

# County Visioning Summary – Part A

Planning staff conducted public input meetings designed to help create a draft vision statement to guide the county comprehensive “Smart Growth” plan development. (Complete meeting write-ups may be viewed at <http://map.co.door.wi.us/planning>.) Four sessions were held: 1) Washington Island (October 16, 2006); 2) Southern Door (April 18, 2007); 3) Sturgeon Bay (April 28, 2007); and 4) Northern Door (May 1, 2007).

At each meeting, participants were asked two public input questions. They were first asked “What are Door County’s greatest assets?” and instructed to write as many responses as they wished on notecards, picking/ranking their top response by writing the number 1 next to it (Washington Island participants were asked to rank their top three assets). Each person then shared their top response, which was recorded on a flipchart. After all of the top responses were recorded, each participant was given six adhesive dots to use as “votes” towards their favorite responses. They could place all of their votes on one response or spread out their votes between and up to six responses.

Participants were then asked the second public input question: “What words or phrases best capture your vision for Door County’s future?” The same process was used as in the first question, except participants were asked to pick/rank their top three responses on their notecards (Washington Island was not asked to rank their top responses on their notecards).

Each meeting followed the same process and has two write-ups per meeting (available on the website cited above under “Issues and Opportunities”). The first write-up (“Notes from...”) lists all voting responses and all notecard responses for each question by number of votes and by ranked notecard responses. The first write-up has also been reworked into a second write-up (“Visioning Meeting Summary –”) where all voting responses and all notecard responses for each question have been sorted into categories that generally follow the element categories outlined in the comprehensive planning statutes. The responses have been sorted into the following categories/subcategories:

- 1) Community Character
  - People
  - Visual
  - Quality of Life
- 2) Community Facilities and Utilities
  - Infrastructure
  - Education/Libraries
  - Health
  - Social Services
  - Parks & Recreation
- 3) Natural Resources
- 4) Cultural/Historical Resources
- 5) Land Use
- 6) Transportation
- 7) Agricultural Resources
- 8) Housing
- 9) Economic Development
- 10) Intergovernmental Cooperation

Finally, the results from the four meetings have been compiled into one county-wide summary (County Visioning Summary – Part A) using these same categories. The final county-wide results show a tally of the number of votes within each category and a tally of the frequency of notecard responses for each category for each of the two questions (“What are Door County’s greatest assets” and “What words or phrases best capture your vision for Door County’s future?”). All of the tallies have been worked into a

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chart (County Visioning Summary - Part B) that summarizes the responses to the two questions, which is also posted to the website. County Visioning Summary Parts A and B can also be found on the website.

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Assets Question – Voting Responses

#### “What are Door County’s greatest assets?” – Voting Responses

Participants were asked to write down their responses to this question on notecards and then rate their number one response (Washington Island was asked to rank their top three responses). They were asked to share their top responses with the group which were written on a flipchart and voted on using the adhesive dots. Staff later categorized the responses into the 10 categories noted above, which generally follow the comprehensive planning statute elements. The data presented below are the number of votes each flipchart response received when participants considered the question “What are Door County’s greatest assets?” The bold numbers next to the main categories and the italicized numbers next to the sub-categories are the total number of votes received within that category/sub-category. The non-bold numbers are the total number of votes received for that response. Based on the number of votes received, the top three categories for the county’s greatest assets are Natural Resources, Community Character, and Community Facilities and Utilities.

#### **Natural Resources - 173**

- 17 Lake Michigan and fishing
- 16 Natural beauty/scenery/open space (non-agricultural)
- 14 Water for beauty, sports/recreation, and industrial usage
- 13 Protected lands
- 13 Proper utilization & preservation of water & shoreline in and around Door Co.
- 12 Location – unique destination as both a peninsula (county-wide asset) and as an island (Washington Island-specific asset); “island mystique”
- 12 Natural resources – non-metallic minerals
- 11 250 miles of waterfront
- 10 Natural resources – clean water and air, clear night sky, birding habitats, etc.
- 9 High drinking water quality
- 8 Open space
- 7 Unique ecology, geology, climates, plants, and wildlife
- 7 Preservation of woodlands
- 5 Forests and rustic roads
- 4 Shoreline/waterfront resources
- 4 Shorelines and creeks
- 3 Climate: 2 growing zones
- 2 Nature
- 2 Geology and geological history
- 1 Industrial natural resources (sand, gravel)
- 1 Location
- 1 Town of Washington’s islands
- 1 Clean environment
- 0 Washington Island
- 0 Change in climate – four seasons
- 0 Location within Wisconsin

#### **Community Character - 154**

##### *People - 40*

- 12 People
- 7 Volunteerism – caring community
- 6 Social conscience – caring about each other, sense of community
- 5 People – diversity of skills and interests
- 4 Stable religious community
- 2 Community pride

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### Assets Question – Voting Responses

- 2 Work ethic
- 1 Good base of retirees to help with cultural and educational activities
- 1 Volunteerism

#### *Visual - 54*

- 19 Beautiful scenery, rural setting, natural/pastoral areas
- 13 Rural farmland and buildings
- 9 Scenic vistas and living
- 9 Rural scenic beauty
- 2 Character of the original town centers (county-wide generally)
- 2 Quaintness and uniqueness of villages

#### *Quality of Life - 60*

- 11 Small-town flavor – peaceful lifestyle (as opposed to hectic urban lifestyle), fellowship of community, people are supportive and close-knit, etc.
- 8 Slow population growth
- 8 Big-city amenities in a small-town setting
- 5 Diverse communities
- 5 Human service agencies
- 4 Safe, healthy, tight-knit community
- 4 Diversity between rural and tourist areas
- 4 Clean Environment
- 4 Low population density
- 3 Low crime
- 1 Cities and villages
- 1 Low crime rate/safety
- 1 Sense of peace
- 1 Small government footprint
- 0 Year ‘round accessibility – some islands are not (Washington Island-specific)
- 0 Large tax base
- 0 Low population density

### **Community Facilities and Utilities - 65**

#### *Infrastructure - 0*

#### *Education/Libraries - 6*

- 3 Schools
- 2 Outstanding educational system
- 1 Library system

#### *Health - 0*

#### *Social Services - 13*

- 12 Schools
- 1 Library system

#### *Parks & Recreation - 46*

- 13 Sporting access: hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, water sports, snowmobiling, hunting
- 9 Recreational Areas – state, county, and town parks; opportunities for hiking, biking, canoeing, etc.
- 9 Green space, state parks, wildlife habitats and access to them
- 6 Parks
- 5 Large number of parks
- 4 Recreational opportunities

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### Assets Question – Voting Responses

#### Cultural/History - 59

- 16 Cultural assets: arts, music, theatre, galleries, authors, museums
- 11 History and architecture: maritime, Belgian and other ethnic groups, Michigan Street Bridge
- 8 Agricultural heritage and setting
- 7 History – buildings, museums, shipwrecks, lighthouses, etc.
- 6 History
- 5 Arts and cultural resources – talented mix of people as well as places like Sievers, Peninsula Art School, the Clearing, the TPAC, Art and Nature Center, Fishing Museum
- 3 Historic buildings
- 2 Southern Door Belgian heritage
- 1 Arts

#### Agriculture - 49

- 27 Agriculture: people making a living through agriculture
- 13 Rural areas that remain in agriculture
- 4 Agriculture and related open spaces (also, Washington Island-specific asset is that the island is Zone 5, an advantage over mainland Door County)
- 2 Door County cherries & apples and cherry & apple products
- 2 Favorable climate and land for fruit production
- 1 Forestry potential

#### Land Use - 13

- 8 Lack of large developments – condominium complexes, huge marinas, etc. (Washington Island-specific asset)
- 3 Appealing buildings
- 2 Controlled development
- 0 Availability of places to stay and to eat
- 0 Availability of land for development

#### Economic Development - 15

- 5 Tourism
- 2 Unique businesses and owners
- 2 Shipbuilding
- 2 Workforce
- 2 Shipbuilding
- 1 Good mix of industry
- 1 Green economy
- 0 Good base of service and tradespeople
- 0 Shops

#### Transportation - 1

- 1 Airport (Washington Island-specific asset)
- 0 Roads
- 0 Improved road access

#### Intergovernmental Cooperation - 0

#### Housing - 0

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

#### “What are Door County’s greatest assets?” – Notecard Responses

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#### **Natural Resources - 171**

- Natural beauty – scenery (1)
- Clean water and air – natural resources (1)
- Natural beauty (1)
- Water/shoreline (1)
- Unique inland and shoreline undeveloped natural area ecosystems (1)
- Natural shoreline (1)
- Natural beauty (1)
- Washington Island (1)
- Open space (1)
- 250 miles of waterfront (1)
- Natural beauty (1)
- Niagara Escarpment = diverse species, views (1)
- Unique ecological zone – climate, plants, geology, “natural areas” (1)
- Nature (1)
- Natural beauty – wildlife (1)
- Waterfront areas (1)
- Natural areas: water, protected lands, scenic beauty (1)
- Clean shorelines, clean water, good fishing (1)
- Natural environment (1)
- Environment, natural: shoreline, beaches and dunes, Niagara Escarpment, scenic views, wildlife (1)
- Environment – rural, natural, beautiful (1)
- Water and shoreline (1)
- Location (1)
- Water – shoreline, also inland lakes and streams (accessibility and length on Bay and Lake Michigan) (1)
- Shoreline and water (including creeks) (1)
- The beauty of nature, land, water (1)
- Natural beauty (1)
- Preserve the woodlands & streams along with special land marks (1)
- Woods and park systems (1)
- Natural resources (1)
- Waters -water front & shore land (1)
- Miles of beautiful shoreline (1)
- Water –Lake Michigan. Green Bay waters, rivers, inland lakes (1)
- Shorelines –water (1)
- Waterfront –lake & bay (1)
- Proper utilization of preservation of waters (1)

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- Natural resources (i.e. non-metallic mineral reserves) It is a limited resource & should be protected from being denied usage (1)
- Lake Michigan (1)
- Water resources (1)
- Open space in Southern Door and clean air (1)
- Lakes & rivers Shoreline (1)
- Clean environment (2)
- Forests (2)
- Natural beauty of land and water (2)
- Ecological and environmental resources (2)
- The lake and bay (2)
- Washington Island's unique geographic location, structure, and the lake (2)
- Clean environment (2)
- Forests (3)
- Four distinct seasons – each having the best that season can offer anywhere in the continental U.S. (3)
- Rock Island (3)
- Clear night sky (3)
- Clean air (3)
- Abundant open space (on Wash. Is.) (3)
- Interesting geological features (9)
- Geography – uniqueness
- Water
- Its geography
- Coastlines, beaches, bluffs
- Lake Michigan with long shoreline
- Beaches
- Undeveloped woodlands
- Ample Great Lakes shoreline
- Clean
- Unspoiled landscapes and rural areas
- Natural rock formations: bluffs, scenic views
- Lake and lakeshore
- Natural and relatively unspoiled beauty
- Wildlife sanctuary (on Wash. Is.), birding
- Wetlands
- Water
- Beaches
- Trees
- “Zone 5” – “warm” climate relative to rest of northern half of state
- Flowers and fauna
- Night sky
- Close proximity of beautiful shoreline and relatively unspoiled land-based nature preserves
- Washington Island's five islands
- Low pollution
- Woods
- Water – Green Bay, Lake Michigan

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Protected areas: Mink River, Mud Lake, Toft Point, The Ridges, etc.
- Diverse wildlife
- Clear view of the night sky
- Variety of terrain
- Multiple natural areas, parks, open spaces
- The Ridges
- Unlimited water
- Manageable amount of snow
- Interesting shoreline (before cladophora)
- Our islands
- Lake, Bay, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc.
- Niagara Escarpment
- Beaches
- Water activity (boating, fishing, other recreational opportunities) Wilderness areas with rare geologic, bird, and plant life
- Abundant wildlife
- Shoreline
- Diverse ecosystems
- Weather – and unique vegetation (plants)
- Location
- Rural nature – open spaces
- Open space
- Open spaces/conserved spaces
- Good balance of convenience (except internet speed at some locations) with preservation of “quality of life”
- Small town
- Low crime rate
- Wealth – large tax base
- Privacy
- Still limited number of people
- Good neighborhoods
- Sense of community
- Green space
- Water/Trees/Landscape/Scenery/Farms
- Natural Resources
- Natural resources (especially very limited)
- Non-metallic minerals
- Wildlife and its habitat
- Climate
- Wisconsin is in the Midwest
- Niagara Escarpment
- 2 growing zones (5 & 6) – vegetation and wildlife diversity and choice for home location
- Water – beauty and sports; choice of 2 bodies of water (Lake and Bay)
- Water/coastline – Lake Michigan and Green Bay
- Wind – good, clean, energy source
- Natural areas (caves, rock formations, woodlands)
- Wildlife areas



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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Water
- Water/beaches
- Topography – cliffs/beaches/views
- Remote, wide open areas
- Our environmental resources
- Natural beauty
- Shoreline
- Washington Island
- Water
- Natural beauty
- Coastlines
- Habitat for wildlife and green spaces
- Expansive coastline and water-based recreational activities and industries
- Water
- Parks, land conservation via Door County Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, The Ridges
- Environmental preservation
- Open spaces and natural resources
- Environmental organizations
- Natural beauty
- Preserve all the beaches or shore lines
- Climate – both summer & winter activities
- Beaches – water sports. Fishing
- Water
- Niagara Escarpment
- The shoreline – location
- Lake & Bay
- Geology –geologic history
- Natural beauty
- Hardwood forests
- Abundance of wild game –good hunting
- The amount of shore front
- Water
- Great fishing, water recreation, etc.
- Wildlife habitat
- Woodlands
- Streams
- Woodlands & wetlands
- Wildlife –deer, turkeys, rabbits, etc.
- Natural beauty
- Water
- Waters all around
- Some wood areas
- Some swamps
- Rivers & creeks
- Forests
- Forest
- Water for consumption & recreational use

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Shoreland
- Harbor
- Great fishery –bay & lake
- Fishing & water recreation
- Clean water, to fish, drink, swim
- Clean air & water
- We have clean environment along side of some areas
- Open space

### Community Character - 147

#### *People - 62*

- Fellowship of community (1)
- Small, caring community with good mix of talented people (1)
- People (1)
- Social conscience/consciousness (concern for each others' well-being) (1)
- People (1)
- Our people (1)
- Volunteerism (1)
- People (1)
- People who live here (1)
- Its people, who have similar, strong reasons for living here (2)
- Close-knit, homogenous community with strong mutual support – Washington Island (2)
- Its people, communities (3)
- Concern for one another (3)
- Elderly (retired), educated population (3)
- Great leadership on county board (5)
- Diverse, unpretentious population (10)
- Strong feeling of help = friends and families
- Friendly residents
- Has attracted a good level of retired persons who continue to enhance the level of cultural opportunities available
- People, especially the children
- Environmental conscience/consciousness
- Sense of community – concerned citizenry
- Large pool of talented and experienced senior citizens
- Friendly, helpful people
- Good base of educated retired persons willing to participate in and direct cultural/educational activities
- Its elected officials
- Its citizens
- Character of year-round residents
- Strong leadership of caring elected officials who have concern for the future of Door County
- Generosity – people who will get involved to make improvements
- Mix of visiting people and families
- Diverse ideas – Southern Door, City of Sturgeon Bay, and Northern Door County are like 3 different counties
- Community involvement with school districts
- Naturalists

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Work Ethic
- Community spirit
- Wide variety of resources and expertise among citizens
- Diversity of skills and interests (wish I could say age groups) in population
- Groups willing to volunteer time and money to preserve/enhance historical and natural areas and educate others
- Caring community
- Friendly people
- People – involved, concerned, work ethic, ethnic diversity, etc.
- Volunteerism
- People
- Local people/leaders
- Community pride
- Acceptance of diverse livelihoods (i.e., agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing...)
- Rural values
- Community participation
- Pride in their individual communities
- Friendly, open people
- People that care about their community
- Friendly, open people
- Close-knit communities and strong relationships between community members – that home-y feeling
- Hard working residents
- People
- Diversity of people
- People –cultures
- Most of its people and their work ethic
- Strong work ethic
- Concern for well being of neighbors
- The people of Door County are nice to meet and talk with

#### *Visual - 31*

- Beautiful scenery and a rural setting with lots of “natural” and “pastoral” areas (1)
- Natural beauty –scenery (1)
- Scenic natural areas (1)
- Scenic vistas (1)
- Rural farm land and buildings (1)
- Scenic beauty and existing open areas (1)
- Character of original towns (2)
- Rural character (2)
- Tree-lined roads (rustic) (6)
- Scenic beauty
- Scenery
- Openness?
- Rural character
- Diverse character of villages
- Small-town images – villages, not cities
- Beautiful orchards

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Scenic views
- Farmland, vistas
- Beautiful views of water
- Scenic landscape – tourism magnet
- Beauty as you drive around
- Scenic orchards
- Beautiful villages
- Scenic beauty
- Agricultural setting
- The land –scenery
- Rural character
- Scenic beauty
- Nice looking buildings
- Scenery
- The old farm buildings

#### *Quality of Life - 54*

- Seclusion (1)
- Uniquely located so that it feels isolated yet is fairly easily reached from major population centers (1)
- Rural lifestyle of living (1)
- Beauty and unique character, sense of peace pervades, multi-faceted facilities for family gatherings (1)
- Scenic living (1)
- Small-town atmosphere with larger community resources (1)
- Diversity in rural/business/tourism (1)
- Solitude/peaceful lifestyle (versus hectic urban lifestyle) (1)
- Generally safe communities – low crime rates (2)
- Life pace and style of living (2)
- Busy, varied activities yet still possessed with broad vistas of pasture and woodlands (2)
- Rural atmosphere (2)
- Sense of openness and countryside flavor due to its agricultural and natural areas (2)
- Zero or small population growth (2)
- Pace of life is slow (3)
- Safe environment (3)
- Rural atmosphere (3)
- Availability of urban “assets” within a rural environment – e.g., performing arts, restaurants, stores, etc. (3)
- Peaceful environments far removed from hectic and stressful city influences (3)
- Washington Island’s location on the distant edge ref. (?) major metro areas (4)
- Washington Island’s people, air, water, and weather
- Small-town flavor
- Relatively low crime
- Washington Island’s slow, peaceful pace (like our internet connections)
- Quiet
- Family-friendly environment
- Serene and soft environment
- Quiet, serene, informal (on Wash. Isl.)

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Accessibility
- Remoteness
- Unique character of the island (a refuge away from the mainland)
- Quieter life-styles – can relax
- Low or small governmental footprint
- Community Size
- Ease in getting around
- A safe, healthy living environment
- Economic wealth
- Midwestern families and seasonal “arts” influx
- Small communities
- Mix of urban and rural
- Safe place to live
- Quality environment
- Cities & villages
- Low population density
- Low-key pace
- Absence of large cities
- A safe place (crime)
- Sparse population areas
- Churches
- Small town
- Low crime
- Great rural living areas
- Small individual villages
- Cities & villages

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### **Assets Question - Notecard Responses**

#### **Community Facilities and Utilities - 75**

##### *Infrastructure - 2*

- Forestville dam
- Good telephone system

##### *Education - 12*

- School districts (1)
- Small student/teacher ratio
- County-supported services: library, ambulance service, etc.
- Schools
- Education – pre-school through adult
- Library system
- Schools
- Outstanding schools
- Good school system
- Library system, 8 libraries in all
- Good schools
- Schools

##### *Health - 0*

##### *Social Services - 1*

- Human service agencies

##### *Parks & Recreation - 60*

- Parks (1)
- Accessible to waterways (1)
- Many scenic recreational areas for a variety of activities – hiking, biking, canoeing, etc. (1)
- Access to Lake Michigan (1)
- Access to green space (1)
- Many state, county, and town parks (1)
- Sporting access: hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, camping, walking trails, boating access (1)
- State parks (2)
- Water access/shore accesses (3)
- Parks (3)
- Great recreational opportunities (3)
- Location and recreation (4)
- Parks (7)
- Public access points
- Nature trails
- Sailing/rec.
- Peninsula Park
- Parks
- Outdoor activity possibilities
- Versatility (fishing, watersports, hiking, camping, etc. etc.)
- Parks
- Beautiful parks
- State parks, county parks
- Snowmobile trails
- Complete and beautiful snowmobile trail system traveling through all types of Door County lands: open fields, forests of different tree types, swamps, waterways, etc.
- Our parks are quite special

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Parks – state, town, and county
- Recreational opportunities: hiking trails, kayaking, cross-country skiing, etc.
- Number of parks
- Recreational opportunities
- Good for boating, watersports, snowmobiles, hiking, climbing
- Great county parks
- State parks
- Parks and recreation
- State parks and protected lands
- State parks
- Water access
- Sensational water access and views
- Many varied recreational opportunities
- Varied recreational opportunities
- Recreational opportunities
- Parks
- Parks – recreational opportunities
- State parks
- City parks
- Established access to extensive shoreland
- Parks
- Park system
- Water access (boating)
- Recreation
- Parks
- State parks & trails and county parks system
- Parks
- Parks
- Ahnapee trail
- State parks
- Keep wetlands and natural areas open to public and for hunting
- Launching ramps –boating facilities –fishing
- Recreational opportunities
- Washington Island –camping –golfing –airfield

### Cultural/History - 52

- Many residents are accomplished artists and/or have great cultural and intellectual gifts (1)
- History/culture (maritime, architecture, early settlements, Belgian community) (1)
- Exceptional pool of artists, musicians, and authors (1)
- Washington Island's history/mystique (3)
- Historic buildings remaining from early development (4)
- Cultural attractions, i.e., art galleries, theatres (8)
- Lighthouses
- Historical places
- History
- Strong art communities
- Congregation of artists and galleries, arts activities

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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Large art and cultural base compared to similar populations
- Cultural offerings excellent
- Active art community
- Variety of musical and dramatic performances
- The arts – music and paintings
- History
- Diversity of activities available
- Cultural opportunities – arts, entertainment, etc
- Ethnic heritage(s)
- Dining – drive-in to gourmet
- Arts and culture
- History
- The arts
- Our history/heritage
- The arts, music, theatre, galleries
- Learning opportunities through nature centers, Clearing, Bjorklunden, Crossroads
- Adult arts and education institutions, e.g., The Clearing, Bjorklunden, Peninsula Art School, etc.
- Typical Door County historic villages, architectural examples, and communities
- Lighthouses
- History of area and its people
- Museums
- Arts – theatre, galleries, fairs
- Cultural events – Hispanic, Scandinavian, Belgian, Threshere, Winter Games
- Performing and cultural arts
- Variety of ethnic communities and people, culture, buildings
- Cultural activities
- Lighthouses
- Plays/theatre
- Cultural resources
- A budding music and art scene
- Museums
- Learning institutions – The Clearing, Bjorklunden
- Artists/artisans
- Restaurants
- An agricultural heritage and landscape
- Arts
- Arts
- History
- Historical buildings
- Unique shopping –art –collectibles –pottery
- Belgian heritage of Southern Door County

### Agriculture - 32

- Agriculture (large open spaces) (1)
- Rural areas that remain in agriculture (1)
- Farming and open spaces (1)
- Agriculture (1)



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### Assets Question - Notecard Responses

- Farm land/fields (1)
- Waters of Door County of Door Agriculture (1)
- Agricultural lands open to farming (1)
- Some remaining arable land (agricultural) (2)
- Farmland and old farm buildings (2)
- Some forestry potential (3)
- Agricultural lands creating unique cherry and apple crops
- Viable agricultural cropland (Wash. Isl.)
- Agricultural assets, farm buildings
- Agriculture – orchards, vineyards, traditional crops, and animal production
- Agricultural land (and its fragility, i.e. thin soils)
- Agriculture – barns, farmland, orchards
- Good agricultural land use
- Unique agricultural products
- Agriculture – fruit, crops, dairy
- Agricultural land use
- Agricultural land
- Agriculture
- Climate favorable for fruit production –cherries –apples –grapes
- Productive agriculture land
- Rural areas –farmland –cattle
- Agriculture flavor
- Agriculture & natural resources
- Agriculture
- Small family farmstands
- Open farmlands
- Farm land
- Southern region –farming

### Economic Development - 29

- Tourism (1)
- Unique businesses and business owners (1)
- Green economy – e.g., no steel mills (4)
- The arts and its tourist-based economy (4)
- Industry
- Tourism
- Strategic location for commerce and tourism
- Lots of attractions for seasonal visitors – shops, galleries, restaurants, water sports, arts and crafts fairs, gardens, camping, etc.
- Quaint tourist industry versus modern, over-built Dells
- Tourism
- Industries
- The uniqueness of small family-owned businesses
- Shops
- Visitors that keep the economy going
- Industry – shipbuilding, non-smokestack
- Shipbuilding

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### **Assets Question - Notecard Responses**

- Industry
- A thriving tourism industry
- Many small, locally run businesses
- The potential for growth
- Shipbuilding
- Tourism
- Parks - tourism
- Workforce (underpaid, need to improve)
- Shipbuilding
- Good reputation as a tourism destination
- Shipbuilding
- Life style developments – jobs
- Vacation land

### **Land Use - 13**

- Lack of commercialization (unspoiled) and condos (on Wash. Is.) and huge marinas (on Wash. Is.) (2)
- Quaint villages and some attention to retaining the small-town look through architecture, narrow streets (5)
- Undeveloped areas
- Non-commercial development
- Low density
- Large areas of undeveloped land
- Controlled development in many areas
- Improved road access from outside areas
- Rural nature, open fields, and orchards (threatened by development)
- Variety of green spaces: orchards, old trees, crops, “wild” areas
- Environment, “man made”: historic structures, buildings (bridge, etc.), parks (state, county, city, etc.), green space
- the county has went from fruit production, to dairy, to tourism in my lifetime. Is it sustainable? Will it change? Is it a larger inclusive resort? Or just high priced real estate?
- Limited development (no sprawl)

### **Transportation - 10**

- Good transportation – Hwys 42 and 57
- Roads – main state roads, county “back roads,” other scenic roads
- Road maintenance – especially in winter
- Michigan Street Bridge
- Easy access from larger cities (new highway)
- Good road network
- The transportation infrastructure
- Getting better roads in & out of Door County of Door
- Have a county airport – lacking in Kewaunee Co.
- We have very good roads in this County of Door

**County Visioning Summary – Part A**  
**Assets Question - Notecard Responses**

**Intergovernmental Cooperation - 1**

- Government cooperation between some units

**Housing - 0**

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Voting Responses

#### “What words or phrases best capture your vision for the county’s future?” – Voting Responses

Participants were asked to write down their responses to this question on notecards and then rank their top three responses (Washington Island was not asked to rank their responses). They were asked to share their top responses with the group which were written on a flipchart and voted on using the adhesive dots. Staff later categorized the responses into the same 10 categories used for the asset question. The data presented below are the number of votes each flipchart response (top responses) received when participants considered the question “What words or phrases best capture your vision of the county’s future?” The bold numbers next to the main categories and the italicized numbers next to the sub-categories are the total number of votes received. The non-bold numbers are the total number of votes received for that response. Based on the number of votes received, the top three categories for the county’s vision for the future are Community Character, Economic Development, and Community Facilities and Utilities.

#### **Community Character - 141**

##### *People - 5*

5 Support our residents as much as we do our natural resources

##### *Visual - 11*

11 Continued rural character

##### *Quality of Life - 125*

23 Working to keep the next generation in the county, keep young people from moving out

20 Sustainable economy, environment, social system

15 Essentially same as now – limited growth, maintain rural atmosphere

14 Encourage rural economic activity balanced with protecting rural character

9 Place to live that offers beauty, convenience, safety, and tranquility

9 Balance between growth and preservation of Door County’s natural and cultural resources, creating a sense of place

8 Diverse natural and human community that balances human needs/wants with environmental needs

5 Leave it as it is or back it up a few years

4 Clean, safe, and pleasing environment

4 On-going communication between government and residents

4 Sense of individual as well as community responsibility

2 Commonality of vision

2 Keep local units of government intact

2 Excellent place to nurture soul, mind, and spirit

2 No poverty

2 Maintain blend of rural and urban

0 Greater representation of women in elected and appointed government offices

0 Diversity: land, people, economics

0 Promote education, for all age levels

0 Excessive number of people in summer months

#### **Economic Development - 95**

16 Increased employment opportunities to retain youth and attract young families – affordable/different housing options

12 Economic development and affordable housing to attract and retain young families

10 Higher paying jobs with benefits

8 Southern Door economy more diverse than Northern Door

7 Local living economy – economic self-sufficiency

7 Internet/cottage-based industry (rather than expanding tourism or construction industries)

7 Expanding tourism appeal to be year ‘round – promote eco-tourism

5 Economic development that will attract and retain young families

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Voting Responses

- 5 Less tourism
- 4 Sustain tourism
- 3 Viable commercial shopping for local residents
- 2 Encourage and seek out creative and unique commercial ventures to attract tourists and create jobs
- 2 Retain & improve business/industry, primarily in Sturgeon Bay
- 1 Extend tourist season
- 1 Locally owned and operated businesses
- 1 Increased manufacturing base
- 1 Diversification of economy
- 1 More cruise ships visit Sturgeon Bay
- 1 Service industry workers for the aging population
- 1 Creating a regional and national awareness of the area's assets

### Community Facilities and Utilities - 85

#### *Infrastructure - 30*

- 12 Renewable energy
- 8 Become more energy independent – electricity and transportation
- 5 Internet access to encourage home based businesses
- 4 Adequate emergency services during peak tourist times
- 1 Top-rated communications (internet) and other technological advances

#### *Education/Libraries - 9*

- 4 County-wide educational system for all age levels
- 2 Strengthening school district
- 2 Ideal place to establish a Great Lakes and water quality research center
- 1 Larger library/increased services

#### *Health - 18*

- 9 Large medical institutions, possibly government-funded, to serve as both tourism-enhancement and economic development tools
- 7 Health care education for long-term wellness, as part of a universal health care system
- 2 Health care system for the elderly

#### *Social Services - 12*

- 10 Increased/better support services for elders
- 1 Adequately staffed and funded social services
- 1 Continue to enhance services for retirees

#### *Parks & Recreation - 16*

- 12 Save existing snowmobile system and develop into a multi-use trail system
- 3 Preserve parks and trails
- 1 More public land

### Land Use - 62

- 10 Development should be dense, contiguous to existing development – regulated, controlled development
- 8 Continued co-existence with and in harmony with existing natural resources
- 8 Long-range planning and “design” for town and village centers
- 7 Size caps on houses to retain quaintness
- 6 Development that is intelligent, planned, long-term
- 5 Maintain open spaces and public access to natural areas
- 5 Protected from over-development in order to retain natural beauty
- 3 Effective and efficient system of land management
- 3 Emphasis on sustainability and conservation

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Voting Responses

- 3 Encourage directed growth and concentrated, conscious growth
- 2 Incentives for green construction and green land uses
- 1 Increased road setbacks
- 1 Downtown architectural identity
- 0 Cooperation of multiple land users
- 0 No loud trucks through villages
- 0 Signage control – no large signs (billboards) and signs should be in similar styles

### Agriculture - 43

- 20 Preserve agriculture
- 7 Thriving agricultural economy that provides food security for the county
- 6 Better relationships with government agencies regulating agriculture
- 5 Save rural farmland and homesteads for future generations
- 3 Economically viable farms – small-scale, sustainable, value-added/specialty agriculture
- 2 Forestry – small-scale, sustainable, value-added/specialty

### Natural Resources - 40

- 13 Well planned and orderly mineral extraction
- 6 Protected groundwater
- 5 Retain open spaces
- 4 Good water quality
- 4 Preserve wooded areas
- 3 Continued protection of the environment through non-profit organizations
- 3 Healthier natural environment – shore, forests, etc.
- 1 Clean water and air
- 1 Save the natural beauty
- 0 Stabilized lake level, water quality improvements, clean beaches
- 0 Taking responsibility for mitigating Door County's contributions to global warming

### Transportation - 18

- 9 Improvements in public transportation within and to & from the county
- 7 County-wide transportation system for motorists, bicycles, and pedestrians that is user-friendly, and scenic, with green screening/buffers of development along highways
- 1 Adequate planning for Highway 57 expansion
- 1 Bigger and better airport

### Housing - 15

- 13 Affordable housing; adequate supply of housing options for people of all income levels
- 2 A place where the average citizen can afford to own his/her own home

### Cultural/History - 10

- 9 More workshops/educational seminars, etc. (similar to Sievers' model), particularly in fall/winter/spring
- 1 Preservation of historic structures

### Intergovernmental Cooperation - 5

- 4 Cooperation between local governments on planning and development issues
- 1 City and county cooperation on development issues to ensure coordination

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

#### “What words or phrases best capture your vision for the county’s future?” – Notecard Responses

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#### **Community Character - 96**

##### *People - 3*

- A county where we support residents more than the natural resources! (1)
- Volunteerism
- A community that values the competent professionals who move here instead of repeatedly railroading them out

##### *Visual - 8*

- Continued rural character (1)
- Maintain rural living atmosphere (1)
- Keep rural flavor (1)
- Rural flavor (character) of the county preserved (2)
- Maintain rural character (3)
- Retain the rural atmosphere (3)
- Beauty (3)
- Island – maintenance of the flavor of the island, i.e. small town. Un-manicured. Where a farm across the road from the PAC is acceptable.

##### *Quality of Life - 85*

- Conserved rural character (1)
- “Town of Mayberry” atmosphere while providing high standard amenities and services (1)
- Too many people in summer (1)
- A place to live which offers: beauty, convenience, safety, tranquility (1)
- Emphasis on sustainability (1)
- Retirement place for people from larger cities and people coming back after they made their money somewhere else (1)
- Encouraged, directed growth (1)
- Realistic preservation of natural features, such as woods, agricultural land, escarpment while planning for transportation needs and socio-economic considerations of tourism, business development and housing in the area. (1)
- Keep town governments (1)
- Continue growth so to keep the county accessible to all –not just the wealthy (1)
- Commonality of visions for Door Co. (1)
- Diversity –agriculture, industry, tourism, people (1)
- An excellent place to nurture the soul, mind, and spirit (1)
- Nice blend of rural and urban (1)
- Safe, clean environment (1)
- Clean, pleasing environment (1)
- Ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable communities (1)
- Environmentally responsible (1)

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Sustainable (economic, social, environmental) (1)
- SUSTAINABLE – so we don't lose our beauty and resources; so everyone, all socio-economic levels, can enjoy our county! (1)
- Children playing outside in a safe environment. Also adults enjoying outdoors. (1)
- A safe community with low or no crime rate (2)
- Keeping the next generation in the County of Door (2)
- Agriculture –land –farms (woodland –public beaches –parks) (2)
- I see an elderly population enjoying their retirement but not having family close because of lack of jobs. I also see the need for a younger people to care for the elderly – but seeing this is low pay they will not stay in Door Co. (2)
- Flexibility to adapt (2)
- Working together to accomplish goals (2)
- Ideal retirement location (2)
- Sustainable (self-sufficient – local): agriculture (local and organic), industry, social policies, tourism, energy, transportation (2)
- Increased number of year-round residents in both Southern and Northern Door County (3)
- Maintain natural areas and scenic vistas while promoting outdoor sports and development (3)
- Maintain small-town mentality within large space preservation (3)
- Unite common interests/resources across the county, e.g.: conservation, education, volunteers, food banks, marketing (3)
- Less government (3)
- Those that do live here will be summer people, that is the young ones that stay (3)
- Sustainable community (4)
- Retain rural atmosphere
- Retain small-town flavor
- Proportionate age distribution
- Denser concentration of population in some areas to conserve the open and natural feel of undeveloped areas
- I would like the future for DC to be very much the same as it is today as far as appearance, i.e., parks, water access, historical places, forests, wetlands, etc. We need to protect what makes us special. But, we need to balance our income with housing costs so we don't become a Cape Cod. Affordable housing (rental availability). Attainable jobs. Plan for housing elderly.
- Still the same – yesterday, today, and tomorrow
- People, buildings, and infrastructures surrounded by and co-existing in harmony with our natural beauty – more simply put, “continued co-existence with and in harmony with existing natural resources.”
- Strong, healthy, self-sufficient community, multi-generational; strong school system with affordable housing and good jobs for young families; internet-based or cottage industries; environment.
- A place where one can step out of the chaos of urban life into a nature-based tranquil life with a strong sense of community
- A community full of natural and cultural assets where people can develop their minds and spirits
- Stability
- Preserved
- Affordable
- Healthy
- Informed
- Educated
- Safe



## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Caring
- Fun
- Accessible
- I envision an excessive amount of people in Door County in the future.
- A beautiful and healthy place to live with convenience and tranquility
- Attract young families
- The “Cape Cod of the Midwest”
- Mitigated global warming – community taking social responsibility, environmental responsibility
- A diverse natural and human community that balances human needs and desires with the needs of our natural environment.
- No urban congestion
- The same place
- Make decisions based on the county rather than individual community perspectives
- Clean government
- Diversity –land, people and economics
- I have my place, let’s close the “Door”.
- Changing –loss of agriculture. housing & agriculture vs. industry, economics, tourism
- Same as it is or put it back a few years. leave it alone
- Flexibility to adapt
- Maintain our small town quaintness
- Decline in younger populations
- Excellent place to live, work, and raise a family
- A thriving rural community
- A clean, safe, pollutant-free environment
- A safe environment to raise a family (environmental and social issues)
- County-wide educational systems – cooperation among all for progress, priority for tax
- Diverse and balanced age distribution
- Washington Island – provision of basic services to an isolated population
- Socially responsible
- A leader in green building and business practices
- Individual and community sense of responsibility
- No poverty
- Greater evidence of women in representative/elected and appointed positions

### Land Use - 70

- Controlling growth to retain open spaces and charm of rural landscapes (1)
- Effective and efficient system of land management (1)
- Too much restriction on land use. Posted don’t use my land. (1)
- Planned development – especially in Southern Door (1)
- Protect open rural areas from development by allowing landowners to save their land, pass it on to heirs, etc. Not having to sell it because they can’t afford the taxes to keep it as it has been. (1)
- Protection of large-tract undeveloped lands, both private and public (1)
- Controlled growth – “Smart Growth,” sustainable growth (1)
- Maintain mix of land uses (1)
- Long-range planning and “design” of town and village centers (1)
- Architectural standards and limitations enforced in village and town centers (1)
- Intelligent, long-term planning (1)

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Planned development (2)
- Highways without billboards and large signs – small sign system (2)
- Planned, clustered development with emphasis on preserved areas (2)
- Restricted development (2)
- Development planned and controlled better (2)
- Sustainable development: controlled development, possible increase in available housing for lower income population (2)
- Placement of new buildings so not obvious – further from roads, back in woods (2)
- I know what's best for my property (2)
- Preserve the past with well planned future developments (2)
- Impact of 4-lane highway – Green Bay to Sturgeon Bay – on land use, population density, schools, water (2A)
- Well planned county -control sprawl –a connected street system –limited cul-de-sacs –plan to provide services to elderly (3)
- Less development. (3)
- Too much building, like by Egg Harbor (3)
- Clean up the sites of junk of (indecipherable) junk (3)
- Green – even business; having plant buffers (3)
- Stagnation of multi-family development (6)
- Land use – preserve the present atmosphere, resources, heritage of the county's acreage.
- Effective, efficient land management
- Consistent zoning with specific areas for industry giving them access to delivery systems – think safety for everyone
- Zoning – to control condo development
- Development of industries and housing that are most “protective” of our natural environment: high tech, communication, reverse urban sprawl
- Sustainable development
- Preserve clear night skies through controlled lighting
- Avoid over-development, large condos
- Regulated growth (buildings, development, etc.)
- County – stopping further development, especially of condos. Maintaining the flavor that brings people to the area.
- No or few chain stores
- Balanced growth that provides economic opportunities with preservation of agricultural, natural areas and cultural heritage
- Organized like the rings of a tree with the town being at the center
- Spacious living – not over-built and overdone infrastructure
- Downsize some large acreage
- Keep open spaces and agricultural land and large-lot zoning
- Restriction on size of houses to retain quaint atmosphere
- More attractive downtown
- Develop an “island identity” in architecture, especially in town core
- Size restrictions on housing
- Keep roads natural-looking by screening housing and development with trees
- Natural landscaping that's visible to the public
- Quality habitat: not as “The Dells” – good design of all buildings in appropriate context (?) with individual locations

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Declare the island a noise-sensitive area through ordinance regulating jet-skis, ATVs and low-flying/circling planes
- However, with regulated growth, we need to try and control the natural beauty.
- Controlled development in all areas
- We live in a beautiful place that needs protection from over-development. Door County will be developed – let's make sure it happens in a way that won't destroy its natural beauty.
- Maintain growth in clusters
- Direct growth/land use to areas that fit that use
- Limit development
- Decentralization
- Overdeveloped around some townships
- Balance between growth/development and the preservation of Door County's natural and cultural heritage
- Architectural review
- No loud trucks through Jacksonport and other villages, i.e., more peace and quiet
- Avoidance of over-regulation, flexibility build into comprehensive plan
- Get rid of junk yards & clean up some residential area full of junk
- Concentrated growth with preservation of some rural settings
- Washington Island remains significantly unchanged, controls growth
- Door stops their unbridled growth
- Very limited growth
- Island vision – same; controlled growth

### Economic Development - 62

- More full-time, better paying jobs with benefits (year-round jobs) (1)
- Increased manufacturing base (1)
- I envision a stable economy with well-paying jobs that will entice young families to settle here to raise their children (1)
- We need more good paying jobs and insurance for the worker so they can live decently. (1)
- Increased employment opportunities to retain youth & young families (1)
- Growing economic base to maintain viable population (2)
- Seeking out and encouragement of unique, "creative," but appropriate commercial ventures (shops, etc.) (2)
- Slow and steady growth of tourism (2)
- More foreign luxury ships coming to Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay (2)
- Local living economy – self-reliance community (2)
- Retain businesses & industry & promote (2)
- Promote business so the young people decide to stay here (2)
- The income for young people is too small to keep them here (2)
- More variety of jobs (2)
- Tourist destination with clean water (2)
- Sustained tourism (2)
- Service industries to serve aging retirees (3)
- Sustained growth and job base (3)
- Development of a sound commercial business environment to provide competitive shopping businesses to keep residents at home (3)
- Regional and national awareness of the area's assets (3)
- A county where we support business (3)

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Clean industries with a skilled workforce (3)
- Greater employment opportunities higher paying jobs (3)
- Industrial development centered around Sturgeon Bay (3)
- Promote more employment with a door county living wage (3)
- Less tourism and associated traffic (3)
- Creation of adequate jobs (pay-wise), year-round (3)
- Growth in economic opportunities (3)
- We need more jobs for the young people to stay in this county (4)
- Lots of locally owned and operated businesses (4)
- Stagnation of shipbuilding activities (5)
- Diversification of economy in Sturgeon Bay (7)
- Support an economy that will bring young people back here (after they leave for college) to start families
- Better wages (v. state and national averages)
- Foster a culture of entrepreneurship
- Diverse economic base
- A thriving economy to support an educated population
- Economic development – diversification, wage increases, job market “values”, work ethic
- Robust economy
- Increased employment opportunities to retain youth, attract young families
- Promote eco-tourism and expand tourism year ‘round
- We need to create jobs to keep younger people here. This encompasses affordable housing/real estate prices.
- Good employment options and opportunities
- More economic opportunities
- At least living wage for workers
- Vibrant and functional town centers (clustered commercial areas)
- New businesses that are in keeping with the quiet and rural character of the Island
- Minimum expansion
- Expanding appeal for tourism year ‘round
- Fishing/fisherman are good tourist dollars – support our marinas
- Continued support of diverse commerce
- Green industry in industrial parks
- Green destination
- Protect our small businesses so they can continue to make a living here.
- Economic stability
- International tournaments in sports: at the Sister Bay Sports Center, sailing regattas from Fish Creek to Menominee
- Protect and come up with a plan to save our snowmobile trails before all are lost. This brings much revenue to Door County winter businesses and Wisconsin tourism as a whole.
- Environment conducive for learning institutions and conventions
- Promote family wage, jobs, opportunity
- A friendly tourism destination
- Sustainable/green building leader
- Open-minded and tolerant culture

### Natural Resources - 51

- Wooded areas (1)

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Lots of snow (1)
- Natural areas and woodlands and wetlands intact (1)
- To retain the natural beauty of the County of Door (1)
- Preservation of natural resources and rural areas (1)
- On-going environmental protection, by environmental organizations and community, of natural resources, especially water (1)
- Clean water and shoreline – management to ensure safety (1)
- Conservation of: land, resources (1)
- Clean beaches – controlled run-off (1)
- Protect groundwater (1)
- Natural assets preserved and respected (1)
- Maintain healthy and diverse ecology (1)
- Preservation/conservation (1)
- Protect water (2)
- Surrounded by water (2)
- Preservation of our natural environment: parks, scenic vistas, beaches, water, etc. (2)
- Clean environment (2)
- Preserved natural resources (2)
- Keep our waters & streams as clean as possible (2)
- Keep as much open space as possible (2)
- Unique terrain of various elevations (3)
- Planned use of rock and aggregate sources is critical for area. (3)
- Preserve beauty of county –nature areas –parks, rivers (3)
- The people of Door County take responsibility for their environmental footprint (3)
- Streams (4)
- Clean air & water for health & future of kids (4)
- Clean water supply for human consumption, agricultural use, and recreation, habitat, and industry
- Clean water
- Bountiful game and wildlands
- Protection of drinking water supplies
- Protected natural and scenic resources
- Natural resources protected/preserved, including agricultural
- Protection of natural and historic assets
- Open space
- Healthy environment: forest, shoreline, water quality, lake, ground
- Unique natural areas' ecosystems preserved
- Emphasis on the environment (recycling, clean energy, maintain or add parks
- Preserve natural areas
- Control of invasive species
- Sustained water supply
- Warmer winters
- Environmental stability
- Natural beauty and landscape unchanged from 2007
- Lake level and water quality stabilized
- Protect our wetlands and natural areas from development.
- Water quality
- Protected areas expanded

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Preservation of undeveloped wild lands and beach areas
- Open spaces
- Keep natural beauty!! Don't let everything get all developed!
- Clear water quality –no bacteria
- Low carbon footprint

### Community Facilities and Utilities - 48

#### *Infrastructure - 14*

- Top-rated communication network (2)
- Energy self-sufficient (2)
- Communication, internet so more people can work from home. So more people live here full time (2)
- Develop wise utility plans to maintain resources (2)
- Stringent control of electrical generating plants, commercial wind generators, etc. (2)
- Renewable energy (2)
- Energy independent as a county (3)
- Energy independent (wind, solar, biomass for electricity; biofuels, biodiesel, hybrids for transportation) (3)
- Completely (whole county) connected technologically (web, wi-fi, cable or satellite, etc.)
- High tech service
- Opportunities – wind power
- Develop green energy options, e.g. solar pools, wind energy
- Adequate emergency services during peak tourist times
- Increased emphasis on alternative energy, i.e., wind/solar power

#### *Education/Libraries - 9*

- Develop water quality and use Research Center (2)
- Consolidated schools (N. Door) (3)
- Without younger people –many less children –a big need to consolidate schools. (3)
- Declining school populations/consolidation of services/districts (4)
- Quality educational environments
- Strengthening school district
- Combine school districts
- Oceanography institute
- Make learning a higher priority

#### *Health - 9*

- Large medical institutions for cancer research, convalescence centers, etc. (1)
- Sound, efficient, effective system of universal health care (3)
- More & better health care for older people (5)
- Well-funded quality educational system
- Health facilities – availability
- Universal health care
- Healthy communities – address cancer/disease epidemics in a comprehensive way (ID toxin and water contamination sources)
- Medical facilities/services
- Affordable health care for year-round population

#### *Social Services - 4*

- Growth of elderly population and needed services (3)
- Adequately staffed and funded social services support system

## County Visioning Summary – Part A

### Vision Question – Notecard Responses

- Increased facilities for seniors – visiting nurse – Meals on Wheels – physical therapy
- Support services for senior residents

#### *Parks & Recreation - 12*

- To keep the natural resources for the public (1)
- Not enough snowmobile trails (2)
- County and state continue to have green/natural spaces that everyone has access to (2)
- Preserve park & trails (3)
- Recreation (3)
- Ideal recreation environments
- Public trails/bike paths/transportation
- Preserve access to water and views of water
- Bike lanes expanded on major roads used by bikers
- Increased recreational opportunities to attract visitors and seasonal residents
- Grow biking and running events
- Maintain open spaces and public access to natural areas (3)

#### **Agriculture - 20**

- Preserve more agricultural land (1)
- Food security: a thriving agricultural community that provides for the county's food needs in an environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable fashion (2)
- Food security – more small farms growing food for the community, not commodities that yield low prices and need to be exported to be processed and sold – sustainable agriculture (2)
- Crops growing on open land (2)
- Orchards (2)
- Crop still growing (2)
- Seeing tractors and machinery working in fields (3)
- Continues agricultural opportunities as well as the opportunity to pursue industrial work in Sturgeon Bay. (2)
- Preserve agriculture (3)
- Farms (3)
- Food self-sufficient (3)
- Further decrease in agriculture (4)
- Small-scale, sustainable agriculture, especially specialty or value-added crops
- Small-scale, sustainable forestry, especially value-added
- Utilize open space with agriculture
- Economically viable farm
- The lost fact that Door County is mostly farming and support industries so that there always is a tourist industry
- Help farmers and small agricultural businesses to stay in Door County.
- Promote agriculture diversity
- A mix of agriculture and industry

#### **Transportation - 15**

- Energy efficient, ecologically sound transportation options, i.e. public transport (2)
- Transportation – especially in N. Door (2)
- Consumption of some natural resources needs to be planned for to allow existence of good road system. (2)
- Fewer cars – some kind of transportation service: bus, taxi, limo (3)

## **County Visioning Summary – Part A**

### **Vision Question – Notecard Responses**

- Improvements in public transportation: Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay to Milwaukee (3)
- Better/bigger airport. For business people to come & go (3)
- Transportation system for tourism, agri. Good movement, business products is critical for future. (4)
- Effective and efficient system of mass public transport
- Transportation – the easier and more pleasant it is to travel to a desired destination, the more likely a person is to make the trip. This reflects economy. A plan for the county’s roadways.
- A better rideshare system is in place
- Possible public transportation – with alternative fuel – “dial a ride”, carpooling
- Needs public transportation
- Public transportation
- Public transportation system
- Transportation – especially Island – affordable!

### **Cultural/History - 14**

- Support of cultural growth (3)
- Incentives for cultural activities (3)
- Preservation of our “man made” environment: historic structures, historic sites, other “significant” structures (3)
- Cultural resources – used and promoted, priority for tax
- People know and care about the county’s past
- Historic landmarks, museum – big and small to educate about past lives and livelihood
- Workshops, retreats, institutes, and the like (similar to Sievers model) of week-long duration or more
- Preserve cultural heritage
- Preserve historical appearance of villages
- Historic preservation
- Save our historic places, buildings and our history.
- National recognition of arts community
- Providing cultural and outdoor educational/recreational opportunities to create a sense of place for youth and adults
- Continued support of the arts and educational opportunities

### **Housing - 13**

- More affordable housing opportunities (1)
- Needs young families but lacks affordable housing (1)
- A place where young families can afford to live (2)
- Diverse range of housing and job opportunities (2)
- A place with affordable housing and transportation options (3)
- Place where the average citizen can afford to own his or her own home (3)
- Affordable housing in good repair
- Variety of housing options
- Island – slow growth and an attempt at developing affordable housing for young families.
- Affordable housing for workers in tourist industries
- Diverse housing development (condos as well as affordable housing)
- Develop low-cost housing – mix development with planned trails
- Lower prices for real estate



## **County Visioning Summary – Part A**

### **Vision Question – Notecard Responses**

#### **Intergovernmental Cooperation - 6**

- Local governments that will cooperate in planning (1)
- Government cooperation between county, towns, villages and city to provide cost effective and quality services (1)
- Community (municipalities) collaborative efforts and also collaboration of environmental orgs. (3)
- City and county working together for appropriate development
- Positive working relationships between town entities and county and state officials
- Cooperation between northern and southern areas