

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 Village of Patch Grove. 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 Waterloo. The essence of these recommendations is reflected throughout the entire document.

1. Protect and improve the health, safety, and welfare of residents in the Village of Patch Grove.
2. Preserve and enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Village of Patch Grove.
3. Protect and preserve the community character of the Village of Patch Grove.

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

The Village of Patch Grove: A gathering of friends at nature's front door.

Nestled in the picturesque southwest corner of Wisconsin, Patch Grove is a quaint, welcoming, family and eco-friendly village with a lot to offer. Located a short drive from recreational, entertainment, and business areas; Patch Grove also promotes many small businesses, a great educational system, as well as outdoor opportunities. Stop by the front door's always open!

1.4 BACKGROUND AND PLANNING AREA

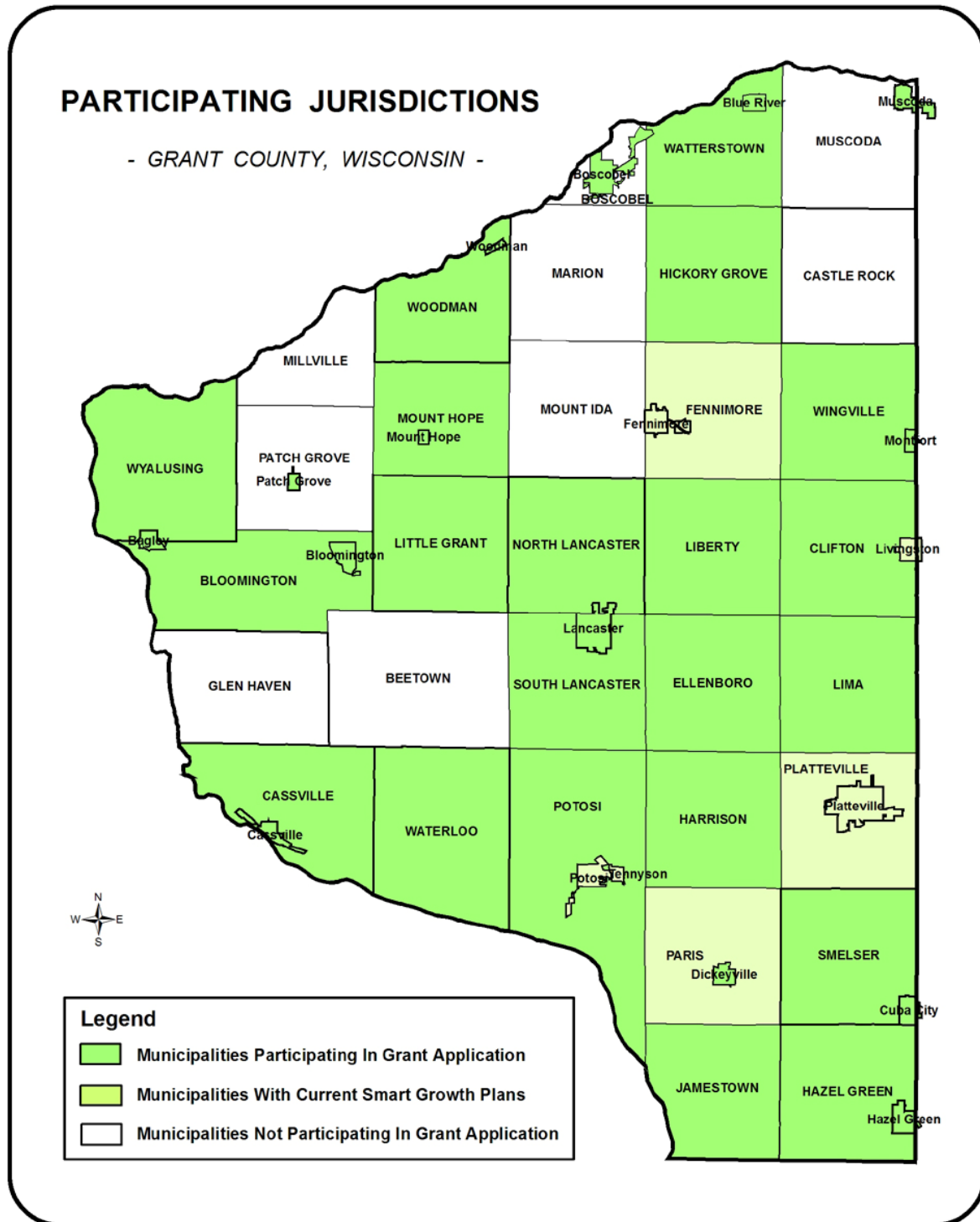
Under the Comprehensive Planning legislation, adopted by the state in October of 1999, beginning on January 1 2010, if a local governmental unit engages in any of the actions listed below, those actions shall be consistent with that local governmental unit’s comprehensive plan.

- 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 Village of Patch Grove, 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.

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| 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 Village of Patch Grove 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.

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

- 1. Post meeting times and minutes at 3 designated posting locations prior to meeting.*
- 2. Mail a reminder to all residents prior to the meeting when deemed appropriate.*

Both community planning meetings and SWWRPC facilitated meetings served as the methods for public participation throughout the entire Village of Patch Grove 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 Village Board. CD copies of the recommended and adopted plan will be sent to the clerks of the Town of Patch Grove 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 to the Public Library serving the jurisdiction. Paper copies will also go to the Planning Commission, Village Board, and Village Clerk.

In order to comply with Act 307 regarding nonmetallic mining, the Village of Patch Grove 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 Village of Patch Grove 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 Village 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 Village 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	Village of Patch Grove Number	Village of Patch Grove Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Total Population (1970)	187	100.0%	48,398	100.0%	4,417,933	100.0%
Total Population (1980)	259	100.0%	51,736	100.0%	4,705,767	100.0%
Total Population (1990)	202	100.0%	49,264	100.0%	4,891,769	100.0%
Total Population (2000)	166	100.0%	49,597	100.0%	5,363,675	100.0%
SEX AND AGE (2000)						
Male	85	51.2%	25,164	50.7%	2,649,041	49.4
Female	81	48.8%	24,433	49.3%	2,714,634	50.6
Under 10 years	31	18.6%	5,738	11.6%	721,824	13.5%
10 to 19 years	16	9.6%	8,490	17.1%	810,269	15.1%
20 to 34 years	39	23.5%	9,995	20.2%	1,063,460	19.8%
35 to 44 years	17	10.2%	7,096	14.3%	875,522	16.3%
45 to 59 years	29	17.4%	8,533	17.2%	985,048	18.4%
60 to 74 years	19	11.4%	5,918	12.0%	560,306	10.4%
75+ years	15	9.0%	3,827	7.7%	347,246	6.5%
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Median Age (2000)	33.7		35.9		36.0	

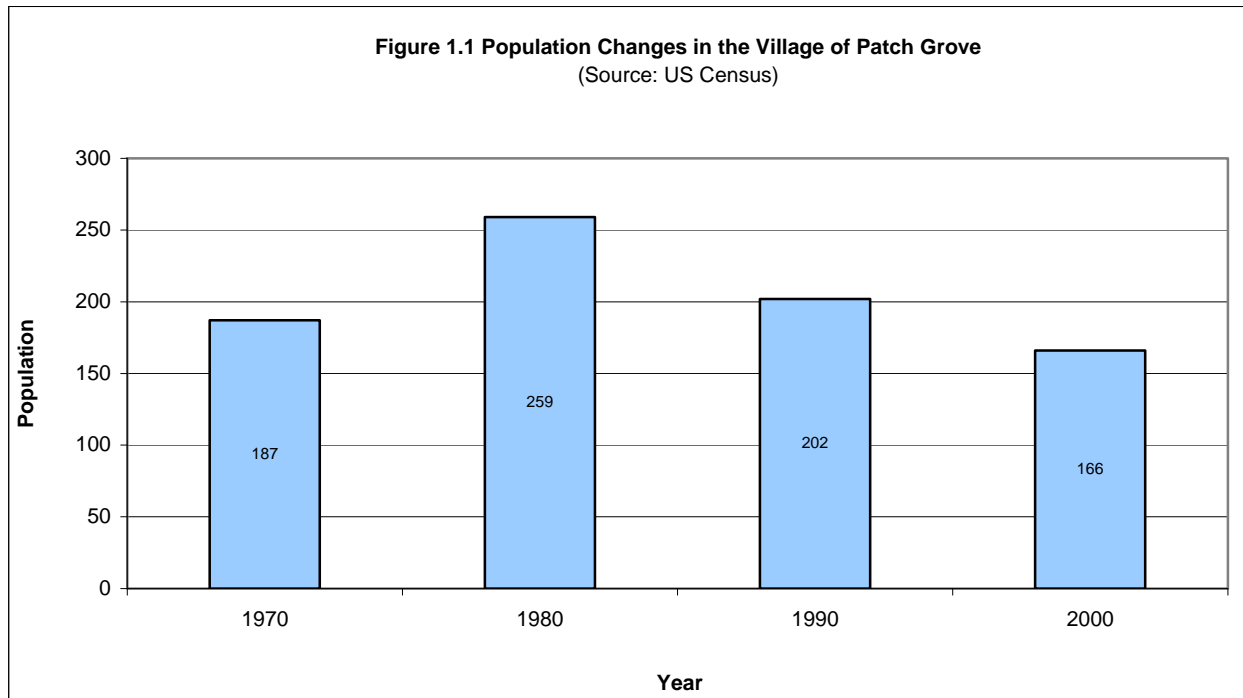


Figure 1.1 shows that the Village of Patch Grove experienced an overall population decrease from 1970 to 2000 of 11.2%.

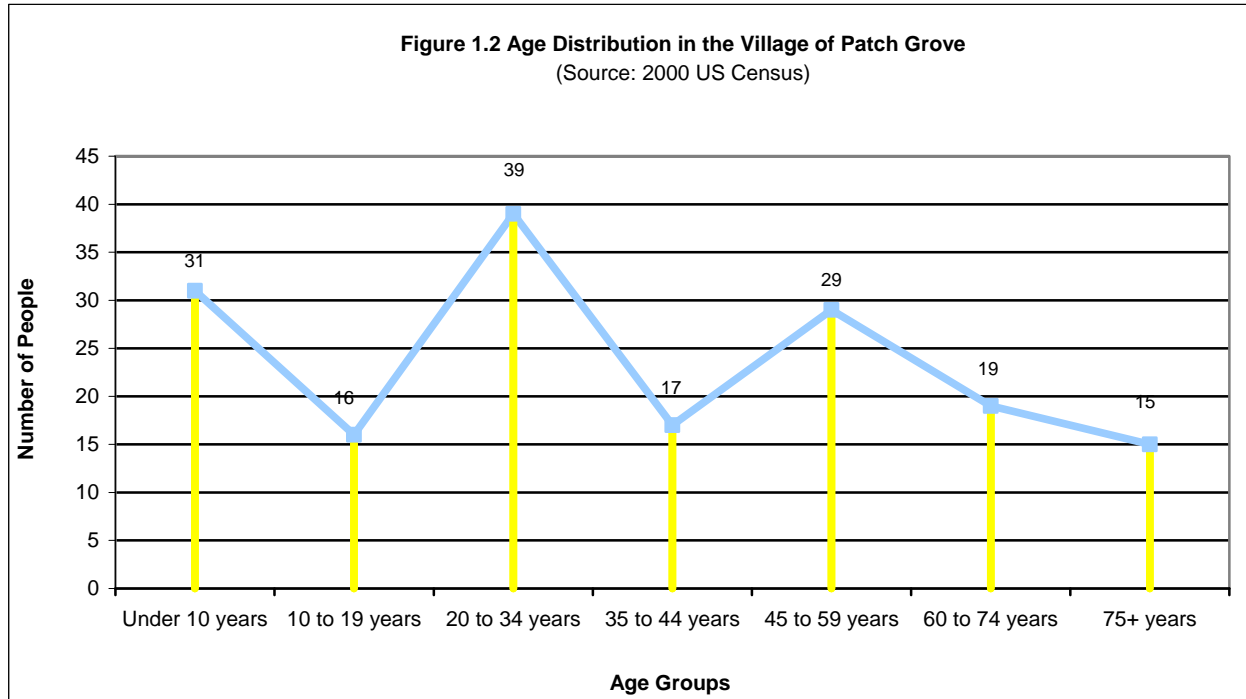


Figure 1.2 shows the population of the Village of Patch Grove by age distribution for the year 2000. The largest group is people 20 to 34 years (39 people) making up 23.5 % of the population. The second largest age group of 45 to 59 years contains 19.2% of the population with 117 people. The Village’s median age is 33.7.

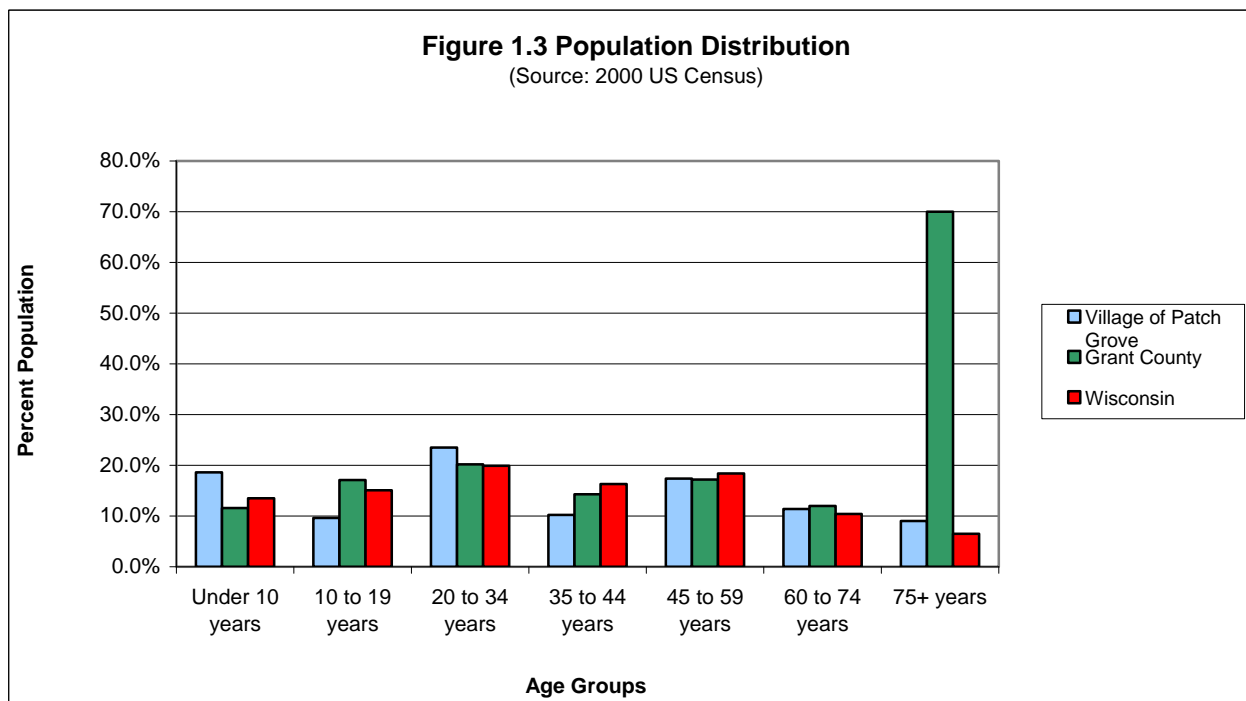


Figure 1.3 compares the population percentage by age group for the Village of Patch Grove, Grant County, and the State of Wisconsin.

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	28	29	27	30	24	27
10 to 19 Years	19	19	17	18	16	18
20 to 34 Years	48	49	58	62	55	59
35 to 44 Years	23	24	15	16	21	23
45 to 59 Years	27	28	30	32	32	35
60 to 74 Years	16	17	11	12	12	13
75+ Years	5	6	6	7	3	4
Total	165	171	164	175	164	180

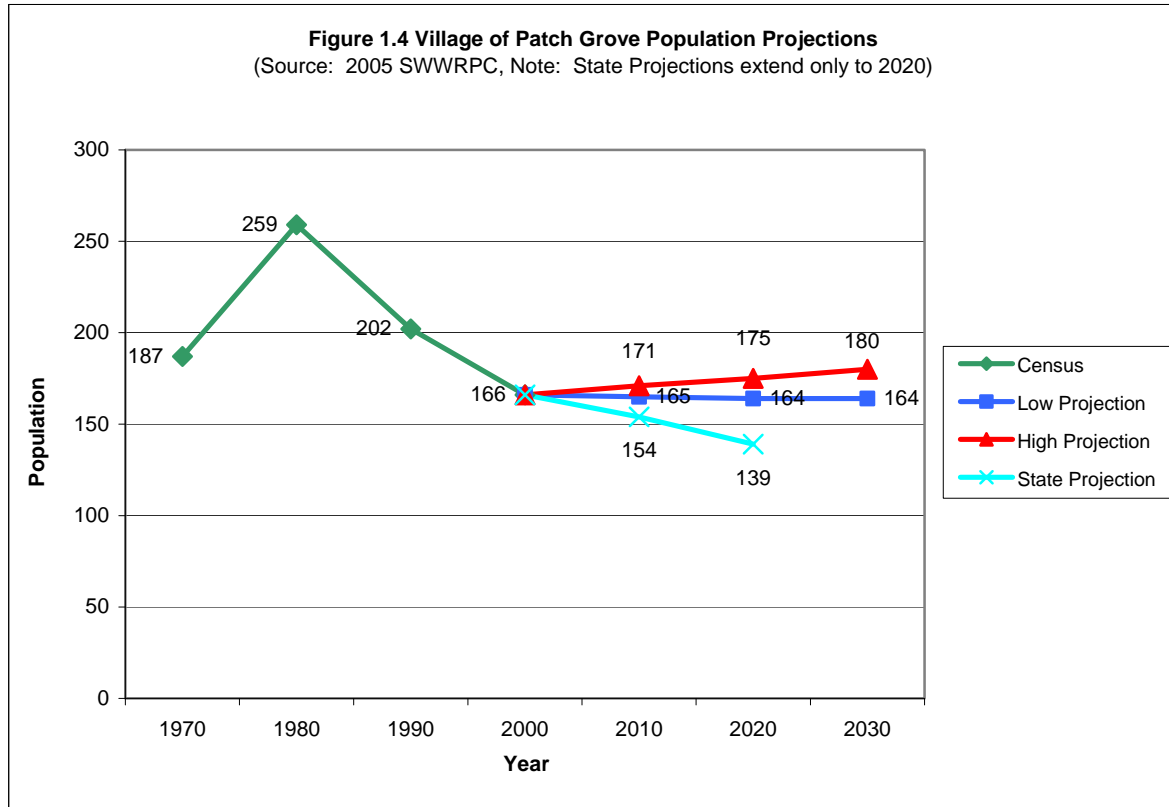


Figure 1.4 shows the projected populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a future high projection, while the blue line indicates a future low projection. The State projection trends lower than even the low projection.

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

Educational Attainment	Village of Patch Grove Number	Village of Patch Grove Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Percent
Less than 9th Grade	2	2.7%	2,346	7.7%	5.4%
9th to 12th No Diploma	8	10.7%	2,713	8.9%	9.6%
HS Grad	43	57.3%	12,255	40.0%	34.6%
Some College	12	16.0%	5,828	19.0%	20.6%
Associate Degree	2	2.7%	2,230	7.3%	7.5%
Bachelor's Degree	4	5.3%	3,332	10.9%	15.3%
Graduate/Prof. Degree	4	5.3%	1,921	6.3%	7.2%
Percent High School Grad or Higher	86.7%		83.5%		85.1%

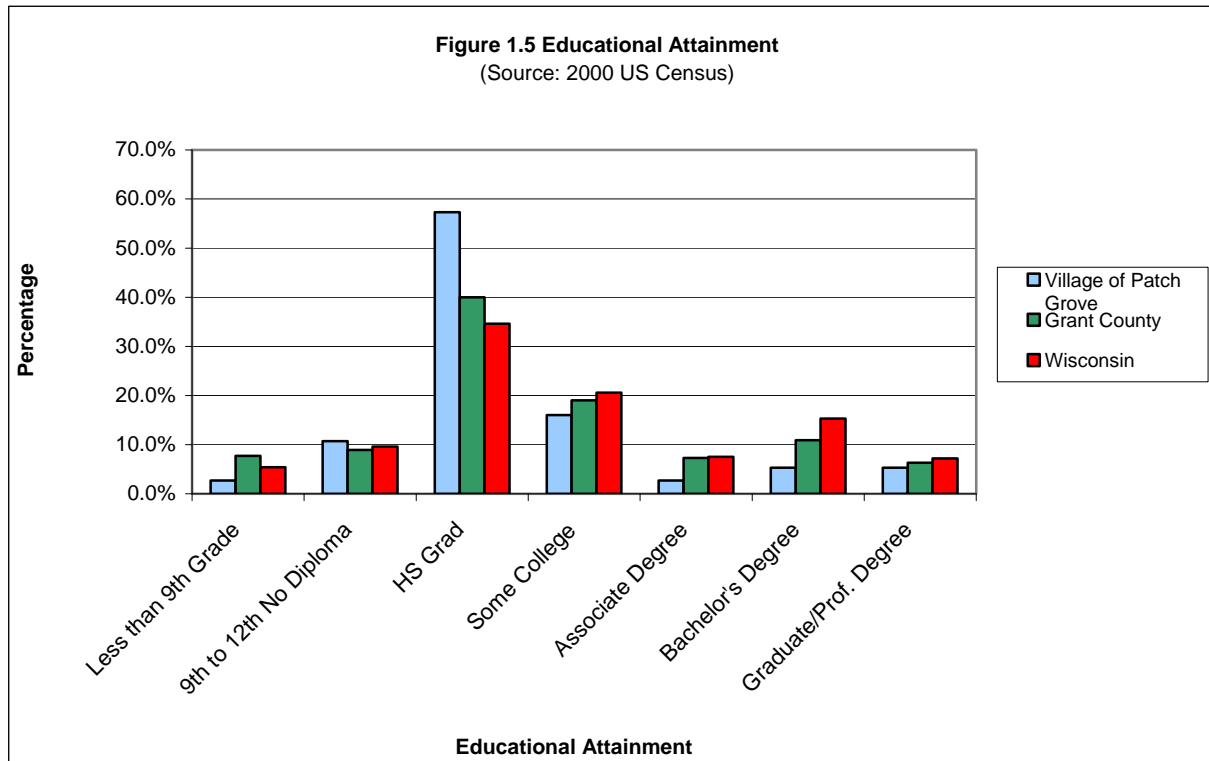


Table 1.4 Occupations (Source: DP-1,DP-2. 2000 US Census)

Occupations	Village of Patch Grove Number	Village of Patch Grove Percent	Grant County Number	Grant County Percent	Wisconsin Number	Wisconsin Percent
Prod, Trans & Mat. Moving	13	23.2%	4,981	19.9%	540,930	19.8%
Const, Extraction & Maint.	7	12.5%	2,294	9.1%	237,086	8.7%
Farm, Fishing & Forestry	3	5.4%	753	3.0%	25,725	0.9%
Sales & Office	9	16.1%	5,524	22.0%	690,360	25.2%
Services	3	5.4%	4,025	16.0%	383,619	14.0%
Mgmt, Prof & Related	21	37.5%	7,511	29.9%	857,205	31.3%
Total	56	100%	25,088	100%	2,734,925	100%

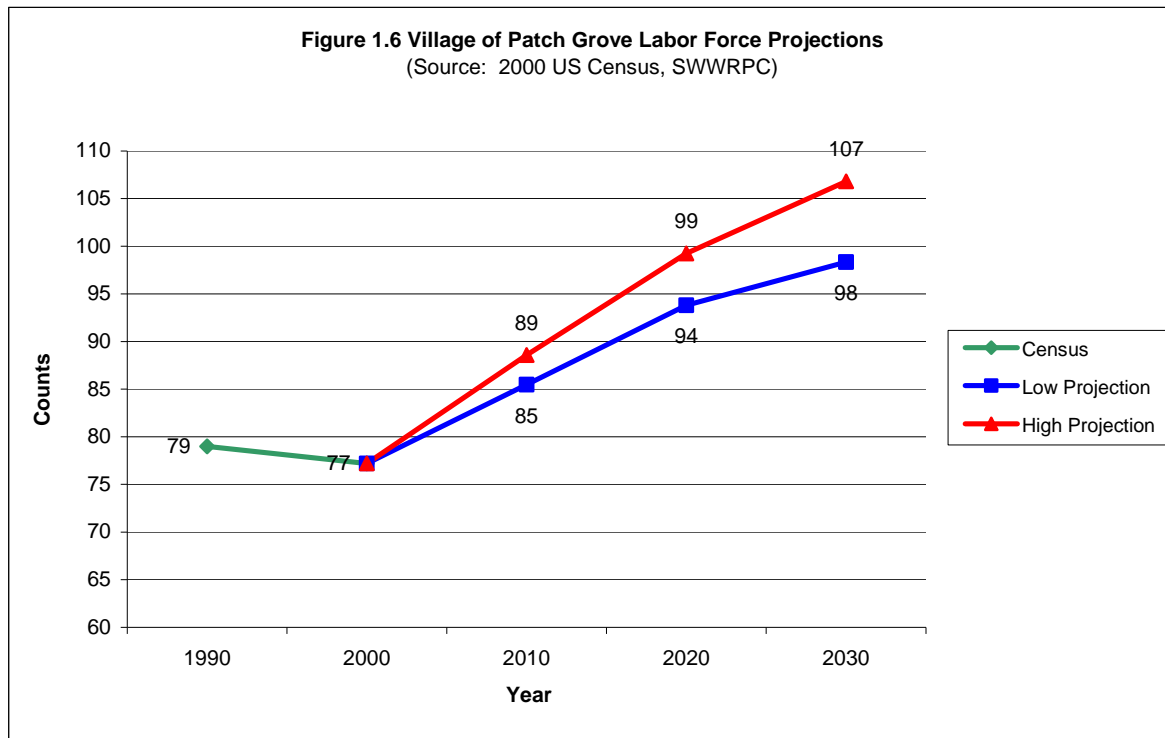


Figure 1.6 shows the projected labor force populations for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. The red line indicates a high projection, while the blue line indicates the low projection. Labor data was not available for 1980 or 1970.

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)

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**

Village of Patch Grove

During September and October of 2007 a total of 86 questionnaires were sent to households in the Village of Patch Grove. A total of 20 questionnaires were returned for a return rate of 23 percent. This number of returned surveys will provide estimates that are expected to be accurate to within plus or minus 18 percent. Because the number of returned surveys is so small and the resulting confidence interval so large, the results reported in this summary should be viewed as impressions rather than conclusions.

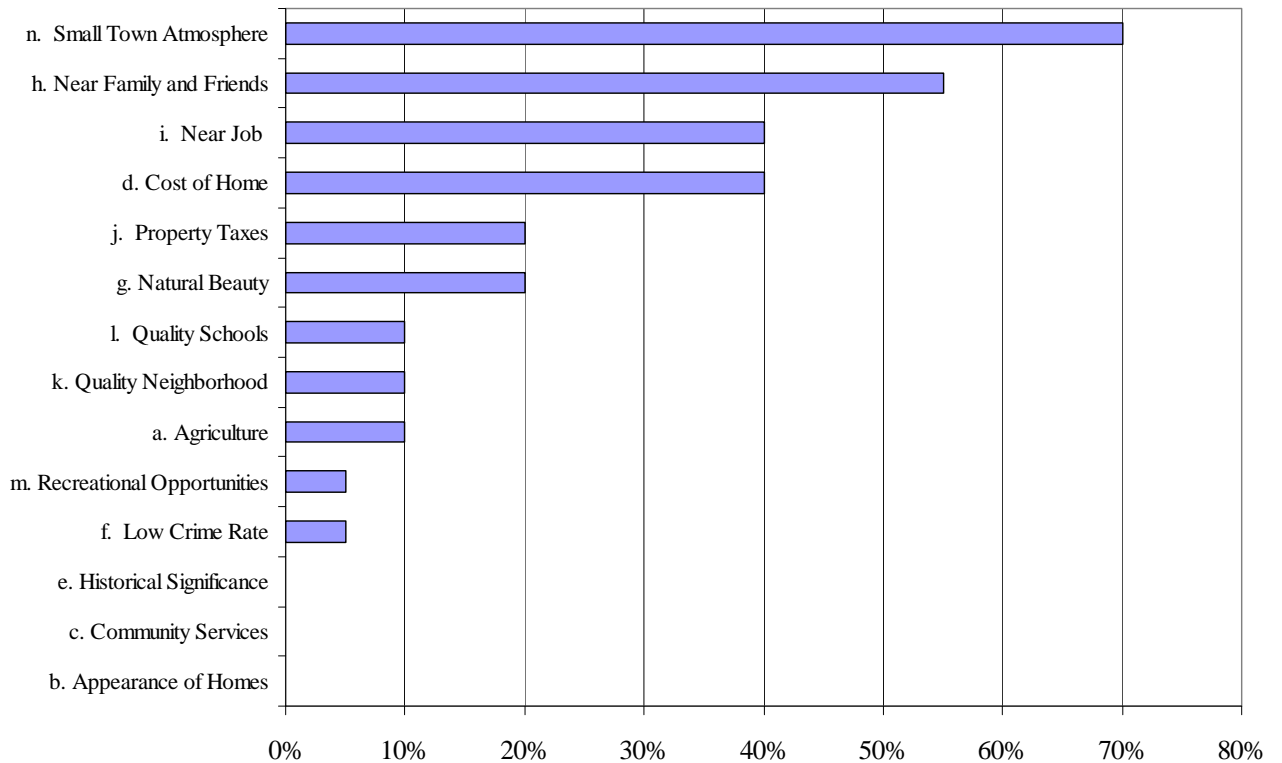
Key results of this survey include:

- The top three reasons Village of Patch Grove residents choose to live in Grant County are the small town atmosphere (70%), being near family and friends (55%), and the cost of homes and being near their job (both at 40%).
- Residents of the Village of Patch Grove are particularly pleased with ambulance service, fire protection, recycling programs, and the public school system.
- At least 75 percent of respondents in the Village of Patch Grove said it was important or very important to protect all natural and cultural resources listed in the survey (air quality, groundwater, rivers and streams, etc.) with one exception. The exception to this pattern of responses is historic and cultural sites. Sixty-five percent of Village of Patch Grove respondents rated the protection of historic and cultural sites as important or very important.
- Three-quarters of Village of Patch Grove residents favor housing developments that focus on improving existing housing quality and expanding the stock of single family housing.
- More than half of Village of Patch Grove respondents also favor development of affordable housing, starter homes, and housing to meet the needs of the elderly. Residents are less sure about the need for more apartments or duplexes.
- Village of Patch Grove 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).
- More than 60 percent of residents in the Village of Patch Grove disagree with the proposition that landowners should be able to develop land any way they want.
- A substantial majority of Village of Patch Grove residents are opposed to allowing large-scale farm (500 or more animal units) expansions to occur anywhere in the County (68% opposed); they also do not favor the most restrictive alternative of prohibiting their expansion anywhere in Grant County (52% opposed). Rather, almost two-thirds (65%) agree or strongly agree that such farms should be allowed to expand if they are outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas.
- Village of Patch Grove residents favor relatively small minimum lot sizes for residential developments in rural areas (65% would set the limit at 5 acres or less) and almost two-thirds of respondents own less than an acre of land in Grant County.
- More than three-quarters of Village of Patch Grove residents agree or strongly agree that the overall road network in Grant County meets the needs of its citizens.
- Two-thirds of respondents rate roads in their Village as “excellent” or “good”. A smaller proportion (37%) rated sidewalks in the Village as “excellent” or “good”.
- Residents of the Village of Patch Grove are quite supportive of pursuing the energy alternatives of wind, solar, and ethanol for economic development.
- Slight majorities of people living in the Village of Patch Grove agree or strongly agree that all jurisdictions in the County should provide some land with infrastructure for public or private industrial and commercial development and that development at the edge of cities and villages should be required to have municipal water and sewer services.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – QUALITY OF LIFE

- The small town atmosphere (70%) stood out as the top reason Village of Patch Grove residents choose to live in Grant County.
- Being near family and friends (55%), and the cost of homes and being near their job (both at 40%) were the next tier of reasons.
- No respondents chose historical significance, community services, or the appearance of homes 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, Village of Patch Grove residents are more likely to choose the cost of a home among their top three reasons they choose to live in Grant County.

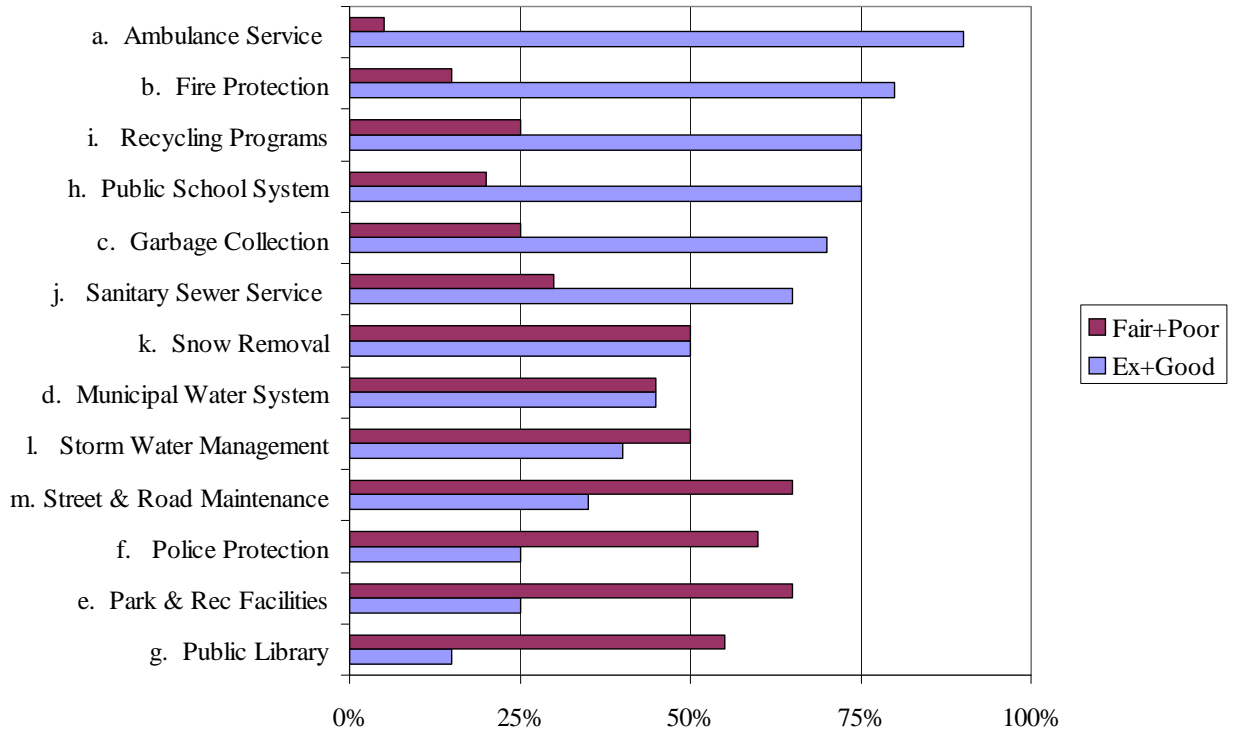
1. What are the three most important reasons you and your family choose to live in Grant County?

	Patch Grove	County		Patch Grove	County
a. Agriculture	10%	17%	i. Near Job	40%	40%
b. Appearance of Homes	0%	2%	j. Property Taxes	20%	6%
c. Community Services	0%	3%	k. Quality Neighborhood	10%	10%
d. Cost of Home	40%	17%	l. Quality Schools	10%	18%
e. Historical Significance	0%	2%	m. Recreational Opportunities	5%	9%
f. Low Crime Rate	5%	20%	n. Small Town Atmosphere	70%	58%
g. Natural Beauty	20%	24%	o. Other	0%	5%
h. Near Family and Friends	55%	56%			

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- A majority of residents of the Village of Patch Grove gave “excellent” or “good” ratings to six of the thirteen facilities and services listed and were particularly pleased with ambulance service, fire protection, recycling programs, and the public school system.
- Village residents are evenly split, however, on their satisfaction with snow removal, the municipal water system, and storm water management.
- Village residents rated street and road maintenance, police protection, park and recreation facilities, and the public library relatively poorly.

Rating Community Facilities and Services



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

- The following table indicates that residents of the Village of Patch Grove are generally less satisfied with their community facilities and services than are Grant County residents as a whole.
- They are noticeably less satisfied with park and recreation facilities, police protection, public library, snow removal, storm water management, and street and road maintenance.

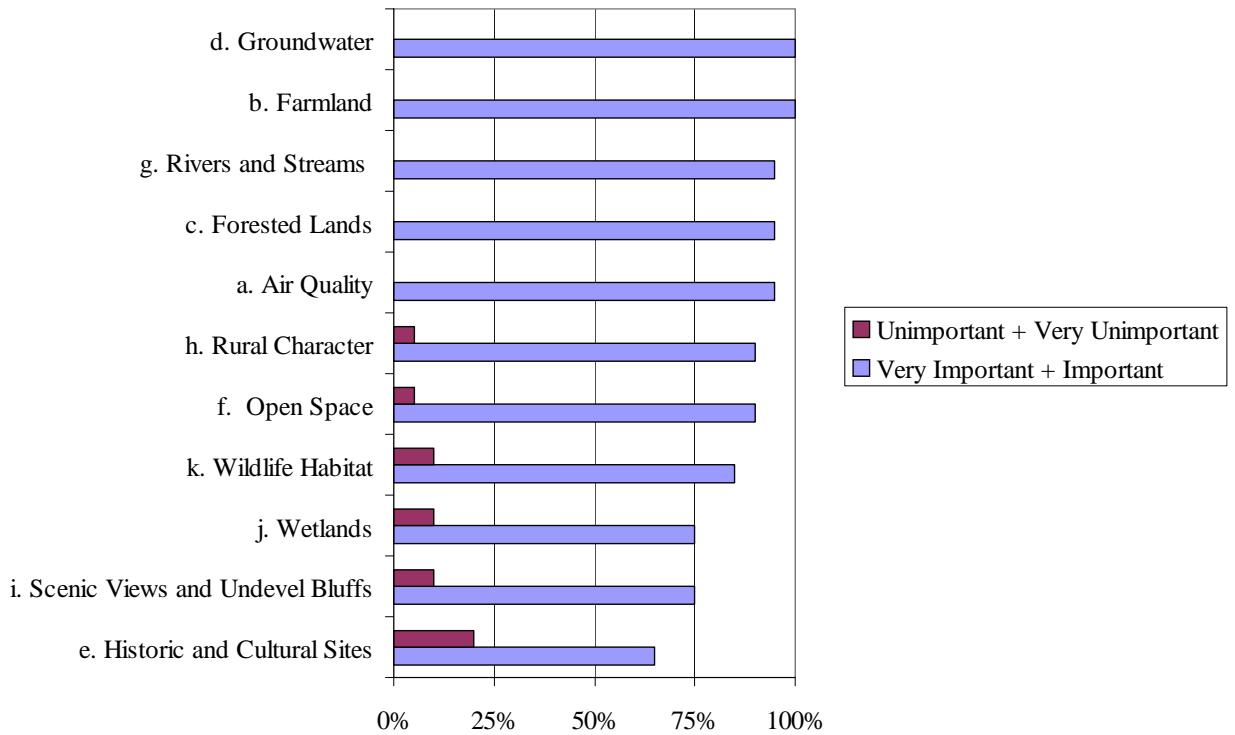
2. Rate the following local services

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
a. Ambulance Service	30%	54%	60%	35%	5%	6%	0%	0%	5%	5%
b. Fire Protection	25%	54%	55%	39%	15%	4%	0%	0%	5%	3%
c. Garbage Collection	25%	39%	45%	39%	20%	9%	5%	2%	5%	11%
d. Municipal Water System	20%	23%	25%	38%	40%	10%	5%	2%	10%	26%
e. Park & Rec Facilities	0%	30%	25%	47%	30%	13%	35%	2%	10%	7%
f. Police Protection	0%	27%	25%	45%	60%	20%	0%	4%	15%	4%
g. Public Library	0%	33%	15%	46%	15%	11%	40%	2%	30%	8%
h. Public School System	10%	30%	65%	49%	15%	13%	5%	2%	5%	6%
i. Recycling Programs	15%	31%	60%	51%	25%	12%	0%	2%	0%	3%
j. Sanitary Sewer Service	10%	25%	55%	42%	25%	8%	5%	1%	5%	24%
k. Snow Removal	0%	27%	50%	47%	30%	17%	20%	2%	0%	7%
l. Storm Water Management	0%	16%	40%	43%	35%	16%	15%	3%	10%	22%
m. Street & Road Maintenance	0%	16%	35%	46%	35%	28%	30%	8%	0%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- The following chart indicates that most residents of the Village of Patch Grove rate protection of all natural and cultural resources as important or very important. For all of the items about which we asked, at least 75 percent of the respondents said it was important or very important to protect them with the exception of one (historic and cultural sites at 65%).
- Village residents have complete unanimity regarding the importance of protecting groundwater and farmland.

Importance of Protecting Natural & Cultural Resources



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

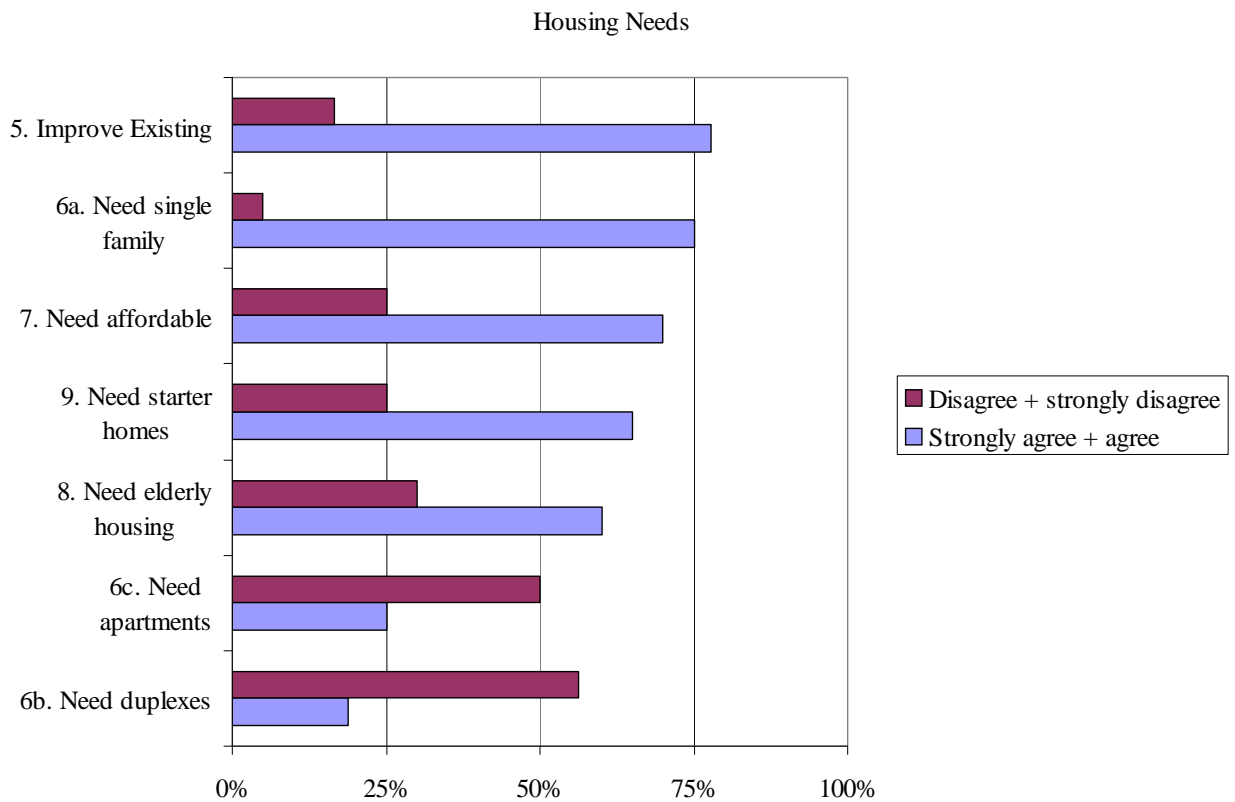
- The views of Village of Patch Grove residents about natural and cultural resources are very similar to those for Grant County as a whole.
- Village of Patch Grove residents may be less concerned about the preservation of historic and cultural sites (65% said this was important or very important versus 84% in the County) and scenic views and undeveloped bluffs (75% in the Village of Patch Grove versus 88% in the County).

4. It is important to protect the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
a. Air Quality	70%	68%	25%	29%	0%	2%	0%	1%	5%	1%
b. Farmland	80%	59%	20%	37%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%
c. Forested Lands	65%	54%	30%	40%	0%	3%	0%	1%	5%	2%
d. Groundwater	90%	73%	10%	25%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
e. Historic and Cultural Sites	25%	27%	40%	57%	15%	13%	5%	1%	15%	2%
f. Open Space	35%	34%	55%	53%	5%	10%	0%	1%	5%	2%
g. Rivers and Streams	55%	64%	40%	34%	0%	2%	0%	0%	5%	0%
h. Rural Character	50%	39%	40%	47%	5%	12%	0%	1%	5%	2%
i. Scenic Views & Undevel Bluffs	30%	46%	45%	42%	10%	9%	0%	2%	15%	1%
j. Wetlands	30%	40%	45%	41%	10%	12%	0%	2%	15%	4%
k. Wildlife Habitat	45%	47%	40%	43%	10%	7%	0%	1%	5%	2%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING

- Three-quarters of Village of Patch Grove residents favor housing developments that focus on improving existing housing quality and expanding the stock of single family housing.
- More than half of Village of Patch Grove respondents also favor development of affordable housing, starter homes, and housing to meet the needs of the elderly. However, one-quarter or more of Village of Patch Grove respondents also oppose these types of housing developments.
- Residents generally indicated that no more apartments or duplexes are needed.



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – HOUSING (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- Compared to Grant County as a whole, residents of the Village of Patch Grove are more receptive to expanding the supply of single family homes and less receptive to the need for more duplexes.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
5. Improve existing housing quality.	17%	24%	61%	44%	17%	16%	0%	3%	6%	13%
6. Need following housing types:										
a. Single Family Housing	30%	19%	45%	40%	0%	15%	5%	5%	20%	21%
b. Duplexes (2 units)	0%	8%	19%	33%	38%	25%	19%	9%	25%	25%
c. Apartments (3 or more units)	0%	7%	25%	24%	25%	31%	25%	12%	25%	26%
7. Need affordable housing	30%	31%	40%	36%	15%	14%	10%	6%	5%	13%
8. Need elderly housing	15%	20%	45%	43%	15%	19%	15%	4%	10%	14%
9. Need starter homes	25%	19%	40%	37%	20%	23%	5%	4%	10%	16%

- Village of Patch Grove residents prefer residential developments based on a cluster design (smaller lots with more shared open space) over the traditional design (larger lots with no or little shared open space).

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

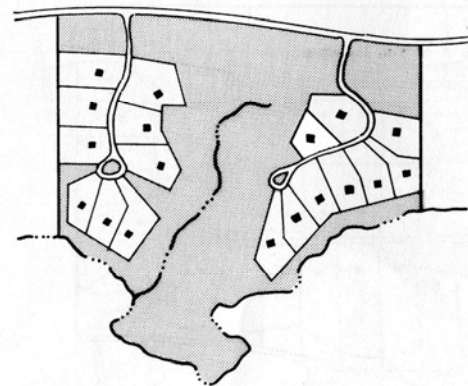
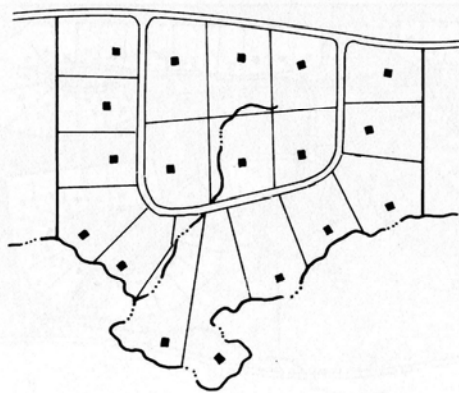
OPTION A Traditional Design		OPTION B Cluster Design	
Patch Grove	County	Patch Grove	County

33%

39%

67%

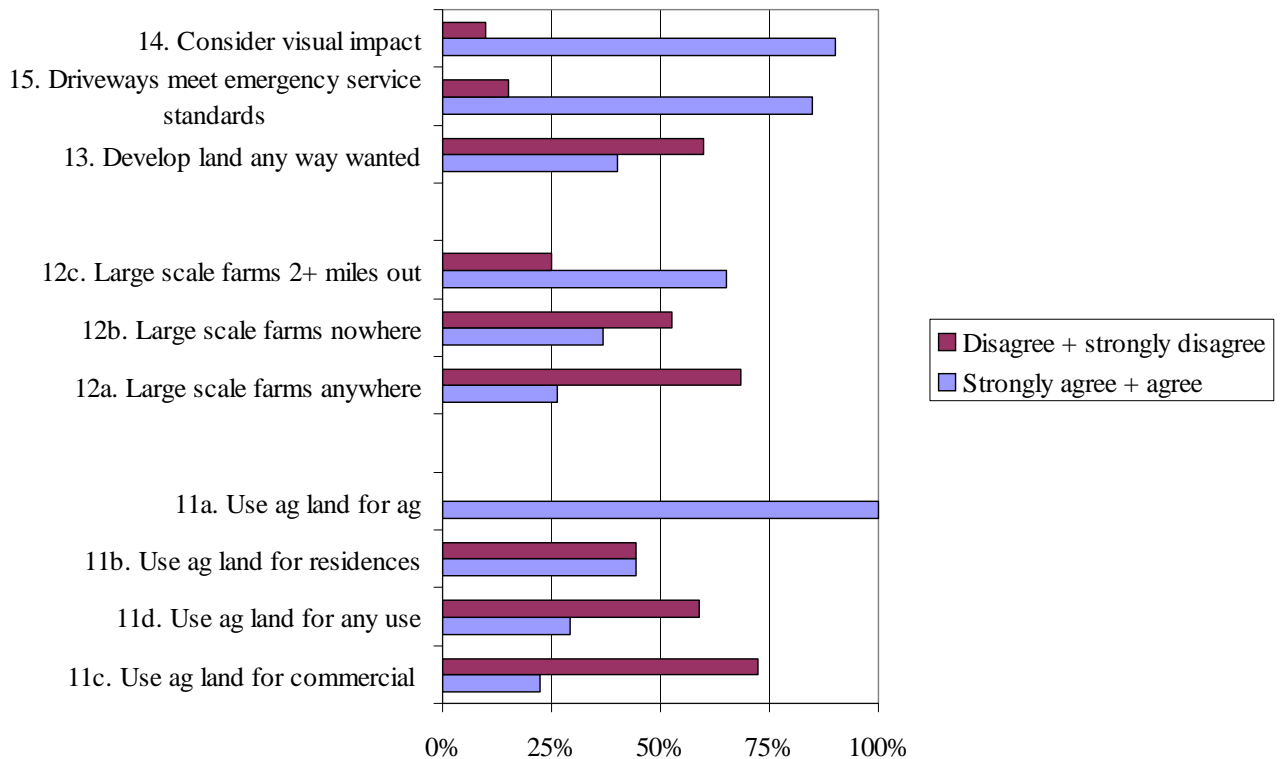
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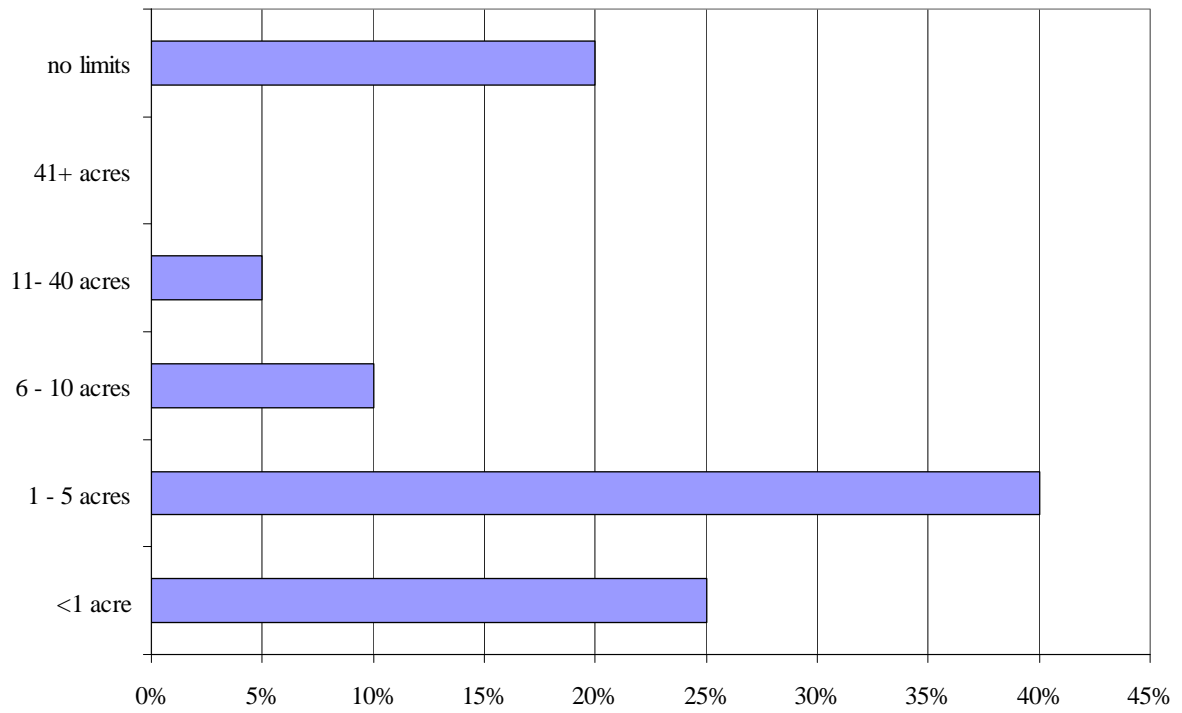
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

- Large majorities of Village of Patch Grove 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.
- Sixty percent of residents in the Village of Patch Grove disagree with the proposition that landowners should be able to develop land any way they want.
- A substantial majority of Village of Patch Grove residents are opposed to allowing large-scale farm (500 or more animal units) expansion to occur anywhere in the County (68% opposed); nor do they favor the most restrictive alternative of prohibiting their expansion anywhere in Grant County (52% opposed). Rather, almost two-thirds (65%) agree or strongly agree that such farms should be allowed to expand if they are outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas.
- Village of Patch Grove residents are unanimous in their belief that productive agricultural land should be used in agriculture. This is consistent with the earlier-reported result that 100 percent said that it is important or very important to preserve such land. Solid majorities oppose the use of productive farm land for commercial use or unrestricted use. Village residents are evenly split, however, on their belief that productive agricultural land should be allowed to be used for residential purposes.
- The graphs on the following page indicate that Village of Patch Grove residents favor relatively small minimum lot sizes for residential developments in rural areas (65% would set the limit at 5 acres or less) and almost two-thirds of respondents own less than an acre of land in Grant County.

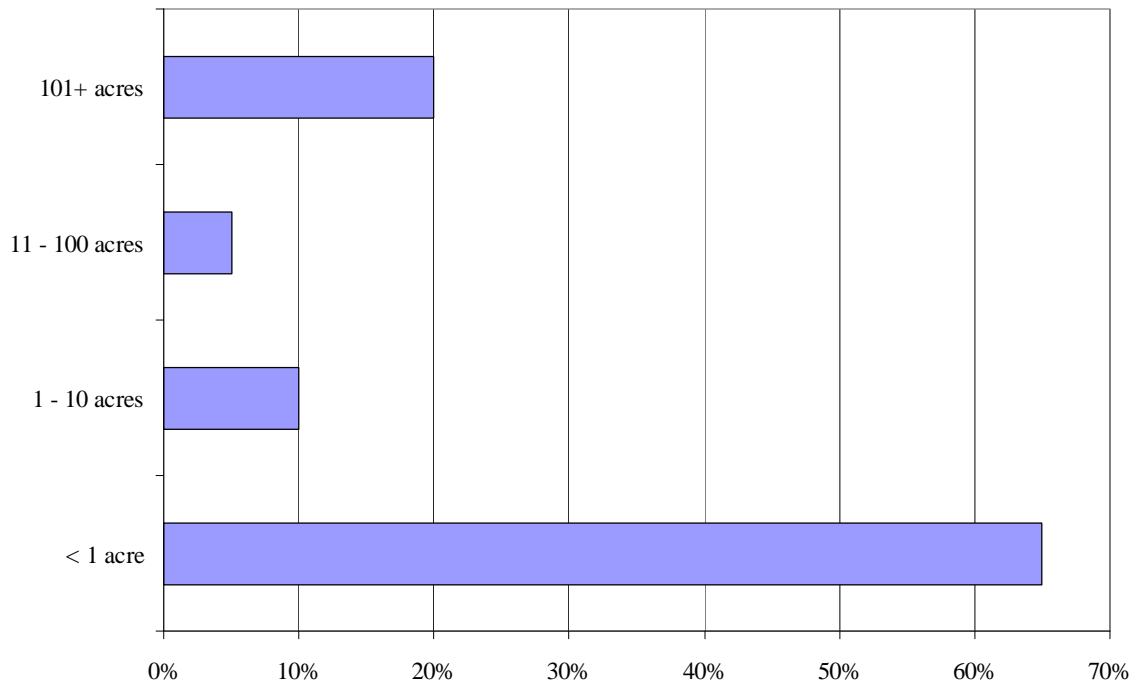
Land Use Opinions



Preferred Minimum Lot Size



Acres Owned in Grant County



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

- While a minority opinion in the Village, a higher proportion of Patch Grove residents (30 percent) support the idea that productive agricultural land should be allowed to be used for any use than is true in the County (12 percent).
- Compared to the County, Village residents are less likely to support minimum lot sizes on residential development in rural areas and more likely to say they have no opinion.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
11a. Use ag land for ag	85%	76%	15%	21%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%
11b. Use ag land for residences	11%	4%	33%	28%	28%	44%	17%	17%	11%	7%
11c. Use ag land for commercial	6%	3%	17%	19%	56%	45%	17%	26%	6%	7%
11d. Use ag land for any use	12%	4%	18%	8%	12%	40%	47%	36%	12%	12%
12. Expand lg farms (500+ an. units):										
a. Anywhere in Grant County	5%	9%	21%	17%	26%	42%	42%	23%	5%	8%
b. Nowhere in Grant County	21%	12%	16%	14%	26%	44%	26%	19%	11%	12%
c. 2 miles outside inc areas	30%	23%	35%	39%	10%	17%	15%	9%	10%	12%
13. Develop land any way wanted	10%	11%	30%	17%	35%	52%	25%	18%	0%	2%
14. Consider visual impacts of development	30%	28%	60%	57%	10%	9%	0%	2%	0%	5%
15. Driveways meet EMS standards	15%	38%	70%	52%	10%	6%	5%	0%	0%	4%

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

Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
5%	24%	42%	48%	16%	16%	16%	5%	21%	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	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
25%	19%	40%	49%	10%	13%	5%	5%	0%	4%	20%	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	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
65%	60%	10%	17%	5%	10%	20%	13%

19. Do you actively farm the land you own?

Yes		No		Not Applicable	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
20%	14%	55%	55%	25%	31%

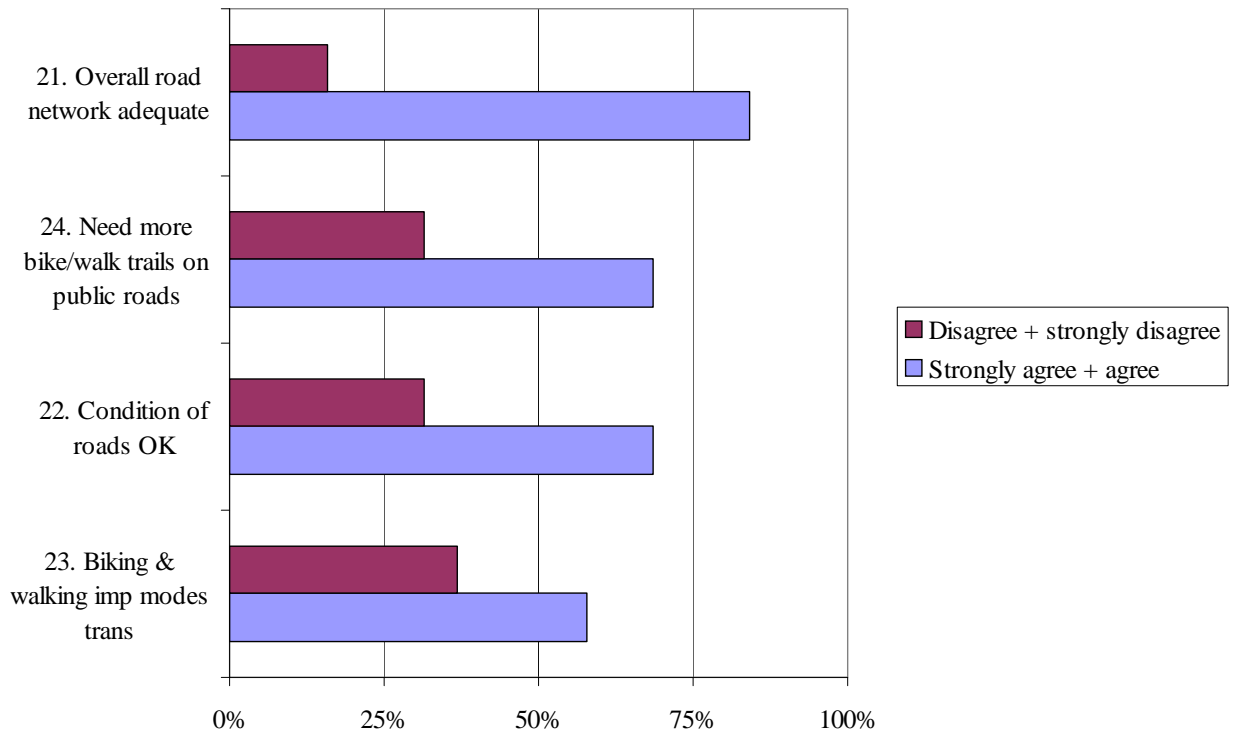
20. Do you think your land will be actively farmed (by you or someone else) in the next:

0-5 years		6-10 years		11-15 years		16-20 years		Not Applicable	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
25%	10%	15%	6%	20%	6%	20%	13%	75%	74%

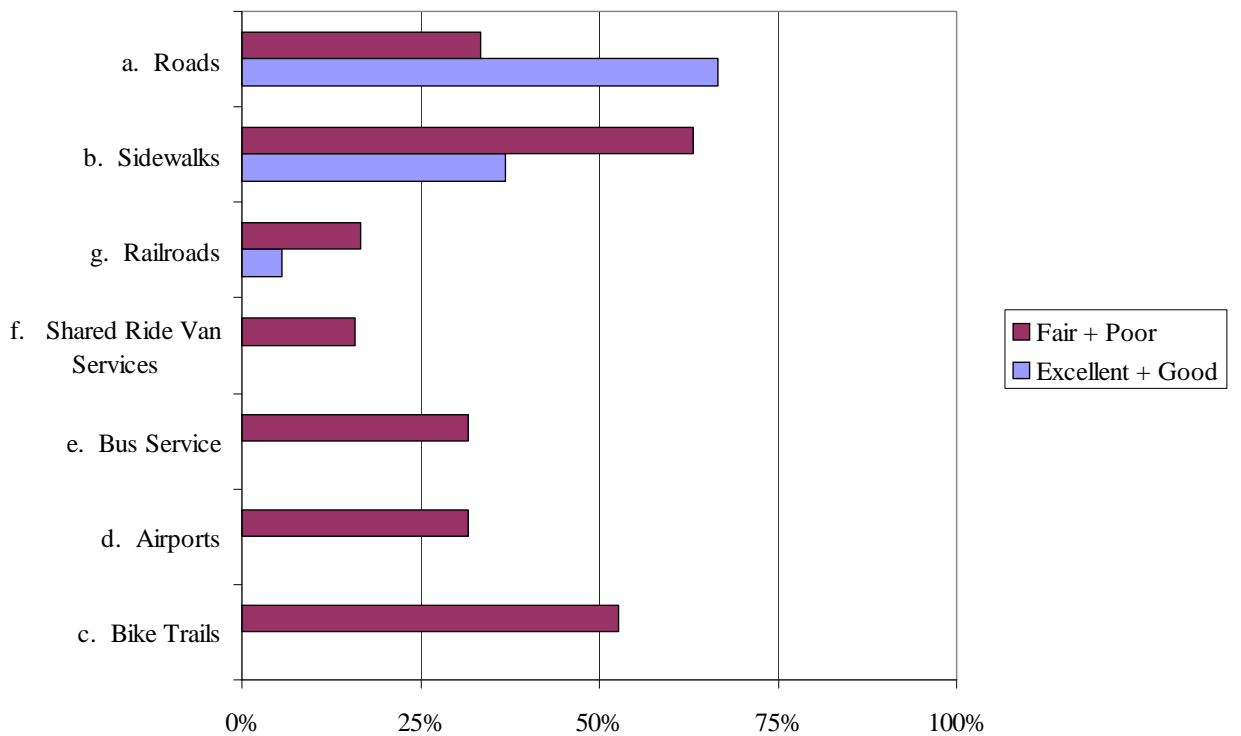
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION

- More than three-quarters of Village of Patch Grove residents agree or strongly agree that the overall road network in Grant County meets the needs of its citizens (see graph on the next page).
- Majorities of greater than 57 percent agree or strongly agree that road conditions in the Village are adequate for intended uses, that biking and walking are important modes of transportation in the Village, and that more biking and walking lanes along public roadways are needed in the Village. Several comments about walking and biking trails are included in the “Comments” section of the paper.
- Two-thirds of respondents rate roads in their Village as “excellent” or “good”. A much smaller proportion (37%) rated sidewalks in the Village as “excellent” or “good”. Many respondents did not rate other transportation modes.

Transportation Opinions



Transportation Quality in Local Jurisdiction



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – TRANSPORTATION (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- The views of Village of Patch Grove residents about transportation issues are very similar to those for Grant County as a whole.

21-24. Transportation issues

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
21. Road network meets needs	5%	14%	79%	74%	16%	9%	0%	2%	0%	1%
22. Condition of roads adequate	0%	11%	68%	64%	32%	20%	0%	3%	0%	1%
23. Biking & walking imp modes trans	32%	18%	26%	44%	21%	22%	16%	5%	5%	11%
24. Need more bike & walk lanes on pub roads	58%	24%	11%	34%	21%	23%	11%	9%	0%	10%

- In general, Village of Patch Grove residents rate their roads and sidewalks in much the same way as County residents.
- With the exception of rating roads and sidewalks, substantial proportions of residents in the County, as well as, residents from the Village of Patch Grove did not rate the transportation items listed; comparisons between the County and Village responses are not meaningful.

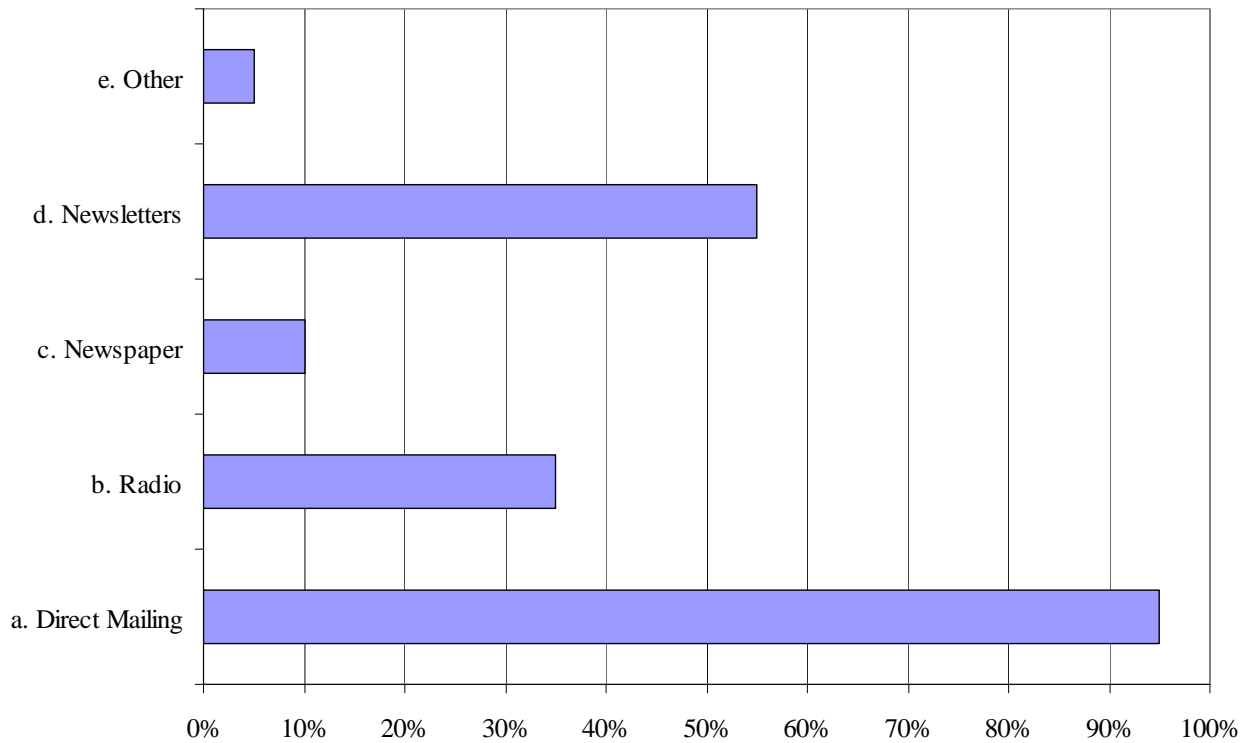
25. Rate the following for your local jurisdiction

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Not Applicable	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
a. Roads	6%	12%	61%	59%	33%	22%	0%	6%	0%	0%
b. Sidewalks	0%	6%	37%	39%	42%	28%	21%	6%	0%	22%
c. Bike Trails	0%	3%	0%	17%	5%	19%	47%	16%	47%	44%
d. Airports	0%	6%	0%	30%	21%	16%	11%	4%	68%	43%
e. Bus Service	0%	1%	0%	4%	16%	3%	16%	20%	68%	72%
f. Shared Ride Van Services	0%	0%	0%	9%	0%	11%	16%	16%	84%	64%
g. Railroads	0%	2%	6%	11%	6%	10%	11%	13%	78%	64%
h. Other	0%	3%	0%	9%	0%	1%	0%	12%	100%	75%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS - COMMUNICATION

- An overwhelming majority of Village residents (95%) indicate that the most effective way to provide comprehensive planning information to landowners and residents is direct mailing.
- Slightly more than half of residents say that newsletters are among their top two choices for comprehensive planning information.

Communication Preferences for Comp Plan Info



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – COMMUNICATIONS (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- In comparison to the County, residents of the Village of Patch Grove share the same preference for direct mailing as their first choice among sources of information about comprehensive planning. Village preferences for direct mail are, however, stronger than for the County as a whole.
- Village of Patch Grove residents have a slightly weaker preference for newspaper articles than the County average.

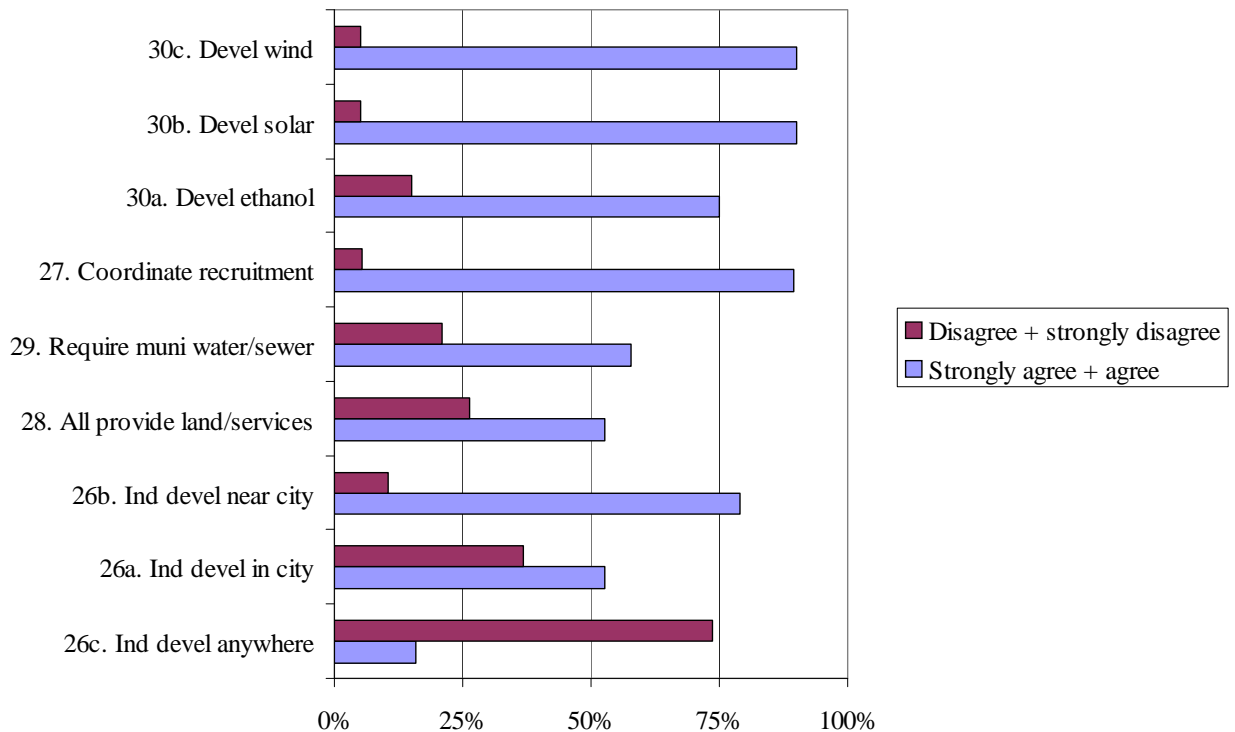
3. What are 2 most effective ways your jurisdiction could provide Comprehensive Planning information to landowners and residents?

	Patch Grove	Cnty
a. Direct Mailing	95%	70%
b. Radio	35%	21%
c. Newspaper	10%	44%
d. Newsletters	55%	56%
e. Other	5%	4%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

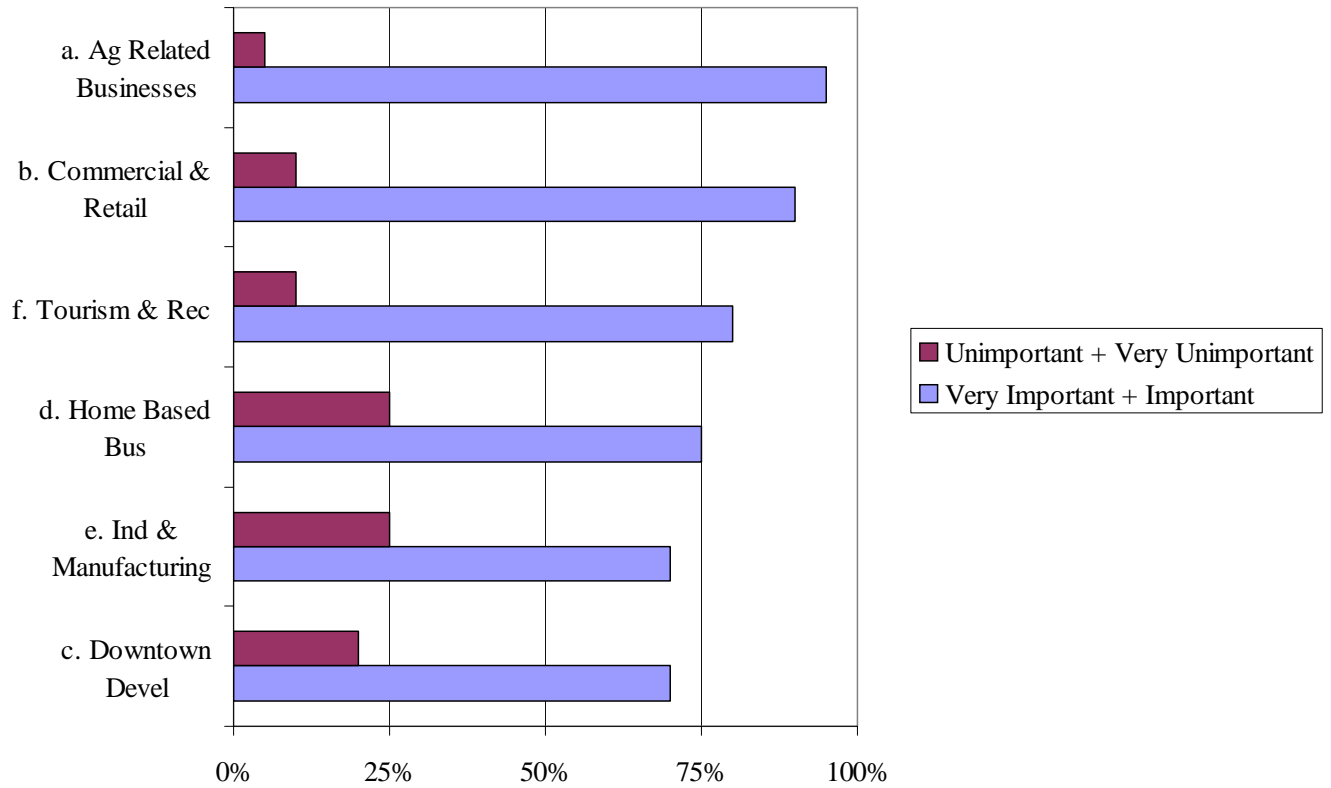
- Residents of the Village of Patch Grove are quite supportive of pursuing the energy alternatives of wind, solar, and ethanol for economic development.
- Citizens in the Village are overwhelmingly in favor of coordinating efforts within Grant County to recruit new business and industry.
- A much higher proportion of people living in the Village of Patch Grove agree or strongly agree that all jurisdictions in the County should provide some land with infrastructure for public or private industrial and commercial development and that development at the edge of cities and villages should be required to have municipal water and sewer services than disagree with these propositions.
- Village residents prefer that commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located near cities or villages (79%) rather than within an existing community (52%), or allowed anywhere in the County (16%).
- The results with respect to economic development options are consistent with the Village’s concern about preserving farm land and other natural resources.

Economic Development Opinions



- Each of the six types of business development described in the questionnaire has at least 70 percent of Village respondents viewing it as “very important” or “important”.
- One-quarter of Village of Patch Grove respondents rated home based businesses and industrial and manufacturing development as “unimportant” or “very unimportant” in Grant County.

Importance of Business Development



SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COUNTY COMPARISON)

- In general, Village residents hold views about economic development issues that are very similar to the overall County average.
- Village of Patch Grove residents feel somewhat less strongly than the average for the County that development at the edge of cities and villages should be required to have municipal water and sewer services.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
26. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located:										
a. In an existing city or a village	5%	14%	47%	39%	26%	28%	11%	7%	11%	12%
b. Near a city or village	11%	16%	68%	63%	11%	8%	0%	3%	11%	10%
c. Anywhere in Grant County	0%	7%	16%	19%	47%	38%	26%	20%	11%	16%
27. Coordinate business recruitment	42%	53%	47%	40%	5%	2%	0%	2%	5%	3%
28. Provide land & infrastructure for industry/commerce	16%	16%	37%	43%	21%	19%	5%	7%	21%	15%
29. Required muni water & sewer	26%	26%	32%	45%	21%	11%	0%	4%	21%	14%

- Residents of the Village of Patch Grove give similar high support to pursuing alternative solar and wind energy as do County residents as a whole. Village residents support the pursuit of ethanol plants as a form of economic development more enthusiastically than the overall County average.

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

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
a. Ethanol Plants	25%	22%	50%	33%	15%	23%	0%	9%	10%	13%
b. Solar Energy	40%	39%	50%	45%	5%	5%	0%	1%	5%	10%
c. Wind Energy	50%	48%	40%	43%	5%	2%	0%	2%	5%	6%
d. Other	33%	28%	33%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	63%

- The proportion of residents in the Village of Patch Grove and Grant County who feel that it is important or very important for the County to encourage agricultural related businesses, commercial and retail developments, and home based businesses is similar.
- Compared to the County, the enthusiasm for downtown development and industrial and manufacturing is much weaker in the Village of Patch Grove.

31. Rate the importance of the following:

	Very Important		Important		Unimportant		Very Unimportant		Not Applicable	
	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
a. Ag Related Business	70%	59%	25%	38%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%
b. Commercial & Retail	30%	33%	60%	59%	5%	7%	5%	1%	0%	1%
c. Downtown Devel	20%	31%	50%	52%	15%	11%	5%	2%	10%	4%
d. Home-Based Bus	25%	17%	50%	54%	25%	22%	0%	3%	0%	4%
e. Ind & Manufacturing	25%	40%	45%	50%	25%	8%	0%	1%	5%	1%
f. Tourism & Rec	35%	36%	45%	55%	5%	7%	5%	1%	10%	1%

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS – DEMOGRAPHICS

The demographic profile of the Village of Patch Grove matches the County in some ways, but there are notable differences:

- The Village of Patch Grove has more female respondents than the County average.
- There are fewer older respondents (65 and older) than the County average.
- A higher proportion of respondents from the Village of Patch Grove are self-employed.
- The Village has more households with annual incomes of \$50,000 - \$74,999 than the County average.

35. Gender

Male		Female	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
35%	53%	65%	47%

36. Age

18-24		25-34		35-44	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
5%	0%	15%	7%	15%	13%
45-54		55-64		65 and older	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
15%	23%	30%	22%	20%	35%

37. Employment Status

Emp Full Time		Emp Part Time		Self Employed	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
40%	44%	10%	6%	25%	10%
Unemployed		Retired		Other	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
0%	1%	25%	37%	0%	1%

38. Place of Residence

Own		Rent		Other	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
100%	99%	0%	1%	0%	0%

39. Number of Adults (18+) in Household

0		1		2	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
		20%	20%	80%	71%

3		4		5+	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
0%	7%	0%	2%	0%	1%

40. Number of Children (under 18) in Household

0		1		2	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
76%	67%	6%	14%	6%	11%
3		4		5+	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
12%	7%	0%	1%	0%	0%

41. Household Income

Under \$15,000		\$15K - \$24,999		\$25K - \$49,999	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
15%	7%	10%	14%	35%	33%
\$50K - \$74,999		\$75K - \$99,999		\$100,000+	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
40%	25%	0%	15%	0%	6%

42. Years Lived in Grant County

Less than 1		1-4		5-9	
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
0%	1%	10%	5%	5%	9%
10-24			25+		
Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty	Patch Gro	Cnty
5%	14%	80%	71%		

Village of Patch Grove Written Comments

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

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues (2 comments)

- In Patch Grove area, there are no safe walk/bike paths.
- The lack of cultural events.

Jobs (2 comments)

- Better paying job opportunities.
- Jobs

Taxes (2 comments)

- High property taxes.
- I do not like the high taxes.

Transportation/Roads/Distance Issues (2 comments)

- I do not like the high price of gasoline
- Roads

Economic Development (1 comment)

- Need more industry

Housing (1 comment)

- I do not like the way we get our property resold at Milwaukee/Madison price when \$8.00 wages are paid.

Land Use/Zoning (1 comment)

- Too many houses being built on good farmland. Too many houses being built in rural areas.

Nothing/No (1 comment)

- Not really

Police/Safety

- I do not like how the Mexican can work in the area and the Sheriffs Department does nothing when they get drunk and run through fences.

Shopping Issues (1 comment)

- Our small businesses are slowly but surely being phased out by big ones further away. Makes shopping difficult for senior citizen without family or other help.

Miscellaneous (1 comment)

- (name of individual)

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

Environmental/Cultural/Recreational Issues (4 comments)

- More walk and bike paths
- I'd have a compost pile in my village and some place to get rid of branches, sticks, and other refuse from storm.
- A safe place for adults and children to walk/bike.
- Bike trails/walking trail between Bloomington, Patch Grove, School.

Housing Issues (2 comments)

- A little more housing development.
- Get more people to take pride in their property and to respect the land.

Land Use/Zoning (2 comments)

- Zoning in our village.
- Keep open spaces open.

Transportation/Roads/Distance Issues (2 comments)

- Better county roads/snow removal.
- Fix West Rosecaster Street. They started it and left a mess. It is hard on tires of cars and trucks.

Economic Development (1 comment)

- The ability to draw new industry into the area.

Governance (1 comment)

- Communication to be individualized from the Village Board-minutes, notices, ordinances, agendas.

Jobs (1 comment)

- Employment, with reasonable compensation, is scarce.

Police/Safety (1 comment)

- Enforce laws involving junk and unlicensed vehicles.

Social Issues (1 comment)

- More community events that involve all ages.

Miscellaneous (2 comments)

- Having to go to the post office to get our mail.
- Village need to grow and renovate old buildings.

34. Other comments:**Governance (1 comment)**

- We do not need big city politics in our small villages. I don't like the fact that in our small village that I have to put in curb and gutters, blacktop before we do any developing. This is a small town of 165 people, not a big city like Madison. How do we expect a small town to grow with this kind of local jurisdiction! Time for change!

Jobs (1 comment)

- Our county could use jobs with living wages. Doesn't need to be high-tech, just good pay for good work.