

Town of Brooklyn
Results of Issues Identification Process
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HOUSING

- Need for minimum lot size.
- Need for specifications on where mobile homes or developments will be located. Also, specs on how they are built – hunting shacks also.
- Investigate future needs for housing choices, examples senior/low-income condos, apartment and housing.

TRANSPORTATION

- Maintenance and improvement of town roads.
- Possibility of public rail system (or other) through township that would connect to areas such as Duluth.
- Investigate future needs for an airstrip and any restrictions that would need to be placed on them.
- Speed limit posting.
- Regulation potentially on snowmobile and ATV usage.
- Boating/ski-jet regulations.

UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Potential for gravel pits – restrictions?
- Utility lines, etc. should be underground wherever possible.
- Potential for more municipal boat landings.
- Possible expansion or rebuilding of town hall facilities.
- Potential for landfills coming to township.
- Billboard restrictions.
- Location of cell towers.
- High voltage power lines.
- Mining potential and restrictions.
- Sewer gas water line development expansion to new development areas.
- Potential for learning centers, pre-school opportunities.

AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Groundwater protection.
- Surface water run-off to lakes and streams.
- Farm operations and their effects on natural resources especially large operations
- Cemetery maintenance and expansion.
- Lake use and protection.
- Public fishing and hunting areas protection.
- Stuntz Brook protection.
- Historic buildings – find sites and investigate needs or restrictions on development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Industrial development along county roads and highways while being sensitive to environmental concerns.
- Maintain rural and recreational atmosphere
- Keep industry restrictions in mind regarding noise, traffic, odor and utilities (ex. Septic)
- Employment characteristics – promoting higher entry level positions if possible.
- Promotion of appropriate industries and enterprises.
- Continued development of communication services (ex. Internet)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

- Maintain cooperative service agreements with surrounding town (ex. Fire/ambulance)
- Consolidate minor or all elections with other local area governments.
- Need increased cooperation with county departments and other governmental agencies.
- Future cooperation between local governments especially in contracting for future service-related things (ex. utilities/internet)
- More cooperation and communication with the county zoning department.
- More cooperation and communication with the DNR and county forestry department.