List of Appendices

The following appendices are referenced in this comprehensive plan and are included in this section, as follow:

A. Public Participation Plan & Plan Adoption Materials

B. LRPC & Working Group Kickoff Meeting Materials

C. Project Hub Comments & Lake District Comments

D. Public Involvement Meeting #1 & #2 Summaries

E. Citizen Survey Summary

F. Town Survey Summary

G. Plan Element Programs

H. Supplemental Plan Element Data

Appendix A – Public Participation Plan & Plan Adoption Materials

	County Board Agenda Item
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Agenda Item:	**Resolution to Adopt Public Participation Plan for Update to County Comprehensive Plan**
Department / Division:	Land Resources & Parks : Community Development Division
Staff Contact:	Nate Olson, Community Development Administrator: nolson@co.dodge.wi.us Bill Ehlenbeck, Director: behlenbeck@co.dodge.wi.us

BACKGROUND

The resolution is to approve a Public Participation Plan for the update of the County Comprehensive Plan.

Dodge County has contracted with Cedar Corporation to carryout the required update to the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan by December, 2025. As part of the plan update, a Public Participation Plan that meets WI Statutues is required to be adopted. Cedar Corporation in coordination with Land Resources and Parks staff have developed a Public Participation Plan that meets the requirements of State Statutes. The plan gives our communities, residents and local officials an opportunity to provide input on the future growth, character and condition of the County for the next 20-30 years.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

9/23/24 – Land Resources & Parks Committee – Review, consideration and approval
10/7/24 – Finance Committee – Fiscal Note – Review, consideration and approval

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact as this is a policy change.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/STAFF COMMENTS

Staff recommends approval. Staff and consultant will use this plan as minimum requirements but will seek additional opportunities as they become available to further increase public awareness and promote public input.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

None

RESOLUTION NO. 24-47

Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Update

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature has established a "Comprehensive Planning Law" which requires a local governmental unit to update its comprehensive plan in accordance with Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors adopted the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan on May 15, 2015 and has undertaken the process to update its plan in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has approved a contract with Cedar Corporation to execute the update to the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan with oversight by the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee; and,

WHEREAS, as a part of the plan update, the governing body of a local governmental unit is required to adopt written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of a comprehensive plan update; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has delegated the responsibility to update the existing comprehensive plan in accordance with the requirements specified by law to the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee has developed a Public Participation Plan designed to encourage public participation in the comprehensive plan update, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which plan includes the following requirements:

1. Conduct public informational meetings during which plan updates are presented, displayed and distributed;
2. Issue press releases regarding the process by which the plan will be updated and a summary of the proposed updates;
3. Conduct committee meetings during which the plan updates are presented and discussed;
4. Conduct public hearing(s) as required by law;
5. Provide/publish advanced notice, including legal notices when required, of all meetings by posting at public places and the County's website so that the public can attend such meetings and offer input;
6. Make available for public access and review at the Dodge County Administration Building in Juneau, Wisconsin, all informational items used and produced by the Committee and staff;
7. Solicit and respond to written comments from the public on all subjects pertaining to an update of the plan;
8. Notify, in writing, owners of nonmetallic mining sites or persons with leasehold interest in the operation of any proposed, alternative, or amended comprehensive plan elements in which the allowable use or intensity of use of the property is changed by the comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, the Land Resources and Parks Committee recommends adoption of the Public Participation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Participation Plan – Exhibit A for an update to the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan is hereby adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 15th day of October, 2024.

Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee:

Mary Bobholz

Larry Bischoff

Kevin Burnett

Dale Macheel

Daniel Siegmann

FISCAL NOTE: *No fiscal impact as this is a policy change.* **Finance Committee review date:** October 7, 2024. Finance Committee Chair initials: EMB.

Vote Required: Majority of Members Present

Resolution Summary: Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
Comprehensive Plan Update
Dodge County, Wisconsin
September, 2024

Purpose

In order for the Comprehensive Plan to operate effectively and according to the law and to address the needs of citizens of Dodge County, the residents must be kept informed and provided an opportunity to participate in the planning process. In addition, pursuant to s.66.1001 (4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, written notice shall specifically be provided to owners of property, or to persons who have a leasehold interest in property pursuant to which the persons may extract nonmetallic mineral resources in or on property, in which the allowable use or intensity of use of the property is changed by the comprehensive plan. Further, public participation will be used to collect data and opinions for the plan update process. The information received will be used to determine the needs of the County and develop direction.

Public Participation Efforts

1. Conduct interviews with County Officials, Committee Members, Work Group, Staff, and interested citizens
2. Present planning process information and provide a "Comment Box" on the Dodge County web site
3. Meeting notices posted in accordance with the law
4. Public hearing on "Recommended Plan". Class 1 Public Notice requirements
5. Receive and respond to written, e-mail, or web site Comment Box requests
6. Thirty days prior to the public hearing, provide written notice to interested individuals via first class mail in compliance with s.66.1001 (4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Methodology

- Conduct interviews and meetings with County Officials, Committee Members, Work Group, Staff, and interested citizens.

- Post notices of meetings where the Comprehensive Plan Update will be discussed in a manner consistent with the usual County meeting notices.

- Hold at least one public hearing. The meeting notice shall also include the notification of parties specified in s.66.1001 (4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes including: (a) an operator who has applied for or obtained a nonmetallic reclamation permit; (b) a person who has registered a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit; and (c) any other property owner or leaseholder who has an interest in property allowing extraction of nonmetallic mineral resources if the property owner requests in writing to be notified of the hearing.

- The official notice for the public hearing(s) will be by public notice in the official newspaper with a class one notice at least 30 days preceding the hearing. In addition, the public notice shall be posted at the Dodge County Administration Building located at 127 East Oak St, Juneau, Wisconsin and the county web site. These notices will include the following information: time, place and date of hearing; summary of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update; name of a county contact who may provide additional information regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan, adoption ordinance, and information relating to where and when the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update will be passed; how a copy of the Comprehensive Plan Update may be inspected before the hearing; and how a copy of the Comprehensive Plan Update may be obtained.

- The public may submit comments or questions on the Comprehensive Plan Update to Nate Olson, 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039 or via e-mail at nolson@co.dodge.wi.usor through the Web Site Comment Box at: www.co.dodge.wi.gov. The County will respond in writing to those comments or questions if requested.

Approved by the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Update

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature has established a "Comprehensive Planning Law" which requires a local governmental unit to update its comprehensive plan in accordance with Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors adopted the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan on May 15, 2015 and has undertaken the process to update its plan in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has approved a contract with Cedar Corporation to execute the update to the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan with oversight by the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee; and,

WHEREAS, as a part of the plan update, the governing body of a local governmental unit is required to adopt written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of a comprehensive plan update; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has delegated the responsibility to update the existing comprehensive plan in accordance with the requirements specified by law to the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee has developed a Public Participation Plan designed to encourage public participation in the comprehensive plan update, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which plan includes the following requirements:

1. Conduct public informational meetings during which plan updates are presented, displayed and distributed;
2. Issue press releases regarding the process by which the plan will be updated and a summary of the proposed updates;
3. Conduct committee meetings during which the plan updates are presented and discussed;
4. Conduct public hearing(s) as required by law;
5. Provide/publish advanced notice, including legal notices when required, of all meetings by posting at public places and the County's website so that the public can attend such meetings and offer input;
6. Make available for public access and review at the Dodge County Administration Building in Juneau, Wisconsin, all informational items used and produced by the Committee and staff;
7. Solicit and respond to written comments from the public on all subjects pertaining to an update of the plan;
8. Notify, in writing, owners of nonmetallic mining sites or persons with leasehold interest in the operation of any proposed, alternative, or amended comprehensive plan elements in which the allowable use or intensity of use of the property is changed by the comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, the Land Resources and Parks Committee recommends adoption of the Public Participation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Participation Plan – Exhibit A for an update to the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan is hereby adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 15th day of October, 2024.

Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee:

Mary Bobholz	Larry Bischoff
Kevin Burnett	Dale Macheel
Daniel Siegmann	

FISCAL NOTE: *No fiscal impact as this is a policy change.* **Finance Committee review date:** October 7, 2024. Finance Committee Chair initials: _____.

Vote Required: Majority of Members Present

Resolution Summary: Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Update.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Recommendation of the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee to Adopt the *Dodge County, WI 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update*

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature has established Comprehensive Planning Legislation which requires a local governmental unit to update a comprehensive plan no less than once every 10 years in accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 66.1001, and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee has been delegated the responsibility by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors to update the existing *Dodge County Comprehensive Plan* consistent with the requirements specified by law, and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee and Department have been working diligently to update the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan over the last several months and has conducted various public information meetings, solicited public input and held public open houses, consistent with the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 66.1001; and,

WHEREAS, a draft copy of the *Dodge County, WI 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update* dated November 21, 2025 is on file in the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Department and can be viewed during normal department business hours; and,

WHEREAS, a draft copy of the *Executive Summary* of the *Dodge County, WI 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update* is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee has recommended approval of an updated comprehensive plan for Dodge County that includes the nine elements required in Wisconsin Statute Section 66.1001 along with the required maps and descriptive materials, and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 66.1001(4)(b) requires that the Plan Commission or other body of a local governmental unit recommend to the County Board, by a majority vote, the adoption of the prepared comprehensive plan or an amendment to such a plan;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 66.1001(4)(c) requires, upon recommendation of the Committee, the County Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing and enact an ordinance for such plan to become effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee hereby recommends adoption of the *Dodge County Comprehensive Plan* to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 16th day of December, 2025.

Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee:

Daniel Siegmann

Larry Bischoff

Mary Bobholz

Dale Macheel

Kevin Burnett

Vote Required: Majority of Members present.
Resolution Summary: A Resolution of the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee Recommendation to Adopt the *2045 Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Update*.

ORDINANCE NO. 1188 AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE DODGE COUNTY 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The people of the County of Dodge, represented by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 59.69(3), Wisconsin Statutes, Dodge County has adopted a comprehensive plan as defined in Sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 2. The Dodge County Board of Supervisors has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of an update to a comprehensive plan as required by section 66.1001(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 3. The Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee, by a majority vote of the entire Committee recorded in its official minutes dated December 8, 2025, has adopted a resolution recommending to the County Board the adoption of the document entitled *"Dodge County 2045 Comprehensive Plan"*, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", containing all of the elements specified in section 66.1001(2), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 4. Dodge County has provided opportunities for public involvement in accordance with the public participation strategy adopted by the County Board including a public hearing February 11, 2026, in compliance with the requirements of Section 66.1001(4), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 5. The Dodge County Board of Supervisors, by the enactment of this ordinance, formally adopts the attached document entitled, "*Dodge County 2045 Comprehensive Plan*" pursuant to Section 66.1001(4)(c), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 6. **Vote Required.** Majority of Members-elect.

Section 7. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon enactment by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors and publication/posting as required by law.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of February, 2026.

Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee:

Daniel Siegmann

Larry Bischoff

Mary Bobholz

Dale Macheel

Kevin Burnett

ADOPTED
BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD

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AYES 28 NOES 0
ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 5

Enacted and approved this 11th day of February, 2026.

David Frohling, Chairman
Dodge County Board of Supervisors

Danielle J. Van Egtern, Dodge County Clerk

	County Board Agenda Item
Meeting Date:	February 11, 2026
Agenda Item:	**Ordinance to Adopt Updated Dodge County Comprehensive Plan**
Department / Division:	Land Resources & Parks Department
Staff Contact:	Bill Ehlenbeck, Director: behlenbeck@co.dodge.wi.us Nate Olson, Community Development Administrator: nolson@co.dodge.wi.us

BACKGROUND

The Ordinance is to approve the updated Dodge County Comprehensive Plan.

A Comprehensive Plan is a local government's guide to physical, social and economic development. A County Comprehensive Plan is not meant to serve as a regulatory document. Rather it describes the future vision of the County and recommends how the County should work towards that vision, through goals, objectives and policies. Per Wis Stat. 66.1001, zoning, land division and official mapping ordinance amendments must be consistent with an adopted comprehensive plan.

The planning project has been ongoing for the past 15 months and has involved several public input opportunities and included an Ad Hoc Workgroup representing many public / private sectors of Dodge County. Through the different public and Town input avenues and the efforts of the work group, we were able to get great ideas and gained different perspectives on a wide range of issues and opportunities.

The Land Resources and Parks Committee reviewed the draft Comprehensive Plan at their December 8th meeting and subsequently passed a resolution that formally recommends the draft Comprehensive Plan to the County Board. Wis Stat. 66.1001 requires Comprehensive Plan adoption by County Board Ordinance after the holding of a public hearing to be valid.

The draft Dodge County Comprehensive Plan 2045 is available for your review at the Dodge County Clerk's Office and on the Dodge County's website www.co.dodge.wi.gov.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

July 2024: Land Resources & Parks Committee and County Board authorized resolution to contract with Cedar Corporation to develop the Comprehensive Plan update.
10/15/24 - County Board approved Public Participation Plan for Update to County Comprehensive Plan.
12/8/25 – Land Resources & Parks Committee reviewed the draft County Comprehensive Plan and made various changes that are now reflected in the Recommended County Comprehensive Plan. Committee passed a resolution recommending the County Comprehensive Plan to the County Board for public hearing and approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/STAFF COMMENTS

The process of updating the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan has gone very well. The project has allowed for numerous public input opportunities and utilized a public / private workgroup to further gain input on various issues and opportunities. The Recommended Dodge County Comprehensive Plan 2045 meets statute requirements and further supports Dodge County land use activities. Staff recommends the County Board of Supervisors adopt the Recommended Dodge County Comprehensive Plan 2045.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

Recommended Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary

VOTE RESULTS | 28 YES | 0 NO | 0 ABSTAIN | 5 ABSENT

Ordinance No. 1188 as amended

An Ordinance to Adopt the Dodge County 2045 Comprehensive Plan – Land Resources and Parks Committee

Majority of Full Membership

Passed

Shannon Verbos		YES	Jody Steger		YES	David Frohling		YES
Mary Bobholz		YES	Karen Kuehl		YES	David D. Beal	M	YES
Dale Macheel		YES	Robert Boelk, Jr.		YES	Evan Meinel		YES
John H. Kraus, Jr.		YES	Todd Ringle		YES	Randy VandeZande		YES
Nancy Kavazanjian		YES	Benjamin Priesgen		ABSENT	Marilyn Klobuchar		YES
Jeff A. Breselow		YES	Larry Bischoff		YES	Donna Maly		ABSENT
Rodger Frievalt		YES	Jeffrey Caine		YES	Jayme Klockow		YES
Donald Miller		YES	Paul J. Conway		YES	Haley Justmann		YES
Andrew Johnson		YES	Steve Kauffeld		ABSENT	Kevin Burnett	S	YES
Daniel Siegmann		YES	Cathy Houchin		YES	Lisa Derr		ABSENT
David Guckenberger		YES	Jenifer Hedrick		YES	VACANT		ABSENT

February 11 2026

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OpenMeeting TECHNOLOGIES

VOTE RESULTS | 28 YES | 0 NO | 0 ABSTAIN | 5 ABSENT

Motion to Amend - Ordinance No. 1188

Motion to amend On the Future Land Use Map (Map 8-2), change the future land use designation for parcel #036-0913-1242-000 in the Town of Portland from the Single Family Residential designation to the Agriculture designation.

Majority of Full Membership

Passed

Shannon Verbos		YES	Jody Steger		YES	David Frohling		YES
Mary Bobholz		YES	Karen Kuehl		YES	David D. Beal		YES
Dale Macheel		YES	Robert Boelk, Jr.		YES	Evan Meinel		YES
John H. Kraus, Jr.		YES	Todd Ringle		YES	Randy VandeZande	S	YES
Nancy Kavazanjian		YES	Benjamin Priesgen		ABSENT	Marilyn Klobuchar		YES
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Daniel Siegmann	M	YES	Cathy Houchin		YES	Lisa Derr		ABSENT
David Guckenberger		YES	Jenifer Hedrick		YES	VACANT		ABSENT

Appendix B – LRPC & Working Group Kickoff Meeting Materials

Dodge County, WI
2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

Land Resources & Parks Committee
Issues & Opportunities Exercise Summary

October 28, 2024

DODGE COUNTY

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Overview

Dodge County is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, a long-range planning document which addresses a variety of subjects including land use, farmland preservation, transportation, community facilities, economic development, housing, and more. As part of this public process, Cedar Corporation met with the County's Land Resources & Parks Committee (LRPC) to kick off the process by sharing information about the Comprehensive Planning process, as well as gather up front input regarding issues and opportunities associated with Dodge County land-use related topics. The LRPC meeting was held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

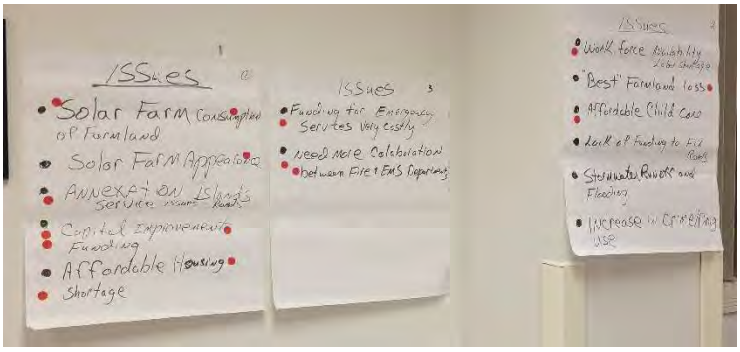
Summary of Results

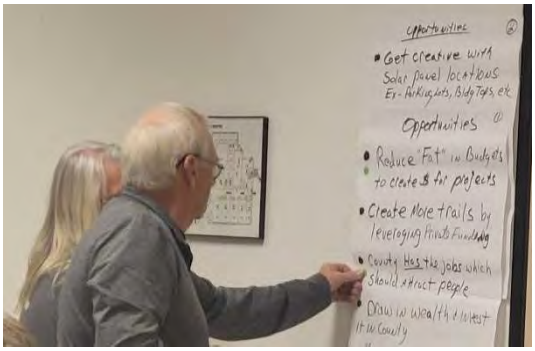
After a brief presentation regarding the Comprehensive Plan project and process, Cedar staff facilitated an Issues & Opportunities exercise. This exercise focused on two questions designed to spur thoughts about current or future issues and opportunities within the County related to land use.

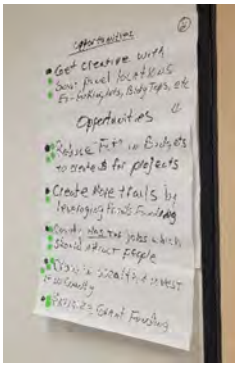
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> *Question #2 – What do you consider the greatest opportunities for the County over the next ten (10) years?*

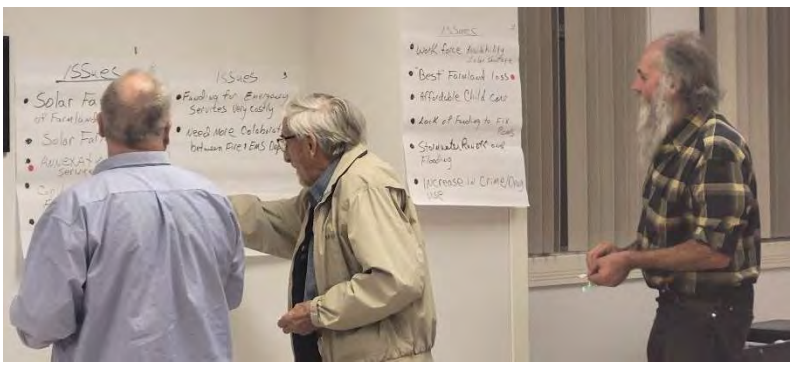
The five Committee members were each provided a Post-it note pad and a pen to write down their individual ideas and responses to the two questions. A round-robin process was then used to list and clarify all identified issues and opportunities on large Post-it note sheets. Once the two lists were generated, the sheets were affixed to the wall in two groups (issues/opportunities) for review and further consideration.

Each Committee member was then provided with six "dots" with instructions to 'vote' by placing their dots next to their top three priorities within both categories. Participants were asked to vote for six items in total and to not place multiple dots next to a single statement.









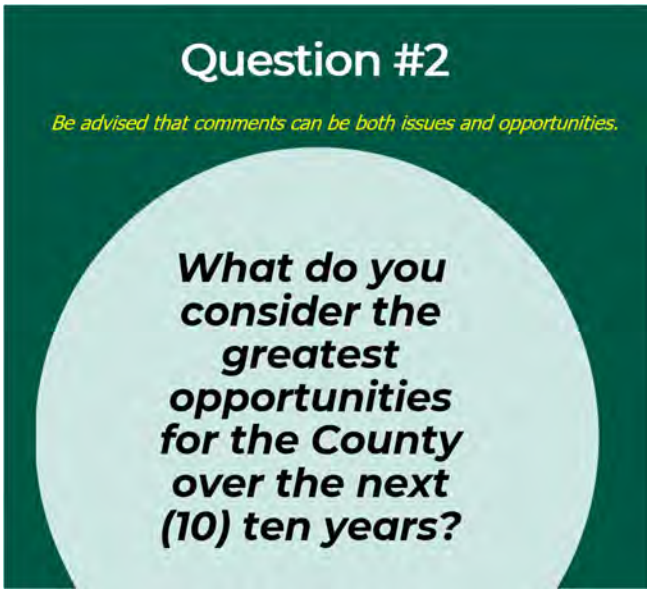
Identified Issues (15 total votes)

- **Affordable housing shortage (3)**
- **Capital Improvement funding (2)**
- **Solar farms consumption of farmland (2)**
- **Need more collaboration between Fire and EMS departments (2)**
- Solar farm appearance (1)
- Annexations creating town islands – service issues, roads, etc. (1)
- Funding for emergency services. Very costly (1)
- Workforce availability/labor shortage (1)
- "Best" farmland loss (1)
- Affordable child care (1)
- Lack of funding to fix roads
- Stormwater runoff and flooding
- Increases in crime/drug use



Identified Opportunities (14 total votes)

- **Reduce "Fat" in budgets to create $ for projects (3)**
- **County has the jobs which should attract people (3)**
- **Draw in wealth and invest it in County (3).**
- Maximize grant funding (2)
- Get creative with solar panel locations (e.g., parking lots, building rooftops, etc.) (2)
- Create more trails by leveraging private funding (1)



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Dodge County, WI
2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

Dodge Co. Comprehensive Plan Working Group Issues & Opportunities Exercise Summary

November 20, 2024

DODGE COUNTY

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Overview

Dodge County is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, a long-range planning document which addresses a variety of subjects including land use, farmland preservation, transportation, community facilities, economic development, housing, and more. As part of this public process, Cedar Corporation met with the appointed Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Ad Hoc Working Group to kick off the process. The group was presented information about the Comprehensive Planning process and asked for their input regarding issues and opportunities associated with Dodge County land-use , services, and other related topics. The Working Group meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Summary of Results

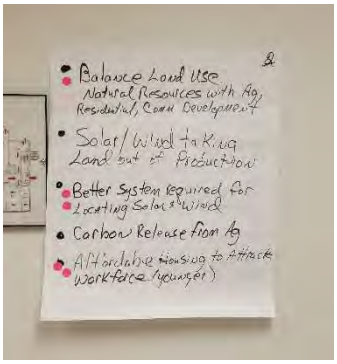
After a brief presentation regarding the Comprehensive Plan project and process, Cedar staff facilitated an Issues & Opportunities exercise. This exercise focused on two questions designed to spur thoughts about current or future issues and opportunities within the County.

> *Question #1 – What do you consider the biggest issues facing the County over the next ten (10) years?*
> *Question #2 – What do you consider the greatest opportunities for the County over the next ten (10) years?*

The eleven Working Group members in attendance were each provided a Post-it note pad and a pen to write down their individual ideas and responses to the two questions. A round-robin process was then used to list and clarify all identified issues and opportunities on large Post-it note sheets. Once the two lists were generated, the sheets were affixed to the wall in two groups (issues/opportunities) for review and further consideration.









Each Working Group member was then provided with six "dots" with instructions to 'vote' by placing their dots next to their top three priorities within both categories. Participants were asked to vote for six items in total and to not place multiple dots next to a single statement. The voting process produced the following results:



Identified Issues (33 total votes)

- **Mental health support for children and families. (9 votes)**
- **Childcare is lacking due to staffing and facilities (affordability and accessibility). (6 votes)**
- **Workforce development (existing training, attracting due to shortage issue). (5 votes)**

} Top three responses

- **EMS/Fire services (equip. costs, dropping # of volunteers, tough training requirements). (2 votes)**
- **Better system required for locating solar and wind. (2 votes)**
- **Affordable housing to attract younger workforce. (2 votes).**
- **Barriers exist for adult workers to be part of workforce (mental health, transportation, child-care, and housing). (2 votes)**
- **Access to medical care and affordable health care. (2 votes)**
- **Academic preparedness has decreased. (1 vote)**
- **Immigration acceptance challenges. (1 vote)**
- **Balance land use (natural resources/ag with residential and commercial development). (1 vote)**
- **Aging infrastructure (primarily roads). (1 vote)**
- Solar/wind taking ag land out of production.
- Carbon release from agricultural lands.
- Non-profit service volunteer participation dropping (aging impacts).



Identified Opportunities (33 total votes)

- **Education system attract to outside population (high quality). (8 votes)**
- **Tourism (Horicon Marsh, County Parks, and other natural features / Trails & County collaboration between communities). (6 votes)**
- **Targeted campaign needed to attract and retain younger population (Positive way of life, quality of life in Dodge County). (5 votes)**

Top three responses

- **Small town sensibilities (Unique, friendly, giving). (4 votes)**
- **Regenerative agriculture (healthy soils, clean water, etc.) (3 votes)**
- **Education diversification opportunities. (2 votes)**
- **Farm succession planning. (2 votes)**
- **Agricultural producers and manufacturing (diversity of products and access to capital). (2 votes)**
- **Volunteer training standards need to be lowered to increase #'s. (1 vote)**
- Require volunteering (by businesses, schools, orgs.)
- Dynamic employees.
- Opportunity for home ownership (not as expensive as neighboring counties).
- Volunteer opportunities exist to get involved.
- Manufacturing opportunities lead to growth and development.
- Collaborative ideas from leadership.

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Appendix C – Project Hub Comments & Lake District Comments

Dodge County 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update
Project Portal Input / Public Comments

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: Nov 24, 2024, 9:40:46 PM

Name (Optional): Jim Klink

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Comments

As a member of the Town of Rubicon Plan Commission a large issue we have been dealing with is expansion of the City of Hartford into the Town for the last 20 years. Would be interested to see what can be included in the County's Comprehensive Plan to help even the playing field between Rubicon and the City of Hartford. We are looking at updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan in the coming year and would like to do it ourselves to minimize the budget impact. There is concern from some Town Board members that doing so might "miss something" that would leave the Town vulnerable to a legal challenge from a developer whose plans were rejected based on the Comprehensive Plan sometime in the future. And would like to include in the Town's Comprehensive Plan (as well as in the County's) to strengthen our position when dealing with Hartford.

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: Oct 30, 2025, 8:45:13 AM

Comments

The community and utilities subsection is the worst of a very poor document overall. No real data exists that couldn't be produced using ChatGPT. The project managers are out of touch with reality as an example; one suggestion is exploring contracted county EMS model similar to "Goldstar" which they mean Gold Cross in the Fox Valley. Two totally different populations and patient demographics. The problem with these companies that do these surveys/studies is that they don't have working knowledge of many of the topics and simply compile poor information. Too much money spent on this plan for a mediocre product at best. I would recommend sending it back for further revision before presenting a final document. It needs hours of work.

Submitted by: Anonymous user

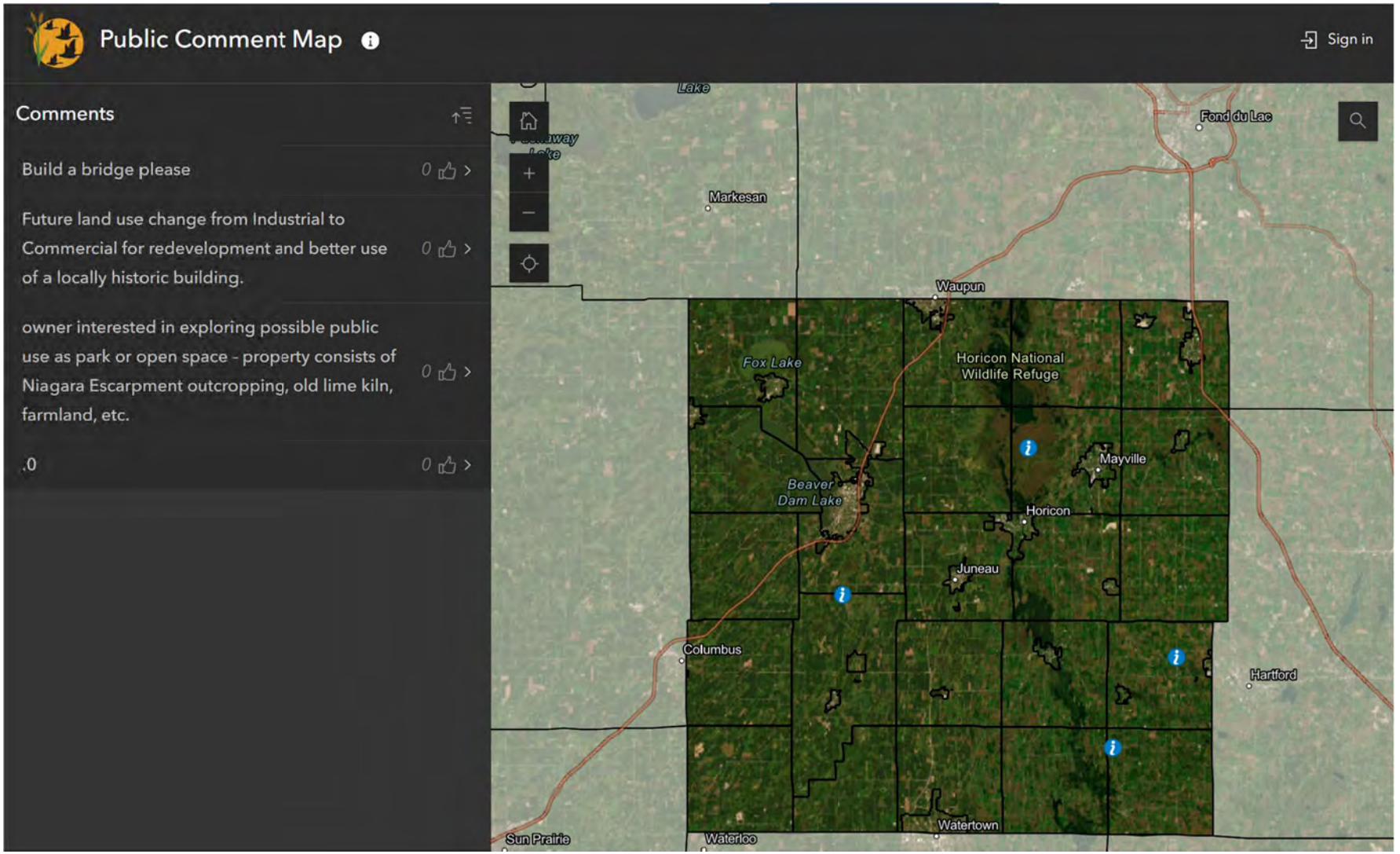
Submitted time: Nov 2, 2025, 7:57:08 PM

Name (Optional) Lori

Comments

Chapter 6: In Dodge County, we have multiple opportunities to be involved in, learn about, and enjoy cultural and arts activities. The Beaver Dam Area Community Theatre provides multiple opportunities for involvement in the performing arts. Beaver Dam has a Community Choir and The Beaver Dam Area Orchestra. The Dodge County Center for the Arts provides classes and regular exhibits of local artists. Waupun Area Community has a Community Theatre group. Our communities may be small but rank very impressive in providing the opportunities for all ages as a performer/support staff and as an audience member. The cultural significance should be recognized in the document. This is an attractive feature of Dodge County. We have a wonderful YMCA of Dodge County. Beaver Dam and Waupun have outstanding Recreation Departments (which encompass the traditional Senior Center activities along with activities for all ages). Didn't see the above mentioned in the Document (but may have missed it).

Combined comments received on Project Hub Interaction Map from November 19, 2024 through October 31, 2025



From: Bill Foley <blfoley13@charter.net>

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:47 AM

To: Olson, Nathan <nolson@co.dodge.wi.us>

Cc: Tim Meekma <tim.meekma@yahoo.com>; Christina Lieke <clilek1@yahoo.com>; Ehlenbeck, Bill <behlenbeck@co.dodge.wi.us>; Eric Fowle <eric.fowle@cedarcorp.com>; Ken Jaworski <ken.jaworski@cedarcorp.com>; Bohonek, John <JBohonek@co.dodge.wi.us>

Subject: RE: RE: 2045 Plan

Good morning Nate,

The Lake Districts in Dodge County have collaborated to develop a number of positive recommendations for future land and water enhancements. These are attached here for your consideration. If additional questions surface please contact Tim, Chris or myself for additional information.

We are looking forward to a progressive 2045 plan.

Bill Foley

Submitted via email on May 15, 2025

Dodge Co 2045

Dodge County Lake District Recommendations

The Lakes of Dodge County provide the Community with a unique set of assets which add to the overall quality of life. The availability of open water for recreational activities presents an opportunity for access within a very short travel time. These Lakes when in combination with the Dodge County Parks System offer exceptional opportunities for the Community.

Sec 5.9 of 2015 plan:

Beaver Dam Lake

a. The bio mass for rough fish in BDL exceed the US FW recommendation of less than 89 lbs./Acre, this infestation of an invasive species will severely damage the lake habitat and water quality.
b. Add to fish species; Bluegill and perch

Sections 5-17 and 5-18:

Dodge County Lakes:

Objectives:

1. Water Quality is essential for the use of our open waters. If nutrient and algal levels are allowed to increase the capacity for boating, fishing and shoreline engagement are diminished. Collaborative efforts by Districts, Municipalities and the County must be proactive to confront conditions that are resulting from changes in weather patterns.

2. Where organizational capabilities intersect, as they do at Derge Park and Beaver Dam Lake, the combined efforts of District, Land & Parks and LCD need to focus on the land and water science based parameters to maintain these resources. Park amenities and conservation practices can and should be implemented a joint effort.

3. Terrestrial and aquatic habitat is critical to the protection and development of a robust water fowl, upland birds, fishery, pollinators and all other wildlife. Habitat loss due to development and natural forces must be counteracted with enhanced planning that will offset these losses. Public lands should be utilized to their greatest potential for wetland habitat or open water conservation buffers.

   Establish a partnerships with federal, state, farmer and lake groups to create new wetlands and divert flood waters to these newly created wetlands. Encourage Producers to take advantage of various state and federal funding for wetland restoration. Document the process so other partners can create additional wetland areas.

4. Storm water runoff has changed in the frequency and volume over the past decade. A proactive approach to manage these events has become more critical. Detaining runoff as close to the headwater will reduce the negative impact of events and allow

5. Infiltration to the groundwater. At the same time we must be mindful that the higher volume and velocity of storm water impacts the sediment and nutrient runoff when these major events occur. Proactive measures should be initiated to create multiple detention areas to better manage weather events and minimize downstream flooding.

6. How can we best detain and allow infiltration of storm water and then release in a controlled manner.

   - Implementation of external load reduction practices designed to control legacy phosphorus loading from tributaries and near-channel wetlands
   - Employ best management practices which will improve soil health and capture phosphorus at edge of agricultural fields through provided funding and engineering assistance.
   - Legislative and/or incentivation funding motivating producers to employ diversionary retrofitting of culverts draining directly to water bodies. Could include cover cropping to hold soil in place and better absorption, wascobs, holding ponds, redirection of flow, bioreactors, etc.

7. Community education regarding the amenities available to the Community and programs how they could be safely used. Boater, fishing, camping safety initiatives.

8. Dodge County maintains an extensive number of acres as right-of-way and adjacent to public buildings. With pollinators under severe stress restoration efforts are necessary to improve habitat for pollinators and song birds.

   a. Recent studies have found that number of Monarch Butterflies has decreased by 50 % over the past few years.
   b. The 2025 North American Wildlife Conference reported that three billion birds have been lost with 229 species in distress.
   c. NW Dodge Co. is within an area designated for SAFE NRCS Funding. As parks, roads and facility sites are restored the use of natural vegetation should be used to the fullest possible extent.
   d. ROW maintenance is expensive with cutting at $150/ mile with herbicide spraying at $75/mile. Planting native plants would eliminate this recurring maintenance with a controlled burn the only requirement in year 10.
   e. Dodge County would esthetically benefit from roadside displays of native plants from spring to fall.
   f. Develop a County-wide resources and equipment plan for Townships to manage invasive within road right of way ditches. Include information on how to plant and maintain native plant species and other low maintenance options.

9. Extend either Land Conservation Department (LCD) or Land and Zoning (LZ) capabilities to assist in the management of the Lakes in Dodge County. The DNR now offers technical support but does not proactively managing surface waters. This individual would join LCD and LZ in County wide surface water management and work with Lake Districts to improve surface water quality. The establishment of a County wide surface water expert would provide focused implementation for these valuable resources.

Appendix D – Public Involvement Meeting #1 & #2 Summaries

Dodge County, WI
2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Involvement Meeting/Open House #1 Summary Report

February 19, 2025

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Overview

Dodge County is in the process of updating its 2015 Comprehensive Plan which will look outward for 20 years to the year 2045. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document which addresses a variety of land use, natural resource, transportation and public service issues, among other things. Up-front citizen input and perspective is helpful as the County gauges how changing demographics and an ever-changing economy may impact the use of land within the County in the future. Citizen engagement is a priority for the County while updating the Comprehensive Plan and the opinions of attendees are strongly considered throughout the process.

Event Details

The Public Involvement Meeting / Open House was held in the Dodge County Administration Building on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Cedar Corporation and County staff being present, a total of seventeen (17) attendees signed in (See Appendix A), including several County Board Supervisors and several Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Update Committee members.



The event consisted of an open-house style display of thirteen different boards containing a variety of information about the County that were positioned around the room. After signing in, participants were asked to take a stack of Post-It notes and a pen, and were encouraged to write down short comments, thoughts, and ideas regarding the information presented. Specific directional questions on the boards helped to prompt readers into leaving a response. Several of the display boards also used colored sticky dots to indicate reader's preferences and opinions on specific subjects.



Summary of Documented Comments

A summary of the comments and opinions left by participants on each display board station is provided below. A complete set of the display boards are included in Appendix B:

Board #1 – What is a Comprehensive Plan?

No comments

Board #2 – The Planning Process & Public Participation

No comments

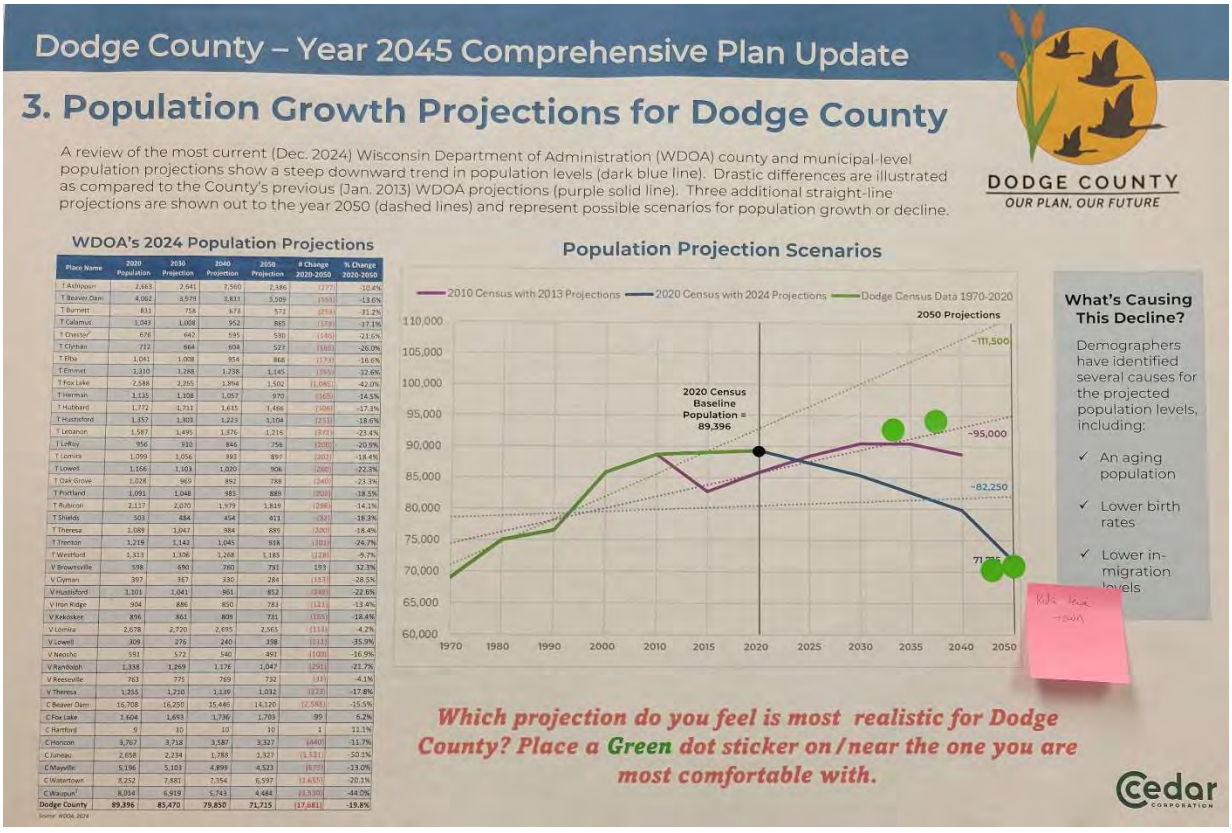
Board #3 – Population Growth Projections for Dodge County

Comments

1. Kids leave town [as an additional reason population is declining].

Sticky Dot Opinions

Four (4) responses were given on the question of which 2050 population projection is most realistic. Two of the respondents felt the continuation of increased growth will occur, from 89,396 up to perhaps 95,000 persons (+5,604). The other two respondents indicated their preference with the most recent WDOA population projections which show a significant decrease in population, from 89,396 down to 71,715 persons (-17,681). These opinions represent a total swing of over 23,000 people, or about 25% of the county's current population.



Board #4 – Dodge County's Households Are Changing

No comments

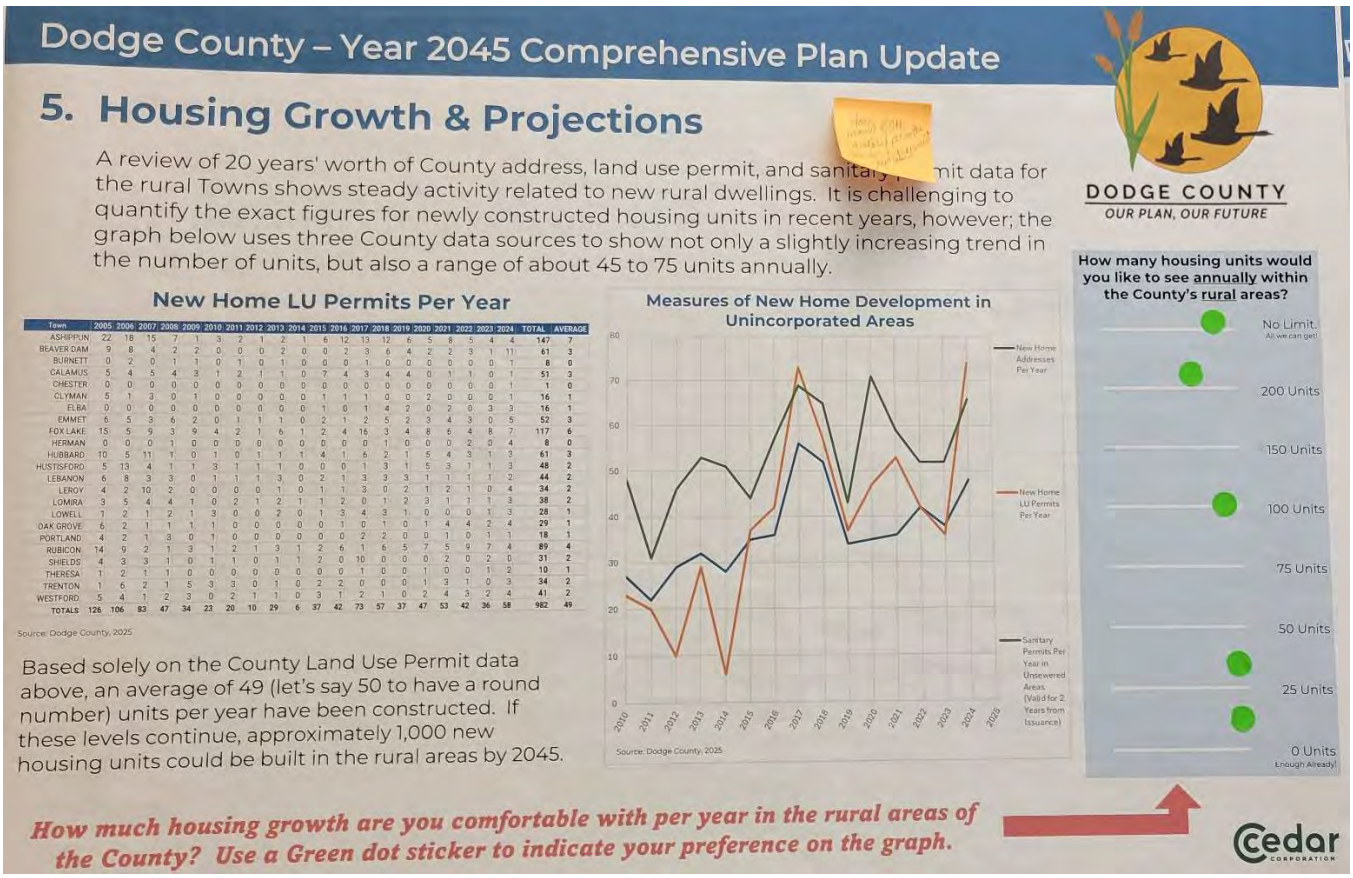
Board #5 – Housing Growth Projections

Comments

1. Too many of the sanitary permits are for replacement systems.

Sticky Dot Opinions

Five (5) responses were given on the question of how many housing units should be permitted within the County's rural areas annually. No clear pattern was established as one response each was received for numbers approximating: No Limit, 200 units, 100 units, 30 units, and 15 units.



Board #6 – Housing Options for the Future

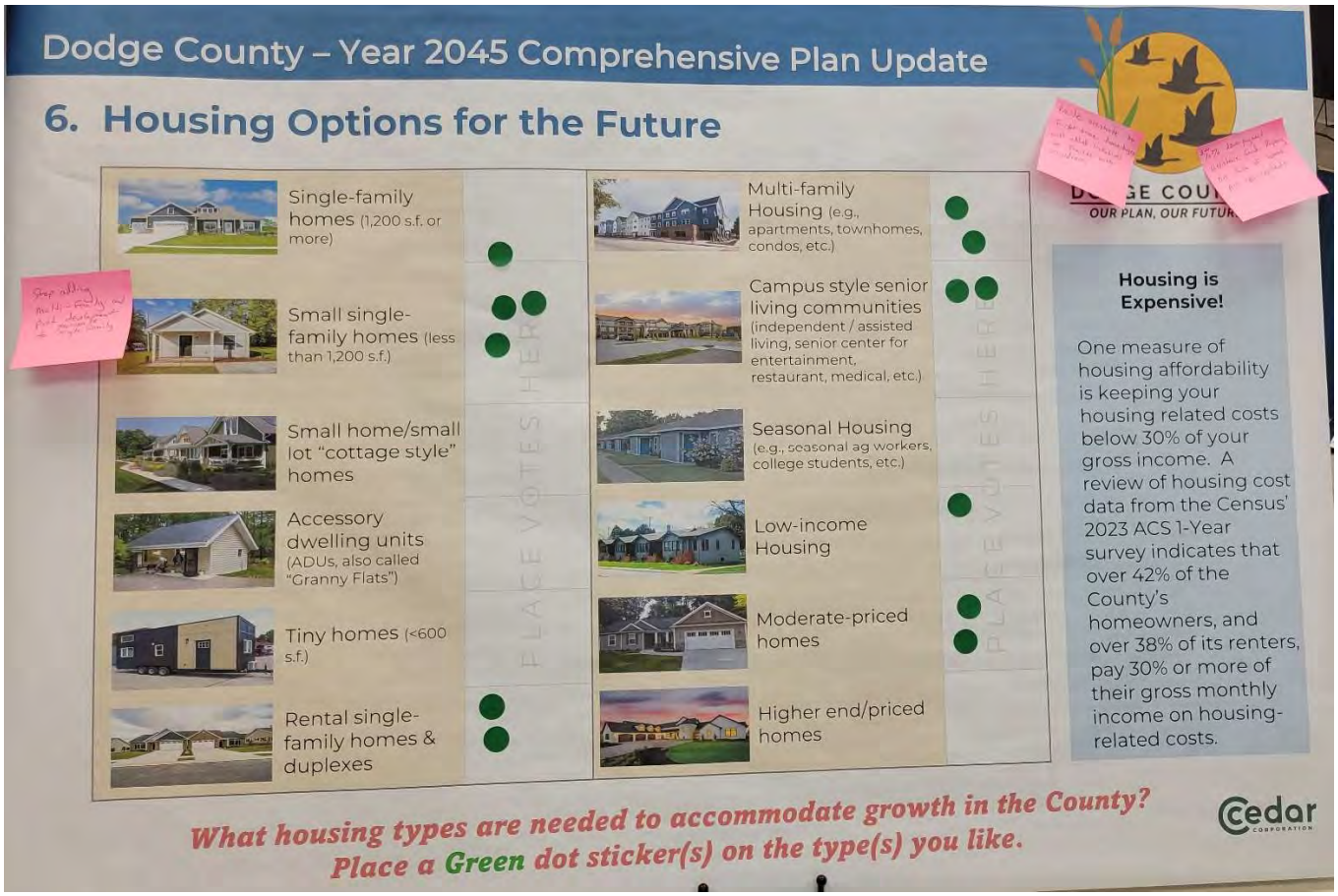
Comments

1. Stop adding multi-family and push single-family residential (900-1,200 sq. ft.).
2. Provide assistance to first-time homebuyers with added incentives to families with children.
3. 10% downpayment assistance fund, repaid on sale of home. All new residents.

Sticky Dot Opinions

A total of twelve (12) responses were received on this display and indicate a wide range of preferences for future housing styles. The number of votes for each preferred type is listed below:

1 Single-Family Homes (1,200 sq. ft. or more)
2 Small Single-Family Homes (less than 1,200 sq. ft.)
2 Rental Single-Family Homes & Duplexes
2 Multi-Family Housing (apartments, townhomes, condos, etc.)
2 Campus-style Senior Living Communities
1 Low-Income Housing
2 Moderate Priced Homes



Board #7 – Economics of Dodge County

No comments

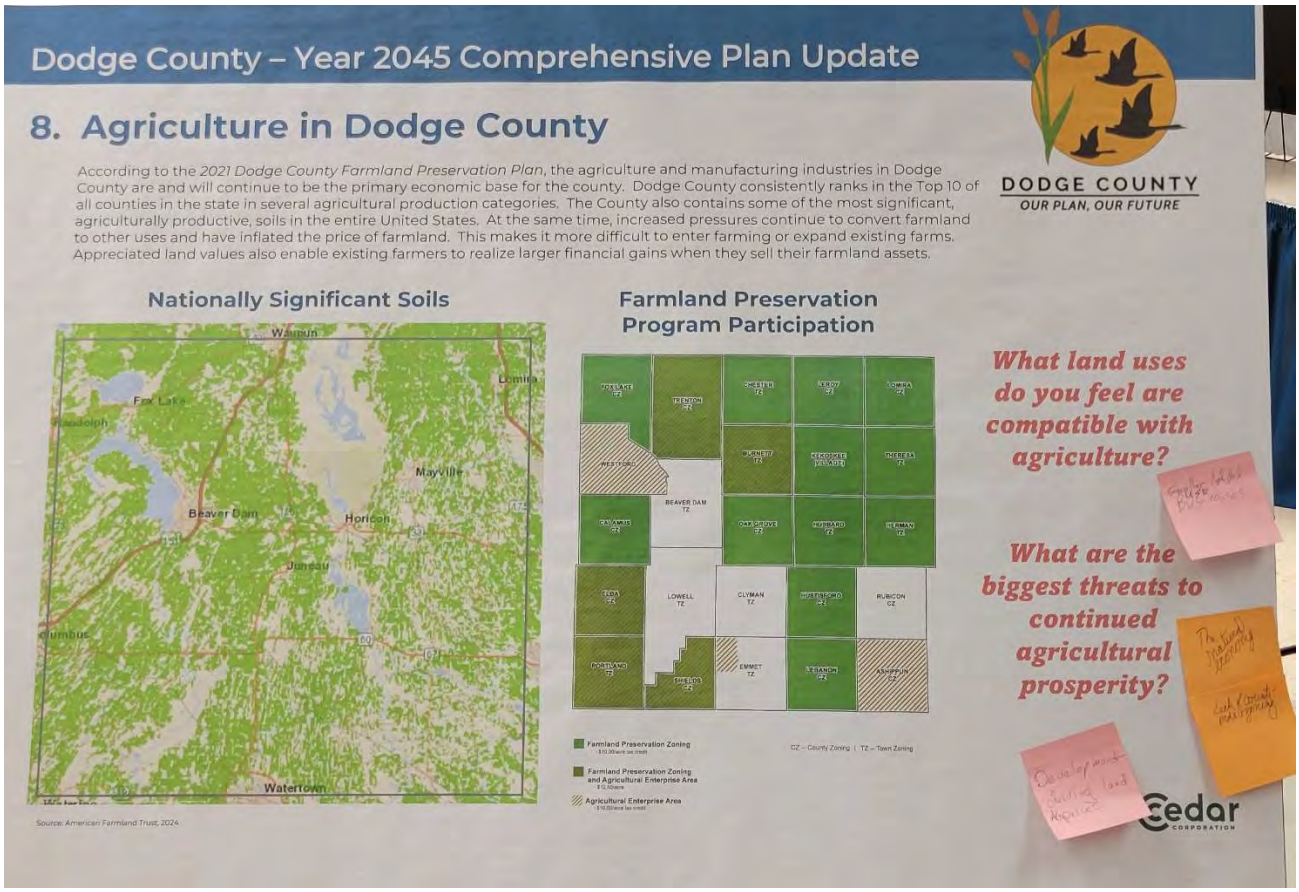
Board #8 – Agriculture In Dodge County

<u>Comments – What land uses do you feel are compatible with agriculture?</u>

1. Smaller added businesses.

<u>Comments – What are the biggest threats to continued agricultural prosperity?</u>

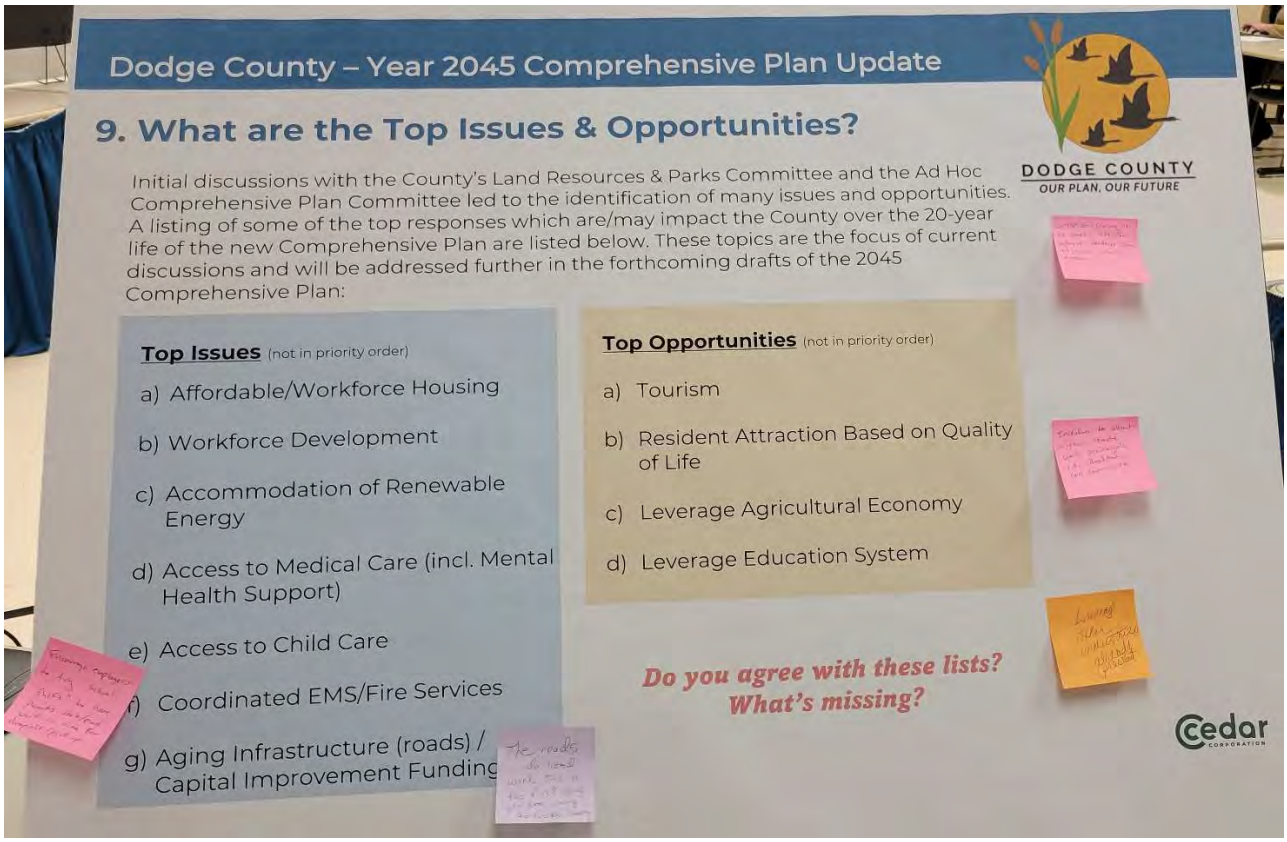
1. The national economy.
2. Lack of county-wide zoning.
3. Development driving ag land prices.



Board #9 – What are the Top Issues & Opportunities?

Comments

1. Encourage employers to try “school shift” to have parents start/end work in time for drop off/pick up.
2. The roads do need work. This is the first thing you see coming into Dodge County.
3. Leverage other industries already present.
4. Incentives to attract and retain remote work professionals (i.e., broadband, cell coverage, etc.).
5. Cost of living is an asset. Use to attract residents from adjacent urban areas.

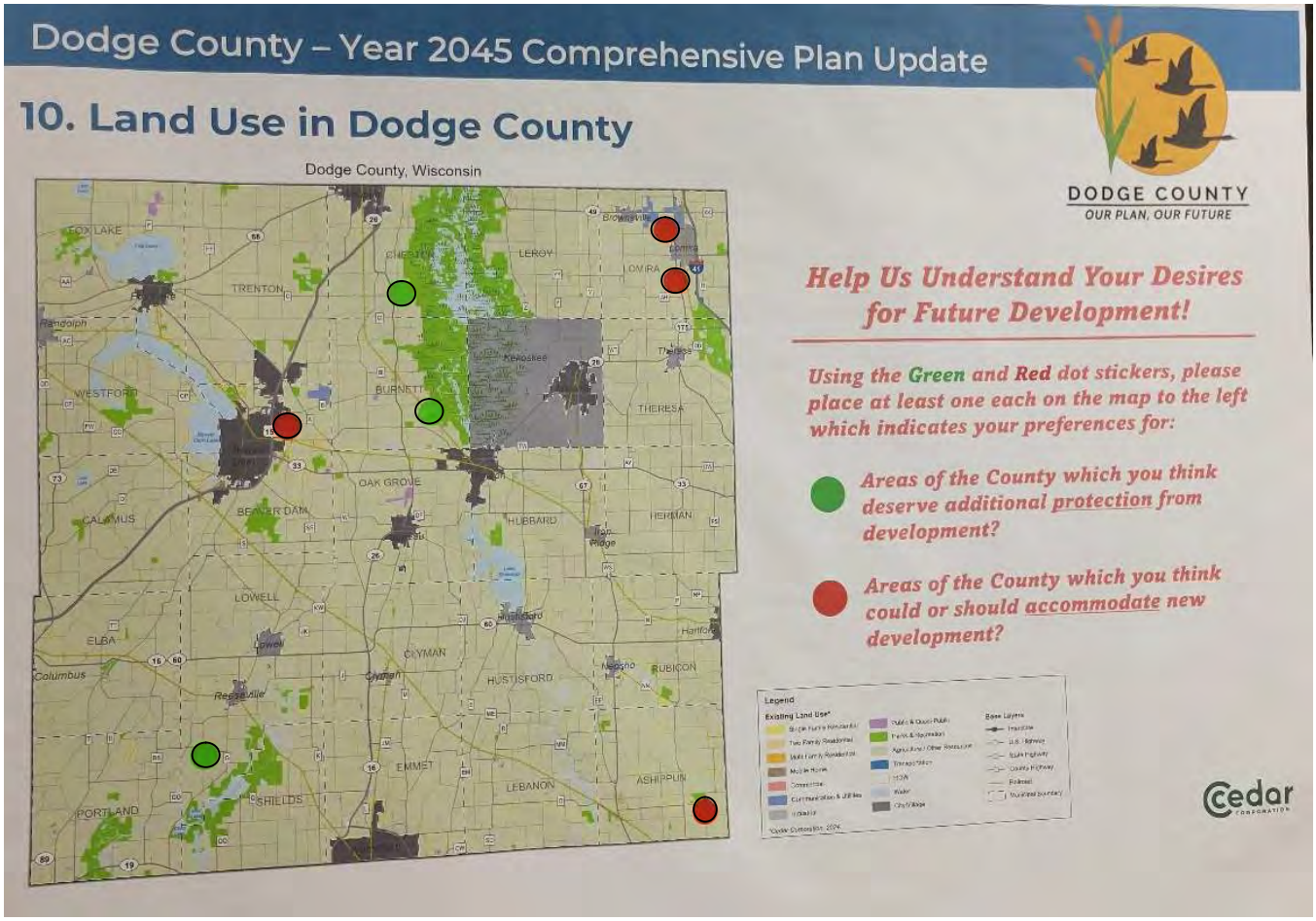


Board #10 – Land Use in Dodge County?

No comments

<u>Sticky Dot Opinions</u>
A total of seven (7) colored sticky dots were placed on the map by attendees to indicate their broad preferences for where future development could be accommodated, as well as to identify general areas which deserve additional protection from development.

Areas identified to accommodate new growth included lands near the City of Beaver Dam, Village of Lomira, and the Town of Ashippun. Areas identified for additional protection from future development included lands to the west of the Horicon Marsh within the Towns of Burnett and Chester, as well as an area to the southwest of the Village of Reeseville, along the Craw Fish River corridor.



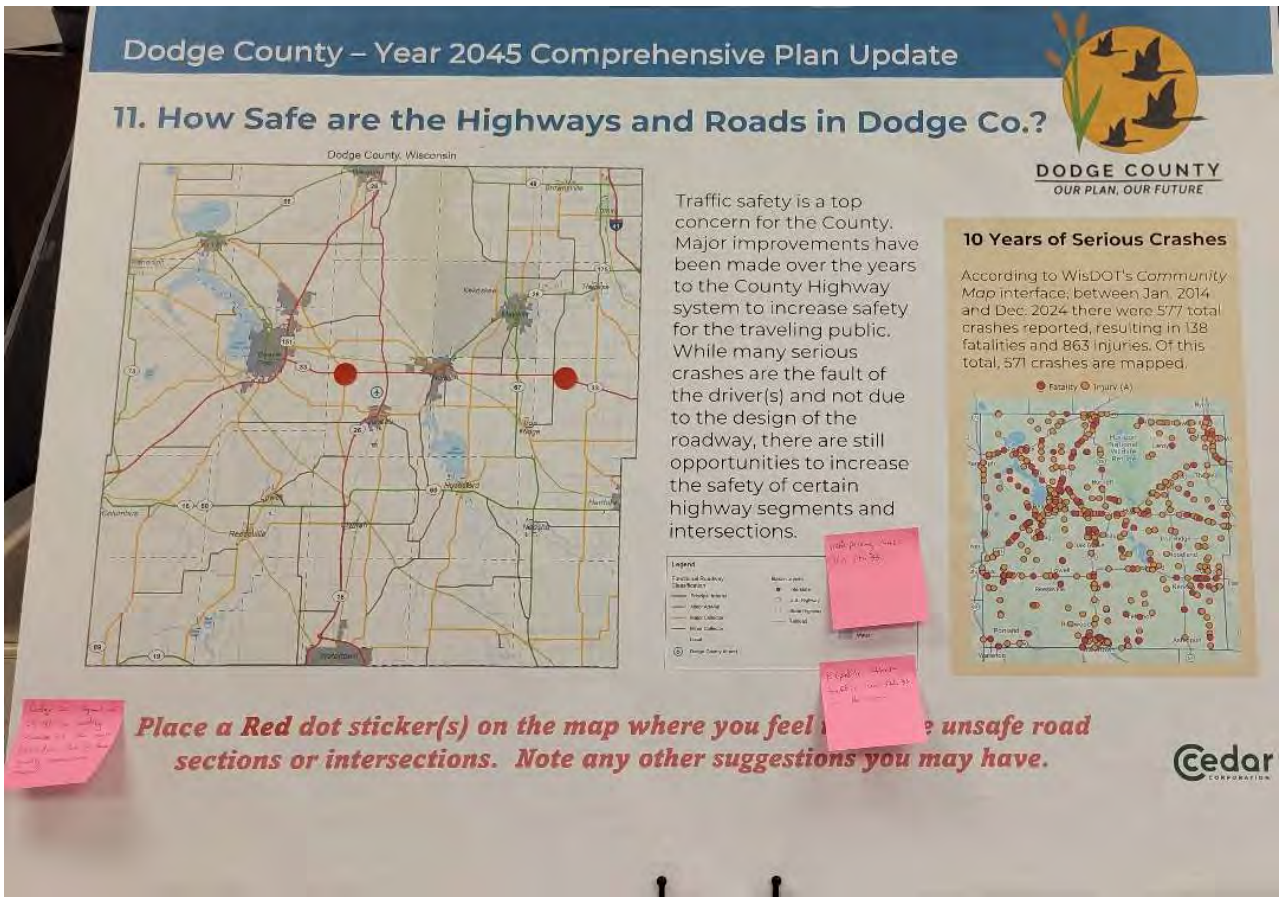
Board #11 – How Safe are the Highways and Roads in Dodge County?

Comments

1. Dodge County segment of I-41 is widely known as the most hazardous due to lower quality snow/ice removal.
2. Need passing lanes on State Highway 33.
3. Expedite thru traffic on State Highway 33 in Horicon.

Sticky Dot Opinions

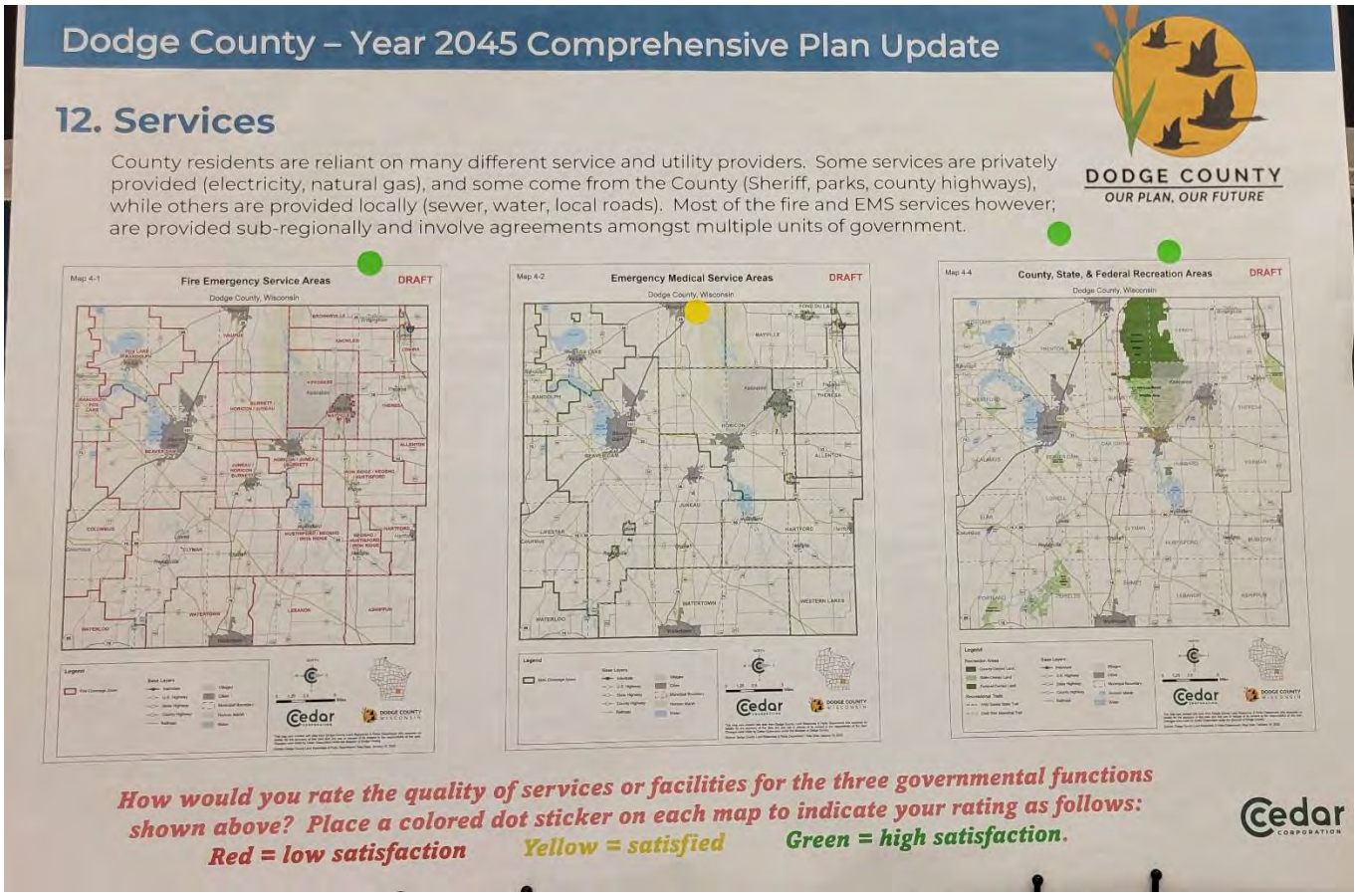
A total of two (2) red sticky dots were placed on the map by participants to indicate highway segments or intersections which they felt were unsafe. Both dots were placed on the State Highway 33 corridor with one being just east of its intersection with County Road P (possibly tied to the comment of needing passing lanes?), and the other at its intersection with County Road A near the City of Beaver Dam.



Board #12 – Services

No comments

<u>Sticky Dot Opinions</u>
A total of four (4) green and yellow sticky dots were placed on maps by participants to indicate their level of satisfaction with several existing services within the County. Two (2) green sticky dots were placed on the County, State, and Federal Recreation Areas map, and one green sticky dot was placed on the Fire Emergency Services map indicating high levels of satisfaction for these services. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) map contained one yellow sticky dot, indicating a 'satisfied' response. No 'low satisfaction' ratings were received.



Board #13 – How Can You Continue to Participate in the Plan?

No comments

Event Takeaways

Even though there were less than twenty members of the public in attendance at this initial meeting, the comments and preferences received are important to the process as they provide broad indications as to what concerns and ideas apply to various issue and opportunity topics.

The event also showed there are at least a handful of residents (and probably many more) who have great passion for outdoor recreation activities, and a good understanding of the value of agriculture within the County. Attendees see the huge potential for the Dodge County to embrace and leverage its geography and agricultural/natural resources to help attract new employers, new residents, and new housing.

The feedback obtained through this public meeting will be compared to the results from the Citizen Opinion Survey, once completed, to see if there is any correlation amongst the responses. The collective results from these public input opportunities will then be assessed and integrated where appropriate into a new set of Plan Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations.

"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

– Margaret Mead

APPENDIX A

Event Sign In Sheets

Please Sign In!

Public Involvement Meeting / Open House
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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Name	Representing (Resident, visitor, agency, organization, etc.)
Daryl + Sue Wuenne	Resident
Andrew Johnson	Supervisor Dist #9
Dale Mackeel	Supervisor Dist #3
Linda Schraufnagel	Town of LeRoy
Gary Koch	Lomira
Rich Styer	Town of THERESA
Joe Paquet	Town of Elba - Plan Commis
Rob Malone	Extension
Dennis Fleischer	Theresa
Andy Nelson	Horicon Bank
Dave Frohling	City Bd

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Name	Representing (Resident, visitor, agency, organization, etc.)
Jim Meyer	Town of Ashippun
Tracy Nadolski	Town of LeRoy
Rob Boelk	City Mayville
Mary Bokholz	City Board #2 Town of BD
Jennifer Hedrick	City of Watertown Dist. 22

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APPENDIX B

Event Display Boards

Dodge County – Year 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

Welcome!











Thank you for attending the Public Involvement Meeting / Open House. A few directions on how to participate:

1. Please sign in.
2. Take a Post-It pad and a pen.
3. View the various displays and questions at your own pace.
4. Write your thoughts/comments on Post-It notes and then place them directly on the displays.
5. Where asked, place colored dot stickers on the displays.
6. You may also draw or write notes directly on the maps.
5. Interact with County staff and Cedar Corporation representatives – ask questions and share your thoughts!

THANK YOU in advance for your participation!

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If you don't have time to stay, please see our Project Hub for the displayed materials and to provide input. Just scan the QR Code or go to the homepage of the County's website: www.co.dodge.wi.gov/

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Dodge County – Year 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

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1. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Planning Law was enacted in 1999 (see section 66.1001, Wis. Stats.). Sometimes referred to as the "smart growth law," the Comprehensive Planning Law does not mandate how a community should grow, rather it leaves such decisions up to local communities.

Comprehensive Planning Law defines a comprehensive plan as containing at least nine elements as shown in the sidebar.

Consistency Requirement
Beginning on January 1, 2010, if the County enacts or amends an official mapping, land division, or zoning ordinance, the enactment or amendment ordinance must be ***consistent*** with that County's comprehensive plan.

Plan Update
Comprehensive plans must be updated no less than once every 10 years. Dodge County will be conducting a thorough update of background information and a public participatory process to evaluate plan vision, goals, objectives, policies, and programs.

Nine Elements of a Comprehensive Plan

1. Issues and Opportunities
2. Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
3. Economic Development
4. Housing
5. Intergovernmental Cooperation
6. Transportation
7. Land Use
8. Utilities and Community Facilities
9. Implementation

Benefits of Comprehensive Planning

- ❑ Understands the past and present
- ❑ Lays out a roadmap to the future
- ❑ Guides land use regulations
- ❑ Is proactive rather than reactive
- ❑ Coordinates County activity
- ❑ Improves efficiencies of service
- ❑ Preserves local control.
- ❑ Preserves local autonomy
- ❑ Promotes property rights
- ❑ Promotes economic development
- ❑ Promotes intergovernmental cooperation
- ❑ Protects resources

Have you looked at the county's comprehensive plan?

Have you looked at your own community's comprehensive plan?

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2. The Planning Process & Public Participation

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Aug. 2024 → Jan. 2025 → Aug. 2025 → Dec. 2025

Citizen Engagement
(Project Hub, Citizen Survey, WTA Mtgs., Public Information Meetings (x2), Public Hearing)

Committee Guidance
(Land Resource & Parks Committee, Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Update Working Group)

Update Inventory & Assess

Information and guidance also taken from a series of interviews conducted with County Department Heads

1. Issues & Opportunities
2. Population & Housing
3. Transportation
4. Economic Development
5. Community Facilities & Utilities
6. Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources
7. Land Use
8. Intergovernmental Cooperation
9. Implementation

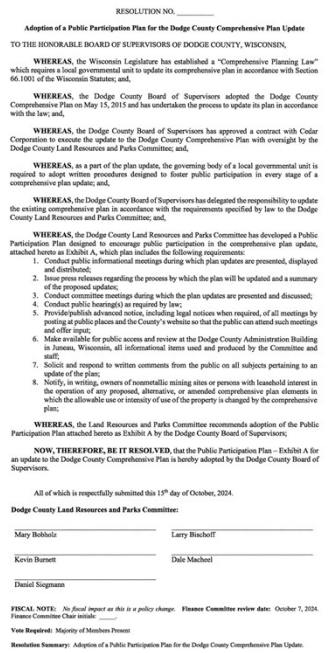
Discuss Solutions, Strategies & Recommendations

Plan Creation

Formal Public Hearing
Adoption by Land Resources & Parks Committee
Adoption by County Board

Plan Adoption

Citizen participation in the planning process is required. A separate Citizen Participation Plan was adopted by the County Board to ensure public input and engagement opportunities exist.



RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Update

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature has established a "Comprehensive Planning Law" which requires a local governmental unit to update its comprehensive plan in accordance with Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors adopted the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan on May 15, 2015 and has undertaken the process to update its plan in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has approved a contract with Cedar Corporation to execute the update to the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan with oversight by the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee; and,

WHEREAS, as a part of the plan update, the governing body of a local governmental unit is required to adopt written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of a comprehensive plan update; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has delegated the responsibility to update the existing comprehensive plan in accordance with the requirements specified by law to the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee has developed a Public Participation Plan designed to encourage public participation in the comprehensive plan update, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which plan includes the following requirements:

1. Conduct public informational meetings during which plan updates are presented, displayed and distributed;
2. Issue press releases regarding the process by which the plan will be updated and a summary of the proposed updates;
3. Conduct committee meetings during which the plan updates are presented and discussed;
4. Conduct public hearing(s) as required by law;
5. Provide/publish advanced notice, including legal notices when required, of all meetings by posting at public places and the County's website so that the public can attend such meetings and offer input;
6. Make available for public access and review at the Dodge County Administration Building in Juneau, Wisconsin, all informational items used and produced by the Committee and staff;
7. Solicit and respond to written comments from the public on all subjects pertaining to an update of the plan;
8. Notify, in writing, owners of nonmetallic mining sites or persons with leasehold interest in the operation of any proposed, alternative, or amended comprehensive plan elements in which the allowable use or intensity of use of the property is changed by the comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, the Land Resources and Parks Committee recommends adoption of the Public Participation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Participation Plan – Exhibit A for an update to the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan is hereby adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 15th day of October, 2024.

Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee:

Mary Bobholz | Larry Bischoff
Kevin Burnett | Dale Macheel
Daniel Siegmann

FISCAL NOTE: *No fiscal impact as this is a policy change.* **Finance Committee review date:** October 7, 2024. Finance Committee Chair initials: _____

Vote Required: Majority of Members Present

Resolution Summary: Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan Update.

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3. Population Growth Projections for Dodge County

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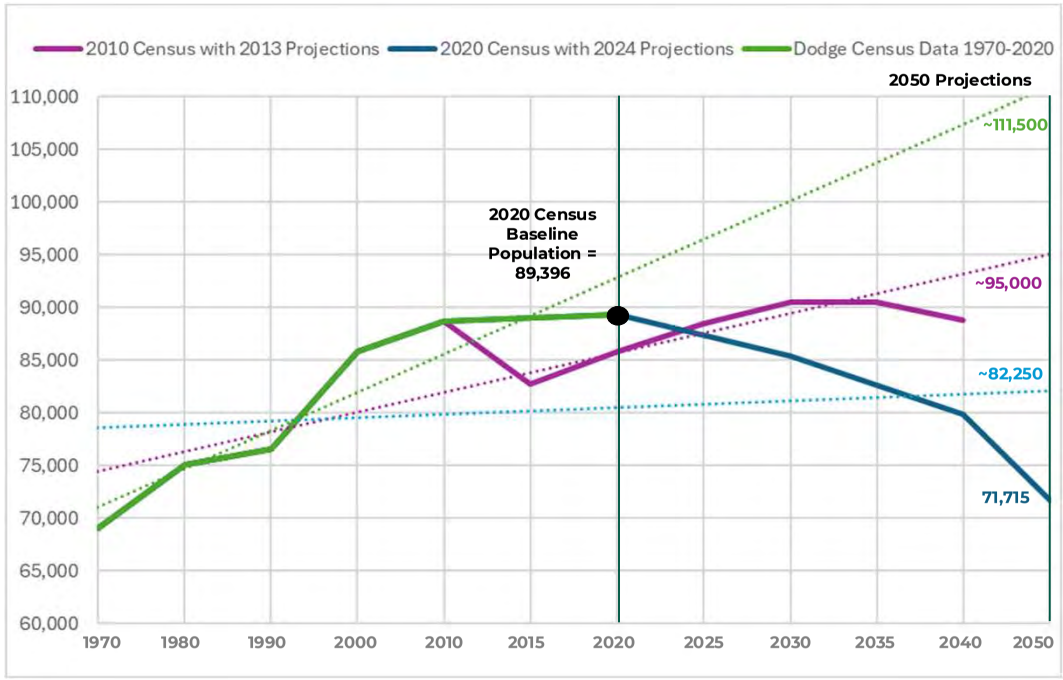
A review of the most current (Dec. 2024) Wisconsin Department of Administration (WDOA) county and municipal-level population projections show a steep downward trend in population levels (dark blue line). Drastic differences are illustrated as compared to the County's previous (Jan. 2013) WDOA projections (purple solid line). Three additional straight-line projections are shown out to the year 2050 (dashed lines) and represent possible scenarios for population growth or decline.

WDOA's 2024 Population Projections

Place Name	2020 Population	2030 Projection	2040 Projection	2050 Projection	# Change 2020-2050	% Change 2020-2050
T Ashippun	2,663	2,641	2,560	2,386	(277)	-10.4%
T Beaver Dam	4,062	3,979	3,811	3,509	(553)	-13.6%
T Burnett	831	758	673	572	(259)	-31.2%
T Calamus	1,043	1,008	952	865	(178)	-17.1%
T Chester[2]	676	642	595	530	(146)	-21.6%
T Clyman	712	664	604	527	(185)	-26.0%
T Elba	1,041	1,008	954	868	(173)	-16.6%
T Emmet	1,310	1,288	1,238	1,145	(165)	-12.6%
T Fox Lake	2,588	2,255	1,894	1,502	(1,086)	-42.0%
T Herman	1,135	1,108	1,057	970	(165)	-14.5%
T Hubbard	1,772	1,711	1,615	1,466	(306)	-17.3%
T Hustisford	1,357	1,303	1,223	1,104	(253)	-18.6%
T Lebanon	1,587	1,495	1,376	1,216	(371)	-23.4%
T LeRoy	956	910	846	756	(200)	-20.9%
T Lomira	1,099	1,056	993	897	(202)	-18.4%
T Lowell	1,166	1,103	1,020	906	(260)	-22.3%
T Oak Grove	1,028	969	892	788	(240)	-23.3%
T Portland	1,091	1,048	985	889	(202)	-18.5%
T Rubicon	2,117	2,070	1,979	1,819	(298)	-14.1%
T Shields	503	484	454	411	(92)	-18.3%
T Theresa	1,089	1,047	984	889	(200)	-18.4%
T Trenton	1,219	1,142	1,045	918	(301)	-24.7%
T Westford	1,313	1,306	1,268	1,185	(128)	-9.7%
V Brownsville	598	690	760	791	193	32.3%
V Clyman	397	367	330	284	(113)	-28.5%
V Hustisford	1,101	1,041	961	852	(249)	-22.6%
V Iron Ridge	904	886	850	783	(121)	-13.4%
V Kekoskee	896	861	809	731	(165)	-18.4%
V Lomira	2,678	2,720	2,695	2,565	(113)	-4.2%
V Lowell	309	276	240	198	(111)	-35.9%
V Neosho	591	572	540	491	(100)	-16.9%
V Randolph	1,338	1,269	1,176	1,047	(291)	-21.7%
V Reeseville	763	775	769	732	(31)	-4.1%
V Theresa	1,255	1,210	1,139	1,032	(223)	-17.8%
C Beaver Dam	16,708	16,250	15,446	14,120	(2,588)	-15.5%
C Fox Lake	1,604	1,693	1,736	1,703	99	6.2%
C Hartford	9	10	10	10	1	11.1%
C Horicon	3,767	3,718	3,587	3,327	(440)	-11.7%
C Juneau	2,658	2,234	1,788	1,327	(1,331)	-50.1%
C Mayville	5,196	5,103	4,899	4,523	(673)	-13.0%
C Watertown	8,252	7,881	7,354	6,597	(1,655)	-20.1%
C Waupun[2]	8,014	6,919	5,743	4,484	(3,530)	-44.0%
Dodge County	**89,396**	**85,470**	**79,850**	**71,715**	**(17,681)**	**-19.8%**

Source: WDOA, 2024

Population Projection Scenarios



What's Causing This Decline?

Demographers have identified several causes for the projected population levels, including:

- ✓ An aging population
- ✓ Lower birth rates
- ✓ Lower in-migration levels

Which projection do you feel is most realistic for Dodge County? Place a Green dot sticker on/near the one you are most comfortable with.

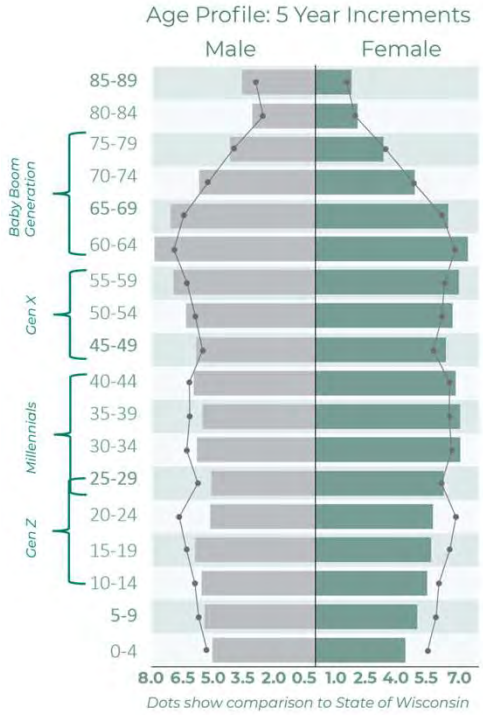
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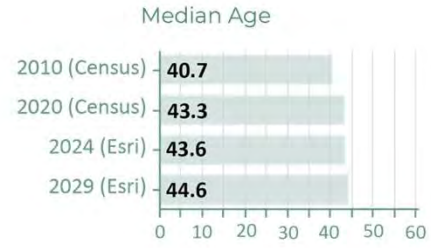
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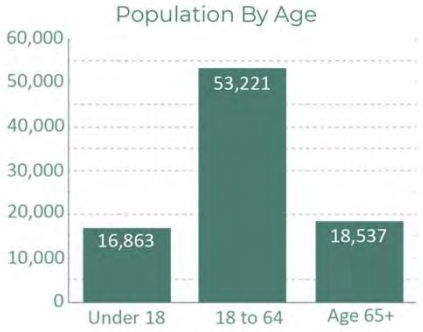
4. Dodge County's Households Are Changing

Recent trends show the County's population is getting older as the baby-boomer generation is aging out, and low birth rates have decreased the percentage of younger age groups. These factors combine to decrease the overall household size. The formation rates of 1 and 2 person households)has never been greater. This will have an influence on the types of housing required for new households and the ability to capture and accommodate younger residents.

Households Are Getting Older







Households Are Getting Smaller

Households by Size	Number	Percent
Total Households	**35,437**	-
1-Person Household	10,191	29%
2-Person Household	13,600	38%
3-Person Household	4,890	14%
4-Person Household	4,008	11%
5-Person Household	1,748	5%
6-Person Household	657	2%
7+ Person Household	343	1%
Average Household Size	**2.35**	-

County Name	Persons Per Household						
	2010 Census	2015 Projection	2020 Projection	2025 Projection	2030 Projection	2035 Projection	2040 Projection
Columbia	2.52	2.46	2.43	2.40	2.38	2.35	2.33
Dane	2.56	2.51	2.48	2.46	2.44	2.24	2.40
Dodge	2.40	2.33	2.30	2.27	2.23	2.20	2.17
Fond du Lac	2.49	2.42	2.38	2.35	2.32	2.29	2.27
Green Lake	2.42	2.38	2.35	2.32	2.28	2.25	2.22
Jefferson	2.47	2.38	2.34	2.31	2.29	2.27	2.25
Washington	2.49	2.43	2.41	2.38	2.35	2.33	2.32
Waukesha	2.52	2.45	2.42	2.39	2.36	2.34	2.33
State of Wisconsin	*2.43*	*2.38*	*2.35*	*2.32*	*2.30*	*2.28*	*2.26*

What impacts and challenges will this cause for existing and new residents of the County?

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5. Housing Growth & Projections

A review of 20 years' worth of County address, land use permit, and sanitary permit data for the rural Towns shows steady activity related to new rural dwellings. It is challenging to quantify the exact figures for newly constructed housing units in recent years, however; the graph below uses three County data sources to show not only a slightly increasing trend in the number of units, but also a range of about 45 to 75 units annually.

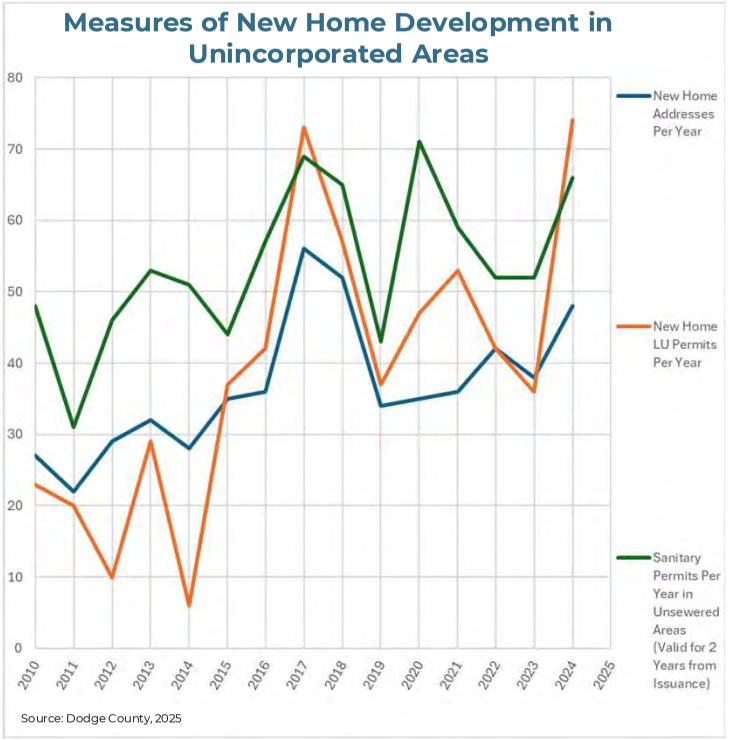
New Home LU Permits Per Year

Town	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL	AVERAGE
ASHIPPUN	22	18	15	7	1	3	2	1	2	1	6	12	13	12	6	5	8	5	4	4	**147**	**7**
BEAVER DAM	9	8	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	6	4	2	2	3	1	11	**61**	**3**
BURNETT	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**8**	**0**
CALAMUS	5	4	5	4	3	1	2	1	1	0	7	4	3	4	4	0	1	1	0	1	**51**	**3**
CHESTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**	**0**
CLYMAN	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	**16**	**1**
ELBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	3	3	**16**	**1**
EMMET	6	5	3	6	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	5	2	3	4	3	0	5	**52**	**3**
FOX LAKE	15	5	9	3	9	4	2	1	6	1	2	4	16	3	4	8	6	4	8	7	**117**	**6**
HERMAN	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	**8**	**0**
HUBBARD	10	5	11	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	1	6	2	1	5	4	3	1	3	**61**	**3**
HUSTISFORD	5	13	4	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	5	3	1	1	3	**48**	**2**
LEBANON	6	8	3	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	**44**	**2**
LEROY	4	2	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	2	1	0	4	**34**	**2**
LOMIRA	3	5	4	4	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	3	**38**	**2**
LOWELL	1	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	**28**	**1**
OAK GROVE	6	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	4	2	4	**29**	**1**
PORTLAND	4	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	**18**	**1**
RUBICON	14	9	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	6	1	6	5	7	5	9	7	4	**89**	**4**
SHIELDS	4	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	10	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	**31**	**2**
THERESA	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	**10**	**1**
TRENTON	1	6	2	1	5	3	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	**34**	**2**
WESTFORD	5	4	1	2	3	0	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	0	2	4	3	2	4	**41**	**2**
TOTALS	**126**	**106**	**83**	**47**	**34**	**23**	**20**	**10**	**29**	**6**	**37**	**42**	**73**	**57**	**37**	**47**	**53**	**42**	**36**	**58**	**982**	**49**

Source: Dodge County, 2025

Based solely on the County Land Use Permit data above, an average of 49 (let's say 50 to have a round number) units per year have been constructed. If these levels continue, approximately 1,000 new housing units could be built in the rural areas by 2045.

Measures of New Home Development in Unincorporated Areas



Source: Dodge County, 2025

How many housing units would you like to see annually within the County's rural areas?

- No Limit. All we can get!
- 200 Units
- 150 Units
- 100 Units
- 75 Units
- 50 Units
- 25 Units
- 0 Units Enough Already!

How much housing growth are you comfortable with per year in the rural areas of the County? Use a Green dot sticker to indicate your preference on the graph.

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6. Housing Options for the Future

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	Single-family homes (1,200 s.f. or more)			Multi-family Housing (e.g., apartments, townhomes, condos, etc.)	
	Small single-family homes (less than 1,200 s.f.)	PLACE VOTES HERE		Campus style senior living communities (independent / assisted living, senior center for entertainment, restaurant, medical, etc.)	PLACE VOTES HERE
	Small home/small lot "cottage style" homes			Seasonal Housing (e.g., seasonal ag workers, college students, etc.)	
	Accessory dwelling units (ADUs, also called "Granny Flats")			Low-income Housing	
	Tiny homes (<600 s.f.)			Moderate-priced homes	
	Rental single-family homes & duplexes			Higher end/priced homes	

Housing is Expensive!

One measure of housing affordability is keeping your housing related costs below 30% of your gross income. A review of housing cost data from the Census' 2023 ACS 1-Year survey indicates that over 42% of the County's homeowners, and over 38% of its renters, pay 30% or more of their gross monthly income on housing-related costs.

What housing types are needed to accommodate growth in the County?
Place a Green dot sticker(s) on the type(s) you like.

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7. Economics of Dodge County

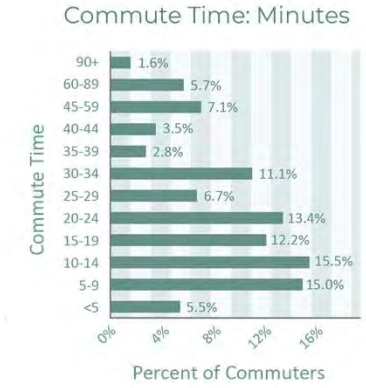
Economic development is the process of improving a community's economic well-being and quality of life.. Tasks typically defined through tasks associated with business development (attraction and expansion), job creation and retention, entrepreneurship and small business creation, workforce development (including attraction and training), downtown revitalization, and tourism.

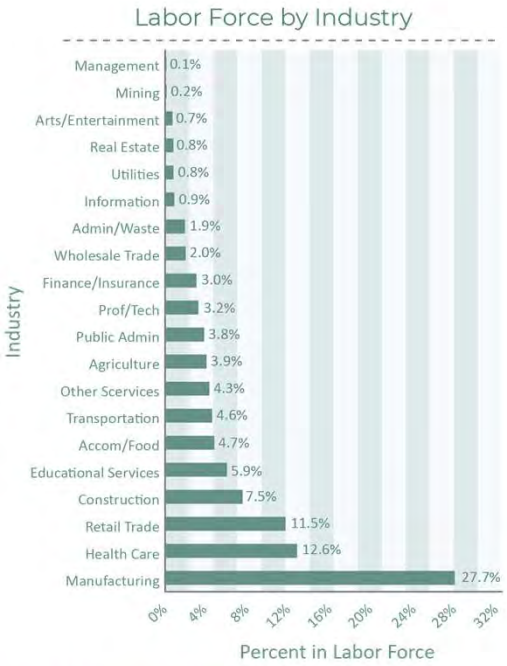
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What could be done locally to improve the economy of Dodge County?

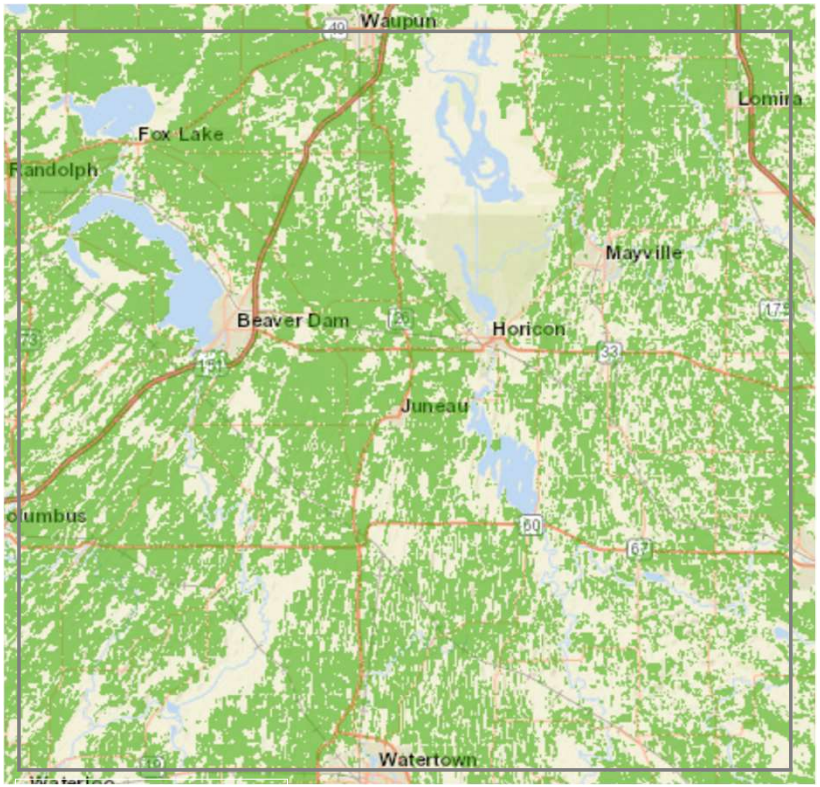
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8. Agriculture in Dodge County

According to the *2021 Dodge County Farmland Preservation Plan*, the agriculture and manufacturing industries in Dodge County are and will continue to be the primary economic base for the county. Dodge County consistently ranks in the Top 10 of all counties in the state in several agricultural production categories. The County also contains some of the most significant, agriculturally productive, soils in the entire United States. At the same time, increased pressures continue to convert farmland to other uses and have inflated the price of farmland. This makes it more difficult to enter farming or expand existing farms. Appreciated land values also enable existing farmers to realize larger financial gains when they sell their farmland assets.

Nationally Significant Soils



Source: American Farmland Trust, 2024

Farmland Preservation Program Participation



What land uses do you feel are compatible with agriculture?

What are the biggest threats to continued agricultural prosperity?

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9. What are the Top Issues & Opportunities?

Initial discussions with the County's Land Resources & Parks Committee and the Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee led to the identification of many issues and opportunities. A listing of some of the top responses which are/may impact the County over the 20-year life of the new Comprehensive Plan are listed below. These topics are the focus of current discussions and will be addressed further in the forthcoming drafts of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan:

Top Issues (not in priority order)

a) Affordable/Workforce Housing

b) Workforce Development

c) Accommodation of Renewable Energy

d) Access to Medical Care (incl. Mental Health Support)

e) Access to Child Care

f) Coordinated EMS/Fire Services

g) Aging Infrastructure (roads) / Capital Improvement Funding

Top Opportunities (not in priority order)

a) Tourism

b) Resident Attraction Based on Quality of Life

c) Leverage Agricultural Economy

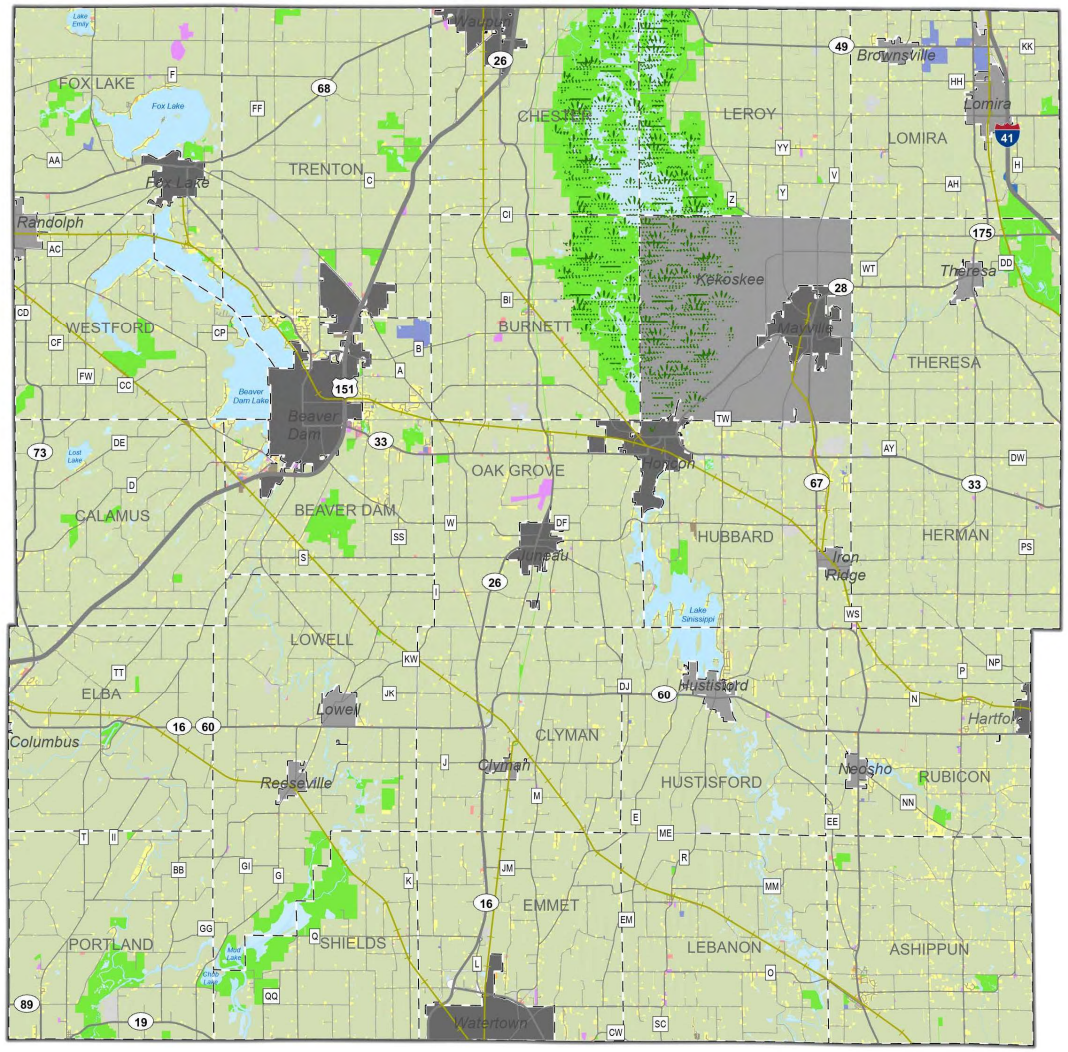
d) Leverage Education System

Do you agree with these lists? What's missing?

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10. Land Use in Dodge County

Dodge County, Wisconsin



Help Us Understand Your Desires for Future Development!

Using the Green and Red dot stickers, please place at least one each on the map to the left which indicates your preferences for:

- ***Areas of the County which you think deserve additional protection from development?***
- ***Areas of the County which you think could or should accommodate new development?***

Legend

Existing Land Use*

- Single Family Residential
- Two Family Residential
- Multi Family Residential
- Mobile Home
- Commercial
- Communication & Utilities
- Industrial
- Public & Quasi-Public
- Parks & Recreation
- Agriculture / Other Resources
- Transportation
- ROW
- Water
- City/Village

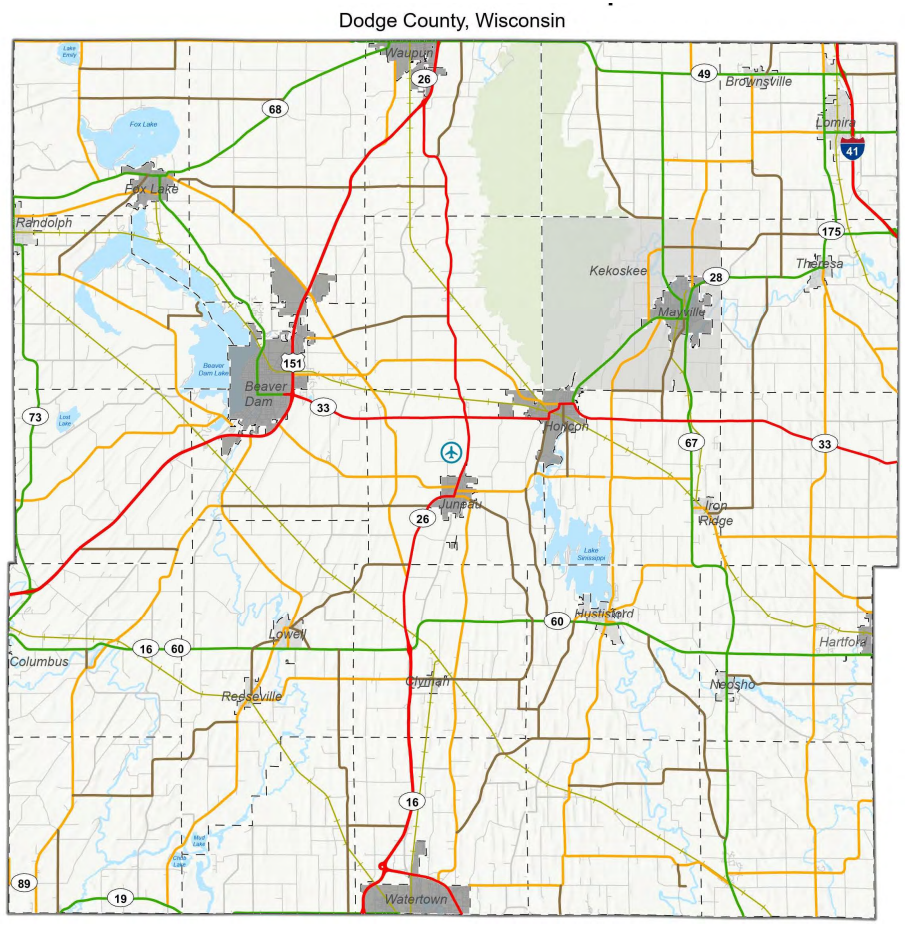
Base Layers

- Interstate
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- County Highway
- Railroad
- Municipal Boundary

*Cedar Corporation, 2024.

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11. How Safe are the Highways and Roads in Dodge Co.?



Traffic safety is a top concern for the County. Major improvements have been made over the years to the County Highway system to increase safety for the traveling public. While many serious crashes are the fault of the driver(s) and not due to the design of the roadway, there are still opportunities to increase the safety of certain highway segments and intersections.



10 Years of Serious Crashes

According to WisDOT's *Community Map* interface, between Jan. 2014 and Dec. 2024 there were 577 total crashes reported, resulting in 138 fatalities and 863 injuries. Of this total, 571 crashes are mapped.



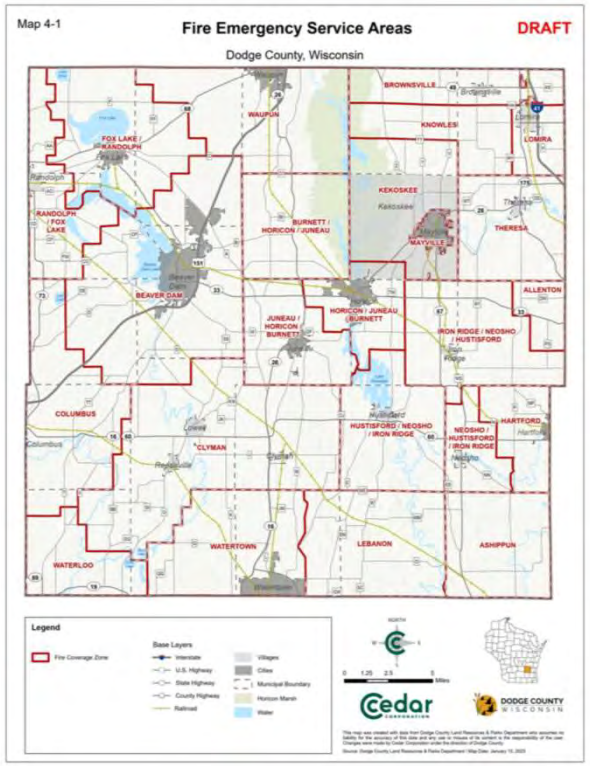
Place a Red dot sticker(s) on the map where you feel there are unsafe road sections or intersections. Note any other suggestions you may have.

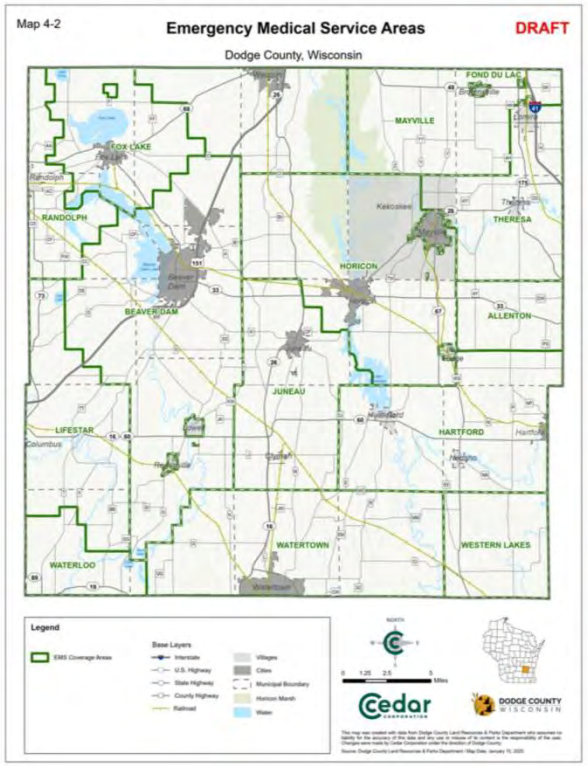
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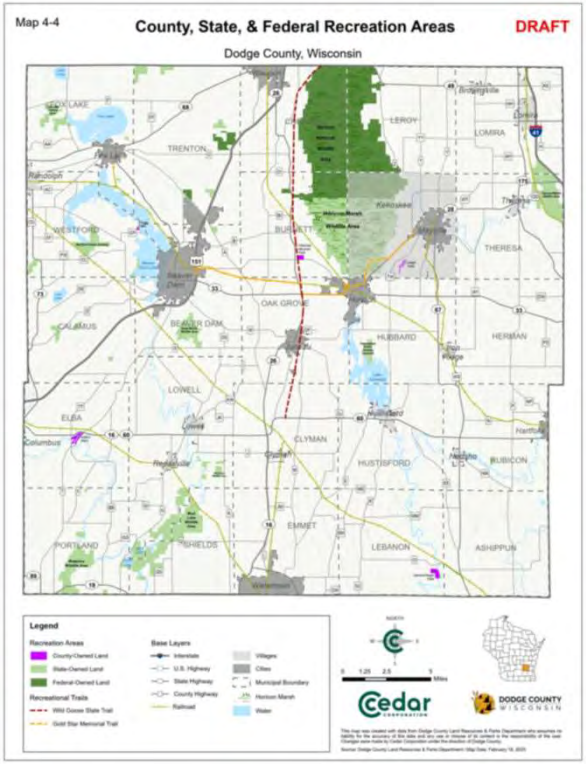
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12. Services

County residents are reliant on many different service and utility providers. Some services are privately provided (electricity, natural gas), and some come from the County (Sheriff, parks, county highways), while others are provided locally (sewer, water, local roads). Most of the fire and EMS services however; are provided sub-regionally and involve agreements amongst multiple units of government.







How would you rate the quality of services or facilities for the three governmental functions shown above? Place a colored dot sticker on each map to indicate your rating as follows:

Red = low satisfaction ***Yellow = satisfied*** ***Green = high satisfaction.***

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13. How Can You Continue to Participate in the Plan?

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Visit the Project Hub!

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Dodge County's efforts to update its Comprehensive Plan.

Current/Future Participation Options:

1. **On-Line Project Hub** – leave comments or map notes

2. **On-Line Citizen Opinion Survey** – survey ends February 28th, 2025!

Access the survey through the Project Hub using the QR Code or by visiting **www.co.dodge.wi.gov/**.

3. **Attend Meetings:**

   a) Ad Hoc Working Group Meetings (check Project Hub for dates)

   b) Land Resources & Parks Committee Meetings (check Project Hub for dates)

   c) Public Involvement Meeting #2 – scheduled for approx. mid-September 2025.

   d) Public Hearing – scheduled for approximately mid-November 2025.

Do you have any other suggestions on how to improve public participation?

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2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Involvement Meeting/Open House #2 Summary Report

October 21, 2025

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Overview

Dodge County is in the process of updating its 2015 Comprehensive Plan which will look outward for 20 years to the year 2045. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document which addresses a variety of land use, natural resource, transportation and public service issues, among other things. Citizen engagement has been priority for the County while updating the Comprehensive Plan and the opinions of attendees are strongly considered throughout the process.

Event Details

The second Public Involvement Meeting / Open House was held in Dodge County's Clearview North facility on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. In addition to Cedar Corporation and County staff being present, a total of five persons attended, although only four signed in. (See Appendix A).



The event consisted of an open-house style display of ten different boards containing a variety of information about the draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan which were positioned around the room. After signing in, participants were asked to take a stack of Post-It notes and a pen, and were encouraged to write down short comments, thoughts, and ideas regarding the information presented. Specific directional questions on the boards helped to prompt readers into leaving a response.



Summary of Documented Comments

A summary of the comments and opinions left by participants on each display board station is provided below. Additional summary statements are provided based on verbal discussions with participants. A complete set of the display boards are included in Appendix B:

Board #1 – What is a Comprehensive Plan?

No comments

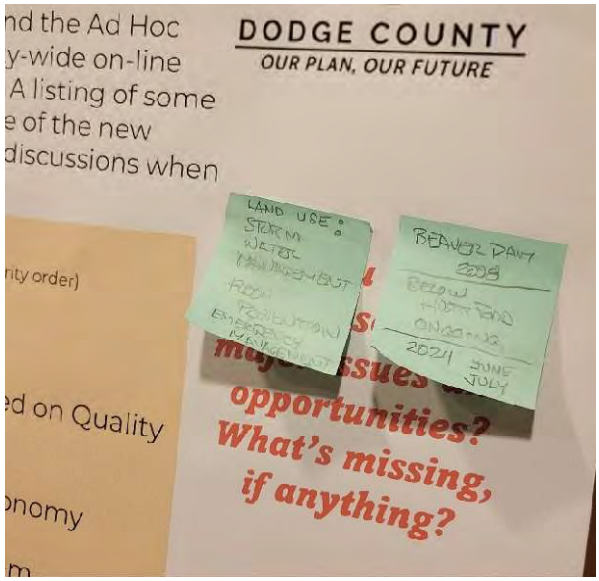
Board #2 – The Planning Process & Public Participation

No comments

Board #3 – Population Growth Projections for Dodge County

No comments

Board #4 – What are the Top Issues & Opportunities?



Comments

1. Land Use: Stormwater management, Flood prevention, and Emergency management
2. [reference to recent flooding events] Beaver Dam, 2008 / Below Hustisford, Ongoing / June/July, 2024

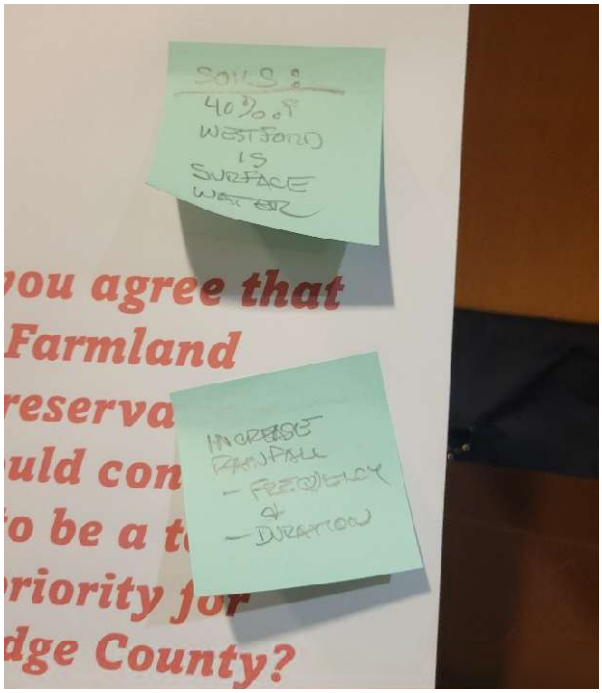
Board #5 – Draft 2045 Future Land Use Map

No Comments

Board #6 – Draft 2045 Future Land Use Map (classification changes)

No comments

Board #7 – Farmland Preservation Planning



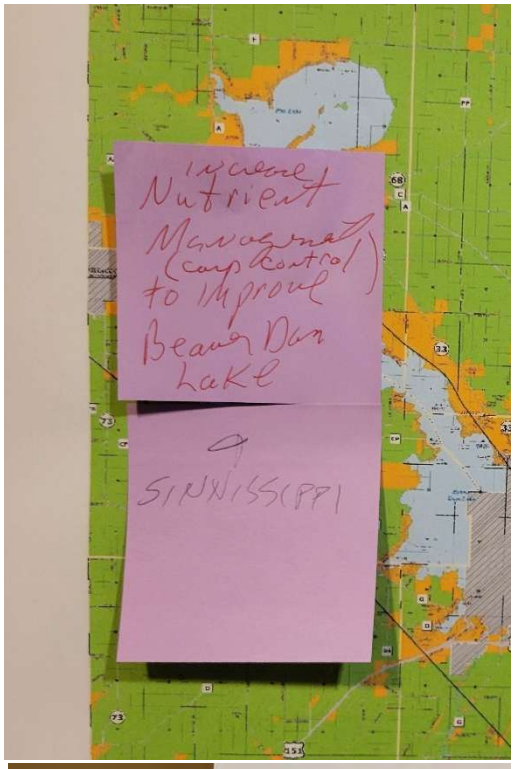
Comments

1. Soils
2. 40% of Westford is surface water
3. Increased rainfall frequency and duration

Board #8 – Draft Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) Map

Comments

1. Increase nutrient management (carp control) to improve Beaver Dam and Sinissippi Lakes



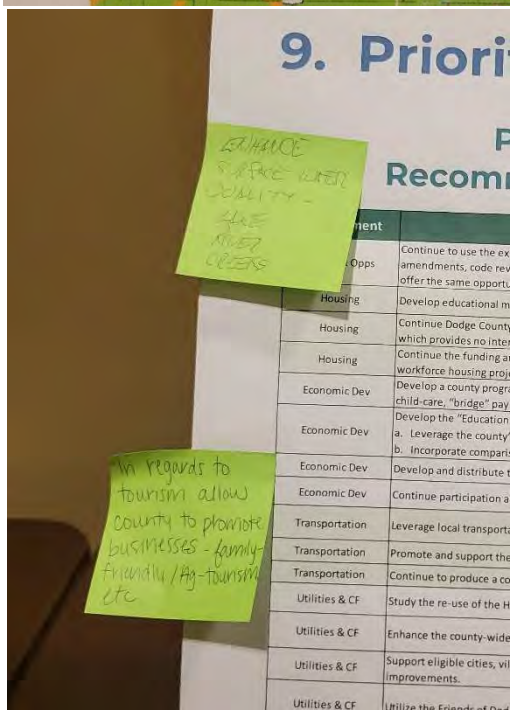
Board #9 – Priority Plan Recommendations

Comments

1. Enhance surface water quality of lakes, rivers, and creeks.
2. In regard to tourism, allow county to promoted businesses – family friendly / ag-tourism, etc.

Board #10 – How Can You Continue to Participate in the Plan?

No comments



Event Takeaways

While the attendance was minimal at this event, those who did come to participate provided quality input. Three themes were revealed by the comments left on the boards, but also by the questions and discussions with participants during the workshop:

1) Improvements to water quality should be elevated in terms of its importance in the plan. Most discussion comments were focused on Beaver Dam Lake and Lake Sinissippi.
   a. Water quality is tied to both rural agricultural land management as well as stormwater runoff from urban areas.
   b. Water quality is tied to the ability to utilize lakes and rivers for recreational purposes.
   c. Improved water quality increases property values.
   d. Some marsh areas have silted in over time, thereby reducing the capacity of these areas to hold water from rain events, resulting in flooding.
   e. Carp control and resuspension of phosphorus in sediments

2) The need to address localized and regional flooding exists as increasing storm intensities are impacting the landscape.

3) There may be a need to incorporate policies and develop regulations regarding the siting of data centers. While most data center facilities will likely occur within the county's incorporated communities, the impacts of these facilities may also affect nearby rural landowners.

The feedback obtained through this public meeting will be considered by the county for potential modifications to the plan's goals, objectives, policies, and recommendation statements.

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APPENDIX A

Event Sign In Sheet

Please Sign In!

Public Involvement Meeting #2 / Open House
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

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Name	Representing (Resident, visitor, agency, organization, etc.)
Dale Maas	BD LAKE DIST.
Linda Schlaufmagel	
Ball Foley	BD LAKE DIST
Richard WALTER	Emmet Supervisor
Jane Parpart	Plan Commission Chair Town of Iba

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APPENDIX B

Event Display Boards

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Welcome!







Thank you for attending the Public Involvement Meeting / Open House. A few directions on how to participate:

1. Please sign in.
2. Take a Post-It pad and a pen.
3. View the various displays and questions at your own pace.
4. Write your thoughts/comments on Post-It notes and then place them directly on the displays.
5. You may also draw or write notes directly on the maps.
6. Interact with County staff and Cedar Corporation representatives – ask questions and share your thoughts!

THANK YOU in advance for your participation!

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If you don't have time to stay, please see our Project Hub for the displayed materials and to provide input. Just scan the QR Code or go to the homepage of the County's website: www.co.dodge.wi.gov/

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1. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Planning Law was enacted in 1999 (see section 66.1001, Wis. Stats.). Sometimes referred to as the "smart growth law," the Comprehensive Planning Law does not mandate how a community should grow, rather it leaves such decisions up to local communities.

Comprehensive Planning Law defines a comprehensive plan as containing at least nine elements as shown in the sidebar.

Consistency Requirement
Beginning on January 1, 2010, if the County enacts or amends an official mapping, land division, or zoning ordinance, the enactment or amendment ordinance must be ***consistent*** with that County's comprehensive plan.

Plan Update
Comprehensive plans must be updated no less than once every 10 years. Dodge County will be conducting a thorough update of background information and a public participatory process to evaluate plan vision, goals, objectives, policies, and programs.

Nine Elements of a Comprehensive Plan
1. Issues and Opportunities
2. Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
3. Economic Development
4. Housing
5. Intergovernmental Cooperation
6. Transportation
7. Land Use
8. Utilities and Community Facilities
9. Implementation

Benefits of Comprehensive Planning
- ❑ Understands the past and present
- ❑ Lays out a roadmap to the future
- ❑ Guides land use regulations
- ❑ Is proactive rather than reactive
- ❑ Coordinates County activity
- ❑ Improves efficiencies of service
- ❑ Preserves local control.
- ❑ Preserves local autonomy
- ❑ Promotes property rights
- ❑ Promotes economic development
- ❑ Promotes intergovernmental cooperation
- ❑ Protects resources

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All draft plan elements for the 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update are available for review on the Project Hub. Scan the QR Code below to access:

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Dodge County's efforts to update its Comprehensive Plan.

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2. The Planning Process & Public Participation

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We Are Here

Aug. 2024 → **Jan. 2025** → **Aug. 2025** → **Dec. 2025**

Citizen Engagement
(Project Hub, Citizen Survey, WTA Mtgs., Public Information Meetings (x2), Public Hearing)

Committee Guidance
(Land Resource & Parks Committee, Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Update Working Group)

Update Inventory & Assess

Information and guidance also taken from a series of interviews conducted with County Department Heads

1. Issues & Opportunities
2. Population & Housing
3. Transportation
4. Economic Development
5. Community Facilities & Utilities
6. Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources
7. Land Use
8. Intergovernmental Cooperation
9. Implementation

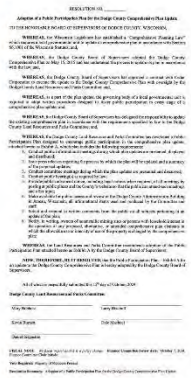
Discuss Solutions, Strategies & Recommendations

Plan Creation

Formal Public Hearing
Adoption by Land Resources & Parks Committee
Adoption by County Board

Plan Adoption

Citizen participation in the planning process is required. A separate Citizen Participation Plan was adopted by the County Board to ensure public input and engagement opportunities exist.



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3. Population Growth Projections for Dodge County

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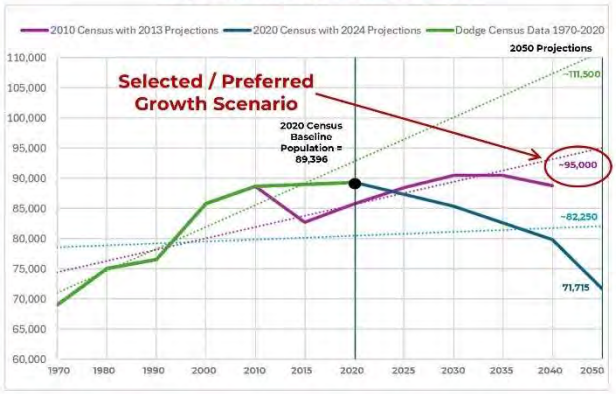
A review of the most current (Dec. 2024) Wisconsin Department of Administration (WDOA) county and municipal-level population projections show a steep downward trend in population levels (dark blue line). Drastic differences are illustrated as compared to the County's previous (Jan. 2013) WDOA projections (purple solid line). Three additional straight-line projections are shown out to the year 2050 (dashed lines) and represent possible scenarios for population growth or decline.

WDOA's 2024 Population Projections

Place Name	2020 Population	2030 Projection	2040 Projection	2050 Projection	# Change 2020-2050	% Change 2020-2050
T Ashippun	2,663	2,641	2,560	2,386	(277)	-10.4%
T Beaver Dam	4,863	5,375	5,811	5,909	(954)	-13.6%
T Burnett	831	758	673	572	(259)	-31.2%
T Calamus	1,043	1,008	983	865	(178)	-17.1%
T Chester*	676	643	555	530	(146)	-21.6%
T Clyman	713	664	604	527	(186)	-26.0%
T Elba	1,041	1,008	954	868	(173)	-16.6%
T Emmet	1,332	1,288	1,238	1,146	(186)	-12.6%
T Fox Lake	2,588	2,255	1,854	1,502	(1,086)	-42.0%
T Hermon	1,135	1,108	1,057	970	(165)	-14.5%
T Hubbard	1,772	1,711	1,615	1,466	(306)	-17.3%
T Hustisford	1,357	1,303	1,221	1,104	(253)	-18.6%
T Lebanon	1,537	1,498	1,376	1,216	(321)	-23.4%
T Leroy	906	910	840	726	(180)	-20.9%
T Lomira	1,099	1,056	993	897	(202)	-18.4%
T Lowell	1,166	1,103	1,020	906	(260)	-22.3%
T Oak Grove	1,028	988	892	788	(240)	-23.4%
T Portland	1,091	1,048	985	889	(202)	-18.5%
T Rubicon	2,117	2,070	1,929	1,819	(298)	-14.1%
T Shields	503	484	457	413	(90)	-18.3%
T Theresa	1,089	1,047	984	889	(200)	-18.4%
T Trenton	1,719	1,147	1,046	918	(801)	-24.7%
T Westford	1,313	1,306	1,268	1,185	(128)	-9.7%
V Brownsville	598	680	760	791	193	32.3%
V Clyman	397	367	330	284	(113)	-28.5%
V Hartford	1,101	1,061	961	857	(249)	-22.6%
V Iron Ridge	901	886	850	780	(121)	-13.4%
V Kekoskee	906	881	809	741	(165)	-18.4%
V Lomira	2,678	2,730	2,655	2,565	(113)	-4.2%
V Lowell	309	276	240	198	(111)	-35.9%
V Neosho	591	577	540	491	(100)	-16.9%
V Randolph	1,338	1,269	1,179	1,047	(291)	-21.7%
V Reeseville	763	775	769	713	(51)	-6.7%
V Theresa	1,255	1,210	1,139	1,032	(223)	-17.8%
C Beaver Dam	16,708	16,740	15,466	14,170	(2,538)	-15.5%
C Fox Lake	1,501	1,653	1,736	1,703	99	6.2%
C Hartford	9	10	10	10	1	11.1%
C Horicon	3,767	3,718	3,587	3,327	(440)	-11.7%
C Juneau	2,608	2,234	1,785	1,257	(1,351)	-50.1%
C Mayville	5,196	5,103	4,899	4,523	(673)	-13.0%
C Watertown	8,252	7,881	7,354	6,597	(1,655)	-20.1%
C Waupun*	8,011	6,919	5,745	4,484	(3,536)	-44.0%
Dodge County	**89,396**	**85,470**	**79,850**	**71,715**	**(17,681)**	**-19.8%**

Source: WDOA, 2024

Population Projection Scenarios



What's Causing This Decline?

Demographers have identified several causes for the projected population levels, including:

- ✓ An aging population
- ✓ Lower birth rates
- ✓ Lower in-migration levels

Do you feel the selected/preferred growth scenario of having a total county population of 95,000 in 2045 is accurate?

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4. What are the Top Issues & Opportunities?

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Initial discussions with the County's Land Resources & Parks Committee and the Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee, as well as input received from the County-wide on-line Resident Surve, led to the identification of many issues and opportunities. A listing of some of the top responses which are/may impact the County over the 20-year life of the new Comprehensive Plan are listed below. These topics have been the focus of discussions when updating the Comprehensive Plan:

Top Issues (not in priority order)

a) Affordable/Workforce Housing, including Senior Housing

b) Workforce Development / Employee Attraction

c) Accommodation of Renewable Energy

d) Access to Medical Care (incl. Mental Health Support)

e) Access to Child Care

f) Coordinated EMS/Fire Services

g) Aging Infrastructure (roads) / Capital Improvement Funding

a) Access to High-Speed Internet

Top Opportunities (not in priority order)

a) Tourism

b) Resident Attraction Based on Quality of Life

c) Leverage Agricultural Economy

d) Leverage Education System

a) Improve Work-Related Transportation

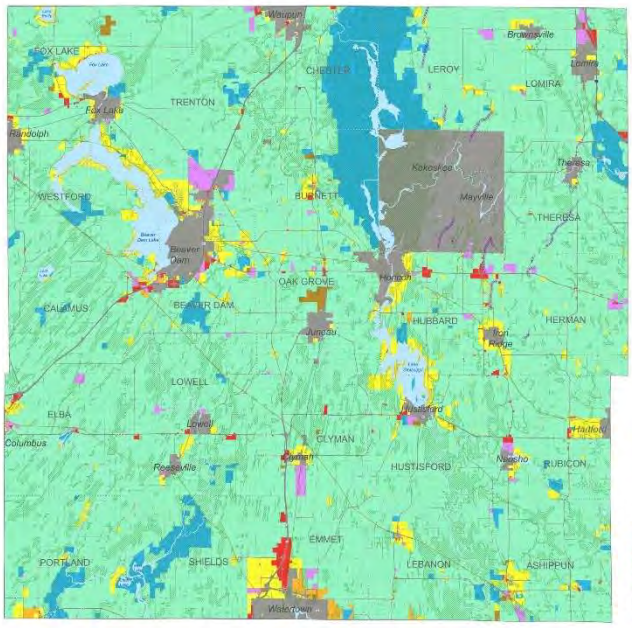
Do you agree with these lists of major issues and opportunities? What's missing, if anything?

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5. Draft 2045 Future Land Use Map

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The future land use map is the primary component of the comprehensive plan that will be used as a guide for officials when considering future development within the county.

The Future Land Use categories are designated areas of consistent character, use, and density that share similar goals and objectives for future use, preservation and/or development.

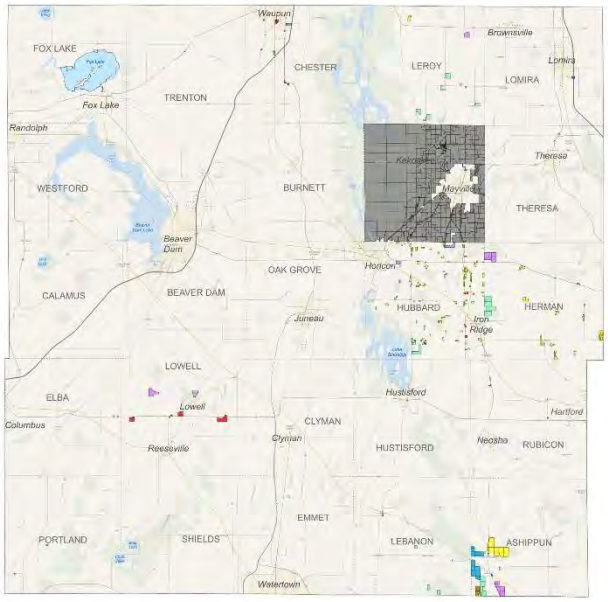
The map is long-range and will need to be reevaluated periodically to ensure that it remains consistent with changing trends and conditions. The 2045 Future Land Use Map applies specifically to the unincorporated areas of Dodge County, and not to the incorporated villages and cities.

Do you agree with the 2045 Future Land Use Map? Why or why not?



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6. Draft 2045 Future Land Use Map



This map illustrates only the areas which have had changes made to the future land use classification based on individual Town feedback.

A total of 1,174 parcels were changed on the Future Land use Map, however 886 of these were tied to updating all the former T. Williamstown's parcels to V. of Kekoskee parcels. This leaves 288 parcels which had a change in its future land use classification as part of this map update.

For Towns who reviewed the Future Land Use Map for updates, do these changes appear to be accurate?



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7. Farmland Preservation Planning

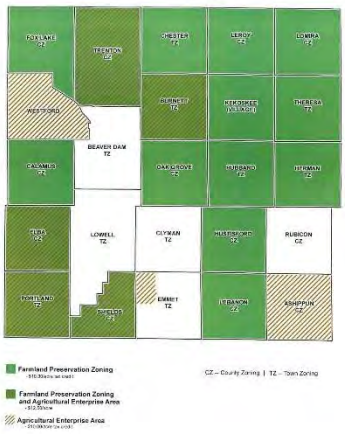
For decades, Dodge County has been heavily involved in the preparation, administration, and oversight for the Dodge County Farmland Preservation Plan and utilization of Farmland Preservation Zoning. The county's Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance creates opportunities for farmers to make an economic living and protecting their right to farm by keeping them eligible for state tax credits. Hence, sustaining the farming culture. As shown here, Dodge County contains an abundance of National Significant agricultural soils based on an analysis by the American Farmland Trust.

Nationally Significant Soils



Source: American Farmland Trust, 2024

Farmland Preservation Program Participation

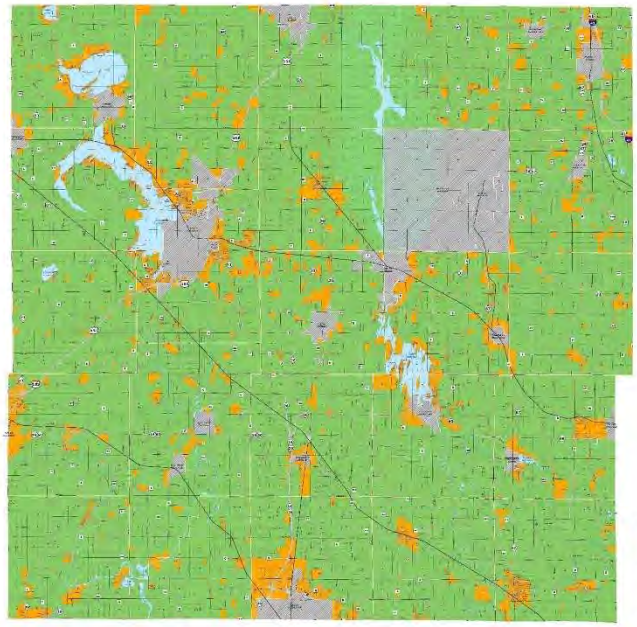


Do you agree that Farmland Preservation should continue to be a top priority for Dodge County?

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8. Draft Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) Map

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Based on the review and input obtain from the towns in Dodge County during the planning process, several minor changes are proposed to the updated Farmland Preservation Plan Map.

These map changes will help to support the overall implementation of the Farmland Preservation Plan and will also ensure that the map is consistent with the County's updated 2045 Future Land Use Map.

Summary of Map Changes

- Only one parcel in T. Herman modified.
- Also removed the Village of Kekoskee and other annexations that have happened since 2021.
- The total FPP acreage after excluding all cities/villages/ROW/major water is 449,544 acres.

Do you agree with the updated Farmland Preservation Plan Map? Why or why not?



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9. Priority Plan Recommendations

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Priority Short-Term Recommendations (1 to 2 Years)

Plan Element	Recommendation Statement
Issues & Opps	Continue to use the existing development review system which encourages towns, villages and cities to comment on plan amendments, code revisions, and development proposals before the proposals are acted upon, and encourage municipalities to offer the same opportunity to the county.
Housing	Develop educational materials that talk about the benefits of all housing types.
Housing	Continue Dodge County's participation in the Southern Housing Region and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which provides no interest loans for home improvements for low and moderate income persons.
Housing Economic Dev	Continue the funding contribution of the Dodge County Community Development Fund to support the construction of local level workforce housing projects.
Economic Dev	Develop a county program to attract childcare providers. For example, consider the provision of facilities, become a licensor for child care, "bridge" start-ups and/or provide benefits (e.g., healthcare).
Economic Dev	Develop the "Education Story" for Dodge County and determine market audience for sharing and distributing. a. Leverage the county's proximity/access to higher education (MPTC, UW-Madison, etc.). b. Incorporate comparison with state level scores for education system.
Economic Dev	Develop and distribute tourism information promoting the county.
Economic Dev	Continue participation and cooperation with the Madison Region Economic Partnership (Made in).
Transportation	Leverage local transportation dollars by applying regularly for state road funding opportunities (LRIP, ARIP, etc.)
Transportation	Promote and support the expansion of the Gold Star Memorial Trail.
Transportation	Continue to produce a county five-Year Capital Improvement Plan on an annual basis.
Utilities & CF	Study the re-use of the Henry Dodge Building property for a renewable energy project if the structure is removed.
Utilities & CF	Enhance the county-wide dispatch system with features such as text to 911, sheriff apps, and more focus on citizen interaction.
Utilities & CF	Support eligible cities, villages and sanitary districts who attempt to obtain grants for needed infrastructure expansion and improvements.
Utilities & CF	Utilize the Friends of Dodge County Parks to develop a fundraising strategy to help offset the cost of park improvements.
Utilities & CF	Work with the Friends of Dodge County Parks in communicating parks information to the County Board, the local news media, and to the general public through the Land Resources and Parks Department.
Ag/Nat/Cul	Develop incentives for farmers to leave unplowed and unfertilized buffers along waterways and wetlands. Regularly apply for DNR grants for the following uses: a. Wetland restoration projects. b. Park improvement projects. c. Development of new or existing trails (such as the Gold Star Memorial Trail). e. Other projects that enhance the county's natural resources base.
Land Use	Amend the County Land Use Code as needed to implement the Comprehensive Plan.
Land Use	Amend county regulations to allow for or enhance in small to medium scale solar energy systems siting which encourages placement in/on parking lots, building rooftops, closed landfills, and existing brownfield sites.
Intergov. Cooperation	Host a bi-annual forum in which cities, village, towns, and the county can constructively discuss land use and zoning issues, especially the current issues facing those communities, as well as to improve communication and coordination (i.e., Wis. Stats. 66.023 regarding cooperative boundary agreements, and Wis Stats. 66.30, regarding cooperative inter-governmental agreements).
Implementation	Provide 11 advancements to make county government more secure, yet citizen-centric with respect to planning and zoning processes and activities.

Priority Medium-Term Recommendations (3 to 10 Years)

Plan Element	Recommendation Statement
Housing	Initiate a pilot project to examine opportunities for new housing through the adaptive re-use of older buildings, perhaps acquiring structures through the tax foreclosure process.
Economic Dev	Create a county database of existing and potential new economic development programs and policies in order to formulate strategies for sustaining and improving the economic stability of the county.
Economic Dev	Continue to administer and promote the Dodge County Community Development Fund to area municipalities for economic development related projects, including infrastructure to foster new housing.
Economic Dev	Increase county capacity for tourism promotion (most successful at attracting higher earners). Having a dedicated county staff person for tourism will foster more consistency and sustainability.
Economic Dev	Allocate sales tax revenues for priority economic development projects, including business retention and attraction.
Economic Dev	Develop a program to target youth/residents who had left the county to return.
Transportation	Develop a long-term transportation plan which prioritizes roadway improvement projects, preserves a high aesthetic quality, and minimizes disruption of natural, historical and cultural resources.
Transportation	Study the creation of a Debt Service Tax (exception to levy limit) on tax bills to pay down existing and future transportation debt.
Transportation	Address critical safety concerns at key intersections by considering the following studies and/or projects: a. CTH A & CTH W (potential roundabout) b. CTH G & CTH S c. CTH TT & WS 60 (coordinate with bridge replacement project and potentially remove segment of TT) d. CTH I & WS 60 e. WS 60 near Dodge County Airport/Juneau.
Transportation	Prepare an updated Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan to identify priority trails and connections, as well as to provide better guidance to the Highway Department for accommodating such uses.
Utilities & CF	Produce an annual Capital Improvement Program Plan to assess its needs in regard to county facilities.
Utilities & CF	Work toward the expansion of fiber and broadband for not only county use, but also for businesses and residents.
Ag/Nat/Cul	Develop a historic preservation base document that reflects on the county's past in a methodical manner. Create a website map and database of historical sites within the county's geographical information system.
Implementation	Update the Comprehensive Plan on a 10 year cycle, consistent with State Statutes. Coordinate with update to the Farmland Preservation Plan and the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Over 100 separate recommendations are contained within the draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The entire set of updated recommendations were reviewed by multiple stakeholders (County Staff, Ad Hoc Comprehensive Plan Update Working Group, and the Land Resources & Parks Committee).

This exercise was to identify those recommendations which would "move the needle" the most., meaning to make a noticeable and significant impact or to achieve measurable progress toward a goal.

Based on this evaluation, a total of 22 "priority recommendations" were identified for implementation over the next two years. A secondary set of 14 priority recommendations were established for implementation in the 3 to 10-year timeframe following the first two-year period. It is important to note that items within each table are NOT listed in priority order.

Do you agree with the listing of priority plan recommendations?

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10. How Can You Continue to Participate in the Plan?

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Current/Future Participation Options:

1. **On-Line Project Hub** – leave comments or map notes

2. **Attend Meetings:**

   a) Ad Hoc Working Group Meetings (Only one left, scheduled for Nov. 6, 2025)

   b) Land Resources & Parks Committee Meetings (Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, 2025)

   c) LRPC Mtg. / Public Hearing (Tentatively scheduled for January 12, 2026)

   a) County Board Adoption (Tentatively scheduled for January 20, 2026)

Visit the Project Hub!

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Dodge County's efforts to update its Comprehensive Plan.

Ask us for more details on how you can actively participate in the plan update process!

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Appendix E – Citizen Survey Summary

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Citizen Survey Results

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Survey Overview

Dodge County, in cooperation with Cedar Corporation consultants, is in the process of preparing its Year 2045 Comprehensive Plan, which updates the current plan prepared and adopted in 2015. This long-range planning document addresses a variety of subjects including land use, transportation, community facilities, economic development, housing, recreation, and more.

As part of this public process, a Citizen Survey was created to gather up-front information and perspective from the county's residents and landowners. Opinions were sought on how the county should grow, develop, and accommodate service demands and quality of life needs over the next 20 years based on current and foreseeable trends. The survey results will be important for crafting a long-range plan, and appropriate development policies, to better retain and attract residents and employers to the County, as well as to protect key resources from development impacts.

Survey Methods & Overall Response

The survey was developed with input from the Land Resources & Parks Department staff and contained a total of 23 questions. The survey was made available for an approximate six week period between January 13, 2025 and February 28, 2025. The survey was put into an on-line format using Survey Monkey, linked directly from the homepage of the County's website. Access to the survey could also be obtained through the on-line Project Hub. If needed, residents could pick up and fill out a paper copy at the County Administration Building. Several hand-submitted copies were in fact received, and were entered into Survey Monkey for inclusion in the results. The survey was promoted strongly throughout the County using paper and digital promotional fliers (Fig. 1) which contained a QR Code. Regular postings to the County's social media pages were also made to encourage participation. A press release was also sent out to all media outlets in the County resulting in some newspaper articles. Towns also posted survey notices at Town Hall locations.

Figure 1 – Survey Promotion Flyer



Overall, the survey had a total of 367 responses which represents a 0.4% response rate when compared to the County's Jan. 1, 2024 estimated population of 89,003 persons. Although the response rate appears to be very low, statistically speaking, the results have a fairly high confidence, with the theoretical margin of error being +/- 5.1%, 95% of the time, on questions where an opinion is evenly split.

Based on this, the survey responses would likely come close to representing the overall opinions of those across the entire County. It should be noted though that this survey is but one of several methods being used to gather public input. Reliance solely on the survey results to dictate the future of Dodge County's Comprehensive Plan Update is not recommended as many other factors come into play.

Summary of Responses

A broad summary of the survey results, grouped by general topics, are discussed below. These statements tie back to the responses for individual survey questions whose data can be found in Appendix A.

Demographics

- 97.8% of survey respondents were either residents or landowners within Dodge County. Of this amount, only 4.0% indicated they were just landowners who did not reside in the County. For those who did reside in the County, the highest levels of response came from five communities as follows:

    1. City of Beaver Dam (18.5%)
    2. Town of Beaver Dam (17.5%)
    3. City of Mayville (6.8%)
    4. City of Horicon (6.5%)
    5. City of Juneau (5.2%)

- Further examination of the data showed that 51.4% of respondents came from rural Towns across Dodge County, while 5.8% came from Villages, and 42.8% came from Cities. Overall, this means a good balance of urban and rural opinions were obtained through the survey. In addition, of the County's 44 local units of government, only 6 of them had zero responses submitted.

- A majority (64.8%) of respondents have lived in Dodge County for 21 or more years. While nearly equal grouping of respondents have lived in the County for less than 5 years (10.3%), 5 to 10 years (11.9%), or 11 to 20 years (10.3%). Only 2.77% stated they did not live in Dodge County.

- A large majority (87.2%) of respondents owned their homes, while 9.2% indicated they rented. Just over 3.6% stated 'other', and whose most common responses were either "I live with family who owns" or "I live with parents".

- 23% of survey respondents stated that they do own a business in Dodge County. Business owners in 28 of the 44 local governments across the County had submitted responses. And, of the 83 responses to the question, nearly one-half (47%) came from five communities across the County as follows:

    1. City of Beaver Dam (11 businesses, or 13.3%)
    2. Town of Lebanon (10 businesses, or 12.1%)
    3. Town of Beaver Dam (8 businesses, or 9.6%)
    4. Town of Oak Grove (5 businesses, or 6.0%)
    5. City of Mayville (5 businesses, or 6.0%)

- The bulk of survey respondents (60.7%) fell between the ages of 35 and 64 years. Of this, the 35-54 year age category had the most responses (35.8%), with the 55-64 year age category coming in second with 25.9%. There was also a good showing of responses across the 65-84 year age group (21.7%) and the 20-34 year age group (16.0%). Lastly, there were very few respondents who were 19 years or under (0.6%) and zero responses from anyone 85 or older.

Quality of Life

- 74.3% of respondents rated the quality of life in Dodge County as Good or Excellent. 20.1% rated it as only being Fair, while 4.6% thought the quality of life was Poor. Less than 1.0% stated they had no opinion. When asked to elaborate on why the respondent answered this question the way they did, 176 written comments were provided (see Appendix A, Question 9). A review of the comments showed that 42.0% of them were positive in nature (safe, rural, good schools and businesses, good people, parks, etc.), 41.5% negative (attitudes, road repair, high taxes, lack of businesses, etc.) and 16.5% neutral (meaning there were both positive and negative components to the statement).

- When asked if the expectation for quality of life will improve, stay the same, or decline over the next five years, a majority (54.8%) felt that it would stay the same. 20.4% felt it would improve, and 22.6% thought it would decline. A total of 161 written comments were received when prompted to give a reason for the answer provided (see Appendix A, Question 10). A review of these comments showed that 46.0% of them were positive in nature, 36.0% negative, and 18.0% neutral (meaning there were both positive and negative components to the statement).

- When it came to the three most important reasons that the respondent/respondent's family chose to live/stay in Dodge County, the top responses representing 20 percent of more of the votes included:

    1. Near friends and family (38.2%)
    2. Born here or nearby (34.6%)
    3. Rural feel (33.6%)
    4. Small town charm (22.3%)
    5. Feel safe (21.4%)
    6. Good place to raise a family (21.1%)
    7. Reasonable cost of living (20.2%).

    The lowest ranking reasons for living/staying in Dodge County included:

    13. Quality schools (4.3%)
    14. I do not live in Dodge County (2.1%)
    15. Good Government/Government Services (2.1%)
    16. Existing shopping opportunities (1.5%)

Twenty written comments were provided if the "other" reason was selected. These comments noted such items as centrally located to larger urban areas, and having quality agricultural lands, among other things.

- Respondents were asked to rank 16 different qualities associated with quality of life in Dodge County, ranging from "Great availability" on the high end to "Poor" on the low end. Based on the weighted average ranking across all responses, the top five ranked qualities included:

    1. Recreational opportunities (1.84 weighted ranking)
    2. Natural resources (1.86)
    3. Fire protection services (2.06)
    4. Police services (2.17)
    5. Emergency medical services (2.18)

    The lowest weighted average rankings for qualities associated with Dodge County's quality of life included:

    12. Broadband internet service (2.61)
    13. Job opportunities (2.7)
    14. Affordable/attainable homes/rental properties (2.85)
    15. Elderly care/assisted living facilities (3.34)
    16. Childcare facilities (3.65)

Housing

- Respondents were asked to rate the needs for additional housing types in Dodge County. Twelve different housing options were provided and ranked across a spectrum of "Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree". A "No opinion" option was also available. After removing any "No opinion" responses, the strongest weighted rankings (1 = strongly agree / 4 = strongly disagree) included the following housing types:

    1. Moderate priced homes (1.77 weighted avg. rank)
    2. Small single-family homes, less than 1,200 sq. ft. (1.95)
    3. Campus style senior living communities (1.95 tie)
    4. Single-family homes, 1,200 sq. ft. or more (1.95 tie)

    The least needed/desired housing types based on average weighted score (after removing "No opinion" responses) were as follows:

    9. Accessory dwelling units (2.59 weighted avg. rank).
    10. Tiny homes, less than 600 sq. ft. (2.82)
    11. Seasonal housing (2.89)
    12. Higher end/prices homes (2.94)

Economic Development

- Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement or disagreement on the idea that Dodge County should continue to work collaboratively on workforce development tasks and opportunities (recruitment, career path education, youth apprenticeships, etc.). An overwhelming majority of responses (94.3%) agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. Only 1.7% disagreed or strongly disagreed and 4.0% stated they had no opinion.

- When asked about the importance of a variety of business and industry types within Dodge County, respondents replied on a scale of 1 being "Essential" to 4 being "Not Important". A "No Opinion" option was also offered. After removing any "No opinion" responses, the weighted rankings in priority order were as follows:

    1. Agriculture related businesses (1.65 weighted avg. ranking)
    2. Commercial service and retail development (2.32)
    3. Industrial (warehousing, processing, transp., and mfg.) development (2.34)
    4. Tourism and recreation businesses (2.40)
    5. Home based businesses (2.57)
    6. Energy related businesses/development (2.57)

Transportation

- Respondents were asked to rate each of the six available modes/facilities related to transportation within the County from 1 being "Excellent" to 5 being "Poor". A "No Opinion" option was also offered. After removing any "No opinion" responses, the weighted rankings in order were as follows:

    1. Non-motorized paths/trails (2.13 weighted avg. rank)
    2. Federal and State highways (2.40)
    3. Private transportation & ridesharing services (e.g., private bus, taxi, Uber, Lyft) (2.80)
    4. Public/Employment transportation services (e.g., vanpools, carpools, shared ride taxi service, & on-demand paratransit) (2.81)
    5. County highways/roads (2.94)
    6. Local roads (i.e., City, Village, and Town roads) (3.35)

- When asked to identify the areas of transportation infrastructure which the County should place focus on over the next five years, the six options provided had the following number of "yes" responses provided in rank order:

    1. Improved local roads (i.e., City, Village, and Town roads) (82.2%)
    2. Improved County highways/roads (72.0%)
    3. New/Improved public/employment transportation services (e.g., vanpools, carpools, shared ride taxi service, & on-demand paratransit)(45.0%)
    4. New/Improved private transportation services (e.g., private bus, taxi, Uber, Lyft) (42.1%)
    5. New/improved non-motorized paths/trails (38.3%)

6. Improved Federal and State highways (32.4%)

When asked why the participant responded in the manner they did, a total of 100 written responses were received (see Appendix A, Question 15). Common responses to this question included: generally poor condition of local roads, needs and desires for more trail facilities, a variety of needs which demand public or private transportation, as well as a number of statements which state there are no public transportation needs or that the County should not be involved in private transportation matters.

Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources

- Respondents were asked to rate each of twelve natural and cultural resources features within Dodge County on a scale of 1 being "Essential" to 4 being "Not Important". A "No Opinion" option was also offered. After removing any "No opinion" responses, the weighted rankings in priority order were as follows:

    1. Groundwater (1.30 weighted avg. rank)
    2. Lakes, rivers, & streams (1.38)
    3. Air quality (1.44)
    4. Productive farmland (1.64)
    5. Horicon Marsh (1.72)
    6. Wildlife habitat (1.73)
    7. Wetlands (1.81)
    8. Forested land (1.83)
    9. Niagara Escarpment corridor (2.02)
    10. Rural landscape aesthetics (2.02)
    11. Historic and cultural resources, sites, & structures (2.13)
    12. Public hunting/fishing grounds (2.18)

    It is important to note that all twelve choices received relatively high rankings, with all features being ranked as being at least better than "Important" (3.0) and much closer to "Very Important" (2.0). When reviewing the responses noted as "Not Important" the highest number of responses was 27 (or 8.7%) for Public Hunting/Fishing Grounds, and 25 (8.09%) for Rural Landscape Aesthetics.

Land Use

- When asked to rate the level of agreement with four different statements regarding land use, respondents generally tended to agree with the need to regulate certain aspects of new development within the County as follows:
    - There should be a minimum lot size on residential development in rural areas (52.8% agree or strongly agree vs. 31.1% disagree or strongly disagree)
    - There should be a maximum lot size on residential development in rural areas (44.2% agree or strongly agree vs. 37.0% disagree or strongly disagree)
    - Visual impacts of development is an important consideration when evaluating proposed development (78% agree or strongly agree vs. 12.6% disagree or strongly disagree).
    - Landowners should be allowed to develop land any way they want, even if it could

be harmful or a nuisance to a neighbor or the environment (13.3% agree or strongly agree vs. 81.9% disagree or strongly disagree).

- Survey participants were asked where commercial and industrial buildings and activities should be located within the County. Of the four choices given, there was a nearly equal split in responses for "Cities and Villages where public sewer/water are available" (43.1%) and "Anywhere in Dodge County with conditions applied" (39.5%). Only 8.7% of respondents desired to see this type of development "Along county and state highways only". Another 8.7% of responses indicated they had no opinion.

Community Facilities, Utilities & Services

- Participants were asked to rate ten different basic services or facilities which are present within Dodge County on a scale of 1 being "Excellent", 2 being "Good", 3 being "Fair" and 4 being "Poor". A "No Opinion" option was also offered. After removing any "No opinion" responses, the weighted average rankings for each service/facility type, in priority order, is as follows:

    1. Fire protection (1.86 weighted avg. ranking)
    2. Emergency medical service(s) (1.97)
    3. Law enforcement (2.10)
    4. Local and County parks (2.12)
    5. Highway and Directional Signage (2.17)
    6. Snowplowing (2.34)
    7. Refuse/recycling program(s) (2.40)
    8. Storm water management (2.43)
    9. Non-motorized walking and biking facilities (2.59)
    10. Road maintenance (2.83)

    Again, it is worth noting that all ten services/facilities had responses which ranked better than "Fair" (3.0) with many of them being closer to "Good" and higher. When reviewing the responses noted as "Not Important" the highest number of responses was 75 (or 24.67%) for Storm Water Management.

- When asked if local Fire and EMS Districts should seek to be more effective and efficient through the consolidation of services, responses leaned toward Agree to Strongly Agree (50.8% of responses) vs. 27.6% who stated they Disagree or Strongly Disagree. Just over 21% stated they have no opinion which may indicate there is not sufficient knowledge or experience in using these services or how they operate.

- Six different types of Recreation and Trail Facilities within the County were also rated by survey respondents for their availability (not condition) based on a scale of 1 being "Excellent", 2 being "Good", 3 being "Fair" and 4 being "Poor". A "No Opinion" option was also offered. After removing any "No opinion" responses, the weighted average rankings for each type, in priority order of availability, was as follows:

    1. Local and County parks (2.12 weighted avg. ranking)
    2. Boating and lake/river/stream facilities access (2.15)
    3. Public hunting/fishing grounds (2.21)
    4. Snowmobile/ATV trails (2.29)
    5. Campgrounds (2.46)
    6. Hiking and biking trails (2.49)

    Similar to other questions, it is again worth noting that all six facility types had weighted average responses which ranked better than "Fair" (3.0), with many of them being closer to "Good" and none falling within the "Excellent" category for availability. When reviewing the responses noted as "Not Important" the highest number of responses was 137 (or 45.07%) for Snowmobile/ATV Trails.

- When asked about the level of support for incorporating renewable energy systems (solar, wind, etc.) into public and private building developments, a majority of respondents (64.9%) agreed or strongly agreed with this approach. 28.4% of respondents stated they would disagree or strongly disagree. Disagreement with the statement may EITHER reflect the opinion that no renewable energy projects whatsoever should be sited within the County, OR there is disagreement with renewables on buildings only and that other land-based opportunities should be considered or sought.

Appendix A - Detailed Survey Results and Comments

The results for each survey question, including written comments for any open-ended question, are contained in this Appendix.

For Question 9, the 176 open-ended written responses have been categorized based on their positive, neutral, or negative content.

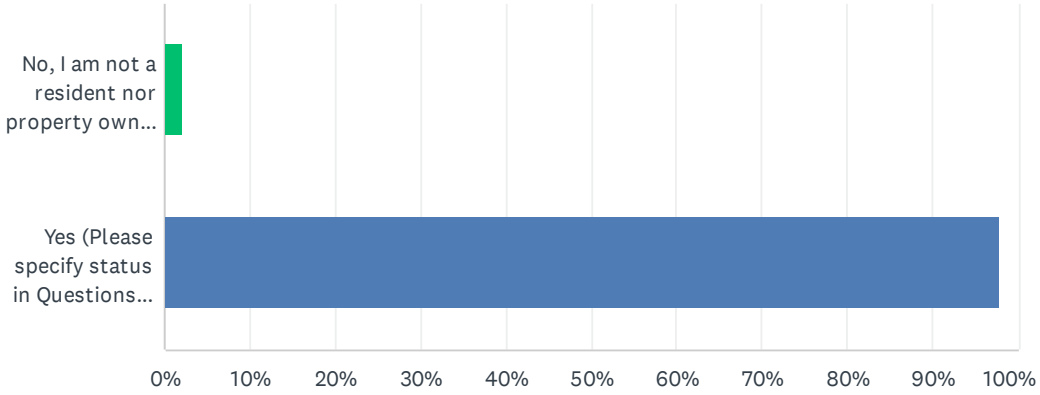
For Question 10, the 161 open ended written responses were also categorized based on their positive, neutral, or negative content.

For Question 25, the general open-ended comment opportunity, the 120 separate responses were reviewed and categorized across the nine element of a Comprehensive Plan. This greatly improves the ability to identify how the results may factor into the data and discussions about each plan element's goals, objectives, and recommendations.

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Q1 Are you a resident or property owner in Dodge County?

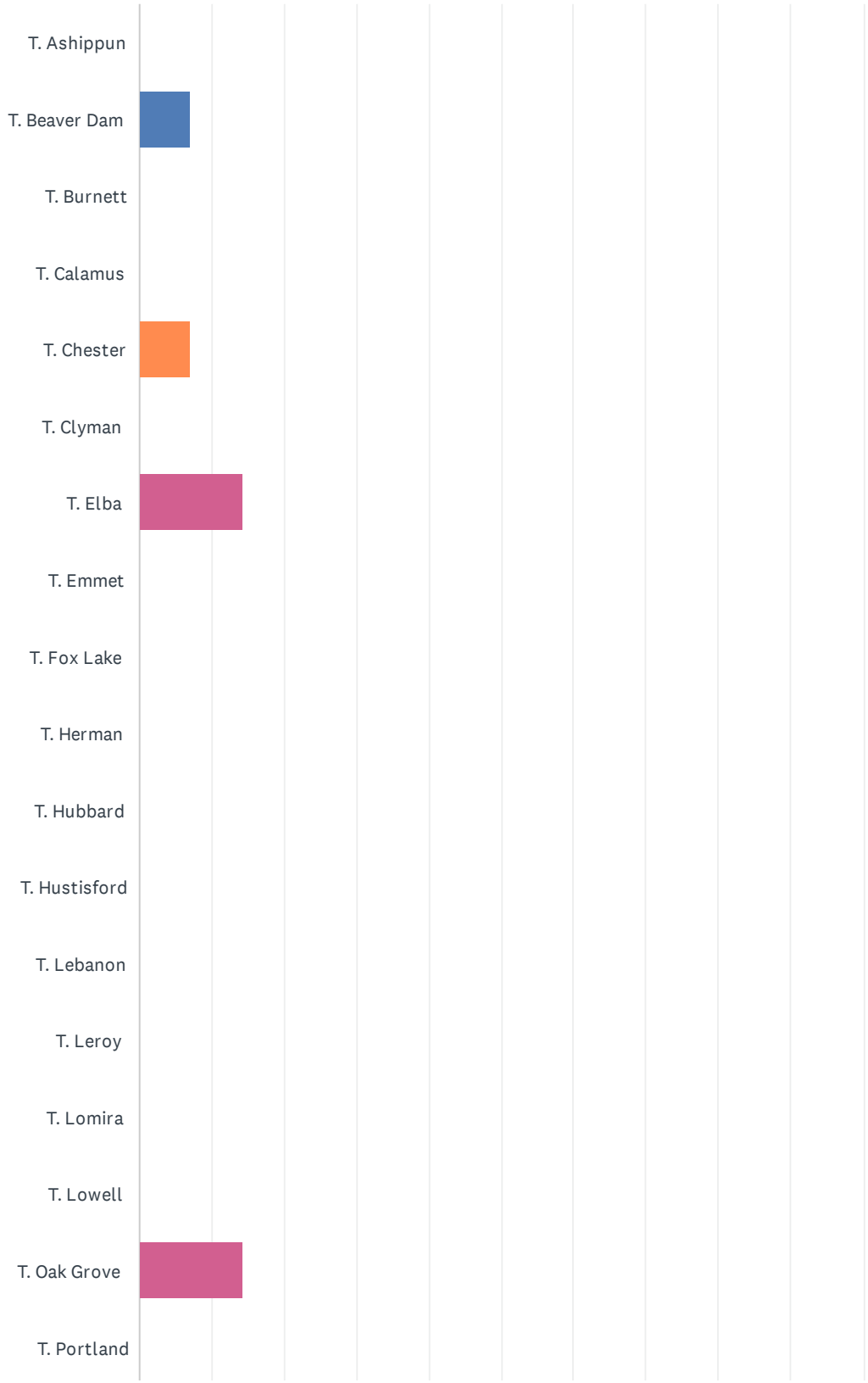
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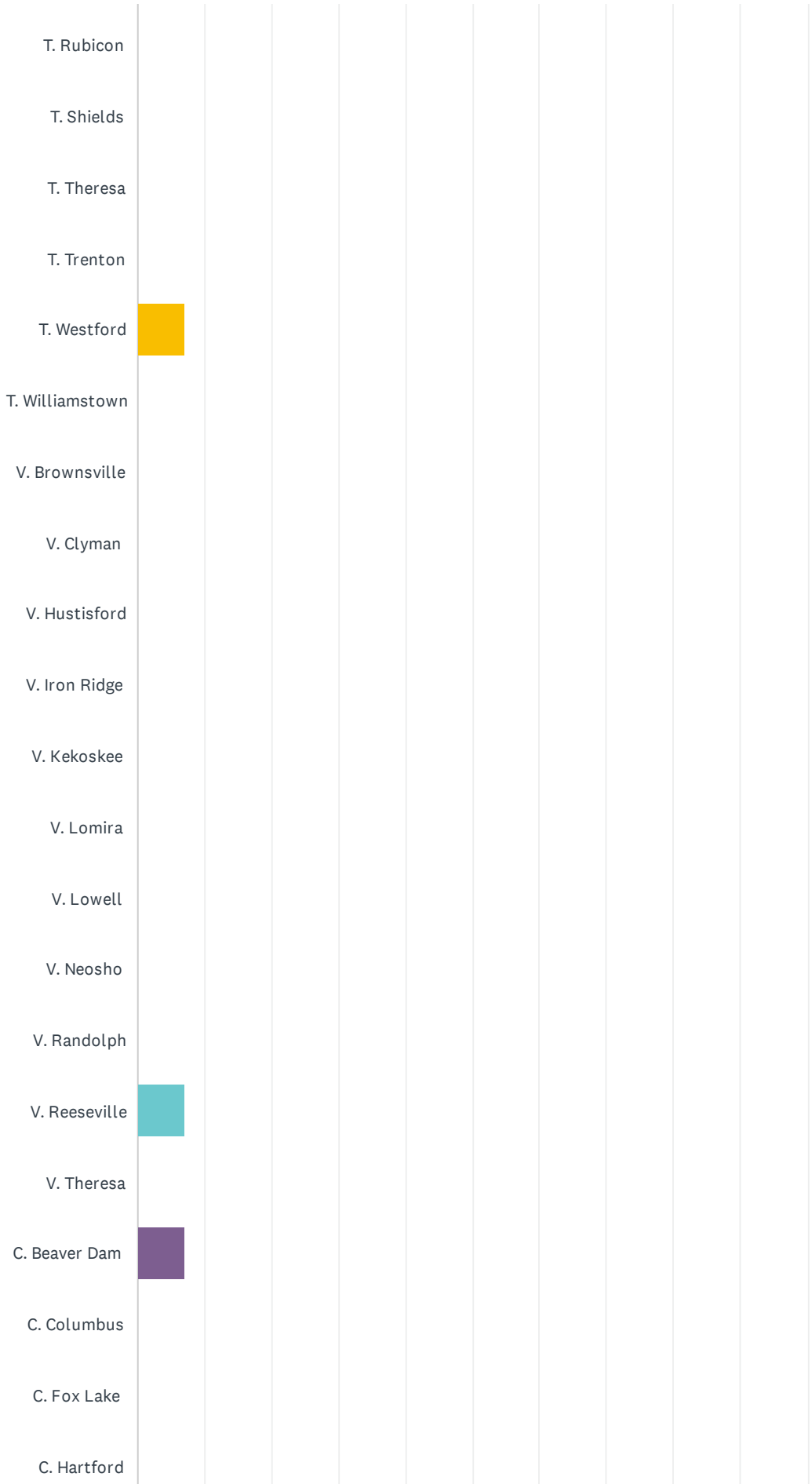


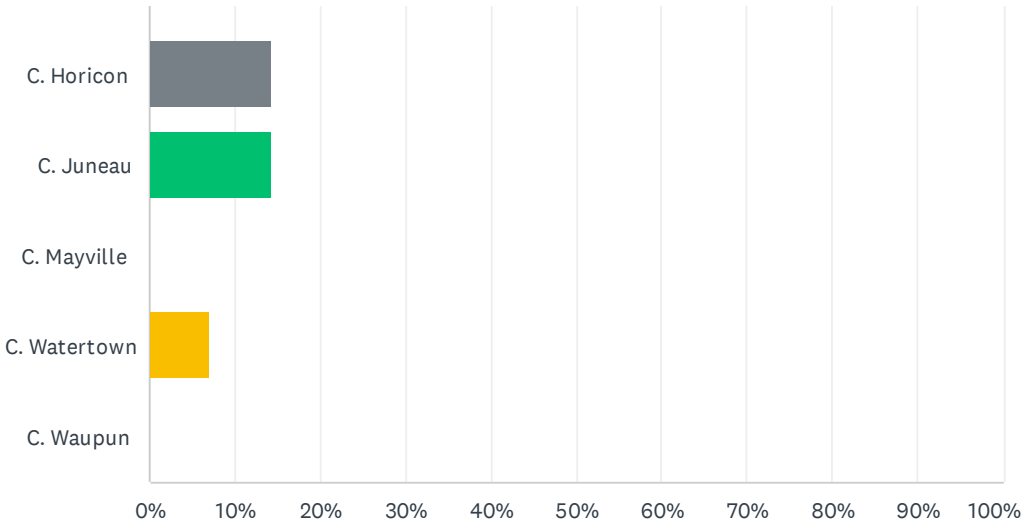
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, I am not a resident nor property owner in Dodge County (Please answer then skip to Question 4)	2.22%	8
Yes (Please specify status in Questions 2 or 3 below)	97.78%	352
TOTAL		360

Q2 No, I am not a resident of Dodge County, but I do own land in Dodge County, specifically in _____ (Choose one only)

Answered: 14 Skipped: 353




T. Rubicon
T. Shields
T. Theresa
T. Trenton
T. Westford
T. Williamstown
V. Brownsville
V. Clyman
V. Hustisford
V. Iron Ridge
V. Kekoskee
V. Lomira
V. Lowell
V. Neosho
V. Randolph
V. Reeseville
V. Theresa
C. Beaver Dam
C. Columbus
C. Fox Lake
C. Hartford

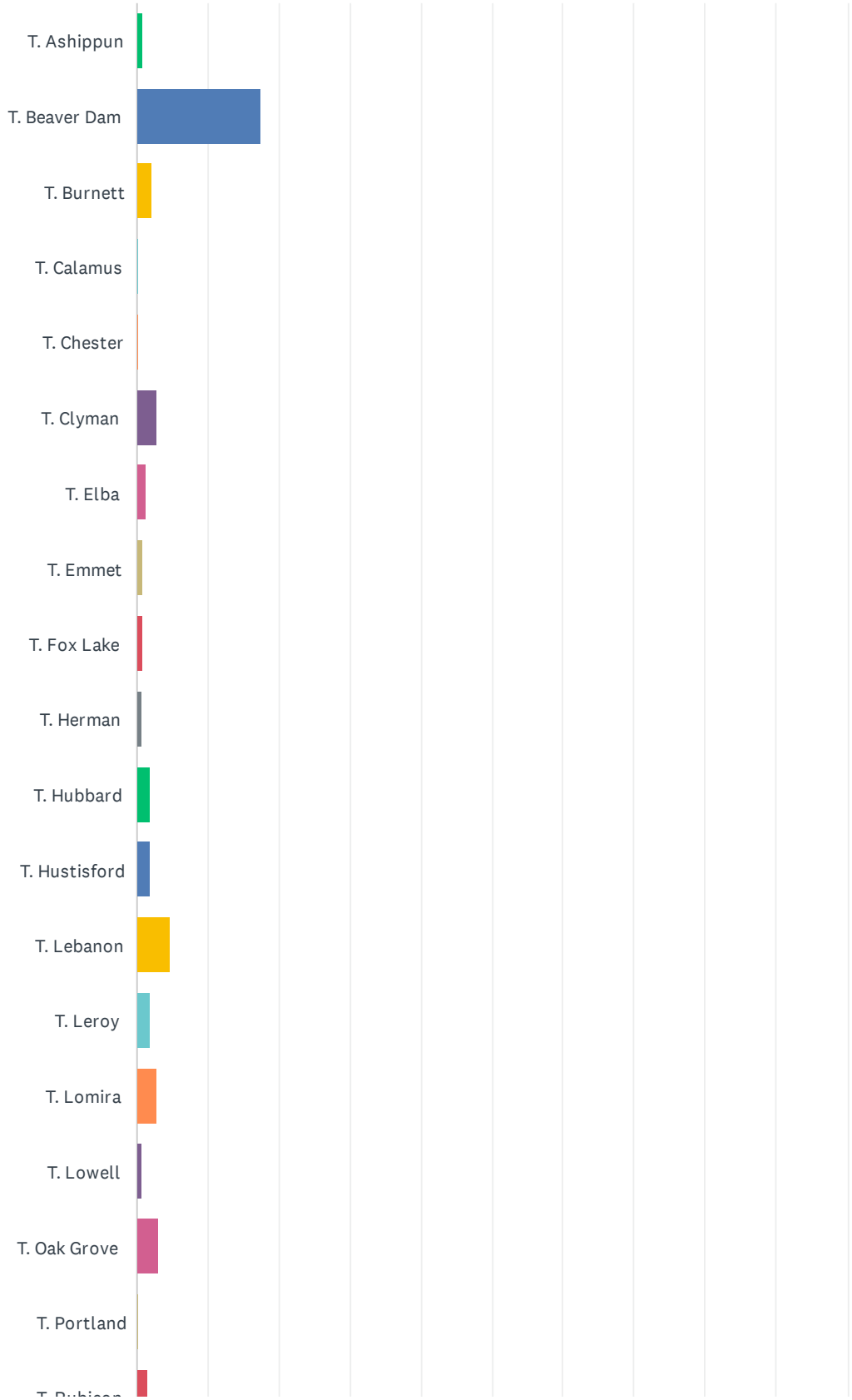

C. Horicon
C. Juneau
C. Mayville
C. Watertown
C. Waupun
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
T. Ashippun	0.00%	0
T. Beaver Dam	7.14%	1
T. Burnett	0.00%	0
T. Calamus	0.00%	0
T. Chester	7.14%	1
T. Clyman	0.00%	0
T. Elba	14.29%	2
T. Emmet	0.00%	0
T. Fox Lake	0.00%	0
T. Herman	0.00%	0
T. Hubbard	0.00%	0
T. Hustisford	0.00%	0
T. Lebanon	0.00%	0
T. Leroy	0.00%	0
T. Lomira	0.00%	0
T. Lowell	0.00%	0
T. Oak Grove	14.29%	2
T. Portland	0.00%	0
T. Rubicon	0.00%	0
T. Shields	0.00%	0
T. Theresa	0.00%	0
T. Trenton	0.00%	0
T. Westford	7.14%	1
T. Williamstown	0.00%	0
V. Brownsville	0.00%	0
V. Clyman	0.00%	0
V. Hustisford	0.00%	0
V. Iron Ridge	0.00%	0
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V. Neosho	0.00%	0

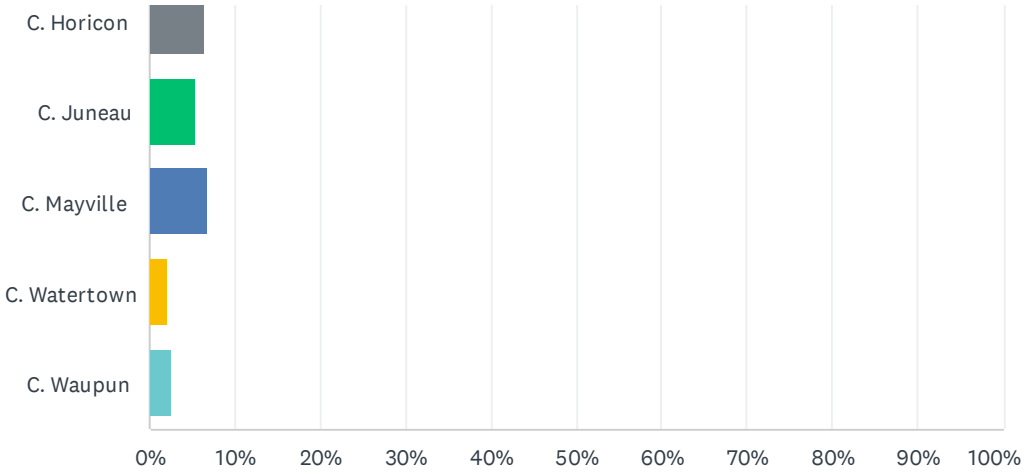
V. Randolph	0.00%	0
V. Reeseville	7.14%	1
V. Theresa	0.00%	0
C. Beaver Dam	7.14%	1
C. Columbus	0.00%	0
C. Fox Lake	0.00%	0
C. Hartford	0.00%	0
C. Horicon	14.29%	2
C. Juneau	14.29%	2
C. Mayville	0.00%	0
C. Watertown	7.14%	1
C. Waupun	0.00%	0
TOTAL		14

Q3 I am a resident and live in the _____ (Choose one only)

Answered: 325 Skipped: 42




T. Rubicon
T. Shields
T. Theresa
T. Trenton
T. Westford
T. Williamstown
V. Brownsville
V. Clyman
V. Hustisford
V. Iron Ridge
V. Kekoskee
V. Lomira
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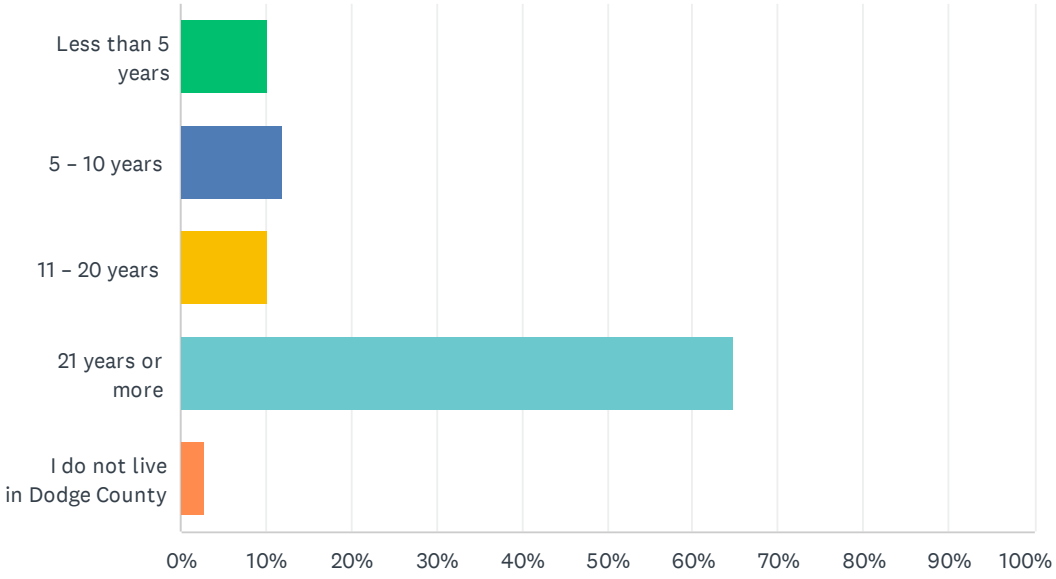

C. Horicon
C. Juneau
C. Mayville
C. Watertown
C. Waupun
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
T. Ashippun	0.92%	3
T. Beaver Dam	17.54%	57
T. Burnett	2.15%	7
T. Calamus	0.31%	1
T. Chester	0.31%	1
T. Clyman	2.77%	9
T. Elba	1.23%	4
T. Emmet	0.92%	3
T. Fox Lake	0.92%	3
T. Herman	0.62%	2
T. Hubbard	1.85%	6
T. Hustisford	1.85%	6
T. Lebanon	4.62%	15
T. Leroy	1.85%	6
T. Lomira	2.77%	9
T. Lowell	0.62%	2
T. Oak Grove	3.08%	10
T. Portland	0.31%	1
T. Rubicon	1.54%	5
T. Shields	0.62%	2
T. Theresa	0.92%	3
T. Trenton	2.46%	8
T. Westford	1.23%	4
T. Williamstown	0.00%	0
V. Brownsville	0.62%	2
V. Clyman	0.00%	0
V. Hustisford	0.00%	0
V. Iron Ridge	1.23%	4
V. Kekoskee	1.23%	4
V. Lomira	0.62%	2
V. Lowell	0.62%	2
V. Neosho	0.31%	1

V. Randolph	0.31%	1
V. Reeseville	0.92%	3
V. Theresa	0.00%	0
C. Beaver Dam	18.46%	60
C. Columbus	0.00%	0
C. Fox Lake	1.23%	4
C. Hartford	0.00%	0
C. Horicon	6.46%	21
C. Juneau	5.23%	17
C. Mayville	6.77%	22
C. Watertown	2.15%	7
C. Waupun	2.46%	8
TOTAL		325

Q4 How long have you lived in Dodge County? (Choose one only)

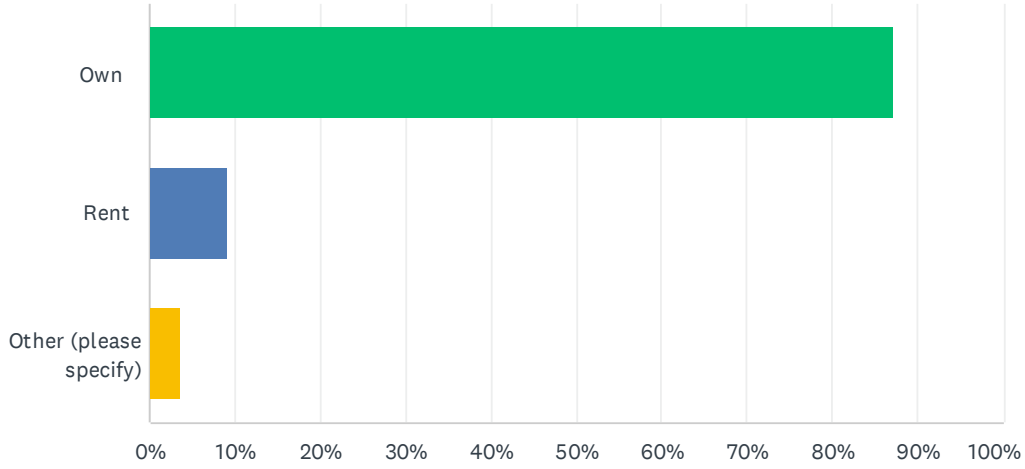
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 years	10.25%	37
5 – 10 years	11.91%	43
11 – 20 years	10.25%	37
21 years or more	64.82%	234
I do not live in Dodge County	2.77%	10
TOTAL		361

Q5 Do you own your home or rent?

Answered: 360 Skipped: 7

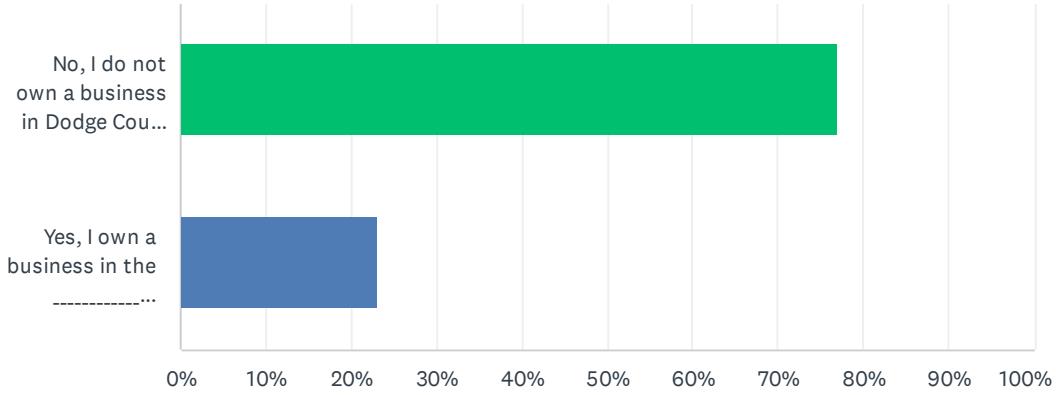


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	87.22%	314
Rent	9.17%	33
Other (please specify)	3.61%	13
TOTAL		360

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Managed Property	2/19/2025 5:57 PM
2	Live with family who owns.	1/31/2025 12:34 PM
3	Own; pay lot rent	1/30/2025 7:41 PM
4	I also own a home I rent out	1/30/2025 1:33 PM
5	live with parents	1/30/2025 8:44 AM
6	Married into	1/23/2025 6:20 PM
7	Live with family	1/23/2025 1:01 PM
8	I live with my parents who own their home.	1/23/2025 12:37 PM
9	I live with the owner.	1/16/2025 3:19 PM
10	.	1/16/2025 8:57 AM
11	Live with parents	1/16/2025 8:24 AM
12	.	1/15/2025 7:41 PM
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Q6 Do you own a business in Dodge County? (Choose one only)

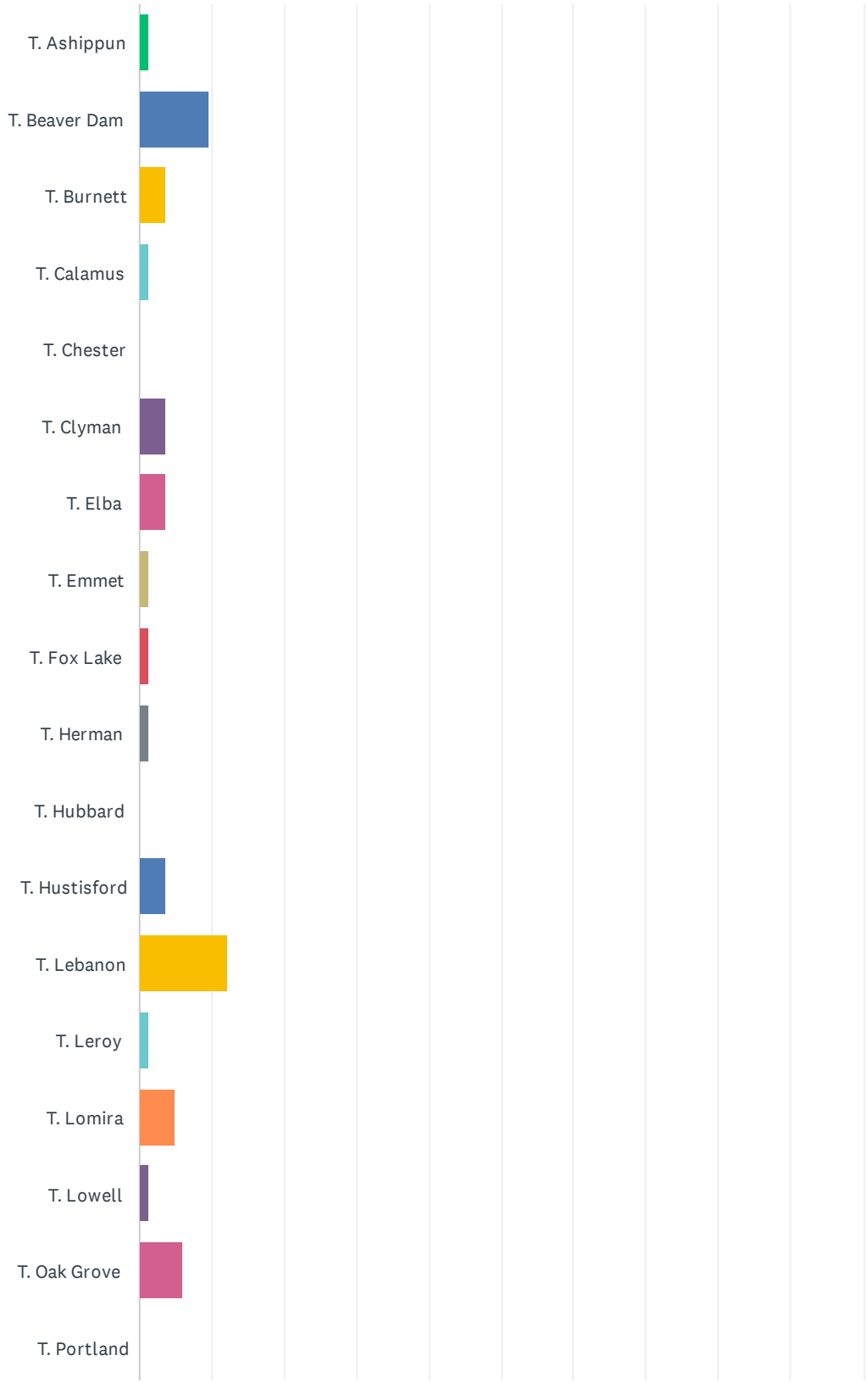
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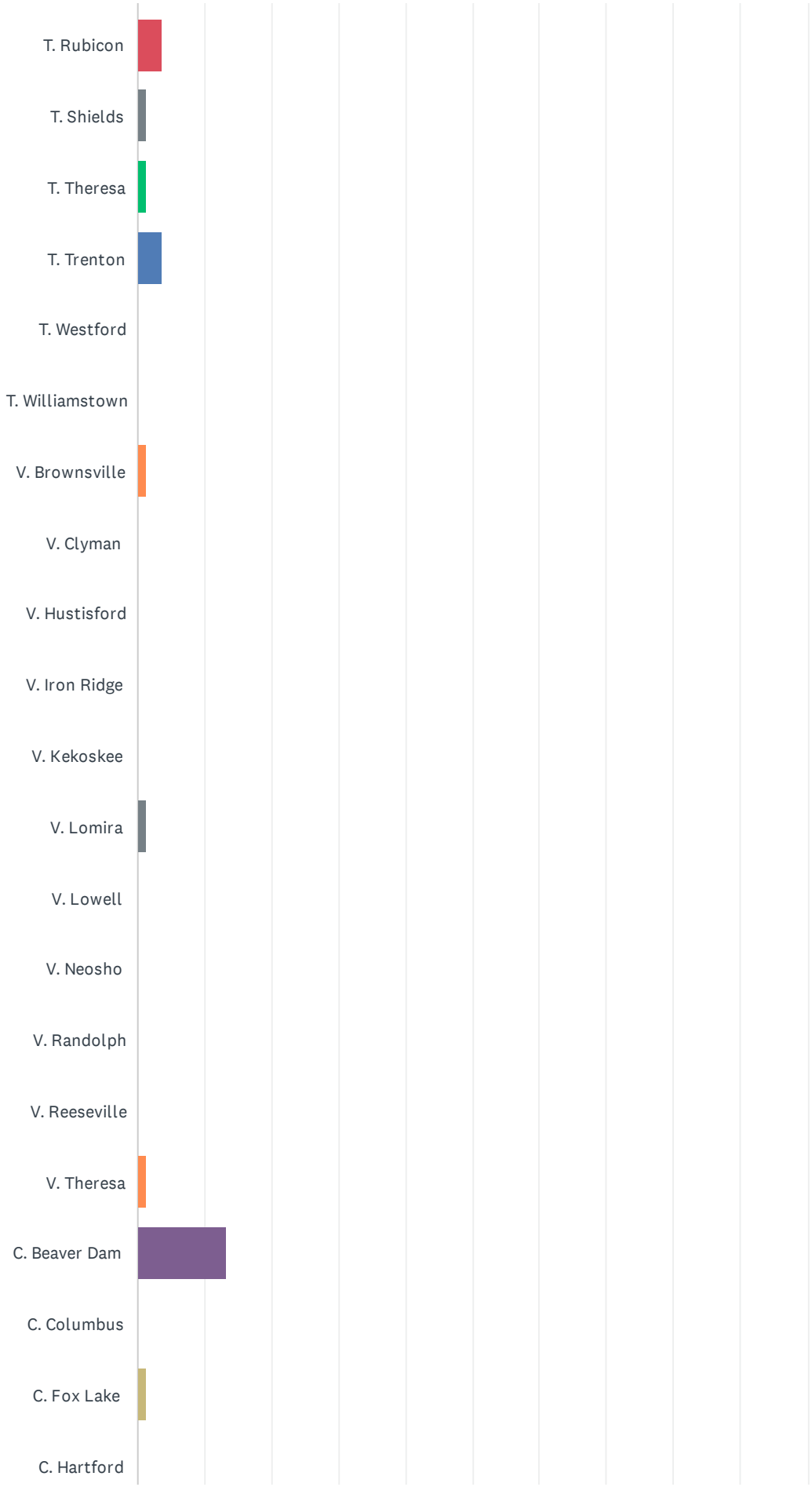


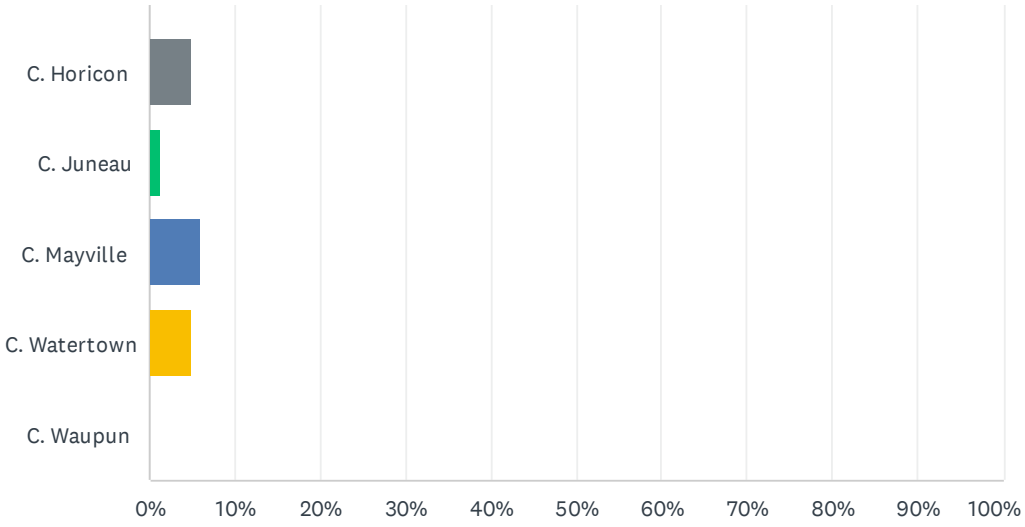
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, I do not own a business in Dodge County (please note that farming and home occupations are considered businesses). (Please answer then skip to Question 8)	76.99%	271
Yes, I own a business in the _____(Please specify answer in Question 7 below).	23.01%	81
TOTAL		352

Q7 I own a business in the _____ (Choose one only)

Answered: 83 Skipped: 284




T. Rubicon
T. Shields
T. Theresa
T. Trenton
T. Westford
T. Williamstown
V. Brownsville
V. Clyman
V. Hustisford
V. Iron Ridge
V. Kekoskee
V. Lomira
V. Lowell
V. Neosho
V. Randolph
V. Reeseville
V. Theresa
C. Beaver Dam
C. Columbus
C. Fox Lake
C. Hartford

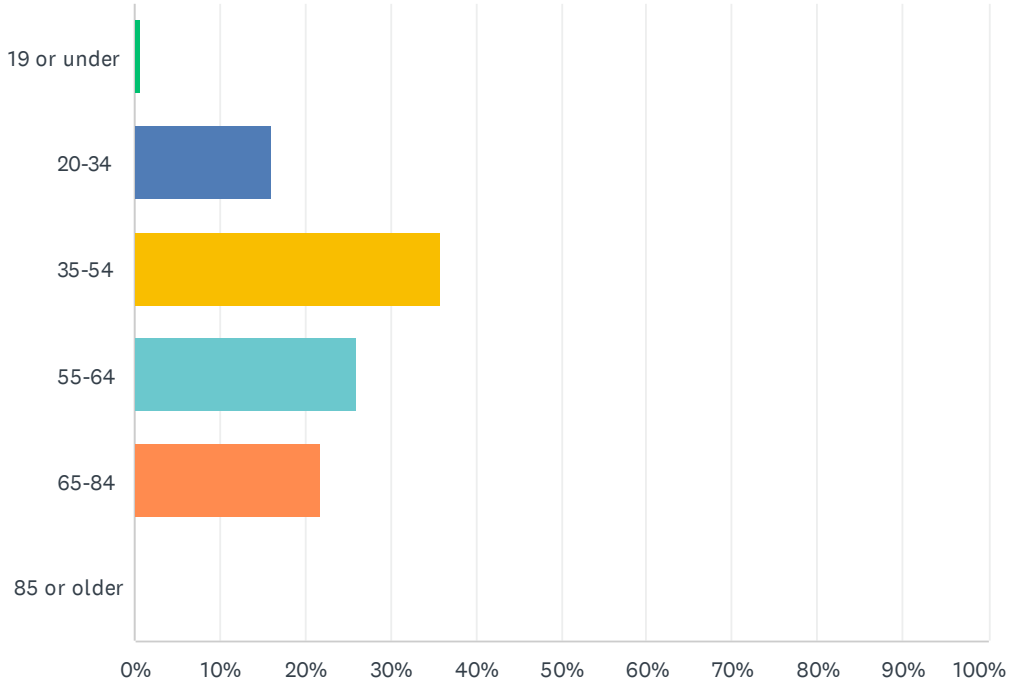

C. Horicon
C. Juneau
C. Mayville
C. Watertown
C. Waupun
0%
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20%
30%
40%
50%
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70%
80%
90%
100%

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
T. Ashippun	1.20%	1
T. Beaver Dam	9.64%	8
T. Burnett	3.61%	3
T. Calamus	1.20%	1
T. Chester	0.00%	0
T. Clyman	3.61%	3
T. Elba	3.61%	3
T. Emmet	1.20%	1
T. Fox Lake	1.20%	1
T. Herman	1.20%	1
T. Hubbard	0.00%	0
T. Hustisford	3.61%	3
T. Lebanon	12.05%	10
T. Leroy	1.20%	1
T. Lomira	4.82%	4
T. Lowell	1.20%	1
T. Oak Grove	6.02%	5
T. Portland	0.00%	0
T. Rubicon	3.61%	3
T. Shields	1.20%	1
T. Theresa	1.20%	1
T. Trenton	3.61%	3
T. Westford	0.00%	0
T. Williamstown	0.00%	0
V. Brownsville	1.20%	1
V. Clyman	0.00%	0
V. Hustisford	0.00%	0
V. Iron Ridge	0.00%	0
V. Kekoskee	0.00%	0
V. Lomira	1.20%	1
V. Lowell	0.00%	0
V. Neosho	0.00%	0

V. Randolph	0.00%	0
V. Reeseville	0.00%	0
V. Theresa	1.20%	1
C. Beaver Dam	13.25%	11
C. Columbus	0.00%	0
C. Fox Lake	1.20%	1
C. Hartford	0.00%	0
C. Horicon	4.82%	4
C. Juneau	1.20%	1
C. Mayville	6.02%	5
C. Watertown	4.82%	4
C. Waupun	0.00%	0
TOTAL		83

Q8 What is your age range? (Choose one only)

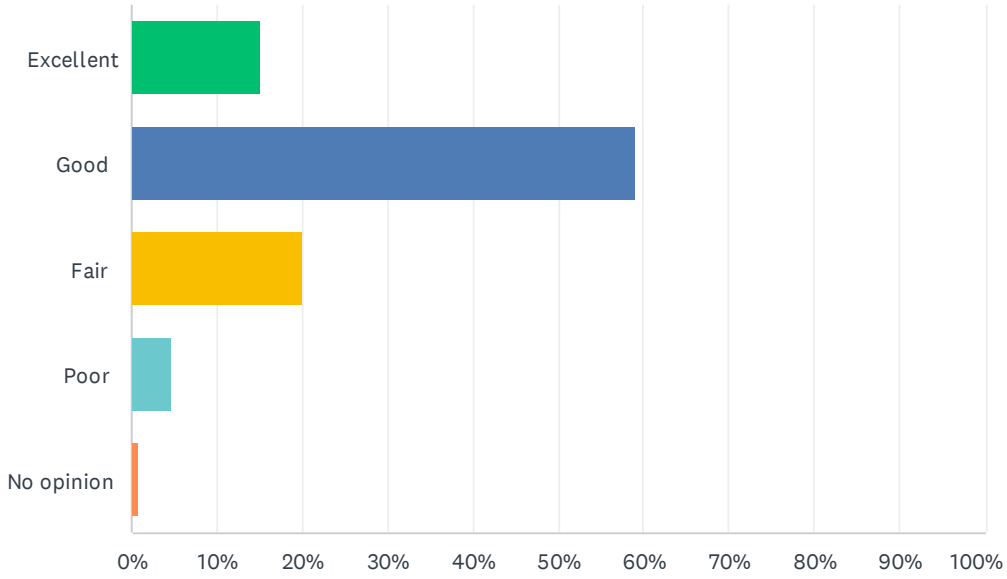
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
19 or under	0.56%	2
20-34	16.06%	57
35-54	35.77%	127
55-64	25.92%	92
65-84	21.69%	77
85 or older	0.00%	0
TOTAL		355

Q9 How would you rate the quality of life in Dodge County? (Choose one only)

Answered: 323 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	15.17%	49
Good	59.13%	191
Fair	20.12%	65
Poor	4.64%	15
No opinion	0.93%	3
TOTAL		323

Sorted Responses to Question #9: How would you rate the quality of life in Dodge County? Please elaborate in few words why you responded in this manner:

TYPE	#	COMMENT
POSITIVE	1	Nice quaint town and needs to continue its effort to revitalize downtown.
	2	Area is clean, low crime, has services and events of interest.
	3	Basic needs are meet.
	4	Beautiful nature areas, outstanding Sheriff Department and local law enforcement
	5	Beautiful outdoors/public areas, good businesses bring brought in, small businesses thriving. Opportunities with Beaver Dam Lake and the quality of roads
	6	Beaver Dam has a lot to offer for a small town.
	7	Better than bayou country in south Louisiana for sure. Roads are clean and we'll maintained.
	8	Clean, great police, firefighters. Good small town businesses.
	9	Close to everything, but yet not much traffic or crime.
	10	Communities and quality of life are very good.
	11	Cost of living is decent
	12	Crime Rate is low relatively speaking from surrounding counties. We have lots of beautiful public lands and parks to visit and enjoy.
	13	Decent services and good proximity to businesses
	14	Dodge county has everything I need…everything is very accessible, close communities, and excellent services from all departments.
	15	Dodge County has many things to offer with great school districts. From Dodge County you can drive to Milwaukee or Madison very easily to go to other activities (such as Wisconsin Badger games or Milwaukee Brewers or Bucks games)
	16	Dodge County is still rural and we have great parks, scenery and I feel safe living here.
	17	Fairly good and safe place to live
	18	Family friendly, Rural values
	19	Good cost of living and small town feel.
	20	good roads, good schools, healthy retail community, vibrant churches
	21	good schools and access to medical resources
	22	Great leadership and police support!
	23	Great neighborhood, low crime, great services.
	24	Great parks and playgrounds
	25	Great schools, parks, small town life with sporting and cultural opportunities- large cities just an hour away if desired
	26	Has every thing you need.
	27	I feel crime is not out of control. I feel there are good schools and a variety of shops, restaurants and businesses so you don't need to travel to a "big city".
	28	I feel safe and we have great neighbors that will aways help each other out.
	29	I grew up in Beaver Dam, left for college and now have returned as an adult. There is so much to do compared to when I was child, so many events and local business are open and people are out and about more. It feels like a growing community now. There is still a lot of growth that needs to happen, but amazing progress so far.
	30	I have everything I really need here and do not have to go far if I have needs not met in Dodge County. I like the rural areas.
	31	I have lived in dodge County my whole life. It's not bad.
	32	I live in the country and find that Dodge County provides many outdoor activities such as the parks.
	33	I love rural culture.
	34	I move here from a big city, traffic, beggars, etc. A better, slower lifestyle.
	35	I would say it's good now. It has definitely gotten better. More businesses moving in has helped. Improvements to downtown has also helped. Community activities are fun (fall fest, wine walk, etc.)
	36	In general people are nice and care for fellow citizens, crime appears to be low and Infrastructure is being improved and we feel safe
	37	It doesn't have all the amenities of the suburbs closer to Madison. As in variety of businesses, industry, and restaurants but what is available is good.
	38	It is a comfortable environment, and is always open to new commerce and expansion of innovative ideas
	39	It is good because there is a wide variety of job types, as well as many programs, trails, as well as parks throughout the county
	40	It's quiet, beautiful, and mostly easy to get around.
	41	It's a very safe place to live.
	42	Its OK
	43	Lakes parks restaurants stores all good. Outdoor activities year round.
	44	Less stress more laid back
	45	Life is good relative to other places.
	46	Live here all my life!
	47	Live on 100 acres and cannot see another building
	48	Love the parks, the land and the people.
	49	low crime, competitive cost of living, community pride, good schools, local services
	50	Low crime, good job opportunities, moderate property and sales tax prices
	51	Low crime, good location to larger cities.

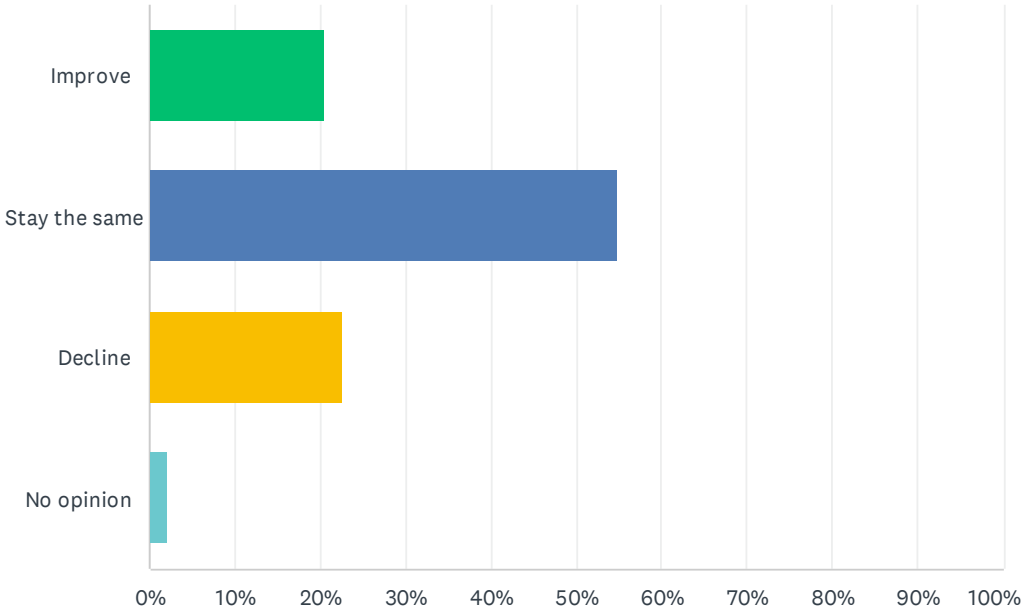
	52	Multiple schools, many restaurant options, good community, lots of community and assistant programs available, current and upcoming shopping and grocery businesses.
	53	My neighborhood still maintains many of the small town features that brought me here.
	54	Natural beauty. Friendly neighbors.
	55	nice parks, bike trail, farmer market
	56	Nice place to work and live. Love the rural atmosphere.
	57	No place is perfect, but Dodge County is pretty good.
	58	Our county is safe.
	59	Plenty of space to do what you want, but also close to cities & towns. Perfect location, nice views, not filled with a bunch of garbage properties
	60	quite county low crime. good parks.
	61	Relaxed atmosphere, low traffic congestion, adequate services. Nice rural setting.
	62	Safe and affordable
	63	Safe and people are family oriented.
	64	safe communities, modern services, reasonable cost of living, Growing industrial economy
	65	Safe place to live, clean environment, friendly people, good schools.
	66	Safe, not over crowded, plenty of outdoor areas to hike/walk, farmers markets
	67	Small town feel, safe, outdoor recreation, good access to groceries and supplies, open space
	68	The relaxation of life
	69	The water is clean, the air isn't polluted by any kind of manufacturing plants.
	70	There is a little bit of everything here.
	71	We feel safe, EMS and fire coverage. Health care is good. Need to protect this into the future. Service need to be protected.
	72	We still have rural areas and there are many options that keep you in the area.
	73	A wonderful variety of services, activities, and resources. A wonderful location, near many urban areas but not encroached on by them.
NEUTRAL	74	Although the environment, cost of living, and easy access to cultural events is GREAT, the lack of cultural diversity (and, in fact outright bigotry) is disheartening.
	75	Always room to improve but continued dedication to supporting processes and to encourage citizens participating is key to a successful community.
	76	Beaver Dam is a great community to raise kids but would be nice if it were more bike/walking friendly by the Kwik trip/Walmart/ymca area
	77	Clean, safe, affordable, and the downtown area has gotten better looking instead of ugly and run down. I'm very worried about public education here and the increase of racist ignorance.
	78	Dodge county has always been a rural community and I see that changing.
	79	Dodge County has an excellent number of resources and is a safe place to live. It lacks cultural diversity and the promotion of such.
	80	Enjoy the peace and quiet. Good access to healthcare. Area towns have the services we need. The back roads could be in better shape.
	81	Generally good quality of life and amenities, however, significant room for improvements.
	82	I believe there are many positives to living in Dodge County, however, I would love to see more community, more healthy living initiatives, more career advancement opportunities, and more families utilizing community resources (parks, businesses, etc.).
	83	I feel is a safe place to raise a family, is affordable and there are decent jobs available. Fortunately we are centrally located in the triangle of Madison, Milwaukee and the Fox Valley … as there is a severe lack of fine dining, diversity … and "progressive" thinking.
	84	I feel safe. Roads could be improved to transport services better.
	85	I have basic necessities near me, but would enjoy more dining options.
	86	I really like dodge county, just wish there was more than just a Piggly wiggly, a dollar general, one diner, and a few bars near me to go to for food and necessities. But beaver dam is very close so it's not that big of a deal.
	87	It's fine but I have to drive 40+ minutes to larger stores or decent clothing stores, like Target or Torrid.
	88	It's okay, but there is room for improvement.
	89	Lots of access to nature, fresh air, friendly ppl, safety, but lacks job opportunities
	90	Low crime, good job opportunities, quiet family community but poor village facilities
	91	Need more housing in general to support the businesses in need of workers. Housing needs to be affordable. Need to avoid putting new industrial parks near homes. Provide road improvements where industrial traffic puts heavy pressure on public infrastructure and traffic safety. Adequately support police, EMS, fire, city and county departments, public schools with money and human resources as the community is growing. Continue to support public places to enjoy with family & friends, like parks, etc. So many non-profits, volunteers, and businesses are generous in providing services and activities for individuals and families to help with our quality of life.
	92	Nice area but we are short on community support and amenities in Horicon. It's getting g better but slowly. Beaver Dam is making nice strides in the right direction.
	93	Nice cities and townships, good neighbors, low crime rate. Taxes are a concern.
	94	Overall enjoyable, but definitely room for improvement
	95	Overall, Dodge County is affordable, has natural beauty, and a strong sense of community. That said, job opportunities are limited to manufacturing, healthcare, and agriculture.
	96	The County lacks multi-use trail systems. Collaboration between or even the elimination of townships would help so that service could be uniform across the county. Support for addressing homelessness, mental health, and other social services could always increase. We do have a lot of positive non-profit support in many of these areas. Improving Beaver Dam Lake is critical, and an important natural feature.
	97	There are a lot of good things in Dodge County but the crimes bother me.
	98	Things are improving. Still a ways to go.
	99	We have access to medical care and a number of amenities in a short distance. However, affordable housing and education are a concern.
	100	We have good opportunities for families through public and private schools, local festivals, Horicon Marsh, Seniors have aging and disability resources. Could use some road repairs, generally adequate water supplies
	101	We like the wide open spaces. The parks are great. The drinking water is tasty. Pollution is in check. The schools are good. The small towns could use more small businesses.
	102	Just how I feel.

NEGATIVE	103	Air quality is sometimes questionable.
	104	all in all, dodge county is pretty nice. BUT..... The county roads are something to be desired. Should have been ZERO debate where ARPA funds should've went, 100%!! Cty rd. W, between Juneau and beaver dam. Cty rd. FW, between CC and G. cty rd. CC. that's just a handful to get started.
	105	Always room for improvement.
	106	I'm concerned about drug and human trafficking in the area.
	107	Amenities are few, grocery prices high unless you drive 25min to big box stores. Fire and EMT services are contracted not always with closest community to residence. Winter road conditions are fair at best.
	108	Behind needs of county on social services, transportation and other community supports
	109	Concerns about public health, and public safety. The covid pandemic and the bullying of our health dept. really scared me. It is only a matter of time until we get another pandemic/epidemic episode. Will our health be made into a political tool again? Also political positions expressed publicly by certain law enforcement members. I did not think that was ethical. And, if you are not on their side, could be scary for some of us.
	110	Concerns surrounding law enforcement, a lack of space for non-conservatives to gather safely, & community spaces that are not bars or for youth / children only
	111	County has little to none efforts to handle difficult issues like Fire/Ems staffing and sector departments. Also, unequal treatment of ARPA funds to municipalities. County board needs to get on board on these issues or get off the board.
	112	Crimes being overlooked.
	113	Economic growth is less then it was 10 years ago. Tax increases with little to no improvement to roads school or jobs
	114	Fairly good but not enough sober events in town or low cost activities available.
	115	Few places to build community as a progressive. Concerns about law enforcement actually providing safety for ALL citizens.
	116	For a person that has lived in different cities, I see little to no growth and opportunity in Dodge County. Nor do I see the want.
	117	Good commuting to Madison and lower taxes than Dane County. However, there's no broadband available for us. Only ATT up to 5mbs. Over the past 5 years, we frequently received notices claiming broadband is available in our area, but whenever we call, we are told it's not available in our area yet .Columbus needs a better grocery store! The Pick 'n Save is only a few minutes from home but we drive all the way to Beaver Dam for groceries because both Food Pride and Piggly Wiggly are far better. Pick 'n Save doesn't have a lot of selection for anything and the meat department smells like something is rotten.
	118	Growing up in a larger city, it was difficult moving to a rural area because there was an abundance of places within close distance. It was a definite adjustment since you have to drive a little further to go to specific stores, theaters, or social events.
	119	Health would improve with affordable healthy gym options. Local pool.
	120	High drug and alcohol use
	121	High property taxes
	122	High taxes
	123	High taxes, poor sheriff's dept organization
	124	home and rent prices are too high
	125	Housing and land prices are high, drug crimes are up, lacking resources for families and elderly who are poor but not poor enough, rising prices putting a strain on families
	126	I don't think our hospital is as good as it used to be to be and certain businesses that use to be here you have to travel out of town for, which is okay when you're younger, but is harder as you age.
	127	I have an abusive noise and air pollution neighbor who's welcome to run his noise makers w/o limitation. He blew snow off his lawn today.
	128	I wish my Rent didn't go from $450 to $960 within a short time frame. Northern Management, my apartment building's owner, needs to stop gouging and reduce the cost. The place is in shambles and they just sit in Brookfield, WI, increasing prices everywhere they can.
	129	I wish there was better access to grocery stores and other larger businesses without having to drive 15-30 minutes.
	130	I would like to see more recreational opportunities
	131	It would be excellent if there were not so many self serving individuals
	132	I've found it difficult to progress in life living in this rural area.
	133	Kinda boring
	134	Lack of good, affordable places to eat. Diners, sit down eating.
	135	Lack of shopping. Lack of healthy food options.
	136	Lack of things to do for kids/teens/young adults.
	137	Living in Hustisford I compare it to a run down, abandoned and blighted area of Milwaukee. That's nothing to be proud of. There's no business to speak of, a lazy, insignificant part time police force that has no function. There is a severe drug problem with known drug houses that bring in persons from other communities to make purchases, race around in low rise, altered exhaust cars making the streets unsafe. Hustisford will not even exist in dodge county 20 years from now.
	138	Lots of speeding on hwy 33 on the east side of town. Little to no police monitoring.
	139	Low wages, high property tax's and high water bills
	140	My pay is low, my opportunities for work and fun are spare, and the people there can be cruel and judgmental.
	141	Need more healthy activities for multigenerational groups.
	142	Need more opportunities for kids and seniors
	143	Need more senior housing and affordable
	144	Neighborhoods/ streets/ lights could be better
	145	No public transportation, if I can't drive I will lose access to health care. Or, get to work if I work out of town
	146	Not a lot of resources and housing for people with kids and have felonies. Need homeless shelters
	147	Not much for children to do when it's cold outside. Or anything for teens to do.
	148	Poor roads in the northeastern part of the county. Seldom see law enforcement monitoring what is going on over here.

149	Property taxes are high. Grocery prices are high. Police are too aggressive and don't respect citizen rights. Education system is to biased and unfair curriculum.
150	Roads still need a lot of work.
151	some areas need help, roads
152	Taxes are too high
153	Taxes have been going up extensively every year. We moved here because of the lower taxes.
154	The communities are slow to offer forward thinking plans. Hartford, Watertown, Oconomowoc, etc. have downtown upgrades that appear to have paid off for them
155	The Dodge County Sheriff makes it hard for folks of color to enjoy life without feeling like they are constantly being watched.
156	The public assistant programs are far behind the surrounding counties. The staff I have dealt with are inexperienced, uneducated, & preoccupied with their personal lives while they are serving you. The hand out programs out weigh the hand up programs. We have too many large rental complexes, oversized homes, and few starter homes, let alone lifetime affordability (taxing individuals out of their homes).
157	The sheriff is making our county political.
158	There are a lot of small towns with not many businesses. For example, you have to travel either north to Oshkosh or south to Madison/Milwaukee just to find a Lowes or Home Depot
159	There aren't many affordable indoor activities for young children.
160	There aren't many good shopping options in town. Entertainment as well. The strip club can go though.
161	There doesn't seem to be anything significantly harmful to one's health and wellbeing in the community however there is a level of apathy seen in the general care of the roads and buildings.
162	There is always room for improvement.
163	There is room for improvement government catering to special interests
164	There isn't a lot to do that doesn't involve alcohol or cheese.
165	There’s not much to do here for young families, the restaurants and grocery stores in Juneau specifically aren’t amazing, and it’s been hard at times for family to get jobs within the city
166	Too expensive. Schools are not retaining good teachers. Police are focused on tickets and $ vs community relations, safety, and protection, taxes too high/return on investment low, etc.
167	Too many backwards thinking people
168	Too many new subdivisions
169	Unethical and prejudicial misuses of municipal and county zoning exist for the sole purpose of generating money from permits and taxation.
170	Waupun area people hold on to land and there’s no development. Town of Fox Lake board members have no idea how to make decisions based on the residents
171	We do not have access to major lines of transportation. And our sheriff is a moron. We are sort of just a 'pass through' county with no money going towards beautification.
172	We own our property and find there have been some unreasonable city ordinances that are restricting for regular things. Like have a strict landlord.
173	Winter plowing has suffered and new buildings have.become more.elaborate than functional
174	Wish there was more to do.
175	Wish there was stores and restaurants
176	Would have chosen Excellent but the crime and youth troubles are increasing.

Q10 During the next five years, do you expect the quality of life in Dodge County to improve, stay the same, or decline? (Choose one only)

Answered: 323 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improve	20.43%	66
Stay the same	54.80%	177
Decline	22.60%	73
No opinion	2.17%	7
TOTAL		323

Responses to Question 10: During the next five years, do you expect the quality of life in Dodge County to improve, stay the same, or decline? Please elaborate in few words why you responded in this manner:

#	Please elaborate in few words why you responded in this manner:
1	Need to understand if there are any improvements plannned.
2	Constant updates
3	Good municipal and educational entities in Horicon, Beaver Dam, and elsewhere Positive citizen participation
4	The crime is more, society is changing.
5	With Trump and Musk in charge I believe everyone in the United States will see a decline in their way of life.
6	Not aware of planned improvements to the areas I mentioned.
7	Government seems to want the status quo
8	My work with NUMEROUS community entities shows a resistance to change by many. Although, there is a lot of "nice talk" about moving forward, most "actions" are to sustain the status quo.
9	Dodge CO seems to be investing in the communities with continued coordinated effort to bring events and groups together. I think it will improve as citizens are motivated to form groups and gather for the benefit of community.
10	No one to. Lead for the better?
11	Lack of county supervisors dedication to ALL the residents of the county.
12	Needs some new businesses and some progressive ideas by our city government.
13	The county is growing and continually improving.
14	There's no development around small towns
15	Afraid of current political climate affecting finances, health, public services
16	With the sheriff in charge, I imagine he will try to make our county more in line with MAGA
17	This is where we would want to be.
18	More people will move in to leave the higher tax base in Dane and other counties near Madison.
19	I think growth is based on part by population. I don't see population increasing
20	Change needed at county board level
21	State of the world and people's general distrust of goverment
22	Road repair does NOT keep up with the destruction from semi's pounding the pavement, or the over salting/brining, or plow damage.
23	I'm hopeful
24	Nothing would lead me to believe that things will get worse
25	The roads continue to fall in disarray. The high schools, I don't know if they do much teaching anymore. It feels like they are not teaching skills at all. Crime is a hit and miss.
26	as more business moves into the area and housing expands additional resources will become available
27	Without a certain factory this town would be nothing. Yet they destroy the roads and do not help improving the roads they use multiple times daily.
28	To get a project planned and funded takes a little longer than 5 years.
29	Right now, obviously, there are many changes in our country that may affect all us us here and how can I guess?
30	Many citizens in Dodge County are comfortable in their ways. Communities have to support new initiatives for them to be successful.
31	I feel that more land will be bought up and more homes will be built for lower income families. The homeowners don't seem to take care of their property as well in this area like wealthier counties.
32	Hard to find leadership that will take on change
33	I haven't seen the state legislature do anything for the human citizens of Dodge county for over 20 years. We smell the food, but we haven't eaten In a long time.
34	I expect things to stay the same.
35	Don't see much change.
36	Not a lot is done to promote well being.
37	Not much ever really seems to change
38	People outside of the County get to price gouge us within the County and I would like for that to stop and also get reduced.
39	I see property taxes going up and not stabilizing
40	Need more senior housing and affordable
41	I do not anticipate a huge change in the next 5 years.
42	Law enforcement bias.
43	Residents and leaders are generally content with status quo and lack coherent vision for the future.
44	Not sure how it would change greatly
45	With our great new president. Prices should come down. Illegal aliens being shipped out so there will be less drain on our economy!
46	I look forward to completion of next phase of Gold Star Memorial Trail
47	I've worked in Madison. I loved it. I think the area around here is gorgeous and we could focus more on the environment and the Marsh to attract people.
48	continuation of less farm land and more housing.

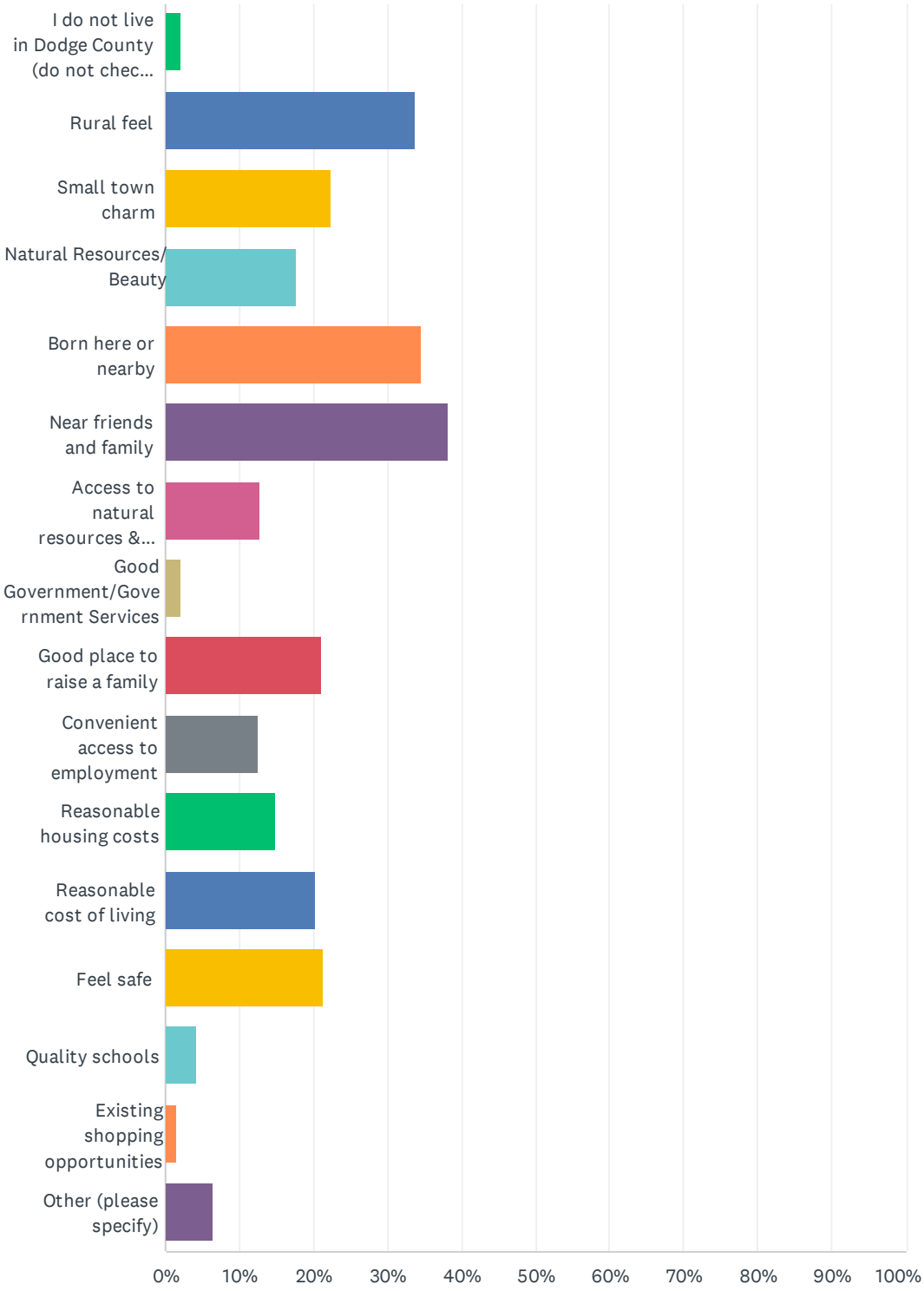
49	I feel like negative people are more empowered than ever to speak their minds and act on their impulses.
50	What would change?
51	I dont see it improving- I think stay the same or decline are our most likely options, and that depends on whether/how quickly solar panels/other big developments buy up and develop land
52	Unless people are willing to accept real change I worry it won't happen it seems like this town is stuck in their ways
53	Dodge county is an older community and don't see the value in potentially higher taxes or spending a little more money to support small businesses. Additionally, we don't have jobs that have decent upward mobility. I don't work for a company in dodge county—I travel to Madison for work
54	Hard to say.
55	Updating the comprehensive plan is proactive and suggests a commitment to maintaining, if not enhancing, the quality of life. Economic stability seems strong. Lastly, when a community is engaged it often leads to better outcomes.
56	Hopefull.
57	Hoping optimistically that it improves but could stay flat. We have a lot of people that don't want to spend money to make things better. Taxes can't always decline. I would rather we all pay a little more and we all benefit a lot more.
58	Lack of community with less knowing your neighbors removes understanding for essential services
59	Have not seen commitment to improve significantly since 1998 to serve all our community, and with improvements that have been made serving the affluent/privileged and not those in need, unfortunately don't expect it to change.
60	The Dodge County Sheriff will likely overstep in his work with ICE and create nothing but fear in our communities.
61	I don't see community members getting involved to generally help the county thrive.
62	Larger demands for government services and projects will continue to make taxes more difficult to pay.
63	drugs and people tresspassing
64	Lots of houses are being built, more businesses are opening.
65	Because dodge county is for themselves and not for the people
66	I don't see any future changes in my life that would alter my view of living in Dodge County.
67	If people in the county don't grow out of their "small town" mindset of not spending any money on improvements, younger professionals like myself will continue to leave the area to pursue better job opportunities and quality of life in bigger cities because there is not much here for young families to do.
68	Subdivisions
69	Not sure what can be changed in only 5 years.
70	Do not expect significant growth/change.
71	Unsure of opportunities coming to Dodge County.
72	It hasn't changed much in the 21+ years I've been living here.
73	I'm an optimist
74	I like the rural areas. Don't like houses taking farmland
75	Improvements take money.
76	Dodge County's services for older citizens needs improvement and expansion.
77	New middle school
78	I am not anticipating in major changes to the county. I hope that the county board and departments continue to value the rural feel of the county.
79	I've noticed over the past few years we have been getting more restaurants and businesses
80	Hoping it improves or at least stays the same- I fear with the upcoming federal administration it may decline
81	Don't foresee anything changing
82	Crime is increasing
83	I would like to see more restaurants and shopping in the area
84	There is no "check" with authority and how it impacts quality of life. Cedar Corporation's board consists of the CEO's of Sun Wolf energy. Solar farming production is a HEAVY concern and will impact the ability to sell or purchase a home. Especially when there is no setbacks restricting placement of solar arrays and substantions. This is also expressed with question 12 as it relates to current homes in the area and housing developments Cedar Corporation has displayed at municipal meetings.
85	Adding more taxes with the new school is a lot. And hard to build a family when our mortgage keeps going up.
86	manufacturing seems to be growing
87	I don't know. It depends on how racism is handled here and if the public schools and teachers are taken care of.
88	I guess I don't have much faith in changes happening. I think it will get worse if any of those things we depend on, get federal funds of any kind. I am afraid those funds will be cut with the new Fed.admin. and our communities will suffer. So many use SNAP, and other programs like meals for the Elderly etc. What will they do?
89	There is not enough opportunity to create an influx of new people … and the people who are born and raised tend to stay … so will likely stay status quo
90	County Board members as a whole need to get off the fence and be more proactive instead thinking someone else will step forward. I have lived in Dodge County for 63 years and a retired 911 Dispatcher and have items described first hand.
91	Need high income jobs in town. Balance out the factory jobs in town.
92	Dodge county is stuck in 1980.

93	Funding is a problem Tax rate water rates
94	Some things in this town don’t change much and it seems when they do it’s based on big mouthed neighbors opinions.
95	There may be some improvement but I think it's mostly going to stay the same.
96	The powers that be don't believe someone could be so sinister as to harass this way.
97	More bigger companies are coming to dodge county which will help with more jobs but will drive farmers out. that will also come with in an influx of "outsiders" that might not have the same ideas as these rural communities have
98	We will continue to lose our family farms which has also killed our small towns. Our little towns are dieing and so with that our family communities with little opportunity for good paying jobs and young people to stay and raise a family.
99	Don’t see any major changes coming
100	Expanding in several areas
101	Beaver Dam is planning some new bike paths etc
102	allowing in and out of state waste affecting our air and water.
103	Haven’t heard of any plans for major improvements.
104	Losing too much land to development, especially solar. Should be requirements on all new businesses built to have solar on the roof.
105	due to current republican leadership, federal and other local government is being cut and people with disabilities and people who are poor will be negatively impacted.
106	The water bills in my area are increasing and we are selling out to a major corporation (Kwik Trip) despite it not being best for the community.
107	Will not remain rural
108	New business has come to life in our downtown and flourishing in some of our former vacant buildings
109	I fear that due to an increase in the promotion of violence (country-wide), especially towards minoritized communities, over the next 4-5 years quality of life will decline. However, even further out than that I believe it could get better.
110	With the current political climate I imagine conservative voices will become more entrenched and less safety for women, minorities and other marginalized people.
111	I believe with the building of a new middle school in the Beaver Dam school district, there is going to be a lot of opportunity for our young children and new families to come to our area and start there life's.
112	I just don’t know what would change in the next 5 years.
113	Things can always improve
114	Not much will change in 5 years. Urban development is a concern for me
115	More homes being built. Open spaces slowly shrinking
116	Beaver Dam seems to be making positive changes and actively trying to address problems
117	Tax’s keep going up
118	Have not heard of short term changes
119	Inflation will have a negative impact coupled with rising taxes probably and changing population
120	The economy sucks and ppl dont care
121	I hope village facilities will improve
122	New shops in downtown Beaver Dam,
123	Right leaning political positions
124	Always looking to improve and grow.
125	The economy will be the deciding factor.
126	don't see housing prices/rents coming back down ever, can't make people take resources that are available for them, don't see more resources coming available for those families that are poor but not poor enough, don't see an end to the drug epidemic
127	Lack of support for the abive
128	There is always room for improvement.
129	No push from county officials or public to make change.
130	I hope it improves.
131	It’s a low income community that doesn’t get the funds to build and improve.
132	As long we keep keep big city problems out
133	I see many instances of improvements, but there are areas that bring down the whole.
134	No need to change.
135	Same shit
136	Section 8 housing bring alot more bad than good, and right across from the school.
137	Things change slowly in Dodge COUNTY
138	Poor growth strategy with too little citizen input on projects. Projects are treated like they are approved before anyone knows about them. Appears to be limited holistic thought of the long term consequences.
139	Increase control on corruption keep parks and public bathrooms under surveillance cameras out side do make a difference cops on bikes give a powerful message !
140	I feel like the quality of life will decline everywhere, not just Dodge County.
141	the county has not changed much in the time i have lived here.
142	Poor and lacking county governance and follow through from county board and administrator.

143	Illegal immigrants
144	not enough housing
145	Worried about crime getting worse
146	Current economics will make it a big challenge for any real change in just 5 years
147	Undesirable leadership in local government as well as nationally
148	I don’t see how much can change at the county level in 5 years
149	If nothing new is added for children/teens nothing will improve.
150	I think the amount of money collected as property tax is obscene, I also feel that it is being wasted on feel good projects for politicians and people who don't have any skin in the game. I would like to stay in my house as I age but taxes are a big expense for people on fixed incomes. The services received do not justify the expense.
151	There are continuing new businesses and industries, as well as community efforts toward improving the area.
152	I am excited about the hire of the new County Administrator. I think the economic development efforts and programs are good. I wish the City of Beaver Dam and the county had greater collaboration on economic development. It feel siloed right now.
153	None
154	With the Republican incoming admin and right leaning county, services, schools will suffer and costs will go up.
155	No additional comment.
156	I need to first see how Dodge County cities, the County, the state and federal government respond financially to the needs in the communities. Pushing industrial parks and new businesses and getting more housing options requires so many public financial inputs. Plus the strain on other public resources. Entities will need to increase revenues and taxes, which I don't see as bad, to provide for growth and a quality of public services that make a quality community. Will the different levels of government ignore the true costs or cut departments short or will they raise the revenue need for growth and quality in our community.
157	Land is being built on that was farm land and will deplete family farms. Homes have too large of lots where 2 homes used to be
158	Dodge County is positioned to grow and offer more to residents. Attract and keep business. Expand housing and education and child care.
159	I'm believe were going to start seeing an influx of people and with that comes more crime.
160	Urban sprawl is taking the rural areas from the townships.
161	Possibly decline if proper planning and governing of lands is not handled effectively.

Q11 What are the three most important reasons you/your family choose to live/stay in Dodge County? (Choose up to 3 items)

Answered: 327 Skipped: 40



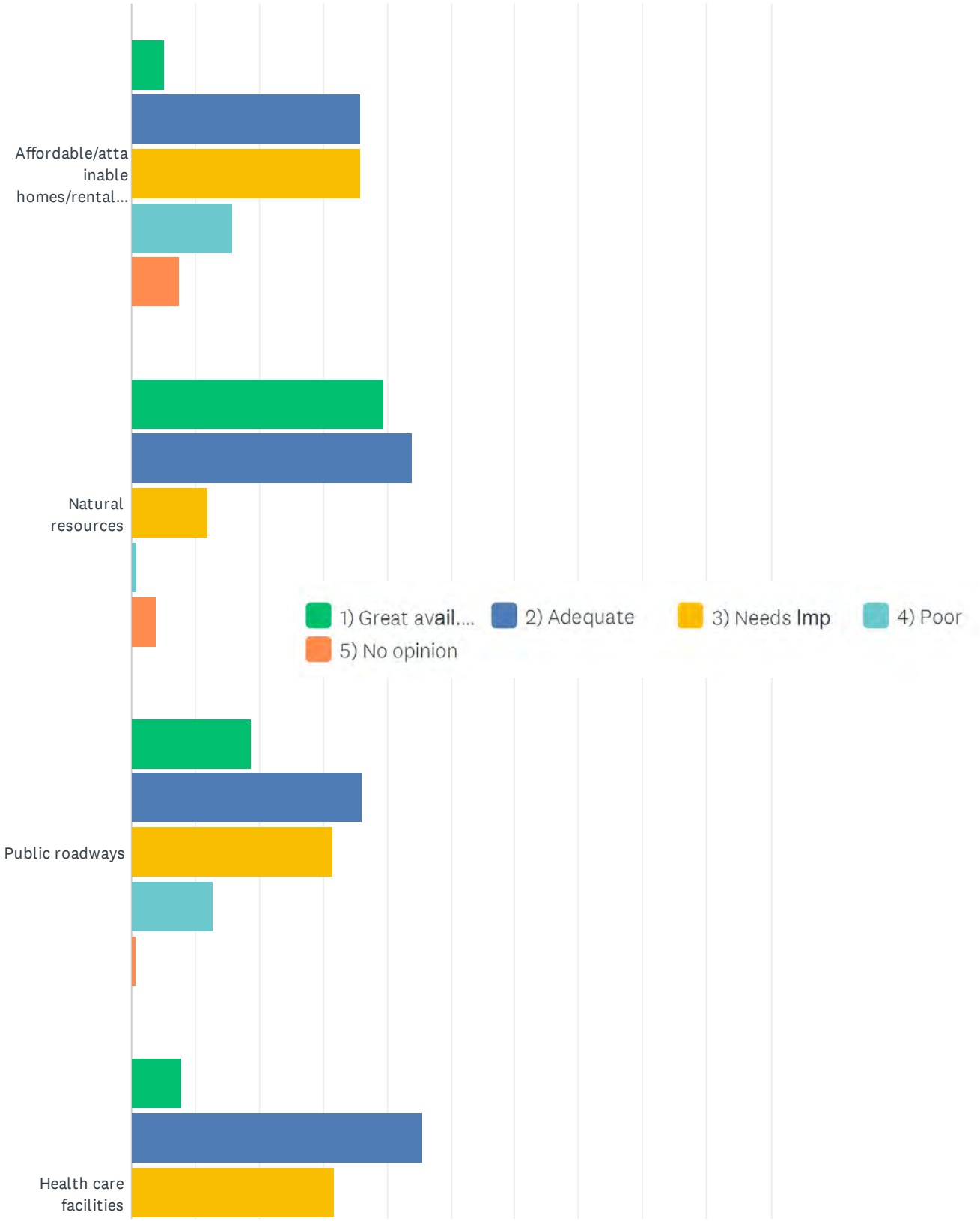
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not live in Dodge County (do not check any more boxes)	2.14%	7
Rural feel	33.64%	110
Small town charm	22.32%	73
Natural Resources/Beauty	17.74%	58
Born here or nearby	34.56%	113
Near friends and family	38.23%	125
Access to natural resources & recreational opportunities	12.84%	42
Good Government/Government Services	2.14%	7
Good place to raise a family	21.10%	69
Convenient access to employment	12.54%	41
Reasonable housing costs	14.98%	49
Reasonable cost of living	20.18%	66
Feel safe	21.41%	70
Quality schools	4.28%	14
Existing shopping opportunities	1.53%	5
Other (please specify)	6.42%	21
Total Respondents: 327		

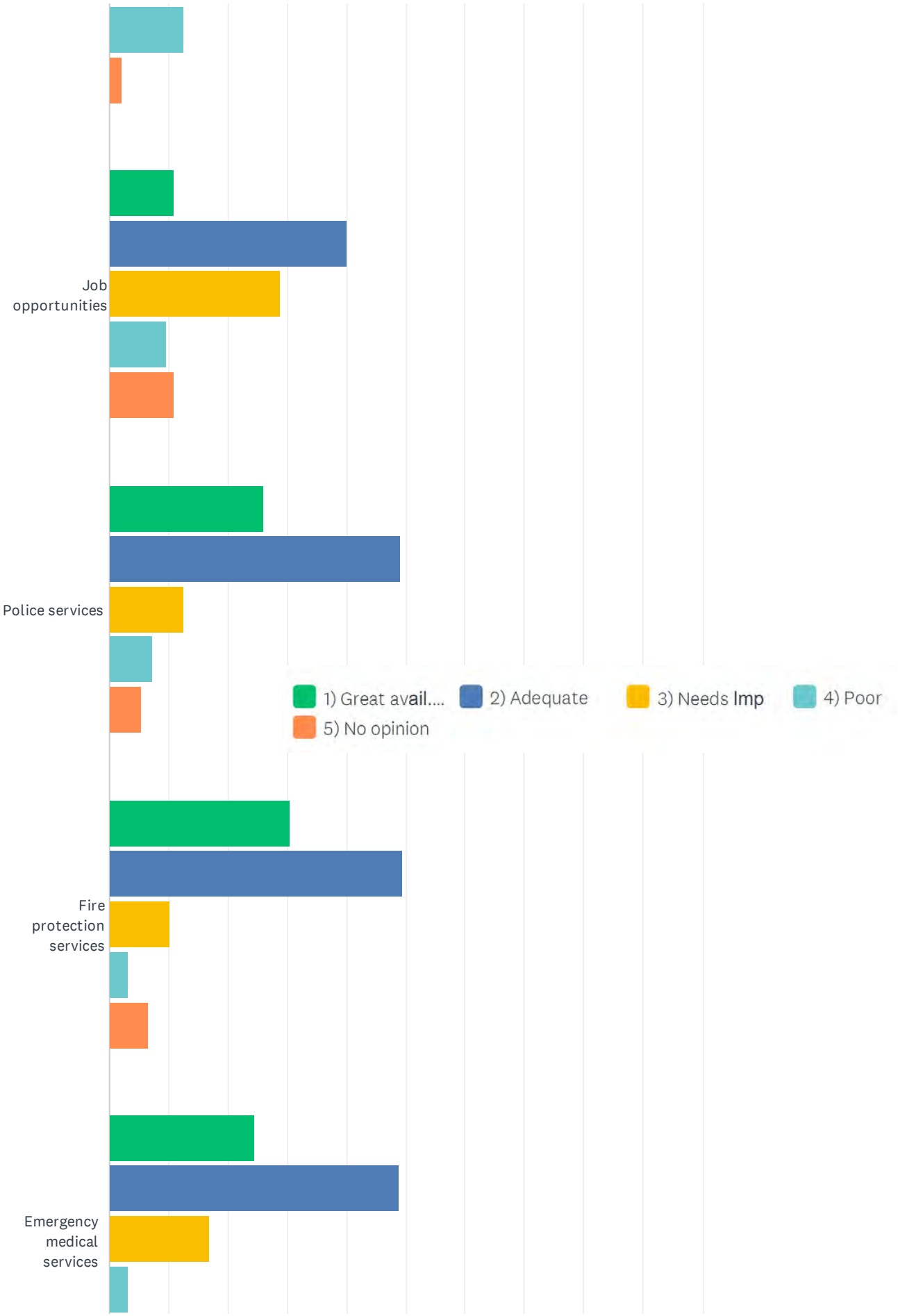
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Was an area where we could find a home that was somewhat affordable that also had land, like we looked for.	2/27/2025 3:57 PM
2	Centrally located to many larger urban areas.	2/20/2025 10:21 AM
3	I own here and can’t afford to move	2/19/2025 6:28 PM
4	Part time lake resident	2/19/2025 12:03 PM
5	Own a house	2/12/2025 9:14 PM
6	Great library in Beaver Dam.	2/4/2025 9:37 PM
7	Lesser of two evils, financially. Bigger city costs slightly more but yields much more opportunity.	1/31/2025 12:38 PM
8	Can’t wait to move out of this county. MAGA people here are nuts. Bullies, downright dangerous.	1/25/2025 9:34 AM
9	We inherited a family business.	1/25/2025 9:19 AM
10	I married into a family that owns a farm in dodge county so I have to stay	1/23/2025 6:31 PM
11	We farm and there is prime land here.	1/20/2025 9:04 AM
12	Reasons checked are the reason why we purchased our home six years ago.	1/17/2025 12:19 PM
13	Just work	1/16/2025 6:06 PM
14	I would love to see Dodge County utilize public land to CREATE a UTV/ATV trail system. This would have a great impact on small businesses in the area.	1/16/2025 11:11 AM

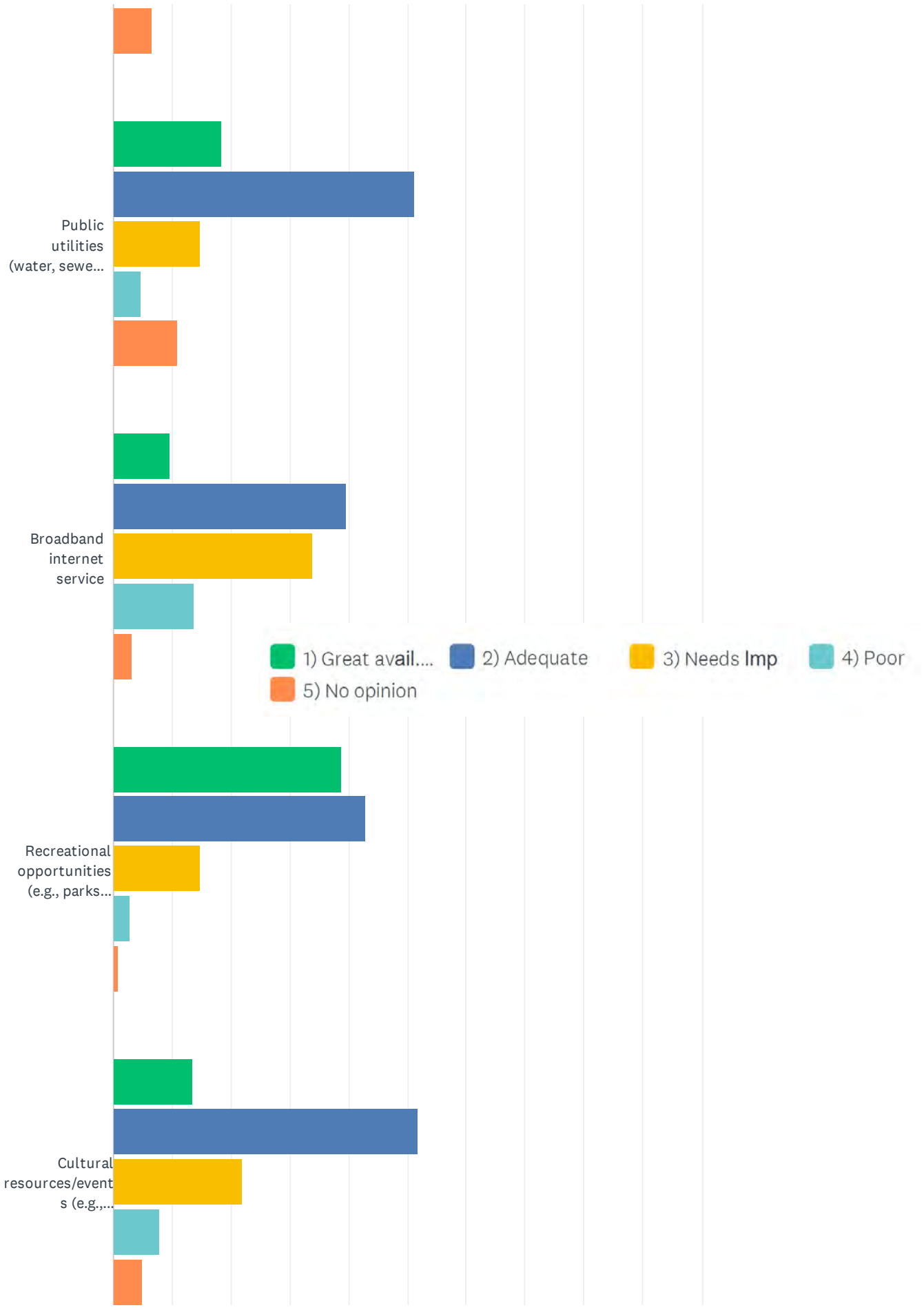
15	I personally have an intrinsic need to make the place I grew up better. I want to plant my roots here and fight for it to become safer & more diverse. I do want to note that I feel safer in Dodge County than one might expect, but I also have a tight support system. I know that there are people without that support system who feel far less safe than I do.	1/16/2025 8:41 AM
16	I only have 1.	1/15/2025 7:37 PM
17	Strong agriculture infrastructure	1/15/2025 3:28 PM
18	Not too far or too long to get to Madison area.	1/15/2025 1:55 PM
19	We have owned land and farmed here since 1971	1/15/2025 10:22 AM
20	purchased a dairy farm in 1987	1/15/2025 9:56 AM
21	TEST ANSWER	1/13/2025 2:23 PM

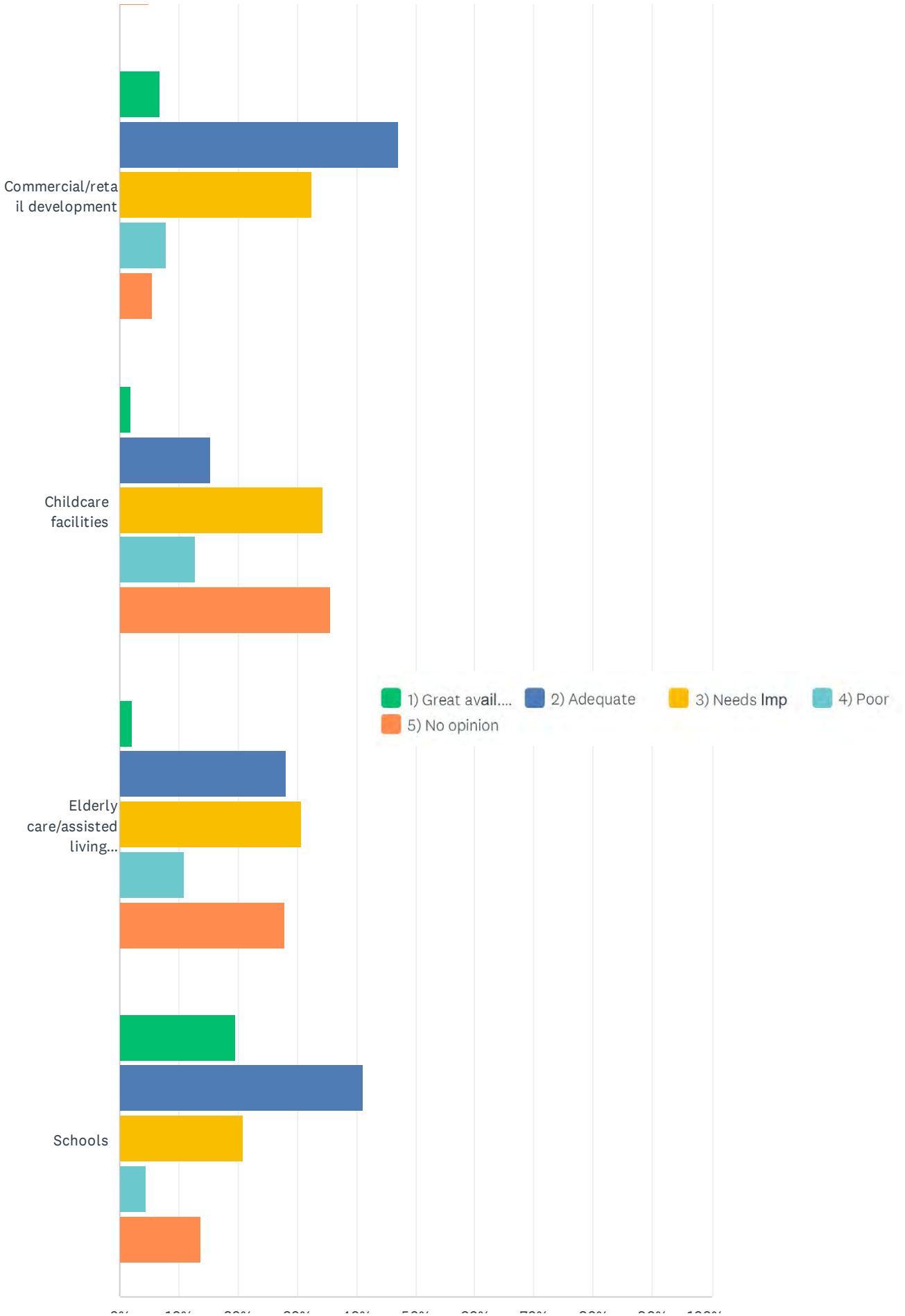
Q12 Please rate each of the following as they contribute to the quality of life in Dodge County:

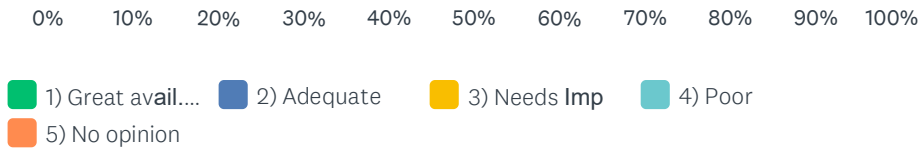
Answered: 321 Skipped: 46




Job opportunities
Police services
Fire protection services
Emergency medical services
1) Great avail....
2) Adequate
3) Needs Imp
4) Poor
5) No opinion


Public utilities (water, sewe...
Broadband internet service
Recreational opportunities (e.g., parks...
Cultural resources/events (e.g.,...
1) Great avail....
2) Adequate
3) Needs Imp
4) Poor
5) No opinion

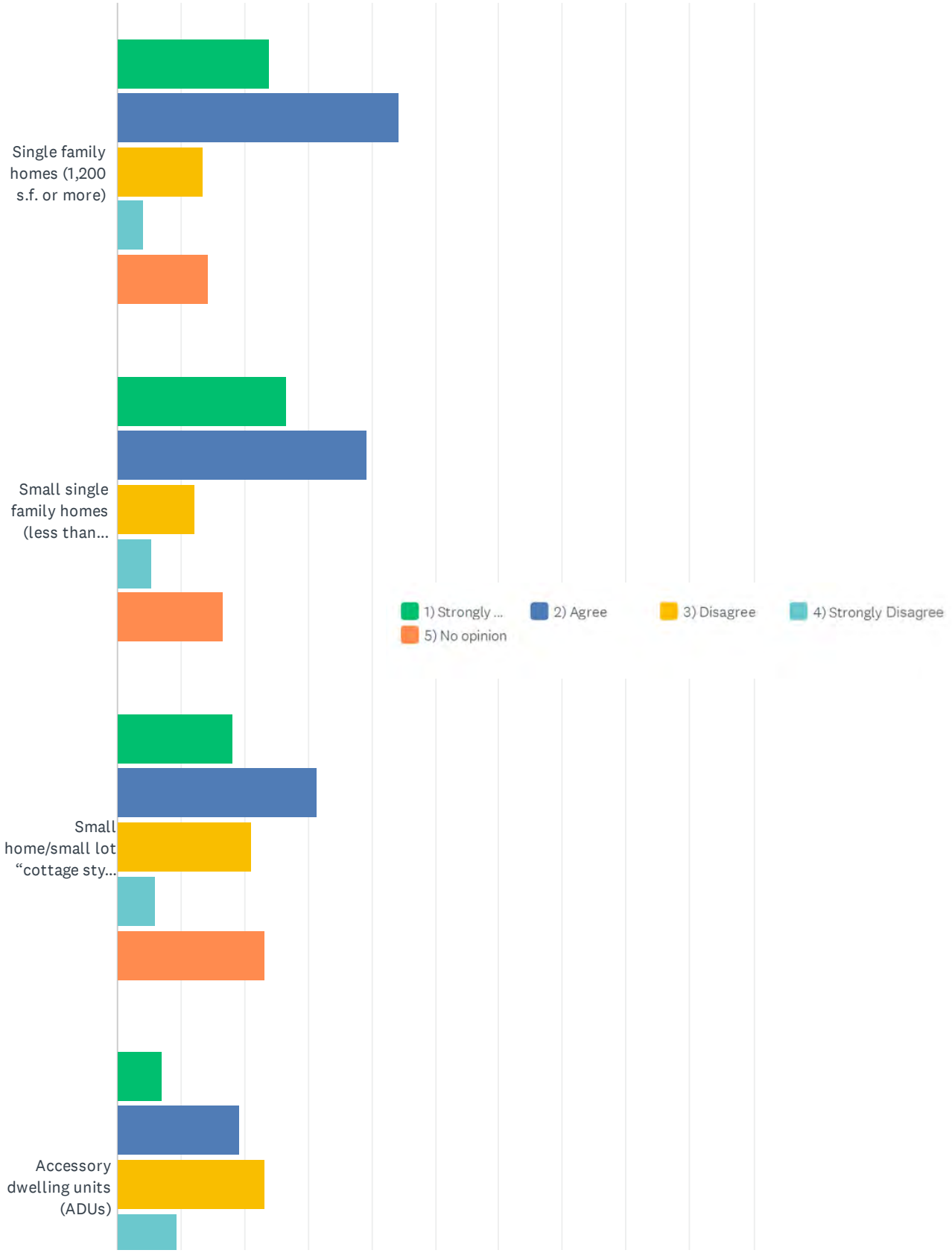

Commercial/retail development
Childcare facilities
Elderly care/assisted living...
Schools
1) Great avail....
2) Adequate
3) Needs Imp
4) Poor
5) No opinion

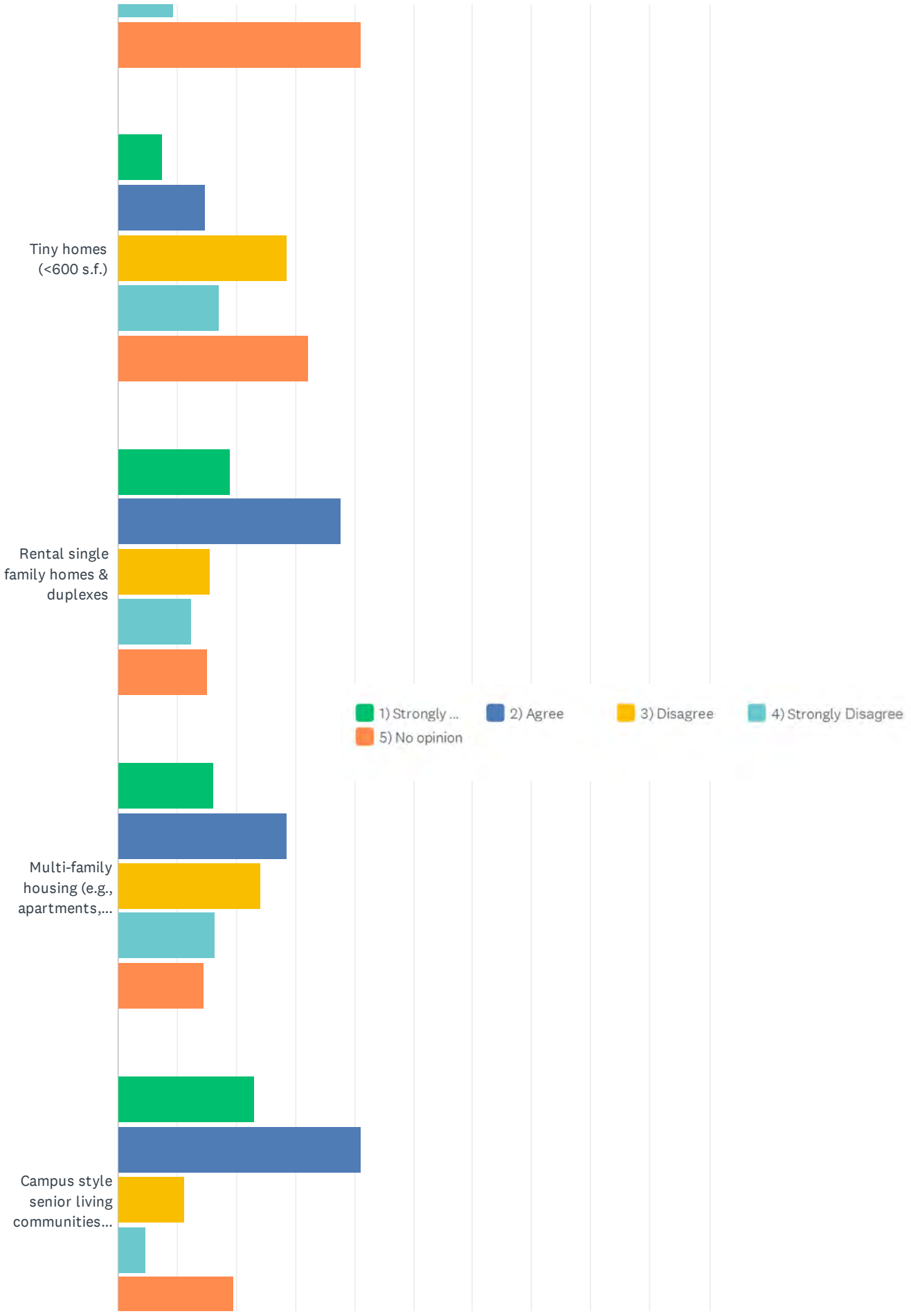


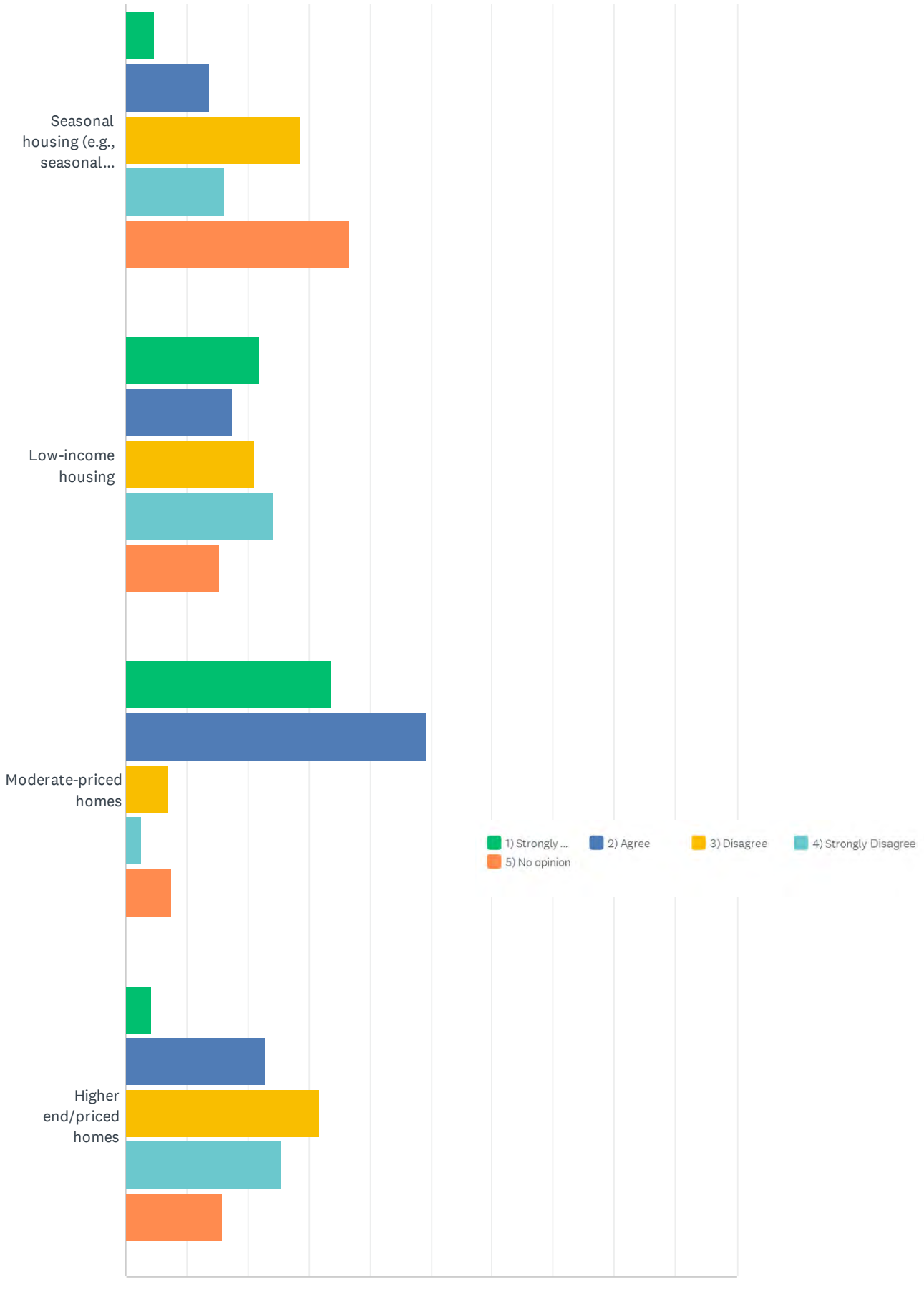
	1) GREAT AVAILABILITY	2) ADEQUATE	3) NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	4) POOR	5) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Affordable/attainable homes/rental properties	5.03% 16	35.85% 114	35.85% 114	15.72% 50	7.55% 24	318	2.85
Natural resources	39.50% 126	43.89% 140	11.91% 38	0.94% 3	3.76% 12	319	1.86
Public roadways	18.81% 60	36.05% 115	31.66% 101	12.85% 41	0.63% 2	319	2.40
Health care facilities	7.86% 25	45.60% 145	31.76% 101	12.58% 40	2.20% 7	318	2.56
Job opportunities	10.79% 34	40.00% 126	28.89% 91	9.52% 30	10.79% 34	315	2.70
Police services	25.94% 83	49.06% 157	12.50% 40	7.19% 23	5.31% 17	320	2.17
Fire protection services	30.53% 98	49.53% 159	10.28% 33	3.12% 10	6.54% 21	321	2.06
Emergency medical services	24.45% 78	48.90% 156	16.93% 54	3.13% 10	6.58% 21	319	2.18
Public utilities (water, sewer, electric, waste/refuse)	18.44% 59	51.25% 164	14.69% 47	4.69% 15	10.94% 35	320	2.38
Broadband internet service	9.66% 31	39.56% 127	33.96% 109	13.71% 44	3.12% 10	321	2.61
Recreational opportunities (e.g., parks, trails, public hunting/fishing grounds, etc.)	38.75% 124	42.81% 137	14.69% 47	2.81% 9	0.94% 3	320	1.84
Cultural resources/events (e.g., historical & cultural structures/sites, festivals, etc.)	13.44% 43	51.88% 166	21.88% 70	7.81% 25	5.00% 16	320	2.39
Commercial/retail development	6.88% 22	47.19% 151	32.50% 104	7.81% 25	5.63% 18	320	2.58
Childcare facilities	1.89% 6	15.41% 49	34.28% 109	12.89% 41	35.53% 113	318	3.65
Elderly care/assisted living facilities	2.19% 7	28.21% 90	30.72% 98	10.97% 35	27.90% 89	319	3.34
Schools	19.69% 63	41.25% 132	20.94% 67	4.38% 14	13.75% 44	320	2.51

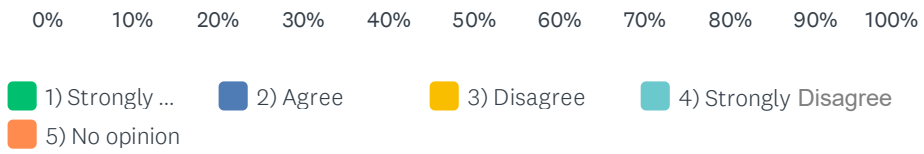
Q13 Please rate the need for additional housing types in Dodge County:

Answered: 317 Skipped: 50




Tiny homes (<600 s.f.)
Rental single family homes & duplexes
Multi-family housing (e.g., apartments,...
Campus style senior living communities...
1) Strongly ...
2) Agree
3) Disagree
4) Strongly Disagree
5) No opinion

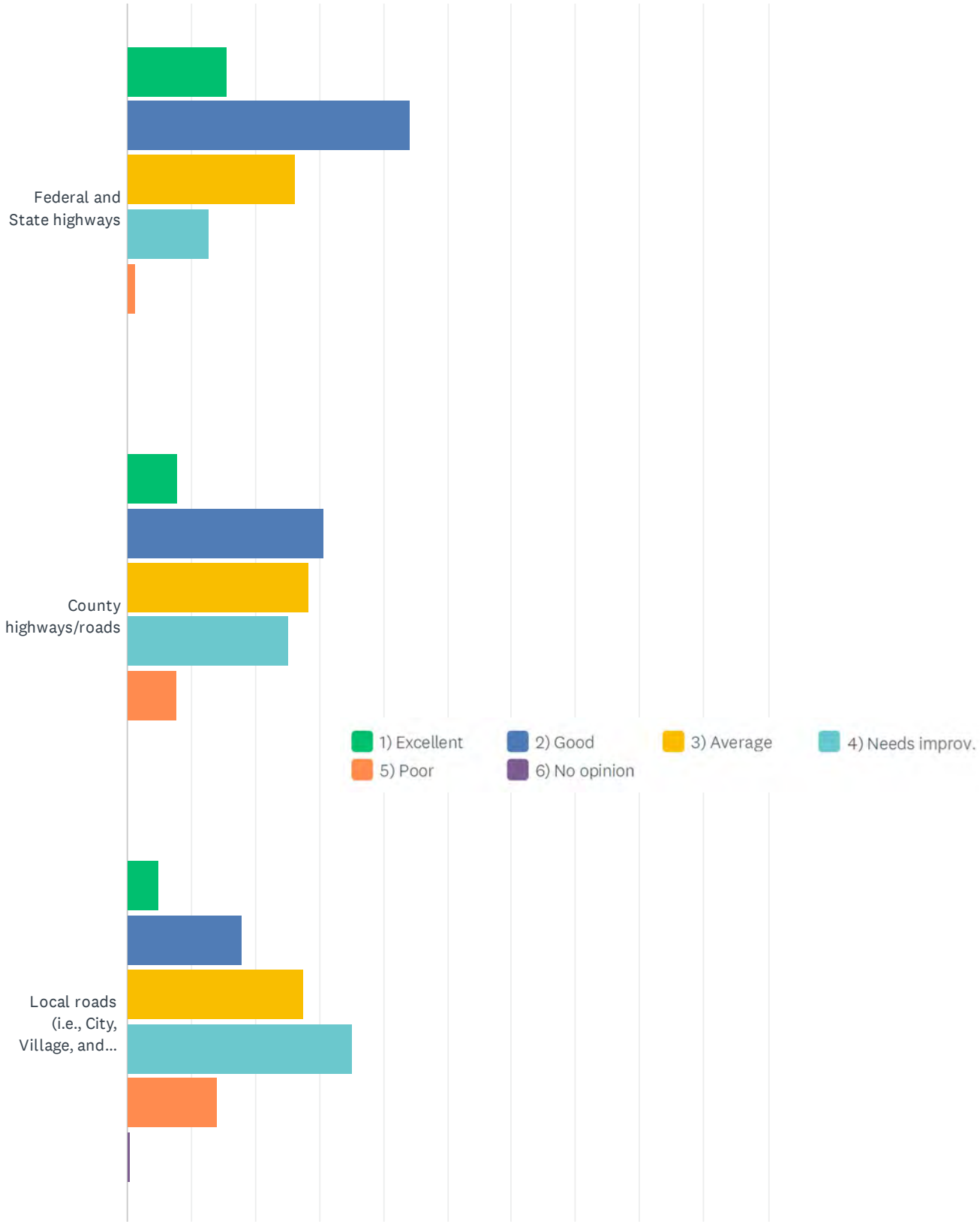

Seasonal housing (e.g., seasonal...
Low-income housing
Moderate-priced homes
Higher end/priced homes
1) Strongly ...
2) Agree
3) Disagree
4) Strongly Disagree
5) No opinion

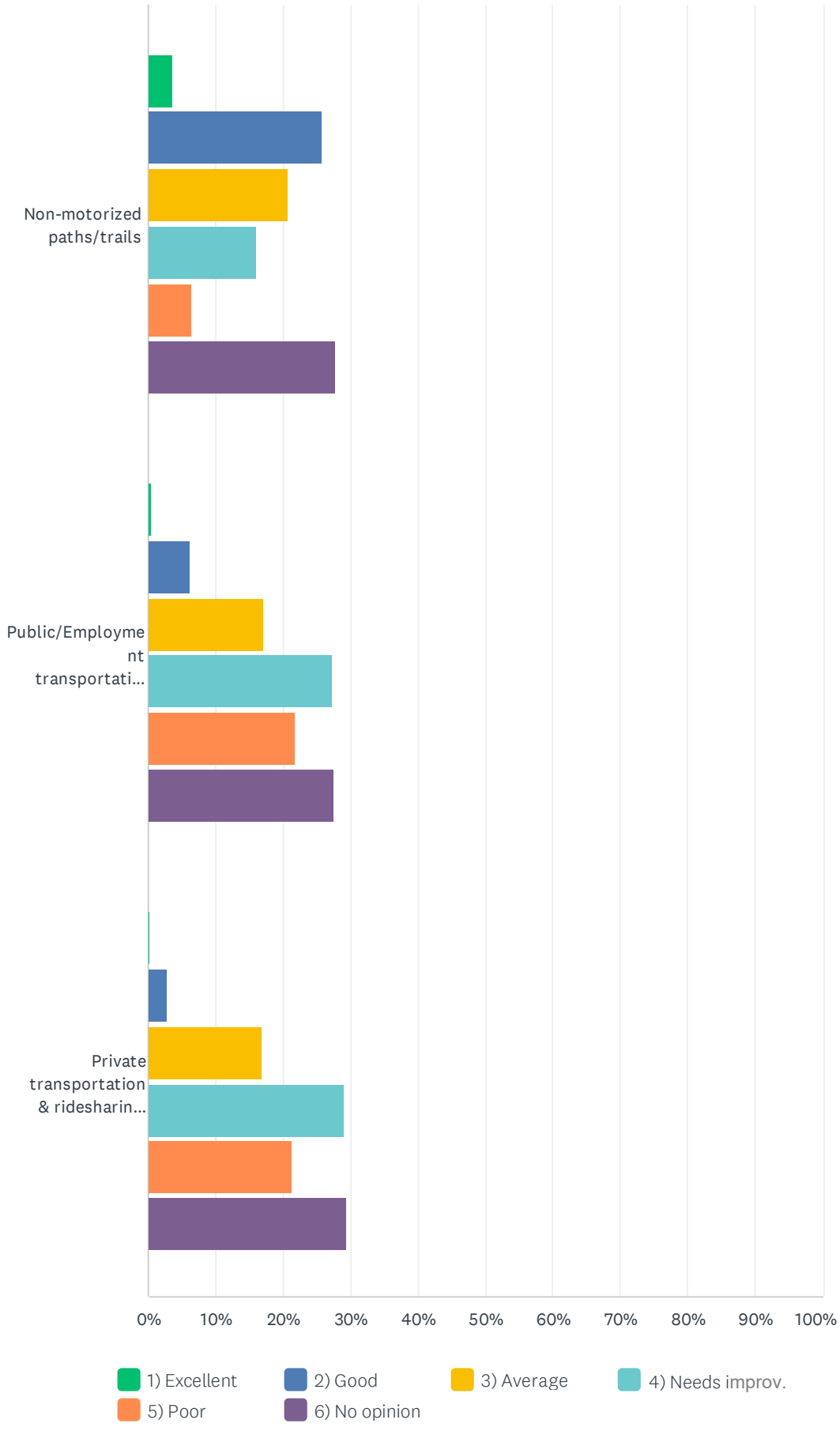


	1) STRONGLY AGREE	2) AGREE	3) DISAGREE	4) STRONGLY DISAGREE	5) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Single family homes (1,200 s.f. or more)	23.81% 75	44.44% 140	13.33% 42	4.13% 13	14.29% 45	315	2.41
Small single family homes (less than 1,200 s.f.)	26.75% 84	39.17% 123	12.10% 38	5.41% 17	16.56% 52	314	2.46
Small home/small lot “cottage style” homes	18.21% 57	31.31% 98	21.09% 66	6.07% 19	23.32% 73	313	2.85
Accessory dwelling units (ADUs)	7.07% 22	19.29% 60	23.15% 72	9.32% 29	41.16% 128	311	3.58
Tiny homes (<600 s.f.)	7.40% 23	14.79% 46	28.62% 89	17.04% 53	32.15% 100	311	3.52
Rental single family homes & duplexes	19.05% 60	37.78% 119	15.56% 49	12.38% 39	15.24% 48	315	2.67
Multi-family housing (e.g., apartments, townhomes, condominiums, etc.)	16.19% 51	28.57% 90	24.13% 76	16.51% 52	14.60% 46	315	2.85
Campus style senior living communities (independent / assisted living, senior center for entertainment, restaurant, medical, etc.)	23.10% 73	41.14% 130	11.39% 36	4.75% 15	19.62% 62	316	2.57
Seasonal housing (e.g., seasonal agricultural workers, college students, etc.)	4.78% 15	13.69% 43	28.66% 90	16.24% 51	36.62% 115	314	3.66
Low-income housing	21.97% 69	17.52% 55	21.02% 66	24.20% 76	15.29% 48	314	2.93
Moderate-priced homes	33.65% 105	49.36% 154	7.05% 22	2.56% 8	7.37% 23	312	2.01
Higher end/priced homes	4.17% 13	22.76% 71	31.73% 99	25.64% 80	15.71% 49	312	3.26

Q14 Please rate each of the following modes of transportation provided in Dodge County:

Answered: 313 Skipped: 54

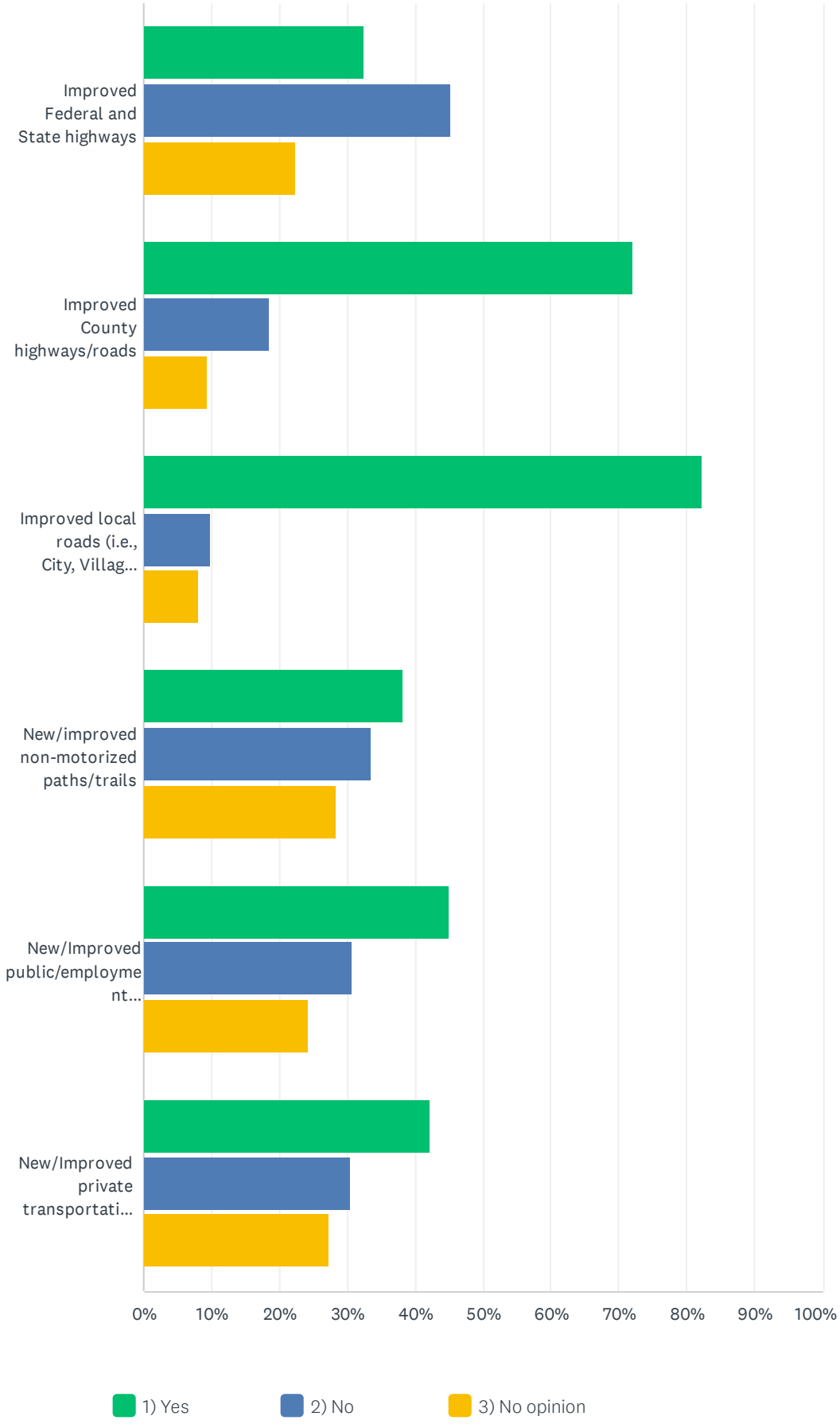



Non-motorized paths/trails
Public/Employment transportati...
Private transportation & ridesharin...
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
1) Excellent
2) Good
3) Average
4) Needs improv.
5) Poor
6) No opinion

	1) EXCELLENT	2) GOOD	3) AVERAGE	4) NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	5) POOR	6) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Federal and State highways	15.65% 49	44.09% 138	26.20% 82	12.78% 40	1.28% 4	0.00% 0	313	2.40
County highways/roads	7.99% 25	30.67% 96	28.43% 89	25.24% 79	7.67% 24	0.00% 0	313	2.94
Local roads (i.e., City, Village, and Town roads)	4.81% 15	17.95% 56	27.56% 86	35.26% 110	14.10% 44	0.32% 1	312	3.37
Non-motorized paths/trails	3.54% 11	25.72% 80	20.58% 64	16.08% 50	6.43% 20	27.65% 86	311	3.51
Public/Employment transportation services (e.g., vanpools, carpools, shared ride taxi service, & on-demand paratransit)	0.32% 1	6.09% 19	16.99% 53	27.24% 85	21.79% 68	27.56% 86	312	4.19
Private transportation & ridesharing services (e.g., private bus, taxi, Uber, Lyft)	0.32% 1	2.88% 9	16.93% 53	29.07% 91	21.41% 67	29.39% 92	313	4.27

Q15 During the next five years, should Dodge County focus their resources in the following areas?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 54


Improved Federal and State highways
Improved County highways/roads
Improved local roads (i.e., City, Villag...
New/improved non-motorized paths/trails
New/Improved public/employment...
New/Improved private transportati...
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
1) Yes
2) No
3) No opinion

	1) YES	2) NO	3) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Improved Federal and State highways	32.36% 100	45.31% 140	22.33% 69	309	2.35
Improved County highways/roads	72.03% 224	18.65% 58	9.32% 29	311	1.56
Improved local roads (i.e., City, Village, and Town roads)	82.20% 254	9.71% 30	8.09% 25	309	1.42
New/improved non-motorized paths/trails	38.26% 119	33.44% 104	28.30% 88	311	2.47
New/Improved public/employment transportation services (e.g., vanpools, carpools, shared ride taxi service, & on-demand paratransit)	44.98% 139	30.74% 95	24.27% 75	309	2.28
New/Improved private transportation services (e.g., private bus, taxi, Uber, Lyft)	42.12% 131	30.55% 95	27.33% 85	311	2.40

#	PLEASE ELABORATE IN FEW WORDS WHY YOU RESPONDED IN THIS MANNER:	DATE
1	Public transportation is not economically feasible in our rural areas	2/28/2025 2:51 PM
2	I haven't noticed major concerns with the roadways. My husband & I don't utilize much private transport so I don't have much opinion there.	2/27/2025 4:00 PM
3	Roads are good. Need to maintain quality. Improve quality on busy Highway 33.	2/26/2025 4:36 PM
4	It is. not the county's job to provide private transportation,.	2/26/2025 8:19 AM
5	There is no way to get between the towns for people who can’t drive	2/24/2025 12:56 AM
6	Need to have more and reliable public transportation options.	2/23/2025 3:19 PM
7	We have every good road imaginable to drive places. The way we get from “life here is good” to “life here is great” is with PEOPLE infrastructure - non-motorized bike/walk paths, cross country skiing, etc. We’re really good in the city with sidewalks, etc - I think if we build on it, we have the real chance to be amazing!	2/23/2025 10:56 AM
8	Dodge CO needs to maintain the roads that help us function now. I use the wild goose trail 3 times a week, it is beautifully maintained and I hope this continues. I’d love to see a bike path created between Beaver Dam and the dodge co court house in Juneau as I know many people leaving jail, have court dates, etc only have access to bikes and this could aid the community.	2/23/2025 9:58 AM
9	More improvements for sienors	2/22/2025 7:03 AM
10	Our county and town roads have been in poor shape for a long time.	2/21/2025 3:08 PM
11	not sure what the counties input on state and fed highways is and not sure who decides thew projects and the impact they have. the improvement of cty C seems to have created a problem at the intersection of 151 with increased cross traffic	2/21/2025 11:44 AM
12	Township roads are lacking maintenance.	2/21/2025 9:53 AM
13	Bringing the private services into rural areas is a strong need.	2/21/2025 9:36 AM
14	We need to expand this.	2/20/2025 6:31 AM
15	Some of our roads need work…as far as public transportation…. I am unaware of the needs.	2/20/2025 4:46 AM
16	Take interest in public trails that you do have. Take the safety of the public seriously	2/19/2025 9:03 PM
17	As we get older, we will have to move to a country with either public transportation or services for folks who don’t drive	2/19/2025 8:47 PM
18	Seems like 151 and the village roads are cared for. But often weather makes the driving the county roads dicey. Not sure what all can be done to improve that. I don’t rely on public or private transportation. As long as a trail is marked it can be followed. It’d be nice if folks didn’t treat a trail as a place for garbage.	2/19/2025 6:07 PM

19	The roads are bad	2/19/2025 6:02 PM
20	By maintaining these things will allow people to stay in the area.	2/16/2025 1:36 PM
21	Cars (owned by citizens) will continue to be the main mode of transportation in Dodge County. No need for public trans here.	2/14/2025 4:59 PM
22	Some county roads should be improved before they are completely falling apart. The quick patch job to fix a road for only a year or 2 is a waste of tax money. The roads that are fixed seem to be falling apart faster then ever. Please also take in to effect the amount of traffic and load that is being utilized on these roads. The more semi traffic... the road needs a bigger budget on it then.	2/14/2025 11:03 AM
23	appropriate resources for an expanding population	2/13/2025 10:19 PM
24	It's a small young with no way to go q0 miles to the next small town	2/12/2025 9:18 PM
25	The government can't make someone be a ride share driver. The market will drive people to get into the business or not.	2/12/2025 7:39 AM
26	Some local roads need some major improvements. It would also be nice to have clean, safe transportation options for citizens of all ages.	2/10/2025 2:42 PM
27	The roads in Dodge County are awful! They need improvement throughout the county. When traveling in other counties they are so much better. They have limited private transportation services as well.	2/10/2025 1:59 PM
28	I live off St Helene and its dangerous if you drift off the pavement and would like to see the trail system link up and expanded for better usage	2/10/2025 10:19 AM
29	Town and County roads need improvement.	2/7/2025 10:19 AM
30	more public transit options especially in the smaller towns, this could also help ease the drinking and driving problem.	2/7/2025 8:12 AM
31	Hard for the disadvantage to get around. The county needs more public transportation.	2/6/2025 7:15 PM
32	There are very little transportation options	2/5/2025 9:48 PM
33	There are no services besides the non-emergency transportation, that come to my part of the Dodge County, in Lomira.	2/5/2025 6:04 PM
34	Many of the streets and road have seen recent improvement, however we are still behind with streets like East Third Street in Beaver Dam and also County W between Beaver Dam and Juneau.	2/5/2025 11:28 AM
35	People need safe transportation for all aspects of well being.	2/5/2025 10:53 AM
36	It is important to focus on wellness options for recreation and local travel. For general transit, consider what happens if roads becomes less important in the future?	2/5/2025 8:36 AM
37	Everything needs improvement and I understand it comes from the state budget. I would prioritize county roads and intown roads. Federal and state highways tend to be better than those two.	2/1/2025 11:58 AM
38	I work for a rideshare service called Carepool. I work roughly 60 hours per week. After taxes and deductions, I make below the poverty line for a single person. I qualify for Medicaid and food share. There has been no increase in pay since I started almost three years ago. Carepool is the highest paying rideshare service that I'm aware of. I've been informed by activist passengers that they try to lobby for budget increases to rideshare services with the state but rarely succeed. It's a very necessary service that is under-budgeted. I enjoy helping people but without the pay increases necessary to keep up with the economy, rideshare service employees/contractors are likely going to run from the industry eventually.	1/31/2025 12:44 PM
39	City roads are a mess. No easy to access walking trails or bike trails.	1/31/2025 10:43 AM
40	probably less dui’s if ubers were more available	1/30/2025 8:52 AM
41	Public transportation options are so limited—especially wheelchair accessible options	1/29/2025 7:53 AM
42	The side streets in Waupun and Beaver Dam are horrible to drive through in the Winter after a	1/29/2025 12:25 AM

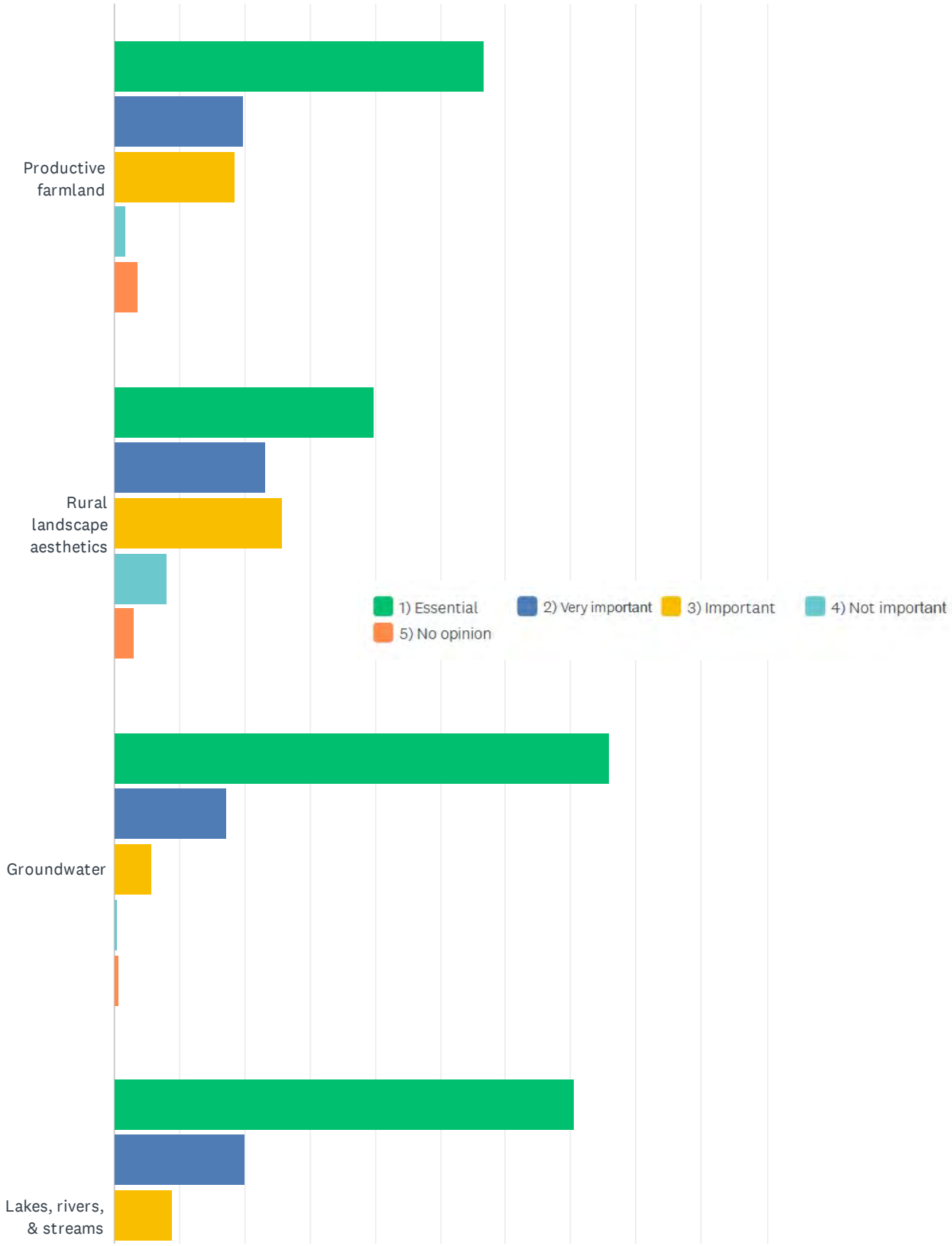
	significant snowstorm. As a result of plows coming through, there are also large potholes that can cause damage to vehicles. Public transit can connect people to job opportunities, helping to reduce unemployment and underemployment in rural areas and reduce OWIs.	
43	No taxi and barely any uber type services. Those would be really beneficial. We need a lot more housing options all around.	1/28/2025 5:26 PM
44	Most services require full public financing due to lack of use	1/28/2025 10:21 AM
45	While much of our recent years of taxpayer dollars have been used for street repair/replacement, not much focus has been on transportation for people who don't have the means to use these streets themselves. Ride sharing for elderly, medical appointments, etc, needs improvement - more availability. Electric vehicle charging station availability is something that is also lacking. It would be nice to have more options for later evening taxi/Lyft/Uber services.	1/25/2025 9:39 AM
46	I'm not aware of any public or private transportation services near me. It would be helpful for medical appointments and an alternative to drunk driving.	1/25/2025 9:23 AM
47	All of our Federal and State highways are in good condition. Our county roads need work, the lesser used ones are typically in bad shape.	1/24/2025 9:45 AM
48	Local roads and local transport definitely need more improvement.	1/23/2025 1:17 PM
49	County/local roads need work.	1/23/2025 12:46 PM
50	The private sector should not be influenced by government interaction.	1/22/2025 4:11 PM
51	Services are available	1/22/2025 12:08 PM
52	Communities within the county are difficult to reach without personal transportation.	1/22/2025 3:49 AM
53	Health insurance would have paid for trip to doctor's appt. in Madison, but couldn't find anyone to take the job.	1/21/2025 12:15 PM
54	State and federal roads are dictated by those resources. Our local roads were not built to withstand the size and number of passenger vehicles, ag implements and other truck traffic. The funds we currently receive are only sufficient to maintain a portion of the roads and not enough to widen or strengthen the roads. As Beaver Dam continues to grow perhaps having private transportation services would provide income for persons who provide those services and options for transportation outside normal operating hours and would not require the infrastructure that a bus or taxi service would need to get up and sustained.	1/20/2025 9:13 AM
55	The highways seem to be in decent shape but alot of the town and county roads have seen better days and the winter maintenance of them has gotten worse the past couple of years	1/19/2025 9:38 PM
56	While some improvements are being done - many of our state highways were neglected during the Walker years and taking awhile to catch up. Could use more public transportation, and private ride share opportunities	1/18/2025 10:46 PM
57	Our county highways are horrible and townships need monetary assistance to keep their roads maintained	1/18/2025 9:54 PM
58	Improvements that utilize state and federal funding should be determined if current condition is deemed below inspection standards.	1/17/2025 12:27 PM
59	They want a bus system and I think that is a complete waste of money for beaver dam.	1/17/2025 11:45 AM
60	road repair expense hard to cover town roads	1/17/2025 9:37 AM
61	Need more public transportation options & workers- limited choice & long wait times. Roads need repaving. Taxi drivers could also drive better.	1/16/2025 11:27 PM
62	Public transport would be very valuable to people as cars are expensive to maintain. Also, getting a drivers license is expensive as well.	1/16/2025 10:46 PM
63	I think we already have good roads … just need to maintain. Public transportation makes little sense in most of the county … and if it did exist I feel few would use it.	1/16/2025 7:39 PM
64	The Highway Department does not spend the money they get from the State of WI. We have a 2 million dollar not spent on the roads which they should be doing. Look at Hwy 151, whether	1/16/2025 7:21 PM

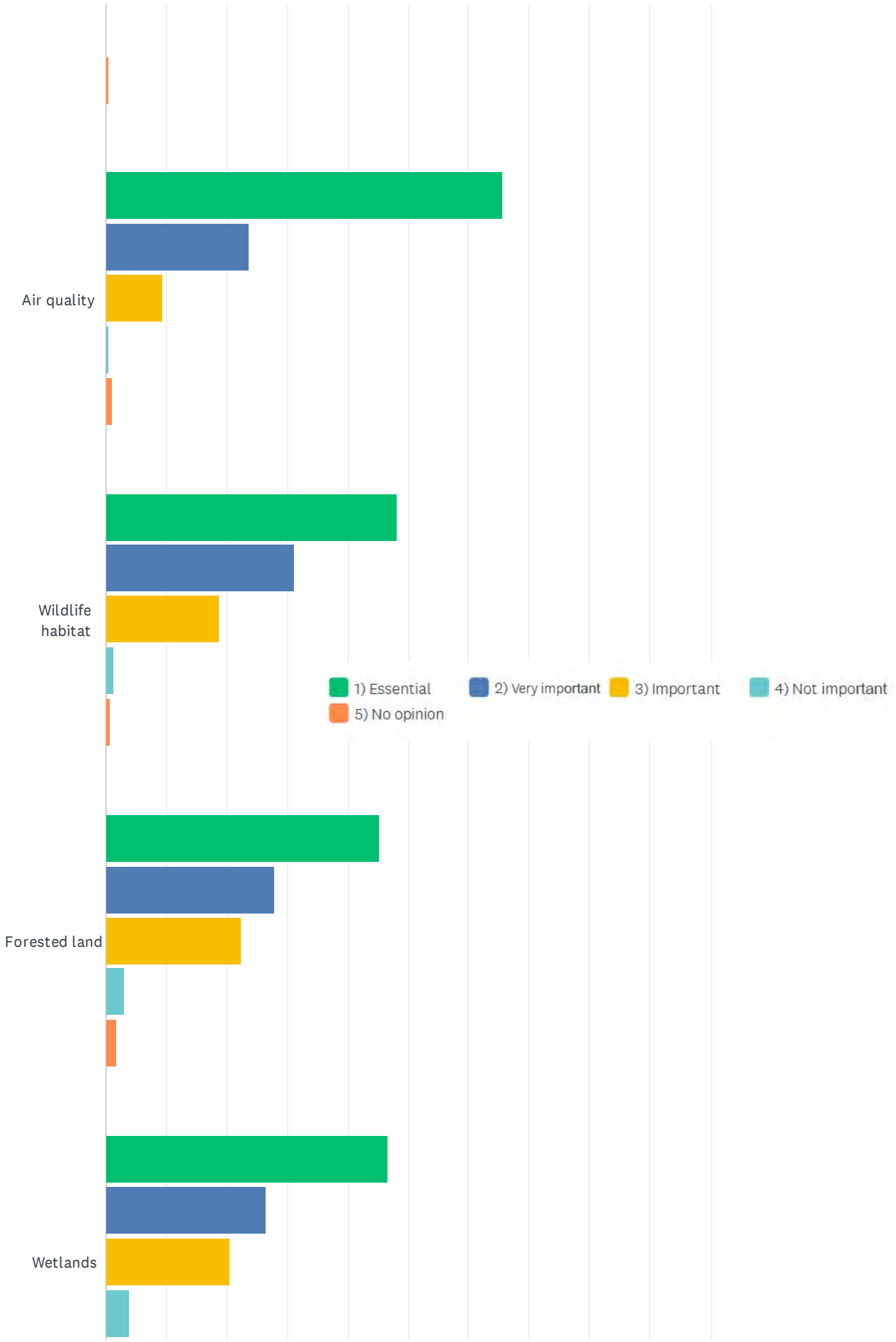
	its Dane or Fond du lac Counties repair 151 with concrete, not "Tar" like our county does.	
65	Expensive to own a vehicle. Public transportation would be a great welcome	1/16/2025 6:09 PM
66	This is a small town, VERY old houses. This doesn't need to be a tourist town or city feel. It's already too populated and seems like city regulations are enforced to higher degrees than a bigger town. I don't disagree with providing more options to current residents but we don't need to change to attract every type of person out there. We're on a major travel road, there's already great profit from that	1/16/2025 6:04 PM
67	Feel the roads are in need of repair the most	1/16/2025 1:33 PM
68	Highway A from 151 to Fox Lake horrible and almost to the point of dangerous and auto damaging. Most people want to drive themselves and be flexible.	1/16/2025 9:56 AM
69	Huge need for taxi or uber type services. In high demand but we don't have much to offer. More bike and walking paths. Really need a bike path on county highway E that goes into Beaver Dam. Would benefit Prairie View students.	1/16/2025 9:47 AM
70	We do not need access to ride share, but to public transportation. Lomira is debating adding low income housing, but no one is considering that 1. our nearest grocery store (the Pig) is expensive and the owners over price everything/nothing is really fresh and 2. a lot of the job draws (like Quad) are inaccesible on the roads that currently exist if you have car issues or no car at all.	1/16/2025 9:14 AM
71	Expanded taxi or transit bus would be beneficial for those retirees, and physically challenged to access necessary business and medical needs	1/16/2025 9:05 AM
72	We are in desperate need of public transit, especially in a more accessible manner, even in smaller towns & cities	1/16/2025 8:46 AM
73	We need cross county public transit and just more public transit options and vehicles in general	1/16/2025 8:31 AM
74	I feel like the roads are good here, but there's not much available in terms of public transit or ride sharing. If your car isn't available for whatever reason, it's hard to figure out an emergency solution.	1/16/2025 6:38 AM
75	Roads are generally good, but many local roads need repairs. Great natural resources but would love more multi-use non-motorized trails through scenic areas.	1/16/2025 6:27 AM
76	We need more bike/walking friendly by the kwik trip/ walmart/ymca area	1/16/2025 3:12 AM
77	We need more transportation resources for seniors and people that can not drive	1/15/2025 11:22 PM
78	Put money into stores/restaurants	1/15/2025 10:56 PM
79	The majority of my travel is on county and town roads. the state should focus on state roads	1/15/2025 10:54 PM
80	Do not use public transportation	1/15/2025 9:59 PM
81	Highway 151 is functional, but the number of at grade crossings is concerning. The potential costs to fix this would be quite large and require long planning times. Immediate need is improvements to local roadways.	1/15/2025 9:32 PM
82	You drive these roads, so I believe you know which ones need repair.	1/15/2025 9:15 PM
83	Roads are important. Ride share or public transportation is important to those who do not drive and can't rely on friends and family always to get them around. Will help people be independent.	1/15/2025 9:02 PM
84	Travel on highway and county roads frequently. They seem to be in good shape.	1/15/2025 7:43 PM
85	I don't know if we need public transportation or taxis.	1/15/2025 7:30 PM
86	County road's need attention and relay on private transportation handle the cost of transportation not tax payers	1/15/2025 7:06 PM
87	Local town roads need updating. Not enough money in towns to upgrade the roads. Roads are not built to handle large trucks.	1/15/2025 4:14 PM
88	The bike trail down State 33 should be scraped.	1/15/2025 3:06 PM

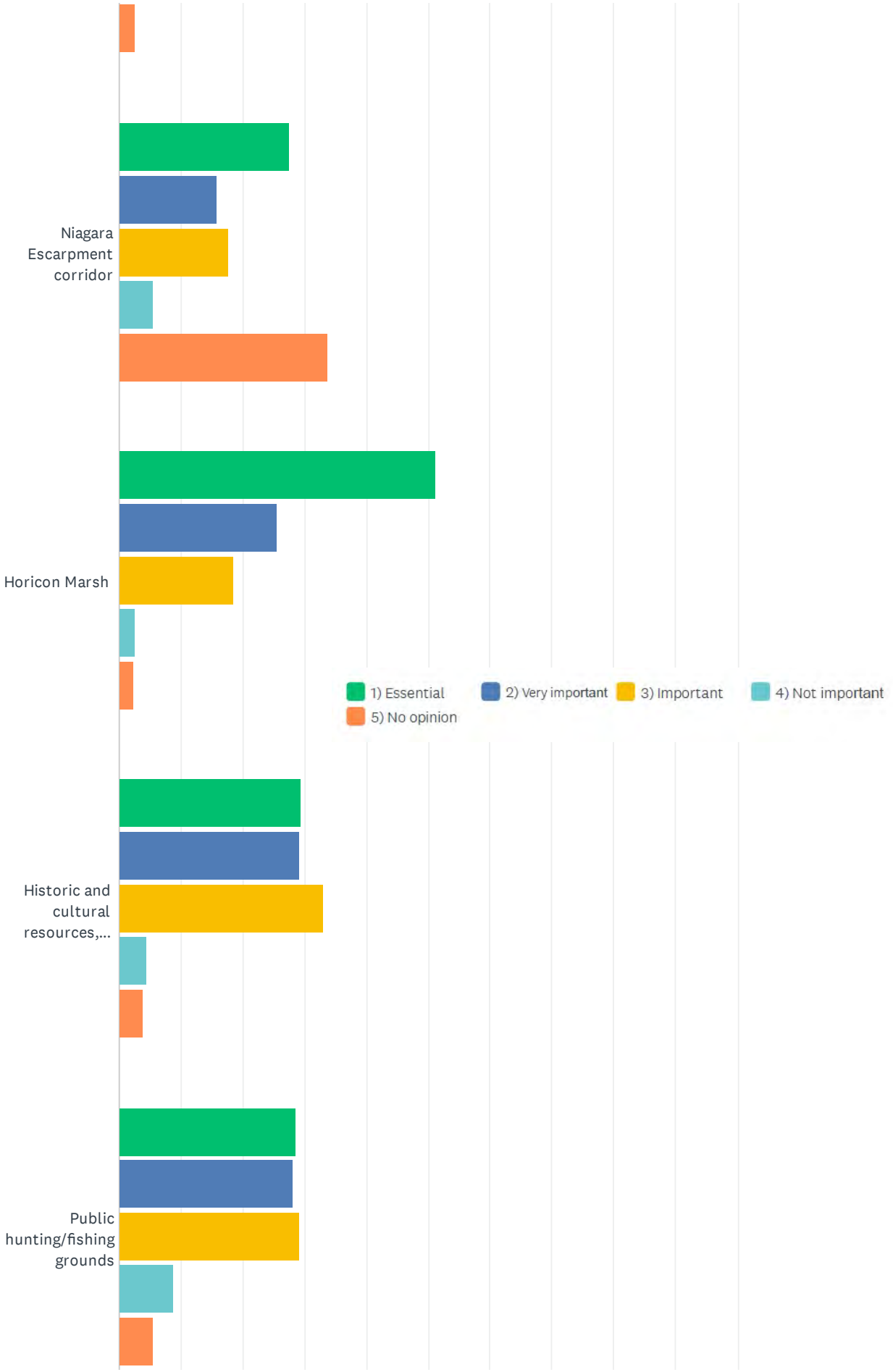
89	if you dont have transportation you are stuck. or rely on your friends generosity.	1/15/2025 2:24 PM
90	Not an area for government to focus	1/15/2025 2:03 PM
91	The wild goose trail and the limited Gold Star area the only real trails	1/15/2025 1:38 PM
92	city of Beaver Dam roads are terrible, I spend too much money on maintaining the suspension systems on all my cars	1/15/2025 1:02 PM
93	Increased public transportation across Dodge County communities and regional hubs (Airports, Amtrak), fix bad roads, increase pedestrian-friendly transportation in cities	1/15/2025 11:09 AM
94	Very limited private transportation	1/15/2025 11:06 AM
95	Increased public transportation options would be a plus.	1/15/2025 10:08 AM
96	We need more multi use trails. I would like to see HWY 26 connect to HWY 151. HWY 151 around beaver dam should be upgraded and on and off ramps reviewed. The CTY G interchange WAS A MISTAKE. Should be a CTY W. HWY 33 should be re-routed out of the Beaver Dam downtown using HWY 151 and CTY B. Ganske/Gateway Interchange needs to be reconfigured. Use more round-abouts at 4 way CTY stops and at CTY G and Madison St.	1/15/2025 9:36 AM
97	Local rural roads need to be a priority.	1/15/2025 7:39 AM
98	Roads need repair Beaver Dam is the worst in the county. You can not enter without hitting pot holes. Need to repair properly not just throw tar in and let cars roll over it to pack it down	1/15/2025 6:52 AM
99	Transportation is a barrier in a rural community. Lack of options impacts employment.	1/15/2025 6:31 AM
100	Nice roads are great to get around on and many need improvement.	1/15/2025 5:15 AM
101	TEST ANSWER	1/13/2025 2:24 PM

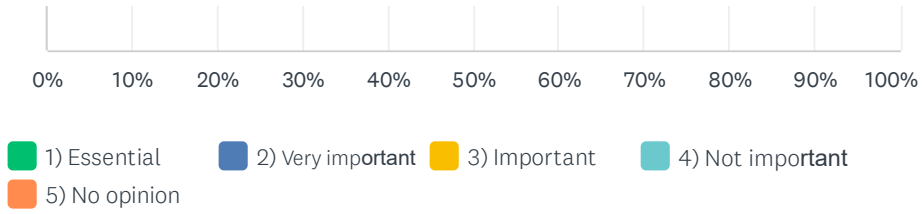
Q16 Please rate the importance for Dodge County to protect and preserve the following agricultural, natural, and cultural resources:

Answered: 309 Skipped: 58




Air quality
Wildlife habitat
Forested land
Wetlands
1) Essential
2) Very important
3) Important
4) Not important
5) No opinion

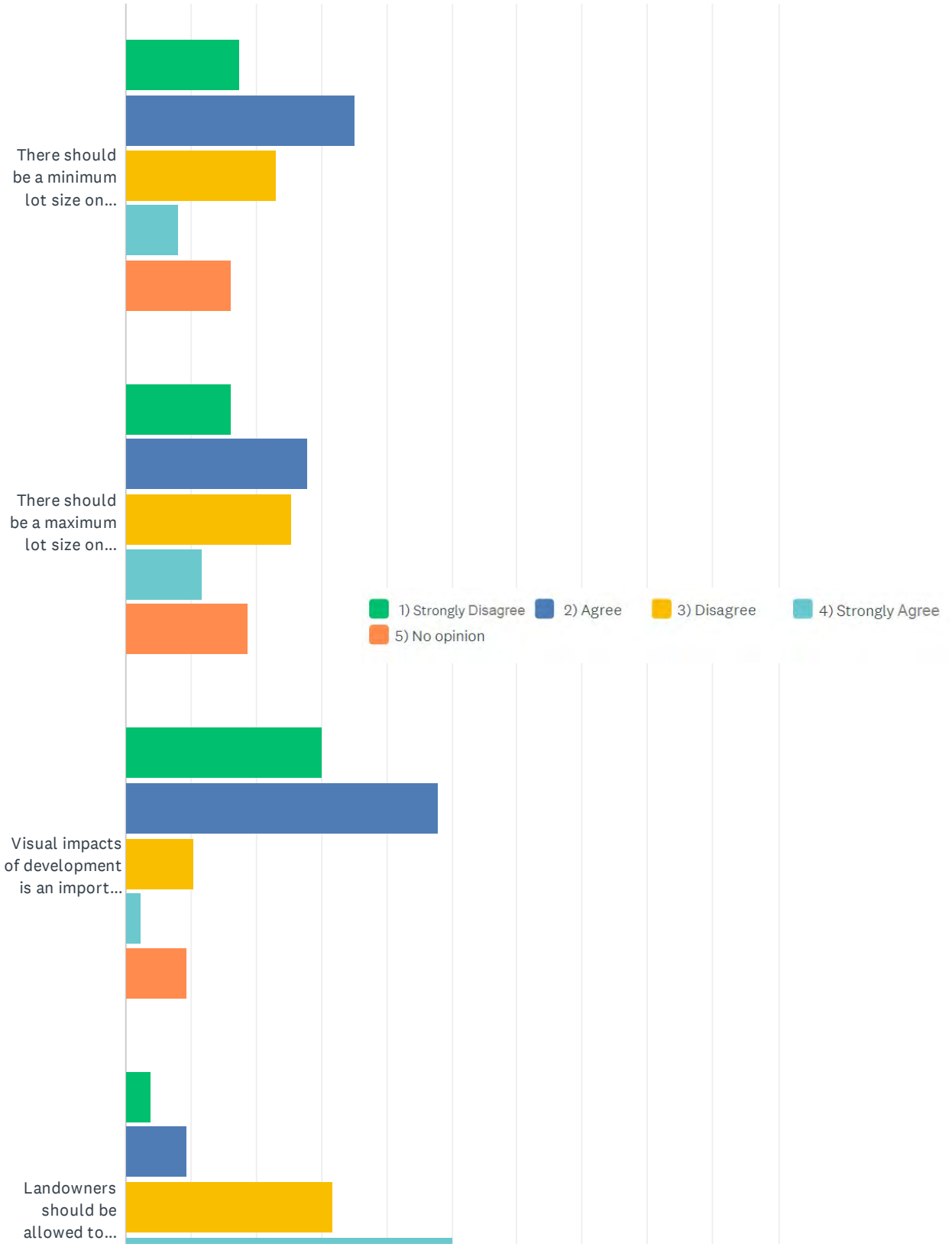

Niagara Escarpment corridor
Horicon Marsh
Historic and cultural resources,...
Public hunting/fishing grounds
1) Essential
2) Very important
3) Important
4) Not important
5) No opinion

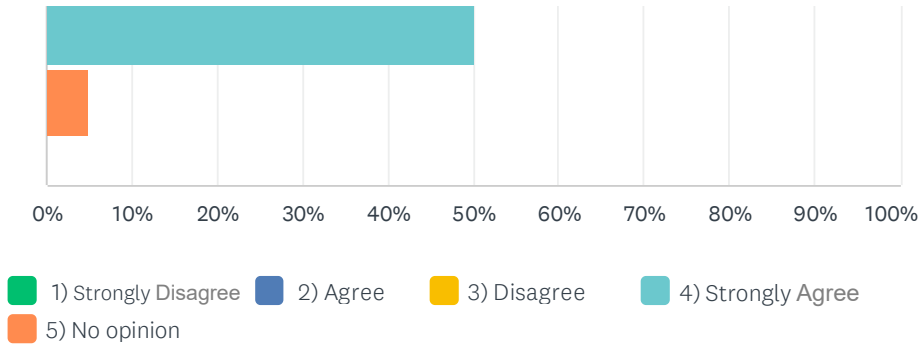


	1) ESSENTIAL	2) VERY IMPORTANT	3) IMPORTANT	4) NOT IMPORTANT	5) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Productive farmland	56.63% 175	19.74% 61	18.45% 57	1.62% 5	3.56% 11	309	1.76
Rural landscape aesthetics	39.81% 123	23.30% 72	25.89% 80	8.09% 25	2.91% 9	309	2.11
Groundwater	75.97% 234	17.21% 53	5.84% 18	0.32% 1	0.65% 2	308	1.32
Lakes, rivers, & streams	70.55% 218	20.06% 62	9.06% 28	0.00% 0	0.32% 1	309	1.39
Air quality	65.58% 202	23.70% 73	9.42% 29	0.32% 1	0.97% 3	308	1.47
Wildlife habitat	48.22% 149	31.07% 96	18.77% 58	1.29% 4	0.65% 2	309	1.75
Forested land	45.31% 140	27.83% 86	22.33% 69	2.91% 9	1.62% 5	309	1.88
Wetlands	46.60% 144	26.54% 82	20.39% 63	3.88% 12	2.59% 8	309	1.89
Niagara Escarpment corridor	27.45% 84	15.69% 48	17.65% 54	5.56% 17	33.66% 103	306	3.02
Horicon Marsh	51.13% 158	25.57% 79	18.45% 57	2.59% 8	2.27% 7	309	1.79
Historic and cultural resources, sites, & structures	29.45% 91	29.13% 90	33.01% 102	4.53% 14	3.88% 12	309	2.24
Public hunting/fishing grounds	28.48% 88	28.16% 87	29.13% 90	8.74% 27	5.50% 17	309	2.35

Q17 Please rate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding land use:

Answered: 309 Skipped: 58

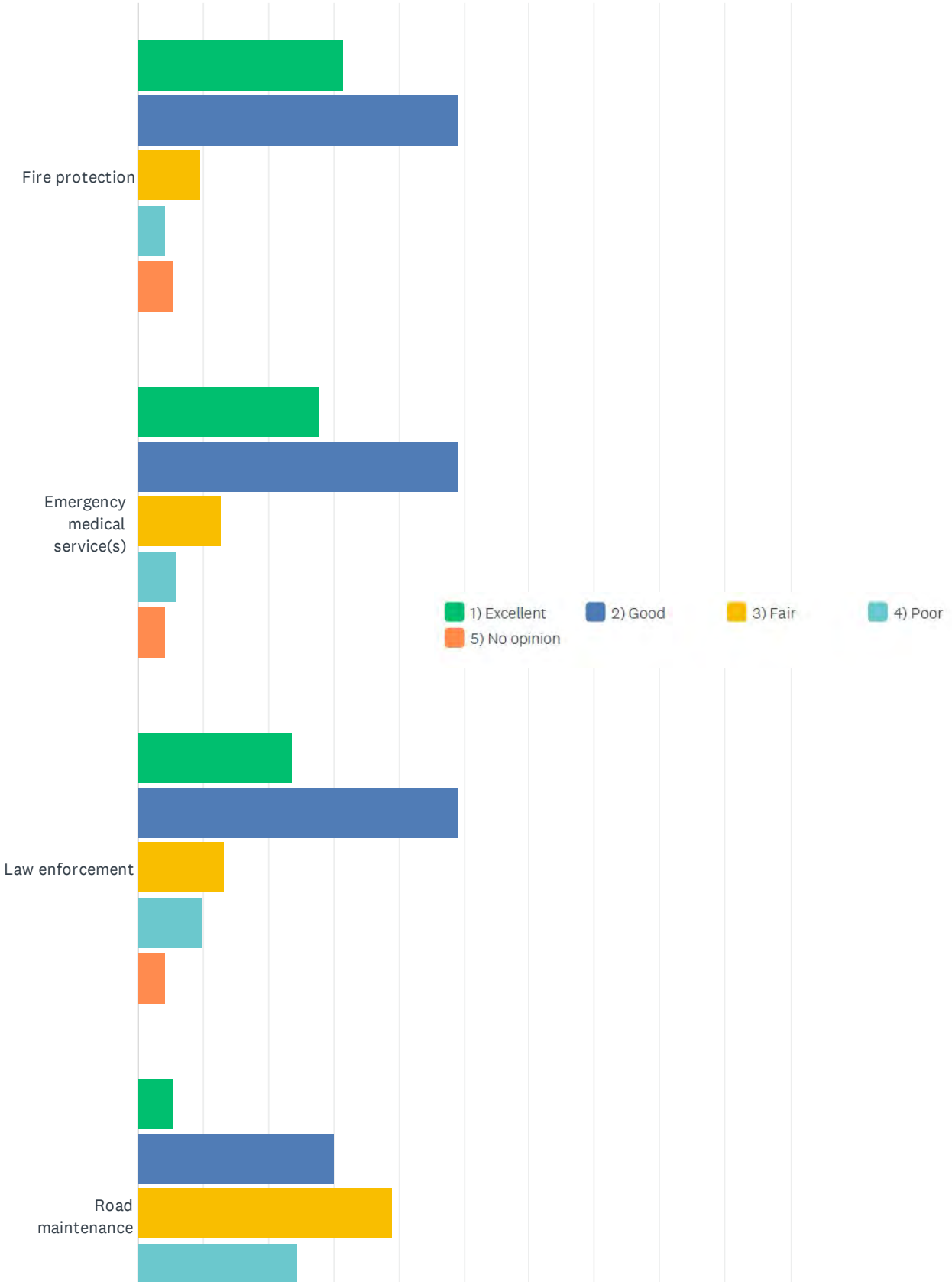


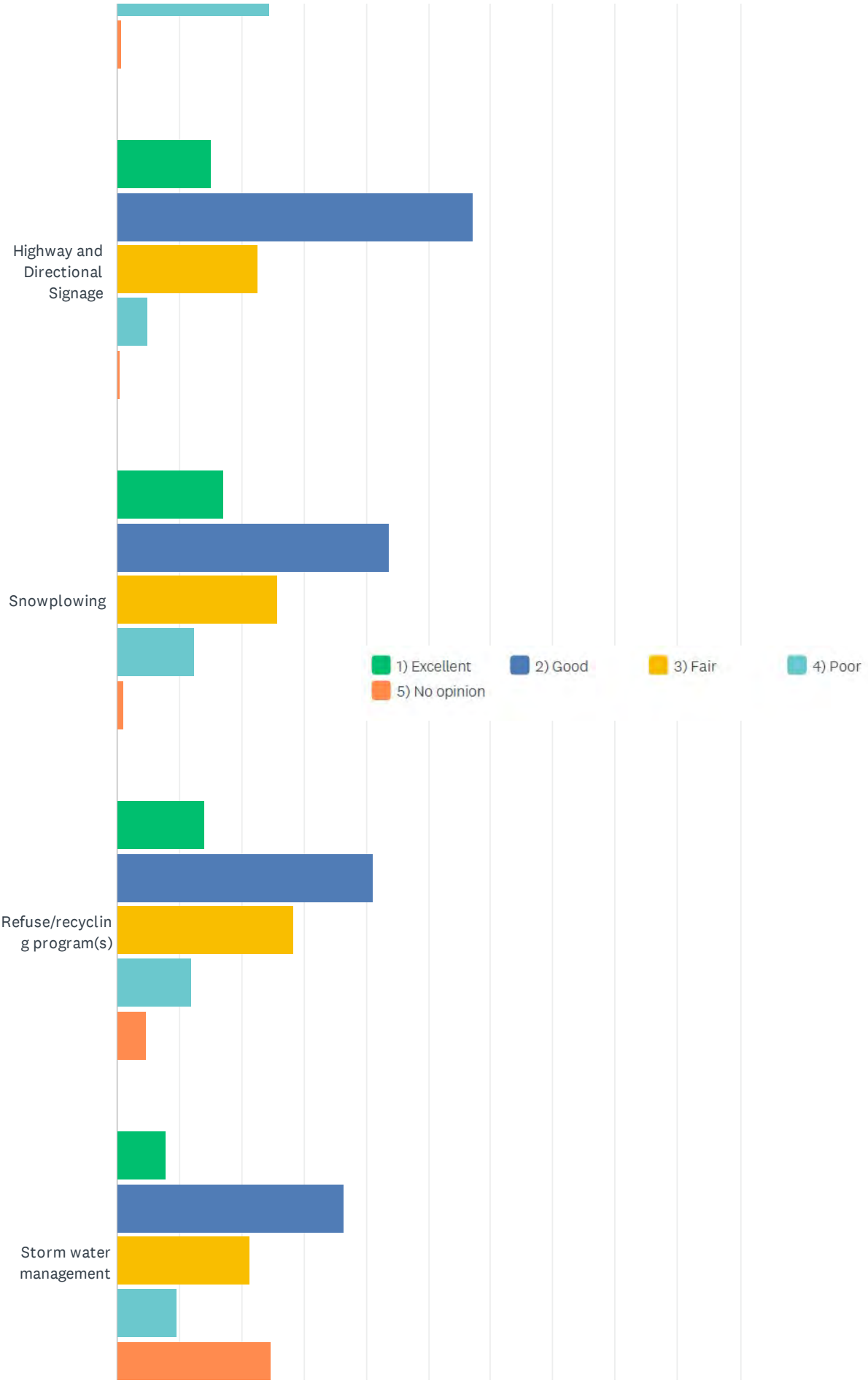


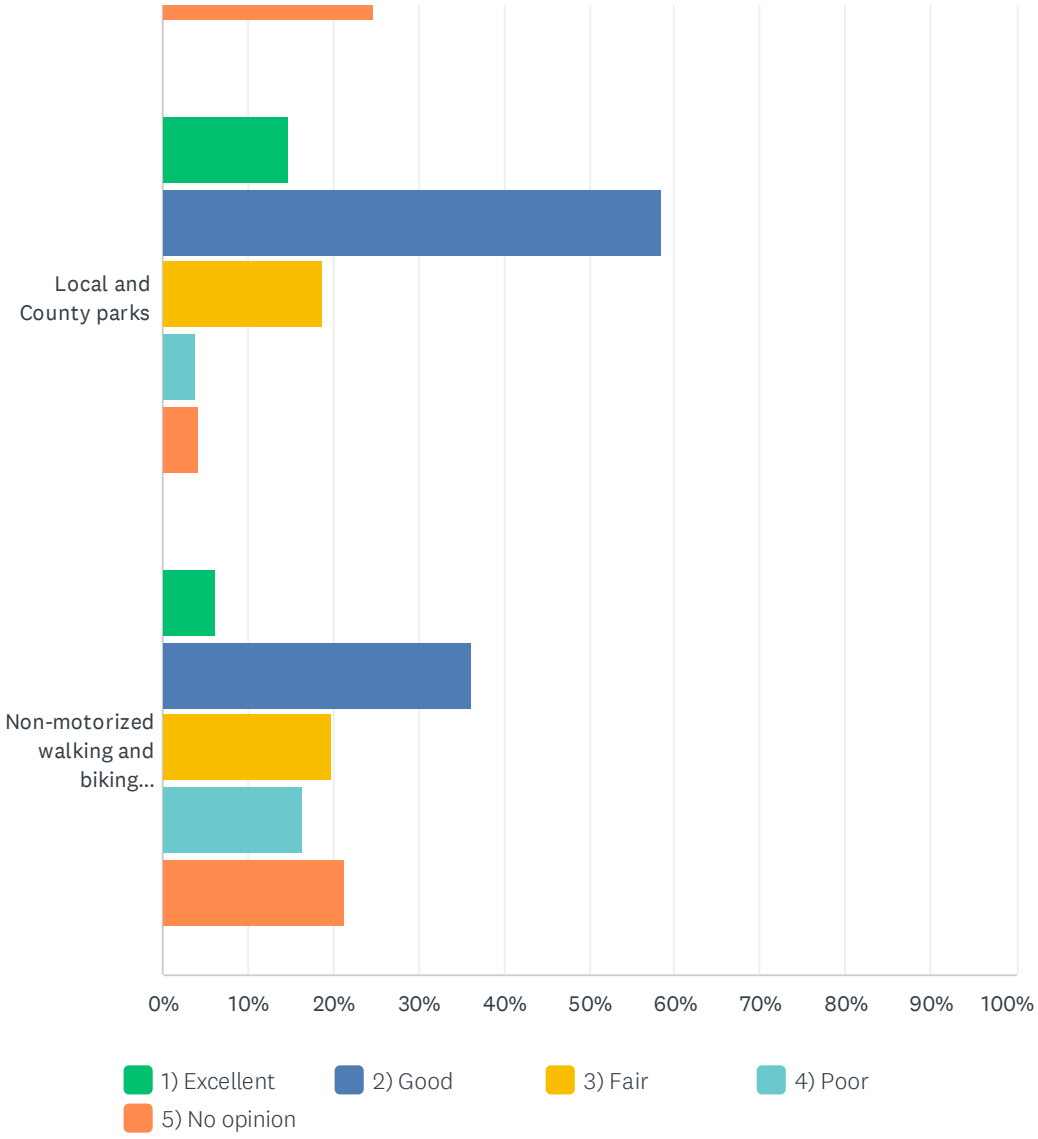
	1) STRONGLY AGREE	2) AGREE	3) DISAGREE	4) STRONGLY DISAGREE	5) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
There should be a minimum lot size on residential development in rural areas.	17.48% 54	35.28% 109	22.98% 71	8.09% 25	16.18% 50	309	2.70
There should be a maximum lot size on residential development in rural areas.	16.23% 50	27.92% 86	25.32% 78	11.69% 36	18.83% 58	308	2.89
Visual impacts of development is an important consideration when evaluating proposed development.	30.10% 93	47.90% 148	10.36% 32	2.27% 7	9.39% 29	309	2.13
Landowners should be allowed to develop land any way they want, even if it could be harmful or a nuisance to a neighbor or the environment.	3.88% 12	9.39% 29	31.72% 98	50.16% 155	4.85% 15	309	3.43

Q18 Please rate the following services in your portion of Dodge County:

Answered: 305 Skipped: 62



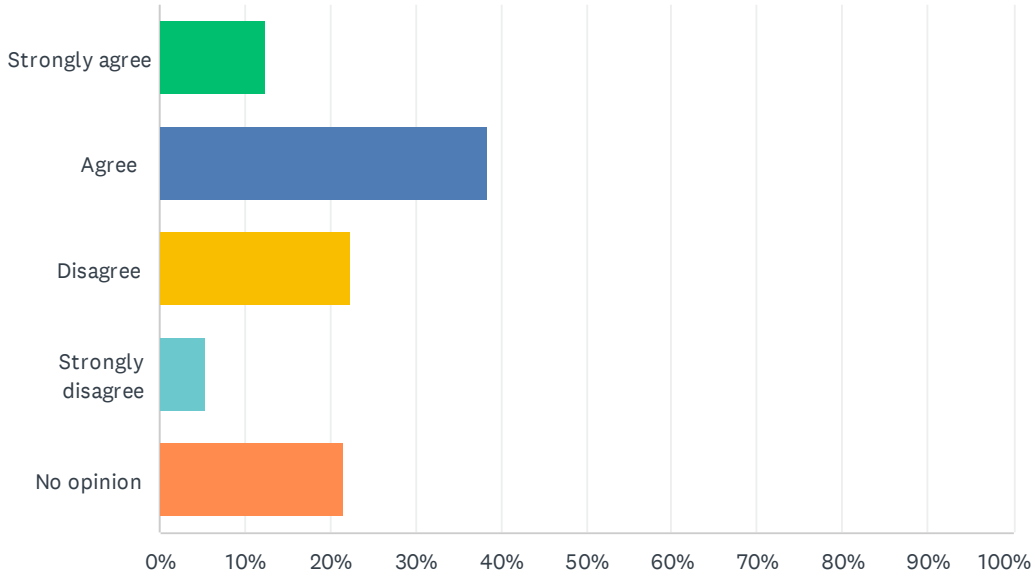

Highway and Directional Signage
Snowplowing
Refuse/recycling program(s)
Storm water management
1) Excellent
2) Good
3) Fair
4) Poor
5) No opinion


Local and County parks
Non-motorized walking and biking...
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
1) Excellent
2) Good
3) Fair
4) Poor
5) No opinion

	1) EXCELLENT	2) GOOD	3) FAIR	4) POOR	5) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Fire protection	31.58% 96	49.01% 149	9.54% 29	4.28% 13	5.59% 17	304	2.03
Emergency medical service(s)	27.96% 85	49.01% 149	12.83% 39	5.92% 18	4.28% 13	304	2.10
Law enforcement	23.61% 72	49.18% 150	13.11% 40	9.84% 30	4.26% 13	305	2.22
Road maintenance	5.57% 17	30.16% 92	39.02% 119	24.59% 75	0.66% 2	305	2.85
Highway and Directional Signage	15.08% 46	57.05% 174	22.62% 69	4.92% 15	0.33% 1	305	2.18
Snowplowing	17.05% 52	43.61% 133	25.90% 79	12.46% 38	0.98% 3	305	2.37
Refuse/recycling program(s)	14.14% 43	41.12% 125	28.29% 86	11.84% 36	4.61% 14	304	2.52
Storm water management	7.89% 24	36.51% 111	21.38% 65	9.54% 29	24.67% 75	304	3.07
Local and County parks	14.75% 45	58.36% 178	18.69% 57	3.93% 12	4.26% 13	305	2.25
Non-motorized walking and biking facilities	6.25% 19	36.18% 110	19.74% 60	16.45% 50	21.38% 65	304	3.11

Q19 Local Fire and Emergency Medical Service Districts should seek to be more effective and efficient through the consolidation of services. (Choose one only)

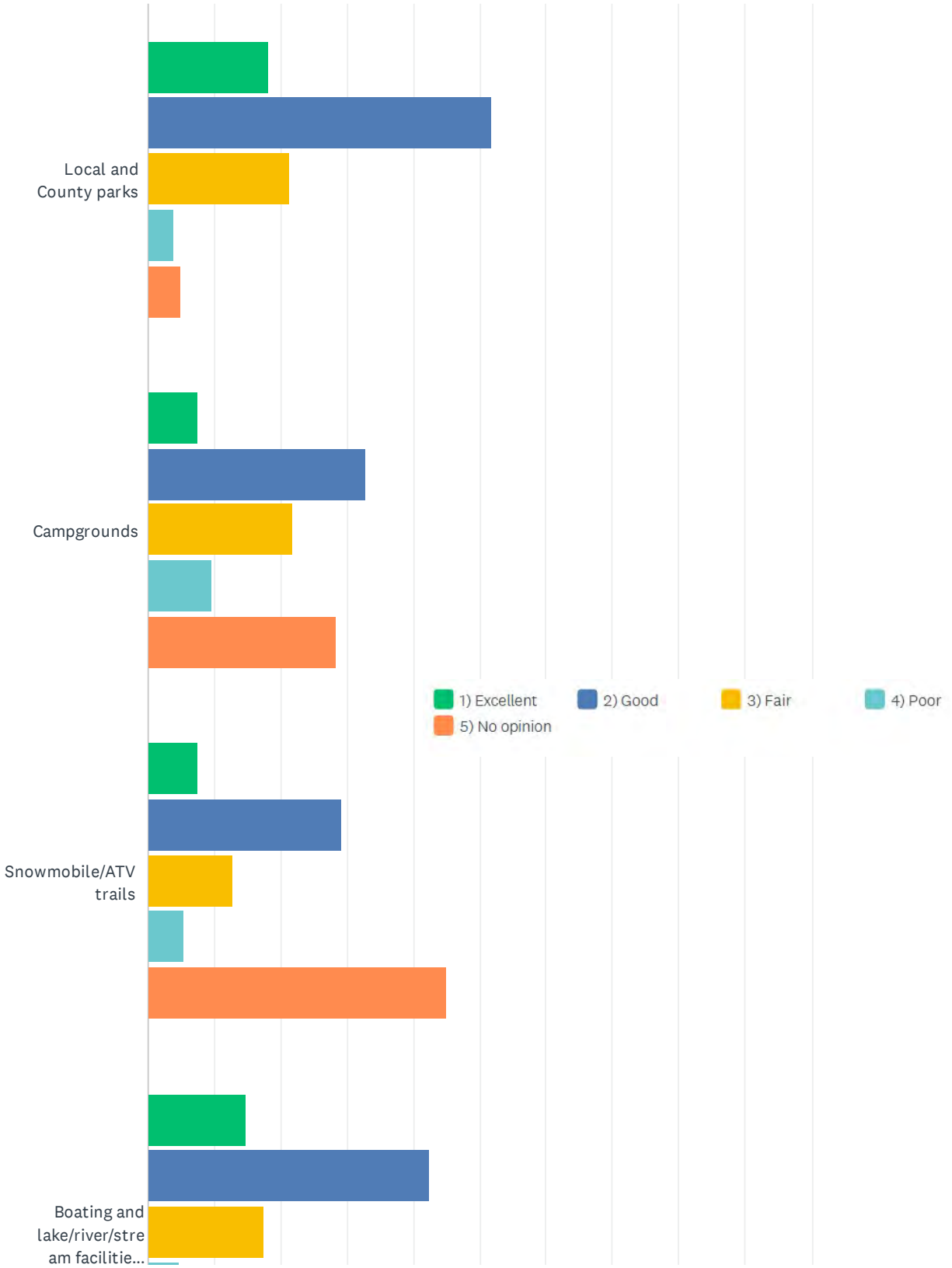
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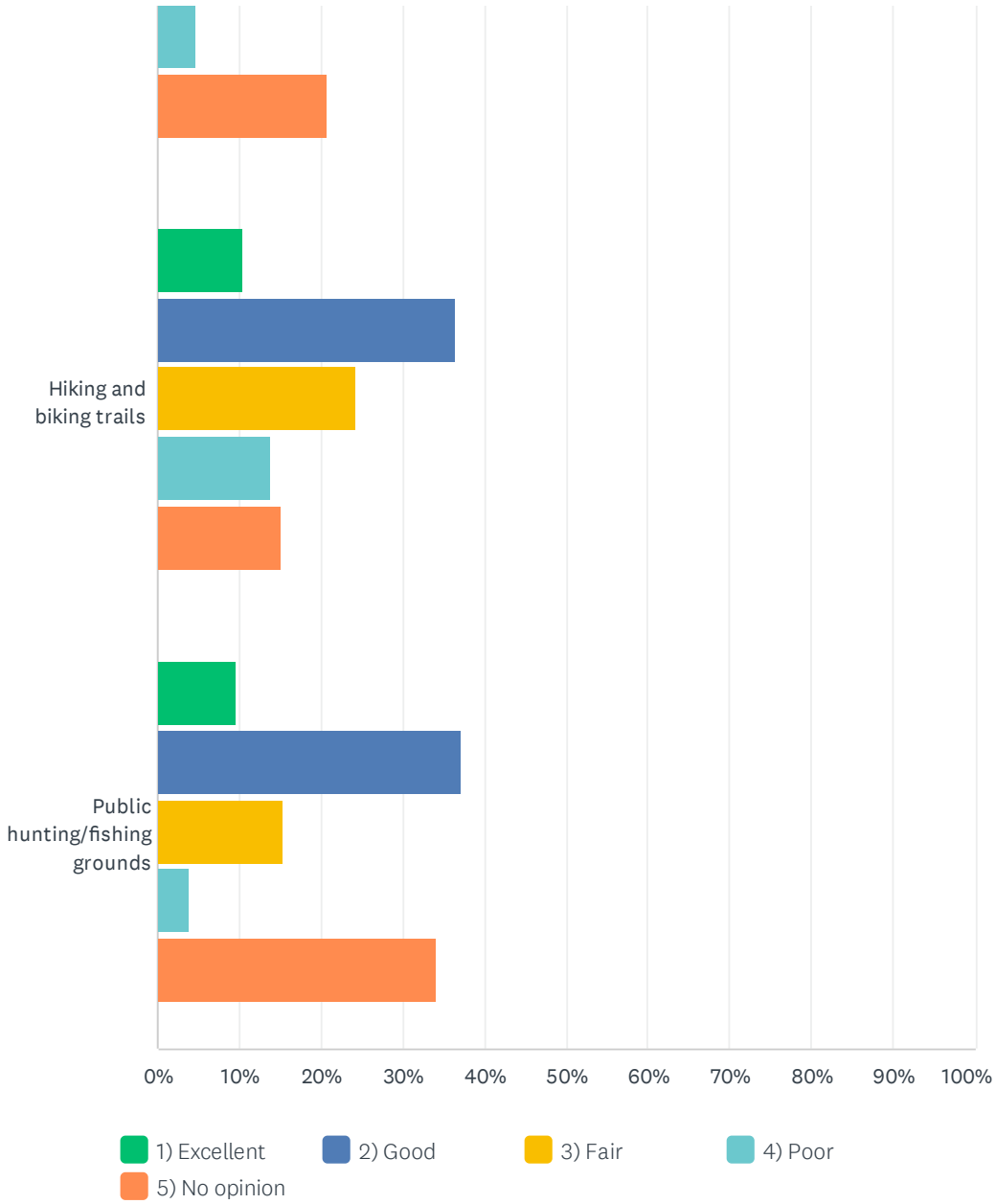


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	12.46%	38
Agree	38.36%	117
Disagree	22.30%	68
Strongly disagree	5.25%	16
No opinion	21.64%	66
TOTAL		305

Q20 Please rate the availability of recreation facilities and trails in Dodge County:

Answered: 305 Skipped: 62

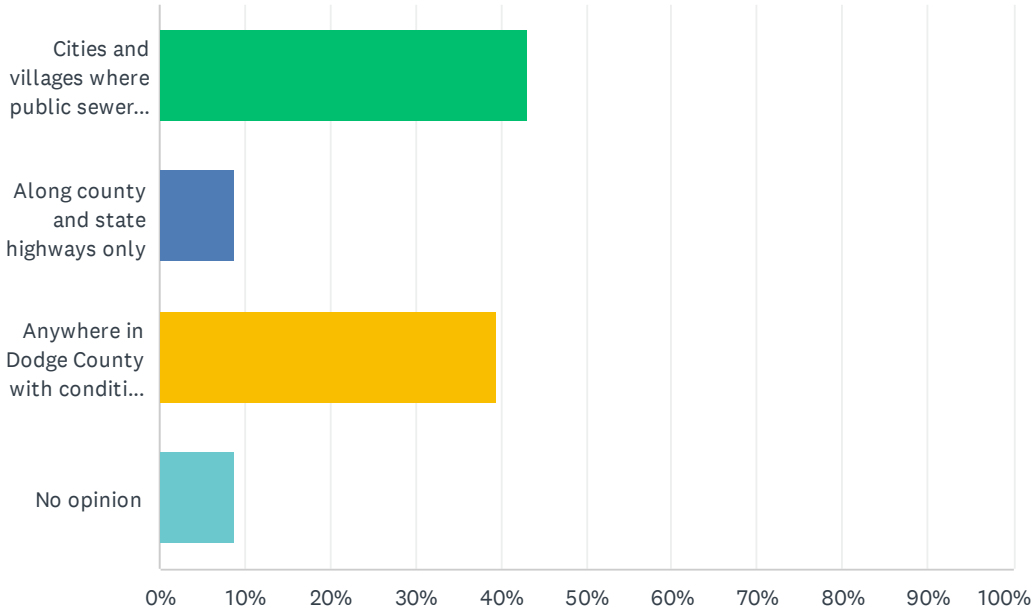




	1) EXCELLENT	2) GOOD	3) FAIR	4) POOR	5) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Local and County parks	18.03% 55	51.80% 158	21.31% 65	3.93% 12	4.92% 15	305	2.26
Campgrounds	7.57% 23	32.89% 100	21.71% 66	9.54% 29	28.29% 86	304	3.18
Snowmobile/ATV trails	7.57% 23	29.28% 89	12.83% 39	5.26% 16	45.07% 137	304	3.51
Boating and lake/river/stream facilities access	14.80% 45	42.43% 129	17.43% 53	4.61% 14	20.72% 63	304	2.74
Hiking and biking trails	10.49% 32	36.39% 111	24.26% 74	13.77% 42	15.08% 46	305	2.87
Public hunting/fishing grounds	9.51% 29	37.05% 113	15.41% 47	3.93% 12	34.10% 104	305	3.16

Q21 Commercial or industrial buildings and activities should be located in…(Choose one only)

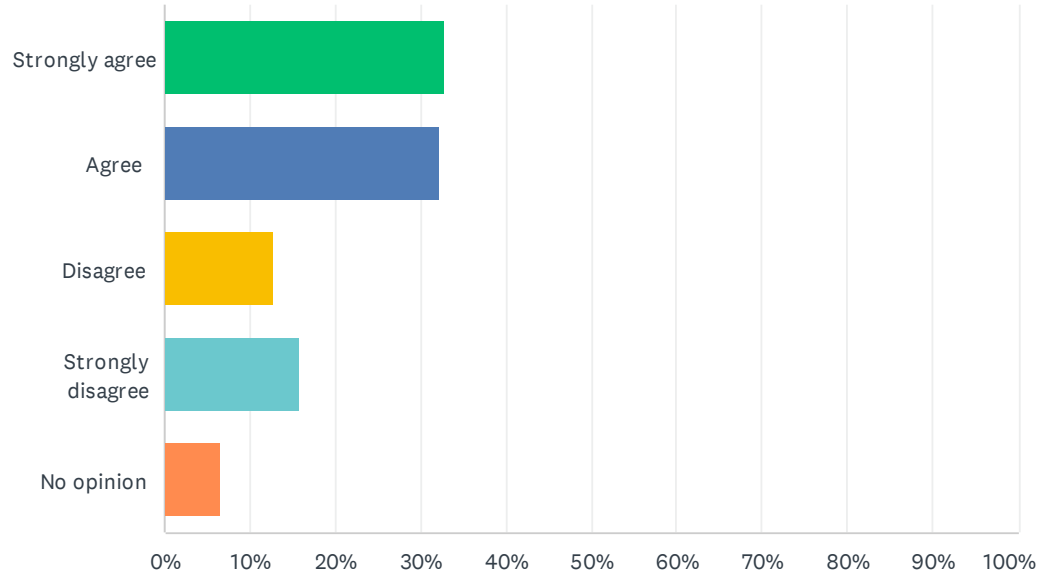
Answered: 299 Skipped: 68



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cities and villages where public sewer and water are available	43.14%	129
Along county and state highways only	8.70%	26
Anywhere in Dodge County with conditions applied	39.46%	118
No opinion	8.70%	26
TOTAL		299

Q22 Do you support the incorporation of renewable energy systems (solar, wind, etc.) into public and private building developments? (Choose one only)

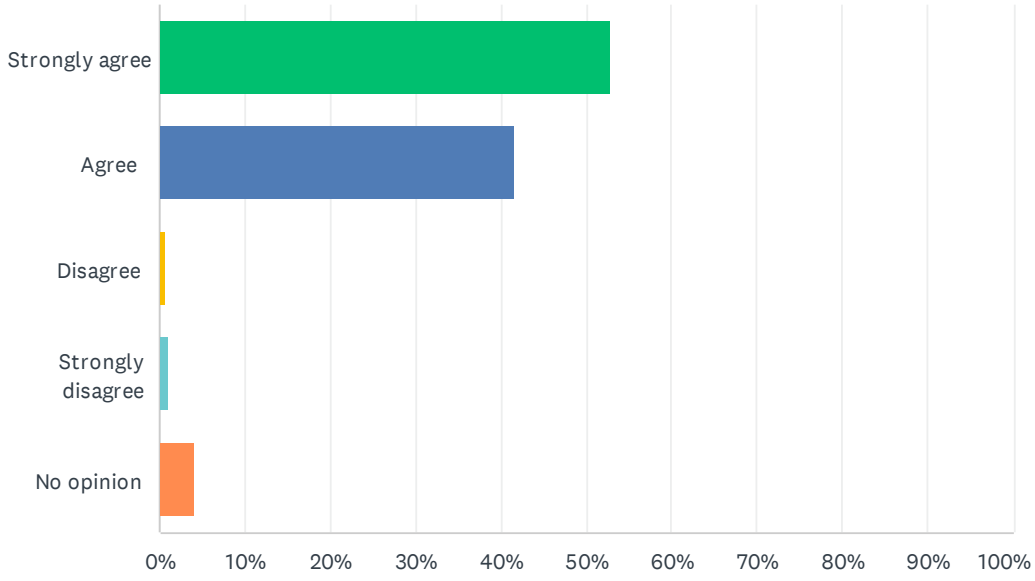
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	32.78%	98
Agree	32.11%	96
Disagree	12.71%	38
Strongly disagree	15.72%	47
No opinion	6.69%	20
TOTAL		299

Q23 Please rate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement. Dodge County should continue to work collaboratively on workforce development (recruitment, career path education, youth apprenticeships, etc.). (Choose one only)

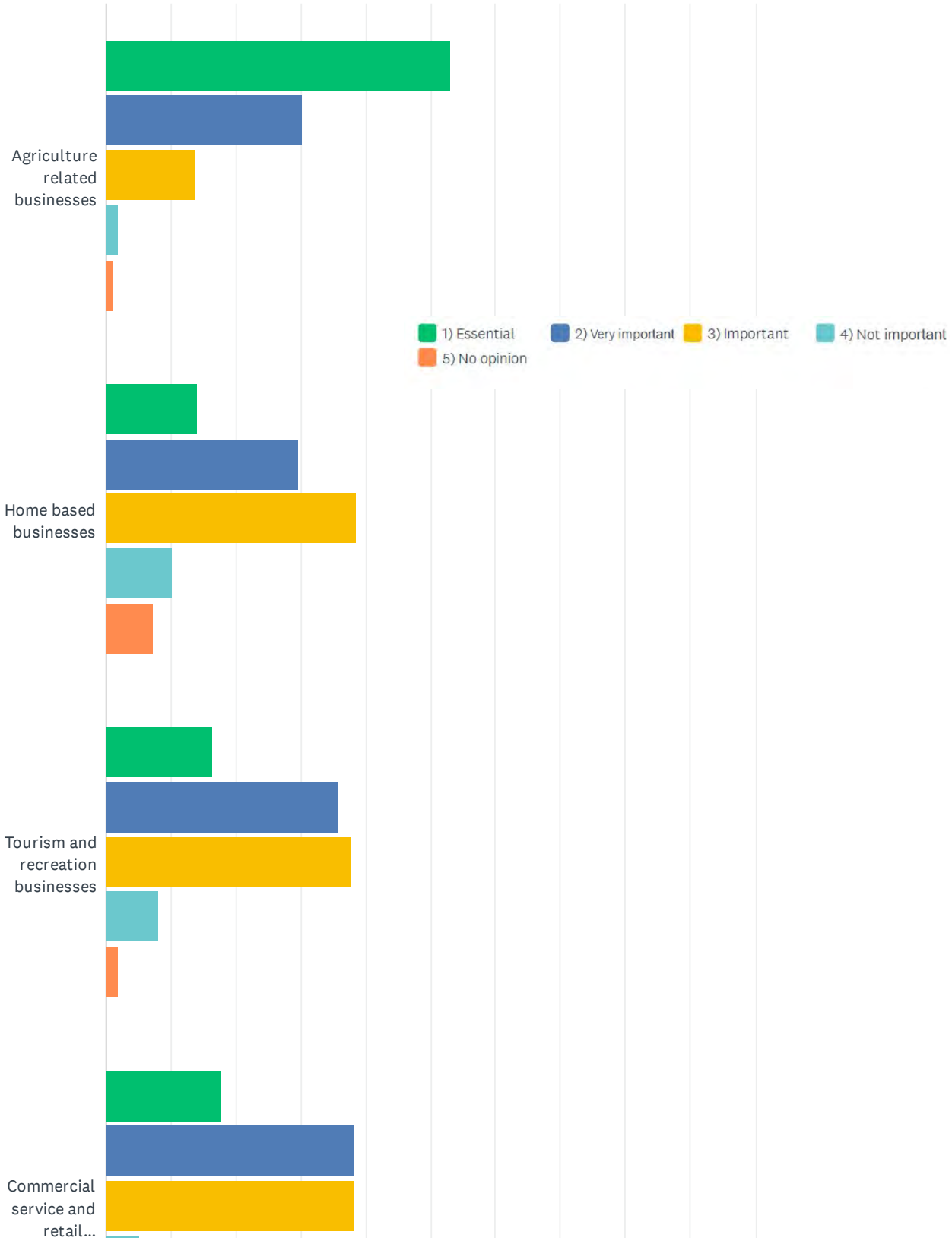
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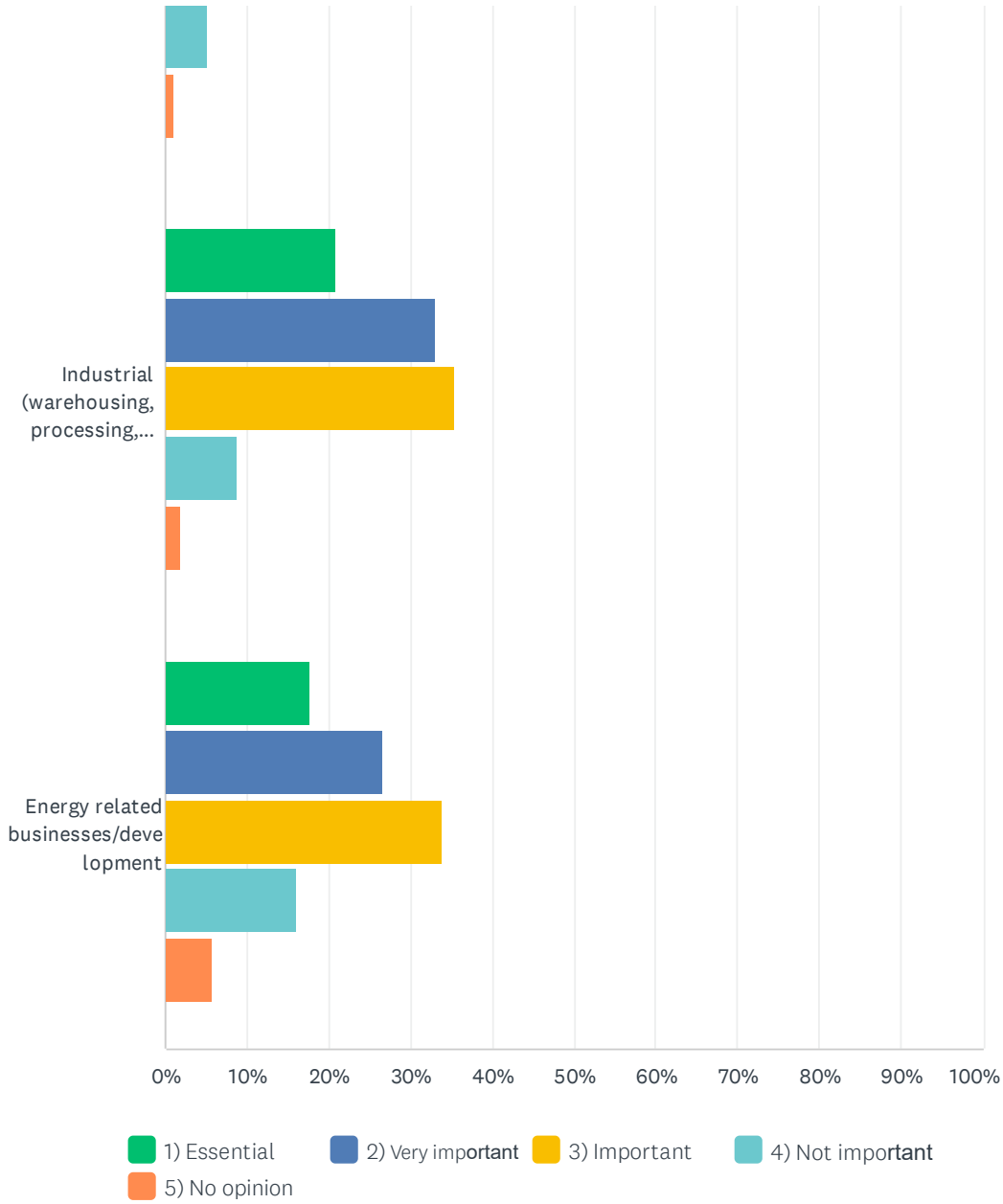


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	52.84%	158
Agree	41.47%	124
Disagree	0.67%	2
Strongly disagree	1.00%	3
No opinion	4.01%	12
TOTAL		299

Q24 Please rate the importance of the following types of businesses or industries in Dodge County:

Answered: 300 Skipped: 67





	1) ESSENTIAL	2) VERY IMPORTANT	3) IMPORTANT	4) NOT IMPORTANT	5) NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Agriculture related businesses	53.00% 159	30.33% 91	13.67% 41	2.00% 6	1.00% 3	300	1.68
Home based businesses	14.00% 42	29.67% 89	38.67% 116	10.33% 31	7.33% 22	300	2.67
Tourism and recreation businesses	16.39% 49	35.79% 107	37.79% 113	8.03% 24	2.01% 6	299	2.43
Commercial service and retail development	17.73% 53	38.13% 114	38.13% 114	5.02% 15	1.00% 3	299	2.33
Industrial (warehousing, processing, transportation, and manufacturing) development	21.00% 63	33.00% 99	35.33% 106	8.67% 26	2.00% 6	300	2.38
Energy related businesses/development	17.67% 53	26.67% 80	34.00% 102	16.00% 48	5.67% 17	300	2.65

Sorted Responses to Question #25: Please provide any additional comments regarding planning in Dodge County for land use, housing, economic development transportation, public services/facilities, agriculture, natural resources, cultural resources, and intergovernmental cooperation:

	Comprehensive Plan 9 Element Mentions		
Responses	1	2	3
Maximum lot size for residential, non-agricultural, parcels should be 1 acre. Residential dwelling units on agricultural parcels should remain an accessory use.	HOUSING	AG/NAT/CUL	
Thanks for putting out a survey. Good start. I would like to see more housing, more reasons to visit. We should do more with tourism. Would like more trails and better items in parks like playgrounds and such. I think we are moving in the right direction but it's slow going.	HOUSING	EC. DEV.	
Housing should be more affordable for first time buyers and people who have to rent and who can't afford to buy. More programs to help first time buyers. Job training and recourses for people to get back in the work force.	HOUSING	EC. DEV.	
Communities need assistance with their sewer plants. residents cannot afford 100%-300% increase to their water/sewer bills. Child care and housing of all levels need to be a priority. current "affordable" single family homes being built in a few communities are 3x what I paid for my current house 6 years ago. I don't know how a normal middle class family can afford them. Emergency housing services are needed, homelessness is a problem in our county. More businesses to bring more decent paying jobs and not necessarily jobs that require schooling or specialized training.	HOUSING	EC. DEV.	
-There seems to be a shortage of $200k homes. - I prefer the County to continue to have a rural feel. We do need industry and shopping, but we should constrain the locations to be more or less bundled to avoid too much sprawl.	HOUSING	LAND USE	
Increase housing and transportation across Dodge County and improve and increase public services, natural resources, and cultural diversity	HOUSING	TRANSP	AG/NAT/CUL
I would like to see Rent pricing go down, roads to not just have their pot holes filled a little, water utility and lastly, energy pricing to go down; as we have windmills and solar panels-why can't we benefit from them? Why does Rent have to be so expensive when nothing is being changed? Can you please help?	HOUSING	TRANSP	COMM FACIL
Affordable housing/rental properties for senior citizens is a BIG need. From what I have seen and checked into….a big majority of our senior citizens cannot afford what is out there. I know that a lot of them use income for the cost of the rent…which is good…BUT….that does not leave them enough to cover other expenses to live a comfortable life.	HOUSING		
There are so many people that bought land many years ago. They do nothing with it. It's simply an investment which is wonderful but because of this, there's nowhere for any new housing. We are being forced out of our current home because our neighbors are allowed to block fire trucks accessing our home. We would love to build near Waupun but cannot find any land. We're now looking at completely moving school districts closer to Hartford area because we've been failed by every aspect of Dodge county. Town officials, county officials, law enforcement, fire department… all because they allow someone to threaten them with money. He's allowed to put an entire families life at risk. I've never been so disappointed and embarrassed to call Dodge county home.	HOUSING		
As single family housing has been a issue for quite sometime. It will be essential that the county work collaboratively with municipalities through the comprehensive plan to establish a road map for single family housing developments.	HOUSING		
Affordable housing is essential!!!!	HOUSING		
It would be nice to see rural subdivisions with smaller, more affordable single family homes, cottage style homes or tiny homes. I think there are a lot of renters that want to own but have limited choice and limited funds to afford what is available on the market. Lifting restrictions on minimum land size, minimum house size, etc, will provide the opportunity for these people to be able to take pride in home ownership and remain longer in our communities.	HOUSING		
We need more new single family homes in various price ranges (mid to high end). The current newer single family homes, while affordable, are also cookie cutter and don't offer enough variety for people looking to build in the $500-800k range.	HOUSING		
I strongly believe something needs to be put into place that requires homes for sale to be available to ONLY primary residence families for X amount of days (example: 30 days) before rental property owners have the option to buy. Beaver Dam has TOO MANY rental properties that are single family homes, and there are so many families wanting to buy but cannot afford the more average of homes for sale because rental owners come in with cash offers and get them immediately. Our community needs less rental properties and more homes for families wanting to move into our area. My last home in BD was sold to a Sun Prairie family wanting to be here in town. I can't imagine they're the only out of town/county families wanting to be here. It's nearly impossible for a low/medium income family to purchase a home here, and that is so unfortunate, especially for those who grew up living here their whole lives but can't afford a $250k home to stay here. Very sad.	HOUSING		
Affordable housing is important. Single family dwellings will attract families that will be a boost to our community and schools. I am against increasing large multifamily units and/or low income housing because over time I feel it will only lead to more social ills.	HOUSING		

Dodge county has lots of apartments theyhave skyrocketed in price and they are not being maintained. mold. bugs heat issues. The county could benefit from an inspector	HOUSING		
New subdivisions with less restrictive minimum square footage requirements would increase the number of affordable homes built in Dodge county.	HOUSING		
I am not in support of solar farms. I support the use of renewable energy but using productive farmland to put up acres of solar panels will be detrimental to the health of our county. Solar panels placed on businesses and homes on roofs is a much better use of the land and resources. Fire and EMS is the major challenge in my opinion. The cost of equipment and staffing challenges present a major impact on the ability for townships to provide adequate care for residents and those visiting our county. I also am not in support of large business endeavors if we do not also have adequate housing.	AG/NAT/CUL	COMM FACIL	
We need to protect farmland and make it easier to purchase food directly from farmers. We need to support families and values to drastically reduce crime and illegal activity and protect children from drugs and trafficking.	AG/NAT/CUL	GENER	
conserving farmland is a must, affprdable housing, under 200,000.00 houses, skip solar and wind farms altogether. with the subsidies removed they loose money. and in the end where are they disposed?	AG/NAT/CUL	HOUSING	
Would like to see renewable energy used, more protection of the groundwater from Ag runoff and pollution. More affordable housing and more social services support for those that need it.	AG/NAT/CUL	HOUSING	
We need to lean into and protect our abundance of natural resources, while addressing the need for more affordable housing and protecting all the people that live and work in our area.	AG/NAT/CUL	HOUSING	
Let's move towards utilizing the the beautiful natural resources we have in Dodge for recreation and tourism. Let's be like Minnesota and emphasize parks and green spaces for the good of the citizens. Fix the darn roads in rural areas. I can't even get high speed internet where I live. Hopefully someone is using some of Biden's infrastructure funds for that and more. NO POLITICAL AGENDA SHOULD INTERFERE WITH THIS. IF THE MONEY IS THERE-USE IT. Honestly if the housing crisis didn't exist, we would be gone already. We had planned on moving to Minnesota or Stevens Point because those are areas motivated to develop resources for the good of the citizens, not just doing nothing to keep taxes down. Sick of that conservative attitude that spending any money at all is some sort of sin. Get more young people in government, kick the old codgers (like me!) out and get some youthful energy (Like ex-mayor Becky) in here. Get rid of the naysayers on the board and get some 'doer's in there.	AG/NAT/CUL	TRANSP	HOUSING
The county needs to be careful of the too many solar farms ruining our farm land. They also need to fund more trails etc with private funds.	AG/NAT/CUL	TRANSP	
Solar and wind farms are an eye sore. They are not very productive. The turbines are not turning most of the time near Iron Ridge, so why we need them. The rail bridges in Dodge Cty need to be improved so the roads lanes are wider and have more clearances. The county needs to encourage the rail companies to make these improvements ASAP.	AG/NAT/CUL	TRANSP	
It's very irritating the developers and city's seem to do what they want and farmers have so much regulation regarding drain tile and drainage ditch up keep. The county is failing on keeping roads in good condition and don't mow road sides very well which in turn is a safety hazard for drivers and creates brush and nuisance weeds and brushin road right of ways.	AG/NAT/CUL	TRANSP	
There needs to be more research and rulings on the process of the spreading of manure!!!	AG/NAT/CUL		
Solar farms should not be using good farmland. Protect farmland	AG/NAT/CUL		
Please ensure no more wind mills, solar panels and all other environmentally destructive so-called renewable energy projects are allowed. They are destructive to our landscape, wild life, property values and quality of our lives. They cause irreparable harm to our environment not to mention provide nearly no economic benefit but rather drive up energy costs. Please be a leader and stand up to the out of county special interests that seek to rape and pillage the land we have lived on for over a century.	AG/NAT/CUL		
Hold farmers accountable for spreading liquid manure near creeks, streams, etc. Also for fires started during dry seasons. Too many wildfires started due to plain stupidity on their part.	AG/NAT/CUL		
Proper stewardship of the land and resources should be taken into account to avoid overbuilding and maintain a balance such that the county thrives.	AG/NAT/CUL		
Work needs to be done to lessen the damage being done along the Rock River south of Hustisford.	AG/NAT/CUL		
stop building permits in prime agriculture areas	AG/NAT/CUL		
Please no more solar panels and wind mills. They are taking up the land and reducing property values	AG/NAT/CUL		
Please keep our water, air, and ground clean and safe!	AG/NAT/CUL		
Bring back the family farm. Its almost impossible for them to make a living. People should be allowed to be self sufficient!;	AG/NAT/CUL		
Solar should NOT be allowed to take over farmlands!	AG/NAT/CUL		
Prioritize retaining and support of agricultural land and related businesses. Once we have utilized the ag land for housing growth there will be no second crop to feed the public. We also need a continued support of community .	AG/NAT/CUL		

I think working on all of the things in this survey will benefit the people of Dodge County. Though a focus on natural resources and agriculture will provide a sense of pride for the land that we live on.	AG/NAT/CUL		
All of the planning must take into consideration sustainability, maintaining safe, clean water, air and fair employment practices	AG/NAT/CUL		
Could lead-alternatives for hunting and fishing become more of a priority? I feel the public needs to know the risks to human and wildlife, and an endorsement from the County could go a long way. Thank you.	AG/NAT/CUL		
need to look at not doing solar. taking away valuable farm land	AG/NAT/CUL		
Farmers should be allowed to expand there operations	AG/NAT/CUL		
I would like to see Dodge County put a ban all solar and wind energy projects from agricultural lands. It's a shame to see food production land destroyed for these unsustainable and energy inefficient projects. There are lots of building roofs and parking lots in Dodge County. Let's use that and not destroy our environment.	AG/NAT/CUL		
I feel wasting good farmland for solar farms is a bad route.when these die off who is going to pay for reconstitution of the land,clean up all the toxic mess left	AG/NAT/CUL		
We need to quit building on farm land. We have some of the best in the state for growing food and we keep reducing it. We need for food not building.	AG/NAT/CUL		
I'd like to see more public boat launches that are free.	AG/NAT/CUL		
Please support and utilize local vendors for Dodge County services.	EC DEV		
Dodge County is going to continue having former Dane CO residents moving here, especially as Sun Prairie continues to grow. I think ensuring there are still jobs in Dodge CO is essential so this increase is sustainable. I would love to see more group efforts towards promoting locally grown food and maintaining the environment.	EC DEV		
I get the impression larger businesses have not been encouraged to come to dodge county. You only need to go into a grocery store or walmart to see hard they have been shopped or see restaurant parking lots in the evening or weekends to that the population is being under served under the excuse of supporting small business.	EC DEV		
Economic Community growth relies on New Business. This offers new ideas, employment, capital and opportunity! As a community we must protect our natural resourses and be mindful of the impact any new business would present! We are the stewards of our land, water, and air! Any new developement should never contaminate our future!	EC DEV		
Horicon needs restaurants and stores.	EC DEV		
Childcare all shifts because jobs are all shifts! Housing for low income! Manufacturing jobs!	EC DEV		
East-west travel in the county is challenging. the HWY 33 corridor is not safe or efficient. At minimum, passing lanes should be added to STH 33 to avoid risky passing behavior. Ideally a bypass of Horicon and the train mess would be very beneficial.New housing should be designed to match local wages. Reduced red tape will help diminish building costs for young people to afford homes.	TRANSP	HOUSING	
Hughway 33 should be rerouted out of downtown Beaver Dam. The Gold Star trail and other trails should be a priority.	TRANSP		
Roads are a welcome mat to our visitors. Roads are also a gauge to how well our tax dollars are being used.	TRANSP		
It's beyond time that the county/township entities, as well as property owners start utilizing natural or traditional snow fencing in areas prone to drifting. With more & more tree lines being cut down, there are less barriers to break up the wind. Today (2/16) I've been watching the county plow on Hwy C riding around for the last 6 hours either scraping the lane markings off or pushing snow off of the shoulders just to justify scraping a few spots that have drifted. Where is the actual supervision of this operation? Riding around on DOUBLE TIME for a Sunday is a bad look, and a horrible way to waste taxpayer money. It's not a snow emergency to keep pushing snow off of the shoulders. Township roads don't get anything close to this level of treatment. And another thing, the last I looked it was illegal to for property owners to plow their snow across a roadway, but it happens EVERYWHERE. Time to start enforcing that law.	TRANSP		
County Road G should be rerouted as it comes into the City of Beaver Dam. Currently Cty G enters BD from Lowell and continues north on Spring St, turns west on MIll St and then left (back south) on Madison St and then west onto Cty D & G headed toward Randolph. It is more sensible for Cty G from Lowell to turn west onto Hwy 151 and then north onto Cty D and then west at Kwik Trip. This streamlined route would get Cty G out of the City on Spring St making it easier for clarification as to who maintains and plows that south end of Spring St, which has more and more City owned land abutting that road. Also, GPS already shows my recommended route at the best way to travel.	TRANSP		
For safe neighborhoods there should be curb & gutter as well as sidewalks.	TRANSP		
Make big dairys pay fix some roads like w going out Juneau all destroy from tankers all year on it	TRANSP		
Reducing the number of towns that allow ATV traffic within city or village limits.	TRANSP		
Would like more bike/ walking friendly by kwik trip/ walmart/ymca area	TRANSP		
The Gold Star trail expansion is a waste of energy and a over-estimation of what is needed or desired by the community.	TRANSP		

County roads are not maintained properly! State and county roads are not mowed enough in the summer months either. Big budget and not doing a good job in this department. New blacktop observed where no shoulder grading is being done to preserve new and older roads!	TRANSP		
Too many drunk drivers on the road daily.	TRANSP		
I live in apartments in Lomira and we are always the last to receive the plows. The town isn't that big, but with the population being so dense in apartment areas (and kids walking to school), the county should step in where the village can't. We also should just provide more jobs that aren't back-breaking. I've lived in the area for the majority of my life (and when I moved it was only to the Fondy area) and people get stuck here because there is no real way to move out.	COMM FACIL	EC. DEV.	
Sherriffs dept needs to not be racist. As a community it is awful to see	COMM FACIL		
Law enforcement in parks. People ignoring ordinances will only continue to blatantly do so because there isn't enforcement of those ordinances. Government officials put time & consideration into enacting ordinances that then go unenforced. And yes, I have contacted local law enforcement about this issue where I live. The situation has not improved.	COMM FACIL		
The sheriff's office is far too politicized and there is an emphasis on turning it into a profit center for the county. Incarceration should not be a profitable enterprise as it creates incentive for misuse of authority, such as that exercised by the current sheriff. In addition, the position of sheriff should be a nonpartisan office.	COMM FACIL		
Having scattered and mostly volunteer Fire and EMS in our county in my opinion is what needs the most improvement.	COMM FACIL		
I personally don't believe there should be a county wide EMS or fire service but more municipalities sharing resources, why reinvent the wheel when there are some good fire and EMS services, but some difficult ones that just need help or step aside and/or merge services under one entity.	COMM FACIL		
Thanks for the opportunity to respond. Transparency and communication is very important and appreciated. Not after all the decisions have been decided. Long term plans for recycling safely all the solar and wind turbines currently in place.	COMM FACIL		
We can't ignore growing division in this community. The public schools are reflective of the ignorance families continue to demonstrate towards Latinos and Blacks. Our police chief is amazing but there are racist officers and our sheriff is more interested in growing on Trump's team than he is in helping people feel safe. The community deserves for everyone to feel safe and not just Trump loyalists.	COMM FACIL		
Would be great to see more opportunities for social exercise for all ages such as more opportunities to play sports such as indoor pickleball.	COMM FACIL		
All new commercial properties built in the county should be REQUIRED to have solar installed on the roof top. Not on the lawn next to the building. We can not lose any more land to solar!	COMM FACIL		
Why can't Hustisford fire department Ambulance transport minor non life threatening medical patients. Although volunteers, they are trained and licensed EMT's and should be able to transport minor cases. Paramedics coming all the way from Hartford with a response time of 20 or more minutes to arrival at a cost of near $2,000.00 for a cut finger or twisted ankle is ridiculous.	COMM FACIL		
No more windmills and no solar.	COMM FACIL		
The mountain of garbage outside of Mayville is huge and stinky. And, not all local. Hope it was worth the dollars taken in to probably contaminate the water and air. Blue flames at sunset are ugly.	COMM FACIL		
Please ensure that developers proposals include them paying their fair share of infrastructure costs, public services expansion costs, etc. Please ensure public and business taxes and other public revenues keep up with the costs of growth and community maintenance and improvement.	COMM FACIL		
There are too many vacant spaces within the cities in Dodge County. We need to use this space before we take from the townships. Housing needs to be more affordable or we will lose our younger population and our seniors.	LAND USE	HOUSING	
In section 17 you ask if a landowner can do whatever he wants with his land even if neighbors and other people disagree, I would hope they could work it out.	LAND USE		
Dodge County has a unique opportunity to set a forward-thinking example by prioritizing renewable energy, environmental safeguards, and a strong sense of community. Focusing on sustainable practices not only preserves our natural resources but also supports local businesses and creates a healthier environment for future generations. By investing in walkable cities, we can foster a vibrant, close-knit community where residents can interact, shop locally, and reduce their carbon footprints. Additionally, limiting investment-owned property will help ensure that homes and businesses remain accessible to those who truly want to live and contribute to the county. Let's build a more sustainable, resilient, and connected Dodge County for all!	LAND USE		
Land use needs to be monitored and should be kept in farmland if possible. Renovate old manufacturing sites that are sitting empty into new business districts instead of buying our fertile farmland. Is that solar field going to be a hazardous waste site in 20 years??	LAND USE		
Re-zone - use space more efficiently, make the city more walkable	LAND USE		

Let home/property owners have more permission to do what they want with what they own. Stipulations - sure, as long as it's not harmful or disturbing others then it should be allowed. This is a small town with amenities to necessities and many residents love that. We do not need to turn into a big city or tourist town. Horicon sits on a major travel road to get across the state, there's plenty of opportunity of profit for travelers, such as another small gas station, or food mart. Smaller motel. Restaurants. Things that benefit the travelers and a community without over crowding or dismantling a small town. Additionally, there are SO many residents that enjoy recreational outdoor activities, we need to keep and/or maximize space for that regardless of the season. There's always people around doing so many outdoor activities.	LAND USE		
Residential, commercial, manufacturing, and energy development continues to affect the small town and rural feel of the county. This needs to be managed more carefully. Prioritize maintenance of existing facilities and repair of natural resources over further development.	LAND USE		
If i own 40 or more acres I should be able to to take a small chunk of it to build a home without a township trying to make all kinds of funny rules or trying to preserve a piece of land with a oil pipeline threw it or not give a hassle trying to remove invasive buck thorn for natural tree's to grow. Quit letting people build on less than 40 acres if you want to keep the county rural.	LAND USE		
I think we should encourage use [of] closed up buildings before land is bought and built on	LAND USE		
We need to be incredibly skeptical of nonlocal hypecycle projects coming into the area	LAND USE		
Get rid of the strip club. Need more to do for families	LAND USE		
The County should co-operate with other jurisdictions within the County on projects for instance: towns and cities.	INTERGOV		
I strongly believe that within a 3 mile buffer of an incorporated area residential development should be prohibited unless annexed into the municipality. It is not equitable or fair for individuals to live on the fringe of a City and not pay taxes.	INTERGOV		
who and how to fund is always the question. what will the fed and state funding look like in the timeframe of this survey?	IMPL		
Thank you for asking for public opinion, but ultimately we need to utilize the opinions of experts in the related fields to maintain clean, healthy, safe environments for everyone- not just considering the financial benefits of the already rich.	IMPL		
Tax money not going to help city. See less and less city workers doing required work. Empty lots and turnover every few months on buildings of business to rent. No positive impact on community whatsoever ever.	IMPL		
doesnt pay to do wage studies when the county board and administrator does nothing with it. Then you all cant wonder why you cant get qualified and decent help to fill jobs. Keep up with other counties around you. Waste of money to do a wage study 4 years ago and do nothing with it. And, i'm NOT a county employee. To me, seams like you have to many Chiefs and not enough indians. County board could be cut in half and you'd still have to many.	IMPL		
Landowner shouldn't have to go through hoops and wade through numerous "laws" to build a house on land not used in their agricultural operation.	IMPL		
Light the "fire" under the County Board and do something with this survey results, otherwise why do it?	IMPL		
I believe the more information that can be shared with an affected area about project in an open meeting and not by Facebook and social . media with open transparency the better.	IMPL		
Make decisions based on common sense and reasonable economic impacts. Politics and economic gain of special interest groups should not control the decision making process. It's called "Smart Growth", not "NO Growth"!	IMPL		
Cities and Towns should apply for grants or, be funded, to allow downtown districts to either offer funds for facade or building improvements Or all cities to purchase derelict homes, main street-type buildings for renovation and repurposing /sale. In addition, Zoning and ordinances should be actively enforced regarding the storage of junk, vehicles parked in front yards, garbage, side walk and step maintenance, and up keep. This needs to be done sooner than later to avoid neighborhoods from looking blighted.	IMPL		
Just wish regulations were imposed on leafblower usage. They're not necessary for more than a half hour (unless some created a mess) from May 15 to Oct 15. And mowing twice a week max, and only once a week after July 15th. My neighbor mows his lawn over and over in the same spots, cutting nothing. I watched him mow the front for hours doing it at least 10 times. It's intentional harassment and everyone knows it. A precedent has to be legislated. PLEASE	IMPL		
Keep up the good work!	GENERAL		
Thanks - keep up the good work	GENERAL		
In general, our household would like to see our communities thrive, the environment protected, opportunities for career/housing, and a safe place to live. We fully support our police force and are grateful for their service, however, it would be nice to see more presence locally in our neighborhoods.	GENERAL		
I'd like a better understanding how improvements in "city" Will affect property taxes. I've had a 65% increase over 4 years and will consider leaving Dodge County if this continues.	GENERAL		
Dodge County is a good, rural community. Let's keep it that way.	GENERAL		

Please remember to inform and not influence. Listen to all of the people, not just the ones that talk the loudest.	GENERAL		
Dodge County Websites could be more user friendly. Simple interface.	GENERAL		
Thank you for this survey. You will get more people on board with your plans when you ask and consider their opinions.	GENERAL		
I am proud to live in a RURAL community. The Dodge County departments have been very helpful, friendly, and knowledgeable.	GENERAL		
I have seen how low income has ruined communities. I have seen how bus systems bring in trashy people. I think beaver dam and dodge county need to not be like sun prairie, where they keep adding commercial buildings and big corporations. I want beaver dam & dodge county focus on small business and take care of our parks and natural resources. Don't put trashy wind terbines or huge toxic solar farms in our county. Let's be focused on farming and get people into more agriculture. Fix the city roads that are horrible and focus on making our property taxes lower again so life can be affordable again. If we keep taxing a lot on property we are taxing people out of their homes. And bigger city folks are buying up our property. We need to focus on affordable living. Make our parks unique so people will travel to visit beaver dam. Get the small businesses going down town so people come to beaver dam to visit. We don't need more bigger business or corporations. We need to focus on the people, parks, environment, roads, and lower the cost. Also. Need to work on removing kids in schools who are bullies. The schools are too lenient on that. And it's effecting kids who want to learn.	GENERAL		
Dodge county is a great coin to live in	GENERAL		
I think Dodge is great!	GENERAL		
Keep dodge co rural	GENERAL		
Let us NOT join the likings of such small towns as Eagle or Mukwonago nor the once small cities of Sun Prairie or Fond Du Lac. Let us remain the county where people enjoy to visit and live simple. Bigger is not always better. More theft, means more money for police; more manufacturing means more pollution. We can aways drive or carpool if need be to get what our county may not have.	GENERAL		
There is always room for improvement	GENERAL		
Nothing additional	GENERAL		
Thank you for ALL your efforts to develop a great Comprehensive Plan for Dodge County.	GENERAL		
Question with three levels of "important" out of four alternatives? Overall, a terrible survey.	GENERAL		

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