

Southern Door Visioning Summary

Assets Question – Voting Responses

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

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Natural Resources - 59

- 17 Lake Michigan and fishing
- 13 Proper utilization & preservation of water & shoreline in and around Door Co.
- 12 Natural resources – non-metallic minerals
- 8 Open space
- 7 Preservation of woodlands
- 2 Geology and geological history
- 0 Change in climate – four seasons

Agriculture - 42

- 27 Agriculture: people making a living through agriculture
- 13 Rural areas that remain in agriculture
- 2 Favorable climate and land for fruit production

Community Character - 22

People - 5

- 5 People

Visual - 9

- 9 Rural scenic beauty

Quality of Life - 8

- 4 Clean Environment
- 3 Low crime
- 1 Cities and villages

Community Facilities and Utilities - 19

Infrastructure - 0

Education/Libraries - 0

Health - 0

Social Services - 13

- 12 Schools
 - 1 Library system
- Parks & Recreation - 6*
- 6 Parks

Economic Development - 9

- 5 Tourism
- 2 Workforce
- 2 Shipbuilding

Land Use - 3

- 3 Appealing buildings

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Cultural/History - 3

2 Southern Door Belgian heritage

1 Arts

Transportation - 0

0 Roads

Housing – 0

Intergovernmental Cooperation - 0

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Natural Resources - 51

- 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)
- 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)
- Lakes & rivers Shoreline (1)
- Open space in Southern Door and clean air (1)
- 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

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- Some wood areas
- Some swamps
- Rivers & creeks
- Forests
- Forest
- Water for consumption & recreational use
- 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 - 26

People - 9

- People (1)
- 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 - 6

- The land –scenery
- Rural character
- Scenic beauty
- Nice looking buildings
- Scenery
- The old farm buildings

Quality of Life - 11

- Rural lifestyle of living (1)
- 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
- Cities & villages

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Community Facilities and Utilities - 22

Infrastructure - 2

- Forestville dam
- Good telephone system

Education/Libraries - 4

- Good school system
- Library system, 8 libraries in all
- Good schools
- Schools

Health - 0

Social Services - 0

Parks & Recreation - 16

- Parks (1)
- Accessible to waterways (1)
- 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

Agriculture - 18

- Agriculture (1)
- Farm land/fields (1)
- Waters of Door County of Door Agriculture (1)
- Agricultural lands open to farming (1)
- Farming and open spaces (1)
- Rural areas that remain in agriculture (1)
- 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

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Economic Development - 11

- Tourism (1)
- 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

Transportation - 6

- 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

Cultural/History - 6

- Arts
- Arts
- History
- Historical buildings
- Unique shopping –art –collectibles –pottery
- Belgian heritage of Southern Door County

Land Use - 2

- 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)

Housing - 0

Intergovernmental Cooperation - 0

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Vision Question – Voting Responses

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Community Character - 57

People - 0

Visual - 11

11 Continued rural character

Quality of Life - 46

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

14 Encourage rural economic activity balanced with protecting rural character

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

2 Commonality of vision

2 Keep local units of government intact

0 Diversity: land, people, economics

Agriculture - 26

20 Preserve agriculture

6 Better relationships with government agencies regulating agriculture

Economic Development - 26

10 Higher paying jobs with benefits

8 Southern Door economy more diverse than Northern Door

5 Less tourism

2 Retain & improve business/industry, primarily in Sturgeon Bay

1 Extend tourist season

Natural Resources - 19

13 Well planned and orderly mineral extraction

4 Preserve wooded areas

1 Clean water and air

1 Save the natural beauty

Housing - 13

13 Affordable housing; adequate supply of housing options for people of all income levels

Community Facilities and Utilities - 11

Infrastructure - 5

5 Internet access to encourage home based businesses

Education/Libraries - 0

Health - 0

Social Services - 2

2 Health care system for the elderly

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Parks & Recreation - 4

- 3 Preserve parks and trails
- 1 More public land

Land Use - 3

- 3 Encourage directed growth and concentrated, conscious growth

Transportation - 1

- 1 Bigger and better airport

Intergovernmental Cooperation - 0

Cultural/History - 0

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Community Character - 31

People - 0

Visual - 7

- 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)

Quality of Life - 24

- Retirement place for people from larger cities and people coming back after they made their money somewhere else (1)
- Children playing outside in a safe environment. Also adults enjoying outdoors. (1)
- No urban congestion
- 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)
- 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)
- Less government (3)
- Those that do live here will be summer people, that is the young ones that stay (3)
- 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
- Concentrated growth with preservation of some rural settings
- Flexibility to adapt

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Economic Development - 13

- 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)
- Retain businesses & industry & promote (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)
- Promote business so the young people decide to stay here (2)
- 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)
- We need more jobs for the young people to stay in this county (4)
- Promote family wage, jobs, opportunity
- A friendly tourism destination

Natural Resources - 13

- Wooded areas (1)
- Lots of snow (1)
- Natural areas and woodlands and wetlands intact (1)
- To retain the natural beauty of the County of Door (1)
- Preserved natural resources (2)
- Keep our waters & streams as clean as possible (2)
- Clean environment (2)
- Planned use of rock and aggregate sources is critical for area. (3)
- Preserve beauty of county –nature areas –parks, rivers (3)
- Streams (4)
- Clean air & water for health & future of kids (4)
- Keep natural beauty!! Don't let everything get all developed!
- Clear water quality –no bacteria

Agriculture - 10

- Preserve more agricultural land (1)
- Crops growing on open land (2)
- Orchards (2)
- Crop still growing (2)
- Continues agricultural opportunities as well as the opportunity to pursue industrial work in Sturgeon Bay. (2)
- Preserve agriculture (3)
- Farms (3)
- Seeing tractors and machinery working in fields (3)
- Promote agriculture diversity
- A mix of agriculture and industry

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Community Facilities and Utilities - 6

Infrastructure - 1

- Communication, internet so more people can work from home. So more people live here full time (2)

Education/Libraries - 2

- Without younger people –many less children –a big need to consolidate schools. (3)
- Make learning a higher priority

Health - 0

Social Services - 1

- More & better health care for older people (5)

Parks & Recreation - 2

- To keep the natural resources for the public (1)
- Preserve park & trails (3)

Land Use - 9

- Encouraged, directed growth (1)
- Maintain mix of land uses (1)
- I know what's best for my property (2)
- Preserve the past with well planned future developments (2)
- Less development. (3)
- Avoidance of over-regulation, flexibility build into comprehensive plan
- Clean up the sites of junk of (indecipherable) junk (3)
- Well planned county -control sprawl –a connected street system –limited cul-de-sacs –plan to provide services to elderly (3)
- Get rid of junk yards & clean up some residential area full of junk

Transportation - 4

- Consumption of some natural resources needs to be planned for to allow existence of good road system. (2)
- Better/bigger airport. For business people to come & go (3)
- Transportation system for tourism, agri. Good movement, business products is critical for future. (4)
- A better rideshare system is in place

Housing - 2

- More affordable housing opportunities (1)
- Lower prices for real estate

Intergovernmental Cooperation - 1

- Government cooperation between county, towns, villages and city to provide cost effective and quality services (1)

Cultural/History - 0