst Junction
2005 Comprehensive Plan



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

Final Report

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Village of Amherst Jct.

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Amherst Jct. 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	1	3%
Present projected rate of growth	13	33%
Slower than projected	13	33%
No growth	6	15%
Don't Know	6	15%
Total	39	100%

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

Single family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	1	2%
3-Neutral	7	18%
4-Agree	16	40%
5-Strongly Agree	13	32%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	40	100%

Valid cases	38
Average	4.0

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	29%
2-Disagree	6	14%
3-Neutral	11	26%
4-Agree	8	19%
5-Strongly Agree	2	5%
DK-Don't Know	3	7%
Total	42	100%

Valid cases	39
Average	2.5

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Rural residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	10%
2-Disagree	3	7%
3-Neutral	11	27%
4-Agree	13	32%
5-Strongly Agree	8	20%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	3.5	

Family farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	2%
3-Neutral	10	24%
4-Agree	14	33%
5-Strongly Agree	15	36%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	4.1	

Small businesses

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	7%
3-Neutral	8	20%
4-Agree	18	44%
5-Strongly Agree	10	24%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	3.9	

Hobby farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	8	20%
3-Neutral	13	32%
4-Agree	11	28%
5-Strongly Agree	4	10%
DK-Don't Know	3	8%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	37	
Average	3.2	

Large corporate farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	38%
2-Disagree	10	25%
3-Neutral	9	22%
4-Agree	1	2%
5-Strongly Agree	3	8%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	2.1	

Large retail outlets/centers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	15%
2-Disagree	13	32%
3-Neutral	11	28%
4-Agree	6	15%
5-Strongly Agree	2	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	2.6	

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<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%	1- Strongly Disagree	11	28%
2-Disagree	4	10%	2-Disagree	6	15%
3-Neutral	12	29%	3-Neutral	10	25%
4-Agree	17	41%	4-Agree	9	22%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%	5-Strongly Agree	2	5%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%	DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	41	100%	Total	40	100%
Valid cases	39		Valid cases	38	
Average	3.3		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	2	5%
2-Disagree	4	9%
3-Neutral	9	21%
4-Agree	19	44%
5-Strongly Agree	8	19%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	42	
Average	3.6	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	4	9%
3-Neutral	9	21%
4-Agree	17	40%
5-Strongly Agree	13	30%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.9	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	19%
2-Disagree	18	43%
3-Neutral	11	26%
4-Agree	2	5%
5-Strongly Agree	2	5%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	41	
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	5	12%	1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%
2-Disagree	9	22%	2-Disagree	2	5%
3-Neutral	8	20%	3-Neutral	5	12%
4-Agree	12	30%	4-Agree	22	54%
5-Strongly Agree	5	12%	5-Strongly Agree	9	22%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%	DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	40	100%	Total	41	100%
Valid cases	39		Valid cases	41	
Average	3.1		Average	3.8	

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Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	6	14%
3-Neutral	7	16%
4-Agree	18	42%
5-Strongly Agree	11	26%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.7	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	4	10%
4-Agree	20	49%
5-Strongly Agree	17	41%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	41	
Average	4.3	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	3%
2-Disagree	5	13%
3-Neutral	15	38%
4-Agree	13	33%
5-Strongly Agree	5	13%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	39	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	3.4	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	2%
3-Neutral	7	16%
4-Agree	20	47%
5-Strongly Agree	15	35%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	4.1	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	24%
2-Disagree	10	26%
3-Neutral	14	37%
4-Agree	2	5%
5-Strongly Agree	2	5%
DK-Don't Know	1	3%
Total	38	100%
Valid cases	37	
Average	2.4	

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

<u>Single family (2+ acre)</u>			<u>Single family (<2 acre)</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	5%	1- Strongly Disagree	7	17%
2-Disagree	2	5%	2-Disagree	10	24%
3-Neutral	5	12%	3-Neutral	8	19%
4-Agree	16	39%	4-Agree	13	31%
5-Strongly Agree	16	39%	5-Strongly Agree	4	10%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%	DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	41	100%	Total	42	100%
Valid cases	41		Valid cases	42	
Average	4.0		Average	2.9	

<u>Duplexes</u>			<u>Multi-family apartments</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	12	30%	1- Strongly Disagree	15	38%
2-Disagree	9	22%	2-Disagree	14	35%
3-Neutral	12	30%	3-Neutral	5	12%
4-Agree	6	15%	4-Agree	6	15%
5-Strongly Agree	1	2%	5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%	DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	40	100%	Total	40	100%
Valid cases	40		Valid cases	40	
Average	2.4		Average	2.0	

<u>Mobile home parks</u>			<u>No new non-farm housing</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	18	45%	1- Strongly Disagree	7	18%
2-Disagree	9	22%	2-Disagree	11	29%
3-Neutral	8	20%	3-Neutral	13	34%
4-Agree	4	10%	4-Agree	3	8%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%	5-Strongly Agree	1	3%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%	DK-Don't Know	3	8%
Total	40	100%	Total	38	100%
Valid cases	39		Valid cases	35	
Average	1.9		Average	2.4	

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

Moderately priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	10%
2-Disagree	6	14%
3-Neutral	10	24%
4-Agree	16	38%
5-Strongly Agree	5	12%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	41	
Average	3.3	

Higher priced homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	25%
2-Disagree	16	40%
3-Neutral	7	18%
4-Agree	5	12%
5-Strongly Agree	1	2%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	2.3	

Manufactured(mobile) homes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	18	45%
2-Disagree	10	25%
3-Neutral	8	20%
4-Agree	3	8%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	1.9	

Public/subsidized housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	32%
2-Disagree	12	30%
3-Neutral	8	20%
4-Agree	5	12%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	2.1	

Multi-unit rental housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	34%
2-Disagree	13	32%
3-Neutral	9	22%
4-Agree	3	7%
5-Strongly Agree	1	2%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	2.1	

Housing for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%
2-Disagree	5	12%
3-Neutral	15	37%
4-Agree	14	34%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	3.2	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	2	5%
3-Neutral	11	26%
4-Agree	24	56%
5-Strongly Agree	5	12%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	5%
2-Disagree	9	20%
3-Neutral	11	25%
4-Agree	12	27%
5-Strongly Agree	10	23%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	3.4	

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	1	2%
2-Disagree	7	17%
3-Neutral	5	12%
4-Agree	19	45%
5-Strongly Agree	10	24%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	42	100%

Valid cases 42
 Average 3.7

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	5%
2-Disagree	10	24%
3-Neutral	8	20%
4-Agree	20	49%
5-Strongly Agree	1	2%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	41	100%

Valid cases 41
 Average 3.2

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	19%
2-Disagree	10	24%
3-Neutral	13	31%
4-Agree	10	24%
5-Strongly Agree	1	2%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	42	100%

Valid cases 42
 Average 2.7

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%
2-Disagree	2	5%
3-Neutral	12	29%
4-Agree	18	43%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%
DK-Don't Know	4	10%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	3.4	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	9	23%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	27	69%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	3	8%
Total	39	100%

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

Sanitary sewer

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	5%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	4	9%
4-Good	4	9%
5-Excellent	1	2%
DU-Don't Use	32	74%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	11	
Average	3.2	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	5%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	3	7%
4-Good	6	15%
5-Excellent	1	2%
DU-Don't Use	29	71%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	12	
Average	3.3	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	4	9%
3-Average	15	35%
4-Good	16	37%
5-Excellent	5	12%
DU-Don't Use	3	7%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	3.5	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	2%
2-Poor	1	2%
3-Average	14	33%
4-Good	19	44%
5-Excellent	7	16%
DU-Don't Use	1	2%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	42	
Average	3.7	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	2%
2-Poor	3	7%
3-Average	17	40%
4-Good	12	29%
5-Excellent	6	14%
DU-Don't Use	3	7%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	3.5	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	5	12%
3-Average	13	31%
4-Good	13	31%
5-Excellent	1	2%
DU-Don't Use	10	24%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	32	
Average	3.3	

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Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	2%
2-Poor	2	5%
3-Average	10	23%
4-Good	20	45%
5-Excellent	4	9%
DU-Don't Use	7	16%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	37	
Average	3.6	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	11	25%
4-Good	22	50%
5-Excellent	7	16%
DU-Don't Use	4	9%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	3.9	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	12	27%
4-Good	26	59%
5-Excellent	6	14%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	3.9	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	2%
2-Poor	5	11%
3-Average	8	18%
4-Good	20	45%
5-Excellent	4	9%
DU-Don't Use	6	14%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	3.6	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	2%
3-Average	9	20%
4-Good	19	43%
5-Excellent	9	20%
DU-Don't Use	6	14%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	3.9	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	5%
3-Average	13	30%
4-Good	17	39%
5-Excellent	3	7%
DU-Don't Use	9	20%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	35	
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	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	3	7%
4-Agree	23	52%
5-Strongly Agree	18	41%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	44	
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	2	5%
2-Disagree	7	17%
3-Neutral	9	22%
4-Agree	15	37%
5-Strongly Agree	7	17%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%
2-Disagree	4	9%
3-Neutral	6	14%
4-Agree	25	58%
5-Strongly Agree	5	12%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.6	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	38%
2-Disagree	17	42%
3-Neutral	7	18%
4-Agree	1	2%
5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	1.9	

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	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	12%
3-Neutral	7	16%
4-Agree	18	42%
5-Strongly Agree	12	28%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	42	
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	1	2%
3-Neutral	1	2%
4-Agree	17	40%
5-Strongly Agree	21	50%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	4.5	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	2	5%
3-Neutral	7	18%
4-Agree	13	32%
5-Strongly Agree	16	40%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	4.1	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	12%
3-Neutral	2	5%
4-Agree	12	29%
5-Strongly Agree	21	50%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	40	
Average	4.2	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	8%
3-Neutral	4	10%
4-Agree	14	35%
5-Strongly Agree	17	42%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	4.2	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	0	0%
4-Agree	15	37%
5-Strongly Agree	24	59%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	4.6	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	1	2%
4-Agree	19	46%
5-Strongly Agree	19	46%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	4.5	

19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	2%
3-Neutral	5	12%
4-Agree	14	35%
5-Strongly Agree	18	45%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	40	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	4.3	

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

20a. Residential runoff

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	7	17%
3-Neutral	8	19%
4-Agree	14	33%
5-Strongly Agree	9	21%
DK-Don't Know	4	10%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	3.7	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	2%
3-Neutral	3	7%
4-Agree	15	36%
5-Strongly Agree	20	48%
DK-Don't Know	3	7%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	4.4	

20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	2	5%
3-Neutral	8	20%
4-Agree	14	34%
5-Strongly Agree	12	29%
DK-Don't Know	5	12%
Total	41	100%
Valid cases	36	
Average	4.0	

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	9	21%
3-Neutral	10	24%
4-Agree	10	24%
5-Strongly Agree	4	10%
DK-Don't Know	8	19%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	34	
Average	3.2	

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	6	14%
3-Neutral	5	11%
4-Agree	15	34%
5-Strongly Agree	12	27%
DK-Don't Know	5	11%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	39	
Average	3.8	

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	7%
3-Neutral	5	12%
4-Agree	16	38%
5-Strongly Agree	12	29%
DK-Don't Know	6	14%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	36	
Average	4.0	

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	4	9%
3-Neutral	9	21%
4-Agree	16	37%
5-Strongly Agree	8	19%
DK-Don't Know	5	12%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	3.7	

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	7	16%
3-Neutral	6	14%
4-Agree	15	34%
5-Strongly Agree	9	20%
DK-Don't Know	6	14%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	38	
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	0	0%
2-Disagree	11	26%
3-Neutral	16	37%
4-Agree	7	16%
5-Strongly Agree	2	5%
DK-Don't Know	7	16%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	36	
Average	3.0	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	4	9%
3-Neutral	13	30%
4-Agree	10	23%
5-Strongly Agree	11	26%
DK-Don't Know	5	12%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	38	
Average	3.7	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	4	10%
3-Neutral	7	17%
4-Agree	14	33%
5-Strongly Agree	11	26%
DK-Don't Know	5	12%
Total	42	100%
Valid cases	37	
Average	3.8	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	4	9%
3-Neutral	13	30%
4-Agree	12	28%
5-Strongly Agree	7	16%
DK-Don't Know	7	16%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	36	
Average	3.6	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	12%
2-Disagree	20	47%
3-Neutral	5	12%
4-Agree	6	14%
5-Strongly Agree	1	2%
DK-Don't Know	6	14%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	37	
Average	2.4	

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	2	5%
2-Disagree	8	18%
3-Neutral	10	23%
4-Agree	16	36%
5-Strongly Agree	6	14%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	42	
Average	3.4	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	11%
2-Disagree	7	16%
3-Neutral	7	16%
4-Agree	21	48%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.2	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	9%
2-Disagree	9	20%
3-Neutral	12	27%
4-Agree	13	30%
5-Strongly Agree	5	11%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.1	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	14%
2-Disagree	10	23%
3-Neutral	7	16%
4-Agree	13	30%
5-Strongly Agree	7	16%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	7	16%
3-Neutral	7	16%
4-Agree	18	41%
5-Strongly Agree	12	27%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	3.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	11%
2-Disagree	12	27%
3-Neutral	11	25%
4-Agree	15	34%
5-Strongly Agree	1	2%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	2.9	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	5%
2-Disagree	9	20%
3-Neutral	12	27%
4-Agree	16	36%
5-Strongly Agree	4	9%
DK-Don't Know	1	2%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.3	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	2%
2-Disagree	8	18%
3-Neutral	9	20%
4-Agree	23	52%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	3.4	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	2%
3-Neutral	10	23%
4-Agree	29	67%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.8	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%
2-Disagree	8	18%
3-Neutral	12	27%
4-Agree	15	34%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%
DK-Don't Know	3	7%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	41	
Average	3.2	

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%
2-Disagree	9	20%
3-Neutral	13	30%
4-Agree	13	30%
5-Strongly Agree	3	7%
DK-Don't Know	3	7%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	41	
Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	7%
2-Disagree	4	9%
3-Neutral	11	25%
4-Agree	17	39%
5-Strongly Agree	7	16%
DK-Don't Know	2	5%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	42	
Average	3.5	

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

Road maintenance

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	2%
3-Average	16	37%
4-Good	22	51%
5-Excellent	4	9%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	43	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.7	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	5%
2-Poor	5	11%
3-Average	21	48%
4-Good	13	30%
5-Excellent	0	0%
DU-Don't Use	3	7%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	41	
Average	3.1	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	5	11%
3-Average	14	32%
4-Good	12	27%
5-Excellent	1	2%
DU-Don't Use	12	27%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	32	
Average	3.3	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	5%
3-Average	14	32%
4-Good	22	50%
5-Excellent	5	11%
DU-Don't Use	1	2%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	43	
Average	3.7	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	2%
2-Poor	6	14%
3-Average	11	25%
4-Good	5	11%
5-Excellent	1	2%
DU-Don't Use	20	45%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	24	
Average	3.0	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	3	7%
3-Average	4	9%
4-Good	7	16%
5-Excellent	4	9%
DU-Don't Use	26	59%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	18	
Average	3.7	

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Transportation for disabled

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	4	9%
3-Average	3	7%
4-Good	6	14%
5-Excellent	3	7%
DU-Don't Use	28	64%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	16	
Average	3.5	

Airport facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	5%
2-Poor	2	5%
3-Average	8	18%
4-Good	6	14%
5-Excellent	2	5%
DU-Don't Use	24	55%
Total	44	100%
Valid cases	20	
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.	22	50%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	22	50%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	0	0%
Total	44	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.	14	32%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	29	66%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	1	2%
Total	44	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	37	86%
Remain neutral	5	12%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	1	2%
Total	43	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	31	70%
Remain neutral	13	30%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	44	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	19	44%
Remain neutral	16	37%
Discourage	7	16%
Don't Know	1	2%
Total	43	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	19	44%
Remain neutral	17	40%
Discourage	6	14%
Don't Know	1	2%
Total	43	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	16	38%
Remain neutral	21	50%
Discourage	5	12%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	42	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	25	60%
Remain neutral	7	17%
Discourage	9	21%
Don't Know	1	2%
Total	42	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	8	19%
Remain neutral	18	43%
Discourage	14	33%
Don't Know	2	5%
Total	42	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	3	7%
1 - 5 years	9	20%
6 - 10 years	3	7%
11 - 20 years	4	9%
over 20 years	22	50%
Not a resident but own land	3	7%
Total	44	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	38	86%
Rent	6	14%
Total	44	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	24	53%
Female	21	47%
Total	45	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	4	9%
35-44	7	16%
45-54	16	36%
55-64	10	22%
65-74	6	13%
over 75	2	4%
Total	45	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	0	0%
high school graduate	18	42%
technical college	7	16%
junior college	1	2%
college	13	30%
post graduate	4	9%
Total	43	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	25	60%
unemployed	1	2%
self-employed	5	12%
student	1	2%
retired	9	21%
do not work	1	2%
Total	42	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	2	6%
Wholesale trade	1	3%
Manufacturing	5	16%
Finance/Insurance/Rael Estate	4	12%
Government	2	6%
Retail trade	2	6%
Transportation/Public Utilities	2	6%
Services	13	41%
Construction/Mining	1	3%
Total	32	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	0	0%
1	5	12%
2	20	47%
3	9	21%
4	7	16%
5	2	5%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	43	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	19	51%
1	9	24%
2	7	19%
3	2	5%
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	37	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	9	31%
Stevens	6	21%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	0	0%
Wisconsin Rapids	1	3%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	1	3%
Waupaca Area	6	21%
Outside Central Wisconsin	6	21%
Total	29	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	3	8%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	11	28%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	9	22%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	32%
\$100,000 or more	4	10%
Total	40	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. ?
2. -
3. some place for teens
4. all is well. :)
5. Indoor Aquatic Center w/ Hot tub
6. Indoor activities for small children when it is cold and a zoo
7. VOLLEYBALL FOR KIDS
8. don't know
9. family oriented <non alcoholic> activity center
10. gym with swim pool
11. sledding in winter
12. ATV trails
13. na
14. Indoor pool
15. Soccer

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

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1. urban sprawl
2. would like to see more small businesses, don't want to always have to drive to a larger city for shopping.
3. Retail shopping mall with good variety of stores (old navy, Pier one, etc.)
4. The over use of lakes, such as Lake Emily by too large boats & skidoos', etc.
5. growth
6. non
7. Preservation of Lakes & Rivers
8. Housing Development
9. Protection of groundwater
10. People don't put enough money back into our own area (they should purchase more things made locally).
11. poor enforcement of zoning codes already in place
12. Population growth and loss of rural land
13. Downtown businesses are looking run down
14. Board is not concerned with best interest of village, rather own self serving needs!
15. water
16. don't have any
17. no sewer service
18. Our village president is too powerful & insensitive to the environment (Amherst Jct)
19. That it will get built up, which, wouldn't be good.
20. Every activity here requires alcohol consumption.. -> where DWI, DUI etc is epidemic.
21. money for schools
22. no shopping
23. Recycling and the garbage prices going up

24. Moved here in July-I haven't any problems as yet.
25. preserving the environment
26. stagnant village board
27. power poles w/in Lake Emily county park and visible wires; rural roads could use better plowing
28. Limited employment opportunity
29. not lived here long enough to be able to say.
30. Traffic on Hwy 10
31. The amount of housing development in rural areas
32. Why should Park Ridge remain an island?
33. Relocating Hwy 10
34. road up keep
35. excessive maintenance along county roads
36. Speeding gravel trucks coming from pit on Co. Rd.MM

35. Please share with us the best part of living in your city/village/township.
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1. quiet, no traffic
2. Quiet community, friendly, great neighborhood.
3. Low traffic, countryside.
4. Clean air. Great wild life and SPACE.
5. pepal
6. Small-Quiet-safe-friendly.
7. The beauty
8. Free of Crime
9. Excellent health care & education systems
10. SMALL TOWN, NEIGHBORLY FEEL/ROOM TO BREATHE
11. Friendly small town atmosphere and people
12. Country living/quiet
13. Peace and tranquility
14. the "smallness" of it
15. Quiet rural atmosphere
16. Peacefull and friendly area
17. Peacefull
18. peace
19. peaceful
20. nice people= good local government
21. small town feeling
22. We live in a small village- leave it alone.
23. All the recreation possibilities es. fishing, trails, etc.
24. friendly people, beautiful surroundings
25. quite
26. Friendly neighbors
27. Neighborly people, very friendly, willing to help out.
28. limited growth 1 home per 10 acres
29. access to Hwy 10
30. many outdoor activities offered and available.
31. Quiet - Nice neighbors - Located equal distance between St. Pt. & Waupaca
32. fresh air and low levels of pollution ('cept noise of neighbors' children)
33. Community environment

34. Small, peaceful country living-20 mins from town.
35. Will be much better when HWY 10 is off clark st
36. Privacy, good neighbors, caring people
37. beauty and local buiness places
38. little or no development in rural communities
39. Peaceful, Country Living