

County Visioning Results

Between October 2006 and May 2007, four county-wide visioning meetings were held by the Planning Department. Through two public input exercises conducted at those meetings, residents and property owners identified many issues and opportunities facing Door County. The following spreadsheet summarizes the responses given by participants at the four visioning meetings through those exercises which focused on two questions: 1) What are the county's greatest assets?; and 2) What words or phrases best capture your vision for the county's future?

Each exercise involved two methods of recording the participants' responses. Participants wrote down all of their responses to each question on note cards and then shared their top responses with the group, which were written on flipcharts. These top responses were voted on or prioritized by the entire group, using six votes (adhesive stickers placed next to the flipchart responses) per participant. All note cards were also collected after the voting on each question.

After these meetings were held, staff transcribed and then grouped the note card responses and the flipchart responses into ten main categories, which generally follow the topical elements described in Wisconsin's comprehensive planning statutes. Though some responses incorporated more than one theme, each response was placed into only one category.

For the responses written on the note cards, the number of responses that related to each topical category was totaled and those numbers are shown on the spreadsheet. For example, for the meeting held on Washington Island, 31 responses relating to Natural Resources appeared on the note cards in response to the question "What are the county's greatest assets?" For the flipchart responses, the number of votes for all responses within each category was totaled and those numbers are also shown on the spreadsheet. For example, for the meeting held on Washington Island, 44 votes were cast for Natural Resource – related responses to the question "What words or phrases best capture your vision for the county's future?"

The ten categories are displayed across the top row of the spreadsheet. Two of these categories have sub-categories and are displayed to the far right of the spreadsheet. The left hand column breaks down both the "assets" question and the "vision" question into note card results and voting results. Tallies are given in these four categories for each of the four meetings and also a final total of the four meetings.

The numbers in red are the top three category results for the voting responses and the note card responses. When looking at all responses to the question "What are the county's greatest assets?", both the number of responses written on individuals' note cards and the number of votes cast for the shared/flip chart responses clearly indicate that residents and property owners view the county's natural resources as its greatest asset. A close second, however, for both the note card and vote tallies was community character (people, visual qualities, quality of life). Receiving the third highest number of responses and votes were the utilities and community facilities (infrastructure, education, health, social services, parks & recreation).

When looking at all responses to the question "What words or phrases best capture your vision for the county's future?", both the number of responses written on individuals' note cards and the number of votes cast for the shared/flip chart responses indicate that both residents and property owners value community character as most important to the county's future. Receiving the second and third highest number of responses and votes, residents and property owners were split between economic development, utilities and community facilities, and land use.

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* The totals in red are the three highest category scores for each question.

Assets Question Votes	NR	C/H	LU	ED	TP	AG	IC	H						Total CFU			QOL	Total CC
Wasington Island	44	12	8	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	2	20	22
Northern Door	47	25	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	18	21	14	22	16	52
Sturgeon Bay	23	19	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	13	16	21	21	16	58
Southern Door	59	3	3	9	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	19	5	9	8	22
Total	173	59	13	15	1	49	0	0	0	0	6	0	46	65	40	54	60	154
Assets Question Notecards																		
Wasington Island	31	7	3	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	12	9	5	24	38
Northern Door	48	23	6	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	23	27	21	15	14	50
Sturgeon Bay	41	16	2	5	3	7	1	0	0	0	4	0	10	14	23	5	13	41
Southern Door	51	6	2	11	6	18	0	0	2	4	0	0	16	22	9	6	11	26
Total	171	52	13	29	10	32	1	0	2	12	0	1	60	75	62	31	54	147
Vision Question Votes																		
Wasington Island	3	9	26	30	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	10	0	13	0	0	15	15
Northern Door	6	0	24	32	9	5	4	0	16	2	9	0	12	39	5	0	26	31
Sturgeon Bay	12	1	9	7	8	7	1	2	9	4	7	2	0	22	0	0	38	38
Southern Door	19	0	3	26	1	26	0	13	5	0	0	2	4	11	0	11	46	57
Total	40	10	62	95	18	43	5	15	30	9	16	14	16	85	5	11	125	141
Vision Question Notecards																		
Wasington Island	3	2	23	11	1	5	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	7	1	1	8	10
Northern Door	19	9	24	23	7	2	2	6	7	3	2	0	4	16	1	0	27	28
Sturgeon Bay	16	3	14	13	3	3	2	3	6	3	5	2	3	19	1	0	26	27
Southern Door	13	0	9	13	4	10	1	2	1	2	0	1	2	6	0	7	24	31
Total	51	14	70	60	15	20	6	13	14	9	8	5	12	48	3	8	85	96

NR = Natural Resources

C/H = Cultural & Historical

LU = Land Use

ED = Economic Development

TP = Transportation

AG = Agriculture

IC = Intergovernmental Cooperation

H = Housing

CC = Community Character (People, Visual, Quality of Life)

CFU = Community Facilities and Utilities (Infrastructure, Education, Health, Social Services, Parks & Rec.)