

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 Town of Cassville. 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 Cassville. The essence of these recommendations is reflected throughout the entire document.

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

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 Town Planning Commission utilized the visioning information from these sessions to create their formal vision statement:

The Town of Cassville is an agricultural based community with room for growth in industry and tourism. It is a community that preserves its natural resources for future generations and provides quality education for those generations. It is a community that preserves its rich family heritage and community history.

1.4 BACKGROUND AND PLANNING AREA

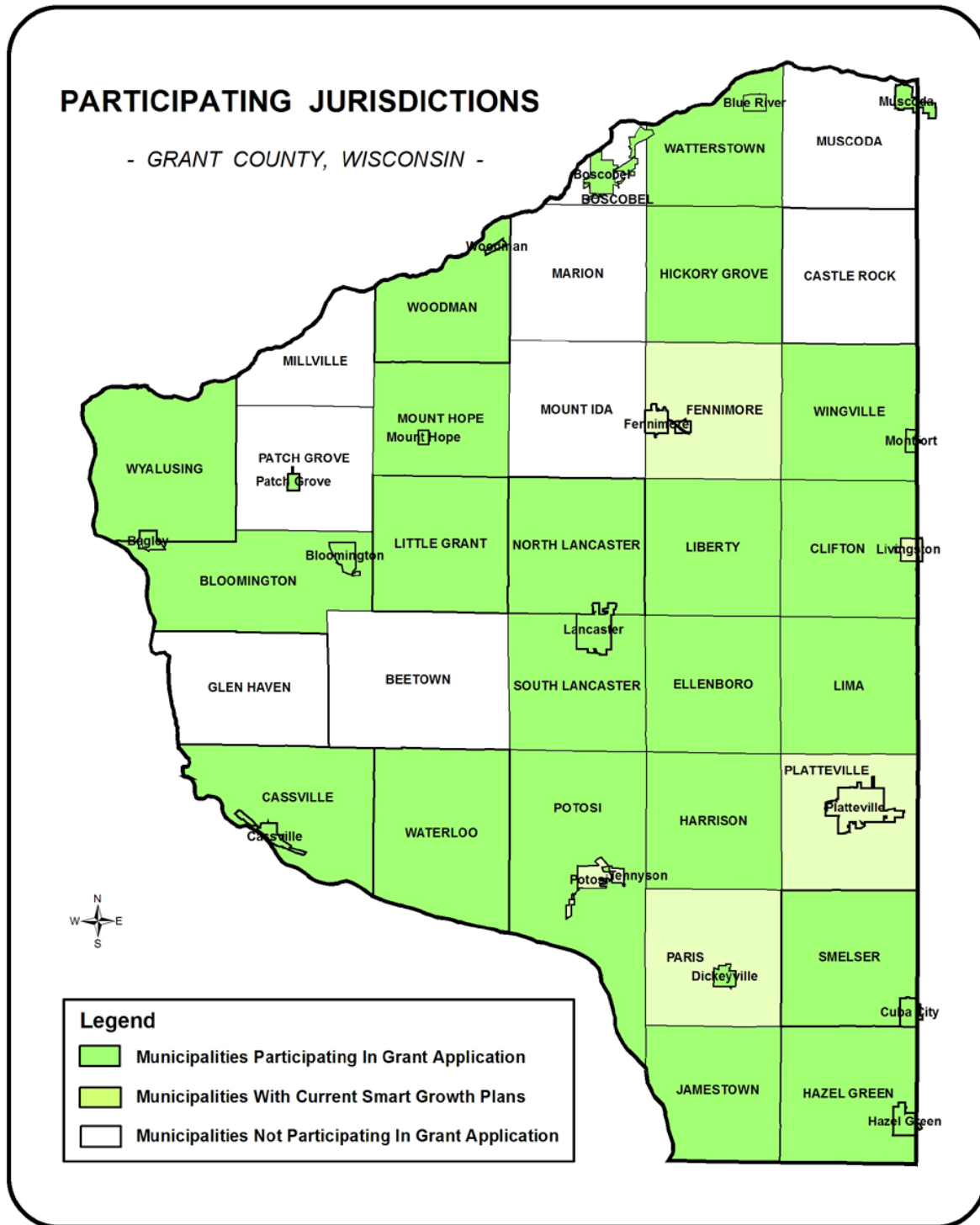
Under the Comprehensive Planning legislation, adopted by the state in October of 1999, beginning on January 1 2010, if a local governmental unit engages in any of the actions listed below, those actions shall be consistent with that local governmental unit’s comprehensive plan.

- 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 Town of Cassville, 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.
- **Town, Village, and City Planning Commissions**
 - 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.
- **Town, Village, City, and County Boards**
 - 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 Town of Cassville 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 with 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
Cassville Township Residents	Cassville Town Board	Conservation Club (Trap Club)	Kowalski Keiler Allied Stone Brinkman Repair K-7 Camp Ground Schleicher's Landing Ankor Inn Boucsh Repair Udelhoven Log Homes John Parello Auto Body	Land Owners Land Renters

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UW- Extension Newsletter • UW-Extension Webpage • Press releases to appropriate news mediums for SWWRPC sponsored meetings.

The Planning Committee will use the following methods as ways for public participation throughout the planning process:

- 1. Post agendas and meeting minutes in the local newspaper 10 days prior to meeting.**
- 2. Provide information in December Tax Bill.**

Both community planning meetings and SWWRPC facilitated meetings served as the methods for public participation throughout the entire Town of Cassville 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 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.

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 Town Board. CD copies of the recommended and adopted plan will be sent to the clerks of the Towns of Glen Haven, Beetown, Waterloo, Grant County, and the Cassville School District Administrator (Section 66.1001(4)(b), Stats.) In addition, a CD and 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 Town of Cassville 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 Town of Cassville Board 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 Town Board 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 Town Board, 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 Town Board 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	Town of Cassville Number	Town of Cassville Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Total Population (1970)	531	100.0%	48,398	100.0%	4,417,933	100.0%
Total Population (1980)	633	100.0%	51,736	100.0%	4,705,767	100.0%
Total Population (1990)	530	100.0%	49,264	100.0%	4,891,769	100.0%
Total Population (2000)	487	100.0%	49,597	100.0%	5,363,675	100.0%
SEX AND AGE (2000)						
Male	257	52.8%	25,164	50.7%	2,649,041	49.4
Female	230	47.2%	24,433	49.3%	2,714,634	50.6
Under 10 years	63	12.9%	5,738	11.6%	721,824	13.5%
10 to 19 years	88	18.1%	8,490	17.1%	810,269	15.1%
20 to 34 years	76	15.6%	9,995	20.2%	1,063,460	19.8%
35 to 44 years	80	16.4%	7,096	14.3%	875,522	16.3%
45 to 59 years	93	19.1%	8,533	17.2%	985,048	18.4%
60 to 74 years	66	13.5%	5,918	12.0%	560,306	10.4%
75+ years	21	4.3%	3,827	7.7%	347,246	6.5%
		100%		100.0%		100%
Median Age (2000)	37.9		35.9		36.0	

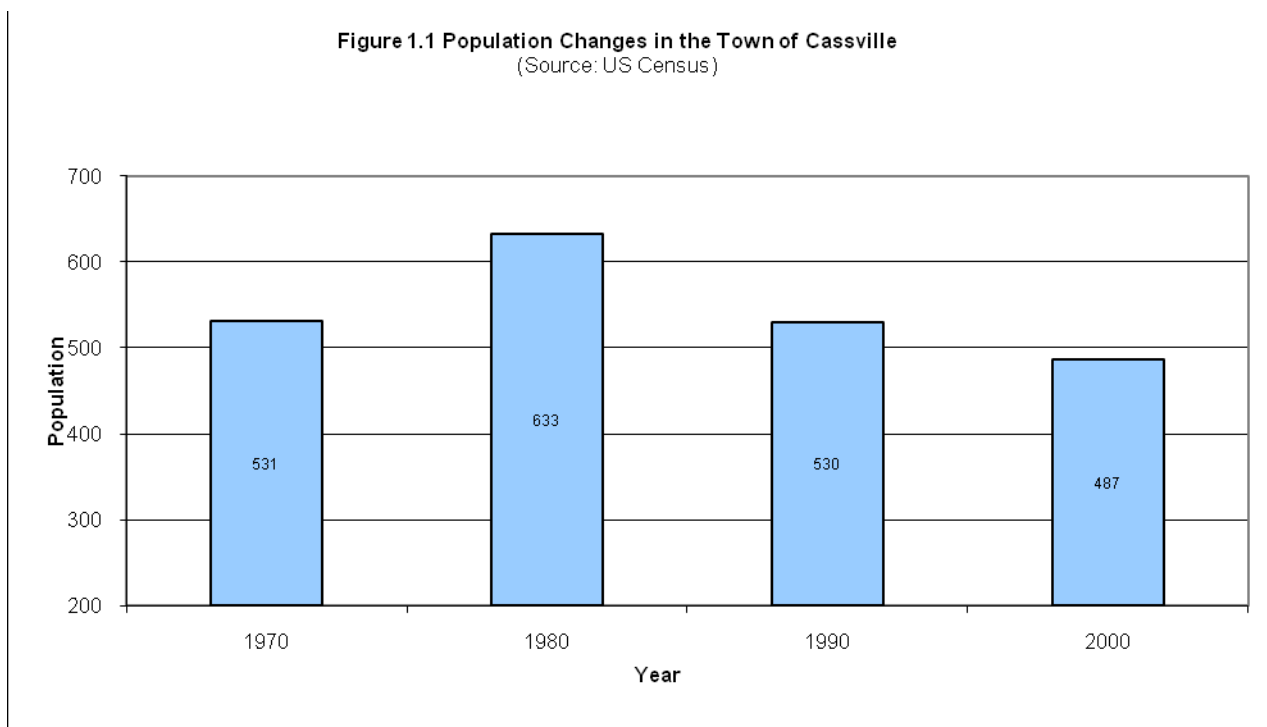


Figure 1.1 shows that the Town of Cassville experienced an overall population decrease from 1970 to 2000 (8.3%).

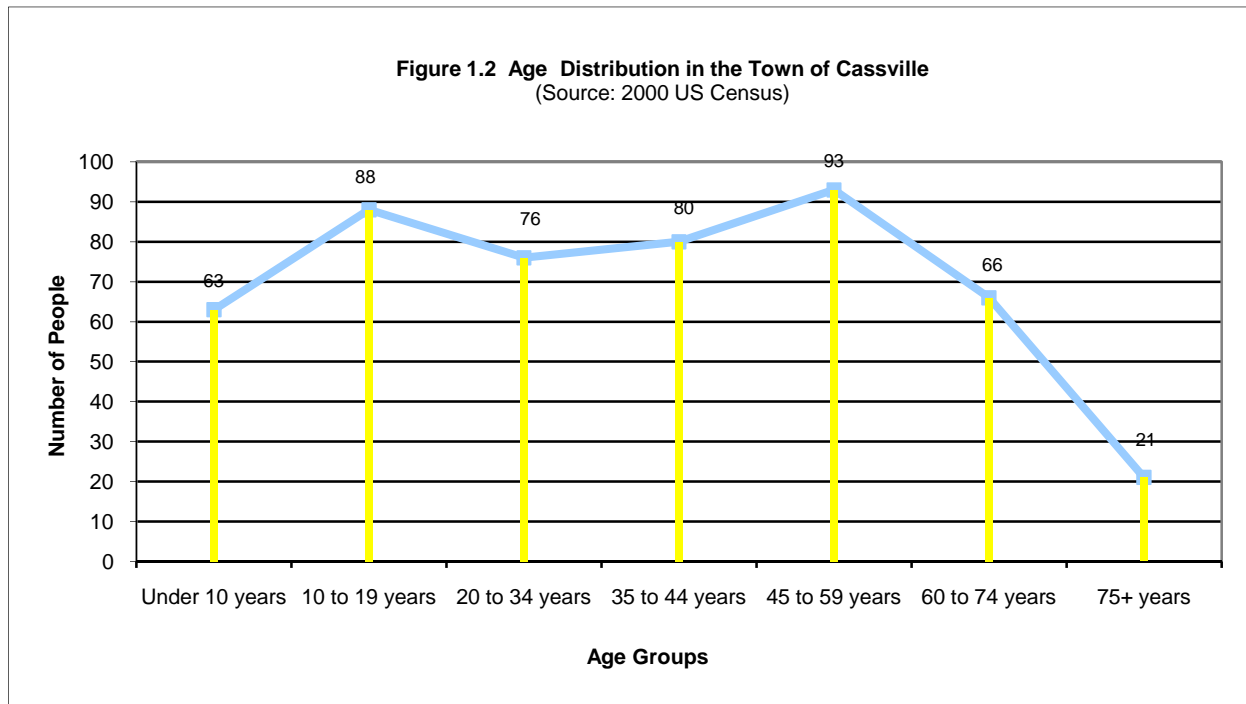


Figure 1.2 shows the population of the Town of Cassville by age distribution for the year 2000. The largest group is people ages 45 to 59 (93 people) making up 19.1 % of the population. The second largest age group of 10 to 19 contains 18.1% of the population with 88 people. The town’s median age is 37.9.

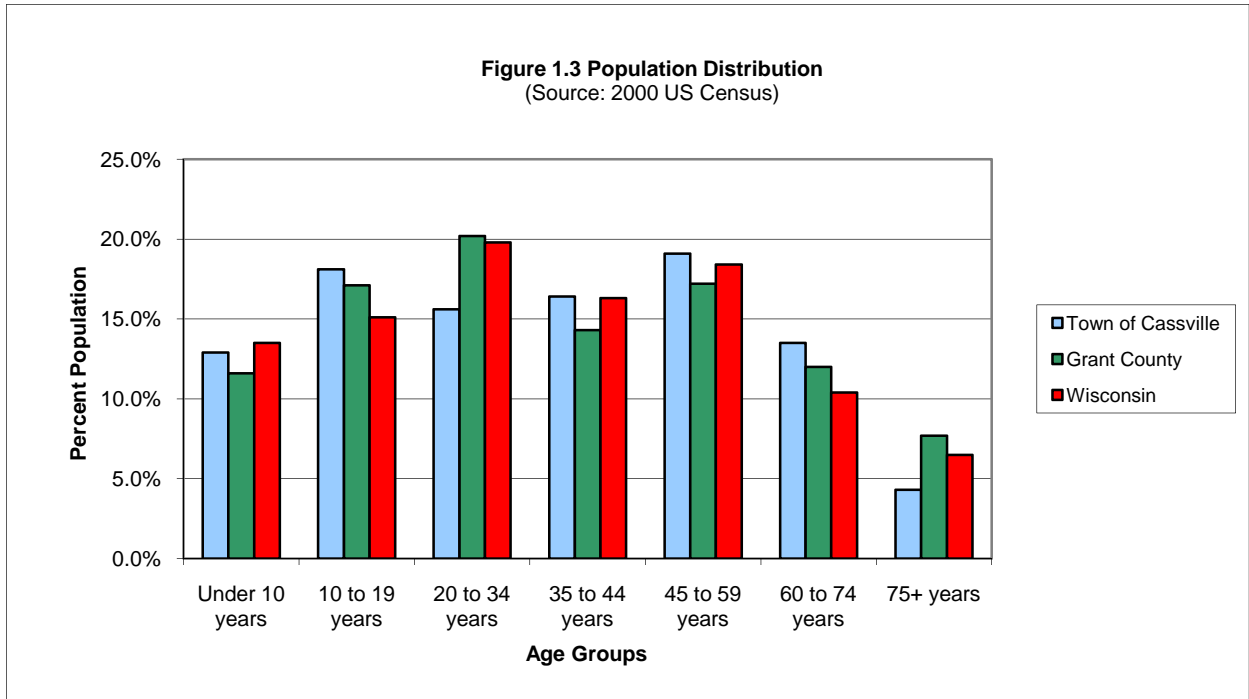


Figure 1.3 compares the population percentage by age group for the Town of Cassville, Grant County, and the State of Wisconsin.

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	55	57	47	50	37	40
10 to 19 Years	67	70	61	65	54	60
20 to 34 Years	59	61	50	54	45	51
35 to 44 Years	67	69	48	51	45	51
45 to 59 Years	95	98	83	89	71	79
60 to 74 Years	94	97	111	119	114	127
75+ Years	29	30	46	50	59	66
Total	466	482	446	478	425	473

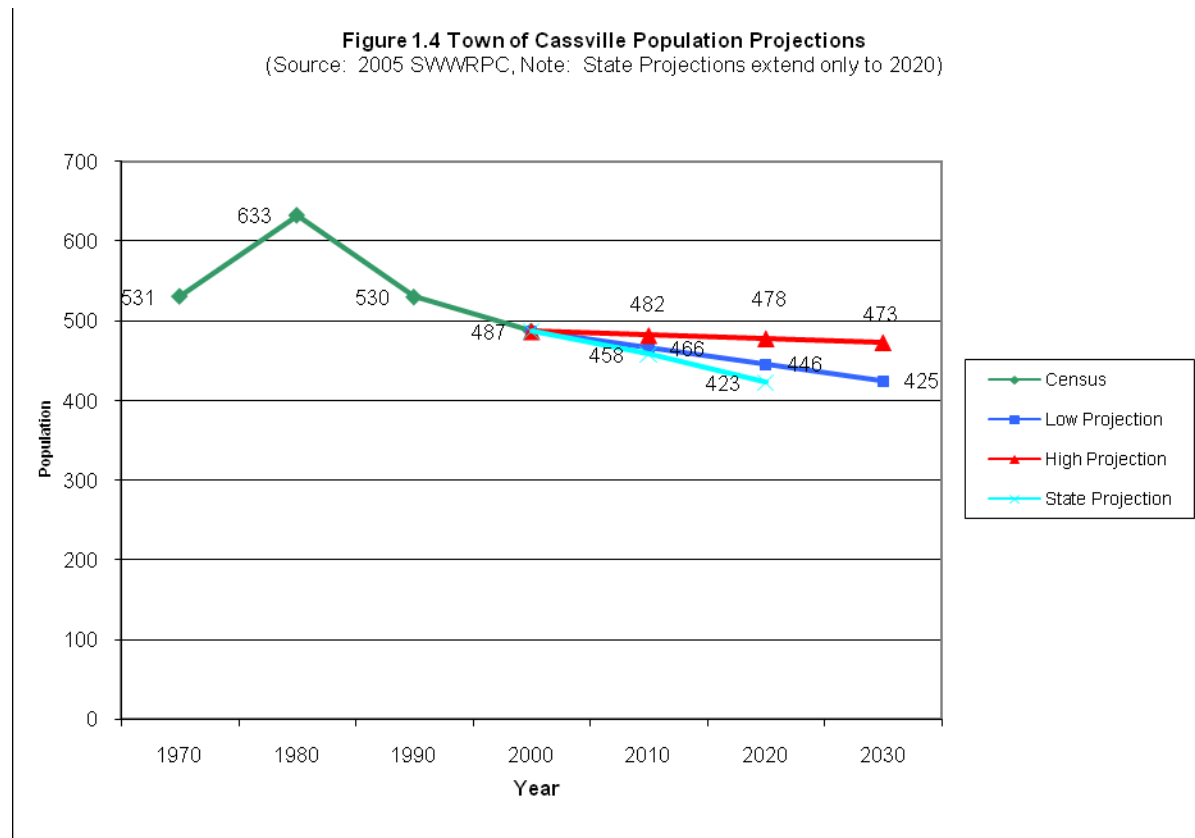


Figure 1.4 shows the projected populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a future high projection, while the blue line indicates a future low projection. The State projection figure trends slightly lower than the SWWRPC low projection.

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

Educational Attainment	Town of Cassville Number	Town of Cassville Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Percent
Less than 9th Grade	25	7.3%	2,346	7.7%	5.4%
9th to 12th No Diploma	41	12.0%	2,713	8.9%	9.6%
HS Grad	187	54.5%	12,255	40.0%	34.6%
Some College	45	13.1%	5,828	19.0%	20.6%
Associate Degree	25	7.3%	2,230	7.3%	7.5%
Bachelor's Degree	13	3.8%	3,332	10.9%	15.3%
Graduate/Prof. Degree	7	2.0%	1,921	6.3%	7.2%
Percent High School Grad or Higher	80.8%		83.5%		85.1%

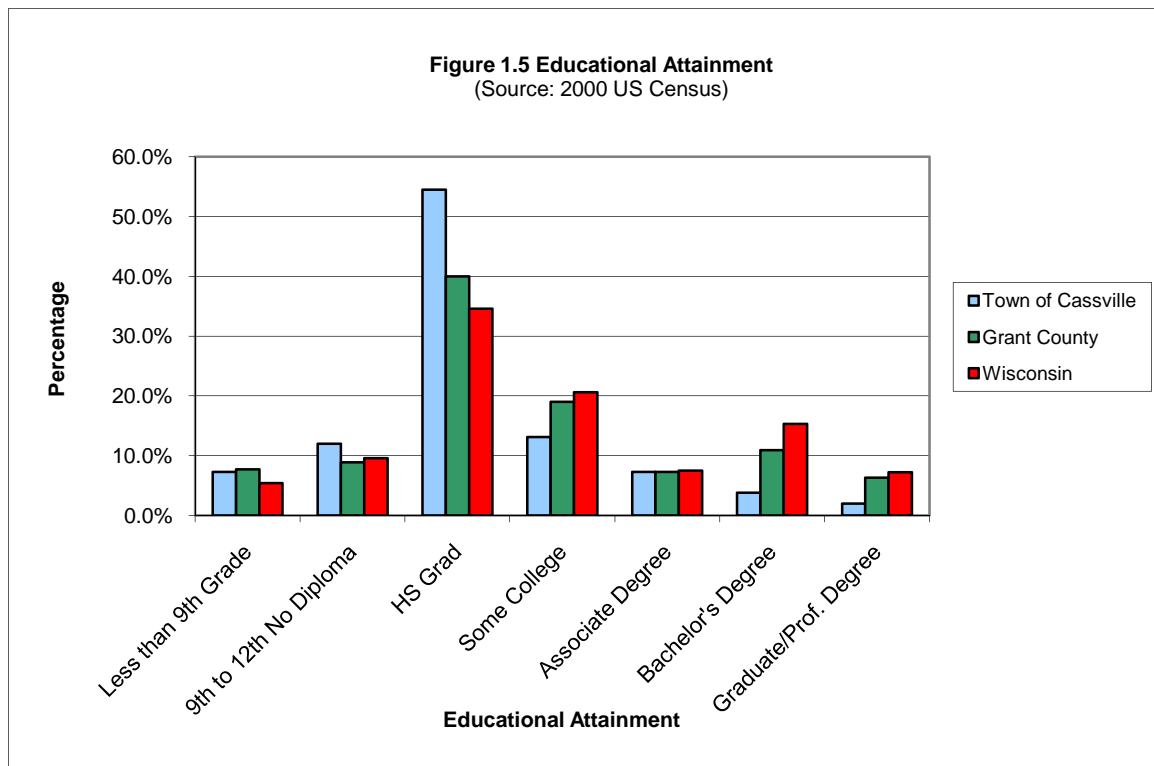


Table 1.4 Occupations (Source: DP-1,DP-2. 2000 US Census)

Occupations	Town of Cassville Number	Town of Cassville Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Prod, Trans & Mat. Moving	58	23.9%	4,981	19.9%	540,930	19.8%
Const, Extraction & Maint.	18	7.4%	2,294	9.1%	237,086	8.7%
Farm, Fishing & Forestry	10	4.1%	753	3.0%	25,725	0.9%
Sales & Office	32	13.2%	5,524	22.0%	690,360	25.2%
Services	28	11.5%	4,025	16.0%	383,619	14.0%
Mgmt, Prof & Related	97	39.9%	7,511	29.9%	857,205	31.3%
Total	243	100%	25,088	100%	2,734,925	100%

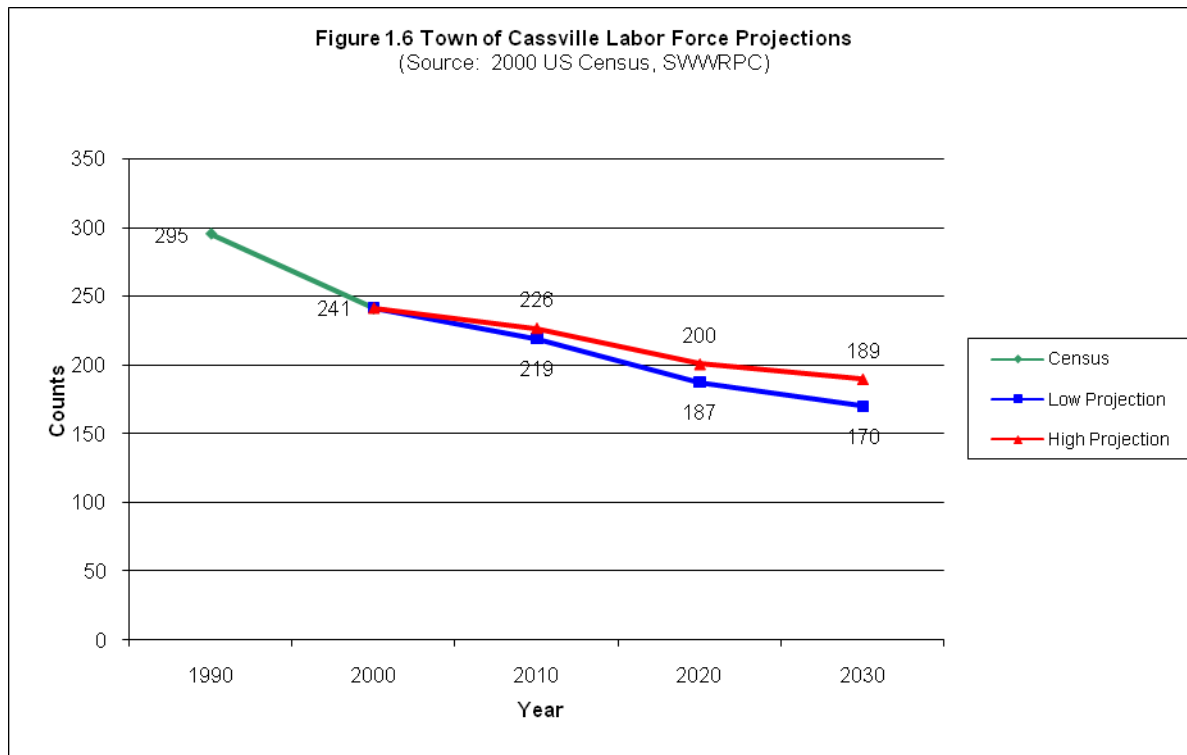


Figure 1.6 shows the projected labor force populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a high projection, while the blue line indicates the low projection. Labor data was not available for 1980 or 1970.

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 (see below) is one source that could be used to accrue funding for all types of projects.

GRANTS.GOV (www.grants.gov)

Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies. Grants.gov is the single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the managing partner for Grants.gov.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES
CHAPTER ATTACHMENTS**

Town of Cassville

During September and October of 2007 a total of 235 questionnaires were sent to households in the Town of Cassville. A total of 74 questionnaires were returned for a return rate of 31 percent. This number of returned surveys will provide estimates that are expected to be accurate to within plus or minus 9 percent.

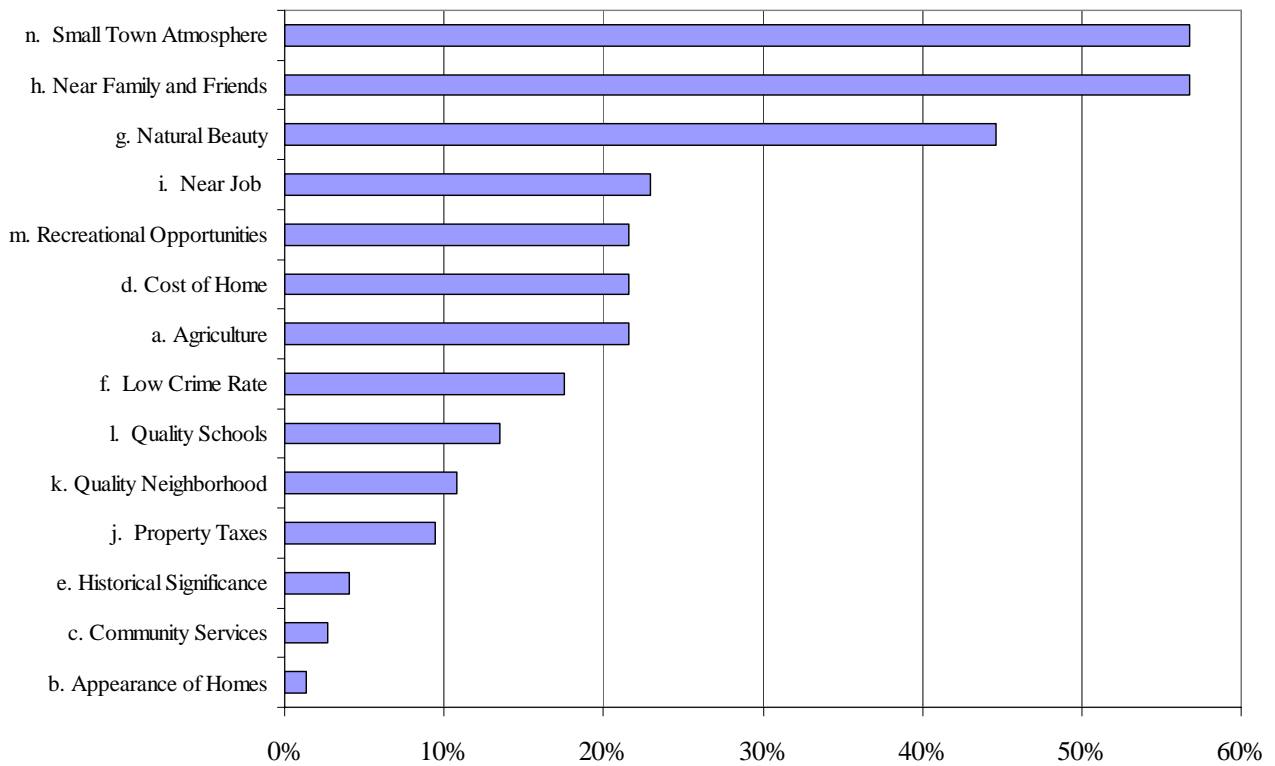
Key results of this survey include:

- *The top three reasons Town of Cassville residents choose to live in Grant County are small town atmosphere (57%), being near family and friends (57%), and the area's natural beauty (45%).*
- *Relative to Grant County as a whole, the natural beauty and recreational opportunities were more important factors for citizens of the Town of Cassville in terms of their choice of a place to live.*
- *Residents of the Town of Cassville are, with one exception, exceptionally satisfied with the quality of community facilities and services. At least 70 percent of the respondents say these services and facilities are good or excellent.*
- *Street and road maintenance is the exception to citizen satisfaction with community facilities and services. Four in ten rate road maintenance as fair or poor.*
- *Relative to Grant County as a whole, Town of Cassville residents give higher ratings to the parks & recreation facilities and to the public library.*
- *At least 80 percent of all respondents in the Town of Cassville 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 among Town of Cassville residents mirrored a similar level of concern throughout Grant County.*
- *Majorities see a need to focus on rehabilitation of existing housing and expanding the stock of affordable housing.*
- *Relative to the County, residents in the Town of Cassville are generally less enthusiastic about all types of housing development.*
- *Town of Cassville residents are about evenly split regarding whether landowners should be able to develop their land 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. They are less opposed to allowing landowners to develop their land any way they want than the County average.*
- *Most Town of Cassville residents are opposed to using productive farmland for any type of non-farm use. They are more opposed to the use of productive farmland for housing than Grant County as a whole. A majority support large-scale livestock operations if they are located at least two miles from existing villages and cities.*
- *The landholdings in the Town of Cassville tend to be larger than the County average, and the proportion of landowners who actively farm their land is higher than the overall County average.*
- *Residents of the Town of Cassville are quite satisfied with the overall road network within the County. Although a majority rated the condition of roads in the Town as good or excellent, nearly four in ten say road conditions are only fair or poor, which is consistent with their ratings of road maintenance in an earlier question.*
- *Town of Cassville residents, like those in Grant County generally, want to receive information about comprehensive planning in newsletters or direct mail.*
- *Town of Cassville residents are quite supportive of pursuing the development of alternative energy (wind, solar, ethanol) as a means of economic development within Grant County. They are more bullish on ethanol than the overall County average.*
- *Residents in their open-ended comments and in responses to quantitative questions say that additional retail and commercial developments are needed in the County. Residents also expressed a desire for jobs with better wages than what is currently available.*

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – QUALITY OF LIFE

- *Three reasons stand out as the top reasons Town of Cassville residents choose to live in Grant County.*
 - *Tied for the top rank are small town atmosphere and being near family and friends (57%).*
 - *The area’s natural beauty is in third place, chosen by 45 percent.*
- *There is a large drop to the second tier of reasons. Behind the top group is the nearness of jobs (23%). Recreational opportunities, cost of home, and agriculture were close behind, each with 22 percent.*
- *At the other end of the scale, fewer than 10 percent of Town of Cassville residents indicate that property taxes, historical significance, community services and appearance of homes are among their top three reasons they choose to live in Grant County.*

Quality of Life Factors



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

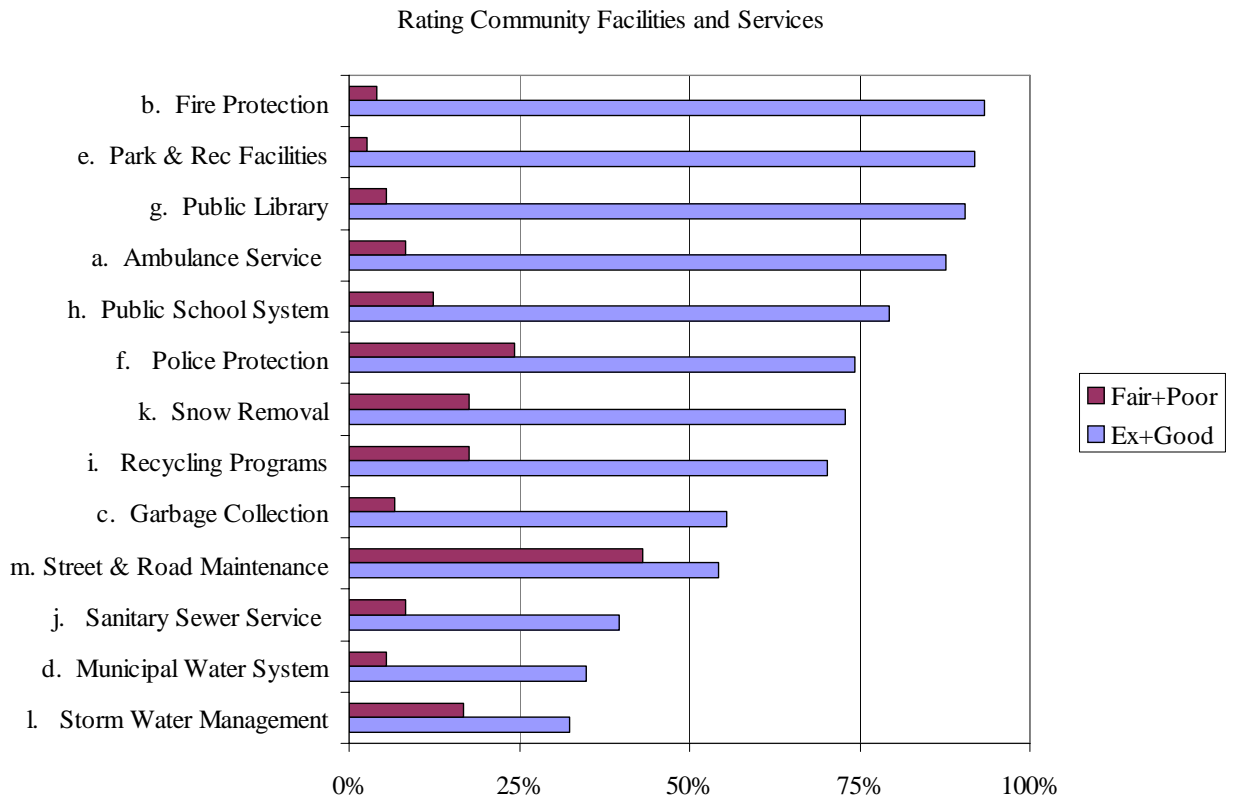
- *Compared to Grant County as a whole, Town of Cassville residents are much less likely to choose being near their job among their top three reasons for choosing to live in the County.*
- *They are more likely to choose natural beauty and recreational opportunities among their top three.*

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

	Cassville	County		Cassville	County
a. Agriculture	22%	17%	i. Near Job	23%	40%
b. Appearance of Homes	1%	2%	j. Property Taxes	9%	6%
c. Community Services	3%	3%	k. Quality Neighborhood	11%	10%
d. Cost of Home	22%	17%	l. Quality Schools	14%	18%
e. Historical Significance	4%	2%	m. Recreational Opportunities	22%	9%
f. Low Crime Rate	18%	20%	n. Small Town Atmosphere	57%	58%
g. Natural Beauty	45%	24%	o. Other	8%	5%
h. Near Family and Friends	57%	56%			

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Residents of the Town of Cassville give high marks to all but one of their community facilities and services.
- Approximately 9 of 10 respondents give excellent or good ratings to fire protection, park & recreation facilities, the public library, and ambulance service. Between 70 and 80 percent say the public school system, police protection, snow removal, and recycling programs are good or excellent.
- Town of Cassville residents are less sure, however, about their satisfaction with street and road maintenance in the Town. Over half (54%) rate it excellent or good, but many others (43%) rate it as fair or poor.



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

- In comparison to the overall County ratings for community services and facilities, Town of Cassville residents tend to rate most community services and facilities with nearly the same high levels of satisfaction.
- Town of Cassville residents give noticeably higher ratings to the ambulance service, fire protection, park & recreation, and the public library.
- They are somewhat less satisfied with street and road maintenance and recycling in their Town than the County average.

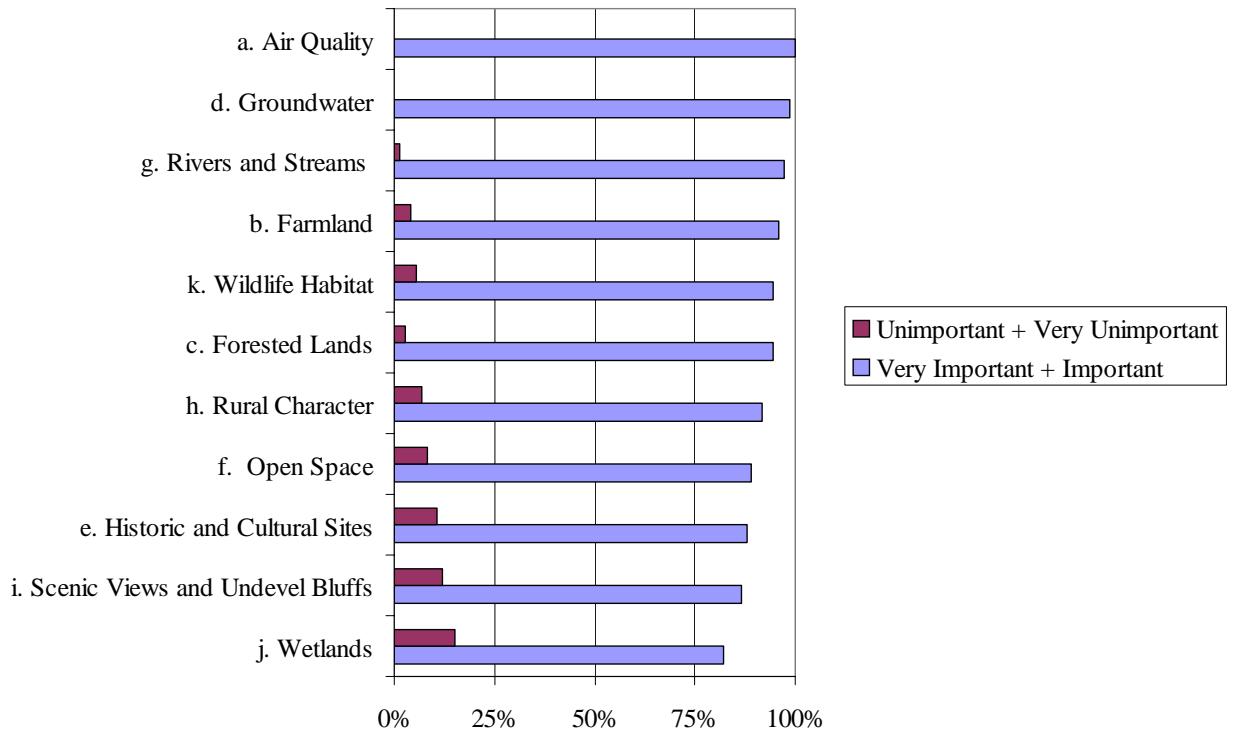
2. Rate the following local services

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
a. Ambulance Service	64%	54%	23%	35%	8%	6%	0%	0%	4%	5%
b. Fire Protection	65%	54%	28%	39%	3%	4%	1%	0%	3%	3%
c. Garbage Collection	28%	39%	27%	39%	4%	9%	3%	2%	38%	11%
d. Municipal Water System	21%	23%	14%	38%	4%	10%	1%	2%	60%	26%
e. Park & Rec Facilities	50%	30%	42%	47%	3%	13%	0%	2%	5%	7%
f. Police Protection	27%	27%	47%	45%	16%	20%	8%	4%	1%	4%
g. Public Library	41%	33%	50%	46%	5%	11%	0%	2%	4%	8%
h. Public School System	26%	30%	53%	49%	12%	13%	0%	2%	8%	6%
i. Recycling Programs	30%	31%	41%	51%	15%	12%	3%	2%	12%	3%
j. Sanitary Sewer Service	22%	25%	18%	42%	5%	8%	3%	1%	52%	24%
k. Snow Removal	30%	27%	43%	47%	12%	17%	5%	2%	9%	7%
l. Storm Water Management	15%	16%	17%	43%	13%	16%	4%	3%	51%	22%
m. Street & Road Maintenance	15%	16%	39%	46%	29%	28%	14%	8%	3%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Very large majorities of residents in the Town of Cassville place high importance on the protection of the natural resource base.
- The combined responses in the “Important” and “Very Important” categories exceed 80 percent for all resources listed.
- They have near unanimity (99+ percent) regarding the importance to protect air quality and groundwater.

Importance of Protecting Natural & Cultural Resources



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

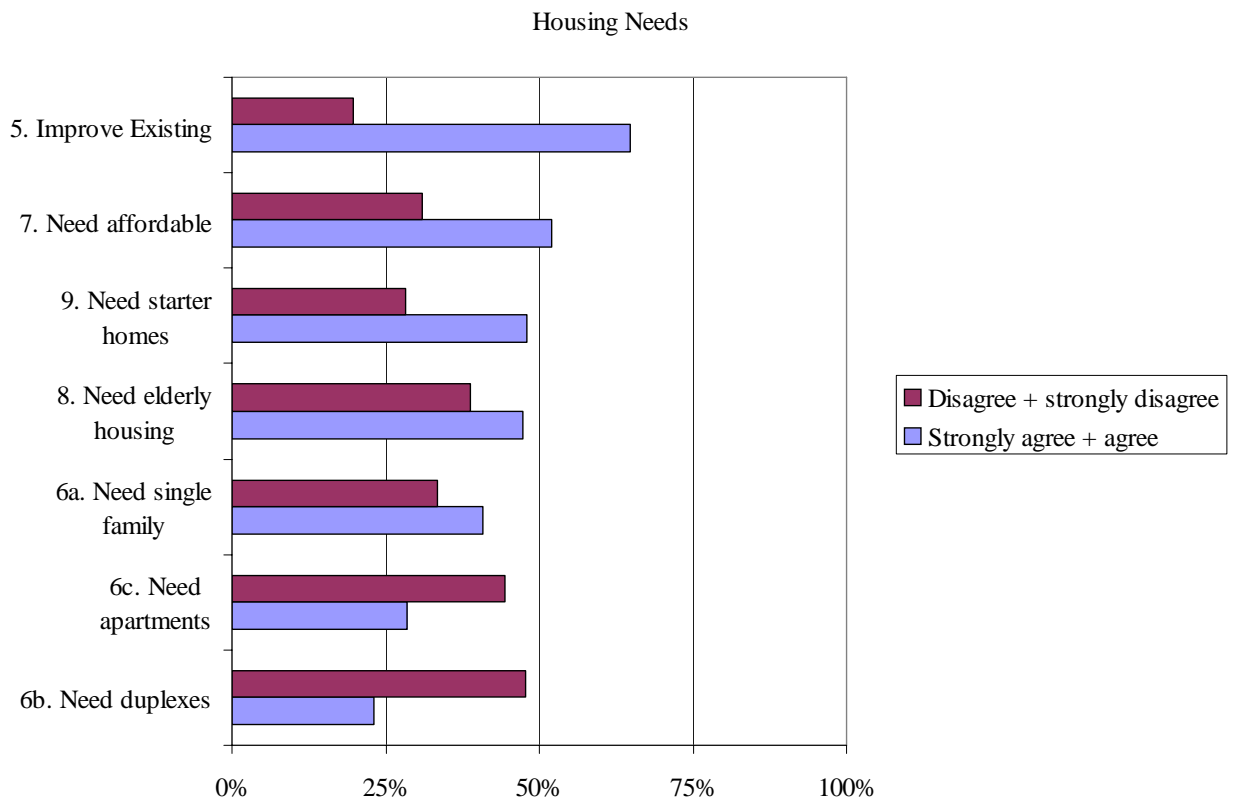
- Residents of the Town of Cassville give a similar high level of importance to the protection of natural resources as do County residents as a whole.
- In most cases, a higher proportion of Town residents said it is “very important” to protect these natural and cultural resources than the overall County average.

4. It is important to protect the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
a. Air Quality	76%	68%	24%	29%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%
b. Farmland	65%	59%	31%	37%	3%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%
c. Forested Lands	63%	54%	32%	40%	3%	3%	0%	1%	3%	2%
d. Groundwater	78%	73%	21%	25%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
e. Historic and Cultural Sites	34%	27%	54%	57%	11%	13%	0%	1%	1%	2%
f. Open Space	40%	34%	49%	53%	8%	10%	0%	1%	3%	2%
g. Rivers and Streams	74%	64%	24%	34%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%
h. Rural Character	45%	39%	47%	47%	7%	12%	0%	1%	1%	2%
i. Scenic Views & Undevel Bluffs	51%	46%	35%	42%	12%	9%	0%	2%	1%	1%
j. Wetlands	37%	40%	45%	41%	15%	12%	0%	2%	3%	4%
k. Wildlife Habitat	54%	47%	41%	43%	5%	7%	0%	1%	0%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING

- The following figure suggests that residents of the Town of Cassville have ambiguous feelings about housing developments.
- Nearly two-thirds of Town of Cassville residents think the focus should be placed on improving existing homes.
- Slightly over half think there is a need for affordable housing in the Town, but nearly a third disagree.
- Nearly half think there is a need for starter homes and elderly housing in the Town, but many others disagree.
- Only 41 percent of Town of Cassville residents see a need for more single family homes in the Town.
- Only about 1 in 4 respondents think more duplexes or apartments are needed in the Town.
- There are an usually high percentage of “No opinion” responses to the questions in the housing section.



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Relative to the County, residents in the Town of Cassville are generally less enthusiastic about housing development of any type. They are particularly less likely to see a need for single family housing, duplexes, elderly housing, and affordable housing in the Town.
- A majority of Town of Cassville 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 Town residents favoring cluster design is the same as the County.

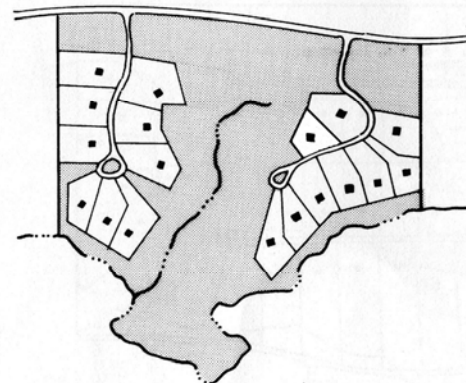
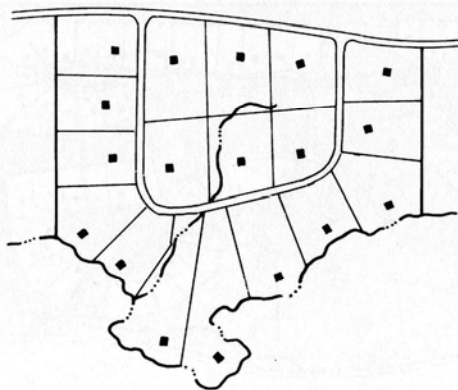
	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
5. Improve existing housing quality.	17%	24%	48%	44%	18%	16%	1%	3%	15%	13%
6. Need following housing types:										
a. Single Family Housing	15%	19%	26%	40%	29%	15%	5%	5%	26%	21%
b. Duplexes (2 units)	8%	8%	15%	33%	40%	25%	8%	9%	29%	25%
c. Apartments (3 or more units)	7%	7%	21%	24%	37%	31%	7%	12%	27%	26%
7. Need affordable housing	20%	31%	32%	36%	24%	14%	7%	6%	17%	13%
8. Need elderly housing	14%	20%	33%	43%	33%	19%	6%	4%	14%	14%
9. Need starter homes	14%	19%	34%	37%	23%	23%	6%	4%	24%	16%

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

OPTION A

OPTION B

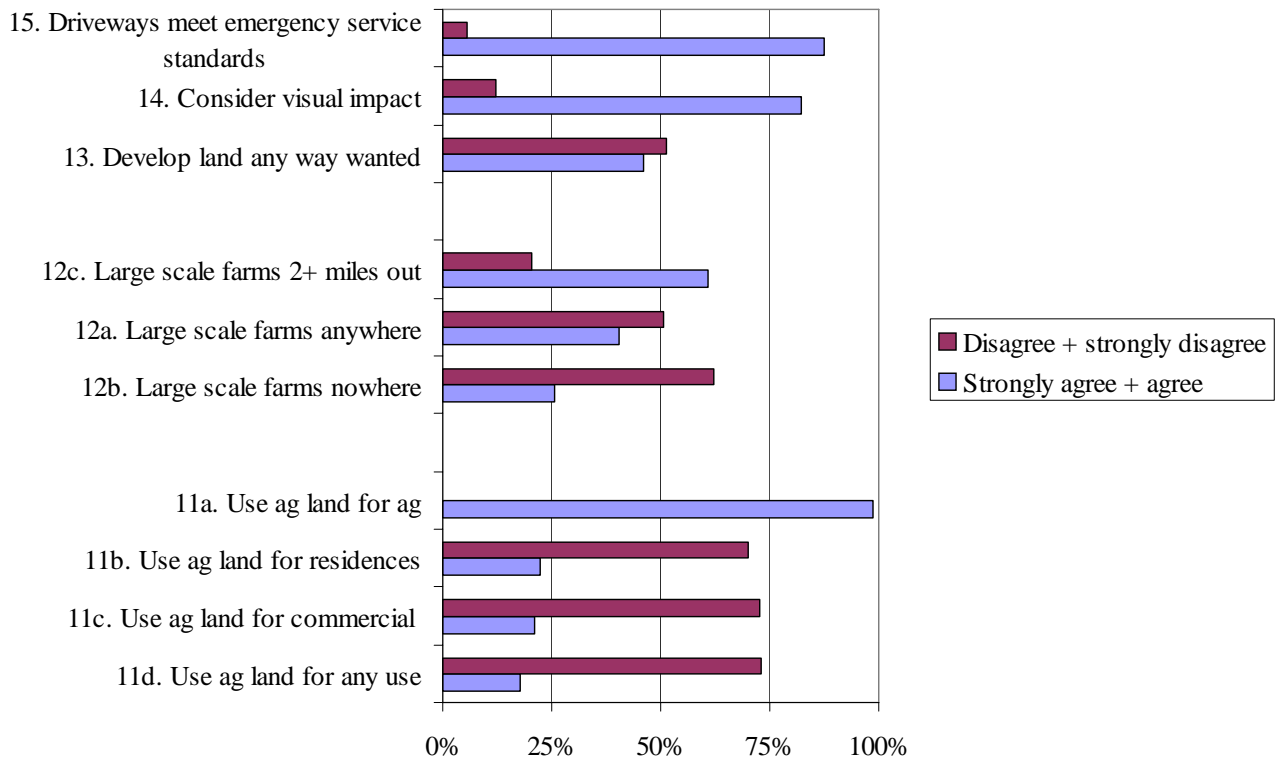
Traditional Design		Cluster Design	
Town of Cassville	County	Town of Cassville	County
38%	39%	62%	61%



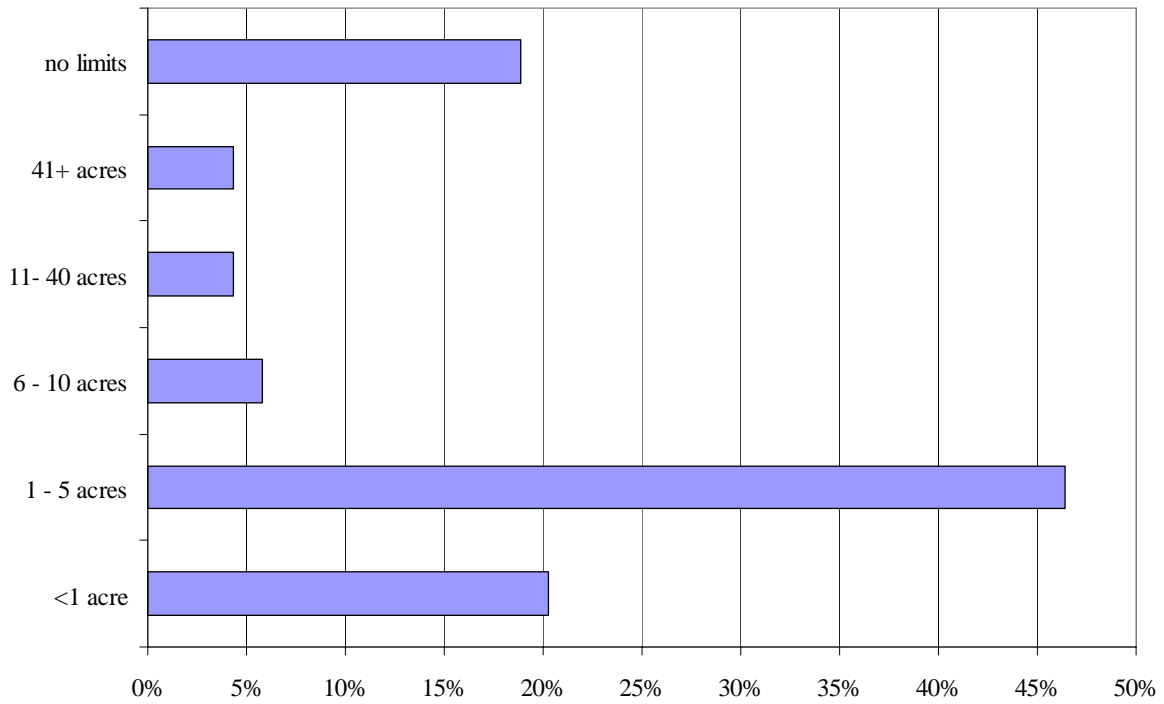
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

- Residents of the Town of Cassville feel strongly that driveways should be required to meet standards for emergency vehicle access and that visual aspects should be considered in evaluating a proposed development.
- Town of Cassville residents have split opinions about whether landowners should be able to develop their land any way they want. Although a majority disagrees (51%), nearly as many (46%) think landowners should be able to develop their land as they desire.
- With respect to the expansion of large-scale farms, those with more than 500 animal units, Town of Cassville 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). More than 6 in 10 agree or strongly agree that such farms should be allowed to expand if they are outside a 2 mile radius of an incorporated area.
- People living in the Town of Cassville 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).
- Town of Cassville residents prefer relatively small minimum lot sizes for residential development in rural areas; two-thirds favor a minimum lot size of less than 5 acres.
- The size of individual landholdings varies widely. Thirty-seven percent own less than an acre, but 25 percent own over 100 acres.

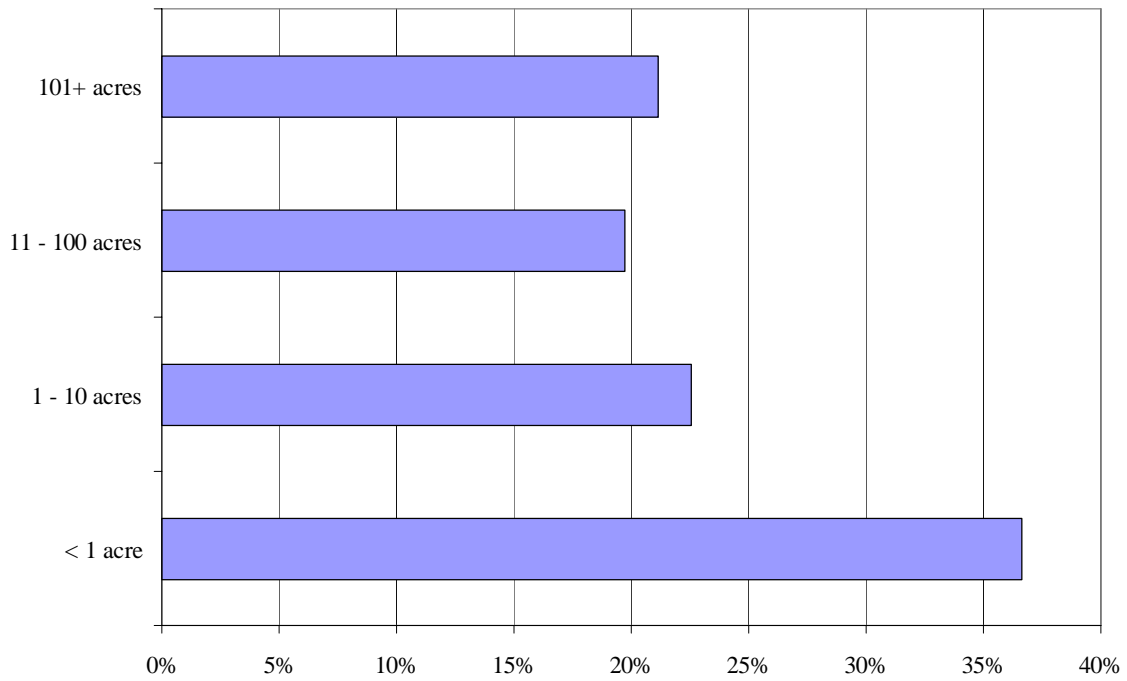
Land Use Opinions



Preferred Minimum Lot Size



Acres Owned in Grant County



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

- Residents of the Town of Cassville share similar opinions with the overall County average in regard to supporting consideration of visual impact into the evaluation of development proposals and requiring driveways to meet standards for emergency access.
- They also share the same opposition to the use of productive farmland for non-agricultural activities.
- Compared to the County average, Town of Cassville residents are somewhat more opposed to the use of productive farmland for residences. At the same time, they are less opposed to allowing landowners to develop their land any way they want.
- Town of Cassville residents are less opposed to the idea of allowing large-scale livestock operations to be located anywhere throughout the County.
- People living in the Town of Cassville are more likely to disagree that there should be a minimum lot size for rural residences than the County average.
- Not surprisingly, there are more landowners with holdings between 11 and 100 acres in the Town of Cassville than the overall County average. Landowners are more likely to actively farm their land than the County average. About the same percentage as the County average believe their land will continue to be farmed in the next 5 years, 6 to 10 years, and 11 to 15 years, but more from the Town of Cassville believe their farmland will continue in farming in the next 16 to 20 years.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
11a. Use ag land for ag	81%	76%	18%	21%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%
11b. Use ag land for residences	7%	4%	15%	28%	51%	44%	19%	17%	7%	7%
11c. Use ag land for commercial	6%	3%	15%	19%	48%	45%	24%	26%	6%	7%
11d. Use ag land for any use	7%	4%	10%	8%	40%	40%	33%	36%	9%	12%
12. Expand lg farms (500+ an. units):										
a. Anywhere in Grant County	13%	9%	28%	17%	25%	42%	26%	23%	9%	8%
b. Nowhere in Grant County	17%	12%	9%	14%	42%	44%	20%	19%	12%	12%
c. 2 miles outside inc areas	23%	23%	38%	39%	10%	17%	10%	9%	19%	12%
13. Develop land any way wanted	18%	11%	28%	17%	30%	52%	22%	18%	3%	2%
14. Consider visual impacts of devel	33%	28%	49%	57%	11%	9%	1%	2%	5%	5%
15. Driveways meet EMS standards	39%	38%	49%	52%	6%	6%	0%	0%	7%	4%

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

Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
24%	24%	37%	48%	23%	16%	3%	5%	14%	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	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
20%	19%	46%	49%	6%	13%	4%	5%	4%	4%	19%	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	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
37%	60%	23%	17%	20%	10%	21%	13%

19. Do you actively farm the land you own?

Yes		No		Not Applicable	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
27%	14%	54%	55%	19%	31%

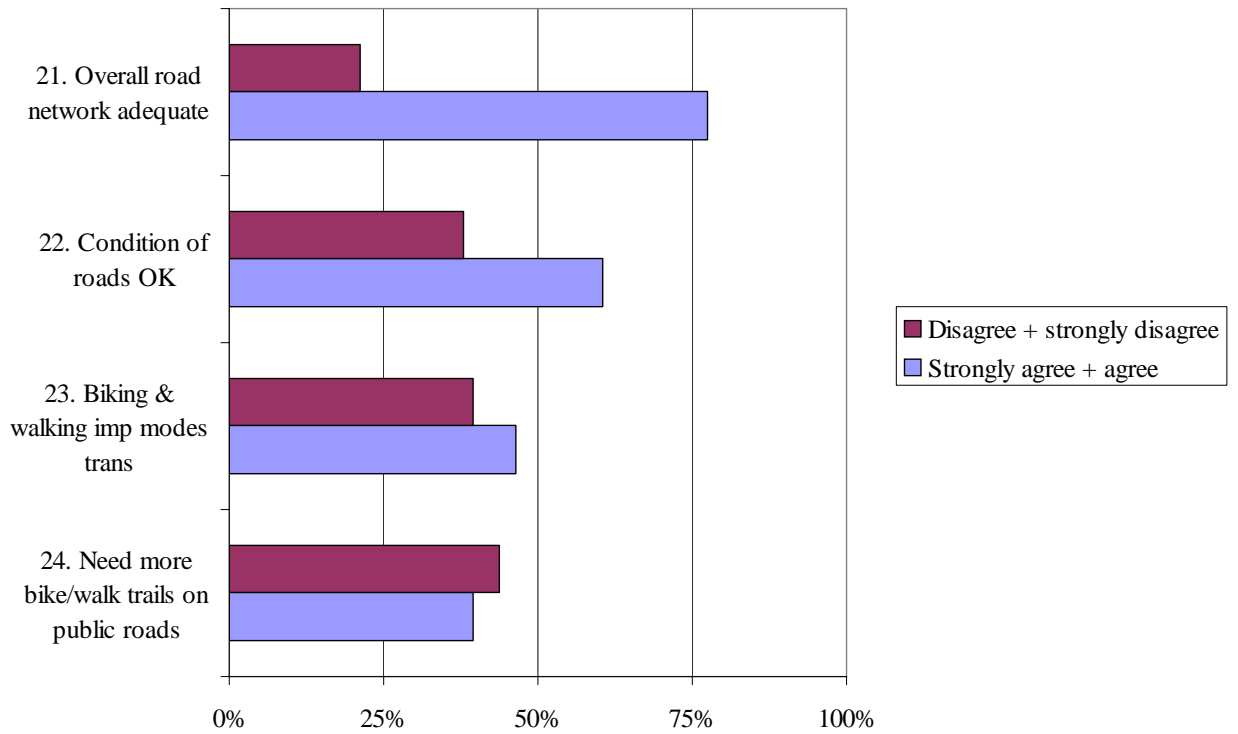
20. Do you think your land will be actively farmed (by you or someone else) in the next:

0-5 years		6-10 years		11-15 years		16-20 years		Not Applicable	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
12%	10%	9%	6%	4%	6%	23%	13%	58%	74%

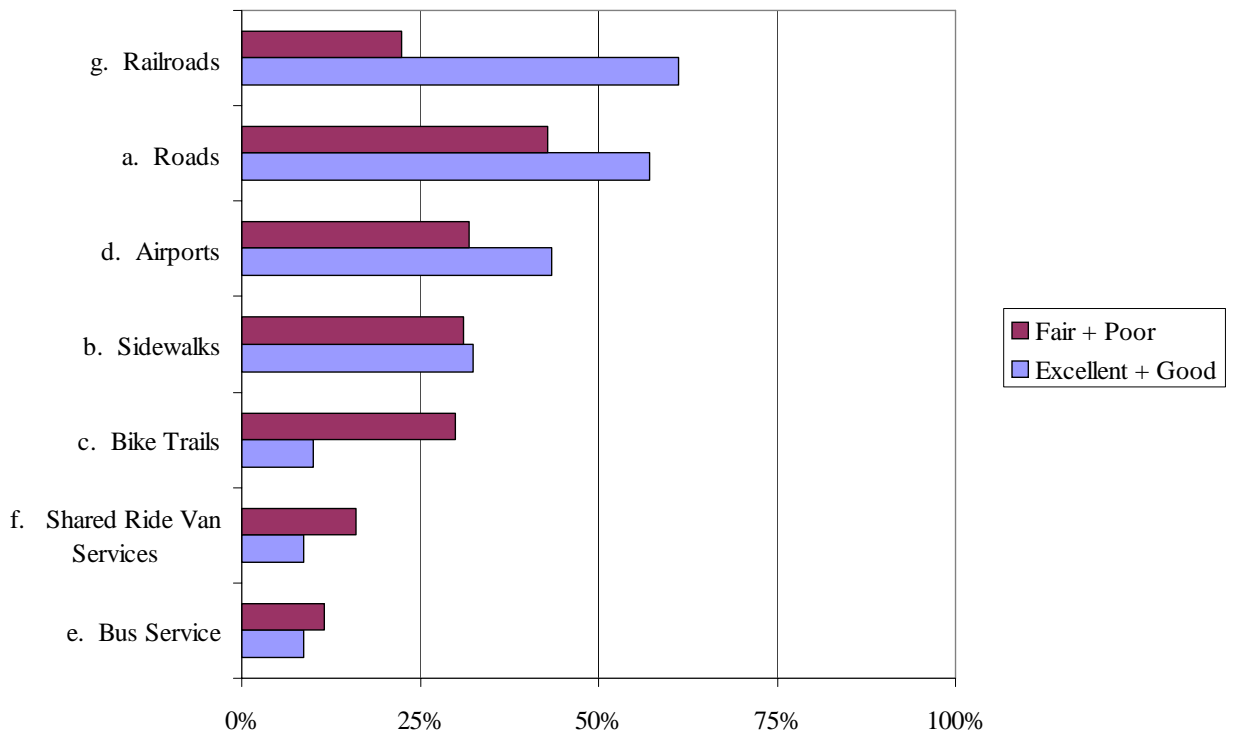
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION

- More than three-fourths of residents of the Town of Cassville agree or strongly agree that the overall road network within the County meets the needs of its citizens.
- Although a majority (61%) of the Town of Cassville residents says that the condition of the Town's road is adequate, 38 percent disagree. A majority (57%) rates the roads excellent or good, but more than four in ten say the Town's roads are fair or poor.
- Town of Cassville residents have split opinions regarding the importance of biking and walking as modes of transportation. A majority do not see the need for additional biking and walking lanes along public roadways in the Town.
- The railroad service in the Town was rated good or excellent by over 60 percent.
- Many respondents did not rate other transportation modes in the Town. Of those who did provide ratings, opinions were mixed regarding airport service, sidewalks, and bus service. Larger proportions of residents of the Town of Cassville give low marks to bike trails and shared ride service than those who give good ratings for those modes.

Transportation Opinions



Transportation Quality in Local Jurisdiction



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Compared to the County average, residents in the Town of Cassville are less positive about the roads in their Town and about the overall road network in the County.
- They are less likely to think biking and walking are important modes of transportation or to see a need for more biking and walking lanes along public roadways in the Town.
- Since substantial proportions of residents in the County sample did not rate the remaining transportation items listed, comparisons to the Town of Cassville responses are not meaningful. Interestingly, Town of Cassville residents are much more likely to evaluate rail service than the County average, and, as noted earlier, they give relatively high marks to the rail service in the Town.

21-24. Transportation issues

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
21. Road network meets needs	13%	14%	65%	74%	15%	9%	6%	2%	1%	1%
22. Condition of roads adequate	10%	11%	51%	64%	34%	20%	4%	3%	1%	1%
23. Biking & walking imp modes trans	13%	18%	34%	44%	32%	22%	7%	5%	14%	11%
24. Need more bike & walk lanes on pub roads	13%	24%	27%	34%	28%	23%	15%	9%	17%	10%

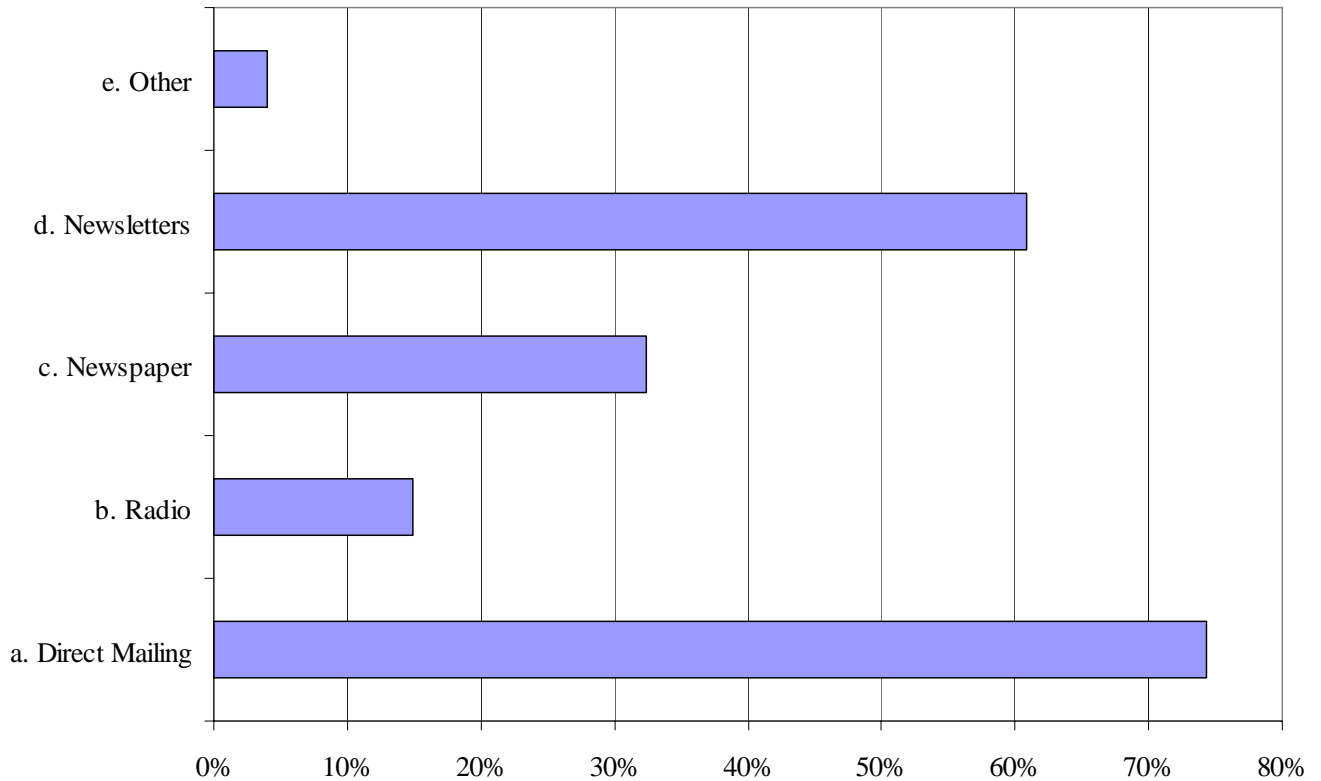
25. Rate the following for your local jurisdiction

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
a. Roads	6%	12%	51%	59%	34%	22%	9%	6%	0%	0%
b. Sidewalks	1%	6%	31%	39%	24%	28%	7%	6%	37%	22%
c. Bike Trails	1%	3%	9%	17%	16%	19%	14%	16%	60%	44%
d. Airports	6%	6%	38%	30%	26%	16%	6%	4%	25%	43%
e. Bus Service	3%	1%	6%	4%	3%	3%	9%	20%	80%	72%
f. Shared Ride Van Services	1%	0%	7%	9%	4%	11%	12%	16%	75%	64%
g. Railroads	7%	2%	54%	11%	13%	10%	9%	13%	16%	64%
h. Other	15%	3%	0%	9%	0%	1%	15%	12%	69%	75%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS - COMMUNICATION

- Direct mailings or newsletters are by far the preferred means of communication through which Town of Cassville residents prefer to receive information about comprehensive planning. Newspapers are preferred by only a third and radio by only 17 percent.

Communication Preferences for Comp Plan Info



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNICATIONS (COUNTY COMPARISON)

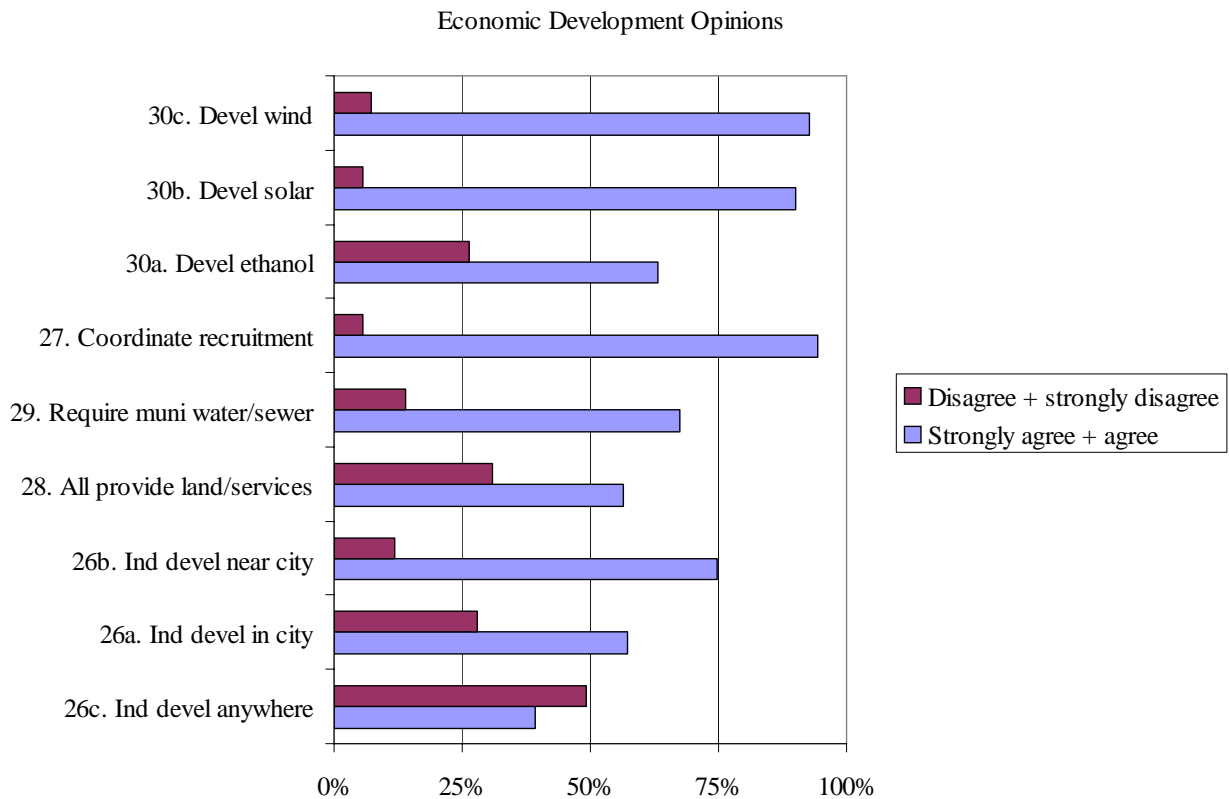
- In comparison to the County, residents of the Town of Cassville share the same preference for direct mailings and newsletters as sources of information about comprehensive planning. They have a weaker preference for newspapers.

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

	Town of Cassville	County
a. Direct Mailing	74%	70%
b. Radio	15%	21%
c. Newspaper	32%	44%
d. Newsletters	61%	56%
e. Other	4%	4%

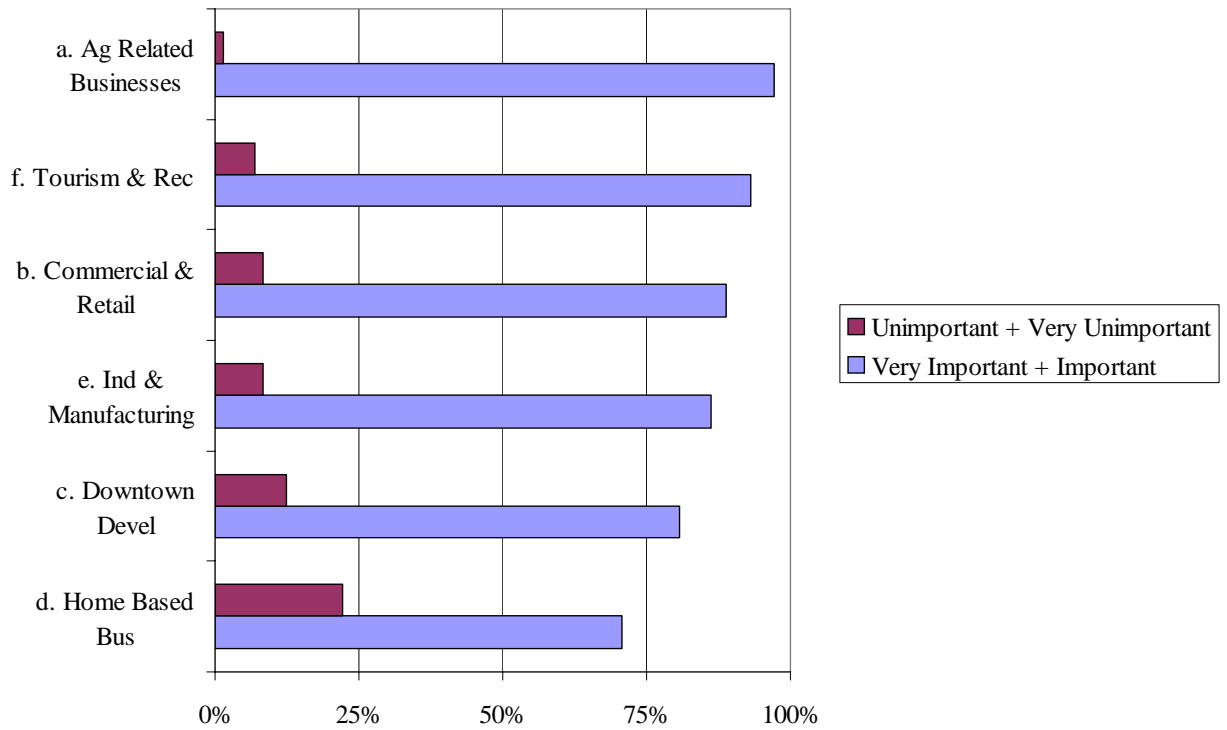
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- A majority of residents in the Town of Cassville feel that alternative energy sources (wind, solar, ethanol) are important economic development options. Support for wind and solar energy, however, is substantially stronger than for ethanol development, which has 26 percent opposition.
- Town of Cassville residents overwhelmingly believe that Grant County should coordinate efforts to recruit new business and industry.
- They have a stronger preference for manufacturing or commercial businesses that involve truck traffic to be located near existing villages or cities (75%) rather than within an existing community (57%) and are opposed to unrestricted freedom to locate these types of businesses anywhere in the County.
- A majority believes that all jurisdictions in Grant County should provide some land and infrastructure for industrial and commercial development. A large majority believes that new development on the edge of communities should be required to have municipal water and sewer services.



- Town of Cassville residents view a wide variety of types of business development as important in Grant County. Very large majorities agree that agricultural related businesses, commercial/retail, manufacturing, downtown businesses, and tourism/recreation are important. Over 70 percent view home-based businesses as important too.

Importance of Business Development



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- In general, Town of Cassville residents hold views about economic development issues that are very similar to the overall County average.
- Like the rest of Grant County, residents of the Town of Cassville believe that Grant County should coordinate efforts to recruit new businesses. They also share the opinion that local jurisdictions should provide land and infrastructure for business and industry and that new development on the edge of existing villages or cities should be required to connect to municipal sewer and water.
- Although support for ethanol plants is not as strong as for solar and wind energy among Town of Cassville residents, they support ethanol plants more strongly than the County average.
- Compared to the County average, they are less opposed to allowing commercial and industrial businesses that generate truck traffic to locate anywhere throughout the County.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty
26. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located:										
a. In an existing city or a village	6%	14%	51%	39%	25%	28%	3%	7%	15%	12%
b. Near a city or village	4%	16%	70%	63%	10%	8%	1%	3%	13%	10%
c. Anywhere in Grant County	12%	7%	28%	19%	30%	38%	19%	20%	12%	16%
27. Coordinate business recruitment	49%	53%	45%	40%	6%	2%	0%	2%	0%	3%
28. Provide land & infrastructure for industry/commerce	13%	16%	44%	43%	27%	19%	4%	7%	13%	15%
29. Required muni water & sewer	14%	26%	54%	45%	11%	11%	3%	4%	18%	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	
	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty	Tw Cassv	Cnty
a. Ethanol Plants	25%	22%	38%	33%	21%	23%	6%	9%	10%	13%
b. Solar Energy	40%	39%	50%	45%	4%	5%	1%	1%	4%	10%
c. Wind Energy	43%	48%	50%	43%	7%	2%	0%	2%	0%	6%
d. Other	32%	28%	11%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	58%	63%

- The proportion of residents in Town of Cassville 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.

31. Rate the importance of the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
a. Ag Related Business	58%	59%	39%	38%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%
b. Commercial & Retail	35%	33%	54%	59%	8%	7%	0%	1%	3%	1%
c. Downtown Devel	23%	31%	58%	52%	12%	11%	0%	2%	7%	4%
d. Home-Based Bus	14%	17%	57%	54%	21%	22%	1%	3%	7%	4%
e. Ind & Manufacturing	36%	40%	50%	50%	7%	8%	1%	1%	6%	1%
f. Tourism & Rec	47%	36%	47%	55%	7%	7%	0%	1%	0%	1%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – DEMOGRAPHICS

The demographic profile of Town of Cassville respondents matches that of the County in most ways, with a few notable differences.

- The Town of Cassville has more residents in the 55 to 64 age group than the County average.
- In terms of annual household income, the Town of Cassville has fewer households with incomes between \$50,000 and \$74,999 than the County average but more with over \$100,000.
- In comparison to the County average, there are a smaller proportion of residents in the Town of Cassville who are employed full-time.

35. Gender

Male		Female	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
55%	53%	45%	47%

36. Age

18-24		25-34		35-44	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
0%	0%	5%	7%	10%	13%

45-54		55-64		65 and older	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
23%	23%	32%	22%	30%	35%

37. Employment Status

Emp Full Time		Emp Part Time		Self Employed	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
34%	44%	3%	6%	14%	10%

Unemployed		Retired		Other	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
1%	1%	45%	37%	3%	1%

38. Place of Residence

Own		Rent		Other	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
97%	99%	0%	1%	3%	0%

39. Number of Adults (18+) in Household

0		1		2	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
		13%	20%	81%	71%

3		4		5+	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
3%	7%	3%	2%	0%	1%

40. Number of Children (under 18) in Household

0		1		2	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
75%	67%	13%	14%	7%	11%

3		4		5+	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
1%	7%	1%	1%	1%	0%

41. Household Income

Under \$15,000		\$15K - \$24,999		\$25K - \$49,999	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
8%	7%	16%	14%	38%	33%

\$50K - \$74,999		\$75K - \$99,999		\$100,000+	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
14%	25%	9%	15%	16%	6%

42. Years Lived in Grant County

Less than 1		1-4		5-9	
Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty	Twn Cassv	Cnty
0%	1%	10%	5%	5%	9%

10-24		25+	
Cassv	Cnty	Cassv	Cnty
18%	14%	67%	71%

Q32. Is there anything about living in Grant County that you don't like?

Transportation issues (3)

- Lack of public transportation.
- No opportunity for public transportation.
- Poor roads (Hwy 133 from Cassville to Burton).

Economic Development (1)

- Not enough business to bring people to our town. The town is slowly dying and soon we will lose our schools.

Taxes (10)

- Taxes are too high. (3)
- High taxes and cold weather in winter

- Property taxes are unjustified. My taxes for the run-down historic home I purchased in Cassville are more than twice what I pay for my very beautiful home and farm in North Carolina and I receive too fewer services in North Carolina.
- Taxes are too high now. If all these proposals are okayed, what will you do with our taxes on our property?
- Taxes.
- The increase of tax on farmland hill sides.
- The taxes are getting way out of line!
- The way taxes are on recreational land, that can't be used for income.

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues (3)

- More hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails for camping in parks and public lands.
- Poor environmental awareness; political conservatism
- Some people are not opened minded to activities which would bring more to our town like recreation (4 wheel).

Job Issues (3)

- Limited high tech jobs. Limited high income jobs.
- Low pay, lack of benefited jobs.
- No jobs that pay enough to live on.

Police/Safety Issues (3)

- All the drunks on our streets and highways.
- Lack of control on abandoned cars, truck, equipment, buildings, etc. which are left to decompose on people's property. There ought to be rule to keep these eyesores off property.
- Lack of property protection to absentee land owners!!

No/Nothing (7)

- No (6)
- Not at this time.

Shopping Issues (3)

- I really don't like the fact that gasoline is usually \$.30 a gallon cheaper in Dubuque.
- Lack of food outlets; gas stations; basic retail.
- Travel time to anywhere with good shopping: 1 hour to Dubuque, 2 hours to Madison, 2 hours to La Crosse, 45 mins. to Platteville. Behind the rest of the world. DSL is available most everywhere but here.

Medical Issues (1)

- Away from hospitals.

School Issues (1)

- Although I don't live on the property, I have a negative impression on the growth of the Cassville School District.

Land Use Issues (2)

- Lack of zoning.
- The county is allowing too many developments along the Mississippi River Bluffs which are ruining the scenery and natural beauty of the area. If you want tourism and recreation, you need to stop these developments. People go out on the river and drive the Great River Road to see natural beauty, not half-million dollar to million dollar homes.

Miscellaneous (2)

- Everything
- Living in Grant County.

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

Transportation (8)

- Better roads.
- Have the state finish Hwy 133 into Cassville!
- Institute wake laws along Jack Oak Road in Cassville!
- Parking rules.
- Quit pushing back the date for State Rd 133 reconstruction.
- Roads are maintained, but the alley between houses/streets are not.

- Snow plow removal needs to be done earlier in the morning and on the day of snow fall. Not 1-2 days later. Better enforcement.
- The road which our house is on is in very bad shape.

Economic Development (2)

- Increase tourism.
- More businesses

Taxes (4)

- Lower taxes- and leave land owners to do as they choose on their own property.
- Lower taxes.
- Regressive property taxation.
- Taxes-the way they figure them.

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues (3)

- Improve public access to federal land is horseback riding and hiking. The land is there, we just need a way to get to it. We also need to tell people where that land is.
- Improved understanding and management of pesticides in the Grant River.
- More wind energy. Don't use corn for ethanol. There are other ways to produce ethanol like flax and hemp. We need corn for food and feed!

Job Issues (4)

- Jobs locally not having to drive 30+ miles to have a better paying job.
- More employment opportunities.
- More jobs for our children. Less taverns.
- More manufacturing jobs.

Police/Safety Issues (4)

- Better fire protection.
- Enforce a speed limit on our road. We were told there is no speed limit on gravel roads but people shouldn't go over 40. Well, they fly by here going 60-70 miles an hour on way to the dam fishing or whatever else they are doing-we have grandchildren that are in danger!!
- Get rid of XXXXXX (officer) in Cassville. Visitors are reluctant to come back to visit because of his attitude.
- The Chief of Police.

No/Nothing (1)

- Nothing.

Shopping Issues (1)

- Some small businesses like drug stores, grocery outlets, and even small restaurants are missing or few and far between in Potosi and Cassville. Otherwise, I love it.

Housing Issues (1)

- Improve sidewalks.

School Issues (1)

- School funding-I would like to see a local area sales tax (half of once percent) to be used directly for school funding!!

Land Use Issues (3)

- Disallow new construction of condominiums, cluster housing, and any type of building along the Mississippi River edge which would limit the view of the river of existing homeowners, and deny developers the right to dispose of historic structures.
- More utilization of public lands and clean up waterways.
- The developments on the Mississippi River Bluffs.

Miscellaneous (1)

- Lazy young people.

Q34. Other comments**Transportation (1)**

- Hopefully tourism committees can push county to improve County 'O' to the standard of County 'B'- 'O' is becoming a primary route from Potosi and Cassville to the four-lane (151) and Platteville!

Economic Development (2)

- County board needs to explore more opportunities to bring business into Grant County.
- How about growing hemp? It's time to get over the link to marijuana!

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues (3)

- Erosion is a major problem in this county. Grant County is the number one county in Wisconsin for top soil loss. Farming practices need to be monitored closely. We need to do everything possible to prevent erosion.
- Rivers and streams- too much runoff causing pollution problem.
- There are a lot of horse people in Grant County. They would appreciate more horse trails like LaRiviere in Prairie du Chien. Spend just as much developing those trails as the bike trails. I meet people from other states that go there. Our saddle clubs would help develop.

Police/Safety Issues (1)

- Need more police coverage.

No/Nothing (1)

- None.

Like It (1)

- We enjoy the overall atmosphere of this area and it has been a perfect choice for our 'get away' cottage. The people here are very friendly and helpful and the trades people and merchants are fair and competent!

Shopping Issues (2)

- Cassville used to be a nice little town. Now you have to do most shopping elsewhere.
- I would also like to give the people who got the Farmer's Market in Cassville going a big pat on the back. It's a great addition to town. I look forward to it every Saturday!

Land Use Issues (3)

- Grant County is the most picturesque place I know. Another (formerly) picturesque area had been North Carolina, which now is hopelessly scarred with tens of thousands of trashy double wide trailers and recklessly developed farmlands, too many shopping centers, too few jobs, too many cars. Before the Planning Commission makes a move, take a trip to N.C. to see how not to do it. We've grown excessively in what were the most beautiful, rural parts of the state to the point that the natural beauty (and peace) is obscured by traffic, pollution and crime; all the downsides of congregated living. Please don't let Grant County become this way! Thank You!
- Minimum size of lots is not a solution. Maximum is. Developments should be made in groups with central water and sewer.
- Our land is rec land. Low taxes and appreciation of property value has both made it possible to own and to be reassured of good investment. We do not hunt and appreciated the natural resources (forest/wood/trees) of our property. Long term personal development of the property is unlikely due to the quality of services and schools (our impression of).