

TOWN OF LAKESIDE



2010 - 2030

Comprehensive Plan

With citizen input the Town of Lakeside Comprehensive Plan was developed in response to state legislated requirements. This Plan is meant to serve as a guide to actions of the Town that affect land use, as these actions must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan (s. 66).

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1. Issues and Opportunities

INTRODUCTION

The following list of issues and opportunities was compiled based upon the results of the Town of Lakeside Comprehensive Planning Community Survey with the understanding that examining past changes and current conditions of the population enhances the ability to prepare for and understand the future.

A. Community Strengths:

- I. Rural living
- II. Sense of community
- III. Air and water quality
- IV. Forests
- V. Low crime rate
- VI. Volunteer Fire Department
- VII. Natural resources
- VIII. Church
- IX. Proximity to urban area and State park

B. Community Weaknesses:

- I. Lack of cottage industries
- II. Lack of employment opportunities

C. Community Opportunities:

- I. Recreational
- II. One church
- III. Lakeside's yearly picnic
- IV. Davidson Windmill
- V. Solitude
- VI. Sustainable farming
- VII. Proximity to a Farmer's Market

D. Threats to Community:

- I. Increased taxation
- II. Over development / industrialization
- III. Cell towers
- IV. Air, water, and soil pollution
- V. Over population
- VI. Climate change
- VII. Lakeshore erosion

E. Community Character:

- I. Rural
- II. Natural beauty
- III. Recreational opportunities
- IV. Clean air and water
- V. Mostly single family dwellings
- VI. Independent thinking
- VII. One church
- VIII. Sense of community

F. Transportation Issues:

- I. Need parking for commuting
- II. Continue to maintain and upgrade Town roadways at an affordable cost
- III. Work with neighboring communities to make sure Highway 13 is maintained

G. Housing Issues:

- I. Breaking down larger pieces of property to build single family homes, thus reducing the rural character, causing it to become too suburban
- II. Increased taxes

H. Utilities and Community Facilities Issues:

- I. Future construction of wind generation farms, cell phone towers, pipelines, and power lines
- II. Agricultural, Cultural, and Natural Resources Issues:
 1. Clay erosion
 2. Pollution from agricultural runoff
 3. Loss of forestry areas to new home construction
 4. Need to address shore erosion
- III. Important Natural and Scenic Features in our Community:
 1. Lake Superior
 2. Middle River
 3. Amnicon River
- IV. Important Cultural or Historic Resources in our Community:
 1. Lakeside Baptist Church
 2. Davidson Windmill
 3. Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge

I. Land Use Issues:

- I. Need to preserve rural integrity
- II. Control amount of land used as wetland mitigation

J. Economic Development Issues:

- I. Loss of scenic beauty
- II. Maintain rural character
- III. Possible light industrial development to include, but not limited to:
 1. Cottage industries
 2. Farmer's market
 3. Encourage agriculture; biomass production
- IV. Insure water, air, and soil quality
- V. Type of Industries Desired by the Community:
 1. Cottage industries
 2. Eco-friendly, non-polluting
 - a. Call center
 - b. Senior housing
- VI. Community's Strengths in Attracting New Business and Industry:
 1. Natural beauty
 2. Proximity to an urban area
 3. Open-mindedness

K. Intergovernmental Cooperation Issues:

- I. Better communication between the Town of Lakeside and Douglas County
- II. Better cooperation and open dialog with surrounding towns

2. Housing

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

An adequate supply of affordable housing is a cornerstone of every successful community.

The ability of a community to address the demand for housing is a key to its economic viability and to the well-being of its inhabitants.

By identifying changes in the numbers and types of housing units and other housing and economic characteristics, we are able to predict future housing needs.

Goal: Promote housing that will protect the rural atmosphere of the town.

Objectives:

- I. Encourage new housing.
- II. Encourage the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing housing.
- III. Minimize the environmental impact of residential growth.

3. Transportation

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The relationship between transportation and land use is a symbiotic one. Growth requires access and likewise, access promotes growth. In Douglas County, rural development would be extremely limited, or non-existent, without rural transportation access. As changing values have shifted our focus away from urban areas and into the suburban and rural outlying lands, more pressure has been placed on the existing transportation system along with increasing demand to improve access, mobility and transit options. The combined impacts of building rural transportation infrastructure along with the increased usage and required maintenance place a significant financial burden on county and local town governments.

Goal: Provide a transportation network, including recreational modes of transportation, which will ensure the safe and efficient movement of individuals and goods, while respecting the quality of life and character of the community.

Objectives:

- I. Continue to maintain a good quality Town road network.
- II. Allow multiple uses of roads and trails.
- III. Encourage alternate routes for recreational vehicles.
- IV. Promote carpooling and ride share programs.
- V. Maintain the natural beauty of the Town's roadways and scenic views.

4. Utilities and Community Facilities

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

All access to public utilities, services and facilities can greatly influence growth and development patterns. All county residents rely on protective and emergency services such as police, fire and emergency medical transport services. Provision of these types of services can be especially challenging for a large rural county.

Goal: Support utilities, facilities, and services that contribute to the well-being of the town and its residents.

Objectives:

- I. Evaluate and implement beneficial cost effective utilities.
- II. Provide facilities to meet the needs of the town.
- III. Provide for public safety.
- IV. Allow for cost effective and experimental waste management systems.
- V. Provide and/or promote recreational facilities that meet the needs of the residents.

5. Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The protection of natural resources is necessary for the welfare of both people and the environment. The protection of natural resources also preserves important ecological communities. Certain natural resources have more than merely aesthetic and leisure-time activity values. They are essential to long-term human survival and the preservation of life, health, and general welfare. As such, the protection and management of these resources clearly are in the public interest.

Goal, Agriculture: Protect economically productive farming and forests.

Objectives, Agriculture:

- I. Encourage and foster viable forests and farmland.
- II. Encourage environmentally friendly farming practices.
- III. Encourage sustainable logging and forestry practices.

Goal, Natural: Manage and efficiently utilize the natural resources in the Town of Lakeside.

Objectives, Natural:

- I. Work to sustain fishing and hunting opportunities.
- II. Protect natural areas including lakes, woodland, wetlands, and wildlife habitats.

Goal, Cultural: Preserve cultural, historical, and archeological sites.

Objectives, Cultural:

- I. Promote preservation of Town historical sites such as Sleepy Valley Loop Bride, and the Windmill.
- II. Maintain the Town Hall for various cultural and social events.

6. Economic Development

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Douglas County's economy differs considerably from many of its surrounding counties in Wisconsin, primarily due to inclusion of the City of Superior Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Apart from this difference, the remainder of the county relies heavily on natural resources related to the leisure and hospitality industry. The county's many lakes and woodlands sustain tourism, and at the same time the county sustains the region's largest manufacturing base, two of the main stays of the local economy.

Goal: Encourage economic development initiatives in the Town of Lakeside that includes small, private businesses, part-time entrepreneurs, and home-based businesses (Cottage industry).

Objectives:

- I. Promote appropriate economic development along major highways including State and County Highways.
- II. Promote diversified economic development.
- III. Promote best use of land.
- IV. Continue to encourage post-secondary training and education

7. Intergovernmental Cooperation

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Municipalities within Douglas County share more than common boundaries. They also share services and resources which cross jurisdictional lines, including government and emergency services, roads, trails and infrastructure, school districts, fire protection areas, drainage basins and watersheds and natural features. Many communities within Douglas County are faced with the same or similar issues and concerns. The county and the local units of government recognize the need for maintaining or improving cooperation and communication in order to promote efficiency, reduce costs and improve services available to the citizens of Douglas County.

Goal: Promote and maintain intergovernmental cooperation between adjoining and overlapping jurisdictions.

Objectives:

- I. Continue and improve cooperation and communication with governmental agencies.
- II. Minimize costs and maximize services for residents by working more effectively with other governmental units.
- III. Work toward establishing additional beneficial agreements and cooperation.

8. Land Use

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The intent of land use planning is to understand present land use trends and to find ways to accommodate various types of future land use activities for the benefit of the county's residents and quality of life, while minimizing the short-term and the long-term conflicts between adjacent land uses. Ownership of the land, whether in private or public hands, is an important consideration in understanding present land use activity and for guiding land use activity in the future. This portion of the Lakeside Town Comprehensive plan was approved at the January 2010 Public Hearing and special Town meeting.

Future Land Use Classifications

1. Agricultural

Recommendations:

- a. Promote nonpolluting, sustainable farming.
- b. No industrial farms, i.e. closed animal feeding operations as per state guidelines.
- c. Accountability for hobby farms regarding type, acreage, number of animals.

2. Single Family Residential

Recommendation:

- a. Increase the minimum lot size to 10 acres.

3. Forestry and Logging

Recommendations:

- a. Encourage sustainable logging; select cutting to insure long term, healthy forests in Lakeside Township.
- b. Encourage loggers and timber harvesting operations to adhere to the regulations and setbacks regarding timber harvest in areas adjacent to navigable streams and Lake Superior shore land.

4. Preservation and Conservation

Recommendations:

- a. Encourage the County to be aware of nature conservancy and farm conservancy and coded by them as a land use type.
- b. Flood plain mitigation; wetlands must be approved by the Town Board.

5. Shoreland Homes and Cottages

Recommendations:

- a. At a minimum, adhere to State of Wisconsin and Douglas County shoreland ordinances for setbacks of new developments and improvements to existing structures. Look at increasing setbacks and lot sizes regarding slope and red clay.
- b. Use same criteria for developing near creeks and hillsides.
- c. Closely examine “keyhole” access to property prior to development.
 - i. Must be approved by the Town Board
 - ii. Defined as single access to multi-properties

6. Commercial

Recommendations:

- a. The lot size of commercial development would need to address slope, run off, red clay issues.
- b. Limit commercial development to state and county roads.
- c. Any cottage industry would need to meet guidelines: i.e. lot size, maintenance of infrastructure, pollution issues.
- d. Due diligence would have to be used; people most affected/nearest to the development need to have a voice.
- e. Make sure any new development plans are welcomed and treated fairly.
- f. Noise pollution would have to be considered in the building permit process.
- g. Any commercial development i.e. cell towers, welding businesses, must consider the effect on neighboring properties.

7. Tourism-related

Recommendation:

- a. Support Historical Society and Douglas County regarding tourism, Davidson Windmill, Lakeside Baptist Church, Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge (type of bridge is on historical register), boat landing.

8. Multi-family Residential (i.e. fourplex, eightplex, apartment building, trailer park)

Recommendations:

- a. Restrict sizable development to already paved roadways.
- b. Consider lot size, paved areas, run off, water and waste pollution.

9. Industrial

Recommendations:

- a. Promote development of non-polluting, light industry.
- b. Any new industry must install and maintain its own infrastructure (roadways, septic, water, etc.)
- c. Consider lot size for each application.

10. Mining

Recommendation:

- a. Zero mining.

11. Rivers and Lake Superior Shoreland (include streams, creeks, watershed areas)

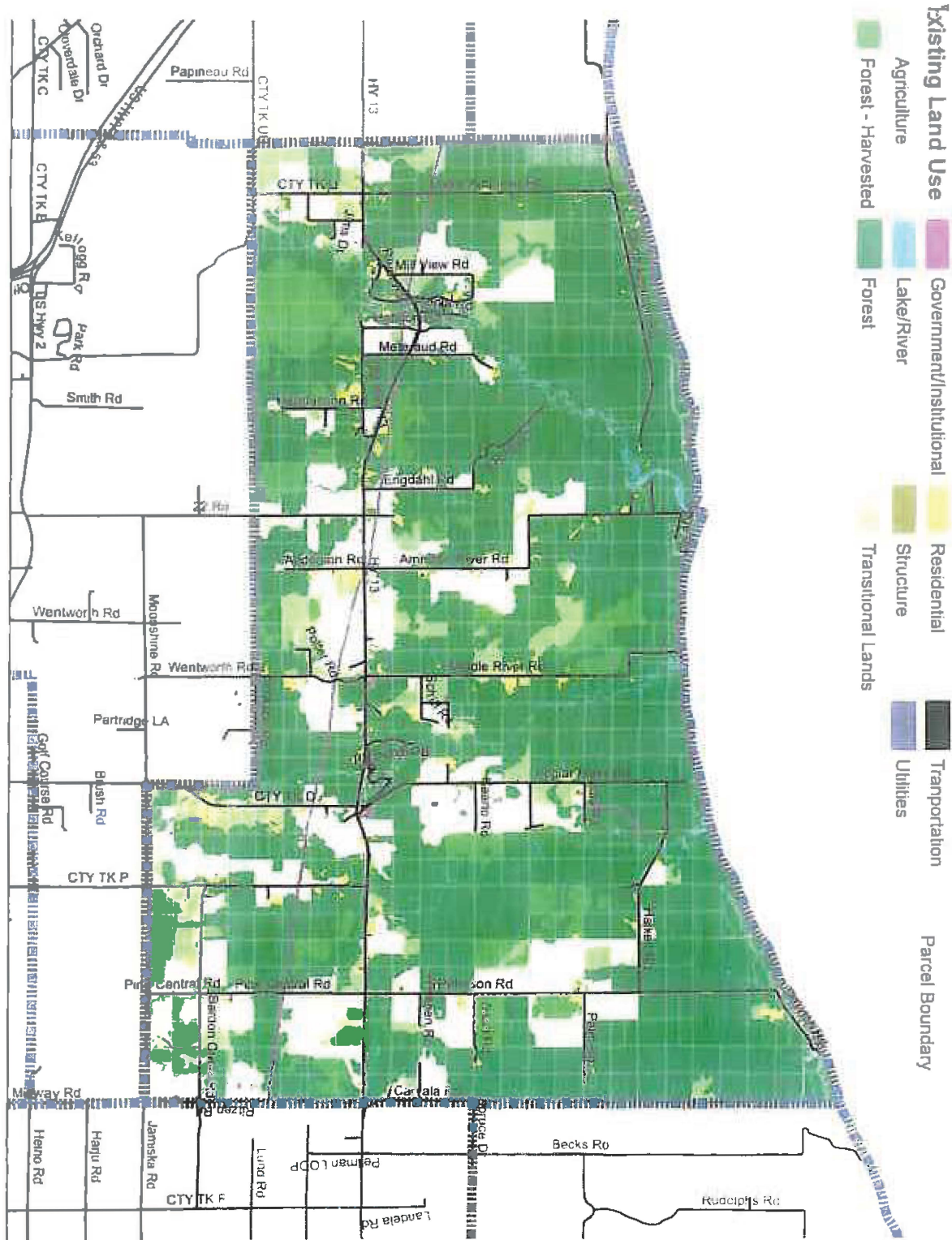
Recommendation:

- a. Consider flood plain, slope, pollution, red clay issues, and setbacks.

NOTE: Since the issues surrounding them are very similar, many of the recommendations for commercial, industrial, and multi-family developments are the same.

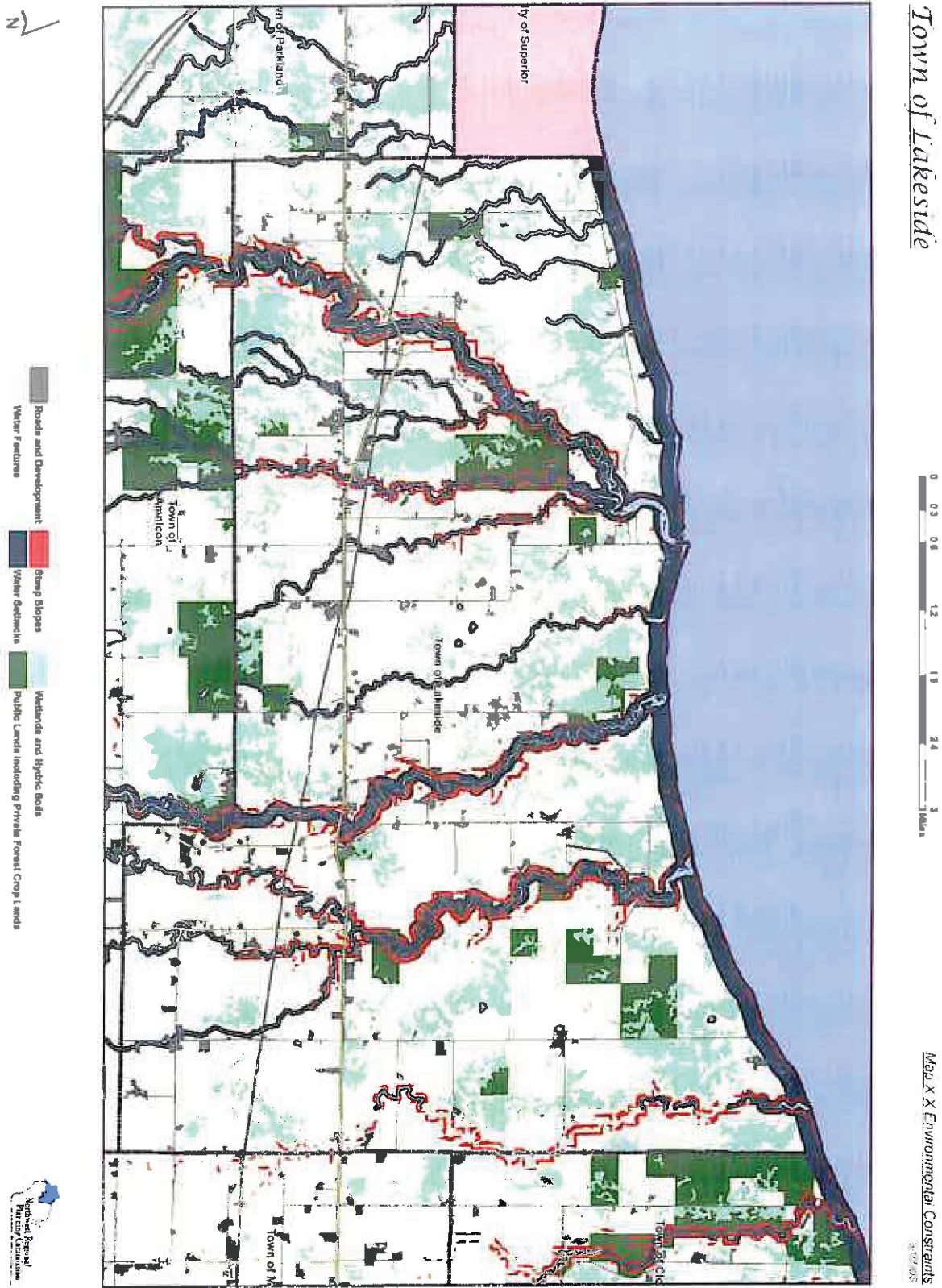
APPENDIX A

Existing Land Use Map



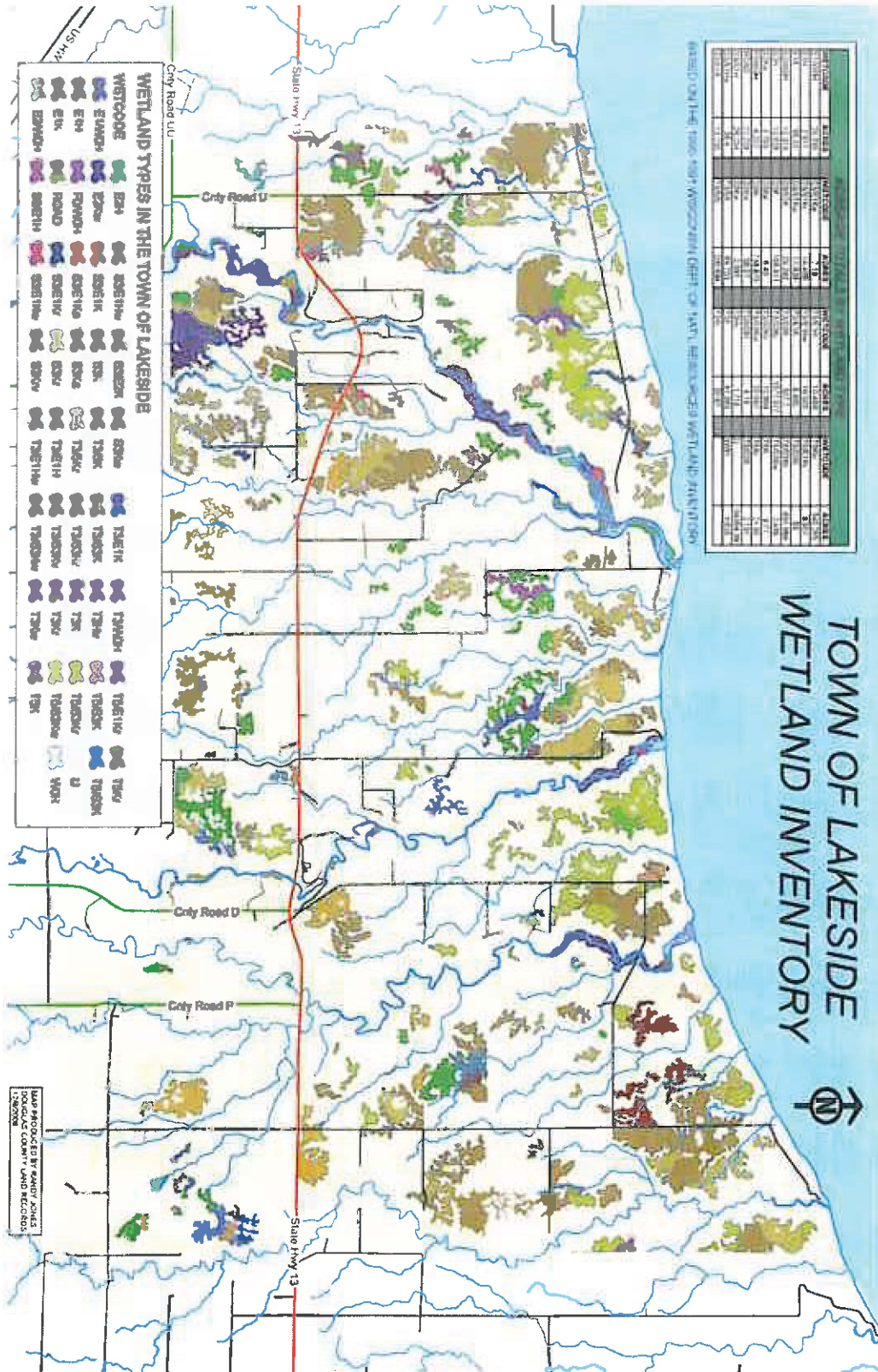
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Environmental Constraints Map



APPENDIX C

Wetlands Map



APPENDIX D

Lakeside Comprehensive Planning Community Survey

Town of Lakeside Demographic Questions

(Please check appropriate answer or fill in the blank)

Q1. Is your primary residence located in the Town of Lakeside? 127 total

___(100) 78.7%_____ Yes

Comment: Until recently, I reside in Superior but retained both residential & woodland property in Lakeside/Poplar;

Like Camp Amnicon;

___(5) 3.9%_____ I am a seasonal resident in the Town of Lakeside.

_____ I am a renter.

___(22) 17.3%_____ I am not a resident, but own land or other property in the Town of Lakeside.

Q2. Your Town of Lakeside property or residence is (Check all that apply). 167 Total

_____ (8) 4.8% _____ Lakeshore property. _____ (29) 17.4% _____ Riverfront property.

_____ (77) 46.1% _____ Woodland property. _____ (44) 26.3% _____ Agricultural property.

(9) 5.4% Other.

Q3. Please indicate the total number of people in your household. Incomplete 122 to date

1- (17) 2- (58) 3- (11) 4- (24) 5- (8) 6- (3) 10- (1)

Q4. Do you plan on developing your property over the next 20 years? 125 Total

___(26) 20.8% ___Yes _____(56) 44.8%_____ No (Please go to question 6)

_____(43) 34.4%_____My property is already developed.

Comment; Yes, Wind Energy?;

Property for sale;

Will not split – Would like to restore wetlands, build cabins)

Q5. If you answered "yes" to Q4, When do you plan to develop your property? 41 Total

(16) 39% 5 years or less

(7) 17.1% 6 - 10 years

(4) 9.8% 11 – 15 years

(2) 4.9%_16 – 20 years

____(5) 12.2%_ I plan to sell my property.

(1) 2.4%_None

____(1) 2.4%__ My property is under preservation or conservation.

____(5) 12.2%_I am considering the preservation or conservation of my property.

Comment: Was told not available in Douglas County. Town of Dane near Madison has a program to entrust Development Right. Needed in the North to keep it simple;

It all depends on ??? If taxes keep going up like they have the last couple of years, its going to be sooner than later. 95% of these questions don't even pertain to the Town of Lakeside. What a waste of time. I hope this committee doesn't spend too much time, energy and taxpayer money coming up with a Comprehensive Plan for Lakeside. You know as well as I do that Northwest Regional Planning Commision, Sheldon Johnson and/or the Douglas County Board will reject or over ride. "Mark My Word.";

Partial conservant easement;

What is "Conservation or Preservation"? And, what do they entail?;

Town of Lakeside Comprehensive Planning Goals

Q6. Goal 1: Promote the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure (utilities, roads), public services, maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial and industrial structures. 121 Total

_____ (67) 55.4% _____ Support _____ (20) 16.5% _____ Oppose _____ (34) 28.1% _____ Don't know

Goal 2: Encourage neighborhood designs that support a range of transportation choices. 122 Total

_____ (41) 33.6% _____ Support _____ (38) 31.1% _____ Oppose _____ (43) 35.3% _____ Don't know

Comment: Bike friendly, Parking for commuting;

Thank you for addressing the ATV issue;

Goal 3: Protect natural areas including lakes, woodland, open spaces, wetlands, wildlife habitats, and groundwater resources. 120 Total

_____ (90) 75% _____ Support _____ (16) 13.3% _____ Oppose _____ (14) 11.7% _____ Don't know

Comment: Depends on meaning;

Questions are pretty broad. Everything is not black and white;

Goal 4: Protection of economically productive areas including farmland and forests. 120 Total

_____ (100) 83.3% _____ Support _____ (11) 9.2% _____ Oppose _____ (9) 7.5% _____ Don't know

Comment: Keep the new homes on existing roads. Leave the big chunks of woods alone;

Should not be a tax break for farmland;

After "Support" (Bring back Farms!);

Lakeside is Foresty & Farming;

Farming? The County & State have pretty much killed the farming in northern Wisconsin. We need to re-establish it! Give the kids something to do rather than watch tTV and play on computers;;

Goal 5: Encourage land uses, densities (The number of people or buildings that exist in relationship to the surrounding area) and regulations that promote effective development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government and utility costs. 119 Total

_____ (79) 66.4% _____ Support _____ (19) 16% _____ Oppose _____ (21) 17.6% _____ Don't know

Comment: Under lined "low municipal" then wrote "Meaning?";

Preserve setbacks and Regular lot sizes to preserve rural character;

Goal 6: Preserve cultural, historical and archaeological sites. 122 Total

_____ (98) 80.3% _____ Support _____ (11) 9% _____ Oppose _____ (13) 10.7% _____ Don't know

Comment: After "Support" (Sleepy Valley Bridge!);

Windmill, Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge;

What can we do with Sleepy Valley loop Bridge? Historic preservation?;

Goal 7: Encourage coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government. 120 Total

_____ (94) 78.3% _____ Support _____ (7) 5.8% _____ Oppose _____ (19) 15.8% _____ Don't know

Comment: I.E. Snow, burying Services.

There a lot if things the Towns could work together on. I.E. gravel, salt sand, EMS servises;

Goal 8: Build community identity by revitalizing main roads and enforcing design standards. 128 Total

_____ (67) 52.3% _____ Support _____ (23) 18% _____ Oppose _____ (38) 29.7% _____ Don't know

Comment: "Support" design standards (only for new Businesses);

Goal 9: Provide adequate infrastructure, public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future demand for residential, commercial and industrial uses. 113 Total

_____ (51) 45.1% _____ Support _____ (29) 25.7% _____ Oppose _____ (33) 29.2% _____ Don't know

Comment: Depends on situation/reason;

Depends on use and density;

Questioned "adequate infrastructure, public services ";

Goal 10: Balance individual property rights with community interests and goals. 119 Total

_____ (75) 63% _____ Support _____ (21) 17.6% _____ Oppose _____ (23) 19.3% _____ Don't know

Goal 11. Engage in planning and development of land uses that create or preserve a unique rural community. 120 Total

____(90) 75% _____ Support ____ (10) 8.3% _____ Oppose ____ (20) 16.7% _____ Don't know

Comment: Under lined "rural community";

Keep Lakeside "Rural" with farming for kids to have something to do. Like most of us from here did;

Town of Lakeside Quality of Life

Q7. Please rate the following quality of life attributes which best describe why you chose to live in The Town of Lakeside.

(Rank in each priority: 1 – low priority, 2 medium priority, 3 – high priority)

Housing **102 Total** 1- ____ (42) 41.2% _____ 2- ____ (34) 33.3% _____ 3- ____ (26) 25.5% _____

Taxes **94 Total** 1- ____ (37) 39.4% _____ 2- ____ (31) 33% _____ 3- ____ (26) 27.6% _____

Comment: Yeah Right;

Crime rate **101 Total** 1- ____ (21) 20.8% _____ 2- ____ (23) 22.8% _____ 3- ____ (57) 56.4% _____

Employment **96 Total** 1- ____ (60) 62.5% _____ 2- ____ (28) 29.2% _____ 3- ____ (8) 8.3% _____

Rural character **96 Total** 1- ____ (6) 6.3% _____ 2- ____ (16) 16.7% _____ 3- ____ (74) 77% _____

Comment; Land has been in the family for over 100 years;

Free from too much government regulation;

Born here;

Privacy which is disappearing due to letting more people in;

Bought farm;

Rural atmosphere. Not crowded;

Natural beauty **100 Total** 1-____(8) 8%____ 2-____(13) 13%____ 3-____(79) 79%____

Clean air and water **96 Total** 1-__(5) 5.2%__ 2-____(16) 16.7%____ 3-____(75) 78.1%____

Recreational opportunities **96 Total** 1-(23) 24% 2-__(30) 31.2%____ 3-____(43) 44.8%____

Schools **100 Total** 1-____(43) 43%____ 2-____(27) 27%____ 3-____(30) 30%____

Geographic isolation **91 Total** 1-__(16) 17.6% 2-____(20) 22%____ 3-____(55) 60.4%____

Other _____

Comment: Longevity;

Q8. Please rate the following threats to the quality of life you enjoy in the Town of Lakeside.

(Rank in each priority: 1 – low priority, 2 medium priority, 3 – high priority)

Housing 93 total 1-____(49) 52.7%____ 2-____(25) 26.9%____ 3-____(19) 20.4%____

Taxes 102 total 1-____(10) 9.8%____ 2-____(13) 12.7%____ 3-____(79) 77.5%____

Crime rate 97 total 1-____(41) 42.3%____ 2-____(29) 29.9%____ 3-____(27) 27.8%____

Employment 93 total 1-____(57) 61.3%____ 2-____(20) 21.5%____ 3-____(16) 17.2%____

Undesirable 90 total 1-____(18) 20%____ 2-____(24) 26.7%____ 3-____(48) 53.3%____

Loss of beauty 91 total 1-____(21) 23.1%____ 2-____(24) 26.4%____ 3-____(46) 50.5%____

Comment; Undesirable land use, loss of beauty and loss of natural resources are currently not a threat, but if they ever come to be, we would leave;

TAXES!;

Pollution 94 total 1-____(25) 26.6%____ 2-____(26) 27.7%____ 3-____(43) 45.7%____

Comment; Pollution 3 (Murphy Oil Expansion);

Loss of Nat Resources 92 total 1-____(19) 20.6%_ 2-____(28) 30.4%____ 3-____(45) 48.9%____

Schools 95 total 1-____(44) 46.3%____ 2-____(32) 33.7%____ 3-____(19) 20%____

Geographic isolation 88 total 1-____(43) 48.9%____ 2-____(23) 26.1%____ 3-____(22) 25%____

Other _____

Comment: When I say taxes, I mean State, County and School taxes;

ATV's on Roads;

Our main threat is too much government control;

Taxes way out of control. education quality left out mention of church/school relationship. I will be seeking opportunities in other areas in the next 5 years unless real change happens;

Too many people moving in which involves taxes, crime rate, loss of natural beauty and pollution;

State regs 3 County regs 3;

Over regulation by government;

Our concern with land use is junk and garbage at some home sites. Taxes are extremely high, making ownership nearly impossible. (Realize this is not caused by town.);

This is my family heritage;

All of this wont matter much if we're taxed out of the area by the only growing industry – i.e. the educational and government beaucracies;

Too much restriction from non-landowners/government officers that don't own shoreline;

Inappropriate development;

"Loss of Schools" and Loss of Geographic Isolation";

Town of Lakeside Land Use

Q9. What types of growth would you like to see in the Town of Lakeside over the next 20 years? 410 total

Comment: Some;

____(73) 17.8%____Single family residential____(19) 4.6%____ Multi family residential

__(30) 7.3%__Recreational homes and cottages _____(75) 18.3%_____ Agriculture

__(48) 11.7%_____ Forestry & logging ____(14) 3.4%____Industrial ____ (5) 1.2%__ Mining

__(41) 10%_ Commercial (retail, restaurants and services) __ (54) 13.2%_ Preservation or conservation

__(26) 6.3%_____Tourism related (hotels, recreational, attractions) __(25) 6.1%__No growth

Comment: Not going to

happen;

Other _____

Comment: Sustainable/renewable & organic forms of business & ways of living;

Any Growth would be beneficial, I would say;

You have no growth unless someone is willing to invest;

Maintain a balance of the above;

No growth of government & schools;

We would like to see better maintenance of exiting structures;

Allow it to or not to develop naturally;

Plan to sell development right into trust. But not able at this time in Douglas County;

Sustainable living including fuels production;

Let those interested pay to develop;

I would like to see Lakeside have a more strict minimum lot size to build on, no less than 15 acres;

These types of areas are rare... preserve it;

Home based business needed in the area. Helps build tax base with minimal environmental changes;

Agriculture done organically;

Convenience store / Gas;

Commercial; Add one;

" Cottage industry" - have businesses to cut down on commuting, increase tax base;

Q10. How familiar are you with the following land use regulations currently in place in Douglas County?

Zoning regs 122 total (24) 19.7% Familiar (59) 48.4% Somewhat familiar (39) 32%
Unfamiliar

Subdiv regs 122 total (14) 11.5% Familiar (26) 21.3% Somewhat familiar (82) 67.2%
Unfamiliar

Shore land regs 122 total (13) 10.7% Familiar (49) 40.2% Somewhat familiar (60) 49.2%
Unfamiliar

POWTS 122 total (24) 19.7% Familiar (45) 36.9% Somewhat familiar (53) 43.4% Unfamiliar
(Private On-site Wastewater Treatment System)

Comment: The people that we elect (Town Board) should be familiar with all of these;

Q11. Do you believe current regulations are effectively preserving farmland and forest land in the Town of Lakeside? 120 total

(49) 40.8% Yes (21) 17.5% No (50) 41.7% Don't know

Comment; Sustainable land use and alternative practices not regulation will preserve land;

2 Seperate issues;

Q12. What do you believe is an appropriate minimum lot size for singe family residential (Non-subdivision) development in the Town of Lakeside? 118 total

(25) 20.7% 5 acres or less (52) 43% 5 to 10 acres (24) 19.8% 10 to 20 acres

(13) 10.7% 20 to 40 acres (7) 5.8% Don't know

Comment: 10 acres; What ever the situation dictates. How do you regulate that?;

5 acres or less with review;

20 acres or at least 10 to keep the rural atmosphere;

Should be 10 acre Min!;

Q13. Do you support increasing the minimum lot size for residential development to limit density in shoreland areas? 111 total

___(67) 58.8%___ Yes ___(23) 20.2%___ No ___(24) 21%___ Don't know

Q14. Please indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know with the following statements.

Land Use Regulations protect private property rights.

117 total __ (26) 22.2%_ Agree __ (45) 38.5%_ Disagree __ (46) 39.3%_ Don't know

Comment: Room for improvement;

Need individual considerations or exceptions to rules. It depends;

It is important to maintain **not increase?** I agree if that's what it means;

Not a clear statement;

Landowners should have some restrictions on how much of their land they can develop.

121 total _____(60) 49.6%_ Agree __ (40) 33%_ Disagree __ (21) 17.4%_ Don't know

Comment: Minimal restrictions;

Undesirable land uses next to my property would impact my use and/or enjoyment of my property.

120 total _____(98) 81.7%_ Agree ____ (7) 5.8%_ Disagree ____ (15) 12.5%_ Don't know

Comment: I think this needs to be watched;

Local Governments should continue to regulate the siting of land uses.

122 total __ (75) 61.5% __ Agree __ (19) 15.6% __ Disagree __ (28) 22.9% __ Don't know

Local Governments should encourage the preservation of prime farmland.

121 total __ (93) 76.9% __ Agree __ (7) 5.8% __ Disagree __ (21) 17.3% __ Don't know

It is important to preserve the agricultural industry in the Town of Lakeside.

117 total __ (93) 79.5% __ Agree __ (10) 8.5% __ Disagree __ (14) 12% __ Don't know

Comment: If there is a demand;

The rural character of the Town of Lakeside should be preserved.

119 total __ (100) 84% __ Agree __ (5) 4.2% __ Disagree __ (14) 11.8% __ Don't know

Comment: And tell me, how you plan to do that?;

It is important to maintain the Town of Lakesides population.

117 total __ (72) 60% __ Agree __ (15) 12.5% __ Disagree __ (33) 27.5% __ Don't know

Comment: Somewhat increase it;

The Town of Lakeside regulations and enforcement is adequate.

116 total __ (65) 56% __ Agree __ (13) 11.2% __ Disagree __ (38) 32.8% __ Don't know

Comment: Town Board & Chairman need to learn how to say "No" to individuals & look at what the community as a whole wants;

There are some homesites which are absolute eyesores, garbage, many junk cars, etc;

Q15. Please indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know that

The Town of Lakeside should place more regulations on the following.

Comment: I do not support any additional regulation;

We are not knowledgeable about current regulations, if any. Therefore, it's difficult to respond to this statement. These items are important to us, however;

No regulations now at all;

Where residential housing can be built.

119 total (47) 39.5% Agree (46) 38.7% Disagree (26) 21.8% Don't know

Comment: State and DNR seem to have enough BS;

I am satisfied with County regulations;

Wrote un question after "Should" (Preserve a) ??;

Location of campgrounds and RV parks.

117 total (72) 61.5% Agree (24) 20.5% Disagree (21) 18% Don't know

Location of manufacturing plants.

121 total (78) 64.5% Agree (17) 14% Disagree (26) 21.5% Don't know

Location of retail and commercial enterprises.

120 total ___(72) 60 %___ Agree _(22) 18.3%_Disagree ___(26) 21.7%_Don't know

Minimum lot sizes.

119 total ___(62) 52.1%___ Agree _(27) 22.7%_Disagree ___(30) 25.2%_Don't know

Development of environmentally sensitive areas.

124 total ___(67) 54%___ Agree _(29) 23.4%_Disagree ___(28) 22.6%_Don't know

Development of shore land areas.

120 total ___(67) 55.8%___ Agree _(28) 23.3%_Disagree ___(25) 20.8%_Don't know

Signs and billboards.

117 total ___(78) 66.7%___ Agree _(18) 15.4%_Disagree ___(21) 17.9%_Don't know

Comment: Strongly agree;

Maintaining or enhancing scenic beauty.

120 total ___(75) 62.5%___ Agree _(19) 15.8%_Disagree ___(26) 21.7%_Don't know

Location of sand and gravel pit operations.

118 total ___(54) 45.8%___ Agree _(32) 27.1%_Disagree ___(32) 27.1%_Don't know

Location of large animal feedlots.

119 total ____ (65) 54.6% ____ Agree __ (28) 23.5% __ Disagree ____ (26) 21.8% __ Don't know

Development on wetlands.

121 total ____ (58) 48.3% ____ Agree __ (37) 30.6% __ Disagree ____ (26) 21.5% ____ Don't know

Comment: The whole town is somewhat wetland incorrectly;

Every place seems to be deemed wetland;

DNR "Disagree";

Development on flood plains.

119 total ____ (58) 48.7% ____ Agree __ (34) 28.6% __ Disagree ____ (27) 22.7% ____ Don't know

Comment: DNR "Disagree";

Development on land with unique natural features.

120 total ____ (61) 50.8% ____ Agree __ (25) 20.8% __ Disagree ____ (34) 28.3% ____ Don't know

Logging practices along stream banks.

127 total ____ (66) 52% ____ Agree __ (35) 27.6% __ Disagree ____ (26) 20.4% __ Don't know

Logging practices along highways.

120 total ____ (55) 45.8% ____ Agree __ (38) 31.7% __ Disagree ____ (27) 22.5% ____ Don't know

Comment: I am satisfied with County regulations;

Chemical storage and waste.

119 total ____ (82) 68.9% ____ Agree __ (20) 16.8% __ Disagree ____ (17) 14.3% __ Don't know

Comment: Chemical storage and repository;

Town of Lakeside Utilities, Community Resources and Facilities

Q16. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following services and resources:

Comment; Regulations my greatest concern;

Keep Lakesides rural environment. Keep it small and quiet;

Town recreation facilities.

121 total (23) 19% Need Improvement __ (60) 49.6% Need no Improvement (38) 31.4% _No Opinion

Comment; Lakeside is a fine rural/residential community with rising property taxes!;

I like our community and its people providing services – just wish there was more going on in this community;

Law enforcement.

117 total (27) 23.1% Need Improvement (56) 47.9% Need no Improvement (34) 29% No Opinion

Fire protection.

117 total (20) 17.1% Need Improvement (61) 52.1% Need no Improvement (36) 30.8% No Opinion

Comment: When is the fire Dept going to do something about our fire rating?;

More volunteers and support!!;

Ambulance.

119total (22) 18.5% Need Improvement (49) 41.2% Need no Improvement (48) 40.3%No Opinion

Health care facilities.

118 total (14) 11.9% Need Improvement (44) 37.3% Need no Improvement (60) 50.8% No Opinion

Elderly housing.

121 total (35) 28.9% Need Improvement (33) 27.3% Need no Improvement (53) 43.8% No Opinion

Comment: Do we have any?;

Town roads.

119 total (42) 35.3% Need Improvement (57) 47.9% Need no Improvement (20) 16.8% No Opinion

Comment: Maintain;

Need some improvement;

County roads.

118 total (73) 61.9% Need Improvement (32) 27.1% Need no Improvement (13) 11% No Opinion

Comment: Hwy D, P & F are all in horrible shape;

Township and County taxes are very high, but I see little or no improvement on either town roads or County Trunk Highways;

Job opportunities.

119 total (55) 46.2% Need Improvement (30) 25.2% Need no Improvement (34) 28.6% No Opinion

Environmental quality.

116 total (13) 11.2% Need Improvement (82) 70.7% Need no Improvement (21) 18.1% No Opinion

Comment: I'm nervous about industry expansion in the Superior/Duluth area (Murphy Oil) and it's potential harm on our wonderful natural resources and air quality, but that has nothing to do with Lakeside;

Need to regulate unsanitary garbage collection at some home sites;

Septics;

Clean air.

113 total (9) 7.8% Need Improvement (89) 76.7% Need no Improvement (18) 15.5% No Opinion

Comment: Needs protection;

Clean drinking water.

116 total (11) 9.5% Need Improvement (79) 68.1% Need no Improvement (26) 22.4% No Opinion

Comment: Needs protection;

Lakeshore protection.

120 tot (43) 35.8% Need Improvement (54) 45% Need no Improvement (23) 19.2% No Opinion

Comment: 4 wheeler use on beach is bad;

Public schools;

More roads should be asphalted. Trail for ATV to connect to the main one along hwy would be nice;

120 total (10) 8.3% Need Improvement (83) 69.2% Need no Improvement (27) 22.5% No Opinion

Comment: Math program;

Town services.

118 total (17)14.4% Need Improvement (77)65.3% Need no Improvement (24)20.3% No Opinion

Business opportunities.

116 total (34) 29.3% Need Improvement (43) 37.1% Need no Improvement (39) 33.6% No Opinion

Housing.

117 total (17) 14.5% Need Improvement (58) 49.6% Need no Improvement (42) 35.9% No Opinion

Comment; Need to better maintain existing sites;

Sanitary sewers.

121 total (20) 16.5% Need Improvement (62) 51.2% Need no Improvement (39) 32.2% No Opinion

Comment; Possible need to upgrade?;

Public land ownership.

117 total (12) 10.3% Need Improvement (68) 58.1% Need no Improvement (37) 31.6% No Opinion

News media (Paper etc).

119 total (26) 21.8% Need Improvement (58) 48.7% Need no Improvement (35) 29.4% No Opinion

Comment; Who is our official news media?;

Other

Comment: I have recently moved to Superior, but, retain my property in Lakeside. I think the Town does an exceptional job with services and does it in a fiscally responsible way. I think it is important to have a good balance between private & public lands;

All services, etc, provided now are completely adequate in accordance with natural population growth;

County & State have too many agenda's trying to control us;

Unclear of future uses part of discussion;

Our Town road maintenance is top notch. Some more base course would be nice. Better clean up and maintenance of the public access at the end of the Amnicon River Road is a must. I Know that with some of the parties not being policed, there will be a death;

Federal, state and county regs are already burdensome. Adding to them only aggravates the problem. Incentives would be more helpful then more regulations to achieve goals;

We are very happy with the way it currently is;

Some of the above listed I am not sure of and would depend on certain factors;

As we do not reside in the Town of Lakeside we do not believe our opinion should be considered in this survey. It is our opinion that the folks that have lived here for any length of time know what is best for their community;

Newsletter every month;

Need better Communication with Public!;

Unfamiliar with services, Satisfied with snow plowing, road maintenance;

Whole survey is vaguely worded. A lot of issues are a lot more complex than Yes or No. Many questions on survey can be used to argue both sides of issue;

Lay (set) back on river front too restrictive and not based on individual circumstrances;

How can the town have input on all the above services-- So much is beyond local control!;

Town should offer the use of the town hall to anyone for weddings, Birthdays, Etc. Also allow alcohol at the facility;

Town of Lakeside Housing

Q17. In your opinion, what types of housing are needed in the Town of Lakeside? 216 total

Comment: Not needed. But could be added, not against someone building these

(72) 33.3%__ Single family (14) 6.2%_ Duplexes _(10) 4.6%_ Apartments (3 or more units)

(7) 3.2%_ Housing subdivisions _(2) .9%_ Mobil home parks_(9) 4.2%_ Condominiums or townhouses

__(24) 11.1%__ Low to moderate income of all types _____(34) 15.7%_____ Senior housing

__(27) 12.5%_ Seasonal or recreational housing ____(32) 14.8%__ No additional housing will be needed

Comment; Unless the builders/owners want to conform to current zoning etc;

Other housing _____(1) .5%_____

Comment: What ever someone wants to build;

Replacing or repairing some of the Old farmhouses that are still in existence;

The need for housing comes first;

At this time, it appears no additional housing is required. (or at least minimal housing);

The free market generally provides those services that are cost effective. It is not the job of government to provide at taxpayer expense, that which cannot be sustained privately – socialism still doesn't work;

We need all but again we would be a city if this is accomplished;

It would be great to hook up to the Superior Waste Water treatment facility or to develop our own as many drainfields are failing and the costs of pumping holding tanks are high;

Town should develop a Business Park;

Affordable Housing!;

Town of Lakeside Transportation

Q18. Would you support an initiative to create a transit system linking communities?

118 total

____(27) 22.9%____ Yes____(64) 54.2%____ No ____ (27) 22.9%____ Don't Know

Comment: Depends on what;

Senior transport only;

Q19. If a transit system was developed, should all Towns and Villages contribute funding to supplement the transit system? 115 total

____(32) 27.8%____ Yes____(54) 47%____ No ____ (29) 25.2%____ Don't Know

Comment: Need to investigate;

If it's a service that the community uses or if it is prorated by population;

Q20. Are you or others experiencing unmet transportation needs to get to doctor appointments, shopping etc? 118 total

____(8) 6.8%____ Yes____(100) 84.7%____ No ____ (10) 8.5%____ Don't Know

Comment: Would use it – probably;

No, but it would be good to have something for those who may;

Q21. How many in your household commute to work? Incomplete 122 rec'd to date

1- (35) 2- (44) 3- (6) 4- (1) 5- 6- 7- No response and not in the work force (36)

Comment: 20 miles each way / shopping; Seasonal;

80 miles total;

Q22. How far do you commute to work? (Please answer for each commuter) 129 total

___(6) 4.6%___ Less than 1 mile ___(10) 7.8%___ 1 to 10 miles ___(66) 51.2%___ 10 to 25 miles

___(25) 19.4%___ More than 25 miles ___(22) 17.1%___ Not currently in the work force

Comment: Round trip;

Q23. Do you car pool? 111 total (11) 9.9% Often (24) 21.6% Sometimes (76) 68.5%_ Never

Q24. Do you currently use public roads for walking, biking, jogging etc? 117 total

___(42) 35.9%___ Often ___(63) 53.8%___ Sometimes ___(12) 10.3%___ Never

Comment: Well, I used to... 5 mile/day;

Q25. If more safety improvements were incorporated into road design, would you be more likely to use public roads for walking, biking, jogging etc? 114 total

___(34) 29.8%___ Often ___(61) 53.5%___ Sometimes ___(19) 16.7%___ Never

Comment: Our roads are safe;

Hwy 13, County D and P;

Slow down on gravel roads! Chokin on dust is an unhealthy annoyance when walking or even living here;

Town of Lakeside Economic Development

Q26. In your opinion, how important are the following economic development issues to the future of the Town of Lakeside?

Retaining existing business and industry.

120 total _(77) 64.2%_ Important_(16) 13.3%_ Not important_(27) 22.5%_ Don't know

Comment: What business & Industry?;

Would like to Not see business/industry in Town of Lakeside. This is a residential, farming & forestry area;

Attracting new business.

116 total ___(51) 44%___ Important__(44) 37.9%__ Not important__(21) 18.1%_ Don't know

Comment: What new ones?;

Creating quality business ownership opportunities.

117 total _(68) 58.1%_ Important_(31) 26.5%_ Not important_(18) 15.4%_ Don't know

Comment; Keep small farms & businesses NOT Walmarts!;

Tax cuts create opportunities;

Promoting a strong and stable local economy.

117 total _(87) 74.4%_ Important_(18) 15.4%_ Not important_(12) 10.3%_ Don't know

Expanding tourism and visitor opportunities.

117 total _(39) 33.3%_ Important_(59) 50.4%_ Not important_(19) 16.2%_ Don't know

Economic development consistent with rural character.

116 total _(84) 72.4%_ Important_(13) 11.2%_ Not important_(19) 16.4%_ Don't know

Other _____

Comment: Promote ATV & snowmobile trails;

Snowmobiling and 4 wheeling are harmful to sensitive areas. Don't encourage them;

Safe harbor, Marina, Mouth of the Middle River Develop;

Q27. The Town of Lakeside should try to attract more tourists to this area. 118 total

____(29) 24.6%____ Agree ____ (67) 56.8%____ Disagree ____ (22) 18.6%__ Don't know

Comment: Needless expense;

Only if we had a well developed plan which would be to our economic advantage;

But it won't do much good if all they do is roar down the backroads raising dust;

Other: Many of these areas do not apply – we are small and benefit from jobs/nursing home;

Hospitals/ambulance etc from county;

We cannot financially support our own services. Even the FD is lacking in people to man equipment we have. It would be wonderful to have jobs and services within our town but it would be difficult to do both the size and quantity of industry and remain rural;