

1.0 ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

1.1 CHAPTER SUMMARY

The purpose of this section is to provide basic background information for the comprehensive planning process and general demographic characteristics for the City of Lancaster. More specifically this section includes information from the community survey and visioning sessions, community profile and projection data including population trends, age distribution, and population projections.

1.2 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICY AND PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are the Issues and Opportunities goals, objectives, policy, and program recommendations for Lancaster. The essence of these recommendations is reflected throughout the entire document.

1. **Protect and improve the health, safety, and welfare of residents in the City of Lancaster.**
2. **Preserve and enhance the quality of life for the residents of the City of Lancaster.**
3. **Protect and preserve the community character of the City of Lancaster.**

Note: The above policy recommendations are further explained in other elements of this comprehensive plan. This section provides background information and overall direction. For example, the above recommendations may be carried out by implementing recommendations in other sections such as housing, economic development, and transportation.

Wisconsin State Statute 66.1001(2)(a)

(a) Issues and Opportunities

Background information on the local governmental unit and a statement of overall objectives, policies, goals and programs of the local governmental unit to guide the future development and redevelopment of the local governmental unit over a 20-year planning period. Background information shall include population, household and employment forecasts that the local governmental unit uses in developing its comprehensive plan, and demographic trends, age distribution, educational levels, income levels and employment characteristics that exist within the local governmental unit.

1.3 COMMUNITY VISION

A vision statement identifies both where a community intends to be in the future and how to meet the future needs of stakeholders: its citizens. The vision statement incorporates the community's shared understanding of its nature and purpose and uses this understanding to move together towards a greater purpose. SWWRPC, in conjunction with UWEX-Grant County, sponsored visioning sessions for each jurisdiction in the autumn of 2007. The City Planning Commission utilized the visioning information from these sessions to create their formal vision statement:

In 2030, the Lancaster community will continue to provide a safe, clean, attractive and vital small-town atmosphere. To that end, community members will preserve its historic origins and agricultural heritage, while promoting orderly incremental growth in housing, commerce, and industry.

1.4 BACKGROUND AND PLANNING AREA

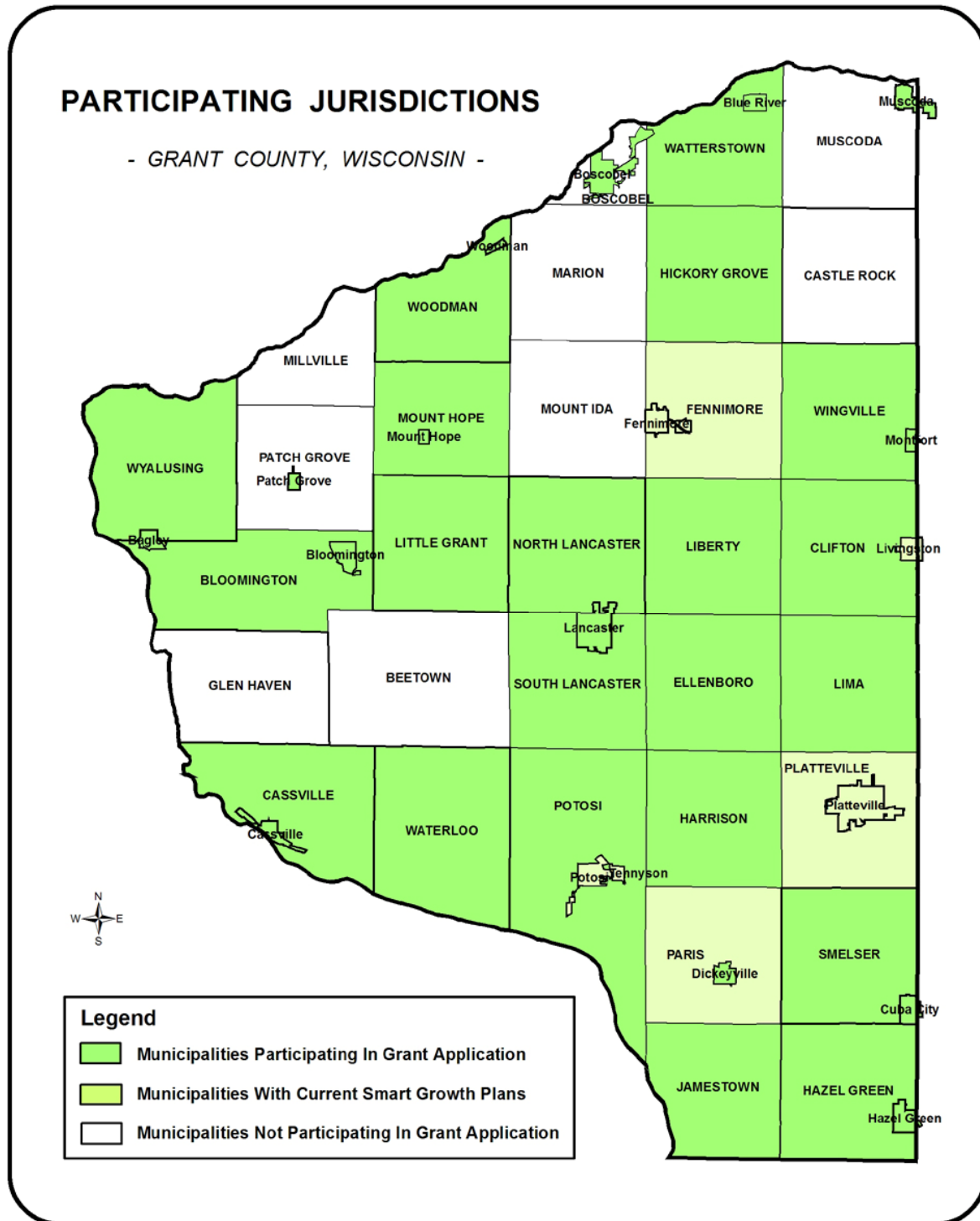
Under the Comprehensive Planning legislation, adopted by the state in October of 1999, beginning on January 1 2010, if a local governmental unit engages in any of the actions listed below, those actions shall be consistent with that local governmental unit’s comprehensive plan.

- Official Mapping
- Local Subdivision Regulations
- County, Town, Village or City zoning Ordinances
- Zoning of Shorelands or Wetlands in Shorelands

Comprehensive plans are a blueprint for how a community will develop and grow. Their purpose is to provide communities with information and policies that they shall use in the future to guide planning and community decisions. The Comprehensive Plan includes nine elements: Issues and Opportunities, Utilities and Community Facilities, Agriculture/Natural/Cultural Resources, Housing, Transportation, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Cooperation, Land Use, and Implementation. In addition, the Comprehensive Planning legislation establishes fourteen planning goals to guide planning efforts. The fourteen goals, along with other planning policies and objectives created during the planning process, appear throughout each chapter in this document.

Grant County, together with thirty-six (36) jurisdictions, including the City of Lancaster, applied for a Comprehensive Planning Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Administration in the fall of 2006. In the spring of 2007, the thirty-month Comprehensive Planning Grant was awarded. Grant County and the jurisdictions within it contracted with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) to complete individual comprehensive plans for each of the forty jurisdictions (Grant County, Cities, Towns, and Villages) in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 66.1001. The only jurisdictions in Grant County that did not participate under the multi-jurisdiction grant were the towns of Beetown, Boscobel, Castle Rock, Fennimore, Glen Haven, Marion, Millville, Mount Ida, Muscodia, Paris, Patch Grove, and Platteville, the villages of Livingston, Potosi, and Tennyson, and the cities of Fennimore and Platteville. These jurisdictions either chose to complete their comprehensive plans using other resources or had already done so. The following is a list of all of the jurisdictions participating under the grant.

Grant County	Village of Bagley Village of Bloomington Village of Blue River Village of Cassville Village of Dickeyville Village of Hazel Green Village of Montfort Village of Mount Hope Village of Muscodia Village of Patch Grove Village of Woodman	Town of Mount Hope Town of North Lancaster Town of Potosi Town of Smelsor Town of South Lancaster Town of Waterloo Town of Watterstown Town of Wingville Town of Woodman Town of Wyalusing
	Town of Bloomington Town of Cassville Town of Clifton Town of Ellenboro Town of Harrison Town of Hazel Green Town of Hickory Grove Town of Jamestown Town of Liberty Town of Lima Town of Little Grant	City of Boscobel City of Cuba City City of Lancaster



According to state statute, Class 4 municipalities have extraterritorial jurisdiction to the area 1.5 miles outside of the corporate limits. During the course of this plan, this area shall be considered as part of the planning area. Conversely, the extraterritorial area will also be considered as part of the planning area for jurisdictions that border municipalities. The inclusion of the extraterritorial area in two separate plans underscores the importance of these lands and the importance of intergovernmental cooperation (see Chapter 8, Land Use). The purpose of the extraterritorial zone is essentially one of coordination with adjoining communities in an effort to anticipate and mitigate any impacts stemming from the development in that area.

1.4.1 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following indicates the roles and responsibilities of each entity involved in the comprehensive planning process.

- **Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC)**
 - a. Provide staff services and project management for process.
 - b. Produce written plans and supplementary documents.
 - c. Plan, coordinate, and staff joint-jurisdictional meetings.

- **UW-Extension, Grant County**
 - a. Assist in developing and coordinating public participation plan, press releases, survey, visioning and education processes.

- **Grant County Zoning and Land Use Department**
 - a. Provide information, direction, and feedback to SWWRPC on process and plan development.

- **City Planning Commission**
 - a. Provide feedback and direction to SWWRPC in developing plan policies, information, and implementation measures.
 - b. Hold meetings to discuss comprehensive planning issues.
 - c. Develop comprehensive plan and recommend it to the governing body for adoption.
 - d. Represent the jurisdiction at joint-jurisdictional planning meetings.

- **County Zoning and Land Use Committee**
 - a. Provide feedback and direction to SWWRPC in developing the plan information, policies, and implementation measures.
 - b. Hold meetings to discuss comprehensive planning issues.
 - c. Develop comprehensive plan and recommend it to the governing body for adoption.
 - d. Represent the jurisdiction at joint-jurisdictional planning meetings.

- **City Council**
 - a. Appoint plan commission members.
 - b. Provide funds for the process.
 - c. Provide notice for and hold local meetings and hearings for the adoption of the plan and implementation measures via ordinance.

1.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

As part of the Comprehensive Planning legislation, every community must develop a public participation plan at the beginning of the planning process. The City of Lancaster Planning Commission has developed guidelines for involving the public as part of the requirements of the Comprehensive Planning Process (Section 66.1001(4)(a), Stats.). The goal of a public participation plan is to promote awareness of the planning process, to keep the public informed and educated, and to obtain input and participation from the public in order to create a plan, which reflects the vision and goals of the community.

Below is a table that provides headings for five primary audiences for the jurisdiction’s Public Participation Plan. Groups listed beneath each header were identified as being important to the comprehensive planning process because they reflect a variety of the community’s diverse perspectives. These groups include the general public, legal boards/agencies, civic associations, businesses, and groups/individuals involved with land use issues. *(The category groups and individuals should include property owners and persons with a leasehold interest in property allowing extraction of nonmetallic mineral resources along with other community members having a vested interest in land use issues.)*

Table 1.1 Public Participation Primary Audiences

General Public	Legal Boards/Agencies	Civic Associations	Businesses	Groups and Individuals
City Residents Property Owners	Lancaster Schools	Chamber of Commerce		Realtors and Developers

Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) and UW-Extension were involved in a variety of outreach activities throughout the planning process. SWWRPC conducted informational meetings on each of the elements throughout the planning process. The variety of outreach methods either SWWRPC or UW-Extension used to publish the dates, times, and locations of informational meetings are listed below under the appropriate organization.

SWWRPC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey
UW-Extension
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The Planning Commission will use the following methods as ways for public participation throughout the planning process:

1. ***Public hearing at City Council.***
2. ***Public hearing at Planning Commission.***
3. ***Citizen Participation Item at Council meetings.***
4. ***Citizen Participation Item at Plan Commission.***
5. ***Community Forum on Smart Growth Plan.***
6. ***Correspondence from public via e-mail and mail.***

Both community planning meetings and SWWRPC facilitated meetings served as the methods for public participation throughout the entire City of Lancaster Comprehensive Planning Process. Methods of public participation used to notify the primary audiences are listed above along with any other community members including property owners and persons with a vested or leasehold interest in property allowing the extraction of nonmetallic mineral resources in which the intensity or use of the property may be changed by the comprehensive plan. The City was responsible for using outreach methods to encourage participation during the planning process.

The success of the public participation plan is measured by the extent to which progress has been made towards the achievement of this plan’s goals. The Planning Commission and City Council will consider this public participation plan for adoption during the summer and fall of 2009.

During the implementation phase of the project, the Planning Commission adopts, by majority vote, a resolution that formally recommends the adoption of the comprehensive plan (and any future plan amendments) to the City Council. Copies of the recommended and adopted plan will be sent to the clerks of the Towns of North Lancaster and South Lancaster, Grant County, and the Lancaster Community School District Administrator (Section 66.1001(4)(b), Stats.) In addition, a paper copy of the plan will be sent to the Wisconsin Land Council, Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Public Library serving the jurisdiction.

In order to comply with Act 307 regarding nonmetallic mining, the City of Lancaster will also send a copy of the plan, per a written request, to any operator who has applied for or obtained a nonmetallic reclamation permit; a person who has registered a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit; and any other property owner or leaseholder who has an interest in property allowing the extraction of nonmetallic mineral resources.

Prior to adopting the plan, the City of Lancaster Common Council will hold at least one public hearing to discuss the recommended plan (Section 66.1001(4)(d), Stats.) and provide an opportunity for written comments by the public and respond to such comments through review and discussion at a City Council meeting. At least 30 days prior to the hearing, a Class 1 notice will be published that contains, at a minimum, the following:

- The date, time and location of the hearing
- A summary of the proposed plan or plan amendment
- The local government staff that can be contacted for additional information
- Where to inspect and how to obtain a copy of the proposal before the hearing

The City Council, by a majority vote, shall enact the ordinance adopting the recommended plan (Section 66.1001(4)(c), Stats.). The adopted plan and ordinance shall be distributed to the aforementioned parties in Section 66.1001(4)(b), Stats. The plan shall contain all nine elements identified in Section 66.1001(2), Stats. If the City Council asks the Planning Commission to revise the recommended plan, it is not mandatory that these revisions be sent to the distribution list. However, in the spirit of public participation and intergovernmental cooperation, revisions constituting a substantial change to the recommended plan may be sent to the distribution list.

1.6 COMMUNITY SURVEY

In the fall of 2007, the staff from SWWRPC distributed a countywide survey to all property owners in Grant County. The purpose of the survey was to provide participating planning commissions with community feedback regarding key elements in the comprehensive plan. A total of 16,491 surveys were sent to property owners in Grant County. The University of Wisconsin River Falls (UWRF) Survey Research Center was responsible for tabulating and analyzing the survey responses. (See Issues and Opportunities Chapter Attachments for your jurisdiction’s survey results.)

1.7 COMMUNITY PROFILE AND PROJECTION

The following displays the population statistics and projections that were prepared as part of the requirements of the Comprehensive Planning legislation. Other demographic data and statistics, such as employment characteristics, are in their corresponding chapters.

Table 1.1 Population Statistics (Source: DP-1, DP-2. 2000 U.S. Census)

Population	City of Lancaster Number	City of Lancaster Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Total Population (1970)	3,756	100.0%	48,398	100.0%	4,417,933	100.0%
Total Population (1980)	4,076	100.0%	51,736	100.0%	4,705,767	100.0%
Total Population (1990)	4,192	100.0%	49,264	100.0%	4,891,769	100.0%
Total Population (2000)	4,070	100.0%	49,597	100.0%	5,363,675	100.0%
SEX AND AGE (2000)						
Male	1,920	47.2%	25,164	50.7%	2,649,041	49.4
Female	2,150	52.8%	24,433	49.3%	2,714,634	50.6
Under 10 years	485	11.9%	5,738	11.6%	721,824	13.5%
10 to 19 years	599	14.7%	8,490	17.1%	810,269	15.1%
20 to 34 years	675	16.6%	9,995	20.2%	1,063,460	19.8%
35 to 44 years	583	14.3%	7,096	14.3%	875,522	16.3%
45 to 59 years	720	17.7%	8,533	17.2%	985,048	18.4%
60 to 74 years	553	13.6%	5,918	12.0%	560,306	10.4%
75+ years	455	11.2%	3,827	7.7%	347,246	6.5%
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Median Age (2000)	39.9		35.9		36.0	

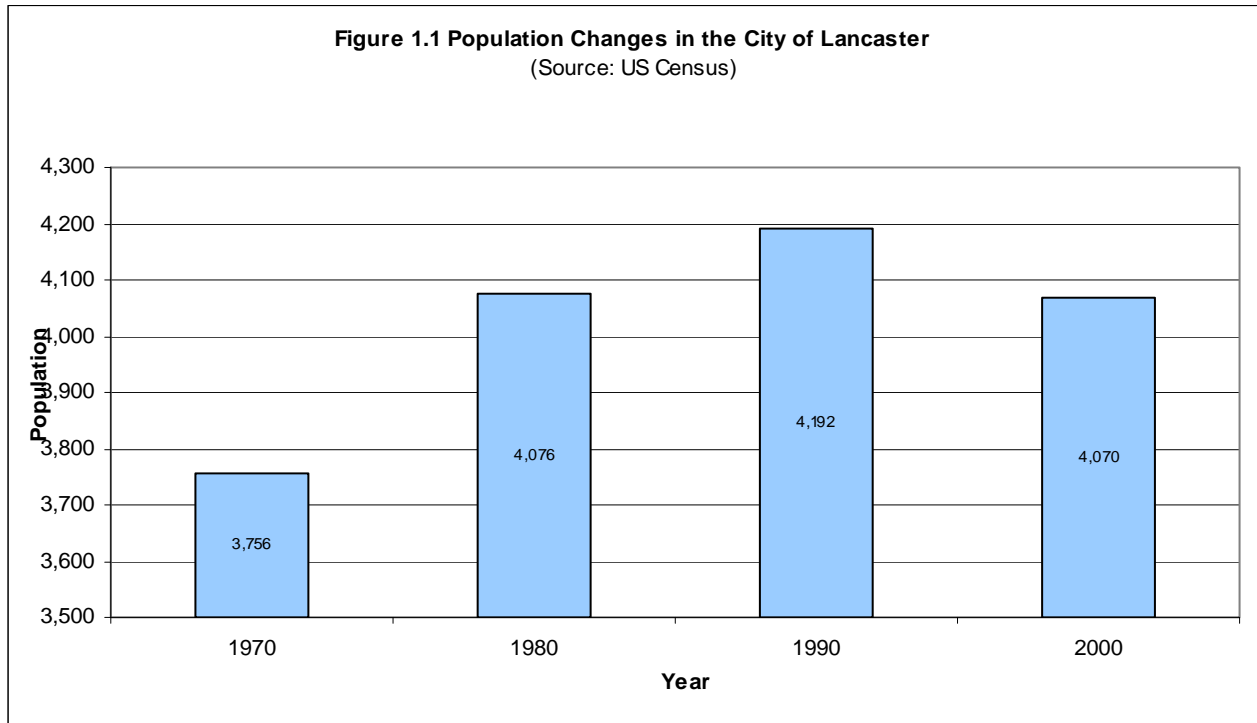


Figure 1.1 shows that the City of Lancaster experienced an overall population increase from 1970 to 2000 (7.7%).

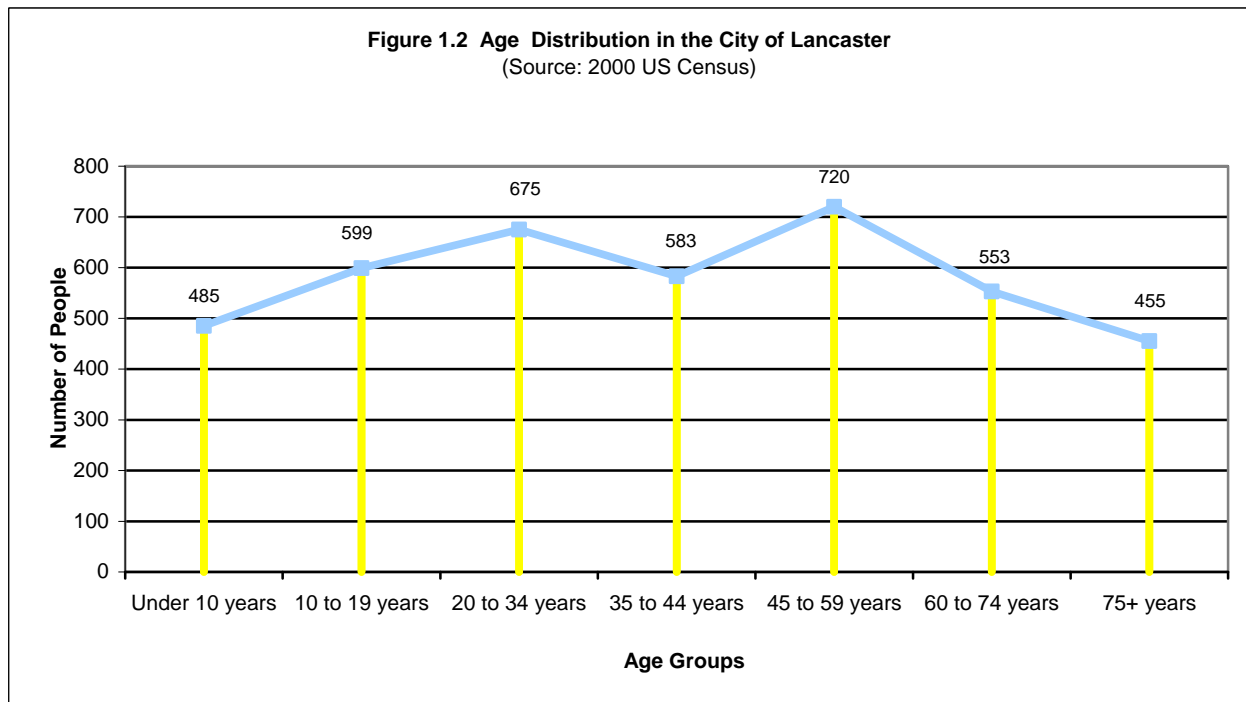


Figure 1.2 shows the population of the City of Lancaster by age distribution for the year 2000. The largest group is ages 45 to 59 (720 people) making up 17.7 % of the population. The second largest age group of 20 to 34 contains 16.6% of the population with 675 people. The City’s median age is 39.9.

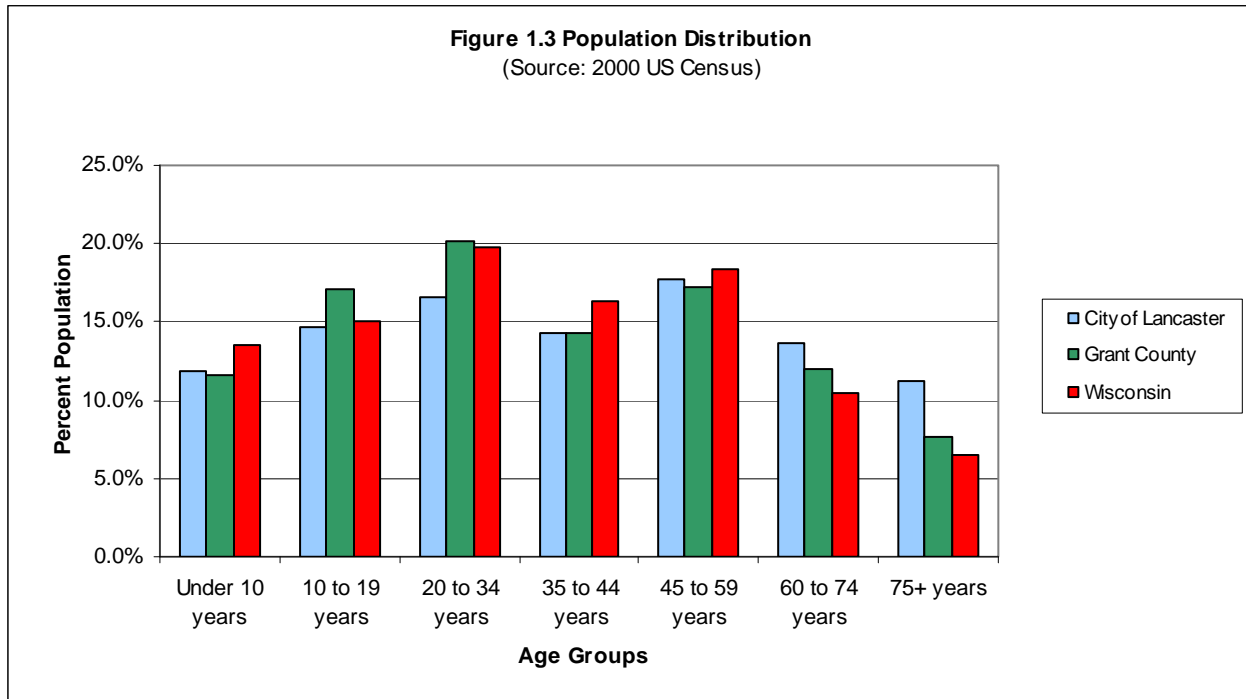


Figure 1.3 compares the population percentage by age group for the City of Lancaster, Grant County, and the State of Wisconsin.

Table 1.2 Population Projections (Source: 2007 SWWRPC)

Age Group	2010 Low	2010 High	2020 Low	2020 High	2030 Low	2030 High
Less than 10	465	471	456	467	462	478
10 to 19 Years	503	510	481	492	476	493
20 to 34 Years	755	764	665	682	612	634
35 to 44 Years	471	477	556	570	508	526
45 to 59 Years	944	956	837	857	880	911
60 to 74 Years	639	647	942	965	969	1,003
75+ Years	460	466	468	479	665	688
Total	4,237	4,291	4,405	4,512	4,572	4,733

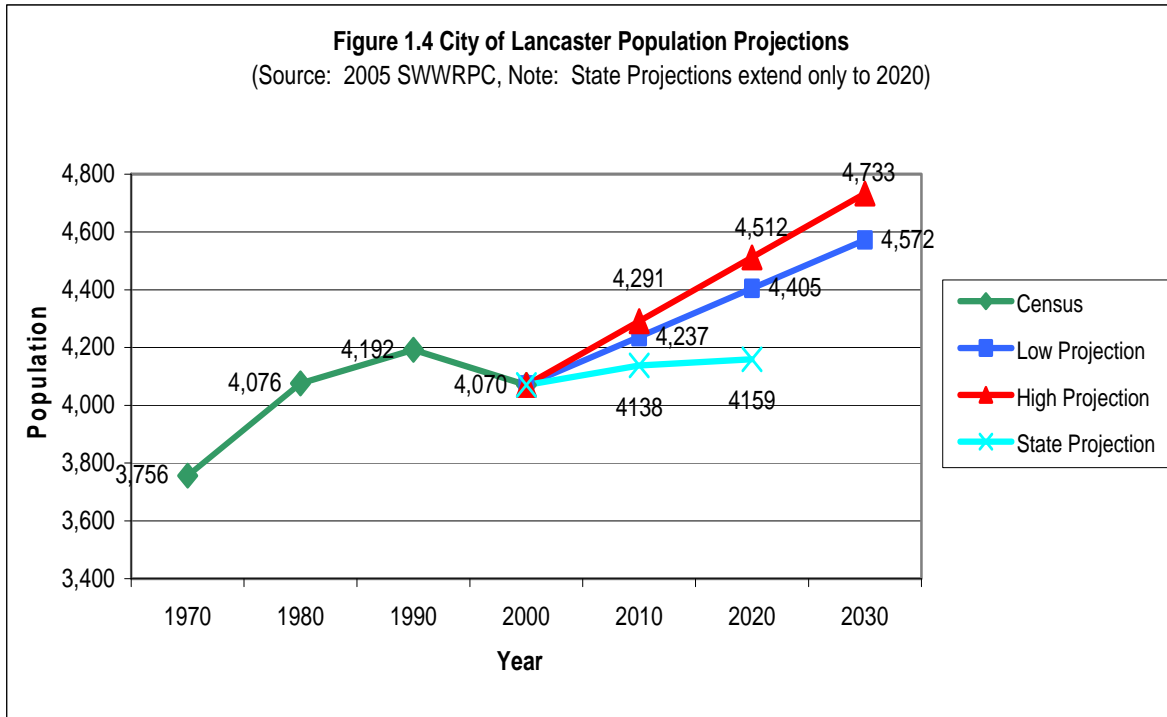


Figure 1.4 shows the projected populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a future high projection, while the blue line indicates a future low projection. The State projection trends lower than both the projected high and low supplied by SWWRPC.

Table 1.3 Educational Attainments (Source: DP-1,DP-2. 2000 US Census)

Educational Attainment	City of Lancaster Number	City of Lancaster Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Percent
Less than 9th Grade	186	6.8%	2,346	7.7%	5.4%
9th to 12th No Diploma	240	8.7%	2,713	8.9%	9.6%
HS Grad	1,069	38.9%	12,255	40.0%	34.6%
Some College	576	21.0%	5,828	19.0%	20.6%
Associate Degree	155	5.6%	2,230	7.3%	7.5%
Bachelor's Degree	373	13.6%	3,332	10.9%	15.3%
Graduate/Prof. Degree	149	5.4%	1,921	6.3%	7.2%
Percent High School Grad or Higher	84.5%		83.5%		85.1%

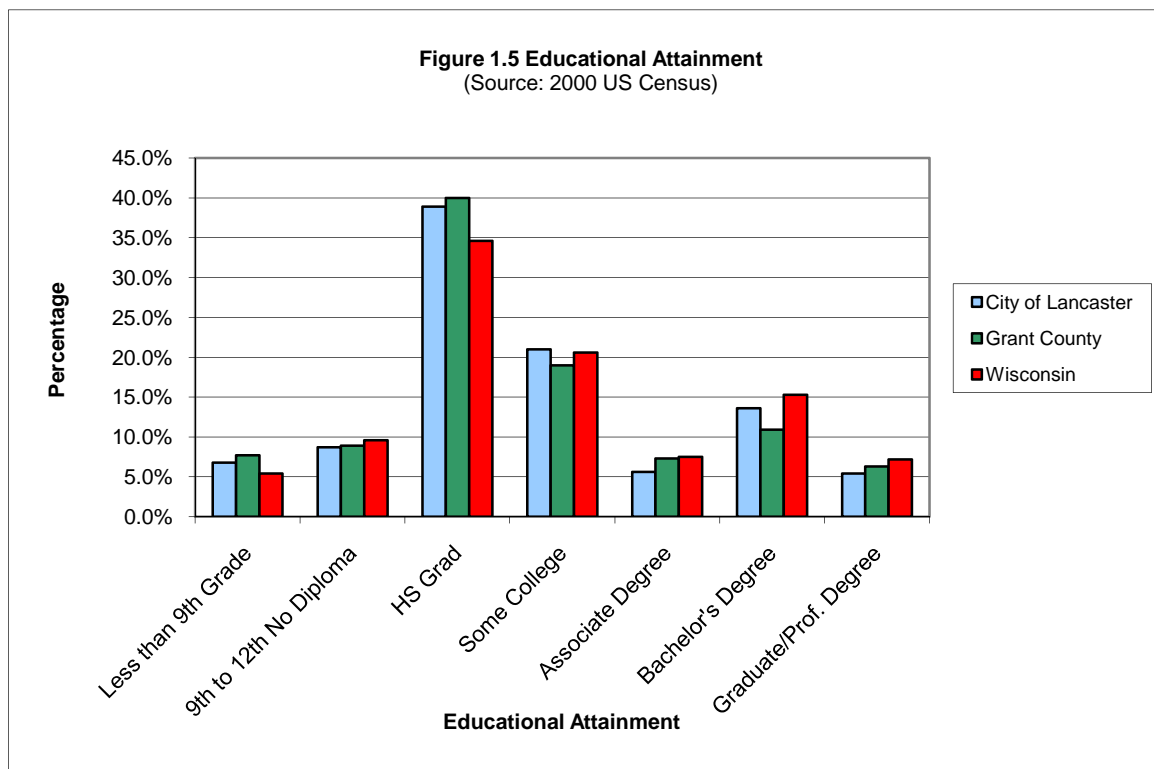


Table 1.4 Occupations (Source: DP-1,DP-2. 2000 US Census)

Occupations	City of Lancaster Number	City of Lancaster Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Prod, Trans & Mat. Moving	312	16.0%	4,981	19.9%	540,930	19.8%
Const, Extraction & Maint.	205	10.5%	2,294	9.1%	237,086	8.7%
Farm, Fishing & Forestry	10	0.5%	753	3.0%	25,725	0.9%
Sales & Office	503	25.8%	5,524	22.0%	690,360	25.2%
Services	360	18.5%	4,025	16.0%	383,619	14.0%
Mgmt, Prof & Related	557	28.6%	7,511	29.9%	857,205	31.3%
Total	1,947	100%	25,088	100%	2,734,925	100%

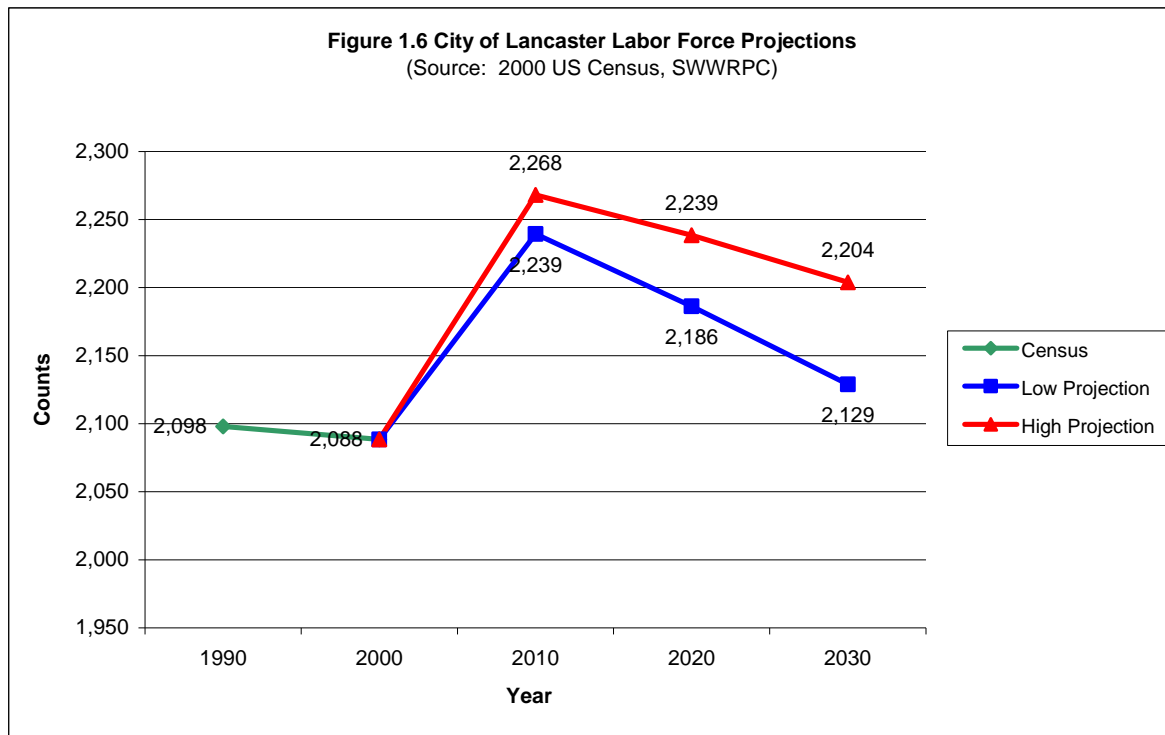


Figure 1.6 shows the projected labor force populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a high projection, while the blue line indicates the low projection. Labor data was not available for 1980 or 1970.

1.8 ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

At the end of each chapter of this comprehensive plan is a section that lists some of the state and federal agencies and programs that exist to help communities: it is not an exhaustive list. Many of these agencies and programs (a brief program description and contact information is given) can provide expertise or funding to help implement some of the recommendations of this comprehensive plan. Your community should contact the agency of interest to obtain the most up-to-date information. Grants.gov (www.grants.gov) (see below) is one source that could be used to accrue funding for all types of projects.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES
CHAPTER ATTACHMENTS**

City of Lancaster

During September and October of 2007 a total of 855 questionnaires were sent to households in the city of Lancaster and 346 were returned for a very respectable return rate of 26 percent. This number of returned surveys will provide estimates that are expected to be accurate to within plus or minus 5 percent.

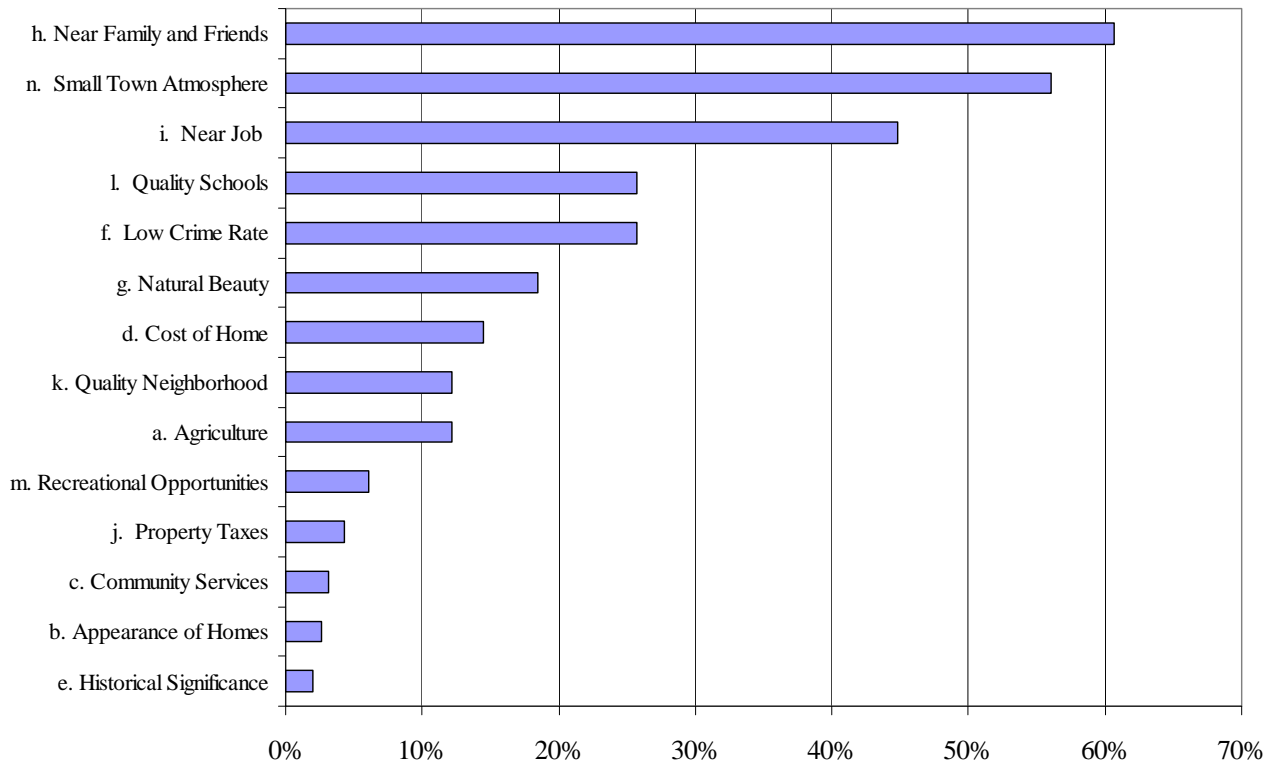
Key results of this survey include:

- Respondents said that they live in the city of Lancaster to be near family and friends (61%), because of its small town atmosphere (58%) and to be near their jobs (45%).
- Relative to Grant County as a whole, the quality of the school district and the low crime rate were more important factors for citizens of Lancaster in terms of their choice of a place to live.
- Lancaster residents are, with one exception, exceptionally satisfied with the quality of community facilities and services (fire and police protection, the library, sewer service, etc.). At least 70 percent of all city respondents said these services and facilities were good or excellent and higher proportions of Lancaster respondents rated their community services as excellent than was true for Grant County as a whole.
- Street and road maintenance was the exception to citizen satisfaction with community facilities and services. Slightly more residents rated street and road maintenance as fair or poor as said it was good or excellent.
- At least 80 percent of all respondents in Lancaster said it was important or very important to protect all natural and cultural resources about which we asked (air quality, groundwater, rivers and streams, etc.). Concern about natural and cultural resources in Lancaster mirrored a similar level of concern throughout Grant County.
- The housing developments that Lancaster residents are most interested in are rehabilitation of existing homes and expanding the stock of affordable housing. Compared to the County, Lancaster residents are less supportive of building additional single-family homes but more supportive of multi-family units.
- Citizens of Lancaster do not agree that landowners should be able to develop their land in any way they want but do feel that visual impacts should be considered when developments are proposed and that driveways should meet standards needed for emergency service vehicles.
- City residents support expansion of large-scale livestock facilities if they are located outside a 2 mile radius of an incorporated area. Several comments indicated that odors from such farms are an issue for some in Lancaster.
- City residents were nearly unanimous in their opinion that productive farmland should be used in agriculture; solid majorities opposed use of such land for residential, commercial or any use.
- Despite the fact that a majority rated road and street maintenance as fair or poor, solid majorities said that the road network in Lancaster is adequate for intended use and rated the roads in their jurisdiction as good or excellent. The reasons for this apparent contradiction are unclear.
- Lancaster residents, like those in Grant County generally, want to receive information about comprehensive planning in newsletters or direct mail.
- Respondents from Lancaster are quite supportive of pursuing wind, solar and ethanol energy developments as a means of spurring economic development. City residents also agree that jurisdictions should provide some land with infrastructure for industrial and commercial developments and that such developments on the edge of cities and villages should be required to use municipal water and sewer services.
- Residents in their open-ended comments and in responses to quantitative questions said that additional retail and commercial development is needed in the County. Residents are also concerned about the lack of jobs in the city.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – QUALITY OF LIFE

- By a wide margin, the three most important reasons most people have chosen to live in the city of Lancaster to be near family and friends, because they appreciate its small town atmosphere, and to be near their job.
- Approximately one in four respondents noted the quality of the school system and the low crime rate as reasons for locating in Lancaster.

Quality of Life Factors



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – QUALITY OF LIFE (COUNTY COMPARISON)

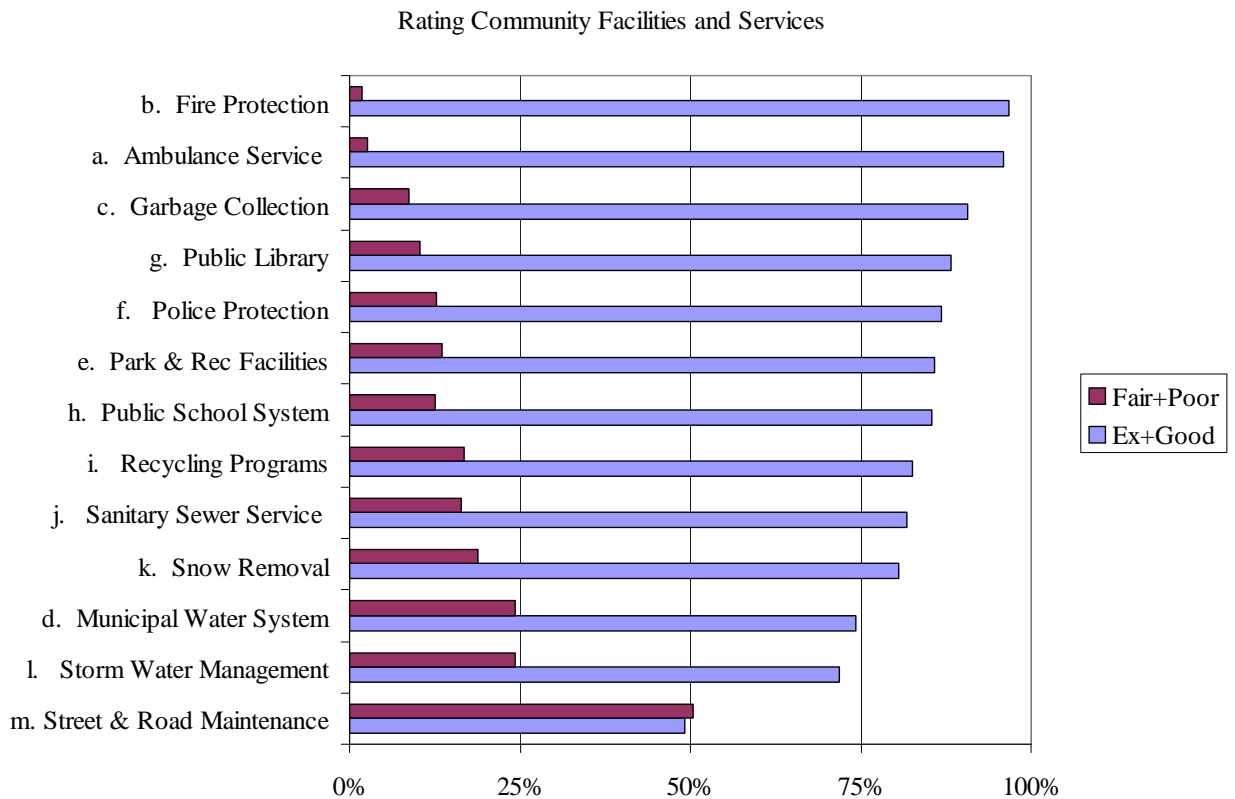
- Compared to Grant County as a whole, residents of the city of Lancaster are more likely to cite quality of the school system, the low crime rate, being near friends and family and being near their job as reasons they chose to live in the County. Given that a stunning 82 percent of Lancaster respondents reported having lived in the city for 25 years or more, the importance of family and friends in their choice of where to live is not surprising.
- Lancaster residents were less likely than the average Grant County resident to say that they live in the County because of the natural beauty of the area or because of agricultural interests.

1. What are the three most important reasons you and your family choose to live in Grant County?

	Lancaster	County		Lancaster	County
a. Agriculture	12%	17%	i. Near Job	45%	40%
b. Appearance of Homes	3%	2%	j. Property Taxes	4%	6%
c. Community Services	3%	3%	k. Quality Neighborhood	12%	10%
d. Cost of Home	14%	17%	l. Quality Schools	26%	18%
e. Historical Significance	2%	2%	m. Recreational Opportunities	6%	9%
f. Low Crime Rate	26%	20%	n. Small Town Atmosphere	56%	58%
g. Natural Beauty	18%	24%	o. Other	5%	5%
h. Near Family and Friends	61%	56%			

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- With one exception, residents of the city of Lancaster tend to rate municipal facilities and services as good or excellent. More than 90 percent of respondents said that fire protection, ambulance service and garbage collection in Lancaster are good or excellent. More than 7 out of every 10 respondents said that the public library, police protection, park and recreation facilities, the school system, recycling, the sanitary sewer, snow removal, the water system and storm water management are good or excellent.
- As many residents rated street and road maintenance as fair and poor as said that maintenance was excellent or good. Given the relatively high level of dissatisfaction with the quality of the roads, it is not surprising that there were a fair number of comments about roads in the open-ended portion of the questionnaire (see Appendix). Many comments focused on particular roads with concerns about Highway 61 being notable.



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- The following table indicates that residents of the City of Lancaster are generally more satisfied with their community facilities and services than are Grant County residents as a whole. It is notable that with very few exceptions, substantially higher proportions of Lancaster residents rated their local public services as “excellent” than was true for the County.
- The exception to this pattern of responses is, again, street and road maintenance. For the city of Lancaster, 50 percent of respondents rated street and road maintenance as fair or poor compared to only 36 percent of the County sample.

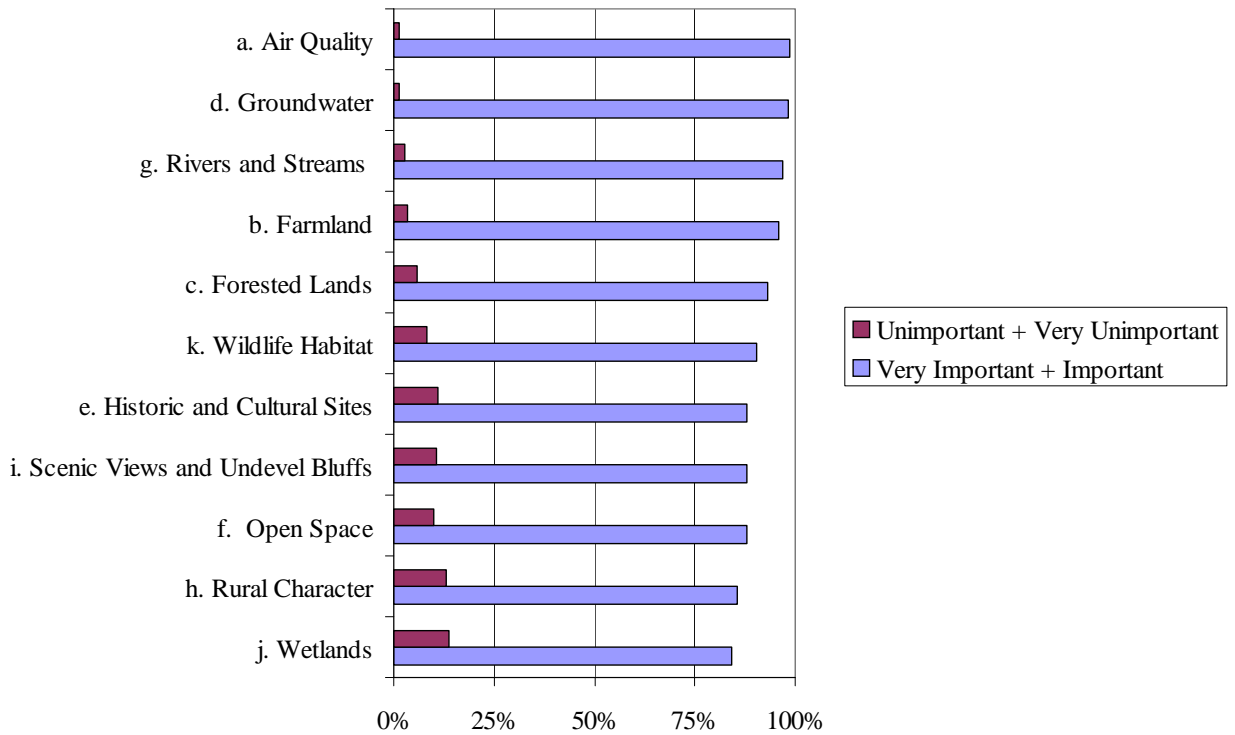
2. Rate the following local services

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty
a. Ambulance Service	66%	54%	30%	35%	2%	6%	0%	0%	1%	5%
b. Fire Protection	64%	54%	33%	39%	2%	4%	0%	0%	1%	3%
c. Garbage Collection	41%	39%	50%	39%	6%	9%	2%	2%	1%	11%
d. Municipal Water System	24%	23%	50%	38%	18%	10%	6%	2%	1%	26%
e. Park & Rec Facilities	36%	30%	49%	47%	13%	13%	0%	2%	1%	7%
f. Police Protection	37%	27%	50%	45%	11%	20%	2%	4%	0%	4%
g. Public Library	39%	33%	49%	46%	10%	11%	1%	2%	1%	8%
h. Public School System	34%	30%	51%	49%	10%	13%	3%	2%	2%	6%
i. Recycling Programs	29%	31%	54%	51%	15%	12%	2%	2%	1%	3%
j. Sanitary Sewer Service	25%	25%	57%	42%	14%	8%	2%	1%	2%	24%
k. Snow Removal	28%	27%	52%	47%	17%	17%	2%	2%	1%	7%
l. Storm Water Management	20%	16%	52%	43%	22%	16%	3%	3%	4%	22%
m. Street & Road Maintenance	10%	16%	39%	46%	38%	28%	12%	8%	0%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- The following chart indicates that residents of the city of Lancaster rate protection of all natural and cultural resources as important or very important. For all of the items about which we asked, at least 80 percent of the respondents said it was important or very important to protect them.
- At least 10 percent (but less than 15%) of the respondents said that it was unimportant or very unimportant to preserve five resources (historic and cultural sites, scenic views and undeveloped bluffs, open space, rural character, and wetlands).

Importance of Protecting Natural & Cultural Resources



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (COUNTY COMPARISON)

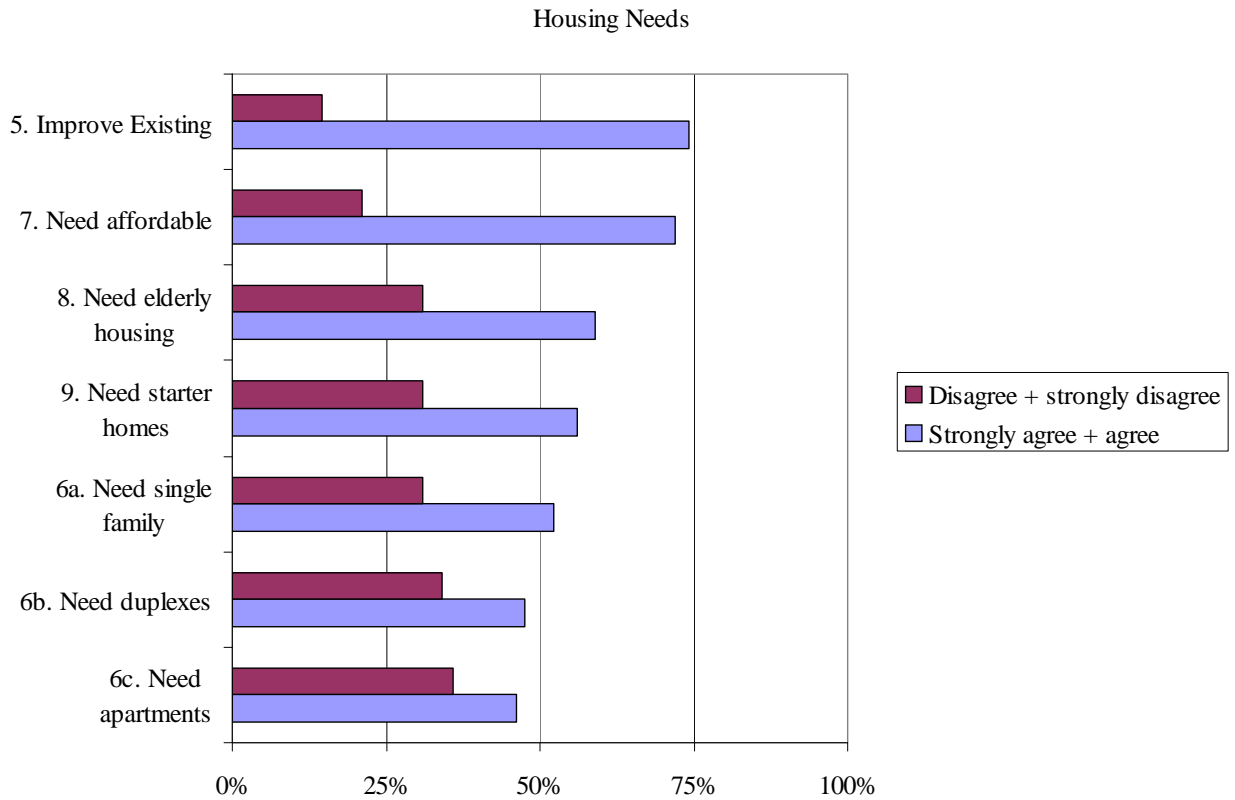
- The views of Lancaster residents about natural and cultural resources are very similar to those for Grant County as a whole.
- Lancaster residents may be **slightly** more concerned about preservation of historic and cultural sites (88% said this was important or very important versus 84% in the County) and wetlands (85% in Lancaster versus 81% in the County).

4. It is important to protect the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty
a. Air Quality	73%	68%	25%	29%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%
b. Farmland	59%	59%	37%	37%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%
c. Forested Lands	51%	54%	42%	40%	6%	3%	0%	1%	1%	2%
d. Groundwater	71%	73%	27%	25%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
e. Historic and Cultural Sites	26%	27%	62%	57%	10%	13%	1%	1%	1%	2%
f. Open Space	33%	34%	55%	53%	10%	10%	0%	1%	2%	2%
g. Rivers and Streams	61%	64%	36%	34%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
h. Rural Character	40%	39%	46%	47%	13%	12%	1%	1%	1%	2%
i. Scenic Views & Undevel Bluffs	45%	46%	43%	42%	11%	9%	0%	2%	1%	1%
j. Wetlands	39%	40%	46%	41%	12%	12%	1%	2%	2%	4%
k. Wildlife Habitat	47%	47%	44%	43%	8%	7%	0%	1%	1%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING

- Nearly three-quarters of Lancaster residents favor housing developments that focus on improving existing housing quality and expanding the stock of “affordable” housing.
- More than half of Lancaster respondents also favor development of housing to meet the needs of the elderly, starter homes, and single family homes. It is noteworthy, however, that more than one-quarter of Lancaster respondents also oppose these types of housing developments.
- Given that more than half of all respondents were 55 and older, the appeal of senior housing is understandable.



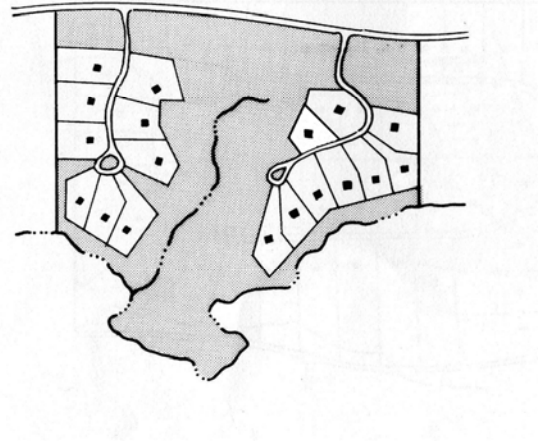
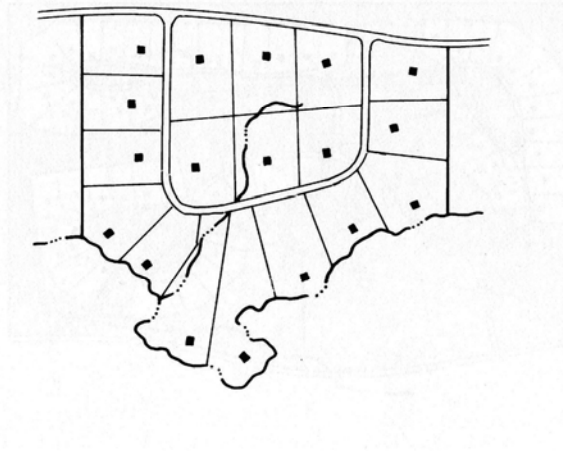
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Compared to Grant County as a whole, residents of the city of Lancaster are more receptive to expanding the supply of apartments and duplexes and slightly more enthusiastic about focusing on improving the quality of existing housing.
- Lancaster residents are less supportive of expanding single family housing than is true on average in Grant County.
- In other respects, the opinions of Lancaster residents about housing are very similar to those in the County.
- A majority of Lancaster residents prefer residential developments based on a cluster design (smaller lots with more shared open space) to the traditional design (larger lots with no or little shared open space). The proportion of Lancaster residents favoring the cluster design is somewhat smaller than for Grant County as a whole.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty	C. of Lan	Cnty
5. Improve existing housing quality.	22%	24%	52%	44%	13%	16%	2%	3%	11%	13%
6. Need following housing types:										
a. Single Family Housing	13%	19%	39%	40%	25%	15%	6%	5%	17%	21%
b. Duplexes (2 units)	10%	8%	38%	33%	28%	25%	6%	9%	18%	25%
c. Apartments (3 or more units)	8%	7%	38%	24%	28%	31%	8%	12%	18%	26%
7. Need affordable housing	30%	31%	41%	36%	18%	14%	3%	6%	7%	13%
8. Need elderly housing	20%	20%	39%	43%	26%	19%	5%	4%	10%	14%
9. Need starter homes	18%	19%	38%	37%	26%	23%	5%	4%	13%	16%

10. Would you prefer housing built in a traditional design (Option A) or a cluster design (Option B)?
OPTION A **OPTION B**

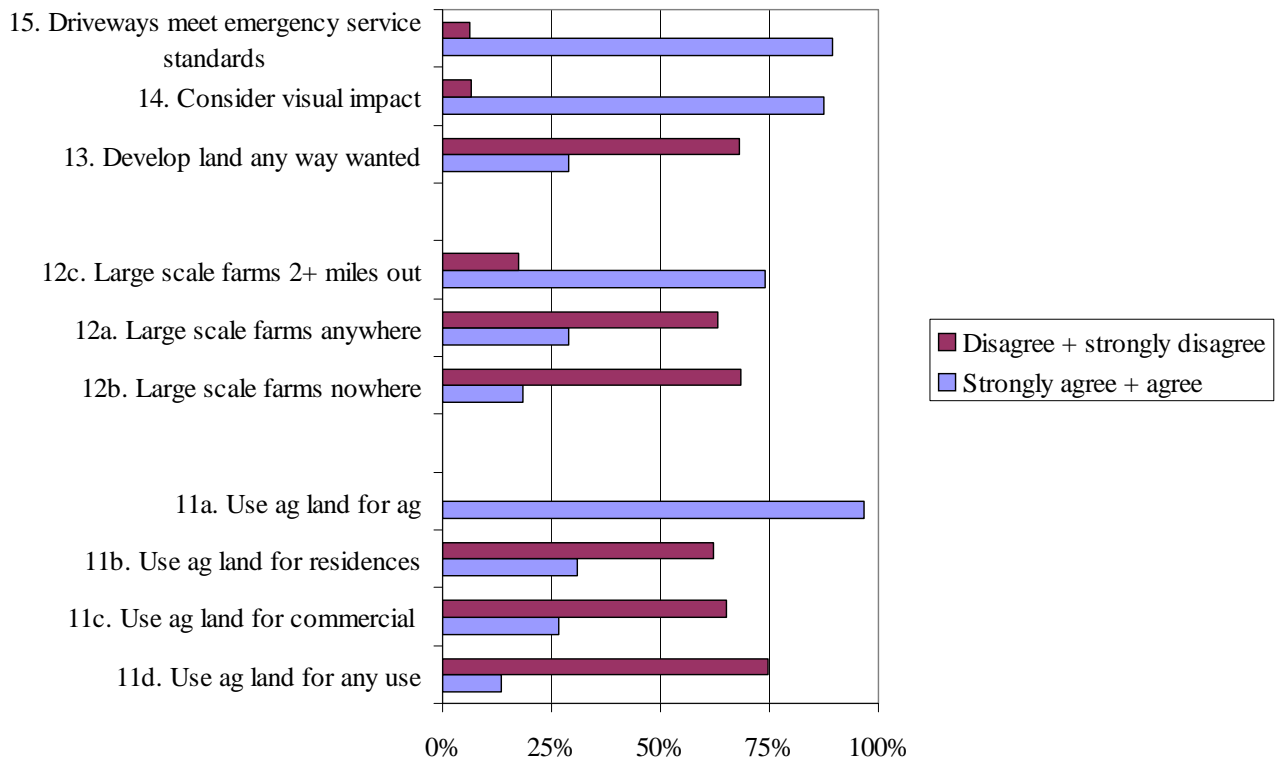
Traditional Design		Cluster Design	
Lancaster	County	Lancaster	County
44%	39%	56%	61%



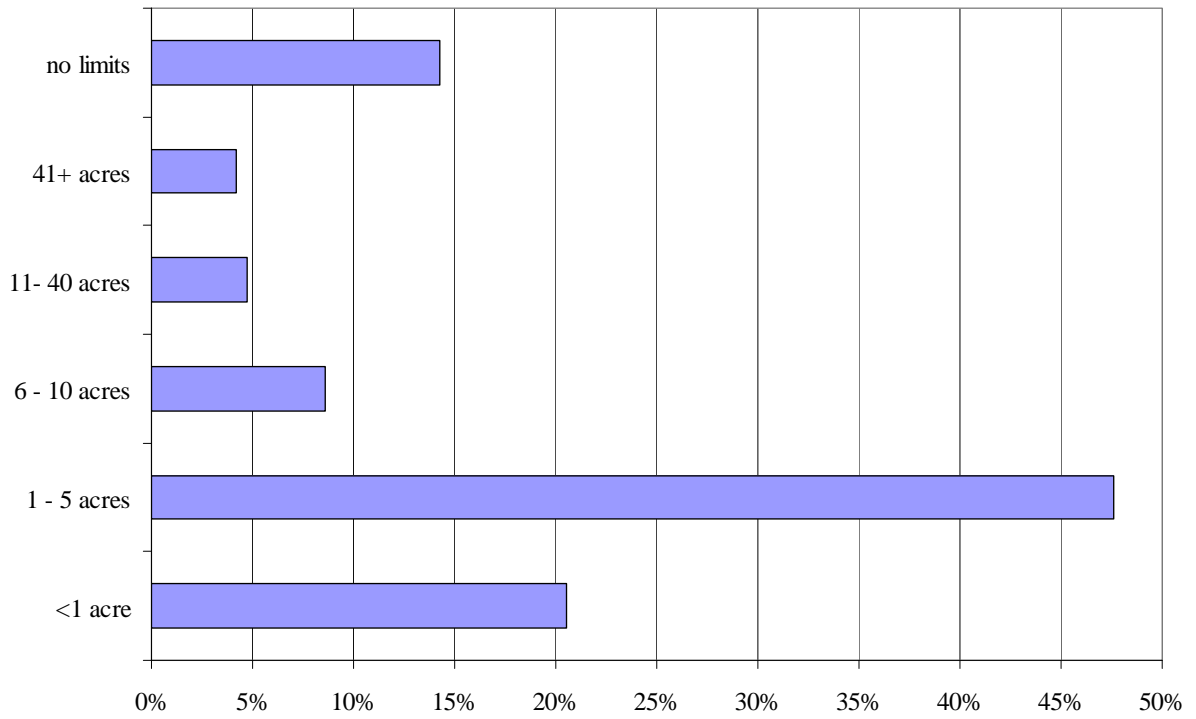
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

- Overwhelming majorities of Lancaster residents agree that driveways should be required to meet standards for providing emergency services and that decision makers should consider the visual impact of developments in their evaluation process.
- By more than a two-to-one margin, the people of Lancaster disagree with the proposition that landowners should be able to develop land any way they want.
- With respect to the expansion of large-scale farms, those with more than 500 animal units, Lancaster residents have fairly clear preferences. They are opposed to both the most restrictive alternative (prohibiting their expansion anywhere in Grant County) and the most liberal option (allowing their development anywhere in the County). Nearly three-quarters agree or strongly agree that such farms should be allowed to expand if they are outside a 2 mile radius of an incorporated area. There were a number of negative comments about farm odors in Lancaster in the open-ended portion of the questionnaire.
- Lancaster residents are nearly unanimous in their belief that productive agricultural land should be used in agriculture. Solid majorities oppose the use of such land for other purposes (residential or commercial development or unrestricted use).
- The graphs on the following page indicate that city of Lancaster residents favor relatively small minimum lot sizes for residential developments in rural areas (70% would set the limit at 5 acres or less) and that, not surprisingly, the vast majority personally own less than an acre of land in Grant County.

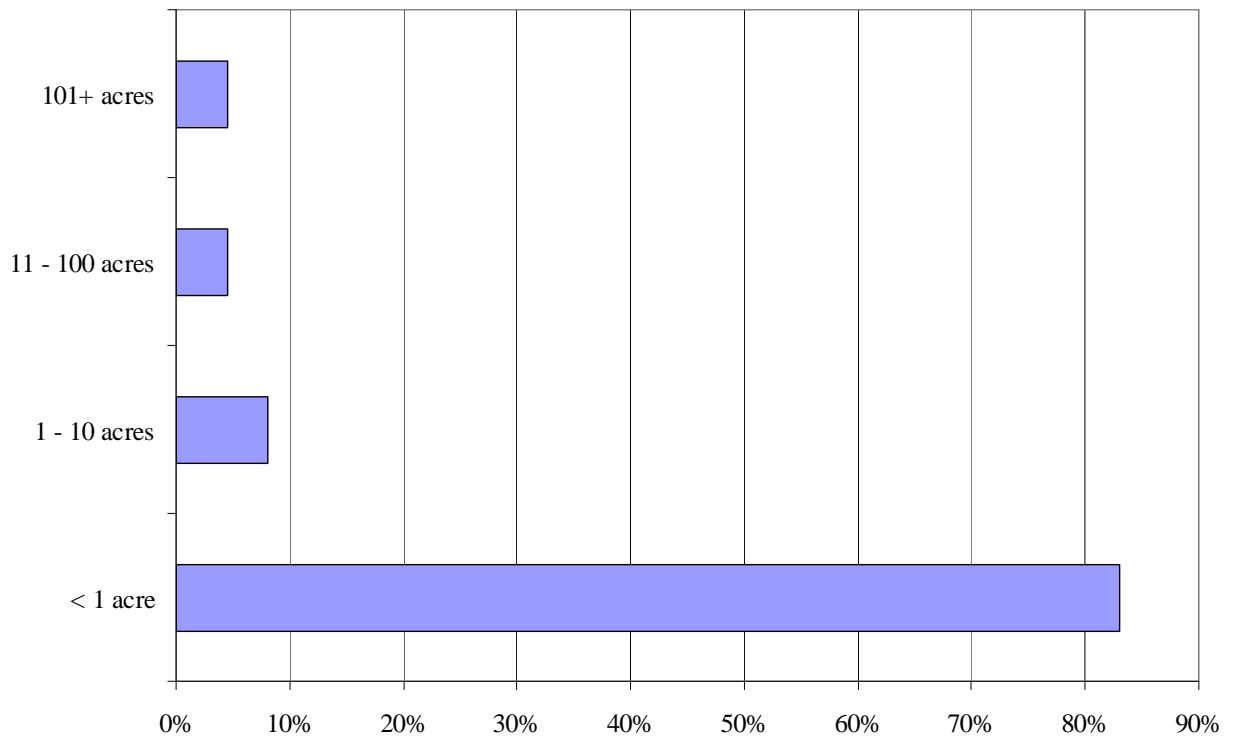
Land Use Opinions



Preferred Minimum Lot Size



Acres Owned in Grant County



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- The following table indicates that there are relatively few large differences between the opinions of residents of the city of Lancaster and Grant County residents with respect to agricultural and land use issues.
- City residents are substantially more likely than County residents to agree that large farms should be allowed to expand outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas. They are also more likely than County residents to disagree with the suggestion that such farms should be prohibited from expanding anywhere in Grant County, which is somewhat surprising.
- Residents of Lancaster are more likely to agree that there should be a minimum lot size for rural residential developments than County residents.
- Since Lancaster is a city, it is not surprising that most respondents own less than an acre.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
11a. Use ag land for ag	75%	76%	21%	21%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%	2%
11b. Use ag land for residences	3%	4%	28%	28%	43%	44%	19%	17%	7%	7%
11c. Use ag land for commercial	2%	3%	25%	19%	43%	45%	23%	26%	8%	7%
11d. Use ag land for any use	4%	4%	9%	8%	39%	40%	36%	36%	12%	12%
12. Expand lg farms (500+ an. units):										
a. Anywhere in Grant County	7%	9%	22%	17%	36%	42%	27%	23%	8%	8%
b. Nowhere in Grant County	9%	12%	10%	14%	46%	44%	23%	19%	13%	12%
c. 2 miles outside inc areas	33%	23%	41%	39%	10%	17%	7%	9%	8%	12%
13. Develop land any way wanted	9%	11%	19%	17%	47%	52%	21%	18%	3%	2%
14. Consider visual impacts of devel	33%	28%	55%	57%	6%	9%	1%	2%	6%	5%
15. Driveways meet EMS standards	42%	38%	47%	52%	6%	6%	0%	0%	4%	4%

16. There should be a minimum lot size on residential development in rural areas.

Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
21%	24%	44%	48%	22%	16%	4%	5%	9%	8%

17. In your opinion, what should the minimum lot size be for rural residential development?

Less than 1 acre		1 to 5 acres		6 to 10 acres		11 to 40 acres		41 or more acres		No Limitation	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
21%	19%	48%	49%	9%	13%	5%	5%	4%	4%	14%	11%

18. How many acres of land do you own in Grant County?

Less Than 1 acre		1-10 acres		11-100 acres		101 acres or more	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
83%	60%	8%	17%	4%	10%	4%	13%

19. Do you actively farm the land you own?

Yes		No		Not Applicable	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
5%	14%	53%	55%	42%	31%

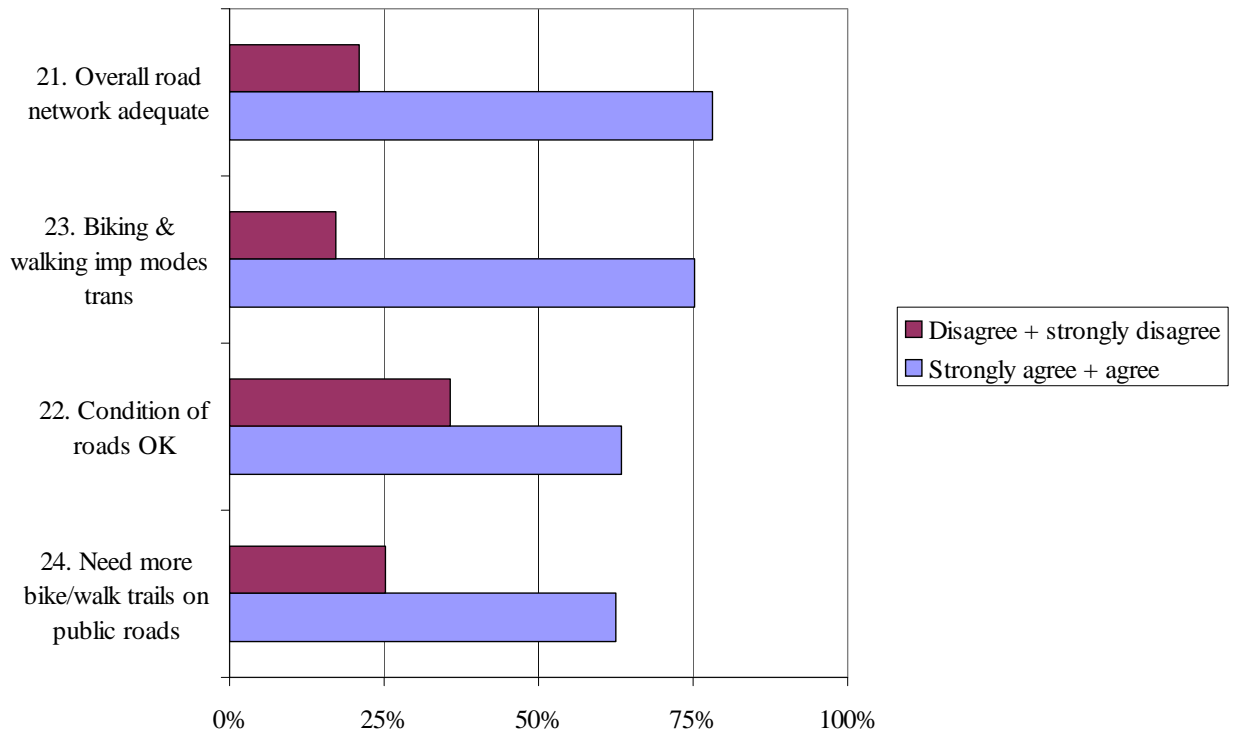
20. Do you think your land will be actively farmed (by you or someone else) in the next:

0-5 years		6-10 years		11-15 years		16-20 years		Not Applicable	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
3%	10%	2%	6%	2%	6%	5%	13%	86%	74%

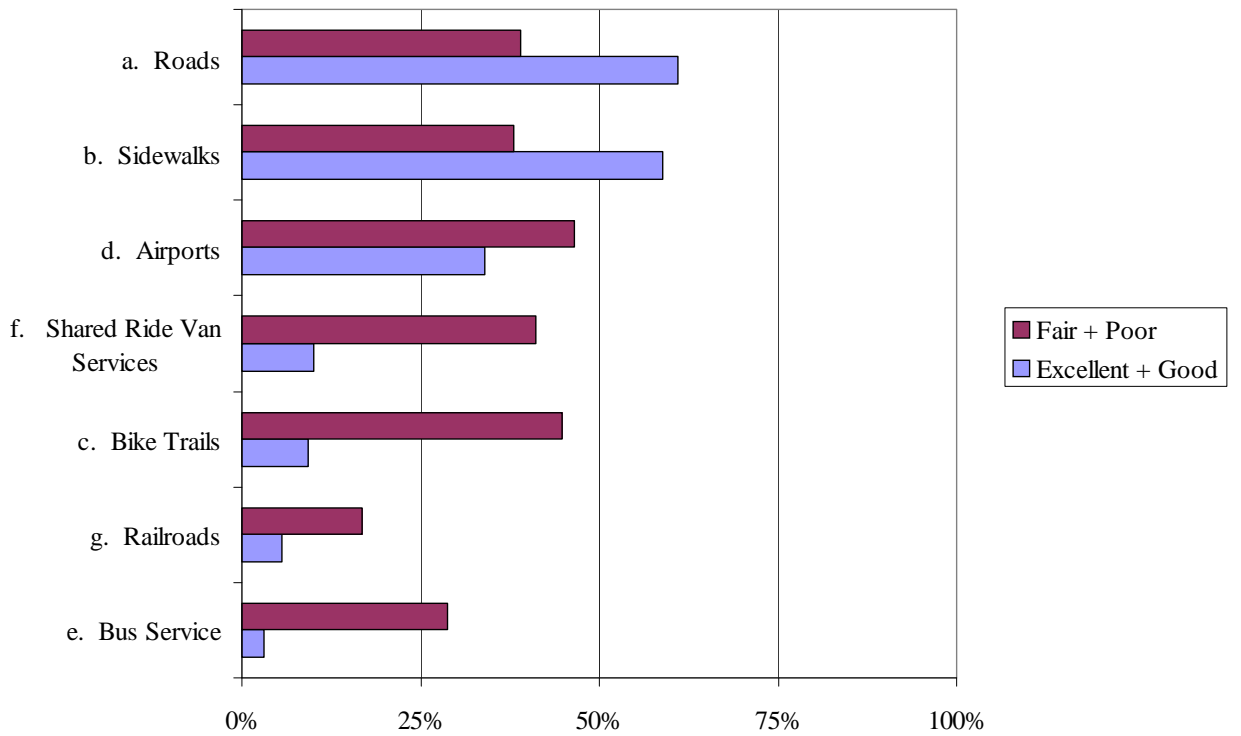
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION

- More than three-quarters of Lancaster’s residents agree or strongly agree that the overall road network in Grant County meets the needs of its citizens and that biking and walking are important modes of transportation in the city (see graph on the next page).
- Majorities of greater than 60 percent agree or strongly agree that road conditions in Lancaster are adequate for intended uses and that more biking and walking lanes along public roads are needed in Lancaster. One-third of Lancaster respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with the assessment that roads in the city are adequate for intended uses.
- Interestingly, while half of the residents of Lancaster were somewhat dissatisfied with street and road maintenance (see above), 60 percent rated roads in their jurisdiction as good or excellent.
- A slightly smaller proportion (58%) rated sidewalks in the city as good or excellent.
- Substantially larger proportions of Lancaster residents rated all the other transportation options (airports, shared-ride van services, bike trails, railroads and bus service) as fair or poor compared to those rating these options as good or excellent.

Transportation Opinions



Transportation Quality in Local Jurisdiction



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Compared to Grant County residents as a whole, those living in Lancaster are more likely to disagree that the County’s road network meets the needs of its citizens and that the condition of roads in the city is adequate for their intended use.
- City residents are more likely to agree that biking and walking are important modes of transportation in Lancaster than are County residents as a whole.
- Residents of Lancaster are more likely to rate almost all of their transportation options as fair or poor than Grant County residents as a whole. The only exception to this characterization is with respect to sidewalks, which City residents rate more highly.

21-24. Transportation issues

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
21. Road network meets needs	9%	14%	69%	74%	16%	9%	5%	2%	1%	1%
22. Condition of roads adequate	6%	11%	58%	64%	29%	20%	7%	3%	1%	1%
23. Biking & walking imp modes trans	20%	18%	55%	44%	13%	22%	4%	5%	8%	11%
24. Need more bike & walk lanes on pub roads	31%	24%	31%	34%	20%	23%	5%	9%	12%	10%

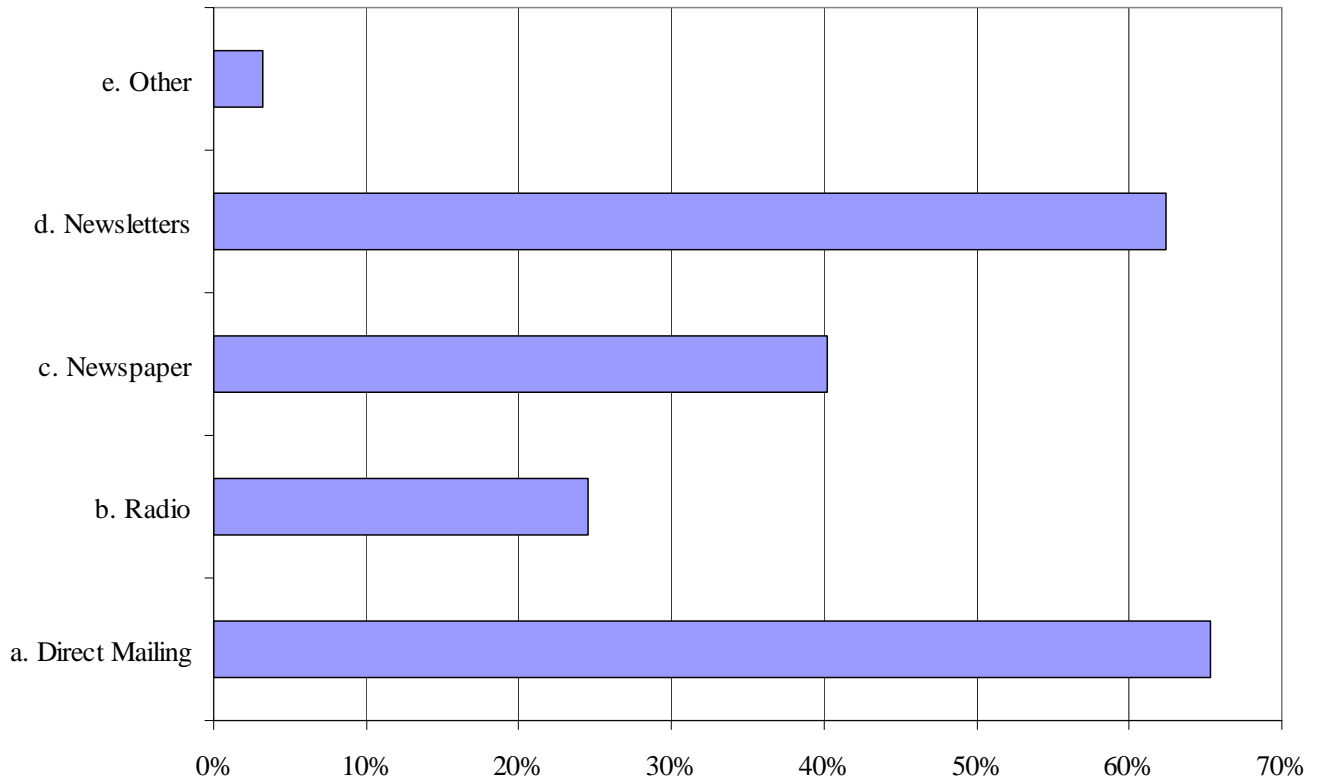
25. Rate the following for your local jurisdiction

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
a. Roads	5%	12%	55%	59%	29%	22%	10%	6%	0%	0%
b. Sidewalks	5%	6%	53%	39%	33%	28%	5%	6%	3%	22%
c. Bike Trails	1%	3%	8%	17%	18%	19%	26%	16%	46%	44%
d. Airports	2%	6%	31%	30%	35%	16%	12%	4%	19%	43%
e. Bus Service	0%	1%	3%	4%	6%	3%	23%	20%	68%	72%
f. Shared Ride Van Services	1%	0%	9%	9%	21%	11%	20%	16%	49%	64%
g. Railroads	0%	2%	6%	11%	4%	10%	13%	13%	78%	64%
h. Other	0%	3%	0%	9%	2%	1%	22%	12%	77%	75%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS - COMMUNICATION

- Those involved in comprehensive planning in Lancaster should focus their communication efforts with city residents on newsletters and direct mailings. Less than half listed newspaper articles as one of their top two preferences for receiving information about comprehensive planning.

Communication Preferences for Comp Plan Info



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNICATIONS (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Compared to the County as a whole, Lancaster residents have somewhat stronger preference for receiving comprehensive planning information from newsletters and slightly weaker preferences for direct mailings.

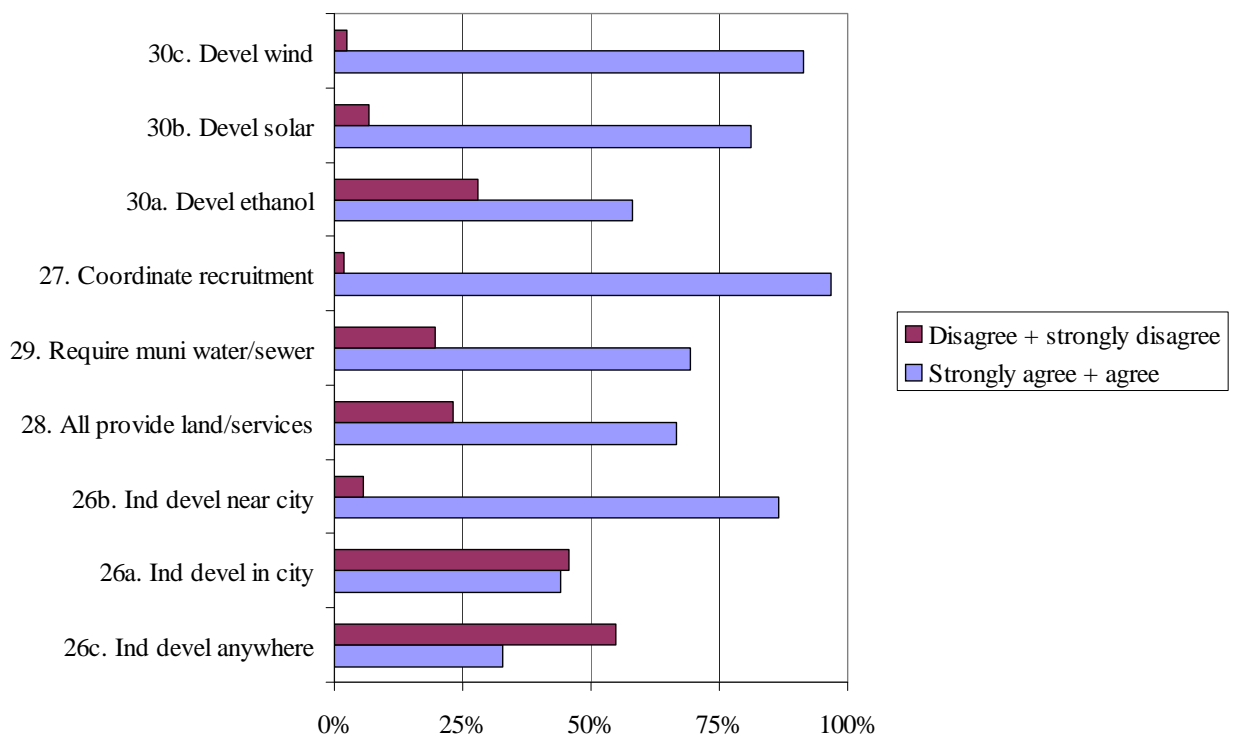
3. What are 2 most effective ways your jurisdiction could provide Comprehensive Planning information to landowners and residents?

	Lancaster	Cnty
a. Direct Mailing	65%	70%
b. Radio	25%	21%
c. Newspaper	40%	44%
d. Newsletters	62%	56%
e. Other	3%	4%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

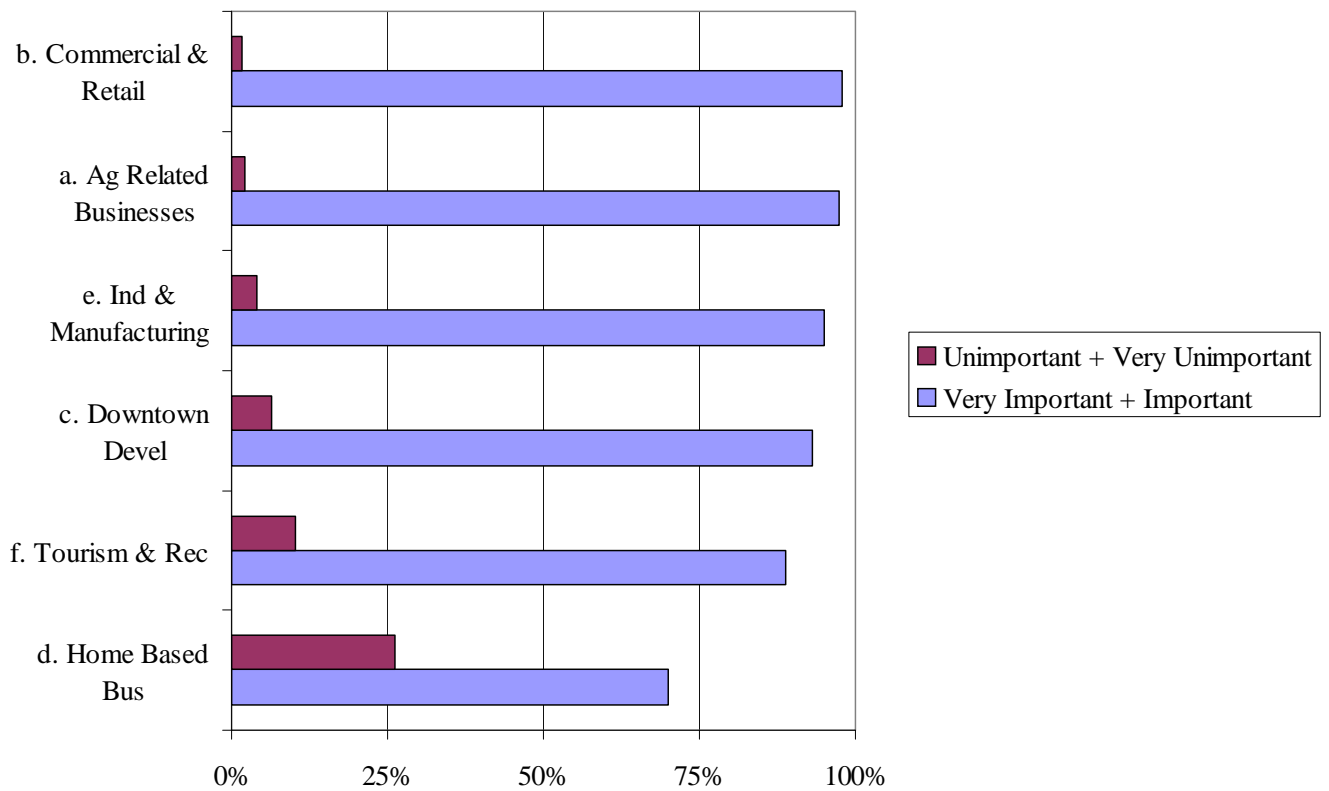
- Residents of Lancaster are quite supportive of pursuing the energy alternatives of wind, solar and ethanol for economic development. Only ethanol development faces serious opposition, with more than one in four opposed to this economic development option.
- Citizens in Lancaster are overwhelmingly in favor of coordinating efforts within Grant County to recruit new businesses and industry.
- Strong majorities of people living in Lancaster agree or strongly agree that all jurisdictions in the County should provide some land with infrastructure for public or private industrial and commercial development and to require developments at the edge of cities and villages to use municipal sewer and water services.
- There is overwhelming agreement in Lancaster that commercial or industrial buildings and activities should be located near a city or village. Majorities of city residents disagree that such development should be allowed anywhere in the County or that it be within an existing city or village.

Economic Development Opinions



- There is near unanimity that it is important or very important that Grant County encourage commercial and retail development, agricultural related businesses, industry and manufacturing, and downtown development. Support for each of these types of development exceeds 90 percent.
- The comment section of this report contains substantial numbers of observations about the need for more jobs, particularly those paying a “living wage”. The strong support for all of the forms of business development in the following graph is consistent with the employment concerns offered by respondents.
- The comment section also contains large numbers of comments about the lack of restaurants and shopping alternatives in the region. The 98 percent of Lancaster respondents who said that it is important or very important to encourage commercial and retail development is consistent with the qualitative data contained in the comments section below.

Importance of Business Development



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Compared to the County, residents of Lancaster have lower levels of agreement that commercial or industrial development be limited to an existing city or village but higher levels of agreement that such development should be near a city or village.
- Lancaster residents also feel more strongly than the average for the County that jurisdictions should provide land and infrastructure to industrial and/or commercial developments.
- The level of support for alternative energy development is very similar in Lancaster and the County.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
26. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located:										
a. In an existing city or a village	7%	14%	37%	39%	34%	28%	12%	7%	10%	12%
b. Near a city or village	21%	16%	66%	63%	4%	8%	1%	3%	8%	10%
c. Anywhere in Grant County	5%	7%	28%	19%	38%	38%	17%	20%	12%	16%
27. Coordinate business recruitment	63%	53%	34%	40%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%
28. Provide land & infrastructure for industry/commerce	22%	16%	45%	43%	17%	19%	6%	7%	10%	15%
29. Required muni water & sewer	25%	26%	44%	45%	17%	11%	3%	4%	11%	14%

30. Grant County jurisdictions should pursue the following energy alternatives as a form of economic development:

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
a. Ethanol Plants	20%	22%	38%	33%	21%	23%	7%	9%	14%	13%
b. Solar Energy	34%	39%	48%	45%	6%	5%	1%	1%	12%	10%
c. Wind Energy	46%	48%	45%	43%	2%	2%	0%	2%	6%	6%
d. Other	27%	28%	15%	8%	2%	0%	0%	0%	57%	63%

- The proportion of residents in Lancaster and Grant County who feel that it is important or very important for the County to encourage agricultural related businesses, commercial and retail developments, downtown development, home based businesses, industrial and manufacturing, and tourism and recreation development is similar.
- However, the enthusiasm for these types of development is much stronger in Lancaster; the proportion who strongly agree that they should be pursued is much higher in Lancaster.

31. Rate the importance of the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
a. Ag Related Business	62%	59%	36%	38%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%
b. Commercial & Retail	46%	33%	51%	59%	2%	7%	0%	1%	0%	1%
c. Downtown Devel	45%	31%	48%	52%	6%	11%	1%	2%	0%	4%
d. Home-Based Bus	20%	17%	50%	54%	24%	22%	2%	3%	4%	4%
e. Ind & Manufacturing	50%	40%	45%	50%	4%	8%	0%	1%	1%	1%
f. Tourism & Rec	37%	36%	52%	55%	9%	7%	1%	1%	1%	1%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – DEMOGRAPHICS

- The only major demographic differences between residents of Lancaster and the County as a whole are that there is a slightly higher proportion of childless households and of long-term residents in the City.

35. Gender

Male		Female	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
49%	53%	51%	47%

36. Age

18-24		25-34		35-44	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
1%	0%	8%	7%	12%	13%

45-54		55-64		65 and older	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
22%	23%	21%	22%	36%	35%

37. Employment Status

Emp Full Time		Emp Part Time		Self Employed	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
45%	44%	8%	6%	7%	10%

Unemployed		Retired		Other	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
1%	1%	38%	37%	1%	1%

38. Place of Residence

Own		Rent		Other	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
98%	99%	2%	1%	0%	0%

39. Number of Adults (18+) in Household

0		1		2	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
		20%	20%	69%	71%

3		4		5+	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
9%	7%	2%	2%	0%	1%

40. Number of Children (under 18) in Household

0		1		2	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
72%	67%	11%	14%	10%	11%

3		4		5+	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
6%	7%	1%	1%	1%	0%

41. Household Income

Under \$15,000		\$15K-\$24,999		\$25K-\$49,999	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
6%	7%	11%	14%	38%	33%

\$50K-\$74,999		\$75K-\$99,999		\$100,000+	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
25%	25%	12%	15%	8%	6%

42. Years Lived in Grant County

Less than 1		1-4		5-9	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
0%	1%	3%	5%	5%	9%

10-24		25+	
C of Lan	Cnty	C of Lan	Cnty
10%	14%	82%	71%

Comments

32. Is there anything about living in Grant County that you don't like?

Transportation Issues

- Hwy 61 needs to be resurfaced
- My street in the winter!
- Poor roads, high property taxes-need for more retail stores in Lancaster.
- Narrow secondary roads
- No 4 lane Hwy except 80 miles between Platteville and Dubuque.
- Bad roads, poor streets in town
- Distance from a major city
- Main highways need improvements
- Traffic lights or roundabouts needed at certain intersections. For instance, Co A and Madison streets in Lancaster
- The BAD road from Lancaster to Dickeyville
- Lack of public transportation within and without of city.
- Lancaster city streets and sidewalks do need outstanding attention. They are so poor! Lancaster needs to get grants for whatever now, NOT in 5-10 years!!
- We have Amish moving in and the roads do not accommodate them. It's dangerous because of the curves, hills, and valleys. We have lots of traffic, semis etc. This is also true of farm machinery. We need to add lanes to prevent accidents.
- Hwy 61 from Fennimore to Dickeyville is just terrible. Worst highway in the state. Fix the bad highways and rough city streets.
- No need to change the Lancaster Airport!
- Amish buggies on highways are dangerous.
- Highway 61 is in very poor condition from Dickeyville to north of Fennimore. For a federal highway, it certainly needs high tech repair.
- Road conditions-poor.
- No bus or public transportation to Madison or LaCrosse or Debuque.
- No bus or plane service efficient except Madison, WI.
- Some roads need repair
- Snow removal of town and highway roads not sufficient.
- If you or a friend doesn't have workable transportation, you don't have access to anywhere else! No bus on a regular or semi regular basis, no train, etc.
- The snowplowing at intersections!

Governance

- Grant County government is about 20 years behind the times. We need a full time county administrator with experiences in government operations.
- The county Board doesn't really care about the residents and they do not stay within the budget.
- Poor county government
- Too many court judges with too many benefits (health insurance). Lack of quality leadership in Madison.
- Size of county board.
- we have too many county board members (\$\$\$\$\$\$)
- The size of the county board. Some are serving only for insurance
- Local authorities are way too gree (sic) about showing prejudice.
- Too many county board members.
- County should have an administrator instead of a board chairman running the daily operation; we need someone with qualifications in running a large business in charge.
- Downtown Lancaster has very little to offer to tourists. Too many lawyers, doctors, and liter. Too many empty shops, high turn around. Too many school referendums!

- People that think they own the rivers and streams.
- Agricultural odor.
- Strong farm odors.
- More entertainment options.
- The lack of recreational activities.
- I don't like living within the city limits and smell the big dairy at the end of the city limits.
- The Saturday night races in the summers and how Lancaster puts up with the noise control.
- We need to develop walking trails that are on flat ground for seniors and people with limited mobility (Lancaster).
- Recreation and City creek quality.
- In the evening business/commercial lighting contributes to light pollution
- Not enough bike trails
- Having to travel long distances for cultural events (excepting those at UW-P).
- Large dairy waste smell throughout the city and surrounding industrial parks. It is very difficult to breathe at times, let alone leave a window open for 'fresh' air. This is extremely disappointing in town.

Social Issues

- The farming mentality of the 19th century, very suspicious and uncaring to any new comer, very unfriendly. The ignorance and hard headedness of the people in this area. Not willing to embrace change for the better. The greediness of all people of this area especially small business owners.
- Close minded people, high number of underage drinking and drugs, high number of teen pregnancy
- People's negative attitudes
- Too many Amish moving into the area! We are not allowed to litter, but they don't have to pick up after their horses! That's 'horse crap.' We have to drive through with our expensive cars and motorcycles that we pay big bucks for and big bucks for 'fuels.'
- Narrow minded people.

Job Issues

- No jobs (that are head of household jobs).
- Not enough manufacturing jobs.
- No jobs for young people graduation from school that pay any money. Doesn't anyone see small town populations falling? People think they have to move to Madison or Milwaukee to make a living.
- Not a lot of job opportunities.
- Not enough jobs and good paying ones.
- Few good job opportunities.
- Lack of good paying jobs.
- We need more large businesses to locate here - JOBS!
- Lack of better paying jobs.
- Lack of good paying jobs
- Not enough employment. Declining population.
- Jobs are scarce that provide decent wages without a lot of job experience or computer savvy
- Lack of job opportunities that pay a life sustaining wage!
- Need more job opportunities
- Not enough employment opportunities
- Pay rate-SW Wisconsin is substantially lower than the rest of the state-especially jobs with benefits such as health insurance helping smaller business provide health insurance would draw a wide variety of services and range of businesses so we are not relying on any one type which is important when times are slow.
- Need more job opportunities.
- There is a huge lack of employment opportunities.
- There is a misnomer that the cost of living is less in rural areas versus cities which isn't true. Lack of industries with bad paying jobs.
- Lack of job opportunities.
- Lack of good paying jobs to keep our young people.
- Job quantity

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- Availability of jobs and how they are filled. It seems you can not get a city or county job unless you are black, Mexican or a woman.
 - Limited jobs
 - Not enough job opportunity to keep young people in Grant County.
 - There are no jobs here. No one works on the side walks
 - The lower paying jobs and lack of career development
 - Children having to leave the area to get good jobs.
 - Also, the lack of good paying jobs for younger people; they often have to travel to large cities for livable employment.

Police/Safety Issues

- Lancaster police dept - they did absolutely nothing when my house was broken into and I was sexually assaulted!!
- I live a couple blocks out of the city in a 25 MPH zone. Cars go by every hour from 40 to 80 MPH. The sheriff doesn't do enforcement and never has anyone else.
- Inadequate law enforcement facility (Co. Jail). Continued ignoring the need for a new larger facility is only going to cost more in the future.
- People drive to fast on side streets with kids on them

No/Nothing

- No 14X
- I have nothing to report.
- No, Grant county is a wonderful place to live. When we travel it's always nice to get home.
- No, I have not lived here all my life

Like it

- It's a beautiful place to live
- I wouldn't live anywhere else.
- Quiet, rural, small town, easy going lifestyle
- I like everything in Grant County

Lack Restaurants

- The lack of other fast food chains, other than McDonalds.
- Lack of nice restaurants for evening dining in Lancaster.
- Don't like that we have to travel for available restaurants outside of Lancaster area.
- Lack of good restaurants.
- The lack of more restaurants
- Supper clubs not enough of.
- Need additional restaurants.
- Lack of cultural entertainment.
- The lack of good mid-range restaurants.
- Lack of good restaurants.

Lack Shopping

- Having to go to Dubuque for anything major. I would rather spend my money in Wisconsin, but there is nothing in the Lancaster or Platteville area or not much of anything.
- Lack of lakes, tourism, retail stores, places to eat out. .
- More shopping stores
- Lack of retail selection of consumer goods. Behind the times of at least 10 years.
- Having to travel and hour to get to fishing, shopping, entertainment
- Driving to Dubuque (7% sales tax) for some items that are not available locally.
- Poor restaurant choices for healthy dining.
- No variety of retail shopping.
- No large department stores.

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- That I have to travel to Dubuque to shop other than Wal-mart in Platteville
 - Not enough businesses have to travel outside area for some larger chains for items needed

Housing Issues

- Housing with rent under bigger towns to be affordable.
- Lack of rental property of good size (20 sq feet) with garages. Assisted living with two or three bedrooms.
- Seeing housing developments going up when there is plenty of good existing homes more times than not on the market.
- Lack of housing for mentally and physically handicapped people.
- All the houses for sale and they keep building houses and raising our taxes.
- I don't like building ugly buildings that we don't need. Why build some that you let sit with nobody in them and we are the ones that pay for it in taxes.
- Price of housing
- Homes being built in the rural wooded areas, along river bluffs etc.

Medical Issues

- Hospital is extremely expensive for any services-rates are high end-off the normal ranges for prices. Avoid it completely and rather go to Dubuque, IA for lower rates and better services.
- Poor Dr. services and hospital. Do not treat young people over 21 without health insurance (send them home sick).
- Medical Assistance Program needs to be checked into- they make it too easy for the wrong people taking advantage of the program.
- Limited to none professional services (i.e., dentistry, acupuncture, free medical and legal services) for low income families.

School Issues

- School taxes too high. Need to cut back. Too many administrators and salaries too high for them and teachers and coaches.

Utilities

- City water is bad-extremely poor!!
- Power, phone, and cable lines are old and not always reliable. Our electricity has gone out due to equipment failure. Cable lines don't carry internet so technology is limited in Grant Co. Having lived in the Milwaukee area for 14 years, it is like going back in time.
- The water. Even after two filters, there is sand in the coffee filter. It smells so bad it makes the kitchen stink. What is the deal?
- Cost of water and sewer usage.
- Sewer rates in Lancaster.
- Sewer rates are too high in Lancaster.
- Water sewage street are bad

Land Use Issues

- Restrictions on lot size 20 to "smart growth"
- Rural development, farm land being destroyed by homes
- We are losing way to much farm land to housing development when the population is not growing enough to justify it.

Miscellaneous

- Am patiently waiting for the "Saturday Night Races" at the Lancaster track to wear itself out in a couple years. The noise near our home is beyond ridiculous!
- Cold in winter
- Disagree on banning one particular breed of an animal (dog).
- 3) It seems the farmers' needs and opinions are seldom considered.
- Yes, MA program needs to be looked into!!

- Expense
- Cold winters
- Grant county fair is the most boring compared to other county fairs. Need a new fair board. A younger bunch.

Q33. If you could change one thing about your local jurisdiction, what would it be?

Transportation

- A truck route on the south west side of Lancaster to bypass city.
- Also, our city streets are terrible.
- Some of the roads are in poor condition. Especially near Dick's Supermarket. Also before/after school need crossing guards out on the south end of Madison.
- Fix city roads
- Better streets
- Battered streets and roads
- Work on residence streets. All. NOT just ones certain people live on. New industry is fine but don't forget other tax payers.
- Better streets and curb on North Adams St. Lancaster
- Sidewalks on all the streets
- Road repair throughout the city!
- Make public transportation outside of city to other locations/ cities available - subsidize if necessary.
- Streets and sidewalks, please
- Make the Amish license their buggies and make them follow the laws of the highways. They should have to pay for the use of the highways.
- Snow removal-blocking driveways.
- The condition of many roads and sidewalks. Some streets do not have sidewalks on either side. Dangerous when walking with children.
- Fine the Amish for littering. Make them license the buggies. Buggies not allowed on U.S. highways or county roads after 'dark.' They are dangerous and a menace to our society, which they pay little to help us out tax wise; no utilities, their own schools!
- Parking around courthouse. Square businesses are deprived of the ability to have volume due to no parking.
- Teacher parking close to our driveway or directly across from our driveway and parking us in. There should be permanent painted lines in this area. In an emergency situation it would be difficult for us to get out. Police-orange cones are always stolen. 133 North Taylor across from Winskell School.
- Better street repair, replacement and maintenance. The concrete streets downtown are becoming a disgrace and a hazard. Several (residential) streets need to be replaced.
- Improved city streets.
- Get rid of this one way square.
- Resurface many streets in Lancaster.
- Public transportation
- License buggy in Grant County
- Put in stop signs or lights to slow this traffic down
- Improve the city streets in Lancaster
- Better side walks and city streets. Clean up the junky lots - better appeal to new comers, better (smarter) local government - many elected officials are very unintelligent.
- Have people use the side walks instead of walking in the road all the time.
- Fine more funding to replace streets and school costs
- Would be nice to have bus service to this area.
- The direction of the one way street around the square of courthouse
- Stop lights at dangerous intersections. Fatalities could be prevented easily.
- Some form of public transportation from here to the capital and here to Dubuque, Iowa.
- Better snow removal on city streets.
- Repair of streets around our square.

Governance

- Get local business people more involved in helping to make good decisions. Also, to help Grant County develop better ideas to attract more people, more business, make a great place to live.
- Reduce the amount of Grant County superintendents to less than 12.
- I would have some townships zoned.
- Reduce number of county superintendents on the county board to less than 13.
- Reduce the number of county judges
- More active participation by residents
- People on city council who are not in favor of the needs of our golf course.
- The city counsel and police dept of Lancaster. They don't want our town to grow, they keep pushing people out instead of drawing them in.
- Stop the clique from running things and replacing such people with fair and honest leaders.
- Convince the local board and forward Lancaster that there is are other ways of making our community a great place to be other than 'lets grow, grow, grow.'
- Should create traffic court to take burden off Circuit Court System. Could be almost self-funded and overseen by the state. Appointed or elected magistrate (non-partisan) to sit on the bench would streamline traffic cases and not be burden to taxpayers of Grant Co.
- Reduce county board membership by 60-70%.

Economic Development

- Lack of jobs, because farmers eat into the tax base. Make them start paying tax on the items they buy for the farm. We pay their taxes. How greedy of them. Stop state and federal subsidies. I don't get any, why should they. Quit making them rich on the backs of everyone else who isn't a farmer!
- More economic development-but NOT more banks.
- Liven up the city/square! It is so dead looking! Decorate, decorate, decorate for holidays/seasons. This makes any town more welcoming!
- Have more businesses in downtown Lancaster have a restaurant on Main Street or around the square in Lancaster. Recruit for this. Help with loans for our dying downtown Lancaster.
- But most of all, a nice beautiful city that cares about the way it looks and portrays itself for people who want to move here.
- Need more businesses. City needs to allow businesses to come to the city and/or promote new growth.
- More retail businesses in downtown and less empty store fronts and lawyers offices
- Building up and utilizing "main street" small stores. Lancaster is becoming a ghost town. We want retail stores and diners not just offices and empty stores.
- More retail and downtown businesses
- More businesses
- Bring in industries with good paying jobs so that young people would stay and have families. School enrollment is going down.
- That businesses work together to promote Chamber events (Maxwell Street, Christmas Walk, Deer Hunter sales). It seems like every business does its own thing.
- Lack of tenants around the "Square" in Lancaster. Too many vacant buildings. The county "seat" should have a lot more activity than we do.
- More industry opportunity

Taxes

- Property taxes
- Spending tax dollars on anything that is not productive.
- Taxes
- Lower taxes
- Lower the sewer rates!
- Stop wasting our tax money on the airport and golf course for just a few rich that use it!
- Taxes be cut.
- Lower taxes on real estate in small towns like Lancaster.

- Lower house taxes - they keep going up we won't be able to afford our house payments along with increasing taxes.
- Stop welfare hand out. Lend a helping hand-not a handout. There are a lot of things people can do to earn their keep. If you are able to have a number of kids you are able to work-not disabled.
- Taxes too high.
- Lower taxes.
- Taxes spent more wisely!
- Tax
- Lower taxes
- Taxes
- Lower property taxes
- Lower real estate taxes

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues

- I would make a bike trail out of the old RR line that ran through Lancaster-Stitzer, etc.
- Make a nice bike trail.
- Required historic preservation
- More fun activities throughout the year for families.
- Junk! Old cars and farm equipment in fields and around houses. When there is junk in yards or fields, it takes away the beauty.
- Add landscaping around the Veteran Memorial at the City Park in Lancaster
- Need more walking/ hiking trails
- Add an indoor public pool or offer one to the school in Lancaster
- More biking and walking lanes to bike and walk on.
- Year round swimming facility open to public.
- This is a neighborhood with walking, biking.
- Lack of off road or walking paths.
- Activities available for teens - need more - a place to "hang out"
- Maintain a visually attractive environment
- Bike path - walking paths
- Large dairy water management.

Social Issues

- Develop a better volunteer network of organizations that actually do community based projects instead of meeting as a social function and saying you are a member of this or that organization and doing nothing.
- All Grant County residents should be treated equal!
- We have to clean up after we walk our dogs. Why don't the horse and buggy people be made to clean up after the horses?

Jobs

- Better paying jobs for young people and woman.
- More quality jobs
- More jobs (2X)
- Bring in more employment.
- More employment to keep younger people in our area and stimulate more revenue for our schools
- Better paying jobs so I don't have to drive to Madison for work. 175 miles round trip/day.
- Better jobs.
- More jobs to come in and not close up.
- More employment opportunities
- More higher paying jobs.
- Create more jobs and help bring people to the area.
- Get more good paying jobs and industry.
- More white collar jobs.

- More professional employment opportunities for college (4yr) graduates.

Police/Safety Issues

- I'd make a curfew of 11pm for all kids under age 16

No/Nothing

- Nothing 3X
- No
- None

Restaurants

- Build local affordable places to shop and eat
- Have at least one supper club or family style restaurant in Lancaster.
- The availability of banquet center and family dining in Lancaster.
- Improve Country Club here! Restaurants!
- More restaurants
- Get another grocery store and some nice restaurants. Don't need anymore "fast food" places.
- Try to hard at least one nice supper club.
- Restaurants.

Shopping Issues

- Our city desperately needs a family restaurant.
- Lancaster's "important people" have successfully locked out so many business opportunities in the past - Land's End, Wal-Mart, etc. We are the county seat and we have NOTHING! We have no reason to shop or eat out here! Everyone travels to Dubuque or Madison! Lancaster's businesses on the square are pathetic. We have an overabundance of banks and hair salons - but you can't order a decent steak or buy buttons and fabric in this town!!
- Another grocery store, a place to have breakfast and supper (regular restaurant), motels (needed very bad). The one regular motel is terrible and Best Western doesn't have much room. Clothing stores, besides the two we have, way out of my price range. A good hardware store. Only have one and they usually don't have it and it's out of town. For being the county seat, this town is pathetic! I could go on!
- Have a nice restaurant/ steakhouse to entertain family and friends.
- Lack of variety of businesses. We are so dependent on agriculture. When times aren't good, everyone suffers-the old saying "don't put all you eggs in once basket" holds true. Providing incentives to draw many types of businesses is only a win win situation.
- Get more retail establishment around the square of Lancaster.
- Affordable retail
- Business open earlier or later
- More stores
- More shopping and eating places in Lancaster.

Housing Issues

- New housing development. Fix up existing homes.
- Less subdivisions
- Be able to remodel your home as pleased without a lot of grief from Board members.
- Too many vacant houses and businesses within city limits. Doesn't look good to have a lot of empty buildings.
- The water system. Also there are so many houses for sale because of new development-eventually they will deteriorate. Incentivize people to fix up old houses.
- Zoning to make residence keep up homes not to distract from neighbors or community
- Too many housing developments.
- Affordable housing for low income families as long as they keep the premises livable
- All subdivisions have two outlets.
- More affordable single family housing

School Issues

- I believe the school board should stay within the budget and not scare the kids into believing that their sports would be cut out. When you know as well as I do that the sports bring in revenue into the school.
- More money for our schools.
- More support for home schooling and school choice
- More state funding for school system.
- Teachers pay to high to those who should retire

Utilities

- Lower sewer and water rates.
- Cost of water and sewer
- Lower water bill
- Water costs lower.
- Water bill
- Water bills
- Sewer and water rates
- Lower the water and sewer fees
- Lower utility fees
- Improve city water quality-poor standards and lack of testing and the city refuses to put all shut off valves in front of all homes-however, they will do it for some homes but not for everyone (double standard)-it should be a mandatory requirement.
- Better quality water with less chlorine.
- Storm sewer drains back up into homes.
- Storm water management-very poor. Was told by city workers that there would be improvement by our subdivision-storm drain needs to be underground and developed=still no satisfaction (22 years later). A lot of runoff through my yard! City limits has a retention pond but does not retain any water. Next door neighbor installed a huge drainage tube (culvert) in his yard so his problem is temporarily solved, but my yard and Zippy's gets the brunt of Run off. Floods back yard a lot!
- The city water quality is very poor. It smells and is really unfit to drink. Other home owners have also complained, and also visitors to the city

Land Use

- Drop requirement to 35 acres to build.
- Eliminate strip development (commercial and industrial) along major Hwy corridors.
- 'Ag Businesses' too close to city limits.
- Having majestic view dairies and Nobel farms flanking our subdivision creates days of extreme odors that border on disgusting at times. This should have been better planned.
- I would not allow large farming set ups to be close to town. Majestic farms don't only stink up Pamida lot, it also smells so bad at times, the whole north end of town smells. You have to close all the windows and doors and are unable to sit outside. The stench is awful.
- More and stronger farm land preservation

Miscellaneous

- Competitive prices for fuel.
- Reluctance of county seat to grow.
- Allow only liquor stores and bars to sell alcohol
- Allow outdoor wood burners in town
- Get rid of the car races at Grant County Fairgrounds (too noisy).
- If you are a homeowner, you should be allowed to own any breed of dog.
- To be able to use outdoor wood stoves.
- Recruit professional volunteers and volunteer support staff to provide free to low cost professional services for low income families (more possible than significantly increasing wages).
- MA Program!!

- Ordinance for dogs not allowed in parks!
- Better newspaper.
- The high prices of gas and heating fuel
- Stop the city from doing dumb things. They closed a street that never existed, they took part of my lot to widen the street when the street was not on my land, but part of the Laricin farm clear back to 1899 when the house was built. They used a survey that was not accepted by the city, but used it to widen the street. They don't enforce 'dog on a leash.'
- More high end pubs
- Races on Saturday night should start and end earlier
- Expand the golf course including making the club house bigger

Q34. Other comments

Transportation Issues

- Area, Grant County is one of the largest in Wisc. The lack of 4 lane highways is not helping southwest Wisc when it comes to commerce. It is very obvious that if a road does not go to Madison or Milwaukee, it does not have 4 lanes or even get repaired. There is no north/south 4 lane highway on the west side of the state (i.e. Dubuque, LaCrosse, Eau Claire, route). When driving from Dubuque on 151/61, more cars exit at Dickeyville than go on to Platteville/ Madison. Why can't Hwy 61 be upgraded?
- As a senior citizen and don't drive and without family, its difficult getting simple things we need especially when stores are not available in town.
- Highway to Dickeyville is terrible.
- Hwy 61 from Dickeyville to Fennimore needs to be fixed and snow needs to be plowed more frequently.
- I'd like to see the square in Lancaster NO longer one way traffic. I'd like to see our library expand into a cultural attraction. Continue to find ways to provide jobs for our youth so they don't have to move out of the area.
- Need more taxi services in Lancaster. On more days than 2.
- Traffic must learn to stop for pedestrians in Lancaster.
- We need Lancaster to improve the streets and sidewalks in the original plat rather than in subdivisions only. Other towns look spiffy. In Lancaster, it is walk carefully!

Governance Issues

- Concentrate on musts like education, hospital, and health care. Recreation and frills are not affordable by everyone.
- I don't believe our legislators and state employees understand the way of life in rural areas. Not everything is affordable at their wages.
- I don't know if Wis. St. Statutes allow for comments made above but should be studied if allowed to see if practical or not!
- I myself am not a board member, but can tell you this - that unless you own half of Lancaster, you are nothing in this community, even though we pay our taxes just like everyone else. When our youngest daughter moves out on her own, we plan to sell our home and move.
- Local registered voters should have more to say about decisions as to how tax money should be spent. Example - road improvements. Building improvements, new business permits etc. Include this in a regular election so there is no additional expense.
- Since we have taken the time to show that we care about our community. Please do your part by hearing what our concerns are about our beautiful Grand County.
- The City of Lancaster will not grow as long as certain few are allowed to run things as they see is best for themselves. They prefer a small town that they can control and use as they wish.
- To the Mayor!!! Dogs and cats should be allowed to run free within city limits. Pet owners should clean up after their pets. Alternate side parking should only be on snow emergency.
- Townships should be able to decide whether to be zoned or unzoned. It should not be decided by the county boarder.

Economic Development

- Have informational meetings available to people on how other parts of the state and country grow in an acceptable fashion.

- I think too much emphasis is on who's done what or who's idea is something. If it's good, go for it. Look at our overall economic situation-where are the holes? What are we doing well (do that quickly)? What can we improve on? And I will say from having been on past community committees-Appreciate your people!!
- Lancaster and Grant County is a great place to live strict limits should be in place for any residential or commercial growth helping to keep this area that is know for its farming, open space, and beauty, the envy of Wisconsin for years to come.
- Make sure farmers can still farm. As industry changes, they need to change.
- Platteville and Prairie du Chien are expanding by leaps and bounds-Lancaster, on the other hand, has same stores and at 1 pm on a week day if Court is not in session, the 'downtown' looks deserted! How sad!!
- Promote more manufacturing development through subsidies for businesses to come into the state. We must stop giving our manufacturing base over to China; they are killing us. Manufacturing here gives jobs back to Americans and fight against illegals using our social security when they don't deserve any of it-they never paid in. Who is running the state? Is it us or a bunch of profiteering lawyers in congress and senate elect common folk to Congress and Senate not lawyers. This is the way it used to be people who would look out for the workers, not the rich as it is now.
- Something needs to be done to draw people to the county seat. Lancaster need more life-and draw of tourists. Weekends-find it pretty quiet.
- You have to give kids and adults reasons to want to stay here.
- Grant County has tons of people pouring into the area to receive Medical Assistance and welfare - not because of the wonderful job opportunities. I know I'm not the only person who feels economic growth and making Grant County more attractive to new businesses will be the only salvation. Make it happen! We have too many "underemployed" farm families here who need to seek another income! Help

Taxes

- Keep property taxes down.
- Older people have to sell their homes because of taxes.
- Taxes and utilities are just too high. Not conducive to keeping retirees in the area, nor attractive enough for younger people to establish residency.
- The taxes (property) are getting out of hand. Many older residents on fixed incomes are having to sell their homes as they can't afford the taxes, water, and sewer.
- The taxes in Lancaster are way too high. People are forced to sell their homes because they can't afford them. We won't be able to keep our house and at a retirement age, what do you do? Too young for an appt. yet too old to make too big a move.
- Start a county run or state run casino to pay for our school taxes.

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues

- I've been a resident of Lancaster for 24 years and its dying! We need a community center - like YMCA type thing - with programs for young and old. There is NO reason for our youth to stay here. Our small-town atmosphere is the reason we raised our kids here, but so much has come and gone. !
- Library expansion very good choice
- Need for bike and walking trails separate of highway.
- The overall appearance of the square in downtown Lancaster (weeds in shrubbery, grass in sidewalks, condition of brick walk) needs more care.
- The summer recreation program is great!
- This community is in dire need for recreational, even exercise-related facilities for its children, especially, not to mention plant workers and members of the community and surrounding communities, i.e. recreational and sports facility equipped with indoor swimming, indoor hockey/skating, work-out facility for all, including daycare and special meeting rooms for seminars, etc.
- Other than the occasional concert on the library lawn - Lancaster looks like a ghost town most evenings!

Social Issues

- At the risk of sounding like a radical against the Amish. It's time to take some actions! It's getting out of hand and more want to buy land in this area. There has to be a reason and those who have lived here all our lives need to grasp on and figure what's best for all parties including the Amish.
- Everything is for the rich!

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- Have Amish pick up their horse XXXX in the cities.

Jobs

- Need more employment opportunities to give persons a reason to live in Grant County.
- We need more jobs with higher wages. The new cheese factory is a start, but is only a drop in the bucket!
- Create good paying jobs.

No/None

- None 2X

Like It

- A good place to live and raise a family.
- Because a highway went through our farm in south Indiana, we had a daughter and her family in Galena. They begged us to look for a farm in Grant County. We did and bought a farm in 1969. It was a good move. Our son now owns the farm and we live in Lancaster.
- Born and raised here. Have traveled a lot. No place like Grant County Wis.
- Grant County is a beautiful area and is being discovered by others for development. Maintain its beauty as a priority by being watchful of proposed development
- Lancaster is a nice town, low crime, friendly, good schools, and a nice place to live.
- Overall like living in this area, love small community change of seasons
- Overall, living in Grant County is exceptional.
- Thank you for the survey. This is a great town with so much to offer. We need to focus on the blessings we have.
- This is a pleasant place to live. The rural feel is great. But with this comes fewer jobs, places to eat, and recreation on a regular scale. Our younger people need more choices so they can stay in the area and help with its growth.

Restaurants

- A good 'homemade' restaurant is needed!
- Additionally, restaurants are needed for such growth, both formal and informal.

Shopping Issues

- Grant County would benefit from outlet stores.
- We need competition for our one grocery store. Also, a nice department store would be nice.
- Needs more businesses in town
- Shopping could also be accentuated (to spur growth).

Housing Issues

- Need reasonable housing near grocery store and downtown. Everyone doesn't drive.

Medical Issues

- We need affordable healthcare for the small businesses and self employed.

School Issues

- We have to combine more school districts, decrease the number of school superintendents and other high paid salaries in these schools and vocational schools. It's also time teachers kick in for health insurance like everyone else.

Utilities

- Water and sewer bills are outrageous!! Now they want a rainwater tax?! Where on earth did they come up with that? Everyone else thinks it's awful and no one has such a thing.

Land Use

- Require garages built with apartment rental property and housing for elderly.

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- I am concerned about the development of large animal operations NEAR communities - esp. hog and dairy. A 2 mile limit is not enough. The rural counties are afraid to address this for obvious reasons. The family farm is long past. It will soon be too late to address this - a large hog farm within 3 miles west of Lancaster or anywhere else would be a severe problem (smells, files, etc.)
 - I think 500 animal farm operations should be 4 or more miles from an incorporated village. The stink is too strong. I absolutely love it here! Let's not spoil it.
 - I think that it is very important to preserve the farmland. I do not believe that farmland should be used for building homes or other commercial development.
 - This is God's country (Grant County) it's beautiful. We need to keep it that way. Preserve our countryside and family farms.

Miscellaneous Issues

- Golf course country club needs to be made larger in Lancaster.
- Have a nice day
- I lived in Grant from 1970-1991 then moved back 2005-2007.
- Require social security (FICA) subtracted from wages to be used only to create a Trust Fund for retirement. The trust fund would be managed by an investment branch elected by the people with regular election of board members and financial offices.
- For a federal building-the local post office does not have one handicapped parking space. This is wrong!! (and possible law suit waiting to happen).
- Thank you for this opportunity to participate in planning for the future.