

TOWN OF BIRCHWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

Town Response Rate – 37.0%

County Response Rate – 35.5%

Note: Minor data inconsistencies in survey results are due to invalid or missing responses. In some cases, these inconsistencies result in a disproportionate number of resident and non-resident responses when compared to total town responses.

I. COMMUNITY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

Please examine your community (town, village or city) issues and opportunities and check **HOW IMPORTANT** the issue or opportunity is to you and **HOW SATISFIED** you are with each.

		<u>Level of Importance</u>			<u>Level of Satisfaction</u>		
		Important	Neutral	Not Important	Satisfied	Neutral	Not Satisfied
1. Property Taxes	T	281 (92.4%)	19 (6.3%)	4 (1.3%)	32 (10.8%)	55 (18.6%)	209 (70.6%)
	R	95 (93.1%)	7 (6.9%)	0 (0%)	7 (7.2%)	17 (17.5%)	73 (75.3%)
	NR	183 (92.0%)	12 (6.0%)	4 (2.0%)	25 (12.8%)	38 (19.4%)	133 (67.9%)
	C	4,269 (93.1%)	288 (6.3%)	27 (.6%)	812 (18.3%)	1,015 (22.9%)	2,608 (58.8%)
2. Recreational Opportunities	T	211 (69.4%)	76 (25.0%)	17 (5.6%)	190 (64.0%)	93 (31.3%)	14 (4.7%)
	R	63 (63.0%)	30 (30.0%)	7 (7.0%)	53 (55.2%)	36 (37.5%)	7 (7.3%)
	NR	145 (72.1%)	46 (22.9%)	10 (5.0%)	136 (68.7%)	56 (28.3%)	6 (3.0%)
	C	2,935 (64.5%)	1,260 (27.7%)	354 (7.8%)	2,408 (55.0%)	1,573 (35.9%)	400 (9.1%)
3. Local Roads	T	196 (64.7%)	93 (30.7%)	14 (4.6%)	158 (52.8%)	90 (30.1%)	51 (17.1%)
	R	83 (82.2%)	16 (15.8%)	2 (2.0%)	43 (44.3%)	26 (26.8%)	28 (28.9%)
	NR	111 (55.8%)	76 (38.2%)	12 (6.0%)	114 (57.3%)	63 (31.7%)	22 (11.1%)
	C	3,366 (73.7%)	1,046 (22.9%)	156 (3.4%)	2,151 (48.8%)	1,281 (29.0%)	978 (22.2%)
4. Clean Drinking Water	T	261 (86.1%)	36 (11.9%)	6 (2.0%)	202 (68.9%)	84 (28.7%)	7 (2.4%)
	R	90 (90.9%)	9 (9.1%)	0 (0%)	70 (74.5%)	21 (22.3%)	3 (3.2%)
	NR	168 (83.6%)	27 (13.4%)	6 (3.0%)	130 (66.3%)	62 (31.6%)	4 (2.0%)
	C	4,111 (89.9%)	383 (8.4%)	79 (1.7%)	3,061 (69.9%)	1,056 (24.1%)	264 (6.0%)
5. Quality Public Education	T	141 (46.4%)	117 (38.5%)	46 (15.1%)	95 (32.0%)	176 (59.3%)	26 (8.8%)
	R	60 (59.4%)	32 (31.7%)	9 (8.9%)	48 (50.0%)	38 (39.6%)	10 (10.4%)
	NR	80 (40.0%)	84 (42.0%)	36 (18.0%)	47 (23.7%)	136 (68.7%)	15 (7.6%)
	C	2,790 (61.1%)	1,305 (28.6%)	470 (10.3%)	1,590 (36.3)	2,148 (49.1%)	638 (14.6%)
6. Job Opportunities	T	109 (36.0%)	126 (41.6%)	68 (22.4%)	60 (20.1%)	195 (65.4%)	43 (14.4%)
	R	49 (48.5%)	35 (34.7%)	17 (16.8%)	21 (21.9%)	51 (53.1%)	24 (25.0%)
	NR	60 (30.2%)	88 (44.2%)	51 (25.6%)	39 (19.6%)	141 (70.9%)	19 (9.5%)
	C	2,377 (52.3%)	1,483 (32.6%)	689 (15.1%)	709 (16.3%)	2,433 (55.9%)	1,214 (27.9%)

Level of Importance

Level of Satisfaction

		Important	Neutral	Not Important	Satisfied	Neutral	Not Satisfied
7. Shopping Facilities	T	107 (35.3%)	128 (42.2%)	68 (22.4%)	133 (44.8%)	138 (46.5%)	26 (8.8%)
	R	49 (48.5%)	34 (33.7%)	18 (17.8%)	45 (46.4%)	44 (45.4%)	8 (8.2%)
	NR	56 (28.1%)	93 (46.7%)	50 (25.1%)	87 (44.2%)	93 (47.2%)	17 (8.6%)
	C	2,016 (44.2%)	1,819 (39.9%)	726 (15.9%)	1,648 (37.5%)	1,955 (44.5%)	792 (18.0%)
8. Housing You Can Afford	T	160 (52.8%)	94 (31.0%)	49 (16.2%)	87 (29.3%)	157 (52.9%)	53 (17.8%)
	R	64 (63.4%)	25 (24.8%)	12 (11.9%)	31 (32.3%)	41 (42.7%)	24 (25.0%)
	NR	94 (47.2%)	68 (34.2%)	37 (18.6%)	56 (28.3%)	115 (58.1%)	27 (13.6%)
	C	2,503 (55.0%)	1,433 (31.5%)	613 (13.5%)	1,323 (30.4%)	2,319 (53.3%)	712 (16.4%)
9. Environmental Quality	T	272 (88.9%)	28 (9.2%)	6 (2.0%)	186 (62.8%)	75 (25.3%)	35 (11.8%)
	R	84 (83.2%)	14 (13.9%)	3 (3.0%)	59 (61.5%)	26 (27.1%)	11 (11.5%)
	NR	185 (91.6%)	14 (6.9%)	3 (1.5%)	127 (64.5%)	48 (24.4%)	22 (11.2%)
	C	4,023 (87.9%)	464 (10.1%)	90 (2.0)	2,603 (59.1%)	1,339 (30.4%)	466 (10.6%)
10. Air Quality	T	271 (88.6%)	30 (9.8%)	5 (1.6%)	220 (73.8%)	69 (23.2%)	9 (3.0%)
	R	88 (87.1%)	10 (9.9%)	3 (3.0%)	69 (71.1%)	27 (27.8%)	1 (1.0%)
	NR	180 (89.1%)	20 (9.9%)	2 (1.0%)	150 (75.8%)	41 (20.7%)	7 (3.5%)
	C	4,070 (89.0%)	435 (9.5%)	69 (1.5%)	3,207 (72.8%)	1,023 (23.2%)	178 (4.0%)
11. Waterfront Protection	T	251 (82.3%)	40 (13.1%)	14 (4.6%)	148 (50.2%)	84 (28.5%)	63 (21.4%)
	R	76 (76.0%)	13 (13.0%)	11 (11.0%)	42 (43.3%)	30 (30.9%)	25 (25.8%)
	NR	173 (85.6%)	26 (12.9%)	3 (1.5%)	106 (54.4%)	52 (26.7%)	37 (19.0%)
	C	3,493 (76.4%)	877 (19.2%)	204 (4.5%)	1,864 (42.4%)	1,606 (36.5%)	927 (21.2%)
12. Quality of Life	T	274 (89.5%)	29 (9.5%)	3 (1.0%)	198 (66.9%)	93 (31.4%)	5 (1.7%)
	R	91 (90.1%)	9 (8.9%)	1 (1.0%)	60 (62.5%)	34 (35.4%)	2 (2.1%)
	NR	180 (89.1%)	20 (9.9%)	2 (1.0%)	138 (70.1%)	56 (28.4%)	3 (1.5%)
	C	4,022 (88.2%)	473 (10.4%)	66 (1.4%)	2,874 (65.5%)	1,256 (28.6%)	260 (5.9%)
13. Noise Pollution	T	234 (76.5%)	56 (18.3%)	16 (5.2%)	142 (47.8%)	104 (35.0%)	51 (17.2%)
	R	70 (68.6%)	23 (22.5%)	9 (8.8%)	48 (49.5%)	35 (36.1%)	14 (14.4%)
	NR	161 (80.1%)	33 (16.4%)	7 (3.5%)	94 (47.7%)	68 (34.5%)	35 (17.8%)
	C	3,314 (72.6%)	1,026 (22.5%)	227 (5.0%)	2,145 (48.8%)	1,595 (36.3%)	660 (15.0%)
14. Public Land Management	T	208 (68.6%)	85 (28.1%)	10 (3.3%)	95 (32.2%)	145 (49.2%)	55 (18.6%)
	R	70 (69.3%)	25 (24.8%)	6 (5.9%)	28 (29.2%)	47 (49.0%)	21 (21.9%)
	NR	135 (67.8%)	60 (30.2%)	4 (2.0%)	67 (34.2%)	97 (49.5%)	32 (16.3%)
	C	3,117 (68.4%)	1,264 (27.8%)	173 (3.8%)	1,503 (34.3%)	2,052 (46.9%)	822 (18.8%)
15. Adequate Energy Supply	T	221 (72.7%)	75 (24.7%)	8 (2.6%)	175 (59.1%)	104 (35.1%)	17 (5.7%)
	R	71 (71.0%)	27 (27.0%)	2 (2.0%)	56 (58.3%)	35 (36.5%)	5 (5.2%)
	NR	149 (74.1%)	46 (22.9%)	6 (3.0%)	117 (59.4%)	68 (34.5%)	12 (6.1%)
	C	3,440 (75.5%)	984 (21.6%)	133 (2.9%)	2,430 (55.4%)	1,609 (36.7%)	350 (8.0%)

16. How satisfied are you that your local elected officials are serving your needs?

	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	No Opinion
T	78 (25.7%)	65 (21.4%)	161 (53.0%)
R	40 (40.4%)	27 (27.3%)	32 (32.3%)
NR	38 (18.8%)	36 (17.8%)	128 (63.4%)
C	1,560 (34.2%)	1,252 (27.4%)	1,752 (38.4%)

17. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes or user fees to improve services such as fire protection, law enforcement and road maintenance?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
T	35 (11.4%)	249 (80.8%)	24 (7.8%)
R	13 (12.7%)	80 (78.4%)	9 (8.8%)
NR	22 (10.8%)	166 (81.8%)	15 (7.4%)
C	799 (17.4%)	3,291 (71.6%)	506 (11.0%)

18. Should my local government develop cooperative agreements with adjoining jurisdictions to share equipment such as graders, dump trucks and other heavy equipment?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
T	245 (79.5%)	30 (9.7%)	33 (10.7%)
R	74 (72.5%)	19 (18.6%)	9 (8.8%)
NR	168 (82.8%)	11 (5.4%)	24 (11.8%)
C	3,501 (76.1%)	473 (10.3%)	629 (13.7%)

19. Is there a need for neighboring local governments to meet and work together as a team?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
T	239 (79.1%)	14 (4.6%)	49 (16.2%)
R	68 (68.0%)	9 (9.0%)	23 (23.0%)
NR	168 (84.4%)	5 (2.5%)	26 (13.1%)
C	3,450 (77.6%)	263 (5.9%)	733 (16.5%)

II. LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING

Land use planning involves a process of defining goals & priorities for your community and using these goals and priorities to guide elected officials and citizens in making better informed land use decisions.

20. How important are land use issues to you?

	Important	Not Important	Not Sure
T	242 (79.3%)	21 (6.9%)	42 (13.8%)
R	80 (81.6%)	6 (6.1%)	12 (12.2%)
NR	159 (77.9%)	15 (7.4%)	30 (14.7%)
C	3,571 (78.7%)	302 (6.7%)	666 (14.7%)

Please respond to the following statements that address growth management issues in your community:

<u>LAND USE PLANNING</u>		Yes	No	Don't Know
21. Does my town/village/city need land use planning?	T	172 (56.0%)	35 (11.4%)	100 (32.6%)
	R	59 (59.0%)	16 (16.0%)	25 (25.0%)
	NR	112 (54.9%)	18 (8.8%)	74 (36.3%)
	C	2,568 (56.0%)	694 (15.1%)	1,320 (28.8%)
22. Does Washburn County need land use planning?	T	192 (62.3%)	28 (9.1%)	88 (28.6%)
	R	61 (60.4%)	12 (11.9%)	28 (27.7%)
	NR	129 (63.2%)	15 (7.4%)	60 (29.4%)
	C	2,887 (63.0%)	533 (11.6%)	1,166 (25.4%)
23. Should there be more cooperation among communities in planning for growth?	T	233 (75.9%)	21 (6.8%)	53 (17.3%)
	R	69 (69.0%)	10 (10.0%)	21 (21.0%)
	NR	162 (79.4%)	10 (4.9%)	32 (15.7%)
	C	3,416 (74.7%)	348 (7.6%)	807 (17.7%)
<u>WATER RESOURCES</u>		Yes	No	Don't Know
24. Should the surface waters of Washburn County (its lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands) be further protected from the negative effects of development?	T	218 (70.8%)	57 (18.5%)	33 (10.7%)
	R	75 (7.5%)	20 (19.6%)	7 (6.9%)
	NR	141 (69.5%)	36 (17.7%)	26 (12.8%)
	C	3,369 (73.4%)	725 (15.8%)	497 (10.8%)
25. Should provisions be made to preserve the natural beauty of lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands?	T	251 (81.8%)	37 (12.1%)	19 (6.2%)
	R	82 (81.2%)	16 (15.8%)	3 (3.0%)
	NR	166 (81.8%)	21 (10.3%)	16 (7.9%)
	C	3,723 (81.2%)	491 (10.7%)	369 (8.1%)

<u>ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS</u>		Yes	No	Don't Know
26. Do zoning restrictions improve areas more than they detract from them?	T	164 (53.6%)	59 (19.3%)	83 (27.1%)
	R	55 (55.0%)	24 (24.0%)	21 (21.0%)
	NR	108 (53.2%)	34 (16.7%)	61 (30.0%)
	C	2,332 (51.1%)	830 (18.2%)	1,398 (30.7%)
27. Should land use be restricted by zoning?	T	206 (66.7%)	46 (14.9%)	57 (18.4%)
	R	60 (58.8%)	24 (23.5%)	18 (17.6%)
	NR	146 (71.6%)	20 (9.8%)	38 (18.6%)
	C	2,690 (58.9%)	937 (20.5%)	942 (20.6%)
28. Should there be aesthetic requirements for commercial and industrial development (i.e. landscaping, natural colors and material)?	T	220 (72.4%)	49 (16.1%)	35 (11.5%)
	R	62 (62.6%)	23 (23.2%)	14 (14.1%)
	NR	156 (77.2%)	25 (12.4%)	21 (10.4%)
	C	3,021 (66.0%)	917 (20.0%)	638 (13.9%)
29. Should new businesses generally be required to locate near other businesses?	T	170 (55.7%)	72 (23.6%)	63 (20.7%)
	R	53 (53.0%)	30 (30.0%)	17 (17.0%)
	NR	114 (56.4%)	42 (20.8%)	46 (22.8%)
	C	2,418 (52.8%)	1,400 (30.6%)	764 (16.7%)
30. Should rural residential lots have a minimum size restriction?	T	191 (61.6%)	80 (25.8%)	39 (12.6%)
	R	68 (66.7%)	28 (27.5%)	6 (5.9%)
	NR	122 (59.5%)	51 (24.9%)	32 (15.6%)
	C	2,703 (58.9%)	1,339 (29.2%)	550 (12.0%)
31. Should land use regulations be strongly enforced?	T	211 (68.7%)	43 (14.0%)	53 (17.3%)
	R	73 (72.3%)	21 (20.8%)	7 (6.9%)
	NR	136 (67.0%)	21 (10.3%)	46 (22.7%)
	C	2,966 (64.8%)	731 (16.0%)	880 (19.2%)
<u>PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES</u>		Yes	No	Don't Know
32. Is it important to preserve the agricultural industry in Washburn County?	T	212 (69.1%)	41 (13.4%)	54 (17.6%)
	R	78 (76.5%)	13 (12.7%)	11 (10.8%)
	NR	132 (65.7%)	28 (13.9%)	41 (20.4%)
	C	3,248 (70.8%)	549 (12.0%)	788 (17.2%)
33. Should a landowner have the right to sell his or her farmland for purposes other than farming?	T	234 (76.7%)	20 (6.6%)	51 (16.7%)
	R	80 (79.2%)	8 (7.9%)	13 (12.9%)
	NR	152 (76.0%)	12 (6.0%)	36 (18.0%)
	C	3,638 (79.7%)	307 (6.7%)	620 (13.6%)
34. Should the rural character of Washburn County be preserved?	T	229 (75.1%)	24 (7.9%)	52 (17.0%)
	R	71 (71.0%)	10 (10.0%)	19 (19.0%)
	NR	155 (77.1%)	14 (7.0%)	32 (15.9%)
	C	3,416 (74.7%)	398 (8.7%)	756 (16.5%)

		Yes	No	Don't Know
35. Is it important to attract new population to this area?	T	68 (22.2%)	188 (61.4%)	50 (16.3%)
	R	33 (33.0%)	52 (52.0%)	15 (15.0%)
	NR	35 (17.3%)	132 (65.3%)	35 (17.3%)
	C	1,568 (34.3%)	2,386 (52.2%)	617 (13.5%)
36. Is it important to attract more tourists to this area?	T	125 (40.6%)	133 (43.2%)	50 (16.2%)
	R	48 (47.1%)	42 (41.2%)	12 (11.8%)
	NR	77 (38.1%)	87 (43.1%)	38 (18.8%)
	C	2,112 (46.2%)	1,878 (41.0%)	586 (12.8%)
37. Is it important to attract new industry to this area?	T	152 (49.8%)	103 (33.8%)	50 (16.4%)
	R	65 (63.7%)	29 (28.4%)	8 (7.8%)
	NR	85 (42.7%)	72 (36.2%)	42 (21.1%)
	C	2,765 (60.3%)	1,160 (25.3%)	657 (14.3%)
38. Is it important to plan for future utility corridors?	T	197 (64.2%)	33 (10.7%)	77 (25.1%)
	R	68 (67.3%)	16 (15.8%)	17 (16.8%)
	NR	127 (62.9%)	17 (8.4%)	58 (28.7%)
	C	3,013 (65.9%)	610 (13.3%)	948 (20.7%)

Do you think your community should place MORE OR FEWER restrictions on the following:

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
39. Where mobile homes can be located	T	135 (44.0%)	89 (29.0%)	24 (7.8%)	59 (19.2%)
	R	50 (49.0%)	31 (30.4%)	10 (9.8%)	11 (10.8%)
	NR	82 (40.8%)	58 (28.9%)	13 (6.5%)	48 (23.9%)
	C	1,912 (41.7%)	1,586 (34.6%)	486 (10.6%)	605 (13.2%)
40. Where residential housing can be built	T	71 (23.2%)	143 (46.7%)	34 (11.1%)	58 (19.0%)
	R	27 (26.7%)	47 (46.5%)	18 (17.8%)	9 (8.9%)
	NR	42 (20.9%)	94 (46.8%)	16 (8.0%)	49 (24.4%)
	C	941 (20.6%)	2,479 (54.3%)	522 (11.4%)	624 (13.7%)
41. Location of campgrounds and RV parks	T	86 (28.2%)	139 (45.6%)	21 (6.9%)	59 (19.3%)
	R	25 (24.8%)	57 (56.4%)	8 (7.9%)	11 (10.9%)
	NR	59 (29.5%)	80 (40.0%)	13 (6.5%)	48 (24.0%)
	C	1,322 (29.0%)	2,183 (47.8%)	385 (8.4%)	673 (14.7%)
42. Location of manufacturing plants	T	96 (31.6%)	114 (37.5%)	14 (4.6%)	80 (26.3%)
	R	24 (24.0%)	49 (49.0%)	9 (9.0%)	18 (18.0%)
	NR	70 (35.0%)	64 (32.0%)	5 (2.5%)	61 (30.5%)
	C	1,493 (32.7%)	1,801 (39.4%)	368 (8.1%)	905 (19.8%)
43. Location of retail and commercial enterprises	T	75 (24.7%)	143 (47.0%)	12 (3.9%)	74 (24.3%)
	R	17 (17.2%)	59 (59.6%)	8 (8.1%)	15 (15.2%)
	NR	56 (27.9%)	82 (40.8%)	4 (2.0%)	59 (29.4%)
	C	1,164 (25.6%)	2,209 (48.5%)	381 (8.4%)	799 (17.5%)

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
44. Location of cellular towers	T	106 (34.9%)	93 (30.6%)	37 (12.2%)	68 (22.4%)
	R	32 (32.0%)	41 (41.0%)	14 (14.0%)	13 (13.0%)
	NR	72 (36.0%)	51 (25.5%)	23 (11.5%)	54 (27.0%)
	C	1,643 (36.0%)	1,441 (31.6%)	541 (11.8%)	942 (20.6%)
45. Location of sand and gravel pit operations	T	76 (25.1%)	120 (39.6%)	27 (8.9%)	80 (26.4%)
	R	27 (27.3%)	40 (40.4%)	17 (17.2%)	15 (15.2%)
	NR	47 (23.5%)	78 (39.0%)	10 (5.0%)	65 (32.5%)
	C	1,314 (28.9%)	1,921 (42.2%)	406 (8.9%)	913 (20.0%)
46. Location of large feedlots	T	122 (40.0%)	87 (28.5%)	19 (6.2%)	77 (25.2%)
	R	36 (36.0%)	37 (37.0%)	8 (8.0%)	19 (19.0%)
	NR	84 (41.8%)	49 (24.4%)	11 (5.5%)	57 (28.4%)
	C	1,749 (38.3%)	1,355 (29.7%)	419 (9.2%)	1,041 (22.8%)
47. Location of agricultural processing plants	T	91 (30.0%)	98 (32.3%)	21 (6.9%)	93 (30.7%)
	R	26 (26.3%)	42 (42.4%)	10 (10.1%)	21 (21.2%)
	NR	63 (31.5%)	55 (27.5%)	11 (5.5%)	71 (35.5%)
	C	1,516 (33.3%)	1,534 (33.7%)	318 (7.0%)	1,178 (25.9%)
48. Development on wetlands	T	132 (43.3%)	105 (34.4%)	36 (11.8%)	32 (10.5%)
	R	38 (38.0%)	41 (41.0%)	14 (14.0%)	7 (7.0%)
	NR	91 (45.3%)	63 (31.3%)	22 (10.9%)	25 (12.4%)
	C	1,792 (39.2%)	1,572 (34.4%)	675 (14.8%)	533 (11.7%)
49. Development on floodplains	T	117 (38.5%)	109 (35.9%)	29 (9.5%)	49 (16.1%)
	R	32 (32.3%)	41 (41.4%)	12 (12.1%)	14 (14.1%)
	NR	83 (41.3%)	66 (32.8%)	17 (8.5%)	35 (17.4%)
	C	1,730 (37.9%)	1,490 (32.7%)	574 (12.6%)	766 (16.8%)
50. Development on land with unique natural features	T	129 (42.6%)	99 (32.7%)	31 (10.2%)	44 (14.5%)
	R	36 (36.4%)	42 (42.4%)	11 (11.1%)	10 (10.1%)
	NR	90 (45.0%)	56 (28.0%)	20 (10.0%)	34 (17.0%)
	C	1,861 (40.9%)	1,478 (32.5%)	510 (11.2%)	703 (15.4%)
51. Billboards	T	138 (45.5%)	83 (27.4%)	54 (17.8%)	28 (9.2%)
	R	39 (39.4%)	40 (40.4%)	16 (16.2%)	4 (4.0%)
	NR	97 (48.5%)	42 (21.0%)	37 (18.5%)	24 (12.0%)
	C	2,140 (46.8%)	1,243 (27.2%)	777 (17.0%)	410 (9.0%)
52. Logging practices	T	112 (36.8%)	124 (40.8%)	22 (7.2%)	46 (15.1%)
	R	40 (40.0%)	44 (44.0%)	10 (10.0%)	6 (6.0%)
	NR	69 (34.5%)	80 (40.0%)	11 (5.5%)	40 (20.0%)
	C	1,364 (29.8%)	1,962 (42.9%)	507 (11.1%)	739 (16.2%)

III. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

53. How would you rate your local government (town/village/city) or community services?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Road Maintenance	T	53 (17.5%)	142 (47.0%)	62 (20.5%)	25 (8.3%)	20 (6.6%)
	R	23 (22.8%)	40 (39.6%)	25 (24.8%)	13 (12.9%)	0 (0%)
	NR	30 (15.1%)	101 (50.8%)	36 (18.1%)	12 (6.0%)	20 (10.1%)
	C	487 (10.7%)	2,133 (47.0%)	1,123 (24.7%)	554 (12.2%)	244 (5.4%)
Fire Protection	T	32 (10.6%)	116 (38.4%)	50 (16.6%)	11 (3.6%)	93 (30.8%)
	R	19 (18.8%)	45 (44.6%)	22 (21.8%)	6 (5.9%)	9 (8.9%)
	NR	13 (6.5%)	70 (35.2%)	27 (13.6%)	5 (2.5%)	84 (42.2%)
	C	620 (13.6%)	2,019 (44.4%)	682 (15.0%)	237 (5.2%)	986 (21.7%)
Law Enforcement	T	33 (10.9%)	131 (43.4%)	43 (14.2%)	15 (5.0%)	80 (26.5%)
	R	17 (16.8%)	45 (44.6%)	20 (19.8%)	8 (7.9%)	11 (10.9%)
	NR	16 (8.0%)	86 (43.2%)	21 (10.6%)	7 (3.5%)	69 (34.7%)
	C	467 (10.3%)	2,113 (46.6%)	834 (18.4%)	313 (6.9%)	809 (17.8%)
Ambulance Service	T	34 (11.3%)	98 (32.5%)	40 (13.2%)	13 (4.3%)	117 (38.7%)
	R	22 (21.8%)	46 (45.5%)	15 (14.9%)	7 (6.9%)	11 (10.9%)
	NR	12 (6.0%)	51 (25.6%)	24 (12.1%)	6 (3.0%)	106 (53.3%)
	C	590 (13.0%)	1,762 (38.8%)	642 (14.1%)	200 (4.4%)	1,345 (29.6%)
Health Care Availability	T	18 (5.9%)	108 (35.6%)	62 (20.5%)	30 (9.9%)	85 (28.1%)
	R	12 (11.8%)	42 (41.2%)	28 (27.5%)	11 (10.8%)	9 (8.8%)
	NR	6 (3.0%)	65 (32.7%)	34 (17.1%)	18 (9.0%)	76 (38.2%)
	C	510 (11.2%)	1,896 (41.8%)	947 (20.9%)	342 (7.5%)	845 (18.6%)

54. Should my elected officials encourage the startup or expansion of private economic development?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
T	125 (41.7%)	78 (26.0%)	97 (32.3%)
R	38 (38.4%)	29 (29.3%)	32 (32.3%)
NR	87 (42.7%)	48 (24.1%)	64 (32.2%)
C	2,112 (47.2%)	1,041 (23.3%)	1,319 (29.5%)

55. Should my community provide incentives (such as reduced cost to purchase commercial/industrial land, development of roads, or provide infrastructure-electricity, natural gas) to encourage local economic development?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
T	103 (34.6%)	134 (45.0%)	61 (20.5%)
R	33 (33.0%)	45 (45.0%)	22 (22.0%)
NR	69 (35.2%)	88 (44.9%)	39 (19.9%)
C	1,789 (39.9%)	1,669 (37.2%)	1,028 (22.9%)

56. Are there adequate community facilities?

		Yes	No	Don't Know
Local Parks	T	215 (70.5%)	20 (6.6%)	70 (23.0%)
	R	82 (80.4%)	6 (5.9%)	14 (13.7%)
	NR	131 (65.5%)	13 (6.5%)	56 (28.0%)
	C	3,032 (66.9%)	721 (15.9%)	779 (17.2%)
Town/Village/City Hall	T	229 (75.1%)	4 (1.3%)	72 (23.6%)
	R	96 (94.1%)	0 (0%)	6 (5.9%)
	NR	130 (65.0%)	4 (2.0%)	66 (33.0%)
	C	3,568 (78.4%)	169 (3.7%)	813 (17.9%)
Town/Village/City Garage	T	207 (67.9%)	0 (0%)	98 (32.1%)
	R	91 (89.2%)	0 (0%)	11 (10.8%)
	NR	113 (56.5%)	0 (0%)	87 (43.5%)
	C	2,818 (62.4%)	252 (5.6%)	1,449 (32.1%)
Schools	T	199 (65.2%)	11 (3.6%)	95 (31.1%)
	R	88 (86.3%)	8 (7.8%)	6 (5.9%)
	NR	109 (54.5%)	3 (1.5%)	88 (44.0%)
	C	2,914 (64.1%)	674 (14.8%)	956 (21.0%)

IV. RECREATIONAL USE ISSUES

Should there be MORE OR FEWER restrictions on the following recreational activities on public land, such as state and county forests, or water.

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
57. Use of personal watercraft	T	153 (50.5%)	118 (38.9%)	22 (7.3%)	10 (3.3%)
	R	52 (52.0%)	42 (42.0%)	6 (6.0%)	0 (0%)
	NR	100 (50.0%)	75 (37.5%)	15 (7.5%)	10 (5.0%)
	C	2,243 (49.3%)	1,719 (37.8%)	387 (8.5%)	202 (4.4%)
58. Use of high speed boats	T	158 (51.8%)	108 (35.4%)	25 (8.2%)	14 (4.6%)
	R	57 (56.4%)	36 (35.6%)	7 (6.9%)	1 (1.0%)
	NR	99 (49.3%)	72 (35.8%)	17 (8.5%)	13 (6.5%)
	C	2,466 (54.1%)	1,419 (31.1%)	479 (10.5%)	195 (4.3%)
59. Use of snowmobiles	T	81 (26.6%)	185 (60.7%)	23 (7.5%)	16 (5.2%)
	R	28 (27.7%)	61 (60.4%)	12 (11.9%)	0 (0%)
	NR	51 (25.4%)	124 (61.7%)	10 (5.0%)	16 (8.0%)
	C	1,405 (30.8%)	2,450 (53.8%)	423 (9.3%)	279 (6.1%)
60. Use of all terrain vehicles	T	108 (35.3%)	137 (44.8%)	44 (14.4%)	17 (5.6%)
	R	32 (31.7%)	49 (48.5%)	20 (19.8%)	0 (0%)
	NR	75 (37.1%)	87 (43.1%)	23 (11.4%)	17 (8.4%)
	C	1,815 (39.8%)	1,723 (37.8%)	740 (16.2%)	278 (6.1%)

		More	Currently Adequate	Fewer	Don't Know
61. Use of off-road motorized dirt bikes	T	120 (39.5%)	119 (39.1%)	33 (10.9%)	32 (10.5%)
	R	36 (35.6%)	44 (43.6%)	15 (14.9%)	6 (5.9%)
	NR	84 (41.6%)	74 (36.6%)	18 (8.9%)	26 (12.9%)
	C	2,005 (43.7%)	1,563 (34.0%)	570 (12.4%)	453 (9.9%)
62. Hunting	T	33 (10.8%)	223 (73.1%)	30 (9.8%)	19 (6.2%)
	R	10 (10.0%)	73 (73.0%)	16 (16.0%)	1 (1.0%)
	NR	23 (11.3%)	149 (73.0%)	14 (6.9%)	18 (8.8%)
	C	498 (10.8%)	3,270 (71.2%)	610 (13.3%)	217 (4.7%)
63. Fishing	T	20 (6.6%)	242 (79.3%)	33 (10.8%)	10 (3.3%)
	R	6 (6.0%)	77 (77.0%)	17 (17.0%)	0 (0%)
	NR	14 (6.9%)	164 (80.4%)	16 (7.8%)	10 (4.9%)
	C	324 (7.1%)	3,477 (75.7%)	609 (13.3%)	183 (4.0%)
64. Recreational boating	T	29 (9.5%)	240 (78.7%)	21 (6.9%)	15 (4.9%)
	R	9 (9.0%)	79 (79.0%)	8 (8.0%)	4 (4.0%)
	NR	20 (9.8%)	160 (78.4%)	13 (6.4%)	11 (5.4%)
	C	619 (13.5%)	3,302 (72.1%)	436 (9.5%)	224 (4.9%)
65. Off- road mountain biking	T	43 (14.1%)	168 (55.3%)	34 (11.2%)	59 (19.4%)
	R	12 (12.0%)	56 (56.0%)	13 (13.0%)	19 (19.0%)
	NR	31 (15.3%)	111 (54.7%)	21 (10.3%)	40 (19.7%)
	C	783 (17.1%)	2,414 (52.9%)	590 (12.9%)	780 (17.1%)
66. Structures on water (such as...boat lifts, trampolines, rafts)	T	72 (23.6%)	165 (54.1%)	36 (11.8%)	32 (10.5%)
	R	29 (29.0%)	52 (52.0%)	15 (15.0%)	4 (4.0%)
	NR	43 (21.1%)	112 (54.9%)	21 (10.3%)	28 (13.7%)
	C	1,150 (25.0%)	2,402 (52.3%)	531 (11.6%)	509 (11.1%)

V. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RESIDENCE OR OTHER PROPERTY

67. Is your **primary residence** located in Washburn County?

T 102 (33.1%) **YES**

C 2,527 (54.9%)

a. What Town? na

b. What Village? na

c. What City? na

T 206 (66.9%) **NO, I reside outside of Washburn County.**

C 2,078 (45.1%)

d. Do you own or rent your dwelling?

T	100 (100%) Own	0 (0%) Rent
C	2,386 (99.2%)	19 (.8%)

68. Approximately how many total acres do you own in Washburn County?

Number of Acres	Town	Town-Resident	Town-Nonresident	County
0 – 1	102 (32.7%)	27 (26.5%)	72 (35.0%)	1,284 (27.6%)
1.1 – 3	69 (22.1%)	19 (18.6%)	49 (23.8%)	789 (17.0%)
3.1 – 5	24 (7.7%)	5 (4.9%)	19 (9.2%)	450 (9.7%)
5.1 – 10	26 (8.3%)	10 (9.8%)	16 (7.8%)	428 (9.2%)
10.1 – 20	16 (5.1%)	6 (5.9%)	10 (4.9%)	299 (6.4%)
20.1 – 40	30 (9.6%)	10 (9.8%)	20 (9.7%)	435 (9.4%)
40.1 – 100	21 (6.7%)	9 (8.8%)	12 (5.8%)	508 (10.9%)
100.1 – 500	20 (6.4%)	12 (11.8%)	8 (3.9%)	382 (8.2%)
500 – 6,800	4 (1.3%)	4 (3.9%)	0 (0%)	69 (1.5%)

69. Is your primary Washburn County residence (or most frequently used property in Washburn County)?

	Lakeshore Property	Riverfront Property	Non-Waterfront Property (neither lakeshore nor riverfront)
T	222 (74.2%)	4 (1.3%)	73 (24.4%)
R	61 (61.0%)	4 (4.0%)	35 (35.0%)
NR	160 (80.8%)	0 (0%)	38 (19.2%)
C	2,014 (45.8%)	193 (4.4%)	2,189 (49.8%)

70. If you own undeveloped lakeshore or riverfront property, do you plan on developing the property?

T	48 (28.2%)	YES,	in
R	12 (20.0%)		
NR	36 (33.0%)		
C	444 (19.9%)		

	1 - 5 years	6 – 10 years	11 – 15 years	16 – 20 years
T	18	19	4	2
R	4	5	1	1
NR	14	14	3	1
C	236	131	36	10

T	122 (71.8%)	NO
R	48 (80.0%)	
NR	73 (67.0%)	
C	1,789 (80.1%)	

71. If you own undeveloped non-waterfront property, do you plan on developing the property?

T 31 (79.5%) **YES**, in
R 8 (12.5%)
NR 23 (26.7%)
C 552 (19.8%)

	1 - 5 years	6 – 10 years	11 – 15 years	16 – 20 years
T	15	3	11	1
R	3	4	0	1
NR	12	7	3	0
C	284	182	42	22

T 120 (79.5%) **NO**
R 56 (87.5%)
NR 63 (73.3%)
C 2,230 (80.2%)

V. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

72. How long have you lived (or owned property) in Washburn County as either a permanent or seasonal resident?

Number of Years	Town	Town-Resident	Town-Nonresident	County
0 – 5	99 (39.3%)	19 (18.6%)	66 (32.0%)	968 (20.8%)
6 – 10	76 (24.4%)	17 (16.7%)	59 (28.6%)	791 (17.0%)
11 – 20	63 (20.2%)	27 (26.5%)	36 (17.5%)	928 (20.0%)
21 – 30	38 (12.2%)	17 (16.7%)	21 (10.2%)	869 (18.7%)
31 - 40	25 (8.0%)	9 (8.8%)	15 (7.3%)	465 (10.0%)
41 – 50	13 (4.2%)	7 (6.9%)	6 (2.9%)	318 (6.8%)
50 years and greater	9 (2.9%)	6 (5.9%)	3 (1.5%)	305 (6.6%)

73. Please list the total number of people in each age group that live in your household:

	Under 5	5 – 9	10 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 44	45 – 59	60 – 64	65 – 74	75 +
T	21	30	114	34	129	294	71	60	17
R	1	5	28	11	29	70	40	32	11
NR	20	25	86	19	100	224	30	27	6
C	377	546	1,586	516	2,092	3,500	910	1,259	530

74. What is your gender?

	Male	Female	Multiple Respondents
T	232 (75.6%)	71 (23.1%)	4 (1.3%)
R	75 (74.3%)	25 (24.8%)	1 (1.0%)
NR	156 (76.5%)	45 (22.1%)	3 (1.5%)
C	3,285 (71.8%)	1,144 (25.0%)	146 (3.2%)

75. Is your current place of employment located in Washburn County?

	Yes	No	Retired	Unemployed
T	27 (8.9%)	193 (63.9%)	78 (25.8%)	4 (1.3%)
R	24 (24.2%)	24 (24.2%)	50 (50.5%)	1 (1.0%)
NR	3 (1.5%)	168 (83.6%)	27 (13.4%)	3 (1.5%)
C	932 (20.5%)	2,076 (45.7%)	1,464 (32.2%)	74 (1.6%)

If employed, how many miles do you travel round trip to your place of work?

Number of Miles	Town	Town-Resident	Town-Nonresident	County
0 – 2	271 (86.9%)	74 (72.5%)	193 (93.7%)	3,590 (77.3%)
2.1 – 4	2 (.6%)	1 (1.0%)	1 (.5%)	69 (1.5%)
4.1 – 8	4 (1.3%)	3 (2.9%)	1 (.5%)	140 (3.0%)
8.1 – 12	6 (1.9%)	2 (2.0%)	4 (1.9%)	114 (2.5%)
12.1 – 17	5 (1.6%)	2 (2.0%)	3 (1.5%)	120 (2.6%)
17.1 – 24	4 (1.3%)	3 (2.9%)	1 (.5%)	123 (2.6%)
24.1 – 32	2 (.6%)	1 (1.0%)	1 (.5%)	130 (2.8%)
32.1 – 45	5 (1.6%)	5 (4.9%)	0 (0%)	114 (2.5%)
45.1 – 70	11 (3.5%)	10 (9.8%)	1 (.5%)	126 (2.7%)
70.1 – 2000	2 (.6%)	1 (1.0%)	1 (.5%)	118 (2.5%)

76. What are the top three most important issues to you confronting your community?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

77. What do you want your community to do that would enhance the quality of life for you and your family?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

78. What improvements would be beneficial to the future of your community?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

79. Which characteristics of your community are important enough to maintain for the future?

Data to be provided under separate cover.

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