

Village of Woodville
St. Croix County, Wisconsin

Community Survey Results

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About the Village of Woodville Community Survey

The Village of Woodville sent out a community-wide survey in January of 2008. The purpose was to gather citizen input to be used as it prepares its comprehensive plan.

Approximately 557 surveys were mailed out to residents of the Village of Woodville. Two press releases were also used to alert property owners of the upcoming survey. Surveys had to be returned by February 15, 2008. Sixteen surveys were returned by the post office as undeliverable. 254 surveys were completed and returned for a response rate of over 45%.

Section 1 of this report is a mix of bar and pie charts illustrating the responses for each tabulated question. These responses can be utilized throughout the entire planning process while developing the Village of Woodville Comprehensive Plan.

A number of the questions in this survey requested written answers. Section 2 is a collection of the written comments.

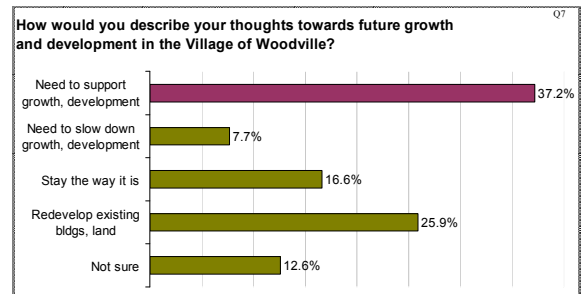
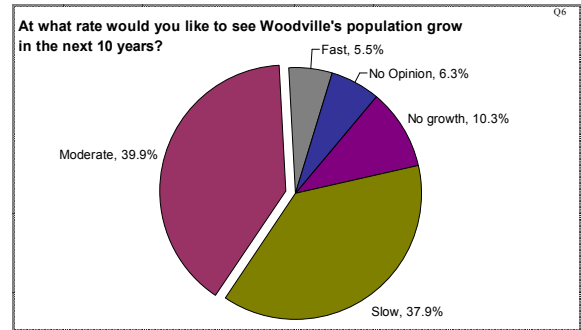
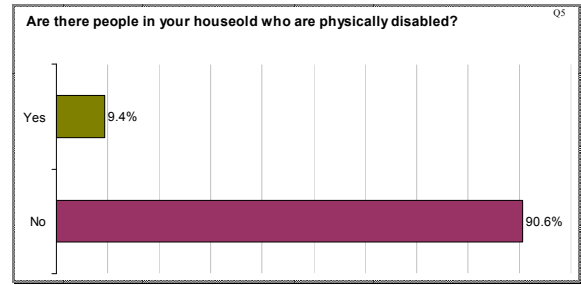
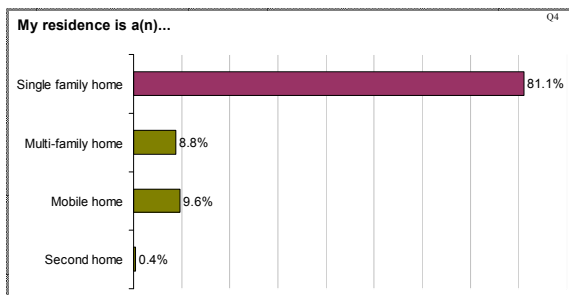
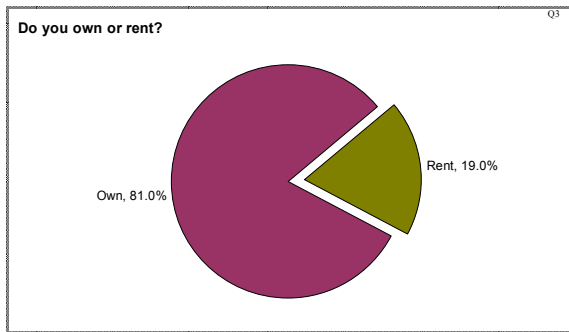
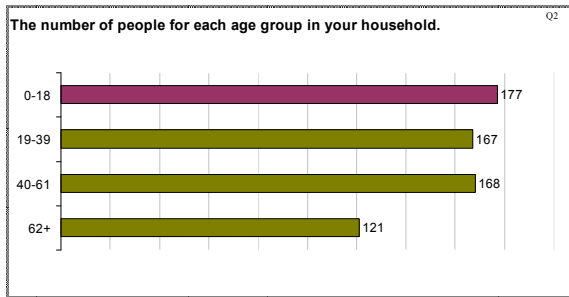
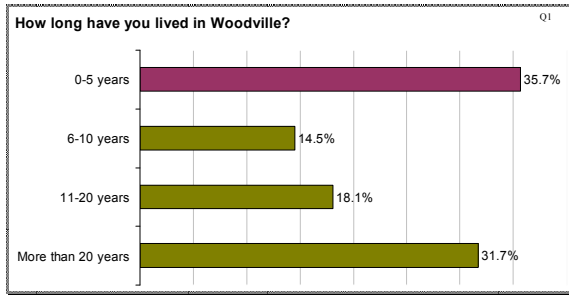
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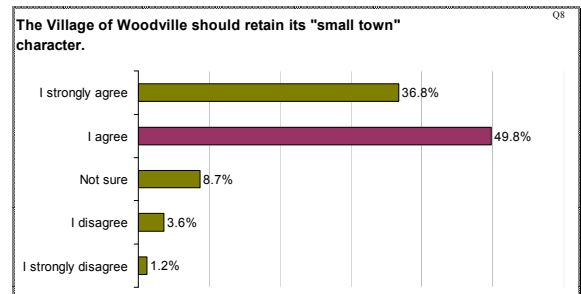
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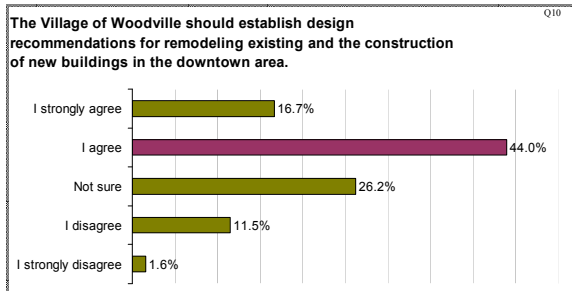
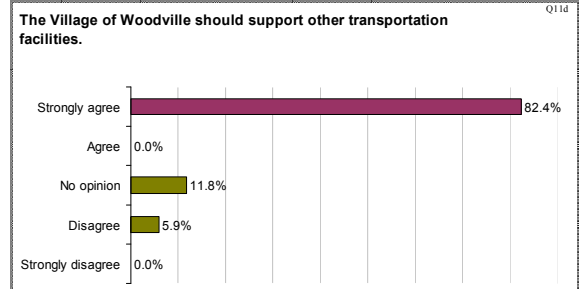
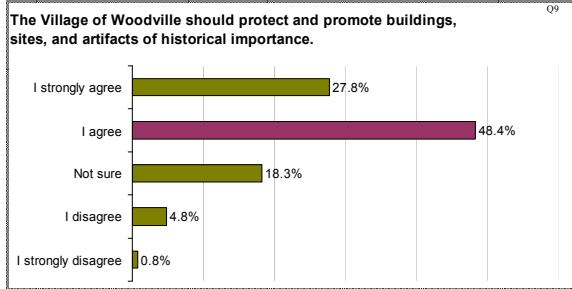
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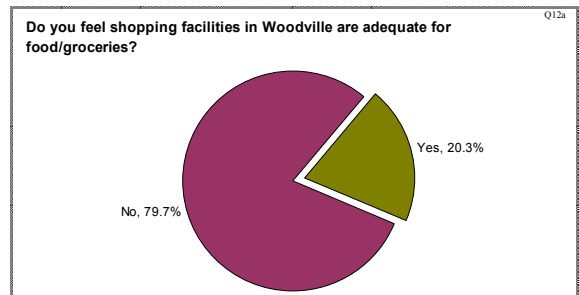


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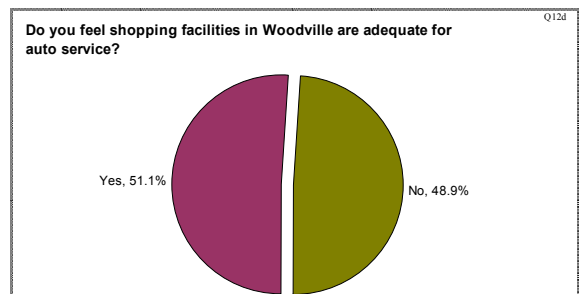
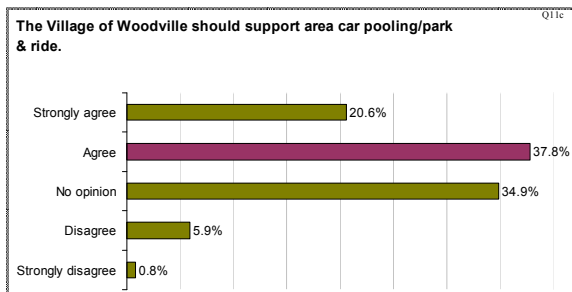
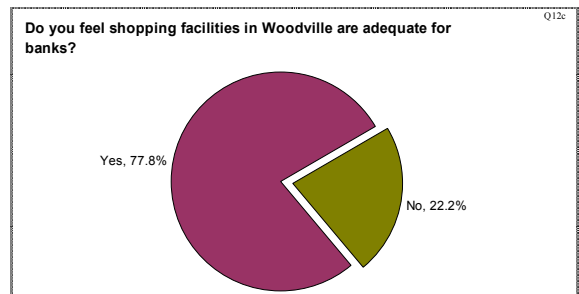
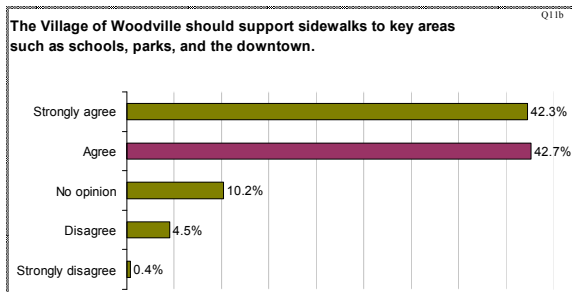
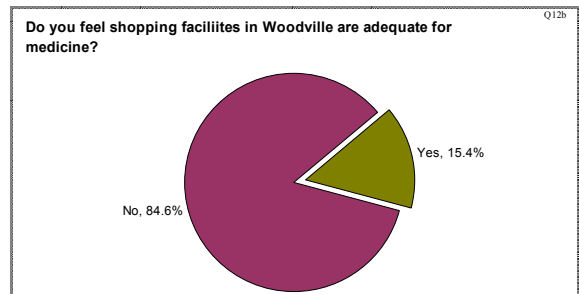
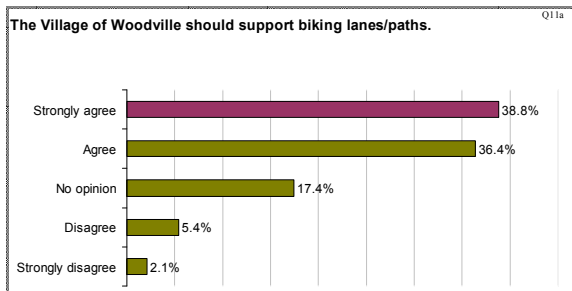


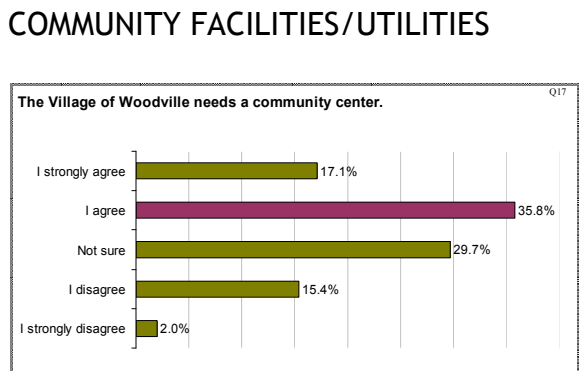
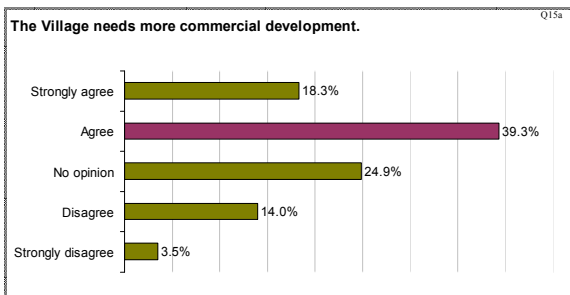
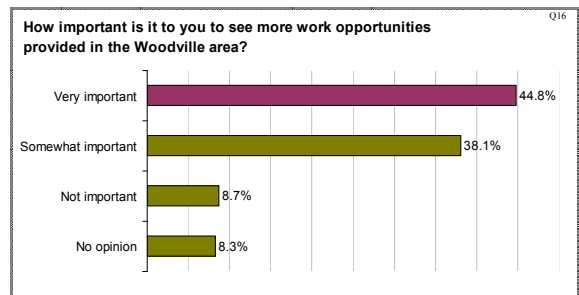
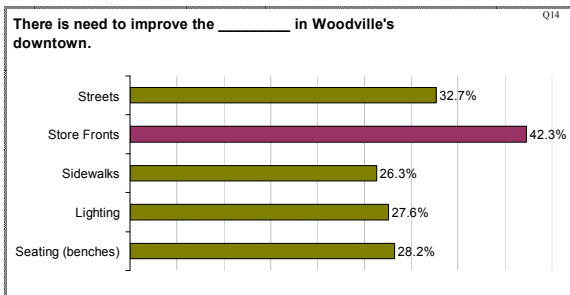
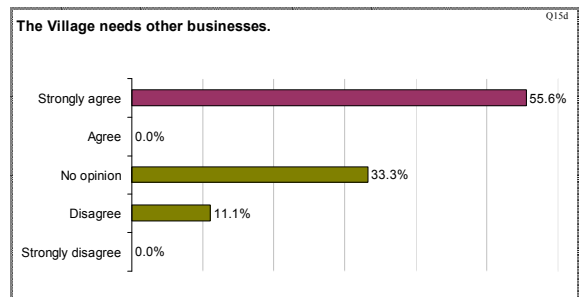
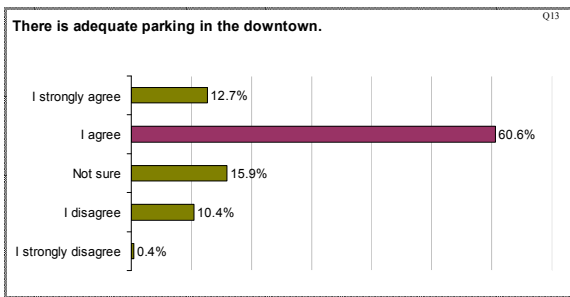
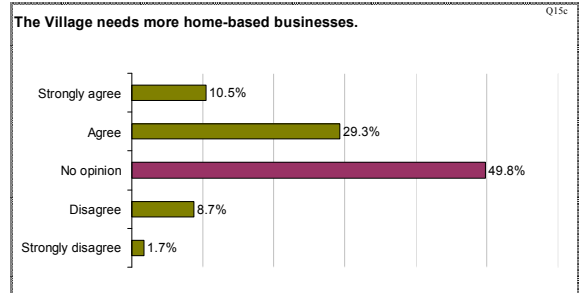
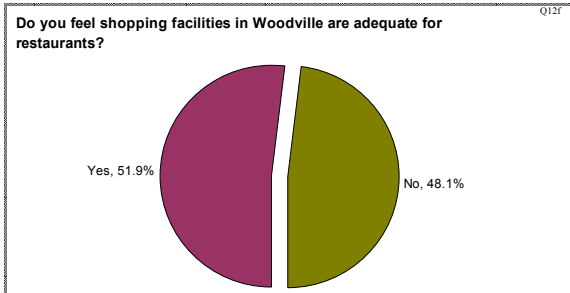
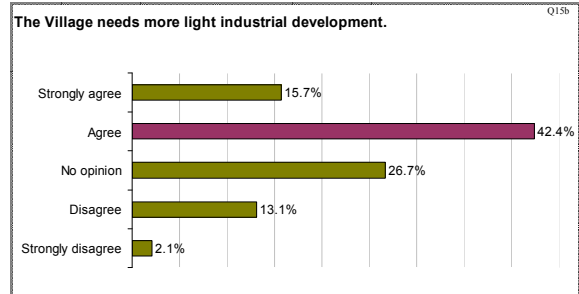
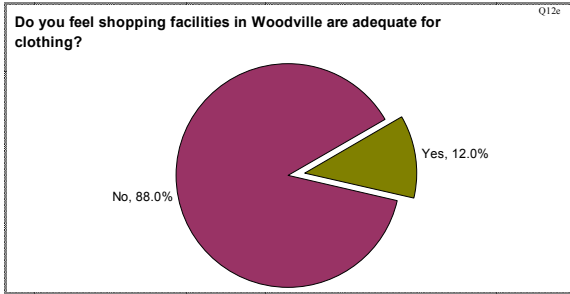


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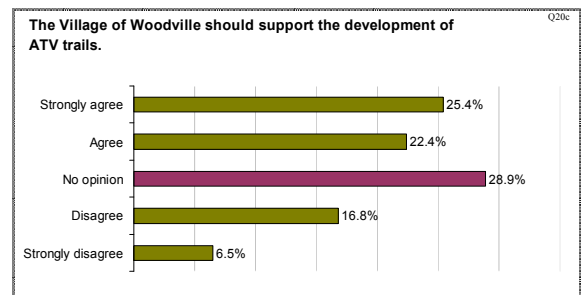
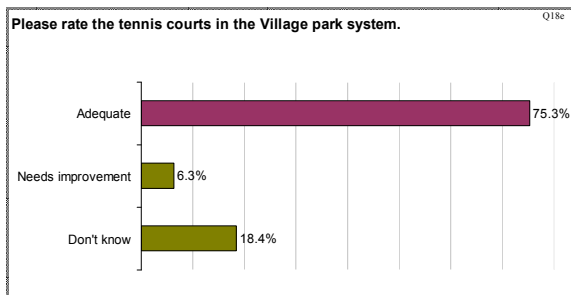
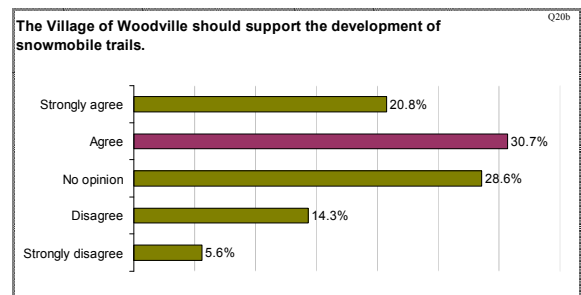
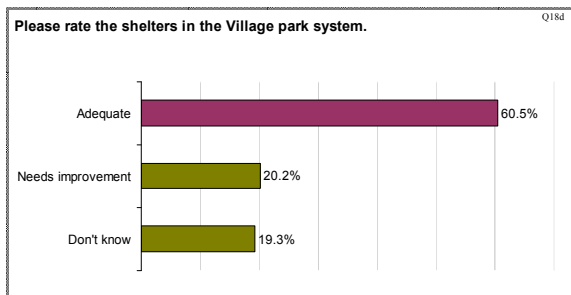
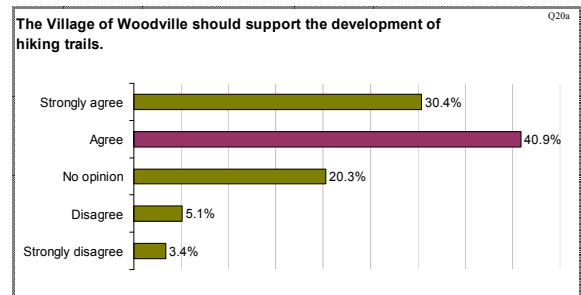
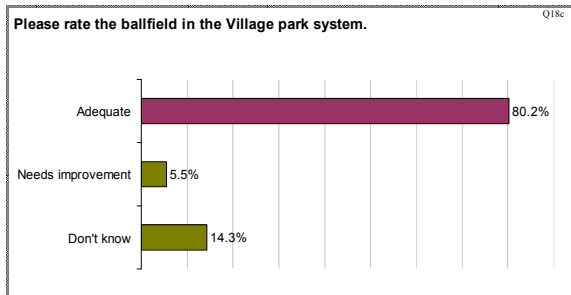
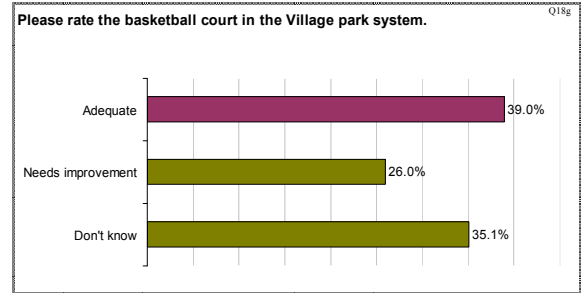
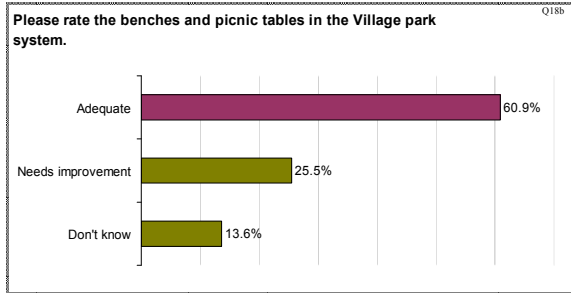
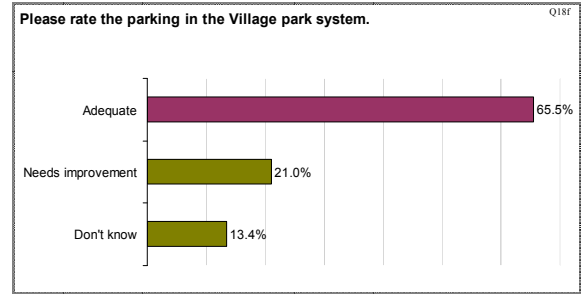
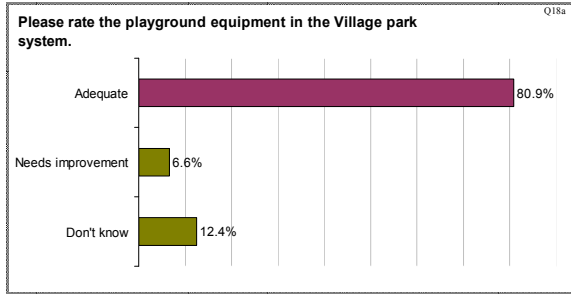


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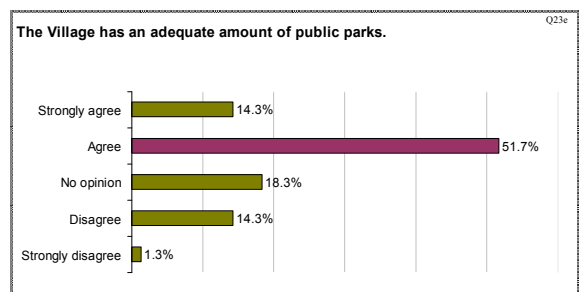
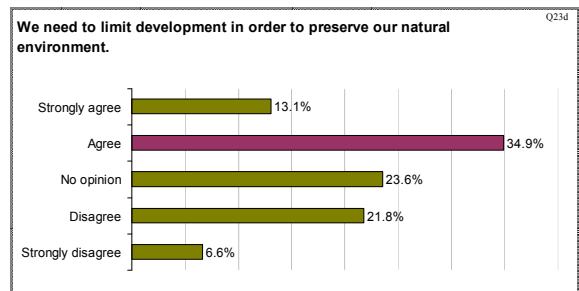
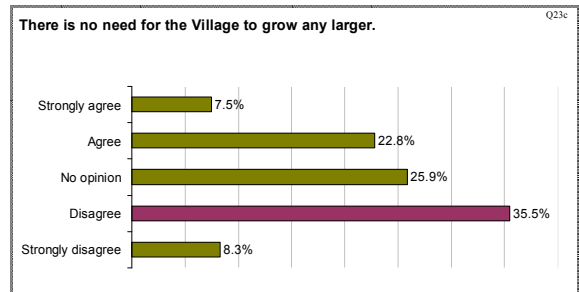
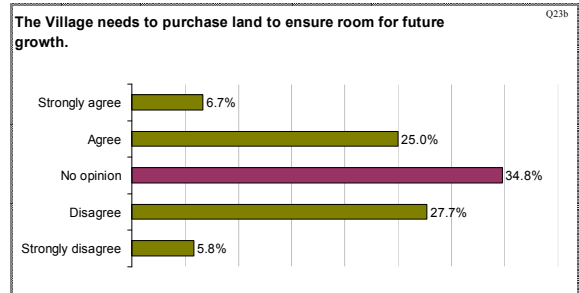
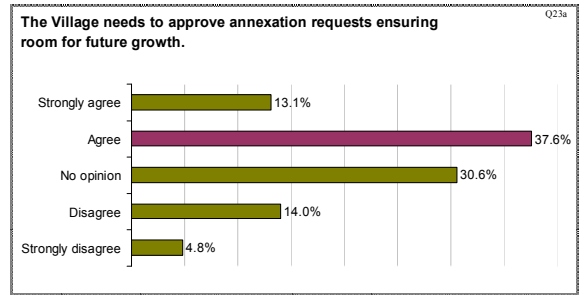
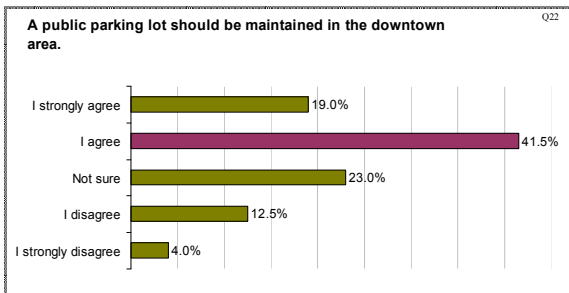
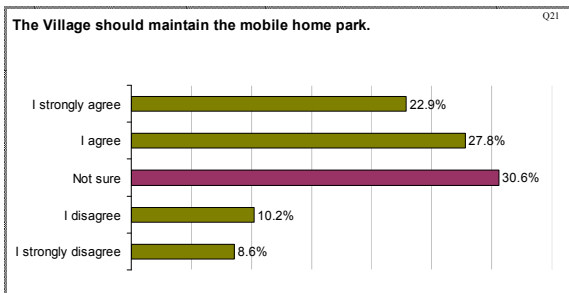
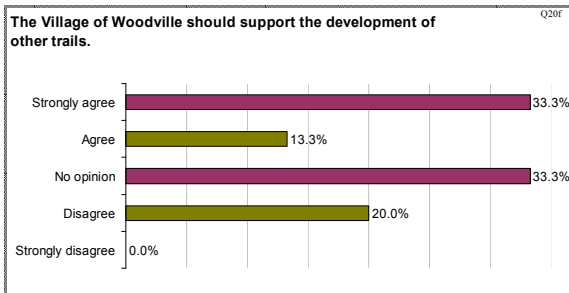
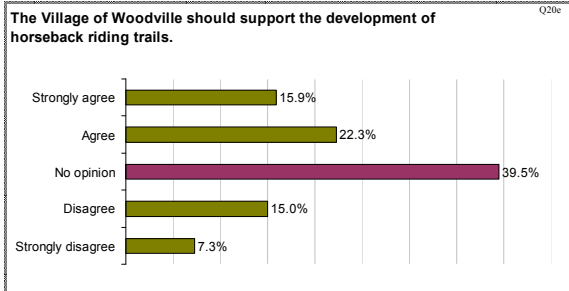
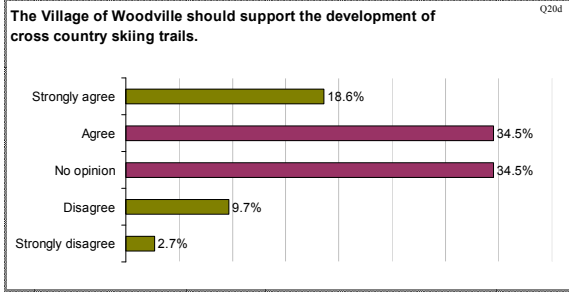


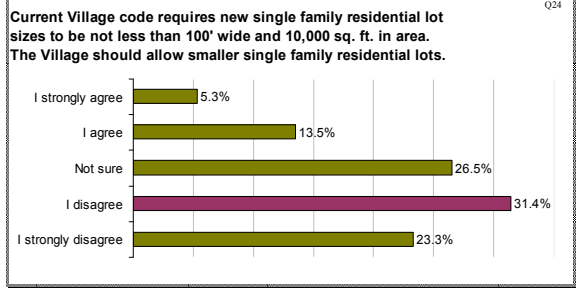


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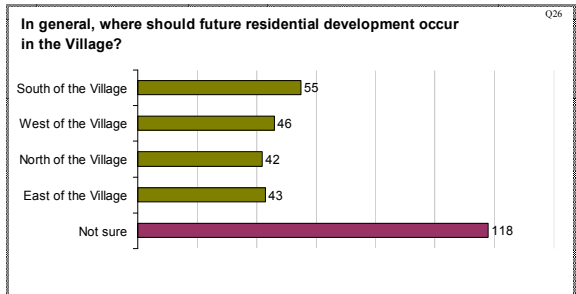
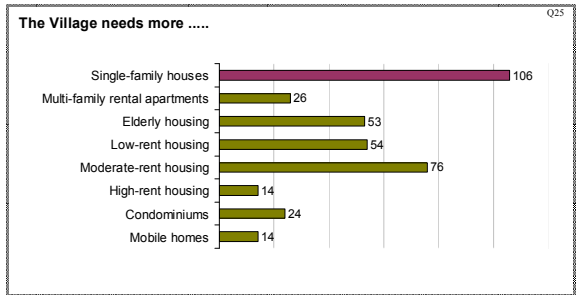


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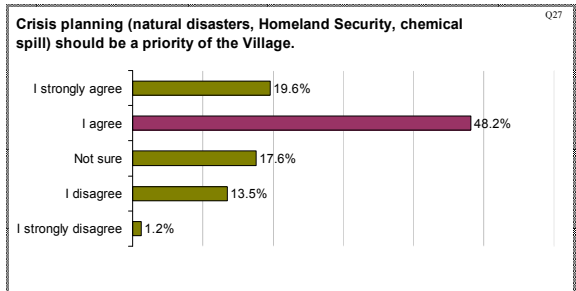




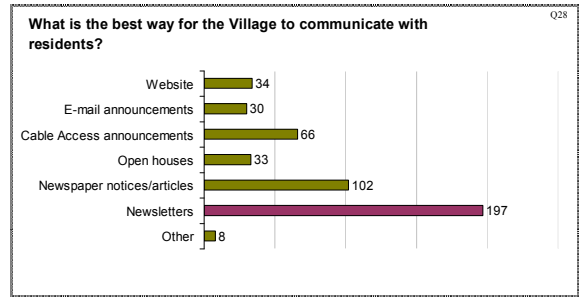
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION



PLAN IMPLEMENTATION



Section 2 COMMENTS

11. The Village of Woodville should support... (Response to “other”):

- “Recreation support.”
- “ATV trails would bring money to businesses.”
- “We’re a bedroom community for the Twin Cities.”
- “Wider roads need shoulders (back roads).”
- “Decrease use of harmful chemical pesticides and herbicides especially in areas for children and pets.”
- “Keep junk cars off yard if no tag on them. No parking on streets on corners, etc.”
- “ATV trails into and out of the Village.”
- “Bus transportation to children who lived close to school.”
- “Horseback trails.”
- “Support a passenger rail from Eau Claire to Twin Cities.”
- “Provide 4x4 or 4-wheeler trails.”
- “Utilize the old railroad trail with horses allowed along with walking-bike-snowmobile.”
- “An indoor pool.”
- “Recreation for teenagers.”
- “Bike trail to Baldwin that is safe for all ages.”
- “More lighting on trails for night walkers.”
- “We should open ATV/snowmobile trails in area. This is a family sport that sparks young people’s interest that can bring parents and kids together.”
- “Need ATV trails in area.”
- “(Biking lanes/paths) with some foresight, a perfect opportunity exists for this.”
- “Make the snowmobile, walking path for ATV’s also.”
- “Keep Main Street for retail.”
- “Walking paths.”
- “Basketball court for the community where the pre-existing skate park was.”
- “ATV trails.”

12. Do you feel shopping facilities in Woodville are adequate for the following?
(Response to “What additional types of stores would you like to see?”)

- “Restaurants.”
- “Specialty shops.”
- “Don’t need a clothing store.”
- “Grocery/restaurants.”
- “Grocery.”
- “Groceries, clothing, Wal-Mart.”
- “Grocery store.”
- “None.”
- “Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Aldi’s.”
- “Grocery store.”
- “Hardware, auto parts.”

“Family restaurant, good clothing, good grocery.”
 “Fast food.”
 “Econo Foods (or some grocery), movie theater.”
 “None - Baldwin is 5 minutes away, New Richmond, Menomonie and Hudson all less than 30 minutes.”
 “Fast food restaurant that sells cones and malts.”
 “Grocery, drugstore, and clothing.”
 “Pharmacy, grocery, super market.”
 “Maybe a family restaurant and small grocery store.”
 “Population and market will determine this. Make it work and it will happen.”
 “A sit-down family restaurant.”
 “Grocery - hardware.”
 “Grocery.”
 “Wal-Mart.”
 “Fast/easy food.”
 “Arcade for children, gallery for local artist, restaurants without bars, larger library.”
 “Grocery, Laundromat, better car wash.”
 “Wal-Mart.”
 “Laundromat.”
 “Greenhouse, food co-op.”
 “A new restaurant and grocery store.”
 “Hardware store, grocery store, variety store.”
 “Street lights.”
 “Fast food.”
 “Bed and breakfast, co-op.”
 “Grocery, discount store.”
 “Fast food by interstate.”
 “Not bars - too smoky, hardware.”
 “Coffee shop, place to buy organic produce and products.”
 “Entertainment.”
 “All of above.”
 “Grocery store/hardware store.”
 “Grocery, restaurants.”
 “Gas station.”
 “None.”
 “None.”
 “Grocery.”
 “Computer service shop.”
 “Fast food, Wal-Mart.”
 “Taco Bell, bakery, Quizno’s, McDonald’s.”
 “Restaurants and grocery.”
 “Small town grocery, fresh organic produce, co-op.”
 “Woodville is a small Village, so it is difficult to compete with larger towns.”

“Parking too close to crosswalk on north side of street by barber shop - cars cannot see people in crosswalk when those two mile long pick-up trucks are parked there.”

“Grocery.”

“Grocery store/bakery.”

“Good grocery.”

“Movie theater, thrift sale.”

“Grocery and department store.”

“Hardee’s, Arby’s.”

“Dollar Store.”

“Stores like Wal-Mart.”

“Book store, coffee shop.”

“Grocery store.”

“Coffee shop? Wine bar (non-smoking). I think small yet trendy. Woodville has character to be kept, but room for improvement/remodeling especially in downtown area.”

“Any additional store would be welcome.”

“Groceries would probably be nice, but even when we had it, I shopped in Baldwin and probably wouldn’t change my habits.”

“Hardware, grocery.”

“More department stores - Target/Wal-Mart type of stores and sit down restaurants that stay open later.”

“Hardware store would be nice, but small town can’t support one.”

“Grocery and hardware.”

“Theater, laundry, bowling.”

“Upscale restaurants, additional gift shops.”

“Dollar Store.”

“Hardware store.”

“Fast food/hardware.”

“Parts for car, truck and motorcycle.”

“What we have is good - most people drive to bigger towns to shop - Baldwin, Menomonie or Hudson.”

“Family Dollar.”

“Difficult question.”

“Coffee/greenhouse/antiques.”

14. There is a need to improve the _____ in Woodville’s downtown.
(Response to “other”.)

“Would be nice to see lights on Main Street that add some historical flavor.”

“Ambiance: small town is good, run down is bad.”

“Parking - extended cab pick-up should not be able to angle park on Main Street. You cannot see around them to back out of a parking space.”

“All ok.”

“Fine as is.”

“All good.”

“Ice skating rink.”
 “More stores, no appts.”
 “Winter sanding and plowing/winter maintenance.”
 “Main Street from building to building.”
 “More festive décor above and around the streets.”
 “Cleanliness/garbage - in parks and grassy areas - namely in front of and around tennis courts.”
 “Sidewalk on Church Street (cut back grass and/or new standing water - no runoff).”
 “Only some streets and storefronts - some are excellent.”
 “Post office hours are too short.”
 “More sidewalks.”
 “Good for now.”
 “All of the above.”
 “Lighting.”
 “Mall parking lot.”
 “A removal of businesses that promote exotic dancers and laws that prohibit.”
 “All is okay.”
 “Old train junk should be removed.”
 “Any!”
 “A few buildings could use a facelift, but it’s not bad.”
 “Cleaning of streets and store fronts - sidewalks downtown looks dirty and uninviting.”
 “Snow removal - after a thaw, replot the roads and sidewalks to remove slush - to avoid icy conditions when it refreezes. More public trash cans throughout residential and commercial areas so when people are walking they can throw away trash instead of throwing it on the sidewalks and streets or having to carry it.”
 “None.”
 “Do not allow unmaintained apartments.”
 “Continue renovating buildings.”
 “Water quality village-wide.”
 “The Post Office should not be locked on Sunday’s and always be unlocked until 1:00 a.m.”
 “Snow plowing/rocks on sidewalks from railroad bridge.”
 “Fine the way it is.”
 “It is fine the way it is.”
 “None of the above.”
 “Ugly apartment building.”

15. The Village needs more... (Response to “other”):

“We need a Wal-Mart.”
 “Green economic development.”
 “More connection to the interstate - Woodville is hidden as compared to Baldwin.”
 “Sell or use the empty industrial buildings first.”

“Recreation, movie theaters, skating rinks.”

“Small shops.”

“Youth activities, safe and fun like youth family night at Middle School in winter, would like to see skateboard park used again.”

“Retail on Main Street.”

“Entertainment opportunities, not another bar.”

19. Please list any other park facilities you feel are needed.

“Better warming house for skate rink.”

“Better bathrooms - larger area for parking cars at park.”

“Think we have plenty of parks.”

“Nature trails/center, archery range, museum.”

“Hiking/running trails.”

“None.”

“Dog park.”

“Something fenced for dogs would be nice.”

“Inside picnic area.”

“Water park.”

“Someone to better patrol the things that are there - too much destruction.”

“Community garden, swimming pool/wading pool, chemical free grounds for children.”

“Put back skate ramps and police area.”

“I think there should be a good ice skating rink and well lit shelter house; groomed cross country skiing trails.”

“Volleyball.”

“Walking paths needed, more shelters, large multi-use playing field.”

“Bathroom/porta potty at park by creek off of Southside Drive.”

“Unknown.”

“Indoor pool.”

“Trees for shade.”

“What happened to the skateboard park?”

“Ice rink - winter.”

“Skate park.”

“Swimming pool, skateboard park for older teens and adults - not only for under 5 yrs of age.”

“Restrooms in park by amphitheater.”

“Sliding hill, public access.”

“Public swimming pool.”

“Outdoor hockey rink.”

“I’m in favor of skateboard park up and running again.”

“OK.”

“Too bad we lost the skateboard park. Kids really enjoyed it.”

“Restrooms needed in Art Best Amphitheater area. Community Center to be used by all, not just taken over by one specific group as often happens.”

“Permanent charcoal grills, basketball courts, skateboard park.”

“Swimming pool, pool tables for kids and grown-up if wish to play like a community center.”

“Promoting the use of the ballfield on weekends to bring in business - tournaments each weekend.”

“New Fire Hall.”

“One of the most attractive features of this town is the park system.”

“None.”

“Dog park.”

“Should have playgrounds in some of the new housing development areas.”

20. The Village of Woodville should support the development of... (Response to “other”):

“Sidewalks.”

“Bike.”

“Swimming pool.”

“Biking.”

“Hiking/Cross Country skiing trails - one trail - dual purpose.”

“Bike trail to Baldwin.”

“We need to open the Wildwood Trail to ATV’s. I disagree (hiking trails) because the hikers won’t share with others such as ATV and horses.”

“All roads in area are hiking and biking trails.”

“Biking. Along the creek south of Southside Drive and through the Brenne farm along the creek would be great.”

28. What is the best way for the Village to communicate with residents? (Response to “other”.)

“With water bill.”

“Mailings.”

“Communication is key.”

“Fliers.”

“Newsletters with water bill works good.”

“Mailings.”

“Phone chains, posters.”

“Town meeting (large gathering place).”

“Monthly meeting for the public.”

“Post office.”

“Information sent with water bill.”

“Most elderly do not have or cannot afford internet services.”

Comments:

“The land west of O.E.M. should be left for green space, not a parking lot. Otherwise there is going to be a noise problem for the homes on Maple Street. The land south of O.E.M. (Sturgul Farm) would be a better choice, plus more cost effective for O.E.M. I sure hope the Village and O.E.M. could make a trade or work out some kind of deal. There is already somewhat of a noise problem which would become a lot worse with a parking lot in our back yards. Thanks. Can you guess where I live?”

“Future development - buy grain bins on Main Street and put in Village property.”

“I am very concerned about the neglect of building maintenance to our fire station building. It needs paint really bad!! I understand the Village needs a new building someday, but in the meantime, we need to take care of what we have. The current building needs to be painted ASAP. It is very embarrassing the way it looks right now. It’s a symbol that the Village does not take care of its infrastructure. It makes the Village look run down and dumpy when you look at this building in its current condition. The Village President needs to step up to the plate and see that this building is maintained and looks nice, not to have it look like a run down old shop. I used to be a fireman here in town and the way this building looks is embarrassing.”

“I am shocked at the money we are spending on garbage can holders for our park. It is one of the most wasted money I ever heard of. How about using it towards sewer costs and giving our town a break!!! I am sure there are more important ways to use our tax money. How about keeping our streets cleaner in the winter. Our main roads are so full of loose powdery snow which causes vehicles to slide all over.”

“Both my spouse and I grew up in various small towns. We found ourselves having children and living in North Minneapolis. We moved to Woodville for the small town and safety of our children. We really like it here and would be disappointed to see it over-developed.”

“I live here because it is a quiet small town.”

“Over the last six months to a year, it is a good feeling to see a police car patrolling the streets, whether in the early a.m. or afternoon or late p.m. Police presence is a good thing no matter how small a town is. We never use to see this. Also, a sad sign when a town can’t support an ambulance service. The Village should be able to support one.”

“The Village is a good size but could use more jobs and hiking trails.”

“We need to let residents know what is going on and not depend solely on newspaper because a lot of people do not read local papers. Be more open on subjects that they will be paying money for.”

“Thank you for the opportunity to do this survey.”

“The main reason I moved to Woodville was because it was a small rural town. I hate living in City areas. My dad on the other hand is a City person. Woodville gave him his City security and me my country feel. It’s perfect.”

"I do not want to see any more low income housing or apt. building. There are plenty in the Village. I do think more money should be focused to make the City aesthetically pleasing to the eye."

"The south half of Division Street needs repaving and BB going out to the south/west (Main Street), a few more street lights for walking at night. Some lawns in the Village don't get mowed enough, e.g. houses for sale and occupied homes."

"Do not have any comments. Think our little town of Woodville is pretty nice."

"It is important that people of Woodville have a say on issues and are part of decisions, planning, and changes."

"My age has lots to do how I am writing "not sure" so better I leave well enough alone."

"Noon alarm is unnecessary. Storm warning alarm. Have two district alarms (one for thunderstorm and one for tornado) - more clear of danger. We love the small town aspect of Woodville, but feel like the downtown area is not very nice. Buildings seem a bit run down. There do not seem to be any community building events. The tennis courts and park seem like a great start though."

"Parking on Main Street. Limit parking for extended cab pick-ups and other longer than average vehicles in angle parking spaces. It is very difficult to see what's coming when you're parking next to one of these."

"I am really discouraged with the loss of the hometown feel of Woodville. Housing development is increasing way too fast. If I wanted to live in a huge, fast paced community, I would already live there. I like to feel safe. The faster we grow, the faster that feeling will no longer be there."

"I think you have hit all major problems. Perhaps another police officer would be good rather than call sheriff in case of minor problems. Otherwise, Woodville is a very safe place and hope it will always stay that way and the people here are great, but our young families also need a safe place to raise family in this great town. As a 71 year old great-Grandma, I hope my kids will have the experience that I've had here."

"At age 92, I can't be of any for the community. I live at the Park Place apts."

"Please try to spend a lot of time trying to find ways of lowering taxes instead of finding ways of raising them."

"Village officials and employees should help citizen and potential businesses, etc. to get job done without a lot of requirements which are not necessary. Personal agendas need to disappear."

"We kind of like our Village and churches."

"We would appreciate the observation of the covenants given by the developer in Prairie View addition so those of us who bought homes don't see the decline of the area by transient renters."

"Cats are a big problem. We are told they are wild cats. The family on the corner of ***** and ***** feed the cats, so I guess we will always have wild cats if the Village don't take charge and do something about it. Other Village's do, why doesn't Woodville? Please do something about the cats soon!"

"We enjoy the size and small town feel, but understand and agree with slow and controlled growth. We moved from Hudson because of excessive growth."

“We need to develop mid-range single family homes, not any more low income rentals and housing in general. We have enough apartment buildings. I also believe your No. 1 job is keep us safe and keep the police dept. well staffed with people and equipment.”

“Better road clearing in winter. Southside Drive is a sheet of ice from first snow to almost last than and is a major walkway for middle school students. It also has a lot of traffic for a side road.”

“Village should enforce dog leash laws. Fireworks should be enforced better.”

“There should be a more adequate tornado shelter in the trailer court. The one there is not big enough for all of the residents there.”

“County B needs a good repaving through the Village. The railroad bridge north of downtown on County Road B need to be fixed.”

“Historical site protection should be maintained by individual owners or groups. Completion of McMillian park should round out parks - type and location - nicely. We hope this survey is not a method for Cedar Corporation to make more business for themselves - more studies, etc. The legion and Lions Den work fine for community center. Two bars also offer meeting space.”

“Our family moved to Woodville because we like a small community. Even though growth and development are important, we feel that Woodville should remain small to keep the community atmosphere.”

“Cut back on wasteful spending and fulfill past investments and concerns.”

“Trailer court looking unkept - used to be much neater. More police involvement during shift changes at the factories - an accident waiting to happen - cars racing, etc, and no one watching. Keep an eye on Steven Park for vandals and groups hanging thereafter cuffew.”

“Encourage green living/housing and business. Community garden/student or senior garden. Food co-op. Preserve undeveloped areas. Decrease use of chemical pesticides/herbicides particularly in children’s parks and school.”

“We would like to see the Village grow and bring more jobs to the area.”

“Enforce pet control, license cats and dogs, too many feral cats. Parking for the new school needs to be bigger. It is dangerous to be parked on a County Road. Someone will get hit. It is a disaster waiting to happen.”

“There are a few things that disturb me about Woodville. #1 - neighbors have unlicensed vehicles in their yard to the extent of weeds growing under some of them - yet it is not enforced for fining in any way. Also, dogs are allowed to do their daily job on our property. Home owners and dog owners need to be respectful of property. I do see a lot of quick laws and the Village should send warning letters and then follow up by a fine. What about stray cats? Please enforce these codes!”

“Look ahead. You cannot look in the rear view mirror and say ‘oh only if we had’ - look forward - be cautious of tax issues to residences and businesses, but look ahead - look at the Woodville Motel and a new BP going - development will happen to the south.”

“The trails that are available now should be available to anyone including horseback riders due to the fact that we all pay taxes and some of us more than others.”

“Seal coat streets.”

“In general, I believe the Village should promote a slow to moderate rate of growth. We like the small town atmosphere - feel of the Village.”

“We need a new fire hall ASAP.”

“Develop vacant land on Main Street where the old feed mill was located - it looks ugly with nothing but corn bins and gravel.”

“We feel the mobile home park needs to be privately owned and operated. If it is not viable as a business, it should be closed. We need to prevent development of lowland and wetland areas. We need to encourage commercial businesses providing retail services (stores). But this may take time as the community grows. It would be nice to shop more locally (in town). Fuel costs are unlikely to come down much. So we need more livable wage jobs locally (semi-skilled jobs).

“Update on paying with debit cards or auto pay for water, sewer, and lot rent online.”

“A community center where all ages could square dance, folk dance, enjoy their neighbors, nature walks - bird watching - nature programs to get people outside and active.”

“Stop increasing property taxes. It’s hard to make ends meet with everything going up, but not the household income. Give incentives for going green.”

“It sure would be nice if the Village had its own computer site so that you could go there to pay the Village for water and sewer. Also set up to accept debit cards there also.”

“How about Cedar Corporation maintaining an office right here in Woodville? They are here every day! Attorney office here? We have a wonderful village square surrounding the mall. It is used and has been used by many since the mall’s beginning. Some flowers, shrubs, updating mall exterior would be appropriate. It should be village maintained. Business can keep their doorways free of snow and ice. Responsible, accountable, friendly, ambitious police are an absolute necessity. How about a golf course north of town by 2020.”

“Not everyone receives the local newspaper. You need to do more for communication with the residents of the Village of Woodville. Not doing very well in this area. Thanks.”

“I feel Woodville should maintain its small town feel. With that in mind, there is still plenty of room for growth. Offering incentives to entice business to move in will increase the employment opportunities and bring more people to Woodville. I do believe this should be controlled growth. As businesses are added and the population increases, additional housing will also be needed. This will increase tax revenues and allow Woodville to spend money in other areas. I’d like to see Woodville grow, but never lose its small town character.”

“Figure out when the monopoly on phone/internet service is going to stop so we can have internet service with our phone that doesn’t charge an arm and a leg for nothing special.”

“Anything that raises taxes - forget it! \$2800 on a 140K house in a declining market is a rip off! Complete lack of fiscal responsibility.”

“#28 - This option may carry an expense, but every household will get the newsletter unlike all the other options (send with the water bill?). #17 - Only if it is a larger facility than the Lion’s Den or Legion. I actually think the Lion’s Den should be

restored making it more “inviting” for usage. #8-10 - Woodville should remain the small, quaint town as it always has been. However, the façade on many Main Street buildings should be restored. It’s sad to see the apartments, etc. on Main Street still casting a dumpy look on our downtown. The feed mill lot could also be upgraded to be more useful and attractive.”

“Taxes on our home are too high.”

“The Village sucks! They won’t do anything in the mobile home park like tree trimming. They can hike the lot rent, but they’re too lazy to even trim a tree. That is wrecking our trailer home. We asked them over and over to trim it. Oh well. Just have to sue them if it gets wrecked any more. People that work for the Village get paid too much and are very lazy!”

“We need recreational sites, such as a swimming pool, picnic area, skateboarding, arcade, some type of nightlife. It seems that the town closes down at 5:00 p.m. Some people work the 3rd shift and are up in the evening hours. Basically Woodville needs to be alive after 5:00 p.m. - this is 2008, not 1908.”

“I would like the Village to have a community center. We just don’t have any place with some size to do anything.”

“I love Woodville.”

“My main concern is care of the children and elderly. Providing something to do for our children so they don’t run the streets would be excellent. Making sure the elderly have sufficient heat and air conditioning would be my priority. Also, I have been to the park when some very young children were left there alone. I always worry about predators and would like to see the playground protected more. If I wanted a bigger town, I would move to one although I realize people have to make a living.”

“Growth is happening. Somewhat controlled (by the Village) at a nice easy rate is what is needed. A community center is a great idea - with a gym and rec. facilities. I do feel it is important to keep parks and the natural beauty of the community. I like the small town feel and hope that you would stay true to that. More small shops and restaurants would be great. Keep out the big chains please.”

“Needs to be a change of laws to remove exotic dance clubs and bars that destroy the fiber of our community. Such businesses attract the wrong clientele. They do not promote families, security, and prosperity in a community. The revenue that these businesses create is of little value in comparison to the loss of morality and citizens we hope to attract.”

“Need mobile home lots for future use. More elderly housing. Need a bigger senior citizen meeting place. We love living in Woodville.”

“The Village needs a grocery store or department store. It’s frustrating when one has to drive 30 minutes just to get a decent store. Some parts of the Village should be preserved and others should be developed or should be allowed for future growth.”

“I would like to have the Village discontinue the use of the warning sirens for (noise) at noon and 9:00 p.m. Some of us have to sleep at these times and are awakened by them. They serve no good purpose to us any more. It just uses more electricity to blow these sirens. We don’t need to use these to burn tax money.”

“I think the Cedar Corp. should bow out.”

“Have seasonal parking information (winter snow removal no parking on streets) more public. We have lived here since April 07 and had no idea we would be issued parking tickets for parking on the streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. (is what we have heard the time is).”

“I enjoy living in Woodville. I do believe we need more youth activities (safe/fun, family activities) to combat drug/alcohol in youth. During May celebration, would encourage more family activities - Christian concert, less around drinking/dancing.”

“I like living in a small town, that is why I moved from Baldwin - it is growing too fast. If Woodville grows like Baldwin, we will look to move away. We bought our house in Woodville because of the small town.”

“We need ATV trails in the area. The hikers and bikers want additional trails, but they would exclude everyone else! Not right! They are using tax payer monies. They should include others! The Wildwood Trail is an asset to the area. ATV's should be allowed on this trail! We can share! The Village should get rid of old railroad junk! This is an eyesore! Clean it up!”

“We need ATV trails in area! Wildwood Trail should be multiple use trail! Currently funding with tax money, should include everyone! Clean up Village!”

“Consider area of old Jacobson Building near ball field for community center. While Lion's Den is historic, parking and accessibility is not good. Spruce up store fronts on River Street.”

“Take care of what we have before expanding.”

“Small towns are nice. Woodville has changed considerably over the years. Growth is fine, but it needs to be planned for. With many newcomers, efforts need to be made to make them feel a part of the community. I am especially interested in trails throughout the Village. The land is still available to circle the Village on the west with a hiking/biking trail that would lead from the school and follow the creek through what was Brenne land (I don't know if it has been sold or not). A community center would be nice, but for what purpose? The Lion's Den can be used for many community functions. If it was (is) really needed, there is space in the mall and Jacobson's garage.”

“My wife and I moved here because we have two daughters not too far away. We have come to sort of like it here and think of Woodville as a progressive small town and friendly place to live. Of course, there are many people we have not become acquainted with, but those we have met seem to be good people. I used to think of Woodville as a little settlement just off the I-94. Now I think of it as quite progressive for a small town and suspect there are more people here than the sign indicates on population signs.”

“Village needs to get ready for future growth expanding to the area from the Twin Cities Metro/east metro/Hudson area.”

“A park building could be used for family picnics or reunions with a minimal charge. It wouldn't need to be a palace. There are tennis courts and a picnic shelter, but there are no restrooms nearby. A porta potty would work that could be locked after hours to prevent vandalism.”

“Website is an embarrassment. Many people are online and it is not up-to-date and has a very difficult to locate address. There needs to be a continuous community

based planning committee - very dysfunctional process with no vision or long range planning over the past five years. Suggestion - the Village needs something to make it special whether it's the Norwegian heritage or the wood industry so people come. Restore the Lion's Den. Work to develop the empty land downtown and get the corn storage out of downtown."

"Not enough activities for teenagers - no place for them to hang out, but not sure they would go there if there was a place. Instead of encouraging new homes be built, encourage sale of existing homes for sale."

"We are a new family to Woodville and first and foremost, we love it. However, we moved to this small town not only for the small town aspect, but because it is a progressive small town. We want to see Woodville gradually grow bigger. Hopefully in the near future Woodville will be the size of Baldwin and Baldwin the size of River Falls."

"I would like to see an activity center for teens/adults - there is no place to hang out besides a bar in town. Ideas - fitness area/gym; game room."

"Thank you for considering our opinion via survey."

"It's hard for small communities to stay in business. Our downtown area is looking good now with the newer businesses there. The Norwegian shop certainly brings some business to town. I'd love to see a community center operating here for a little more culture. I've heard that there is some interest in redoing an old stage in the Lion's Den? Is that a possibility that could be affordable? If it is indeed a possibility, there should be a committee formed to research it and start raising money. What about the WCAC becoming involved? They've done some sweet things over the years - activities, statute on Main Street, flower baskets, etc. Woodville's a great little town to live in...we need industry for taxes, but let's be careful how much we let into town. That paint shop in the mall concerned me...solvents need to be controlled and in a controlled environment. It's not just lower taxes and lower wages that bring industry to small communities."

"The Village makes a bundle off the trailer court. This pays the Village wages. The Village needs to keep this court."

"The Village is maintaining well at this time. Small and quite safe community and it should stay that way. The bigger it becomes, the more expansion we will need including water, sewer, more schools and that promotes the rise in taxes. I can't afford an increase in taxes and if they continue to hike, I will be forced to sell my home and renting will be the only option, possibly moving out of the area."

"Clean up mobile home park. If you can't store it in your shed, you cannot store it on your lot. Mobile home park only."

"There appears to be a surplus of single-family homes in the community. There may be a future need for low-moderate rent housing if the housing market continues to be slow. There seems to be a balance of job opportunities to supply the community. I feel that moderate commercial and industrial growth would support the future needs of the community."

"We have too many apartments the way it is now."

"I really believe that the increase in homes is going to move very slow in the next few years. All of the communities in western Wisconsin are in the same situation. Our economy is in somewhat of a backlash. Higher paying jobs are being

lost to part-time positions without benefits. We need to move very slow in major undertaking and complete what we have started. Thanks for listening.”

“In need of new fire hall.”

“The public works need to do a better job of plowing curb to curb. I currently have to shovel 2 feet of the street at the end of my driveway and in front of our mailbox. There should be playground equipment for younger children in the new housing development areas. There is no room for housing growth without providing local jobs for people. Commercial and industrial jobs need to be created.”

Section 3

TABULATED SURVEY



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. How long have you lived in Woodville? (Please check one)

1. 0-5 years (89)
2. 6-10 years (36)
3. 11-20 years (45)
4. More than 20 years (79)

2. Please provide the number of people for each age group in your household:

1. _____ Ages 0-18 (177)
2. _____ Ages 19-39 (167)
3. _____ Ages 40-61 (168)
4. _____ Ages 62+ (121)

3. Do you own or rent your place of residence in the Village of Woodville? (Please check one)

1. Rent (48)
2. Own (205)

4. My residence is a(n) (Please check one)

1. Single family home (202)
2. Multi-family home (22)
3. Mobile home (24)
4. Second home (1)

5. Are there people in your household who are physically disabled? (Please check one)

1. Yes (24)
2. No (230)

6. At what rate would you like to see Woodville's population grow in the next 10 years? (Please check one)

1. No growth (26)
2. Slow (96)
3. Moderate (101)
4. Fast (14)
5. No Opinion (16)

7. How would you describe your thoughts towards future growth and development (commercial, recreational, housing, etc.) in the Village of Woodville? (Please check one)

- 1. We need to support and encourage growth and development. (92)
- 2. We need to slow down the rate of growth and development in the Village of Woodville. (19)
- 3. I would like to see the Village of Woodville stay the way it is. (41)
- 4. The Village should focus on redevelopment and rehabilitation of existing buildings and land. (64)
- 5. Not sure. (31)

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

8. The Village of Woodville should retain its “small town” character. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (93)
- 2. I agree (126)
- 3. Not sure (22)
- 4. I disagree (9)
- 5. I strongly disagree (3)

9. The Village of Woodville should protect and promote buildings, sites, and artifacts of historical importance. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (70)
- 2. I agree (122)
- 3. Not sure (46)
- 4. I disagree (12)
- 5. I strongly disagree (2)

10. The Village of Woodville should establish design recommendations for remodeling existing and the construction of new buildings in the downtown area. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (42)
- 2. I agree (111)
- 3. Not sure (66)
- 4. I disagree (29)
- 5. I strongly disagree (4)

TRANSPORTATION

11. The Village of Woodville should support...(Please check one box in each category)

Transportation Type	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. Biking Lanes/Paths	(94)	(88)	(42)	(13)	(5)
B. Sidewalks to key areas such as schools, parks, and the downtown	(104)	(105)	(25)	(11)	(1)
C. Area Car Pooling/Park & Ride	(49)	(90)	(83)	(14)	(2)
D. Other:	(14)	(0)	(2)	(1)	(0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12. Do you feel shopping facilities in Woodville are adequate for the following? (Please check one box in each category)

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 1. | 2. |
| A. Food/Groceries | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (50) | <input type="checkbox"/> No (196) |
| B. Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (37) | <input type="checkbox"/> No (204) |
| C. Banks | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (189) | <input type="checkbox"/> No (54) |
| D. Auto Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (121) | <input type="checkbox"/> No (116) |
| E. Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (29) | <input type="checkbox"/> No (212) |
| F. Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (125) | <input type="checkbox"/> No (116) |

What additional types of stores would you like to see? _____

13. There is adequate parking in the downtown. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (32)
- 2. I agree (152)
- 3. Not sure (40)
- 4. I disagree (26)
- 5. I strongly disagree (1)

14. There is a need to improve the _____ in Woodville’s downtown. (check all that apply)

- 1. Streets (51)
- 2. Store Fronts (66)
- 3. Sidewalks (41)
- 4. Lighting (43)
- 5. Seating (benches) (44)
- 6. Other: _____

15. The Village needs more...(Please check one box for each category)

	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. Commercial Development	(42)	(90)	(57)	(32)	(8)
B. Light Industrial Development	(37)	(100)	(63)	(31)	(5)
C. Home-based Businesses	(24)	(67)	(114)	(20)	(4)
D. Other	(5)	(0)	(3)	(1)	(0)

16. How important is it to you to see more work opportunities provided in the Woodville area? (Please check one)

- 1. Very important (113)
- 2. Somewhat important (96)
- 3. Not important (22)
- 4. No opinion (21)

COMMUNITY FACILITIES/UTILITIES

17. The Village of Woodville needs a community center. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (42)
- 2. I agree (88)
- 3. Not sure (73)
- 4. I disagree (38)
- 5. I strongly disagree (5)

18. Please rate the park facilities in the Village park system. (Please check one box in each category)

	1. Adequate	2. Needs Improvement	3. Don't Know
A. Playground Equipment	(195)	(16)	(30)
B. Benches and Picnic Tables	(148)	(62)	(33)
C. Ballfield	(190)	(13)	(34)
D. Shelters	(144)	(48)	(46)
E. Tennis Courts	(180)	(15)	(44)
F. Parking	(156)	(50)	(32)
G. Basketball Court	(90)	(60)	(81)

19. Please list any other park facilities you feel are needed. _____

20. The Village of Woodville should support the development of...(Please check one box in each category)

	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. Hiking Trails	(72)	(97)	(48)	(12)	(8)
B. Snowmobile Trails	(48)	(71)	(66)	(33)	(13)
C. ATV Trails	(59)	(52)	(67)	(39)	(15)
D. Cross Country Skiing Trails	(42)	(78)	(78)	(22)	(6)
E. Horseback Riding Trails	(35)	(49)	(87)	(33)	(16)
F. Other:	(5)	(2)	(5)	(3)	(0)

21. The Village should maintain the mobile home park. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (56)
- 2. I agree (68)
- 3. Not sure (75)
- 4. I disagree (25)
- 5. I strongly disagree (21)

22. A public parking lot should be maintained in the downtown area. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (47)
- 2. I agree (103)
- 3. Not sure (57)
- 4. I disagree (31)
- 5. I strongly disagree (10)

LAND USE

23. Which statement best describes your opinion concerning these land use issues? (Please check one box in each category)

	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. The Village needs to approve annexation requests ensuring room for future growth.	(30)	(86)	(70)	(32)	(11)
B. The Village needs to purchase land to ensure room for future growth.	(15)	(56)	(78)	(62)	(13)
C. There is no need for the Village to grow any larger.	(17)	(52)	(59)	(81)	(19)
D. We need to limit development in order to preserve our natural environment.	(30)	(80)	(54)	(50)	(15)
E. The Village has an adequate amount of public parks.	(33)	(119)	(42)	(33)	(3)

24. Current Village code requires new single family residential lot sizes to be not less than 100’ wide and 10,000 sq. ft. in area. The Village should allow smaller single family residential lots. (Please check one)

- 1. I strongly agree (13)
- 2. I agree (33)
- 3. Not sure (65)
- 4. I disagree (77)
- 5. I strongly disagree (57)

HOUSING

25. The Village needs more..... (Check all that apply)

- 1. Single-family houses (106)
- 2. Multi-family rental apartments (26)
- 3. Elderly housing (53)
- 4. Low-rent housing (54)
- 5. Moderate-rent housing (76)
- 6. High-rent housing (14)
- 7. Condominiums (24)
- 8. Mobile homes (14)

26. In general, where should future residential development occur in the Village? (Check all that apply)

- 1. South of the Village (55)
- 2. West of the Village (46)
- 3. North of the Village (42)
- 4. East of the Village (43)
- 5. Not sure (118)

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- 3. _____ Ages 40-61
- 4. _____ Ages 62+

3. Do you own or rent your place of residence in the Village of Woodville? (Please check one)

- 3. Rent
- 4. Own

4. My residence is a(n) (Please check one)

- 5. Single family home
- 6. Multi-family home
- 7. Mobile home
- 8. Second home

5. Are there people in your household who are physically disabled? (Please check one)

- 3. Yes
- 4. No

6. At what rate would you like to see Woodville's population grow in the next 10 years? (Please check one)

- 6. No growth
- 7. Slow
- 8. Moderate
- 9. Fast
- 10. No Opinion

7. How would you describe your thoughts towards future growth and development (commercial, recreational, housing, etc.) in the Village of Woodville? (Please check one)

- 6. We need to support and encourage growth and development.
- 7. We need to slow down the rate of growth and development in the Village of Woodville.
- 8. I would like to see the Village of Woodville stay the way it is.
- 9. The Village should focus on redevelopment and rehabilitation of existing buildings and land.
- 10. Not sure.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

8. The Village of Woodville should retain its “small town” character. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

9. The Village of Woodville should protect and promote buildings, sites, and artifacts of historical importance. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

10. The Village of Woodville should establish design recommendations for remodeling existing and the construction of new buildings in the downtown area. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

TRANSPORTATION

11. The Village of Woodville should support...(Please check one box in each category)

Transportation Type	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. Biking Lanes/Paths					
B. Sidewalks to key areas such as schools, parks, and the downtown					
C. Area Car Pooling/Park & Ride					
D. Other:					

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12. Do you feel shopping facilities in Woodville are adequate for the following? (Please check one box in each category)

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 1. | 2. |
| A. Food/Groceries | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| B. Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C. Banks | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| D. Auto Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| E. Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| F. Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

What additional types of stores would you like to see? _____

13. There is adequate parking in the downtown. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

14. There is a need to improve the _____ in Woodville’s downtown. (check all that apply)

- 7. Streets
- 8. Store Fronts
- 9. Sidewalks
- 10. Lighting
- 11. Seating (benches)
- 12. Other: _____

15. The Village needs more...(Please check one box for each category)

	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. Commercial Development					
B. Light Industrial Development					
C. Home-based Businesses					
D. Other:					

16. How important is it to you to see more work opportunities provided in the Woodville area? (Please check one)

- 5. Very important
- 6. Somewhat important
- 7. Not important
- 8. No opinion

COMMUNITY FACILITIES/UTILITIES

17. The Village of Woodville needs a community center. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

18. Please rate the park facilities in the Village park system. (Please check one box in each category)

	1. Adequate	2. Needs Improvement	3. Don't Know
A. Playground Equipment			
B. Benches and Picnic Tables			
C. Ballfield			
D. Shelters			
E. Tennis Courts			
F. Parking			
G. Basketball Court			

19. Please list any other park facilities you feel are needed. _____

20. The Village of Woodville should support the development of...(Please check one box in each category)

	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. Hiking Trails					
B. Snowmobile Trails					
C. ATV Trails					
D. Cross Country Skiing Trails					
E. Horseback Riding Trails					
F. Other:					

21. The Village should maintain the mobile home park. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

22. A public parking lot should be maintained in the downtown area. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

LAND USE

23. Which statement best describes your opinion concerning these land use issues? (Please check one box in each category)

	1. Strongly Agree	2. Agree	3. No Opinion	4. Disagree	5. Strongly Disagree
A. The Village needs to approve annexation requests ensuring room for future growth.					
B. The Village needs to purchase land to ensure room for future growth.					
C. There is no need for the Village to grow any larger.					
D. We need to limit development in order to preserve our natural environment.					
E. The Village has an adequate amount of public parks.					

24. Current Village code requires new single family residential lot sizes to be not less than 100’ wide and 10,000 sq. ft. in area. The Village should allow smaller single family residential lots. (Please check one)

- 6. I strongly agree
- 7. I agree
- 8. Not sure
- 9. I disagree
- 10. I strongly disagree

HOUSING

25. The Village needs more..... (Check all that apply)

- 9. Single-family houses
- 10. Multi-family rental apartments
- 11. Elderly housing
- 12. Low-rent housing
- 13. Moderate-rent housing
- 14. High-rent housing
- 15. Condominiums
- 16. Mobile homes

26. In general, where should future residential development occur in the Village? (Check all that apply)

- 6. South of the Village
- 7. West of the Village
- 8. North of the Village
- 9. East of the Village
- 10. Not sure

