

## 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 Ellenboro. 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 Ellenboro. 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 Ellenboro.**
2. **Preserve and enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Town of Ellenboro.**
3. **Protect and preserve the community character of the Town of Ellenboro.**

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:

*Ellenboro Township is a charming, rural community with a serene, picturesque atmosphere. Maintaining Ellenboro's pristine air, rolling hills, peaceful cemeteries, and attractive rural roads is what our Township officials and residents will strive to accomplish in the next twenty years and beyond. We will encourage the conservation of our natural resources by discouraging industrialized development from adversely affecting our environment. We will promote single family farms. We will safeguard our abundant wildlife existing in their untainted habitats by keeping the environment free from harmful chemicals and limiting housing developments in unapproved areas. Now, and in the future, protecting and preserving rural hometown character will be priority one for Ellenboro residents.*

**1.4 BACKGROUND AND PLANNING AREA**

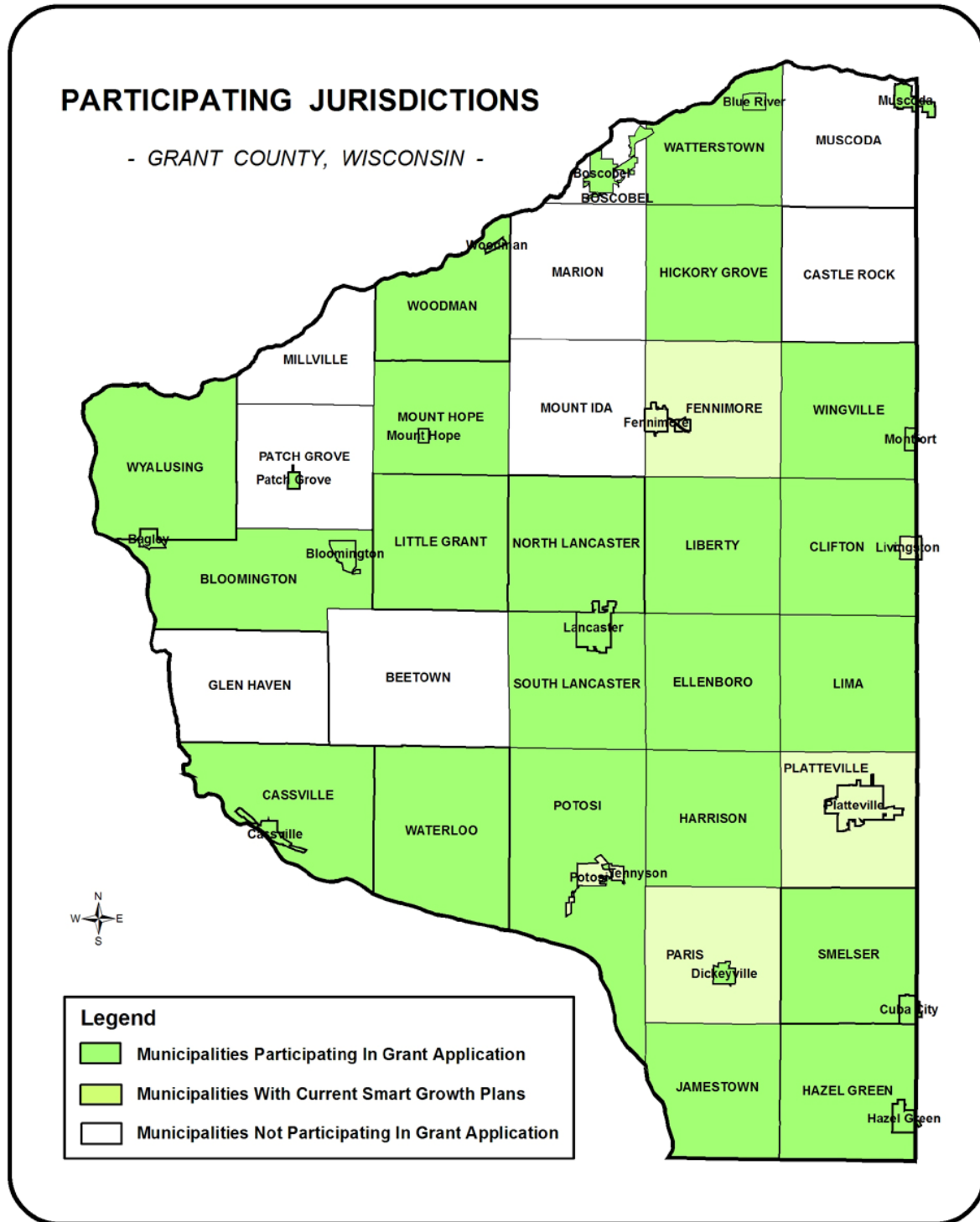
Under the Comprehensive Planning legislation, adopted by the state in October of 1999, beginning on January 1 2010, if a local governmental unit engages in any of the actions listed below, those actions shall be consistent with that local governmental unit’s comprehensive plan.

- 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 Ellenboro, applied for a 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, Muscoda, 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 Muscoda 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 Ellenboro 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. It is required by State mandate.

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.

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

The Planning Commission will use the following methods to obtain public participation throughout the planning process:

1. *Post agendas and meeting minutes at designated posting locations one week prior to meeting.*

Both community planning meetings and SWWRPC facilitated meetings served as the methods for public participation throughout the entire Town of Ellenboro 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 Liberty, Lima, Harrison, and South Lancaster and Grant County (Section 66.1001(4)(b), Stats.) In addition, a CD and a paper copy of the plan will be sent to the Wisconsin Department of Administration and the Public Library serving the jurisdiction. Paper copies will also go to the Planning Commission, Town Board, and Town Clerk.

In order to comply with Act 307 regarding nonmetallic mining, the Town of Ellenboro 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 Ellenboro 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**

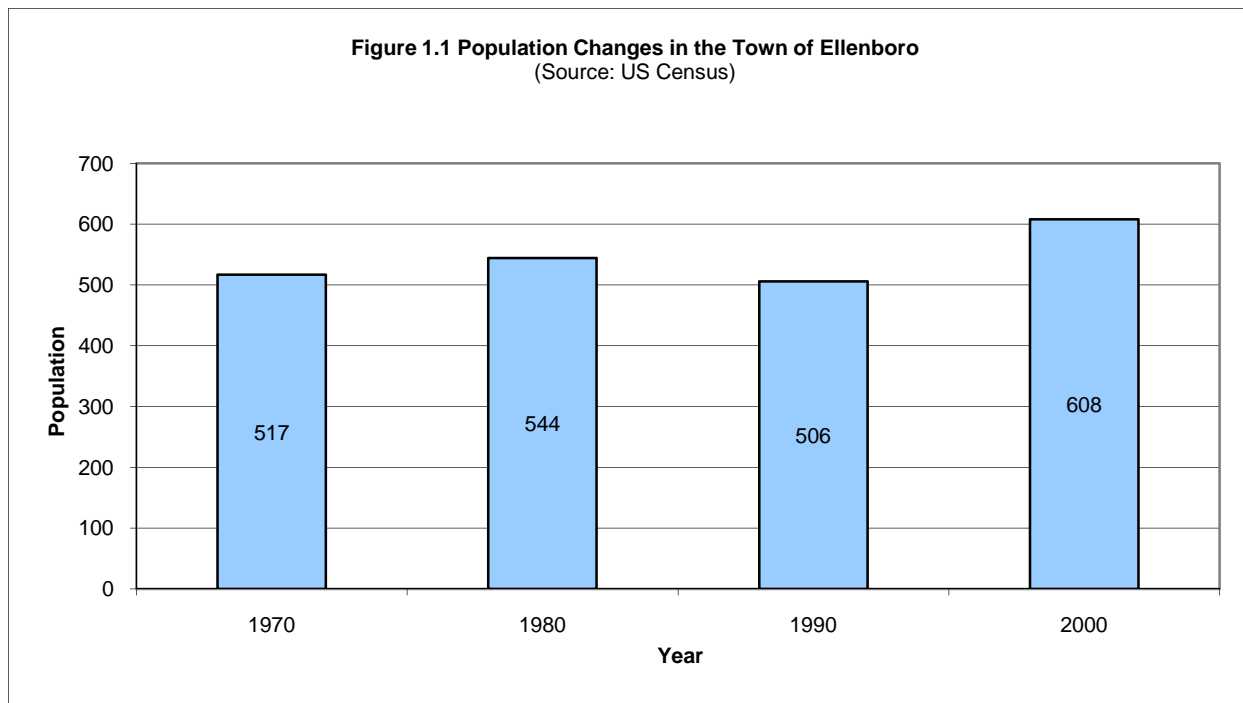
In the fall of 2007, the staff from SWWRPC distributed a countywide survey to all property owners in Grant County. The purpose of the survey was to provide participating planning commissions with community feedback regarding key elements in the comprehensive plan. A total of 16,491 surveys were sent 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.

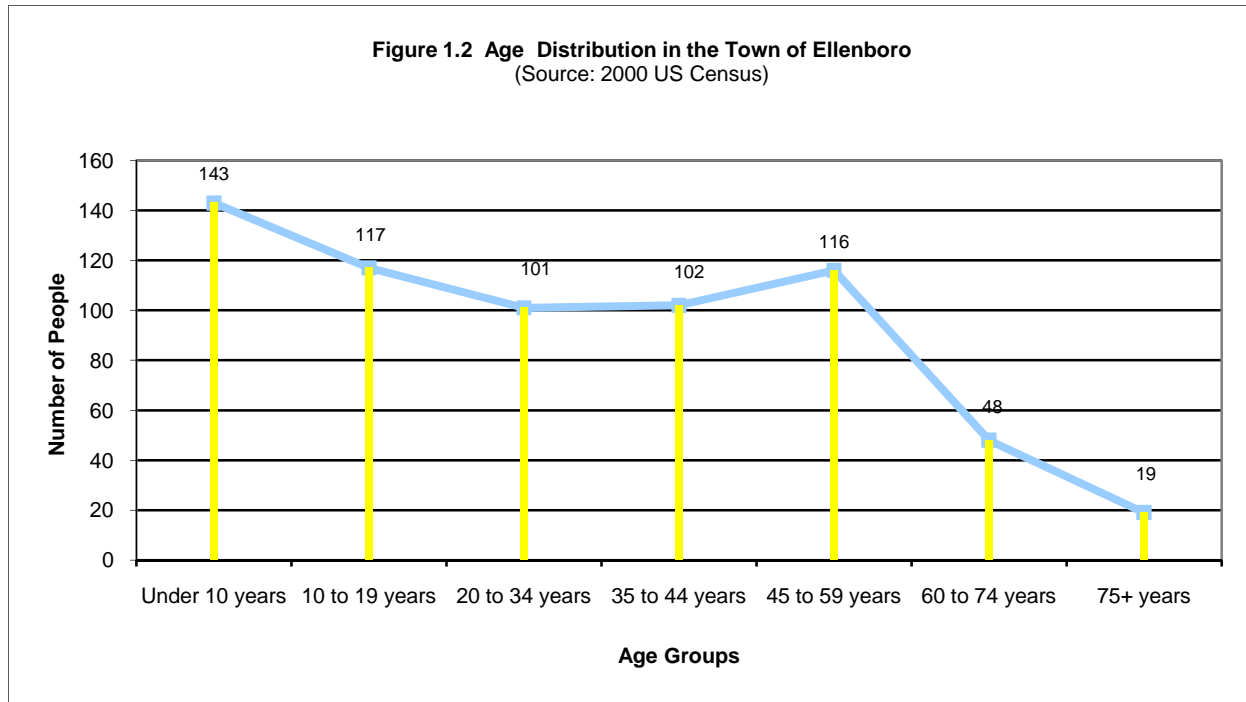
Table 1.1 Population Statistics (Source: DP-1,DP-2. 2000 U.S. Census)

Population	Town of Ellenboro Number	Town of Ellenboro Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Total Population (1970)	517	100.0%	48,398	100.0%	4,417,933	100.0%
Total Population (1980)	544	100.0%	51,736	100.0%	4,705,767	100.0%
Total Population (1990)	506	100.0%	49,264	100.0%	4,891,769	100.0%
Total Population (2000)	608	100.0%	49,597	100.0%	5,363,675	100.0%
<b>SEX AND AGE (2000)</b>						
Male	316	52.0%	25,164	50.7%	2,649,041	49.4
Female	292	48.0%	24,433	49.3%	2,714,634	50.6
Under 10 years	143	23.5%	5,738	11.6%	721,824	13.5%
10 to 19 years	117	19.2%	8,490	17.1%	810,269	15.1%
20 to 34 years	101	16.6%	9,995	20.2%	1,063,460	19.8%
35 to 44 years	102	16.8%	7,096	14.3%	875,522	16.3%
45 to 59 years	116	19.1%	8,533	17.2%	985,048	18.4%
60 to 74 years	48	7.9%	5,918	12.0%	560,306	10.4%
75+ years	19	3.1%	3,827	7.7%	347,246	6.5%
		100%		100.0%		100%
<b>Median Age (2000)</b>	<b>33.0</b>		<b>35.9</b>		<b>36.0</b>	



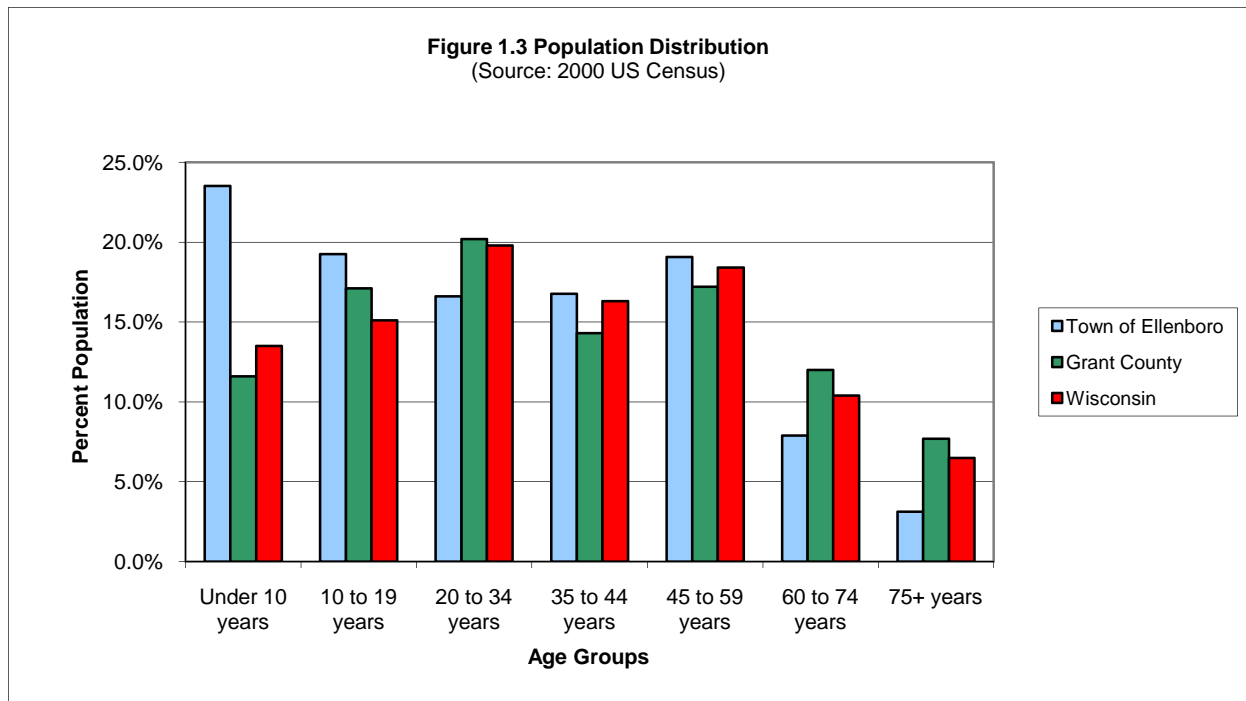
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1.1 shows that the Town of Ellenboro experienced an overall population increase from 1970 to 2000 (15.0%).



Figure

1.2 shows the population of the Town of Ellenboro by age distribution for the year 2000. The largest group is people under 10 years (143 people) making up 23.5 % of the population. The second largest age group of 10 to 19 contains 19.2% of the population with 117 people. The town’s median age is 33.0.



Figure

1.3 compares the population percentage by age group for the Town of Ellenboro, 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	86	98	77	98	82	114
10 to 19 Years	104	119	88	113	86	121
20 to 34 Years	98	112	104	132	90	126
35 to 44 Years	72	82	66	84	85	120
45 to 59 Years	188	215	147	187	126	177
60 to 74 Years	57	66	138	176	141	198
75+ Years	17	19	16	21	41	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>913</b>

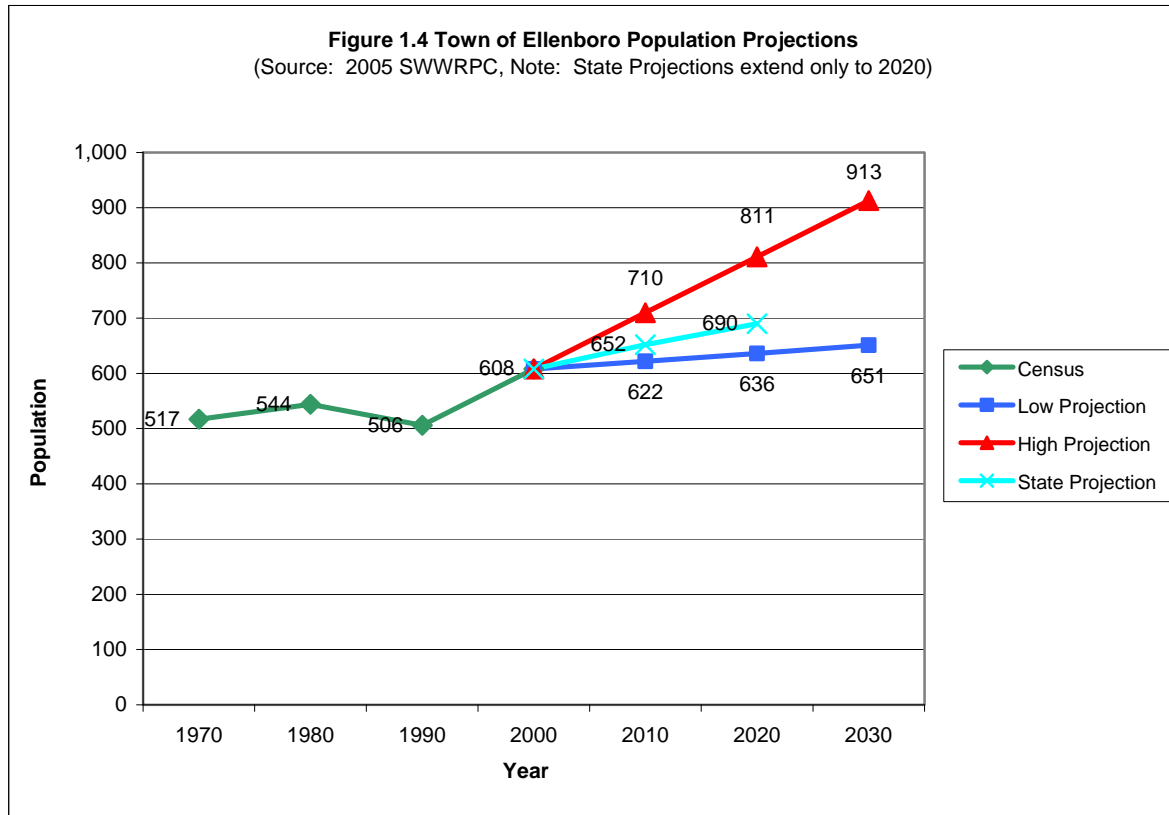


Figure 1.4 shows the projected populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a future high projection, while the blue line indicates a future low projection. The State projection trends only slightly higher than the low projection, indicating slow growth.

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

Educational Attainment	Town of Ellenboro Number	Town of Ellenboro Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Percent
Less than 9th Grade	21	6.2%	2,346	7.7%	5.4%
9th to 12th No Diploma	41	12.2%	2,713	8.9%	9.6%
HS Grad	136	40.4%	12,255	40.0%	34.6%
Some College	45	13.4%	5,828	19.0%	20.6%
Associate Degree	41	12.2%	2,230	7.3%	7.5%
Bachelor's Degree	29	8.6%	3,332	10.9%	15.3%
Graduate/Prof. Degree	24	7.1%	1,921	6.3%	7.2%
Percent High School Grad or Higher	81.6%		83.5%		85.1%

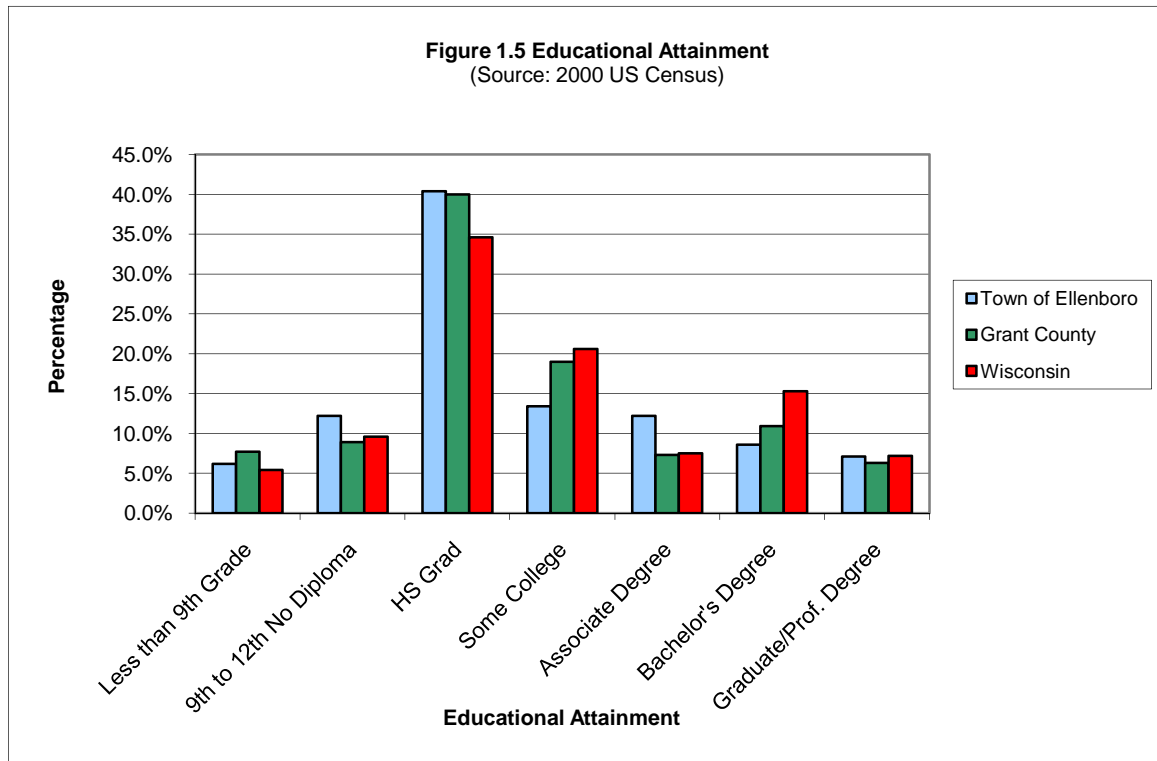


Table 1.4 Occupations (Source: DP-1, DP-2, 2000 US Census)

Occupations	Town of Ellenboro Number	Town of Ellenboro Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Prod, Trans & Mat. Moving	72	22.4%	4,981	19.9%	540,930	19.8%
Const, Extraction & Maint.	32	9.9%	2,294	9.1%	237,086	8.7%
Farm, Fishing & Forestry	21	6.5%	753	3.0%	25,725	0.9%
Sales & Office	60	18.6%	5,524	22.0%	690,360	25.2%
Services	40	12.4%	4,025	16.0%	383,619	14.0%
Mgmt, Prof & Related	97	30.1%	7,511	29.9%	857,205	31.3%
Total	322	100%	25,088	100%	2,734,925	100%

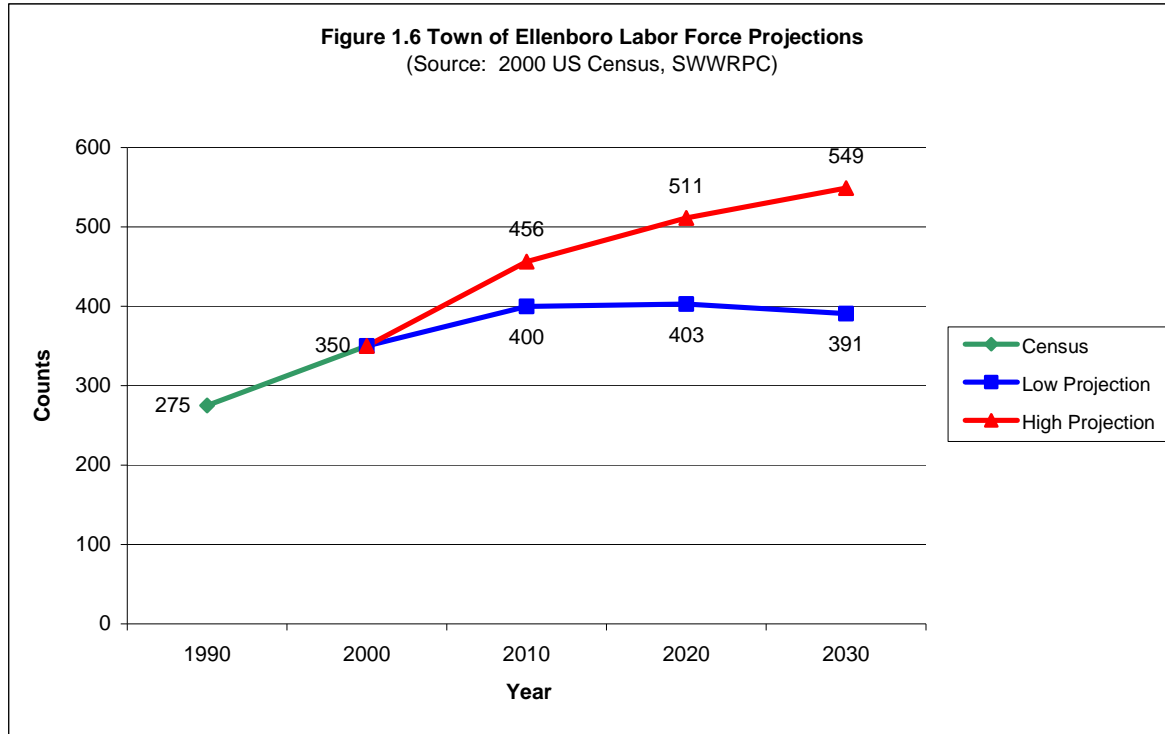


Figure 1.6 shows the projected labor force populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a high projection, while the blue line indicates the low projection. Labor data was not available for 1980 or 1970.

### 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. Communities 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](http://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 Ellenboro

During September and October of 2007 a total of 252 questionnaires were sent to households in the Town of Ellenboro. A total of 56 questionnaires were returned for a return rate of 22 percent. This number of returned surveys will provide estimates that are expected to be accurate to within plus or minus 11 percent.

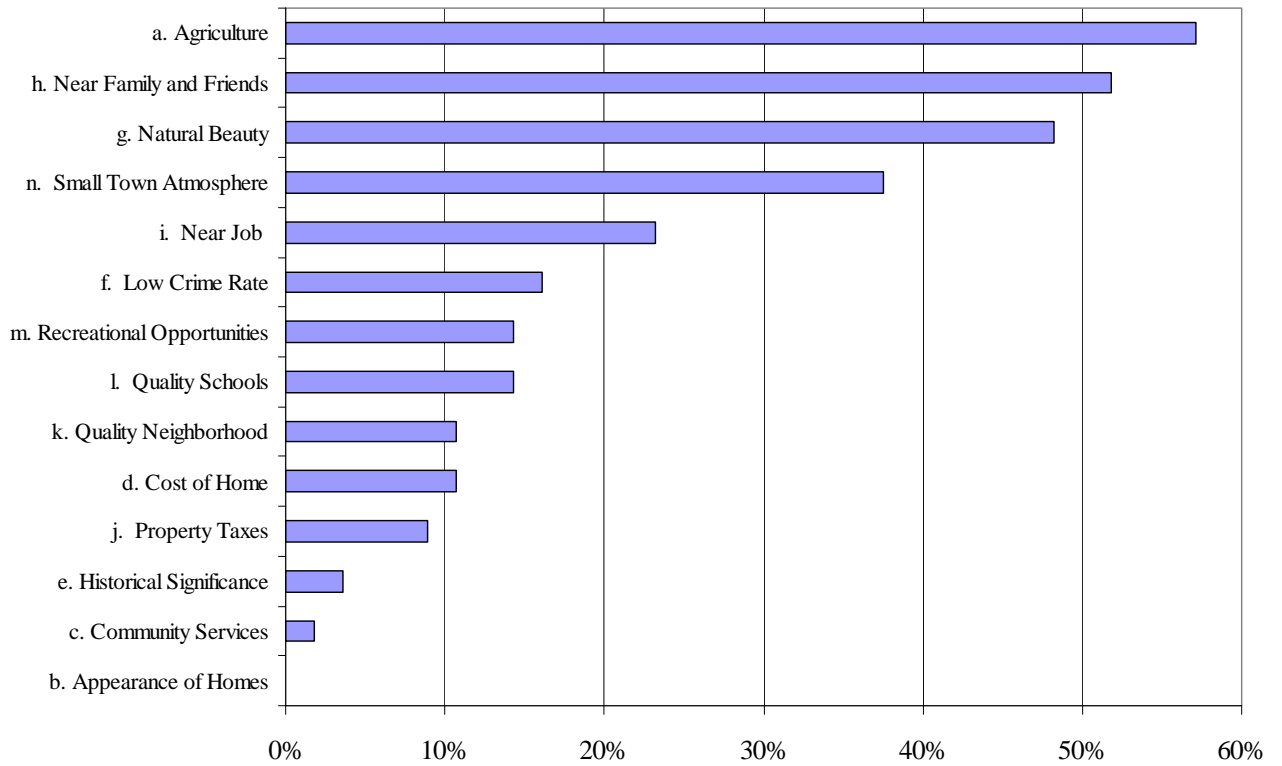
Key results of this survey include:

- The three most important reasons most people have chosen to live in the city of Ellenboro are agricultural interests, to be near family and friends, and the natural beauty.
- Substantial majorities of Town of Ellenboro residents give excellent or good ratings to fire protection, ambulance service, the public library, police protection, and the public school system.
- Very large majorities of residents in the town of Ellenboro place high importance on the protection of the natural resource base.
- Residents of Ellenboro have mixed opinions about all the housing needs they were asked about.
- Ellenboro residents are nearly unanimous in their belief that productive agricultural land should be used in agriculture. A majority opposes the use of such land for commercial development and there is mixed opinions in regard to residential development.
- Ellenboro residents favor relative small minimum lot sizes for residential developments in rural areas (47% would set the limit at 5 acres or less).
- A majority of residents of Ellenboro feel that the overall road network meets their needs and that the condition of those roads is adequate.
- Overwhelmingly residents of the Town of Ellenboro prefer to receive information about Comprehensive Planning via direct mail.
- A majority of residents in the Town of Ellenboro feel that development of alternative energy (wind, solar, ethanol) is important.
- There is near unanimity that it is important or very important that Grant County encourage ag related businesses. Several other items (commercial & retail, ind & manufacturing, and tourism & rec) gathered the support of strong majorities.
- A higher proportion of males responded to the survey in Ellenboro than Grant County as a whole.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – QUALITY OF LIFE

- The three most important reasons most people have chosen to live in the city of Ellenboro are agricultural interests, to be near family and friends, and the natural beauty.
- The small town atmosphere of the Town is also important to a substantial number of respondents.

Quality of Life Factors



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

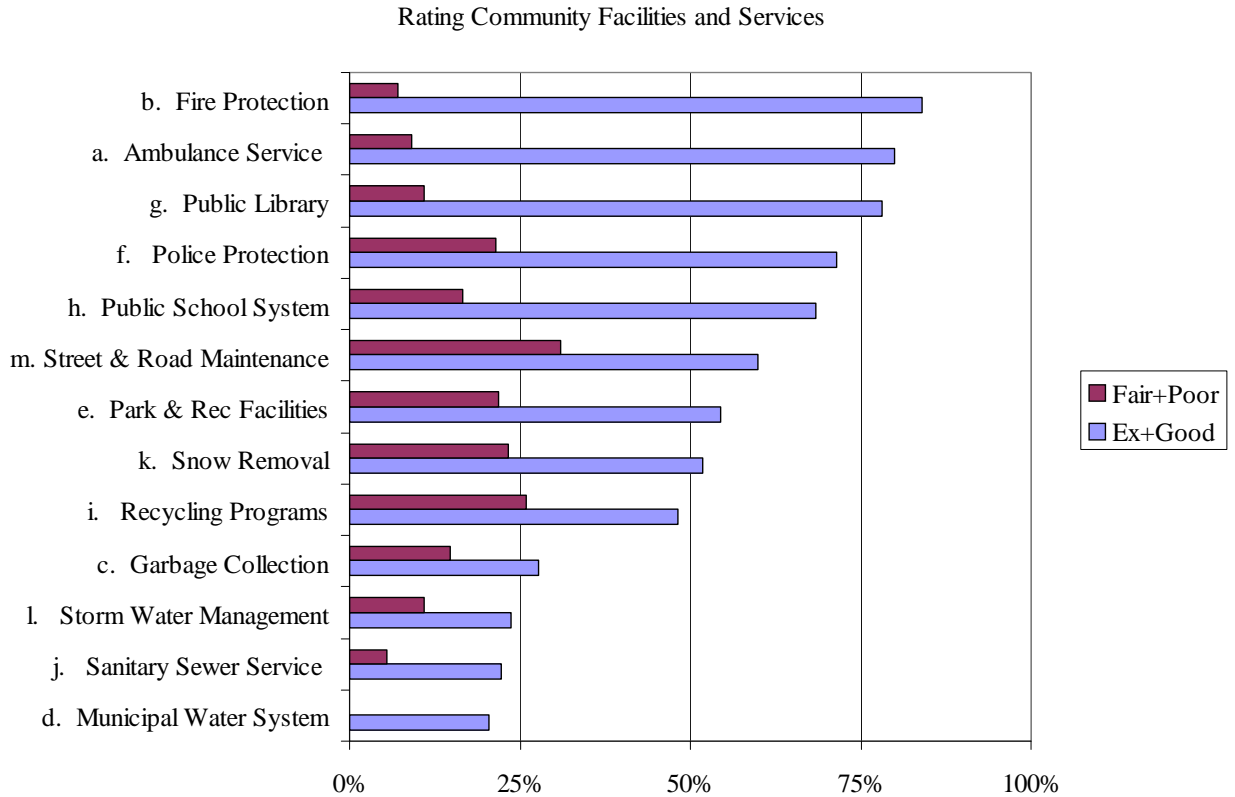
- Compared to Grant County as a whole, town of Ellenboro residents’ choice to reside in Grant County was less affected by the small town atmosphere and being near a job.
- They are considerably more likely to choose agriculture interests and the natural beauty of the area than the average Grant County resident.

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

	Town of Ellenboro	County		Town of Ellenboro	County
<b>a. Agriculture</b>	57%	17%	<b>i. Near Job</b>	23%	40%
<b>b. Appearance of Homes</b>	0%	2%	<b>j. Property Taxes</b>	9%	6%
<b>c. Community Services</b>	2%	3%	<b>k. Quality Neighborhood</b>	11%	10%
<b>d. Cost of Home</b>	11%	17%	<b>l. Quality Schools</b>	14%	18%
<b>e. Historical Significance</b>	4%	2%	<b>m. Recreational Opportunities</b>	14%	9%
<b>f. Low Crime Rate</b>	16%	20%	<b>n. Small Town Atmosphere</b>	38%	58%
<b>g. Natural Beauty</b>	48%	24%	<b>o. Other</b>	11%	5%
<b>h. Near Family and Friends</b>	52%	56%			

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Substantial majorities of town of Ellenboro residents give excellent or good ratings to fire protection, ambulance service, the public library, police protection, and the public school system.
- Approximately half of Town residents rated street & road maintenance, park & rec facilities, snow removal, recycling programs garbage collection and storm water management as good or excellent.
- Many of the services about which we asked (garbage collection, storm water management, sanitary sewers, and municipal water systems) were not relevant to the Town.



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

- In comparison to the overall County ratings for community services and facilities, Town of Ellenboro ratings for ambulance service, fire protection, police protection, the public library and street & road maintenance are similar to those of the county.
- Town of Ellenboro residents are less satisfied with garbage collection, park & rec fees, recycling program, and snow removal than the County sample.

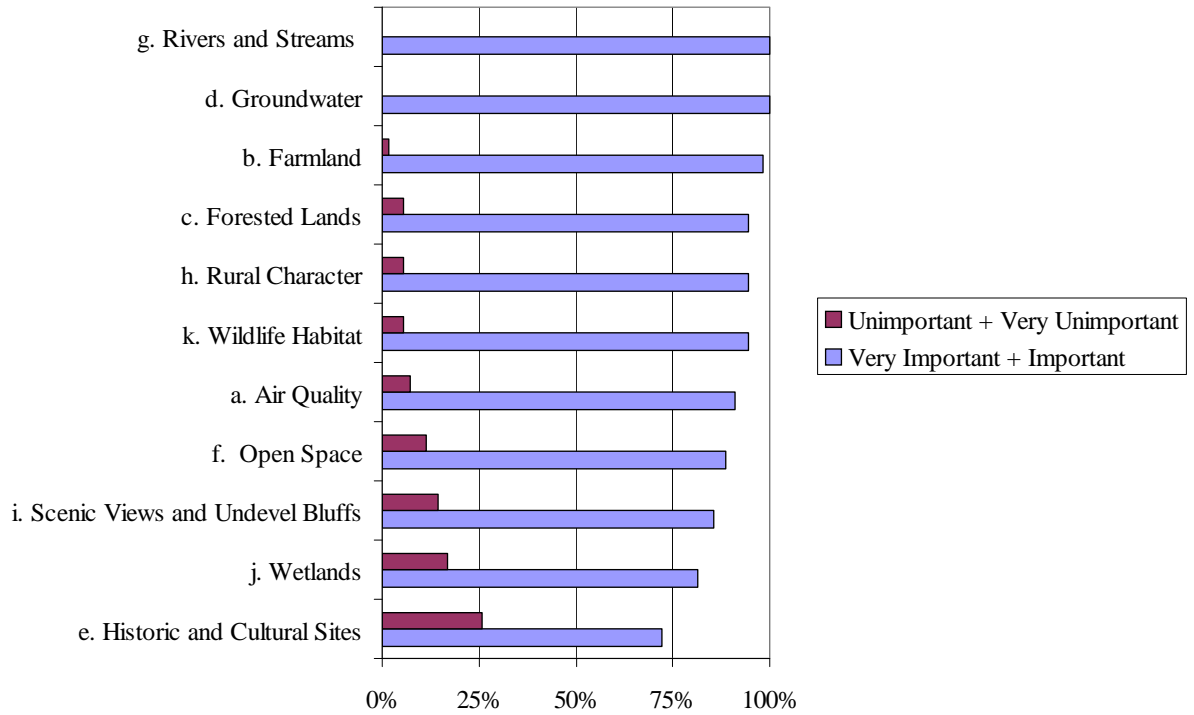
**2. Rate the following local services**

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty
<b>a. Ambulance Service</b>	24%	54%	56%	35%	9%	6%	0%	0%	11%	5%
<b>b. Fire Protection</b>	27%	54%	57%	39%	5%	4%	2%	0%	9%	3%
<b>c. Garbage Collection</b>	6%	39%	22%	39%	11%	9%	4%	2%	57%	11%
<b>d. Municipal Water System</b>	2%	23%	19%	38%	0%	10%	0%	2%	80%	26%
<b>e. Park &amp; Rec Facilities</b>	15%	30%	40%	47%	18%	13%	4%	2%	24%	7%
<b>f. Police Protection</b>	9%	27%	63%	45%	16%	20%	5%	4%	7%	4%
<b>g. Public Library</b>	25%	33%	53%	46%	11%	11%	0%	2%	11%	8%
<b>h. Public School System</b>	24%	30%	44%	49%	13%	13%	4%	2%	15%	6%
<b>i. Recycling Programs</b>	11%	31%	37%	51%	26%	12%	0%	2%	26%	3%
<b>j. Sanitary Sewer Service</b>	4%	25%	19%	42%	6%	8%	0%	1%	72%	24%
<b>k. Snow Removal</b>	11%	27%	41%	47%	13%	17%	11%	2%	25%	7%
<b>l. Storm Water Management</b>	5%	16%	18%	43%	9%	16%	2%	3%	65%	22%
<b>m. Street &amp; Road Maintenance</b>	5%	16%	55%	46%	24%	28%	7%	8%	9%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Very large majorities of residents in the town of Ellenboro place high importance on the protection of the natural resource base.
- The combined responses in the “Important” and “Very Important” categories exceed 90% for seven of the ten resources listed.
- They have unanimity (100%) regarding the importance of protecting rivers & streams and groundwater.
- Although a majority of respondents said it was important or very important to preserve historical and cultural sites over a quarter of the respondents said that it was unimportant or very unimportant to do so.

Importance of Protecting Natural & Cultural Resources



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

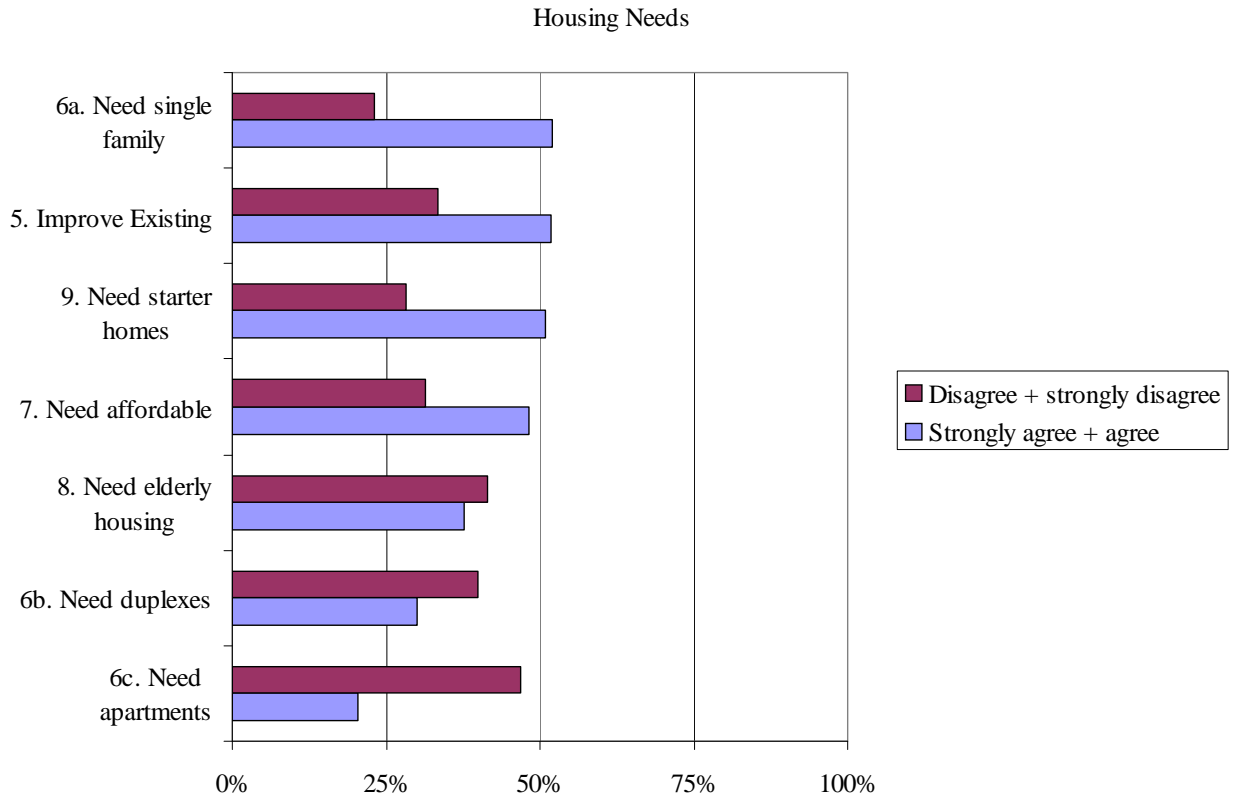
- Residents of the Town of Ellenboro give a similar high level of importance to all the natural and cultural resources as do County residents as a whole.
- They may be slightly more concerned about the rural character (95% said this was important or very important versus 86% in the County) and less concerned about historic and cultural sites (72% said this was important or very important versus 84% in the County).

**4. It is important to protect the following:**

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
<b>a. Air Quality</b>	66%	68%	25%	29%	7%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%
<b>b. Farmland</b>	71%	59%	27%	37%	2%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%
<b>c. Forested Lands</b>	57%	54%	38%	40%	5%	3%	0%	1%	0%	2%
<b>d. Groundwater</b>	80%	73%	20%	25%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>e. Historic and Cultural Sites</b>	22%	27%	50%	57%	24%	13%	2%	1%	2%	2%
<b>f. Open Space</b>	42%	34%	47%	53%	9%	10%	2%	1%	0%	2%
<b>g. Rivers and Streams</b>	68%	64%	32%	34%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>h. Rural Character</b>	51%	39%	44%	47%	4%	12%	2%	1%	0%	2%
<b>i. Scenic Views &amp; Undevel Bluffs</b>	51%	46%	35%	42%	13%	9%	2%	2%	0%	1%
<b>j. Wetlands</b>	48%	40%	33%	41%	13%	12%	4%	2%	2%	4%
<b>k. Wildlife Habitat</b>	54%	47%	41%	43%	4%	7%	2%	1%	0%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING

- Residents of Ellenboro have mixed opinions on all the housing needs asked about.
- Slightly more than half of Ellenboro respondents favor development of single family housing, improvements to existing homes, and the need for starter homes. It is noteworthy, however, that about one-quarter or more of Ellenboro respondents oppose all of these housing needs.



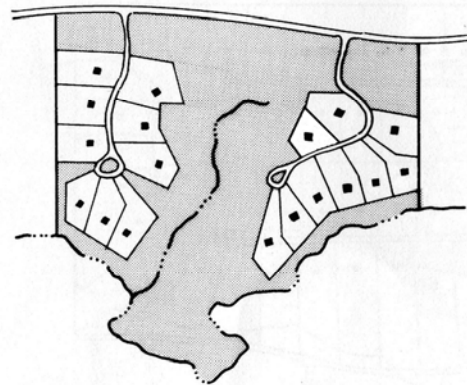
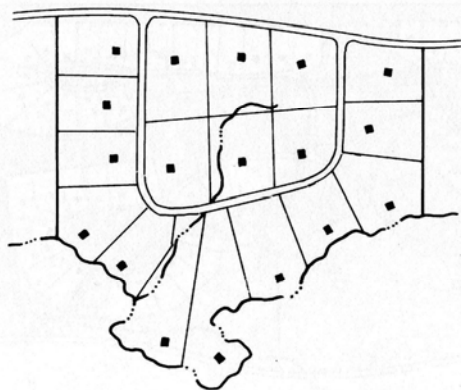
**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING (COUNTY COMPARISON)**

- Compared to the County, Town of Ellenboro residents are generally less supportive of expanding housing
- Town residents are substantially less supportive than the County as a whole of expanding housing for the elderly, improving the quality of existing housing, and offering more affordable housing options.
- A majority of Ellenboro 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 Ellenboro residents favoring the cluster design is somewhat greater than for Grant County as a whole.

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

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

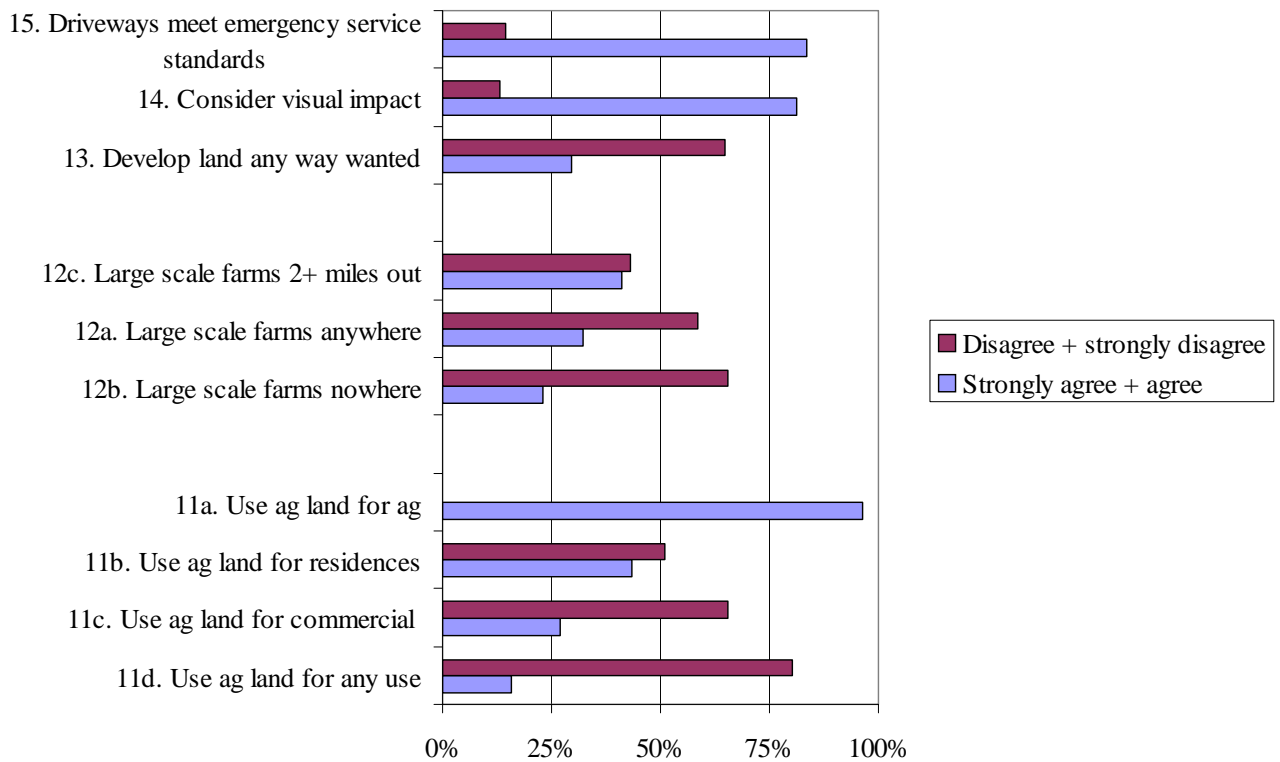
Traditional Design		Cluster Design	
Town of Ellenboro	County	Town of Ellenboro	County
28%	39%	72%	61%



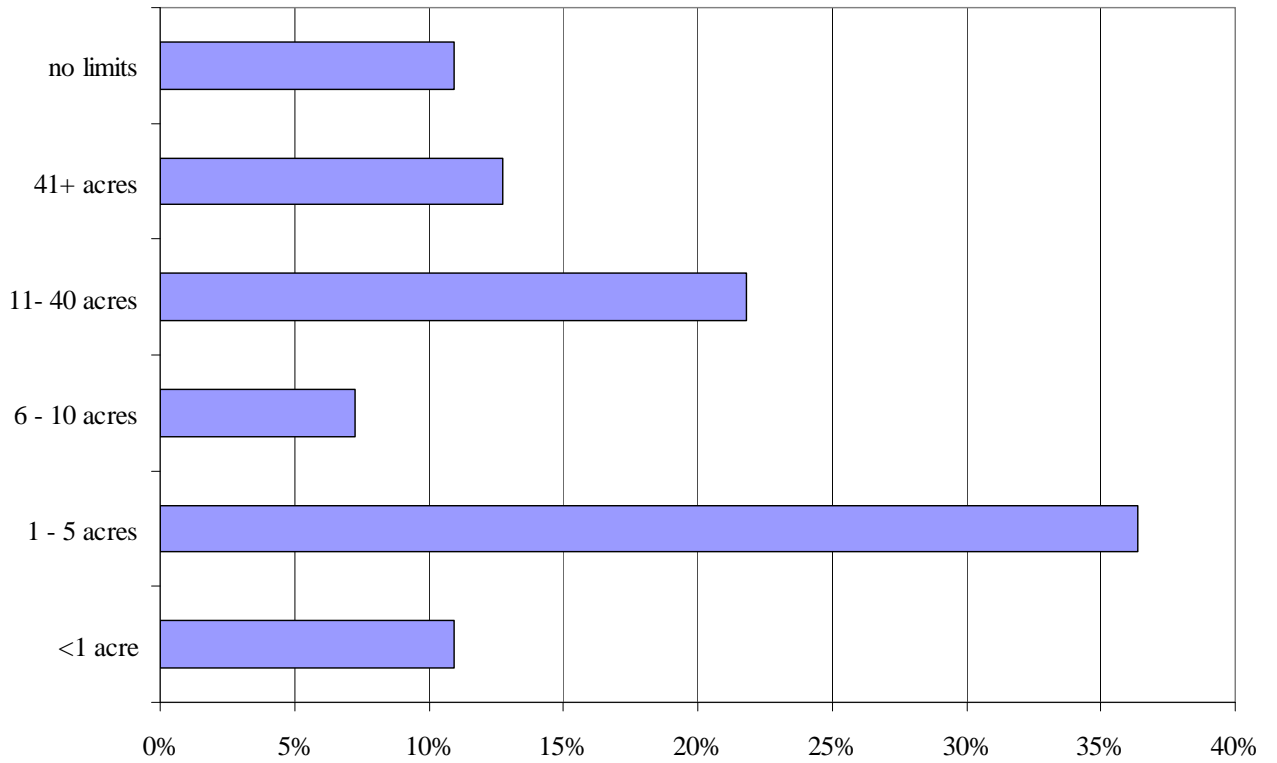
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

- Overwhelming majorities of Ellenboro 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 Ellenboro disagree with the proposition that landowners should be able to develop land any way they want.
- With respect to expansion of large-scale farms, those with more than 500 animal units, Ellenboro residents have fairly clear preferences for two of the three options. 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). Opinions are almost equally split that such farms should be allowed to expand if they are outside a 2 mile radius of an incorporated area. Given the importance of agriculture in the Town (see first chart), the weak support for large-scale farming is surprising.
- Ellenboro residents are nearly unanimous in their belief that productive agricultural land should be used in agriculture. A majority opposes the use of such land for commercial development and there is mixed opinions in regard to residential development.
- The graphs on the following page indicate that Town of Ellenboro residents favor relative small minimum lot sizes for residential developments in rural areas (47% would set the limit at 5 acres or less). In contrast 75% of respondents personally own over ten acres of land in Grant County.

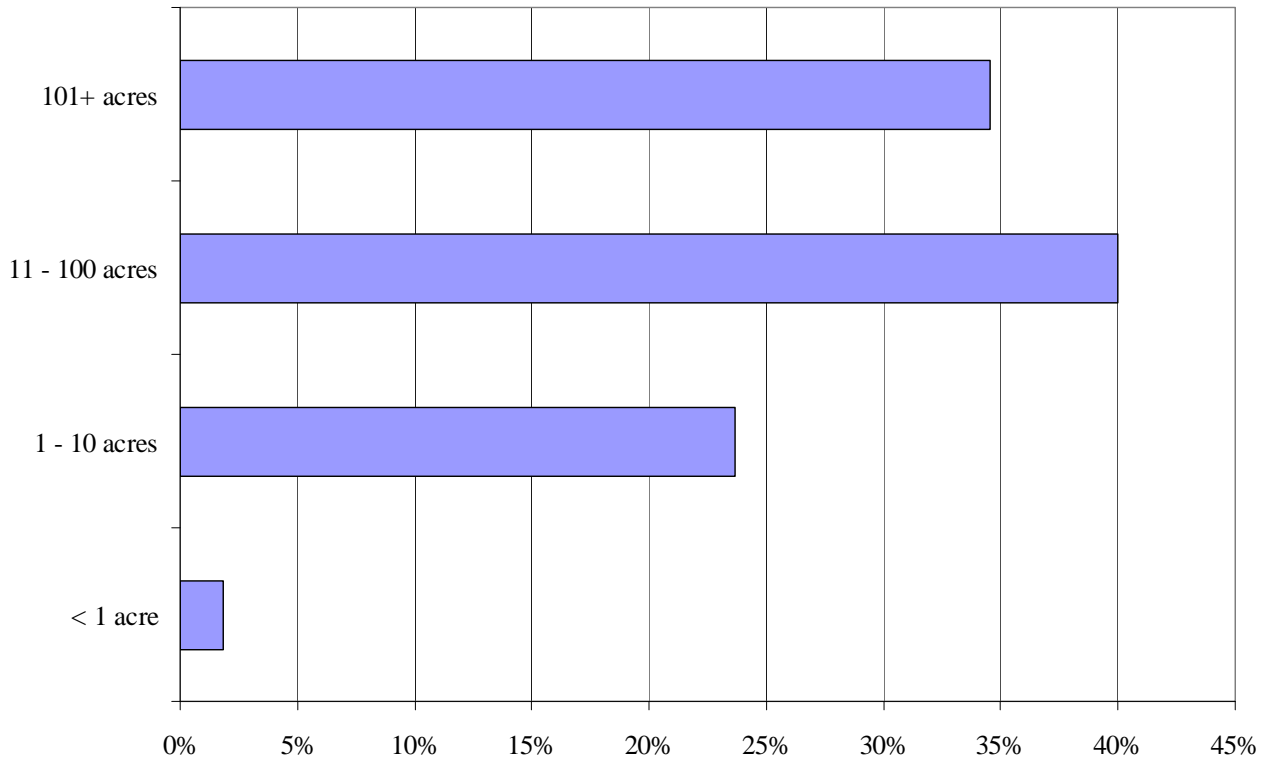
Land Use Opinions



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 a couple of differences between the opinions of residents of the Town of Ellenboro and Grant County residents with respect to agricultural and land use issues.
- Ellenboro residents are more likely than County residents to agree to use agricultural land for residences.
- Ellenboro residents are more polarized in their opinion that large farms should be allowed to expand outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas than County residents.
- A majority of Ellenboro residents and the County agree there should be a minimum lot size on residential development in rural areas. The largest percent agreeing on 1 to 5 acres minimum. Ellenboro is more supportive of a minimum lot size in excess of 6 acres with 22% preferring a minimum lot size of 11 to 40 acres.
- Town of Ellenboro residents personally own more acres of land than the average for Grant County overall.
- These residents also farm more and more anticipate their land will be actively farmed in the future than is true for the County.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
<b>11a. Use ag land for ag</b>	78%	76%	18%	21%	0%	1%	0%	0%	4%	2%
<b>11b. Use ag land for residences</b>	4%	4%	40%	28%	21%	44%	30%	17%	6%	7%
<b>11c. Use ag land for commercial</b>	2%	3%	25%	19%	33%	45%	33%	26%	8%	7%

<b>11d. Use ag land for any use</b>	8%	4%	8%	8%	31%	40%	49%	36%	4%	12%
<b>12. Expand lg farms (500+ an. units):</b>										
<b>a. Anywhere in Grant County</b>	11%	9%	21%	17%	42%	42%	17%	23%	9%	8%
<b>b. Nowhere in Grant County</b>	8%	12%	15%	14%	46%	44%	19%	19%	12%	12%
<b>c. 2 miles outside inc areas</b>	14%	23%	27%	39%	31%	17%	12%	9%	16%	12%
<b>13. Develop land any way wanted</b>	15%	11%	15%	17%	48%	52%	17%	18%	6%	2%
<b>14. Consider visual impacts of devel</b>	28%	28%	53%	57%	13%	9%	0%	2%	6%	5%
<b>15. Driveways meet EMS standards</b>	27%	38%	56%	52%	13%	6%	2%	0%	2%	4%

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

Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty
31%	24%	42%	48%	15%	16%	9%	5%	4%	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	
Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty
11%	19%	36%	49%	7%	13%	22%	5%	13%	4%	11%	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	
Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty
2%	60%	24%	17%	40%	10%	35%	13%

**19. Do you actively farm the land you own?**

Yes		No		Not Applicable	
Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty
61%	14%	38%	55%	2%	31%

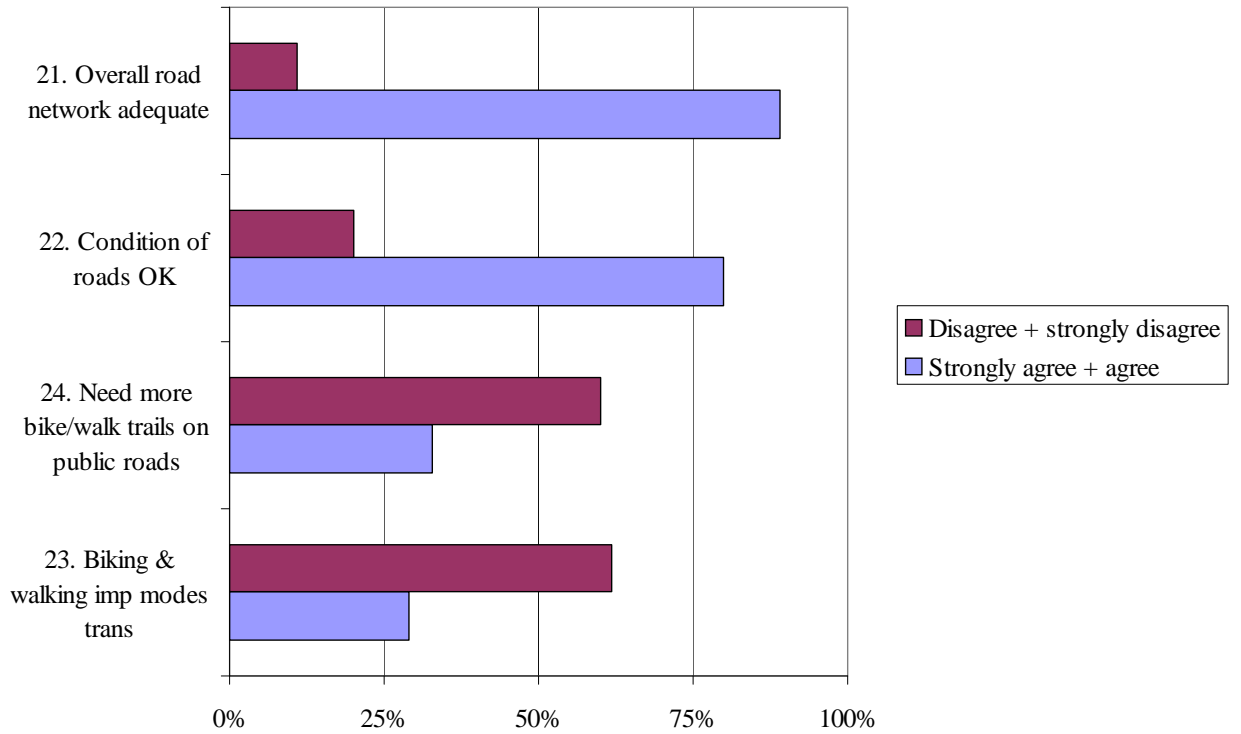
**20. Do you think your land will be actively farmed (by you or someone else) in the next:**

0-5 years		6-10 years		11-15 years		16-20 years		Not Applicable	
Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty	Ellen- boro	Cnty
30%	10%	25%	6%	18%	6%	46%	13%	27%	74%

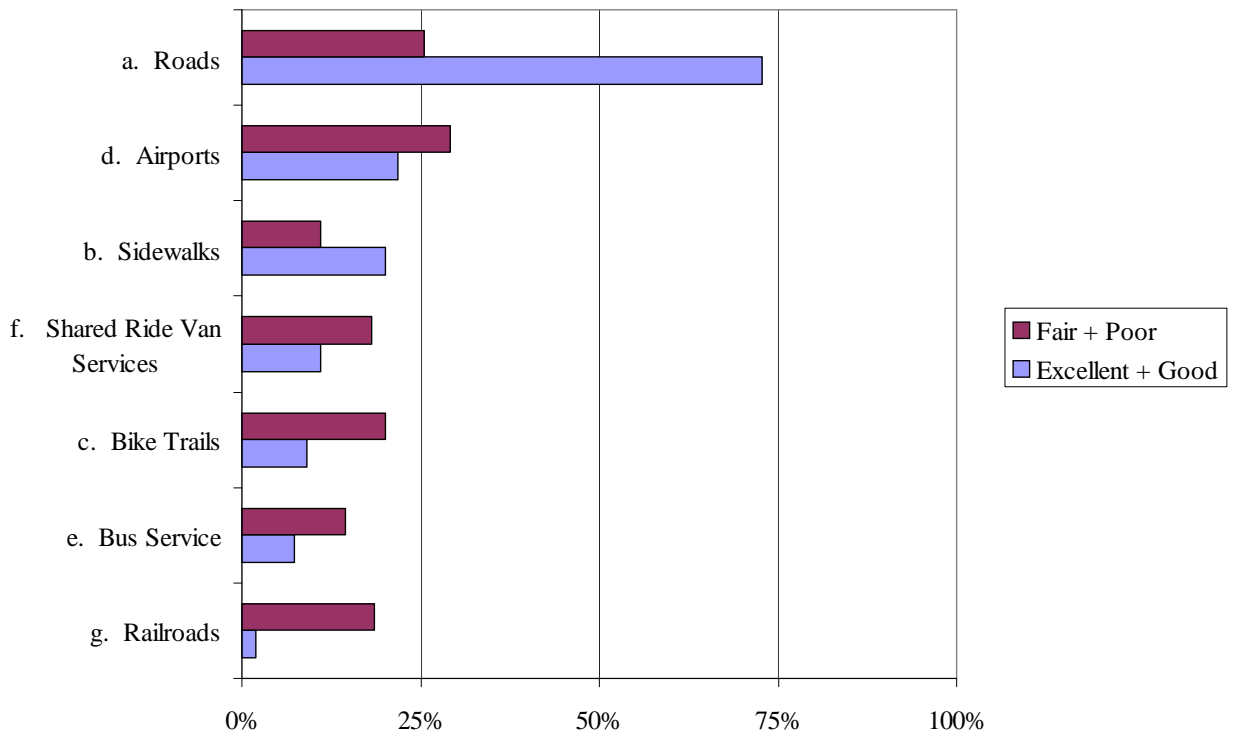
**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION**

- A majority of residents of Ellenboro feel that the overall road network meets their needs and that the condition of those roads is adequate.
- Most residents of Ellenboro do not feel that biking and walking are important modes of transportation. A majority are not supportive of more designated biking and walking lanes along existing roadways although a third of the respondents would like to see this.
- Most respondents did not rate airports, sidewalks, shared ride van services, bike trails, bus service and railroads and those that did, gave those lower marks than those who gave good ratings for those transportation modes.

Transportation Opinions



Transportation Quality in Local Jurisdiction



**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION (COUNTY COMPARISON)**

- Like Grant County residents as a whole, those living in Ellenboro agree 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.
- A significantly higher percent of Ellenboro residents disagree that biking and walking are important modes of transportation and are not supportive of more designated biking and walking lanes along existing roadways than the County as a whole.
- Since substantial proportions of respondents for both the County and the Town of Ellenboro did not rate many of the transportation items listed, further comparisons are not meaningful.

**21-24. Transportation issues**

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
<b>21. Road network meets needs</b>	25%	14%	64%	74%	7%	9%	4%	2%	0%	1%
<b>22. Condition of roads adequate</b>	18%	11%	62%	64%	20%	20%	0%	3%	0%	1%
<b>23. Biking &amp; walking imp modes trans</b>	11%	18%	18%	44%	51%	22%	11%	5%	9%	11%
<b>24. Need more bike &amp; walk lanes on pub roads</b>	15%	24%	18%	34%	33%	23%	27%	9%	7%	10%

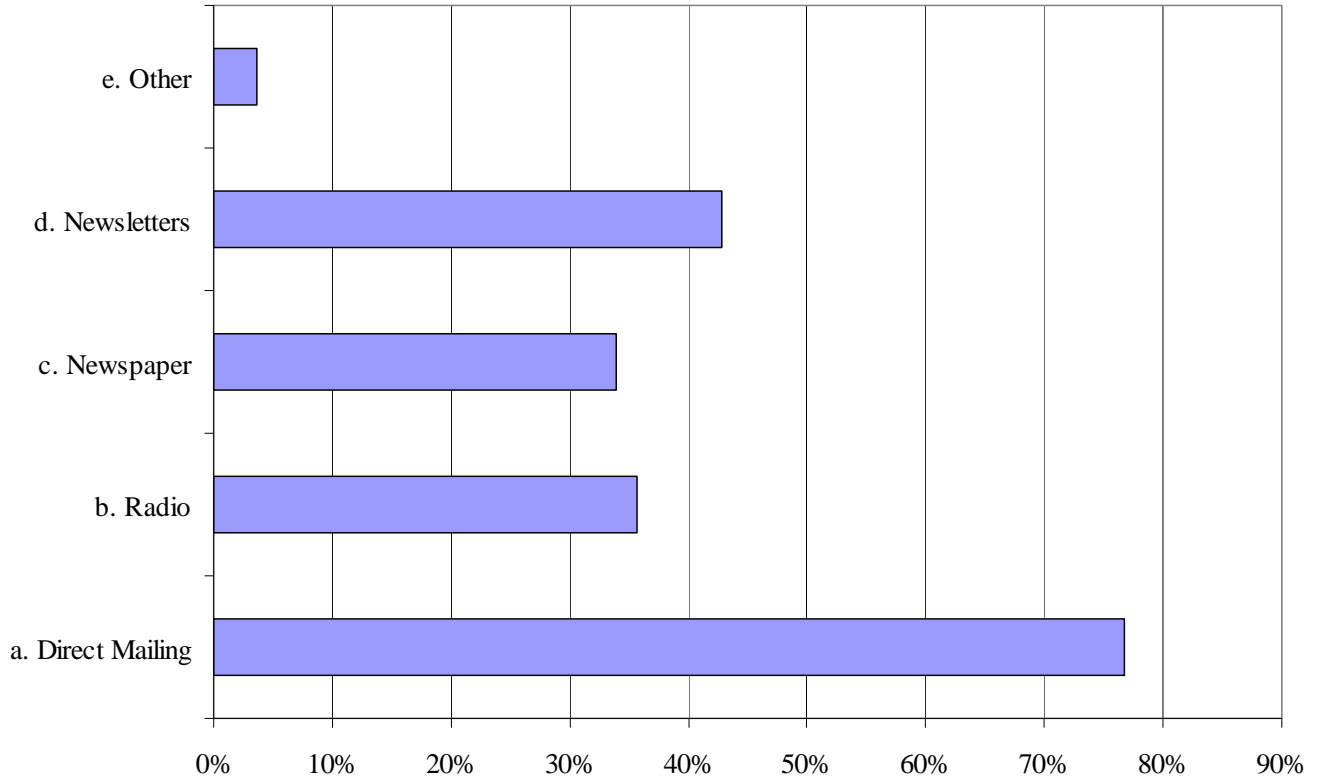
**25. Rate the following for your local jurisdiction**

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-Boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
<b>a. Roads</b>	13%	12%	60%	59%	24%	22%	2%	6%	2%	0%
<b>b. Sidewalks</b>	0%	6%	20%	39%	11%	28%	0%	6%	69%	22%
<b>c. Bike Trails</b>	0%	3%	9%	17%	11%	19%	9%	16%	71%	44%
<b>d. Airports</b>	4%	6%	18%	30%	27%	16%	2%	4%	49%	43%
<b>e. Bus Service</b>	2%	1%	5%	4%	4%	3%	11%	20%	78%	72%
<b>f. Shared Ride Van Services</b>	0%	0%	11%	9%	5%	11%	13%	16%	71%	64%
<b>g. Railroads</b>	0%	2%	2%	11%	9%	10%	9%	13%	80%	64%
<b>h. Other</b>	0%	3%	0%	9%	0%	1%	8%	12%	92%	75%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS - COMMUNICATION

- Overwhelmingly residents of the Town of Ellenboro prefer to receive information about Comprehensive Planning via direct mail. Less than half listed newsletters as one of their top two preferences.

**Communication Preferences for Comp Plan Info**



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNICATIONS (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- In comparison to the County, residents of the Town of Ellenboro share the same preference for direct mailing as their first choice among sources of information about comprehensive planning.
- Town residents are substantially less interested in receiving planning information via newspaper articles or newsletters than is true for the County as a whole.

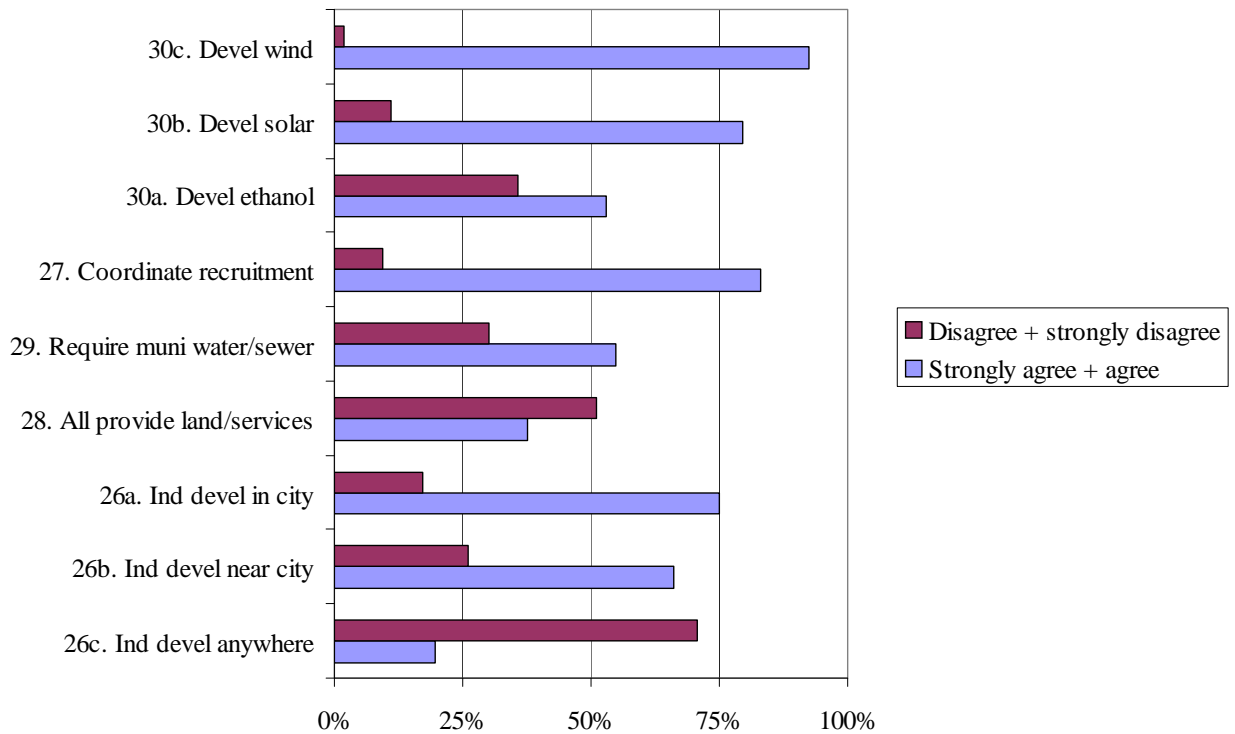
**3. What are 2 most effective ways your jurisdiction could provide Comprehensive Planning information to landowners and residents?**

	Town of Ellenboro	Cnty
<b>a. Direct Mailing</b>	77%	70%
<b>b. Radio</b>	36%	21%
<b>c. Newspaper</b>	34%	44%
<b>d. Newsletters</b>	43%	56%
<b>e. Other</b>	4%	4%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

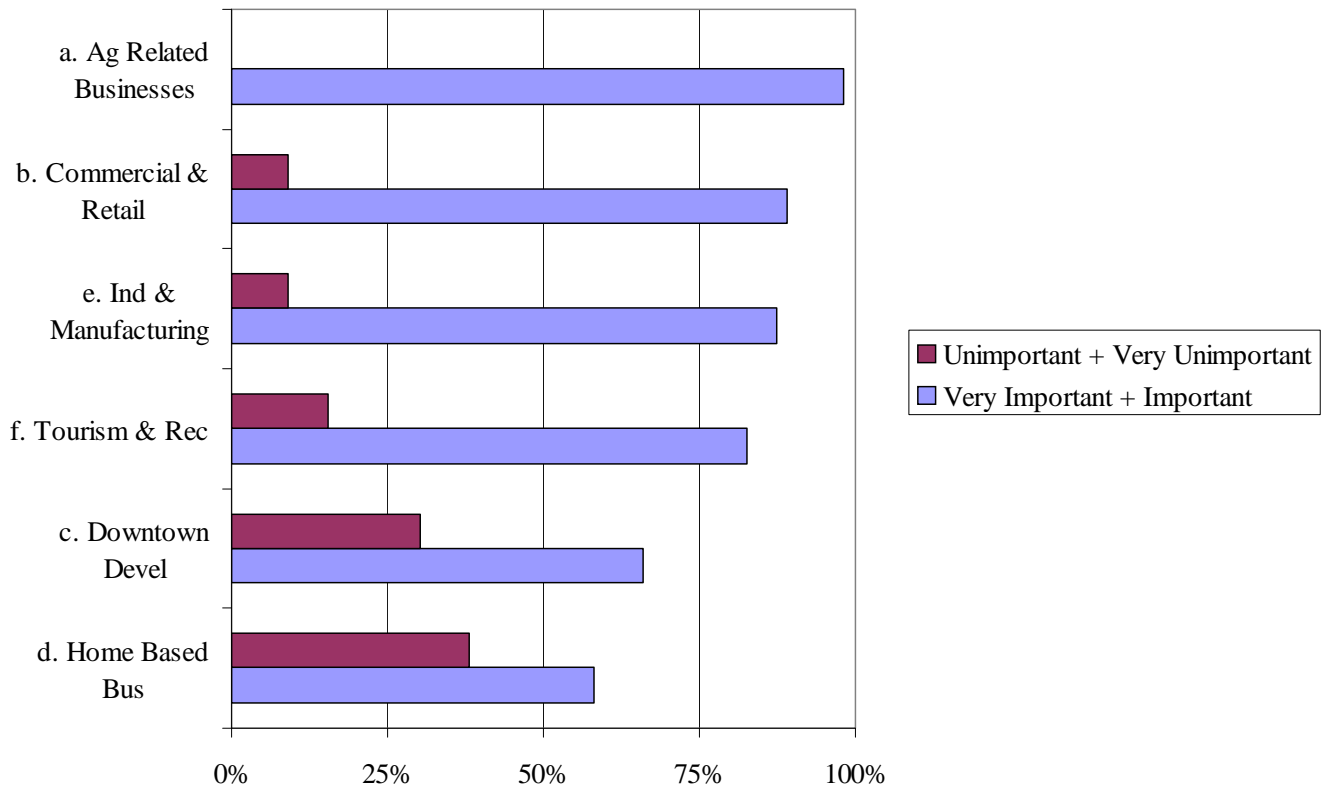
- A majority of residents in the Town of Ellenboro feel that development of alternative energy (wind, solar, ethanol) is important. Support for wind and solar energy, however, is substantially stronger than for ethanol development.
- Ellenboro residents overwhelmingly believe that Grant County should coordinate efforts to recruit new business and industry.
- A majority of people living in Ellenboro disagree or strongly disagree that all jurisdictions in the County should provide some land with infrastructure for public or private industrial and commercial development. Although, over a third (38%) of respondents support this.
- A majority believes that new development on the edge of communities should be required to use municipal water and sewer services. However, a third of respondents do not support this.
- They prefer that manufacturing or commercial businesses that involve truck traffic be located within an existing community (75%) or near existing villages or cities (66%) rather than being allowed anywhere in the County (20%).

Economic Development Opinions



- Town of Ellenboro residents view a wide variety of types of business development as important in Grant County.
- There is near unanimity that it is important or very important that Grant County encourage ag related businesses. Several other items (commercial & retail, ind & manufacturing, and tourism & rec) gathered the support of strong majorities.
- Downtown development and home based businesses garnered a majority of support too but also received a higher percent of opposition than the other types of development.

Importance of Business Development



**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COUNTY COMPARISON)**

- Compared to Grant County residents generally, those in the Town of Ellenboro have higher levels of agreement that commercial or industrial development should generally occur in an existing city or village and lower levels of agreement that such development should be near a city or village.
- Ellenboro residents feel less strongly than the average for the County that jurisdictions should provide land and infrastructure to industrial and/or commercial developments.
- They also feel less strongly that developments at the edge of cities and villages should be required to use municipal sewer and water than the County.
- The level of support for alternative energy development is very similar in Ellenboro and the County.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Ellen boro	Cnty	Ellen boro	Cnty	Ellen boro	Cnty	Ellen boro	Cnty	Ellen boro	Cnty
<b>26. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located:</b>										
<b>a. In an existing city or a village</b>	29%	14%	46%	39%	17%	28%	0%	7%	8%	12%
<b>b. Near a city or village</b>	20%	16%	46%	63%	22%	8%	4%	3%	8%	10%
<b>c. Anywhere in Grant County</b>	2%	7%	18%	19%	35%	38%	35%	20%	10%	16%
<b>27. Coordinate business recruitment</b>	40%	53%	43%	40%	9%	2%	0%	2%	8%	3%
<b>28. Provide land &amp; infrastructure for industry/commerce</b>	13%	16%	25%	43%	34%	19%	17%	7%	11%	15%
<b>29. Required muni water &amp; sewer</b>	15%	26%	40%	45%	17%	11%	13%	4%	15%	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	
	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
<b>a. Ethanol Plants</b>	9%	22%	43%	33%	26%	23%	9%	9%	11%	13%
<b>b. Solar Energy</b>	37%	39%	43%	45%	11%	5%	0%	1%	9%	10%
<b>c. Wind Energy</b>	40%	48%	53%	43%	2%	2%	0%	2%	6%	6%
<b>d. Other</b>	38%	28%	15%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	46%	63%

- The proportion of residents in Ellenboro and Grant County who feel that it is important or very important for the County to encourage agricultural related businesses, commercial and retail developments, industrial and manufacturing, and tourism and recreation development is similar.
- However, Ellenboro residents are less interested in downtown development and home based businesses than the County.

**31. Rate the importance of the following:**

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty	Ellenboro	Cnty
<b>a. Ag Related Business</b>	62%	59%	36%	38%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%
<b>b. Commercial &amp; Retail</b>	31%	33%	58%	59%	7%	7%	2%	1%	2%	1%
<b>c. Downtown Devel</b>	25%	31%	42%	52%	28%	11%	2%	2%	4%	4%
<b>d. Home-Based Bus</b>	11%	17%	47%	54%	33%	22%	5%	3%	4%	4%
<b>e. Ind &amp; Manufacturing</b>	31%	40%	56%	50%	7%	8%	2%	1%	4%	1%
<b>f. Tourism &amp; Rec</b>	31%	36%	52%	55%	12%	7%	4%	1%	2%	1%

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – DEMOGRAPHICS**

- A higher proportion of males responded to the survey in Ellenboro than Grant County as a whole.
- The Town of Ellenboro has more residents in the 35 – 44 age range, the 45 -54 age range, and slightly more in the 55 – 64 age range. There are significantly fewer in the 65 and older age range.
- Ellenboro has a higher percent of self-employed and much lower percent of retired than the County.
- Ellenboro has more households with no children.
- Grant County averages more residents in the \$25K - \$49,999 household income range and fewer in the \$50K - \$74,999 than Ellenboro residents.

**35. Gender**

Male		Female	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
70%	53%	30%	47%

**36. Age**

18-24		25-34		35-44	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
2%	0%	2%	7%	21%	13%
45-54		55-64		65 and older	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
36%	23%	30%	22%	9%	35%

**37. Employment Status**

Emp Full Time		Emp Part Time		Self Employed	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
53%	44%	4%	6%	34%	10%
Unemployed		Retired		Other	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
0%	1%	9%	37%	0%	1%

**38. Place of Residence**

Own		Rent		Other	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
100%	99%	0%	1%	0%	0%

**39. Number of Adults (18+) in Household**

0		1		2	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
		22%	20%	72%	71%
3		4		5+	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
4%	7%	2%	2%	0%	1%

**40. Number of Children (under 18) in Household**

0		1		2	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
53%	67%	20%	14%	12%	11%
3		4		5+	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
12%	7%	2%	1%	2%	0%

**41. Household Income**

Under \$15,000		\$15K - \$24,999		\$25K - \$49,999	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
6%	7%	13%	14%	19%	33%
\$50K - \$74,999		\$75K - \$99,999		\$100,000+	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
40%	25%	17%	15%	6%	6%

**42. Years Lived in Grant County**

Less than 1		1-4		5-9	
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty
0%	1%	2%	5%	11%	9%
10-24		25+			
Ellen-boro	Cnty	Ellen-boro	Cnty		
13%	14%	75%	71%		

**Comments****Q32. Is there anything about living in Grant County that you don't like?****Governance (4 comments)**

- The advancement of restrictions on zoning and petty laws
- Statutory E.T. Jurisdictions are out too far, should be adjusted by quarter by both township and city.
- Too many on Grant County Board.
- Ellenboro township as a rule has pretty good leadership

**Economic Development (3 comments)**

- Lack of economic opportunity for people.
- All of Lancasters unplanned developments, commercial and housing. Depending on who you are, you can get a variance for anything.
- Grant County is the poorest in the state.

**Taxes (7 comments)**

- Taxes
- Yes- The property taxes are too high! When property taxes are as much as a house payment- it's going over board. No wonder there is a housing crash- they couldn't afford the taxes!
- Lancaster has not expanded- property taxes are way too high- grant county employees are taxpayers too!
- Property taxes are too high
- Taxes, third world country in coming -
- Property taxes
- High WI income taxes and property taxes

**Environmental/Cultural/Recreation Issues (1 comment)**

- DNR - not farm friendly

**Social Issues (4 comments)**

- Amish
- Lack of ethnic and cultural diversity
- Yes, If I need to have insurance to drive, have to wear a seat belt, pay taxes then the individuals that leave grooves in the hot blacktop, have their children hanging off of wagons need to license their wagons and pay or be fine for damages they cause.
- Let immigrants stay in their own country

**Job Issues (4 comments)**

- They unavailability of jobs for young people to raise a family nictitating them to move to larger cities.
- Low wages and the high cost of health care
- I think there should be better paying jobs. .
- Nothing to draw people to area for good paying employment (Wal-mart Can't support a family)

**Police/Safety Issues (3 comments)**

- Amount of bikes on Cnty A east, too dangerous with road conditions.
- Vandalism and rural break-ins
- Cost of fire service by Lancaster Fire Dept.

**Like It (1 comment)**

- I like living here. Quality of life and services is generally pretty good.

**Lack Shopping (1 comment)**

- No good grocery stores.

**Land Use Issues (1 comment)**

- Also selling our land to people from other country's, we're selling our land and business right down the tubes

**Miscellaneous (4 comments)**

- Unplanned growth is changing the aesthetic for the worse
- Whiners that expect a handout and don't know what working for a living really is.

- A small percentage of hunters
- Don't like how grant county treats their employees

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

**Transportation (1 comment)**

- Less traffic

**Governance (2 comments)**

- County Board members should be reduced -younger board should be voted in (65 years and younger)
- County Board overruling any local decision.

**Taxes (7 comments)**

- Lower property taxes a lot.
- Property assessments too high for taxes, lower assessments
- Lower property taxes! Put higher taxes on airplanes, boats, etc. luxury items.
- Real estate taxes are very high and have increased significantly in the last 3 years with no improvements having been done to the property
- If a person work most of their life to pay for a home they can live in, the taxes on the property should be locked in at purchase until property changes hands, in anyway the increase in property taxes are forcing people out of where they live
- Property taxes on homes should be based on square footage not whether the home is new or old. for example, you can add 200 sq ft to an existing wall of a home and your property taxes won't come close to the property tax of a new 2000 sq ft home
- Mill rate

**Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues (2 comments)**

- It would be nice to have bike trails/ hiking areas in local area/ grant county
- Money needs to be put into our swimming pool. Look around at Platteville, Prairie du Chien! You'll get more kids spending time in the summer at our pool instead of others if you change it. I can't believe this hasn't been addressed with enough parents complain about it.

**Social Issues (1 comment)**

- Make the people on welfare get a job of some kind and at least pay in for part of what they take. There are a lot of people in Grant Co. getting welfare that don't need it and lying to get it.

**Police/Safety Issues (2 comments)**

- No bikes on rural roads unless bike lane is available.
- Get the huge drug problem taken care of.

**Shopping (1 comment)**

- Would of tried to get Wal-Mart or Menards in Lancaster

**Housing Issues (1 comment)**

- Limit trailer houses.

**School Issues (1 comment)**

- The needless spending of the school systems the state school funding program needs to be revised

**Utilities (3 comments)**

- Eliminate the use of salt on roads
- More comprehensive recycling and curbside pickup
- Better snow removal

**Land Use (9 comments)**

- Stop single family homes from expanding into productive agricultural lands.
- Would of let the votech build in the county seat.
- Building homes and other non-agricultural buildings out in the countryside
- Stop city people from building houses on farm land
- Keep new construction out and off of farm land

- Current Zoning re: the size of a rural lot necessary to build a home on. I think it is unreasonable to force someone to have 30 or 40 acres before they can build. CRP takes agricultural land out of production what's wrong with a couple houses here and there taking land out of production.
- Require non chemical farming to eliminate the inevitable contamination of our ground water
- Would not allow the county farm to be leased out
- Zoning laws with teeth in them.

### **Q34. Other comments**

#### **Transportation (1 comment)**

- We had a new road (HWy 81) put in 2006. It looks terrible already. Tax payers are getting ripped off. Wasteful spending. We need quality work done, not sloppy work.

#### **Governance (2 comments)**

- Local "officials" don't need a raise every year or two. Make county and state employees pay some of their health care.
- Government is becoming larger than population itself and they love to vote themselves a raise make all Mondays a holiday.

#### **Economic Development (3 comments)**

- Hopefully grant county will quit growing. We do not need MORE... traffic, business, people, pollution, noise
- Grant County is the 2nd poorest county in the state.
- You need to do things to make it possible for all Grant County residents to grow financially and flourish. Anything you do that in anyway restricts people from home ownership at any level is not good and will only harm the long term goals of success for the area.

#### **Social Issues (1 comment)**

- I object in having taxes and tax payer paying for self induce drug addict, alcoholic and individuals that want free without doing anything in return for the community

#### **Job Issues (1 comment)**

- Won't let Grant county out source all grant county jobs.

#### **No/Nothing (1 comment)**

- None

#### **Lack Restaurants (1 comment)**

- No place to go out to eat at in Lancaster.

#### **Utilities (1 comment)**

- RE:#29 municipal water is fine; municipal sewer takes ground water and runs it out of the region-as population increases and if we were to enter an extended drought this could become a serious problem

#### **Land Use (5 comments)**

- Ref. Question #17. Very ambiguous question. I hope you though the responses out. A. if the residential lot is for residential development and the residential delightful rural atmosphere of grant county. if the residential development follow past history of onesy twosey at "special request" then larger lot sizes may deter growth. see response to question 10
- My sick and tired of people building houses on farm land. Who going to feed us when all farm land is gone.
- When the farm land is gone, who is going to feed the United States? Because we will be a third world country soon, at the rate we are going.
- Pasture land that has been purchased for hunting land only needs to be maintained by the landowners. Taxes should be doubled on this type of land, where no livestock grazes.
- Require cities and Villages to put our ground water back to our soils by purchasing or leasing land with money for treatment instead of sending to rivers

**Miscellaneous (4 comments)**

- Thank you for this opportunity. Best wishes for the survey
- These questions were so vague that any results will be interpreted they way you want them. What a joke and waste of Grant money.
- If it wasn't for all the attorney's - wouldn't be too much left on the square.
- Hope the county doesn't sell the county owned nursing home.