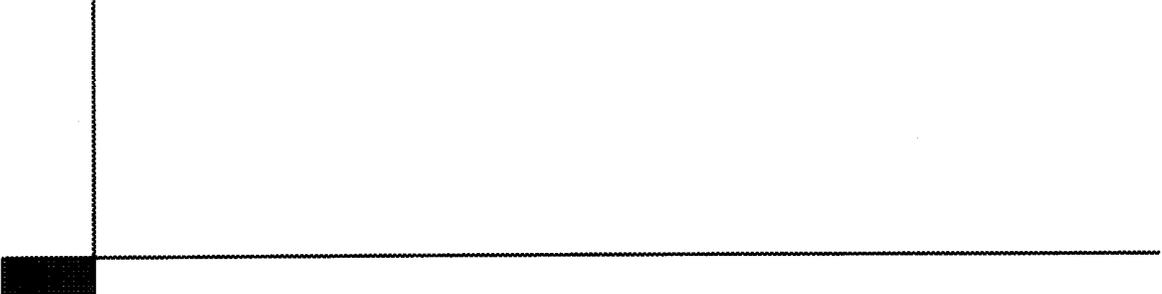


Appendix B  
Portage County  
Comprehensive  
Planning and Zoning  
Survey  
  
Village  
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**Final Report**

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***Village of Park Ridge***

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## Park Ridge Planning Survey

### County Trends and Land Use

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

	Responses	Percent
Faster than projected	6	9%
Present projected rate of growth	34	49%
Slower than projected	21	30%
No growth	3	4%
Don't Know	5	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**Single family residential**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	8	11%
4-Agree	24	34%
5-Strongly Agree	35	50%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100%</b>

Valid cases                    68  
 Average                        4.4

**Multi-family residential**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	15	22%
3-Neutral	23	34%
4-Agree	16	24%
5-Strongly Agree	9	13%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

Valid cases                    65  
 Average                        3.2

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<b><u>Rural residential</u></b>			<b><u>Hobby farms</u></b>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	7%	1- Strongly Disagree	7	10%
2-Disagree	18	26%	2-Disagree	8	11%
3-Neutral	17	24%	3-Neutral	29	41%
4-Agree	21	30%	4-Agree	17	24%
5-Strongly Agree	6	9%	5-Strongly Agree	6	9%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%	DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	70	100%	Total	70	100%
Valid cases	67		Valid cases	67	
Average	3.1		Average	3.1	
<b><u>Family farms</u></b>			<b><u>Large corporate farms</u></b>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%	1- Strongly Disagree	19	28%
2-Disagree	2	3%	2-Disagree	17	25%
3-Neutral	20	29%	3-Neutral	21	31%
4-Agree	23	33%	4-Agree	4	6%
5-Strongly Agree	21	30%	5-Strongly Agree	4	6%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	70	100%	Total	67	100%
Valid cases	69		Valid cases	65	
Average	3.8		Average	2.3	
<b><u>Small businesses</u></b>			<b><u>Large retail outlets/centers</u></b>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%	1- Strongly Disagree	11	16%
2-Disagree	1	1%	2-Disagree	16	23%
3-Neutral	3	4%	3-Neutral	13	19%
4-Agree	32	45%	4-Agree	12	17%
5-Strongly Agree	33	46%	5-Strongly Agree	15	22%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	71	100%	Total	69	100%
Valid cases	70		Valid cases	67	
Average	4.4		Average	3.1	

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<u>Light industry</u>	Responses	Percent	<u>Heavy industry</u>	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%	1- Strongly Disagree	14	20%
2-Disagree	1	1%	2-Disagree	12	17%
3-Neutral	10	14%	3-Neutral	14	20%
4-Agree	28	39%	4-Agree	15	22%
5-Strongly Agree	29	41%	5-Strongly Agree	11	16%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%	DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	71	100%	Total	69	100%
Valid cases	69		Valid cases	66	
Average	4.2		Average	3.0	

**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	3%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	6	8%
4-Agree	35	46%
5-Strongly Agree	31	41%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	4.2	

**4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	3	4%
4-Agree	37	49%
5-Strongly Agree	34	45%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	4.4	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	32	42%
2-Disagree	27	36%
3-Neutral	6	8%
4-Agree	7	9%
5-Strongly Agree	4	5%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	2.0	

**Housing**

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

<u><b>Apartments</b></u>			<u><b>Shopping</b></u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	7%	1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	4	6%	2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	23	34%	3-Neutral	4	5%
4-Agree	25	37%	4-Agree	31	42%
5-Strongly Agree	11	16%	5-Strongly Agree	36	49%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%	DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	68	100%	Total	73	100%
Valid cases	68		Valid cases	73	
Average	3.5		Average	4.4	

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### Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	13	18%
4-Agree	27	38%
5-Strongly Agree	28	39%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	71	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	4.1	

### Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	2	3%
4-Agree	23	31%
5-Strongly Agree	48	64%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	4.5	

### Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	7%
2-Disagree	5	7%
3-Neutral	28	40%
4-Agree	18	26%
5-Strongly Agree	14	20%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	70	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	3.4	

### Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	5	7%
4-Agree	28	38%
5-Strongly Agree	39	53%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	73	100%
Valid cases	73	
Average	4.4	

### Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	6%
2-Disagree	15	21%
3-Neutral	29	41%
4-Agree	12	17%
5-Strongly Agree	7	10%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	70	100%
Valid cases	67	
Average	3.0	

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

**Single family (2+ acre)**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	6%
2-Disagree	6	9%
3-Neutral	10	14%
4-Agree	33	47%
5-Strongly Agree	17	24%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	70	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	3.8	

**Single family (<2 acre)**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	10%
2-Disagree	16	24%
3-Neutral	8	12%
4-Agree	23	34%
5-Strongly Agree	14	21%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	68	100%
Valid cases	68	
Average	3.3	

**Duplexes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	22%
2-Disagree	19	30%
3-Neutral	15	23%
4-Agree	12	19%
5-Strongly Agree	2	3%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	64	100%
Valid cases	62	
Average	2.5	

**Multi-family apartments**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	18	27%
2-Disagree	23	34%
3-Neutral	21	31%
4-Agree	2	3%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	67	100%
Valid cases	65	
Average	2.2	

**Mobile home parks**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	21	31%
2-Disagree	20	29%
3-Neutral	19	28%
4-Agree	3	4%
5-Strongly Agree	2	3%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	68	100%
Valid cases	65	
Average	2.2	

**No new non-farm housing**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	20%
2-Disagree	18	26%
3-Neutral	22	32%
4-Agree	7	10%
5-Strongly Agree	6	9%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	69	100%
Valid cases	67	
Average	2.6	

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

**Moderately priced homes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	8%
2-Disagree	7	10%
3-Neutral	22	31%
4-Agree	25	35%
5-Strongly Agree	7	10%
DK-Don't Know	4	6%
Total	71	100%
Valid cases	67	
Average	3.3	

**Public/subsidized housing**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	20	30%
2-Disagree	24	36%
3-Neutral	17	25%
4-Agree	1	1%
5-Strongly Agree	2	3%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	67	100%
Valid cases	64	
Average	2.1	

**Higher priced homes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	10%
2-Disagree	12	18%
3-Neutral	30	45%
4-Agree	12	18%
5-Strongly Agree	4	6%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	67	100%
Valid cases	65	
Average	2.9	

**Multi-unit rental housing**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	19	28%
2-Disagree	21	31%
3-Neutral	17	25%
4-Agree	4	6%
5-Strongly Agree	3	4%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	67	100%
Valid cases	64	
Average	2.2	

**Manufactured(mobile) homes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	36	54%
2-Disagree	14	21%
3-Neutral	11	16%
4-Agree	1	1%
5-Strongly Agree	2	3%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	67	100%
Valid cases	64	
Average	1.7	

**Housing for seniors**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	11%
2-Disagree	7	10%
3-Neutral	29	41%
4-Agree	16	23%
5-Strongly Agree	6	9%
DK-Don't Know	4	6%
Total	70	100%
Valid cases	66	
Average	3.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	4	5%
4-Agree	43	57%
5-Strongly Agree	29	38%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	4.3	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	12	16%
3-Neutral	30	39%
4-Agree	25	33%
5-Strongly Agree	5	7%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	75	
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	1	1%
2-Disagree	2	3%
3-Neutral	6	8%
4-Agree	39	51%
5-Strongly Agree	27	36%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	76	100%

Valid cases            75  
 Average                4.2

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	5%
2-Disagree	4	5%
3-Neutral	16	22%
4-Agree	38	52%
5-Strongly Agree	10	14%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	73	100%

Valid cases            72  
 Average                3.6

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	20	28%
2-Disagree	28	39%
3-Neutral	10	14%
4-Agree	9	13%
5-Strongly Agree	3	4%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	71	100%

Valid cases            70  
 Average                2.2

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	5	7%
3-Neutral	8	11%
4-Agree	36	47%
5-Strongly Agree	20	26%
DK-Don't Know	5	7%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.9	

**13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be**

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	13	18%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	54	76%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	4	6%
Total	71	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	1	1%
3-Average	5	7%
4-Good	47	62%
5-Excellent	22	29%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	4.2	

**Municipal water**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	4	5%
4-Good	17	23%
5-Excellent	10	13%
DU-Don't Use	44	59%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	31	
Average	4.2	

**Police protection**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	3	4%
3-Average	16	21%
4-Good	37	49%
5-Excellent	16	21%
DU-Don't Use	2	3%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	73	
Average	3.9	

**Fire protection**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	5	7%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	13	17%
4-Good	39	52%
5-Excellent	14	19%
DU-Don't Use	4	5%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.8	

**Ambulance service**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	3%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	11	15%
4-Good	35	47%
5-Excellent	20	27%
DU-Don't Use	7	9%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	68	
Average	4.0	

**Social service**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	15	20%
4-Good	32	43%
5-Excellent	15	20%
DU-Don't Use	11	15%
Total	74	100%
Valid cases	63	
Average	4.0	

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### Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	10	13%
4-Good	38	50%
5-Excellent	26	34%
DU-Don't Use	1	1%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	4.2	

### Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	3%
3-Average	12	16%
4-Good	33	43%
5-Excellent	24	32%
DU-Don't Use	5	7%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	4.1	

### Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	3	4%
4-Good	34	45%
5-Excellent	39	51%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	76	
Average	4.5	

### Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	3%
2-Poor	4	5%
3-Average	12	16%
4-Good	42	55%
5-Excellent	15	20%
DU-Don't Use	1	1%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	3.9	

### Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	15	20%
4-Good	31	41%
5-Excellent	27	36%
DU-Don't Use	3	4%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	73	
Average	4.2	

### Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	2	3%
3-Average	11	15%
4-Good	30	40%
5-Excellent	24	32%
DU-Don't Use	8	11%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	67	
Average	4.1	

**Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources**

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	3	4%
4-Agree	36	47%
5-Strongly Agree	35	46%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	76	
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	2	3%
2-Disagree	14	20%
3-Neutral	21	30%
4-Agree	17	24%
5-Strongly Agree	16	23%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	71	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	3.4	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	5	7%
3-Neutral	13	18%
4-Agree	33	46%
5-Strongly Agree	19	26%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.9	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	31	44%
2-Disagree	28	40%
3-Neutral	8	11%
4-Agree	2	3%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	70	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	1.8	

**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	4	5%
3-Neutral	18	24%
4-Agree	36	47%
5-Strongly Agree	14	18%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	76	100%
Valid cases	73	
Average	3.8	

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

**19a. Woodlands**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	10	14%
4-Agree	28	39%
5-Strongly Agree	30	42%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	4.2	

**19c. Open spaces**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	16	22%
4-Agree	23	32%
5-Strongly Agree	27	37%
DK-Don't Know	5	7%
Total	73	100%
Valid cases	68	
Average	4.1	

**19e. Endangered species habitat**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	4	6%
3-Neutral	14	19%
4-Agree	30	42%
5-Strongly Agree	20	28%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	3.9	

**19b. Wetlands and floodplains**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	2	3%
3-Neutral	9	12%
4-Agree	31	43%
5-Strongly Agree	26	36%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	4.1	

**19d. Lakes, rivers and streams**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	6	8%
4-Agree	26	36%
5-Strongly Agree	36	50%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	4.4	

**19f. Parkland, existing and future**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	8	11%
4-Agree	28	39%
5-Strongly Agree	33	46%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	4.4	

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**19g. Historic and cultural sites**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	9	12%
4-Agree	31	43%
5-Strongly Agree	27	38%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	69	
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	3%
2-Disagree	7	9%
3-Neutral	9	12%
4-Agree	29	39%
5-Strongly Agree	23	31%
DK-Don't Know	5	7%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	3.9	

**20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	3	4%
4-Agree	28	37%
5-Strongly Agree	35	47%
DK-Don't Know	7	9%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	68	
Average	4.4	

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**20c. Manure and liquid waste application**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	5	7%
4-Agree	31	41%
5-Strongly Agree	28	37%
DK-Don't Know	10	13%
Total	75	100%

Valid cases 65

Average 4.3

**20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	12	16%
4-Agree	28	38%
5-Strongly Agree	21	28%
DK-Don't Know	12	16%
Total	74	100%

Valid cases 62

Average 4.1

**20g. Industrial waste land spreading**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	1	1%
3-Neutral	7	10%
4-Agree	23	32%
5-Strongly Agree	25	34%
DK-Don't Know	17	23%
Total	73	100%

Valid cases 56

Average 4.3

**20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	9	12%
4-Agree	27	36%
5-Strongly Agree	24	32%
DK-Don't Know	11	15%
Total	75	100%

Valid cases 64

Average 4.1

**20f. Improperly abandoned wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	11	15%
4-Agree	26	36%
5-Strongly Agree	18	25%
DK-Don't Know	13	18%
Total	73	100%

Valid cases 60

Average 3.9

**20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	3	4%
3-Neutral	7	9%
4-Agree	24	32%
5-Strongly Agree	21	28%
DK-Don't Know	17	23%
Total	74	100%

Valid cases 57

Average 4.0

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

**21a. Municipal wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	7%
2-Disagree	14	19%
3-Neutral	21	29%
4-Agree	11	15%
5-Strongly Agree	5	7%
DK-Don't Know	16	22%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	56	
Average	2.9	

**21b. Agricultural irrigation wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	2	3%
3-Neutral	15	21%
4-Agree	24	33%
5-Strongly Agree	14	19%
DK-Don't Know	14	19%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	58	
Average	3.8	

**21c. Drinking water bottling plants**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	6	8%
3-Neutral	12	17%
4-Agree	16	22%
5-Strongly Agree	22	31%
DK-Don't Know	14	19%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	58	
Average	3.9	

**21d. Industrial water users**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	5	7%
3-Neutral	15	21%
4-Agree	26	36%
5-Strongly Agree	13	18%
DK-Don't Know	12	17%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	60	
Average	3.8	

**21e. Private wells**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	10%
2-Disagree	24	33%
3-Neutral	20	28%
4-Agree	7	10%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	13	18%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	59	
Average	2.5	

**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	1	1%
2-Disagree	6	8%
3-Neutral	6	8%
4-Agree	37	50%
5-Strongly Agree	22	30%
DK-Don't Know	2	3%
Total	74	100%
Valid cases	72	
Average	4.0	

**22b. Service Development**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	14	19%
3-Neutral	23	31%
4-Agree	24	32%
5-Strongly Agree	10	13%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	72	
Average	3.4	

**22c. Office Development**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	3%
2-Disagree	16	21%
3-Neutral	16	21%
4-Agree	23	31%
5-Strongly Agree	13	17%
DK-Don't Know	5	7%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	3.4	

**22d. Industrial Development**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	5%
2-Disagree	9	12%
3-Neutral	18	24%
4-Agree	22	29%
5-Strongly Agree	16	21%
DK-Don't Know	6	8%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	7%
2-Disagree	8	11%
3-Neutral	17	24%
4-Agree	25	35%
5-Strongly Agree	16	22%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	14%
2-Disagree	17	23%
3-Neutral	14	19%
4-Agree	23	31%
5-Strongly Agree	2	3%
DK-Don't Know	8	11%
Total	74	100%
Valid cases	66	
Average	2.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	8%
2-Disagree	8	11%
3-Neutral	21	29%
4-Agree	26	36%
5-Strongly Agree	6	8%
DK-Don't Know	5	7%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	67	
Average	3.3	

**Transportation**

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	7%
2-Disagree	20	27%
3-Neutral	11	15%
4-Agree	34	46%
5-Strongly Agree	4	5%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	74	100%
Valid cases	74	
Average	3.2	

**27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	4	5%
3-Neutral	9	12%
4-Agree	55	73%
5-Strongly Agree	6	8%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	3.8	

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

**28a. more bicycle routes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	7%
2-Disagree	7	10%
3-Neutral	18	25%
4-Agree	27	37%
5-Strongly Agree	13	18%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	73	100%
Valid cases	70	
Average	3.5	

**28b. more pedestrian routes**

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	8	11%
3-Neutral	24	33%
4-Agree	23	32%
5-Strongly Agree	11	15%
DK-Don't Know	3	4%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	3.4	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	4%
2-Disagree	9	12%
3-Neutral	19	26%
4-Agree	28	38%
5-Strongly Agree	13	18%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	73	100%
Valid cases	72	
Average	3.5	

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

**Road maintenance**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	3	4%
3-Average	25	33%
4-Good	40	53%
5-Excellent	6	8%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	75	
Average	3.6	

**Public parking**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	4%
2-Poor	15	21%
3-Average	23	32%
4-Good	29	41%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	71	100%
Valid cases	71	
Average	3.1	

**Bicycle/pedestrian facilities**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	3%
2-Poor	9	12%
3-Average	22	29%
4-Good	32	43%
5-Excellent	4	5%
DU-Don't Use	6	8%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	69	
Average	3.4	

**Snow plowing**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	3%
2-Poor	6	8%
3-Average	11	15%
4-Good	40	54%
5-Excellent	14	19%
DU-Don't Use	1	1%
Total	74	100%
Valid cases	73	
Average	3.8	

**Bus / Taxi / etc.**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	11	15%
3-Average	22	31%
4-Good	18	25%
5-Excellent	2	3%
DU-Don't Use	18	25%
Total	72	100%
Valid cases	54	
Average	3.2	

**Transportation for seniors**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	3%
2-Poor	8	11%
3-Average	16	22%
4-Good	18	25%
5-Excellent	2	3%
DU-Don't Use	27	37%
Total	73	100%
Valid cases	46	
Average	3.2	

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**Transportation for disabled**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	7	9%
3-Average	17	23%
4-Good	16	21%
5-Excellent	3	4%
DU-Don't Use	31	41%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	44	
Average	3.3	

**Airport facilities**

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	10	13%
3-Average	20	27%
4-Good	22	29%
5-Excellent	1	1%
DU-Don't Use	21	28%
Total	75	100%
Valid cases	54	
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.	33	45%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	38	52%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	2	3%
Total	73	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.	18	24%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	53	71%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	4	5%
Total	75	100%

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**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	65	87%
Remain neutral	10	13%
Discourage	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	75	100%

**33c. Industrial development**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	38	50%
Remain neutral	30	39%
Discourage	8	11%
Don't Know	0	0%
Total	76	100%

**33e. Retail development**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	50	66%
Remain neutral	20	26%
Discourage	4	5%
Don't Know	2	3%
Total	76	100%

**33g. Vacation homes**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	10	13%
Remain neutral	41	55%
Discourage	14	19%
Don't Know	10	13%
Total	75	100%

**33b. Farmland preservation**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	61	80%
Remain neutral	13	17%
Discourage	1	1%
Don't Know	1	1%
Total	76	100%

**33d. Residential development**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	39	51%
Remain neutral	31	41%
Discourage	5	7%
Don't Know	1	1%
Total	76	100%

**33f. Tourism facilities**

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	38	50%
Remain neutral	32	42%
Discourage	3	4%
Don't Know	3	4%
Total	76	100%

**Demographics**

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	3	4%
1 - 5 years	4	5%
6 - 10 years	8	11%
11 - 20 years	9	12%
over 20 years	51	68%
Not a resident but own land	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

**38. I currently**

	Responses	Percent
Own	72	96%
Rent	3	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

**39. Please indicate your gender:**

	Responses	Percent
Male	37	49%
Female	38	51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

**40. What is your age:**

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	5	7%
35-44	12	16%
45-54	17	23%
55-64	14	19%
65-74	20	27%
over 75	7	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	0	0%
high school graduate	9	12%
technical college	5	7%
junior college	3	4%
college	25	34%
post graduate	31	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100%</b>

**43. What is your employment status:**

	Responses	Percent
employed	39	52%
unemployed	0	0%
self-employed	8	11%
student	0	0%
retired	27	36%
do not work	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

**44. What is your field of employment?**

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	0	0%
Wholesale trade	2	5%
Manufacturing	3	7%
Finance/Insurance/Rael Estate	5	12%
Government	5	12%
Retail trade	3	7%
Transportation/Public Utilities	0	0%
Services	23	55%
Construction/Mining	1	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

	Responses	Percent
0	0	0%
1	14	19%
2	37	49%
3	6	8%
4	15	20%
5	2	3%
6	1	1%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	75	100%

**41a. number under 18 years old.**

	Responses	Percent
0	40	67%
1	6	10%
2	11	18%
3	2	3%
4	1	2%
5	0	0%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	60	100%

**45. Where do you work?**

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	6	13%
Stevens	33	70%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	0	0%
Wisconsin Rapids	3	6%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	4	9%
Waupaca Area	0	0%
Outside Central Wisconsin	1	2%
Total	47	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	0	0%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	7	10%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	17	25%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	58%
\$100,000 or more	4	6%
Total	67	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. straight line skating areas
  3. teen center
  4. Retail stores- eg Eddie Bauer Dept. Stores
  5. YWCA
  6. More Hiking/Biking
  7. Public Fishing Piers
  8. bowling alley
  9. ice rink, athletic fields in progress
  10. Soccer fields and Modern Track
  11. another high school in Stevens Point/Plover
  12. none
  13. not sure, very happy with opportunities.
  14. Teen recreation
  15. An additional multipurpose recreational facility
  16. more soccer fields
  17. Winter sports - more areas for use expand existing facilities
  18. none
  19. Parks - Soccer Fields
  20. Recreation center for teens
  21. can't think of any that we don't have
  22. teen center
  23. COMMUNITY OWNED GOLF COURSE
  24. we're retired!
  25. More ice skating/hockey facilities
  26. use of school pools by families & seniors
  27. Skateboard Area (so only skateboard allowed their, alot of damage to other areas around town.)
  28. Golf Course
  29. Bird watching
  30. Indoor skating rink available for skating only nto hockey
  31. satisfied now
  32. An area for skate boarding
  33. none
34. Please tell us the SINGLE greatest problem or concern you have regarding your city/village/township.
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1. quality of the water
  2. roads
  3. low income housing moving to middle upper income also bringing down property values
  4. affordable housing
  5. School system - not dealing with drug & alcohol problems and not providing for needs of average to below average students
  6. The use of a volunteer fire department when Park Ridge is so close to the city fire department.
  7. price of building permits

8. none
9. PEOPLE NOT CARING FOR THIER PROPERTY
10. unresponsive legislators
11. Areas for youth to congregate and socialize
12. Would like city water
13. Commercial development along highway corridors rather than groups of development off highways.
14. FIRE PROTECTION - volunteerism is all but dead and those who are active are willing to black mail "for toys"
15. Traffic and its impact on community
16. Water and Air Pollution - Mills Worzella Publishing Air
17. Inaccessible down town, shabby fix theater
18. We don't have a traffic light @ the intersection of our street & Highway 10. We like the quiet neighborhood. As older homes are sold, we don't want them to become multifamily units.
19. strip malls, demise of downtown
20. Better street- better lighting, need city water
21. living in 19<sup>th</sup> century mentality
22. Fast Growth
23. Stevens Point does not financially support quality education. Most referendums are voted down. This is really discouraging.
24. tax assessment
25. getting too crowded - houses not kept up - dumpy Only 2 grocers in town
26. Speeding traffic
27. encroachment of industry
28. To much traffic Wilshire Blvd.
29. traffic volume and routing
30. Traffic on Hwy 10 East n- need frontage road
31. The need to develop more industry that employs "Skilled" employees that can earn in excess of 30,000/yr.
32. Deterioration of market for the village's retail corridor
33. Lack of Police protection - traffic laws are not enforced - PORTAGE COUNTY
34. Making downtown a going business.
35. Retaining younger generation out Good Pay
36. Wanted space, too much black in parking lots never full too much green around development. develop with more Business. Put on tax roll.
37. Development of more commercial areas (Wal-mart/strip malls parking lots etc.)
38. enormous overpopulation of deer and residents feeding them
39. water quality
40. HWY 10 - TOO MANY TRUCKS GOING THROUGH TOWN!
41. letting dogs run wild
42. To maintain is standards of quality!
43. In regards to snow removal in winter - the lack of or stingy use of salt on roads - especially near stop ways outside of the main roads in town.
44. Lack of citizen interest in village governance
45. New highway right-of-way development and development in general
46. Ongoing and increasing lack of support for public schools.
47. Highway 10
48. Urban sprawl, the small businesses can't compete with Wal-Mart K-Mart etc.
49. Respect for property - clean environment
50. Ground water pollution
51. Lack of Retail Development (with a college in town, their os a 9,000 people who could be used in retail)

52. taxes
53. no plan for the future
54. Village Fire Protection!
55. Would like to be connected to city water supply.
56. We are very pleased with all the aspects of Park Ridge.
57. Live in Park Ridge - sure wish we were connected to the water system of Stevens Point instead of maintaining a personal well
58. No problems

35. Please share with us the best part of living in your city/village/township.  
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1. friendly neighbors- nearness to stores and services
2. quiet & peaceful
3. quiet, respectable residents, small neighborhood, beautiful area
4. Quality neighborhood
5. the friendly neighborhood
6. peace and quite
7. good community atmosphere
8. THE PARK NO SIDEWALKS
9. small town atmosphere
10. Green space
11. Friendly people, quiet, safe
12. Freedom from threats to our well-being
13. Biking and Parks
14. Higher Prices and Lower Wages than Rapids, Wausau and Marshfield
15. Safety
16. Quiet, friendly neighborhood, nice park nearby, close to retail & interstate, UWSP adds diversity/interest.
17. quiet, pleasant area, close to shopping, etc.
18. nice neighbors & neighborhoods
19. Environment is the best, with kind good neighbors
20. Great Parks
21. quiet
22. friendships
23. I absolutely LOVE this city!
24. Quiet
25. excellent water
26. parks
27. large lots - privacy - neighbors
28. Clean air/ trees
29. The overall quality of life!
30. it's gorgeous!
31. Lack of too many problems - 9 (10-1)
32. Quite neighborhood
33. Its close to most everything you need.
34. Great Place to Raise A Family
35. small town living
36. Sense of community - Neighbors feeling safe and in control of decision making. Trees, non commercial development, no wide corridors/streets
37. lack of traffic, peaceful environment, vegetation

38. all of it...it's Park Ridge
39. GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD, QUIET
40. central location/quality of life
41. quiet
42. I enjoy use of the Green Circle trail
43. Varied architecture and landscaping-lack of sidewalks.
44. Community spirit
45. Easy access to well maintained parks and to other open spaces
46. residential
47. People who care, safety
48. Pleasant - safe - beautiful - freedom - good neighbors
49. Small community
50. Park & rec.
51. less government intrusion
52. pleasant environment (green)
53. Proximity to medical, shopping, church, parks, educational facilities
54. Country living-close to facilities
55. Quiet environment with friendly caring neighbors.
56. Peace and Relaxation
57. Life quality