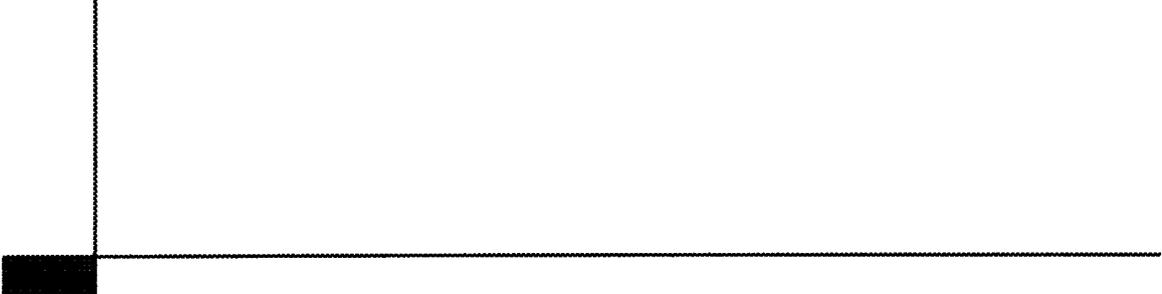


Appendix B

Portage County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Survey

Village of Whiting Comprehensive Plan 2004



Portage County
Comprehensive
Planning & Zoning
Survey

Final Report

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Village of Whiting

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Whiting Planning Survey

County Trends and Land Use

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

	Responses	Percent
Faster than projected	5	4%
Present projected rate of growth	58	41%
Slower than projected	52	37%
No growth	17	12%
Don't Know	9	6%
Total	141	100%

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

Single family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	6	4%
3-Neutral	20	14%
4-Agree	52	36%
5-Strongly Agree	60	42%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	143	100%

Valid cases 142

Average 4.1

Multi-family residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	20	14%
2-Disagree	26	19%
3-Neutral	52	37%
4-Agree	29	21%
5-Strongly Agree	10	7%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	139	100%

Valid cases 137

Average 2.9

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Rural residential

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	12%
2-Disagree	16	12%
3-Neutral	39	28%
4-Agree	44	32%
5-Strongly Agree	21	15%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	139	100%
Valid cases	136	
Average	3.3	

Family farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	2%
2-Disagree	8	6%
3-Neutral	29	20%
4-Agree	53	37%
5-Strongly Agree	50	34%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	145	100%
Valid cases	143	
Average	4.0	

Small businesses

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	0	0%
3-Neutral	21	15%
4-Agree	73	51%
5-Strongly Agree	46	32%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	143	100%
Valid cases	142	
Average	4.1	

Hobby farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	7%
2-Disagree	18	13%
3-Neutral	52	38%
4-Agree	39	28%
5-Strongly Agree	11	8%
DK-Don't Know	8	6%
Total	138	100%
Valid cases	130	
Average	3.2	

Large corporate farms

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	50	36%
2-Disagree	32	23%
3-Neutral	31	22%
4-Agree	15	11%
5-Strongly Agree	4	3%
DK-Don't Know	6	4%
Total	138	100%
Valid cases	132	
Average	2.2	

Large retail outlets/centers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	16	11%
2-Disagree	21	15%
3-Neutral	42	30%
4-Agree	36	26%
5-Strongly Agree	25	18%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	140	100%
Valid cases	140	
Average	3.2	

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<u>Light industry</u>			<u>Heavy industry</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%	1- Strongly Disagree	13	9%
2-Disagree	5	3%	2-Disagree	15	11%
3-Neutral	27	19%	3-Neutral	38	27%
4-Agree	66	46%	4-Agree	36	26%
5-Strongly Agree	45	31%	5-Strongly Agree	36	26%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%	DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	145	100%	Total	139	100%
Valid cases	144		Valid cases	138	
Average	4.0		Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	5%
2-Disagree	9	6%
3-Neutral	23	16%
4-Agree	61	41%
5-Strongly Agree	45	30%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	145	
Average	3.9	

4. The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	7	5%
3-Neutral	23	16%
4-Agree	63	43%
5-Strongly Agree	51	34%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	146	
Average	4.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	40	27%
2-Disagree	51	35%
3-Neutral	15	10%
4-Agree	23	16%
5-Strongly Agree	18	12%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	147	
Average	2.5	

Housing

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

<u>Apartments</u>			<u>Shopping</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	9%	1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	25	17%	2-Disagree	8	6%
3-Neutral	39	27%	3-Neutral	25	17%
4-Agree	50	35%	4-Agree	74	51%
5-Strongly Agree	16	11%	5-Strongly Agree	36	25%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%	DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	143	100%	Total	145	100%
Valid cases	143		Valid cases	145	
Average	3.2		Average	3.9	

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Employment

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	9	6%
3-Neutral	37	26%
4-Agree	61	42%
5-Strongly Agree	35	24%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	144	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	3.8	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	2	1%
3-Neutral	17	12%
4-Agree	67	47%
5-Strongly Agree	56	39%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	142	100%
Valid cases	142	
Average	4.2	

Sidewalks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	8	6%
2-Disagree	16	11%
3-Neutral	44	31%
4-Agree	49	35%
5-Strongly Agree	24	17%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	142	100%
Valid cases	141	
Average	3.5	

Schools

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	3	2%
3-Neutral	23	16%
4-Agree	77	54%
5-Strongly Agree	39	27%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	142	100%
Valid cases	142	
Average	4.1	

Alleys

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	15	11%
2-Disagree	47	34%
3-Neutral	46	33%
4-Agree	19	14%
5-Strongly Agree	8	6%
DK-Don't Know	5	4%
Total	140	100%
Valid cases	135	
Average	2.7	

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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	11	7%
2-Disagree	11	7%
3-Neutral	23	16%
4-Agree	66	45%
5-Strongly Agree	35	24%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	146	
Average	3.7	

Single family (<2 acre)

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	14	10%
2-Disagree	27	19%
3-Neutral	26	18%
4-Agree	53	37%
5-Strongly Agree	20	14%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	143	100%
Valid cases	140	
Average	3.3	

Duplexes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	31	22%
2-Disagree	48	33%
3-Neutral	41	28%
4-Agree	17	12%
5-Strongly Agree	5	3%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	144	100%
Valid cases	142	
Average	2.4	

Multi-family apartments

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	39	28%
2-Disagree	51	37%
3-Neutral	34	25%
4-Agree	12	9%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	138	100%
Valid cases	137	
Average	2.2	

Mobile home parks

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	44	31%
2-Disagree	42	30%
3-Neutral	38	27%
4-Agree	15	11%
5-Strongly Agree	2	1%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	142	100%
Valid cases	141	
Average	2.2	

No new non-farm housing

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	22	16%
2-Disagree	45	32%
3-Neutral	40	28%
4-Agree	15	11%
5-Strongly Agree	13	9%
DK-Don't Know	6	4%
Total	141	100%
Valid cases	135	
Average	2.6	

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

<u>Moderately priced homes</u>			<u>Public/subsidized housing</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%	1- Strongly Disagree	29	21%
2-Disagree	11	8%	2-Disagree	39	28%
3-Neutral	33	23%	3-Neutral	47	34%
4-Agree	62	43%	4-Agree	14	10%
5-Strongly Agree	29	20%	5-Strongly Agree	2	1%
DK-Don't Know	7	5%	DK-Don't Know	7	5%
Total	144	100%	Total	138	100%
Valid cases	137		Valid cases	131	
Average	3.8		Average	2.4	

<u>Higher priced homes</u>			<u>Multi-unit rental housing</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	26	19%	1- Strongly Disagree	31	22%
2-Disagree	46	33%	2-Disagree	49	35%
3-Neutral	43	31%	3-Neutral	42	30%
4-Agree	20	14%	4-Agree	12	9%
5-Strongly Agree	2	1%	5-Strongly Agree	0	0%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%	DK-Don't Know	6	4%
Total	140	100%	Total	140	100%
Valid cases	137		Valid cases	134	
Average	2.5		Average	2.3	

<u>Manufactured(mobile) homes</u>			<u>Housing for seniors</u>		
	Responses	Percent		Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	49	35%	1- Strongly Disagree	5	3%
2-Disagree	47	34%	2-Disagree	15	10%
3-Neutral	31	22%	3-Neutral	45	31%
4-Agree	5	4%	4-Agree	55	38%
5-Strongly Agree	1	1%	5-Strongly Agree	20	14%
DK-Don't Know	7	5%	DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	140	100%	Total	144	100%
Valid cases	133		Valid cases	140	
Average	2.0		Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	4	3%
3-Neutral	14	9%
4-Agree	101	68%
5-Strongly Agree	30	20%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	4.1	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	11	7%
2-Disagree	24	16%
3-Neutral	38	26%
4-Agree	59	40%
5-Strongly Agree	14	9%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	146	
Average	3.3	

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	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	3%
3-Neutral	16	11%
4-Agree	85	59%
5-Strongly Agree	37	26%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	144	100%

Valid cases 143

Average 4.1

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	4	3%
2-Disagree	12	8%
3-Neutral	31	21%
4-Agree	82	57%
5-Strongly Agree	14	10%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	145	100%

Valid cases 143

Average 3.6

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	32	23%
2-Disagree	35	25%
3-Neutral	37	27%
4-Agree	24	17%
5-Strongly Agree	8	6%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	139	100%

Valid cases 136

Average 2.6

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	11	7%
3-Neutral	40	27%
4-Agree	66	45%
5-Strongly Agree	22	15%
DK-Don't Know	6	4%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	141	
Average	3.7	

13. The boundaries described in Question 12 should be

	Responses	Percent
Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary.	18	13%
Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary	109	77%
Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are.	14	10%
Total	141	100%

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

Sanitary sewer

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	12	8%
4-Good	83	56%
5-Excellent	53	36%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	4.3	

Municipal water

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	7	5%
3-Average	24	16%
4-Good	71	48%
5-Excellent	46	31%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	148	
Average	4.1	

Police protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	7	5%
3-Average	40	27%
4-Good	69	46%
5-Excellent	31	21%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	3.8	

Fire protection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	0	0%
3-Average	34	23%
4-Good	76	51%
5-Excellent	36	24%
DU-Don't Use	2	1%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	146	
Average	4.0	

Ambulance service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	3	2%
3-Average	30	20%
4-Good	76	51%
5-Excellent	36	24%
DU-Don't Use	4	3%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	145	
Average	4.0	

Social service

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	6	4%
3-Average	31	21%
4-Good	69	46%
5-Excellent	18	12%
DU-Don't Use	24	16%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	125	
Average	3.8	

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Garbage collection

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	1	1%
3-Average	19	13%
4-Good	85	57%
5-Excellent	44	30%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	4.2	

Library

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	4	3%
3-Average	20	14%
4-Good	79	53%
5-Excellent	35	24%
DU-Don't Use	10	7%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	138	
Average	4.1	

Parks

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	3	2%
3-Average	25	17%
4-Good	72	49%
5-Excellent	44	30%
DU-Don't Use	2	1%
Total	146	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	4.1	

Recycling program

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	3	2%
2-Poor	3	2%
3-Average	26	17%
4-Good	73	49%
5-Excellent	44	30%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	4.0	

Education

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	0	0%
2-Poor	4	3%
3-Average	22	15%
4-Good	80	54%
5-Excellent	37	25%
DU-Don't Use	5	3%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	143	
Average	4.0	

Recreation programs

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	5	3%
3-Average	36	24%
4-Good	61	41%
5-Excellent	35	24%
DU-Don't Use	10	7%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	138	
Average	3.9	

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	1%
3-Neutral	14	9%
4-Agree	69	47%
5-Strongly Agree	63	43%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	148	
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	1	1%
2-Disagree	22	16%
3-Neutral	46	33%
4-Agree	46	33%
5-Strongly Agree	24	17%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	141	100%
Valid cases	139	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	5	3%
2-Disagree	9	6%
3-Neutral	28	19%
4-Agree	83	57%
5-Strongly Agree	19	13%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	146	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	3.7	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	54	38%
2-Disagree	53	37%
3-Neutral	23	16%
4-Agree	8	6%
5-Strongly Agree	2	1%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	143	100%
Valid cases	140	
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	3	2%
2-Disagree	10	7%
3-Neutral	42	29%
4-Agree	66	45%
5-Strongly Agree	22	15%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	146	100%
Valid cases	143	
Average	3.7	

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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	2	1%
3-Neutral	18	12%
4-Agree	72	49%
5-Strongly Agree	51	35%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	4.2	

19b. Wetlands and floodplains

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	2%
3-Neutral	31	21%
4-Agree	60	41%
5-Strongly Agree	49	33%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	4.1	

19c. Open spaces

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	7	5%
3-Neutral	46	31%
4-Agree	46	31%
5-Strongly Agree	41	28%
DK-Don't Know	5	3%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	142	
Average	3.8	

19d. Lakes, rivers and streams

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	2	1%
3-Neutral	14	10%
4-Agree	69	47%
5-Strongly Agree	60	41%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	146	
Average	4.3	

19e. Endangered species habitat

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	3	2%
2-Disagree	8	5%
3-Neutral	37	25%
4-Agree	51	35%
5-Strongly Agree	45	31%
DK-Don't Know	3	2%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	3.9	

19f. Parkland, existing and future

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	3	2%
3-Neutral	20	14%
4-Agree	67	46%
5-Strongly Agree	55	37%
DK-Don't Know	1	1%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	146	
Average	4.2	

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19g. Historic and cultural sites

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	4	3%
3-Neutral	34	23%
4-Agree	62	42%
5-Strongly Agree	44	30%
DK-Don't Know	2	1%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	145	
Average	4.0	

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

20a. Residential runoff

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	15	10%
3-Neutral	36	25%
4-Agree	58	40%
5-Strongly Agree	31	21%
DK-Don't Know	6	4%
Total	146	100%
Valid cases	140	
Average	3.8	

20b. Agricultural pesticides and fertilizers

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	3%
3-Neutral	15	10%
4-Agree	69	47%
5-Strongly Agree	52	36%
DK-Don't Know	5	3%
Total	146	100%
Valid cases	141	
Average	4.2	

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20c. Manure and liquid waste application

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	13	9%
3-Neutral	33	22%
4-Agree	61	41%
5-Strongly Agree	31	21%
DK-Don't Know	9	6%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	138	
Average	3.8	

20e. Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	11	7%
3-Neutral	54	37%
4-Agree	50	34%
5-Strongly Agree	24	16%
DK-Don't Know	8	5%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	139	
Average	3.6	

20g. Industrial waste land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	7	5%
3-Neutral	32	22%
4-Agree	65	44%
5-Strongly Agree	33	22%
DK-Don't Know	10	7%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	137	
Average	3.9	

20d. Commercial/Industrial storm water runoff and infiltration

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	5	3%
3-Neutral	35	24%
4-Agree	72	50%
5-Strongly Agree	27	19%
DK-Don't Know	6	4%
Total	145	100%
Valid cases	139	
Average	3.9	

20f. Improperly abandoned wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	14	10%
3-Neutral	54	37%
4-Agree	45	31%
5-Strongly Agree	22	15%
DK-Don't Know	10	7%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	137	
Average	3.5	

20h. municipal waste and sludge land spreading

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	15	10%
3-Neutral	47	32%
4-Agree	48	33%
5-Strongly Agree	26	18%
DK-Don't Know	10	7%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	137	
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	11	8%
2-Disagree	41	28%
3-Neutral	49	34%
4-Agree	25	17%
5-Strongly Agree	5	3%
DK-Don't Know	13	9%
Total	144	100%
Valid cases	131	
Average	2.8	

21b. Agricultural irrigation wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	5%
2-Disagree	21	14%
3-Neutral	47	32%
4-Agree	41	28%
5-Strongly Agree	17	12%
DK-Don't Know	12	8%
Total	145	100%
Valid cases	133	
Average	3.3	

21c. Drinking water bottling plants

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	4%
2-Disagree	14	10%
3-Neutral	30	21%
4-Agree	38	26%
5-Strongly Agree	48	33%
DK-Don't Know	8	6%
Total	144	100%
Valid cases	136	
Average	3.8	

21d. Industrial water users

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	4%
2-Disagree	16	11%
3-Neutral	41	29%
4-Agree	56	39%
5-Strongly Agree	13	9%
DK-Don't Know	10	7%
Total	142	100%
Valid cases	132	
Average	3.4	

21e. Private wells

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	18	13%
2-Disagree	39	27%
3-Neutral	53	37%
4-Agree	17	12%
5-Strongly Agree	4	3%
DK-Don't Know	12	8%
Total	143	100%
Valid cases	131	
Average	2.6	

Commerce and Employment

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

22a. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	5%
2-Disagree	13	9%
3-Neutral	37	25%
4-Agree	55	37%
5-Strongly Agree	37	25%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	3.7	

22b. Service Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	9	6%
2-Disagree	28	19%
3-Neutral	55	37%
4-Agree	42	29%
5-Strongly Agree	13	9%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	147	
Average	3.1	

22c. Office Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	10	7%
2-Disagree	30	20%
3-Neutral	50	34%
4-Agree	40	27%
5-Strongly Agree	17	12%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	147	
Average	3.2	

22d. Industrial Development

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	6	4%
2-Disagree	19	13%
3-Neutral	30	21%
4-Agree	57	39%
5-Strongly Agree	34	23%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	146	100%
Valid cases	146	
Average	3.6	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	2	1%
2-Disagree	30	20%
3-Neutral	30	20%
4-Agree	61	41%
5-Strongly Agree	20	14%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	143	
Average	3.5	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	9%
2-Disagree	53	36%
3-Neutral	31	21%
4-Agree	40	27%
5-Strongly Agree	6	4%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	143	
Average	2.8	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	13	9%
2-Disagree	20	14%
3-Neutral	43	29%
4-Agree	56	38%
5-Strongly Agree	10	7%
DK-Don't Know	5	3%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	142	
Average	3.2	

Transportation

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	1	1%
2-Disagree	17	11%
3-Neutral	18	12%
4-Agree	94	63%
5-Strongly Agree	19	13%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	3.8	

27. Portage County Highways are in good condition.

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	0	0%
2-Disagree	12	8%
3-Neutral	26	17%
4-Agree	92	62%
5-Strongly Agree	19	13%
DK-Don't Know	0	0%
Total	149	100%
Valid cases	149	
Average	3.8	

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

28a. more bicycle routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	5%
2-Disagree	27	18%
3-Neutral	51	34%
4-Agree	41	28%
5-Strongly Agree	18	12%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	3.2	

28b. more pedestrian routes

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	5%
2-Disagree	26	18%
3-Neutral	55	37%
4-Agree	37	25%
5-Strongly Agree	17	12%
DK-Don't Know	5	3%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	142	
Average	3.2	

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

	Responses	Percent
1- Strongly Disagree	7	5%
2-Disagree	16	11%
3-Neutral	41	28%
4-Agree	53	36%
5-Strongly Agree	26	18%
DK-Don't Know	4	3%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	143	
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	5	3%
3-Average	46	31%
4-Good	77	52%
5-Excellent	20	14%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	148	
Average	3.8	

Public parking

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	5	3%
2-Poor	19	13%
3-Average	52	35%
4-Good	62	42%
5-Excellent	9	6%
DU-Don't Use	0	0%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	147	
Average	3.3	

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	10	7%
3-Average	50	34%
4-Good	70	47%
5-Excellent	13	9%
DU-Don't Use	4	3%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	144	
Average	3.6	

Snow plowing

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	6	4%
3-Average	40	27%
4-Good	76	51%
5-Excellent	23	16%
DU-Don't Use	1	1%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	147	
Average	3.8	

Bus / Taxi / etc.

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	4	3%
2-Poor	16	11%
3-Average	45	31%
4-Good	53	36%
5-Excellent	7	5%
DU-Don't Use	22	15%
Total	147	100%
Valid cases	125	
Average	3.3	

Transportation for seniors

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	1	1%
2-Poor	7	5%
3-Average	48	33%
4-Good	46	32%
5-Excellent	6	4%
DU-Don't Use	38	26%
Total	146	100%
Valid cases	108	
Average	3.5	

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Transportation for disabled

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	2	1%
2-Poor	8	5%
3-Average	44	30%
4-Good	46	31%
5-Excellent	6	4%
DU-Don't Use	42	28%
Total	148	100%
Valid cases	106	
Average	3.4	

Airport facilities

	Responses	Percent
1-Very Poor	6	4%
2-Poor	8	6%
3-Average	48	33%
4-Good	46	32%
5-Excellent	8	6%
DU-Don't Use	29	20%
Total	145	100%
Valid cases	116	
Average	3.4	

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.	59	40%
Preservation of the existing landscape with moderate amounts of new development.	78	53%
Unrestricted development in rural areas.	11	7%
Total	148	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.	27	18%
Some outward expansion of existing urban areas with a focus on infill and redevelopment.	111	75%
Unrestricted growth of the urban areas with a focus on outward expansion.	10	7%
Total	148	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	116	79%
Remain neutral	27	18%
Discourage	1	1%
Don't Know	3	2%
Total	147	100%

33b. Farmland preservation

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	110	75%
Remain neutral	30	20%
Discourage	1	1%
Don't Know	6	4%
Total	147	100%

33c. Industrial development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	87	59%
Remain neutral	42	29%
Discourage	14	10%
Don't Know	4	3%
Total	147	100%

33d. Residential development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	71	48%
Remain neutral	63	43%
Discourage	8	5%
Don't Know	5	3%
Total	147	100%

33e. Retail development

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	81	55%
Remain neutral	51	35%
Discourage	11	8%
Don't Know	3	2%
Total	146	100%

33f. Tourism facilities

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	68	46%
Remain neutral	65	44%
Discourage	9	6%
Don't Know	5	3%
Total	147	100%

33g. Vacation homes

	Responses	Percent
Encourage	22	15%
Remain neutral	76	52%
Discourage	43	29%
Don't Know	6	4%
Total	147	100%

Demographics

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

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year	1	1%
1 - 5 years	8	5%
6 - 10 years	10	7%
11 - 20 years	16	11%
over 20 years	111	76%
Not a resident but own land	1	1%
Total	147	100%

38. I currently

	Responses	Percent
Own	139	93%
Rent	10	7%
Total	149	100%

39. Please indicate your gender:

	Responses	Percent
Male	85	58%
Female	62	42%
Total	147	100%

40. What is your age:

	Responses	Percent
under 18	0	0%
18-24	2	1%
25-34	13	9%
35-44	29	19%
45-54	34	23%
55-64	38	26%
65-74	18	12%
over 75	15	10%
Total	149	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
some high school	7	5%
high school graduate	46	32%
technical college	27	19%
junior college	2	1%
college	35	25%
post graduate	25	18%
Total	142	100%

43. What is your employment status:

	Responses	Percent
employed	84	56%
unemployed	3	2%
self-employed	6	4%
student	4	3%
retired	49	33%
do not work	3	2%
Total	149	100%

44. What is your field of employment?

	Responses	Percent
Agriculture	1	1%
Wholesale trade	1	1%
Manufacturing	22	22%
Finance/Insurance/Rael Estate	10	10%
Government	12	12%
Retail trade	12	12%
Transportation/Public Utilities	2	2%
Services	36	37%
Construction/Mining	2	2%
Total	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
0	1	1%
1	29	20%
2	74	50%
3	19	13%
4	17	11%
5	6	4%
6	1	1%
7	1	1%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	148	100%

41a. number under 18 years old.

	Responses	Percent
0	68	62%
1	16	15%
2	18	17%
3	5	5%
4	1	1%
5	1	1%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	0	0%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Over 10	0	0%
Total	109	100%

45. Where do you work?

	Responses	Percent
Portage County	24	26%
Stevens	62	67%
Point/Plover/Whiting/ParkRidge		
Marshfield Area	2	2%
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1%
Mosinee/Wausau Area	1	1%
Waupaca Area	1	1%
Outside Central Wisconsin	2	2%
Total	93	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
under \$15,000	13	9%
\$15,001 to \$29,999	30	21%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	36	25%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53	37%
\$100,000 or more	10	7%
Total	142	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. Recreational Programs for Disabled
2. None
3. Indoor play area for children under 12
4. place for teens
5. MORE WINTER SPORTS
6. amusement park or small zoo for children
7. we have enough
8. more bike trails
9. ice arena
10. Keep everything as is
11. OUTDOOR POOL
12. SKATEBOARD / ROLLERBLADE PARK
13. Just maintain existing parks keep in good shape
14. More snowmobiling trails & parking facilities
15. -
16. Large auditorium
17. expand city pool facilities
18. more museums; art galleries
19. Public indoor tennis facilities.
20. zoo
21. A recreation area for youths
22. An aquarium
23. -
24. community center f/ teens
25. Aggressive promotion of the Green Circle Trail
26. ?
27. ?
28. we're ok now
29. Another Public Pool/waterpark combo
30. N/A
31. none - save the taxpayers some money
32. another store like Shopko on the S.S.
33. CAN NOT THINK OF ANY REASONABLE RECREATION ACTIVITY!
34. ADDITIONAL ICE RINK
35. NEW HOCKEY RINK
36. Teen age/ Young adult Rec. Center
37. County owned enclosed year round pool
38. hockey arena
39. ANOTHER QUALITY CAMPGROUND
40. Clean up McDill Pond so everyone can use it. Can be excellent source of recreation.
41. Continue to improve recreational opportunities for Children
42. more children activities
43. Long term improvements to McDill Pond
44. Learning facility for kids - fishing - hunting, etc.
45. County Golf Course
46. municipal pool in Plover- better indoor skating facility for the public

47. youth centers
48. skate board park
49. NA
50. Elderly in mind-not always children
51. another municipal pool (Plover end)
52. Public pool in Plover/Whiting
53. Historical society tours & museums!
54. soccer fields
55. good enough
56. parks with playgrounds
57. recreation ctrs for kids
58. more tennis courts
59. bike ski trails
60. clean up McDill Pond/Plover River
61. McDill pond cleaned up
62. Youth sports complex
63. Martial arts center\
64. none

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

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1. politics in law enforcement and school system
2. Because we don't live within city - we do not vote for mayor - have village president - but use services of Stevens Point
3. School bus facility would be better in outskirts of town.
4. No sidewalks on the way to school
5. Taxes
6. HOW ABOUT MAINTAINING EXISTING ALLEYS OR VACATE (WHITING) LOCUST ST.
7. THE WATER COULD ALOT BETTER FOR DRINKING
8. NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM OR CONCERN WITH OUR VILLAGE OF WHITING
9. don't want heavy traffic too close to residential areas
10. parking in downtown Stevens Point
11. our street snowplowing was not good last year (Whiting)
12. Dumb ordinances like building permits for fences
13. Parking on the corner of Fawn St & School St
14. motorists not obeying traffic laws.
15. Disparity in tax rates between Stevens Point, Whiting, & Plover
16. Too much growth!!
17. no room for expansion-Whiting
18. I work evenings /99% of the mtgs are in the evening / I'm unable to attend.
19. ITS GREAT
20. CONSTRUCTION OF TOO MANY BIG HIGHWAYS AT THE EXPENSE OF SUBDIVISION , OR FARMS.
21. NO BIG PROBLEMS SINCE 9-11-01
22. Taxes and waste in \$ management
23. LACK OF INFO FROM AND COMMUNICATION FROM BIG GUYS TO LITTLE GUYS. BIG BROTHER AND SUPERIOR ATTITUDE BY ELECTED/HIRED OFFICIALS -THE RANK AND FICEGENERALLY IS NOT STUPID

24. No more Pea Gravel on the roads!
25. LANDLOCKED - NOT MUCH LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT
26. Police protection
27. High property taxes as main income
28. none
29. road, protect h2o quality/ availability; control deer herds
30. don't have one at this time
31. Becoming too big
32. Increase in major roads too much traffic/ noise.
33. Concerned about the HWY-10 expansion in Whiting
34. SNOW REMOVAL - WHITING
35. deer
36. Too many government units.
37. The possible closing of our paper mills.
38. CONCERN THAT RECYCLING WILL BE DROPPED W/O A DEVELOPING MANLET
39. Loss of internal woodland
40. The total commercialization of Post Road
41. They keep taxing us for schools I have no children to send to.
42. Deer- and no help from governing body
43. Employment opportunities beyond minimum wage.
44. school system
45. High! cost of living such as food - gas - vehicles
46. Kids with loud boom boxes in cars. Speeding on our street-
47. Road Repair and snow removal
48. downtown development
49. none - people are great/ gov't does good job
50. When a business "vacates" a property, they should remove signage on bldgs, etc.
51. Quality of Water
52. Lack of sidewalks-to schools
53. snow plowing
54. Fire Protection
55. Auto, traffic, Motor Cycle EXCESSIVE SPEED ON HH FELTZ AVE
56. Rail road crossing hold ups
57. Not enough good stores in the mall and no eating places in the mall.
58. (Sad to see shopk-o leave) I saw the old van and older fire equipment. We have nursing homes and some big industries. I'd like our fire dept to have newer equipment!
59. Owners of all types of rental housing should be tax extra 10% to lower tax on individual home owner.
60. Leave's and branch's pick up
61. TO HIGH TAXES
62. LACK OF GENUINE FAR-SIGHTED LEADERSHIP AT THE VILLAGE AND COUNTY LEVEL-WE DESPIRATELY NEED VISIONARY LEADERS WILLING TO FIGHT THE DNR
63. NONE
64. Lack of leadership by village President & Jeff Schlaegel.
65. Deer population-can't grow anything
66. water pollution
67. Being governed by persons for the benefit of select few.
68. none
69. lack of well-paying jobs
70. to many ordinances
71. Major highway development taking away green space & natural river areas

72. Gutless trustees. Buckle to County Point and Plover too small not represented.
73. Hwy 10 progress
74. Disinterest in Local government
75. not enough law enforcement protection
76. taxes (for schools)
77. property taxes- can't burn anymore.
78. I would like more business development in Whiting.
79. Too many deer!!
80. McDill Pond full of weeds
81. Too much fast moving traffic on HH. Speed in not controlled on HH
82. Ability to maintain our standard of living with major changes
83. hiring of contract snow plowers
84. Taxes
85. Bill Peterson
86. 1) Quality of our schools. 2) Discrimination- minorities -> Stevens Point Area 3) Also Church Street retail blight
87. Whiting- no sidewalks/ gravel driveways/ little grocery shopping ->use existing buildings stop building new facilities.
88. No close shopping centers.
89. Amount of empty stores (buildings) on business 51
90. Fill vacant spaces Available ie. Shopco, Econo Food, County Market etc etc.etc.
91. Overpopulate or too many roads-(new)
92. lack of good paying jobs to support a family
93. Conflict of county planner being Village President
94. officials don't listen - good 'ol boy system prevails
95. too many vacated buildings and we keep building more
96. none
97. Keeping wetland & forests away from developers!
98. Need for more sidewalks
99. overpopulation + too much development
100. Village government "greasing the squeaky wheels".
101. Jobs - decent paying jobs
102. Quality of water
103. urban deer
104. OK
105. environmental ground water
106. Increase in the growing amount of traffic.
107. Stop development
108. clean up the Whiting Stevens Point McDill Pond/Plover River
109. Highway snow removal and too much salt and too many local laws
110. The downtown (city) needs to be restored and revitalized.
111. Preserving the recreational opportunity
112. low income families have few job opportunities / job training
113. over development
114. Continuation of quality of life @ current taxation
115. No jobs, we both work out of town, Rapids, Wausau. Low paying jobs. High retail costs!
116. Too many trains by our house

35. Please share with us the best part of living in your city/village/township.
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1. nice people, safe, good youth athletic programs,
2. closeness to Stevens Point but still in a country setting
3. All facilities and service quite well managed.
4. Great neighbors
5. The nice neighbor and quiet streets
6. COMFORTABLE
7. VERY HEALTHY MIX OF NATURE, RECREATION, EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITIES
8. size
9. low crime
10. friendly people, access to everything we need
11. Close to work
12. Distance between neighbors
13. close to the necessary services
14. Quality of life.. Good people, good schools, etc.
15. Portage County is now just another place to live!
16. very good service provided
17. Living in residential/rural area best of both.
18. QUIETNESS
19. THE DEER, BIRDS, AND OTHER WILD CREATURES IN MY YARD.
20. SAFE, FRIENDLY
21. Small, friendly, convenient , quiet
22. SLOWER PACE OF LIFE. PRIVACY - GOOD NEIGHBORHOODS
23. Rural feeling in urban setting
24. Close to Green Circle trail & big yards w/ lots of trees.
25. REASONABLE TAXES, LOCAL OFFICIALS CARE ABOUT RESIDENTS
26. the small town aspect
27. Variety
28. (low) taxes, location, zoning, lot size, (low) crime, well maintained
29. nice area, pleasant surroundings, good schools
30. Small town atm.
31. Quiet/ peaceful/ safe; and small enough that citizens can be very involved.
32. near river, bike trail, green circle, well kept up neighborhood, peaceful and safe.
33. SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD
34. small community like atmosphere. clean
35. Restaurants
36. Peaceful and friendly
37. GOOD DRINKING WATER
38. Employment
39. Small, low key, laid back atmosphere
40. It's not a huge metropolis
41. quiet
42. Low urban density fire & police protection
43. Quiet, peaceful, taxes, good leadership
44. Natural beauty
45. lower taxes & affordable single family housing
46. good people
47. Mostly quiet
48. The quiet rural like areas
49. small/ friendly/ environmentally intact
50. smaller "neighborhood feeling"
51. good neighbors/proximity to everything

52. "green space"
53. Taxes currently aren't very high
54. Good schools
55. Great services otherwise
56. Clean, Quiet, Safe
57. SAFETY - SECURITY - SOLITUDE
58. I like it here
59. The people
60. It's a pleasant area to live in.
61. Small and close knit. Nice neighborhoods.
62. It is home
63. Quiet and very neighborly
64. KIND OF PRIVATE LIVING HERE
65. GREAT NEIGHBORS... WHO HAVE OVER THE YEARS BECOME FRIENDS
66. OPEN LAND WITH HIKING/BIKING TRAILS
67. It's quiet-low property taxes & an abundance of prks.
68. Living close to stuff, but yet far enough away from heavy traffic.
69. Living with nature & natural landscaping
70. general costs to live here/environment
71. peaceful, neighborly
72. recreational opportunities
73. the number of parks and green space
74. Overall good quality of life
75. quiet
76. Green Circle
77. Peaceful
78. Small, quiet village - Great for children
79. local govt. access
80. peace & quiet
81. close to work
82. I like living so close to Copps food center.
83. Safe to walk.
84. Good neighbors - good community living
85. School System
86. suburban living yet near urban area
87. low crime rate
88. Friendly
89. Easy access to work
90. Life on a small scale, safe, no community, variety employment option.
91. low crime, safe neighborhoods.
92. Quiet surroundings.
93. Feeling of security
94. Whiting - small town living
95. It is quiet and clean
96. family
97. small town
98. Quiet, close to things
99. we have space in the village - privacy
100. services are very satisfactory and property taxes are not that high
101. The hiking & bicycle trails - easy access from roads beautiful landscapes!
102. Quiet and peaceful
103. still OK but Portage County is trying its best to look like N. Illinois

104. good neighbors
105. Taxes (village) space & freedom
106. the smells of the river, the pines
107. all of the natural resources
108. quality of life
109. Good library- schools- location (center of state)
110. nice neighbors, safe village, close to town and facilities
111. None
112. good quality of life
113. Bus service good. location is great. peaceful
114. Wonderful parks and recreation, and excellent schools.
115. county atmosphere, not crowded
116. Mid-town location
117. Nice and quiet, lots of recreational opportunities.
118. Quiet
119. The Non "Big City" Atmosphere