

Town of Garfield, Polk County, WI

COMMUNITY SURVEY

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Town of Garfield ~ Survey Results

To gather citizen input as part of the planning process for the Town of Garfield Comprehensive Plan, 920 copies of a community survey were sent to all landowners and/or residents of the Town of Garfield. This document contains the results from 366 returned surveys.

The following rules were used when collecting, recording, and interpreting the survey results:

Rules Used when Collecting Survey Results

1. Any symbols used in the answers were deciphered (ex. Arrow pointing up = “up”).
2. Comments written regarding questions were put in with additional comments showing the numbered question in reference.
3. Comments written that were not directed towards any questions were added to additional comments.
4. Questions left blank were skipped.
5. Questions with more than one answer (except questions 32 & 33) were not recorded.
6. If possible, the last part of question 4 (total # in household) was answered even if citizen left it blank.
7. If answer a & c were both checked in question 2, answer a was recorded.
8. Any comments written on the envelope were recorded with additional comments.
9. No spelling or grammatical errors were fixed in the answers and responses.
10. Obvious mistakes on question 4 were not recorded (ex. Putting the number 72 under one of the brackets)
11. Illegible hand writing was recorded as best as possible and marked ‘{???’ for words unable to interpret.
12. Statements in ‘other’ questions that weren’t actual options were recorded with additional comments (ex. “keep your fingers out of it”)
13. Question marks placed in check boxes were counted as checks
14. Emphasized responses (ex. Strongly Agree circled numerous times) were recorded normally.
15. Check marks placed in between two answers were disregarded.
16. Questions that had answers ranged (ex. 1st choice, 2nd choice, etc.) were recorded with the first choice chosen.
17. All additional comments which referenced individual names or addresses of people were not recorded.

The tables that show the results use columns labeled *code*, *response*, *frequency*, *percent of frequency*, and *percent of total surveys*.

- *Code* was simply used for data collection. This column can be disregarded.
- *Response* refers to the possible answers on the survey.
- *Frequency* refers to the number of responses within that category.
- *Percent of Frequency* is the number of responses for that answer compared to the number of total answers for that question (frequency of answer divided by total frequency).
- *Percent of Total Surveys* is the number of responses for that answer compared to the number of total surveys received (frequency of answer divided by 366). The percent of total surveys takes into consideration the questions that were left blank or not counted.

RESULTS OF SURVEY

Q1 - Do you live in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Yes	278	77.22%	75.96%
2	No	82	22.78%	22.40%
	Total	360	100.00%	98.36%

Q2 - Is this your primary residence, a second home, or do you own undeveloped, unimproved land?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Primary residence	233	66.01%	63.66%
2	2nd home	89	25.21%	24.32%
3	Undeveloped, unimproved landowner	31	8.78%	8.47%
	Total	353	100.00%	96.45%

Q3 - How long have you owned or rented property in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Less than 5 years	69	19.27%	18.85%
2	5 to 10 years	63	17.60%	17.21%
3	11 to 20 years	86	24.02%	23.50%
4	More than 20 years	140	39.11%	38.25%
	Total	358	100.00%	97.81%

Q4 - Please indicate the total number of persons in your household.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	36	10.37%	9.84%
2	2 people	191	55.04%	52.19%
3	3 people	37	10.66%	10.11%
4	4 people	47	13.54%	12.84%
5	5 people	26	7.49%	7.10%
6	6 people	6	1.73%	1.64%
7	7 people	1	0.29%	0.27%
8	8 people	2	0.58%	0.55%
9	9 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
10	10 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
11	11 people	1	0.29%	0.27%
	Total	347	100.00%	94.81%

Q4 (a) - Number of people in household 0-5 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	26	72.22%	7.10%
2	2 people	7	19.44%	1.91%
3	3 people	3	8.33%	0.82%
4	4 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	36	100.00%	9.84%

Q4 (b) - Number of people in household 6-10 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	17	60.71%	4.64%
2	2 people	11	39.29%	3.01%
3	3 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
4	4 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	28	100.00%	7.65%

Q4 (c) - Number of people in household 11-18 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	33	52.38%	9.02%
2	2 people	25	39.68%	6.83%
3	3 people	4	6.35%	1.09%
4	4 people	1	1.59%	0.27%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	63	100.00%	17.21%

Q4 (d) - Number of people in household 19-25 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	22	68.75%	6.01%
2	2 people	8	25.00%	2.19%
3	3 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
4	4 people	2	6.25%	0.55%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	32	100.00%	8.74%

Q4 (e) - Number of people in household 26-35 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	20	51.28%	5.46%
2	2 people	16	41.03%	4.37%
3	3 people	2	5.13%	0.55%
4	4 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
6	6 people	1	2.56%	0.27%
	Total	39	100.00%	10.66%

Q4 (f) - Number of people in household 36-45 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	34	43.04%	9.29%
2	2 people	42	53.16%	11.48%
3	3 people	1	1.27%	0.27%
4	4 people	2	2.53%	0.55%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	79	100.00%	21.58%

Q4 (g) - Number of people in household 46-55 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	45	45.45%	12.30%
2	2 people	54	54.55%	14.75%
3	3 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
4	4 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	99	100.00%	27.05%

Q4 (h) - Number of people in household 56-65 years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	55	48.67%	15.03%
2	2 people	58	51.33%	15.85%
3	3 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
4	4 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	113	100.00%	30.87%

Q4 (l) - Number of people in household 66 or more years old.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	1 person	42	42.42%	11.48%
2	2 people	55	55.56%	15.03%
3	3 people	2	2.02%	0.55%
4	4 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	5 people	0	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	99	100.00%	27.05%

Q5 - What is your opinion towards future growth and development in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	We need to support and encourage growth and development	34	9.60%	9.29%
2	The Town of Garfield is going to grow, but we need to manage it	186	52.54%	50.82%
3	We need to slow down the rate of growth and development in the Town of Garfield	34	9.60%	9.29%
4	I would like to see the Town of Garfield stay the way it is	80	22.60%	21.86%
5	Not sure	20	5.65%	5.46%
	Total	354	100.00%	96.72%

Q6 - How would you rate the quality of life in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Excellent	67	18.72%	18.31%
2	Good	225	62.85%	61.48%
3	Fair	45	12.57%	12.30%
4	Poor	1	0.28%	0.27%
5	No opinion	20	5.59%	5.46%
	Total	358	100.00%	97.81%

**Q7 - The Town of Garfield should retain its "rural" character
(large tracts of open farmland and wooded lots, dairy and hobby farms, single family homes)?**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	189	53.24%	51.64%
2	Agree	137	38.59%	37.43%
3	Disagree	12	3.38%	3.28%
4	Strongly Disagree	2	0.56%	0.55%
5	No Opinion	15	4.23%	4.10%
	Total	355	100.00%	96.99%

Q8 - The Town of Garfield should protect and promote buildings, sites, and artifacts of historical importance

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	97	27.32%	26.50%
2	Agree	198	55.77%	54.10%
3	Disagree	30	8.45%	8.20%
4	Strongly Disagree	2	0.56%	0.55%
5	No Opinion	28	7.89%	7.65%
	Total	355	100.00%	96.99%

Q9 - With increasing single family development, do you feel residents should have the rights to farm in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	218	61.06%	59.56%
2	Agree	122	34.17%	33.33%
3	Disagree	7	1.96%	1.91%
4	Strongly Disagree	1	0.28%	0.27%
5	No Opinion	9	2.52%	2.46%
	Total	357	100.00%	97.54%

Q10 (a) - The Town of Garfield should protect Lakes and Rivers

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	226	64.57%	61.75%
2	Agree	89	25.43%	24.32%
3	Disagree	18	5.14%	4.92%
4	Strongly Disagree	7	2.00%	1.91%
5	No Opinion	10	2.86%	2.73%
	Total	350	100.00%	95.63%

Q10 (b) - The Town of Garfield should protect **Large Tracts of Undeveloped Land**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	138	40.59%	37.70%
2	Agree	116	34.12%	31.69%
3	Disagree	51	15.00%	13.93%
4	Strongly Disagree	15	4.41%	4.10%
5	No Opinion	20	5.88%	5.46%
	Total	340	100.00%	92.90%

Q10 (c) - The Town of Garfield should protect **Large Tracts of Forestland**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	183	53.20%	50.00%
2	Agree	106	30.81%	28.96%
3	Disagree	33	9.59%	9.02%
4	Strongly Disagree	10	2.91%	2.73%
5	No Opinion	12	3.49%	3.28%
	Total	344	100.00%	93.99%

Q10 (d) - The Town of Garfield should protect **Large Tracts of Ag Land**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	160	45.85%	43.72%
2	Agree	115	32.95%	31.42%
3	Disagree	40	11.46%	10.93%
4	Strongly Disagree	14	4.01%	3.83%
5	No Opinion	20	5.73%	5.46%
	Total	349	100.00%	95.36%

Q10 (e) - Other

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	19	40.43%	5.19%
2	Agree	8	17.02%	2.19%
3	Disagree	4	8.51%	1.09%
4	Strongly Disagree	1	2.13%	0.27%
5	No Opinion	15	31.91%	4.10%
	Total	47	100.00%	12.84%

Individual Responses

Wetlands	Wetlands
Wetlands/Swamp	Marshes + wetlands
any wild land + ponds	swamps + wetlands
Lakeshore	Wildlife
Park areas	recreational trails
Swamps + Streams	Boat Landing
Locations of remnant prairie species	non-motorized trails

Q11 (a) - The Town of Garfield needs more **Single Family Homes**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	44	13.37%	12.02%
2	Agree	114	34.65%	31.15%
3	Disagree	67	20.36%	18.31%
4	Strongly Disagree	31	9.42%	8.47%
5	No Opinion	73	22.19%	19.95%
	Total	329	100.00%	89.89%

Q11 (b) - The Town of Garfield needs more **Twin Homes/Condos**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	8	2.45%	2.19%
2	Agree	37	11.31%	10.11%
3	Disagree	117	35.78%	31.97%
4	Strongly Disagree	104	31.80%	28.42%
5	No Opinion	61	18.65%	16.67%
	Total	327	100.00%	89.34%

Q11 (c) - The Town of Garfield needs more **Manufactured Homes**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	5	1.52%	1.37%
2	Agree	46	14.02%	12.57%
3	Disagree	96	29.27%	26.23%
4	Strongly Disagree	106	32.32%	28.96%
5	No Opinion	75	22.87%	20.49%
	Total	328	100.00%	89.62%

Q11 (d) - The Town of Garfield needs more **Elderly/Assisted Living**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	35	10.74%	9.56%
2	Agree	110	33.74%	30.05%
3	Disagree	56	17.18%	15.30%
4	Strongly Disagree	49	15.03%	13.39%
5	No Opinion	76	23.31%	20.77%
	Total	326	100.00%	89.07%

Q11 (e) - The Town of Garfield needs more **Rental Housing**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	5	1.51%	1.37%
2	Agree	46	13.90%	12.57%
3	Disagree	98	29.61%	26.78%
4	Strongly Disagree	107	32.33%	29.23%
5	No Opinion	75	22.66%	20.49%
	Total	331	100.00%	90.44%

Q11 (f) - **Other**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	8	13.33%	2.19%
2	Agree	7	11.67%	1.91%
3	Disagree	7	11.67%	1.91%
4	Strongly Disagree	7	11.67%	1.91%
5	No Opinion	31	51.67%	8.47%
	Total	60	100.00%	16.39%

Individual Responses

Convenience Store/gas station	55+ communities
Farms	business
What is ever needed	none of the above
Mobile/trailer homes	SM. Farms/Hobby Farms
multi-family dwellings	Villages Containde
Encourage Farms	Small Farms
trailer homes	Developments
Trailer parks	high density planned development

Q12 - The Town of Garfield should develop and promote design guidelines, covenants, or standards for residential development?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Frequency
1	Strongly Agree	85	24.36%	23.22%
2	Agree	136	38.97%	37.16%
3	Disagree	71	20.34%	19.40%
4	Strongly Disagree	34	9.74%	9.29%
5	No Opinion	23	6.59%	6.28%
	Total	349	100.00%	95.36%

Q13 - The Town of Garfield should promote the use of community sewer systems for residential development?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	47	13.39%	12.84%
2	Agree	135	38.46%	36.89%
3	Disagree	75	21.37%	20.49%
4	Strongly Disagree	33	9.40%	9.02%
5	No Opinion	61	17.38%	16.67%
	Total	351	100.00%	95.90%

Q14 - How would you rate the general condition of local roads in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Fine	37	10.57%	10.11%
2	Good	247	70.57%	67.49%
3	Poor	64	18.29%	17.49%
4	No Opinion	2	0.57%	0.55%
	Total	350	100.00%	95.63%

Q15 - How would you rate the ongoing maintenance of local roads in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Excellent	16	4.60%	4.37%
2	Good	169	48.56%	46.17%
3	Fair	105	30.17%	28.69%
4	Poor	52	14.94%	14.21%
5	No Opinion	6	1.72%	1.64%
	Total	348	100.00%	95.08%

Q16 - How would you rate the snow removal of local roads in the Town of Garfield?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Excellent	36	10.26%	9.84%
2	Good	140	39.89%	38.25%
3	Fair	62	17.66%	16.94%
4	Poor	64	18.23%	17.49%
5	No opinion	49	13.96%	13.39%
	Total	351	100.00%	95.90%

Q17 - The Town of Garfield should allow ATV's and snowmobiles on Town roads.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	45	12.71%	12.30%
2	Agree	83	23.45%	22.68%
3	Disagree	111	31.36%	30.33%
4	Strongly Disagree	88	24.86%	24.04%
5	No opinion	27	7.63%	7.38%
	Total	354	100.00%	96.72%

Q18 (a) - The Town of Garfield should develop Biking Trails

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	105	30.43%	28.69%
2	Agree	129	37.39%	35.25%
3	Disagree	49	14.20%	13.39%
4	Strongly Disagree	30	8.70%	8.20%
5	No Opinion	32	9.28%	8.74%
	Total	345	100.00%	94.26%

Q18 (b) - The Town of Garfield should develop **Hiking/Walking Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	112	32.56%	30.60%
2	Agree	132	38.37%	36.07%
3	Disagree	42	12.21%	11.48%
4	Strongly Disagree	28	8.14%	7.65%
5	No Opinion	30	8.72%	8.20%
	Total	344	100.00%	93.99%

Q18 (c) - The Town of Garfield should develop **Snowmobile Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	71	20.82%	19.40%
2	Agree	135	39.59%	36.89%
3	Disagree	62	18.18%	16.94%
4	Strongly Disagree	42	12.32%	11.48%
5	No Opinion	31	9.09%	8.47%
	Total	341	100.00%	93.17%

Q18 (d) - The Town of Garfield should develop **ATV Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	77	22.58%	21.04%
2	Agree	105	30.79%	28.69%
3	Disagree	76	22.29%	20.77%
4	Strongly Disagree	56	16.42%	15.30%
5	No Opinion	27	7.92%	7.38%
	Total	341	100.00%	93.17%

Q18 (e) - The Town of Garfield should develop **Cross Country Ski Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	87	25.36%	23.77%
2	Agree	132	38.48%	36.07%
3	Disagree	52	15.16%	14.21%
4	Strongly Disagree	26	7.58%	7.10%
5	No Opinion	46	13.41%	12.57%
	Total	343	100.00%	93.72%

Q18 (f) - The Town of Garfield should develop **Horseback Riding Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	63	18.64%	17.21%
2	Agree	130	38.46%	35.52%
3	Disagree	56	16.57%	15.30%
4	Strongly Disagree	28	8.28%	7.65%
5	No Opinion	61	18.05%	16.67%
	Total	338	100.00%	92.35%

Q19 - The Town of Garfield should actively encourage and support new business?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	53	15.19%	14.48%
2	Agree	212	60.74%	57.92%
3	Disagree	51	14.61%	13.93%
4	Strongly Disagree	13	3.72%	3.55%
5	No opinion	20	5.73%	5.46%
	Total	349	100.00%	95.36%

Q20 - The Town of Garfield needs a convenience store/gas station?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	44	12.50%	12.02%
2	Agree	130	36.93%	35.52%
3	Disagree	97	27.56%	26.50%
4	Strongly Disagree	27	7.67%	7.38%
5	No opinion	54	15.34%	14.75%
	Total	352	100.00%	96.17%

Q21 - The Town of Garfield should encourage and support redevelopment or the revitalization of Wanderoos?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	41	11.71%	11.20%
2	Agree	142	40.57%	38.80%
3	Disagree	61	17.43%	16.67%
4	Strongly Disagree	27	7.71%	7.38%
5	No opinion	79	22.57%	21.58%
	Total	350	100.00%	95.63%

Q22 (a) - The Town of Garfield needs **Commercial Development**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	20	5.92%	5.46%
2	Agree	85	25.15%	23.22%
3	Disagree	120	35.50%	32.79%
4	Strongly Disagree	51	15.09%	13.93%
5	No Opinion	62	18.34%	16.94%
	Total	338	100.00%	92.35%

Q22 (b) - The Town of Garfield needs **Light Industrial Development**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	20	5.92%	5.46%
2	Agree	117	34.62%	31.97%
3	Disagree	97	28.70%	26.50%
4	Strongly Disagree	46	13.61%	12.57%
5	No Opinion	58	17.16%	15.85%
	Total	338	100.00%	92.35%

Q22 (c) - The Town of Garfield needs **Home Based Businesses**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	34	10.03%	9.29%
2	Agree	170	50.15%	46.45%
3	Disagree	34	10.03%	9.29%
4	Strongly Disagree	19	5.60%	5.19%
5	No Opinion	82	24.19%	22.40%
	Total	339	100.00%	92.62%

Q22 (d) - The Town of Garfield needs **Recreational Businesses**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	33	9.65%	9.02%
2	Agree	172	50.29%	46.99%
3	Disagree	57	16.67%	15.57%
4	Strongly Disagree	21	6.14%	5.74%
5	No Opinion	59	17.25%	16.12%
	Total	342	100.00%	93.44%

Q22 (e) - The Town of Garfield needs **Agricultural Based Business**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	51	15.18%	13.93%
2	Agree	178	52.98%	48.63%
3	Disagree	30	8.93%	8.20%
4	Strongly Disagree	17	5.06%	4.64%
5	No Opinion	60	17.86%	16.39%
	Total	336	100.00%	91.80%

Q22 (f) - The Town of Garfield needs **DSL/High Speed Internet**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	115	34.23%	31.42%
2	Agree	113	33.63%	30.87%
3	Disagree	24	7.14%	6.56%
4	Strongly Disagree	18	5.36%	4.92%
5	No Opinion	66	19.64%	18.03%
	Total	336	100.00%	91.80%

Q22 (g) - The Town of Garfield needs **Tourism**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	45	13.60%	12.30%
2	Agree	125	37.76%	34.15%
3	Disagree	62	18.73%	16.94%
4	Strongly Disagree	22	6.65%	6.01%
5	No Opinion	77	23.26%	21.04%
	Total	331	100.00%	90.44%

Q22 (h) - Other

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	6	12.24%	1.64%
2	Agree	4	8.16%	1.09%
3	Disagree	5	10.20%	1.37%
4	Strongly Disagree	2	4.08%	0.55%
5	No Opinion	32	65.31%	8.74%
	Total	49	100.00%	13.39%

Individual Responses

golf
 Restaurants
 Restaurant on Lake Wapo
 Ecotourism
 organic farms
 social justice + racism in our community

Q23 - How would you rate current efforts by the Town of Garfield to regulate and guide development?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Too much planning and too many regulations	44	12.94%	12.02%
2	About the right amount of planning/regulations	120	35.29%	32.79%
3	Not enough planning and regulations	55	16.18%	15.03%
4	No opinion	121	35.59%	33.06%
	Total	340	100.00%	92.90%

Q24 - How would you rate current efforts by Polk County to regulate and guide development?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Too much planning and too many regulations	73	21.35%	19.95%
2	About the right amount of planning/regulations	115	33.63%	31.42%
3	Not enough planning and regulations	58	16.96%	15.85%
4	No opinion	96	28.07%	26.23%
	Total	342	100.00%	93.44%

Q25 (a) - The Town of Garfield should implement Limit lot creation on agricultural land

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	111	32.84%	30.33%
2	Agree	110	32.54%	30.05%
3	Disagree	58	17.16%	15.85%
4	Strongly Disagree	24	7.10%	6.56%
5	No Opinion	35	10.36%	9.56%
	Total	338	100.00%	92.35%

Q25 (b) - The Town of Garfield should implement **Larger minimum lot sizes**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	79	23.94%	21.58%
2	Agree	110	33.33%	30.05%
3	Disagree	63	19.09%	17.21%
4	Strongly Disagree	28	8.48%	7.65%
5	No Opinion	50	15.15%	13.66%
	Total	330	100.00%	90.16%

Q25 (c) - The Town of Garfield should implement **Smaller minimum lot sizes**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	17	5.30%	4.64%
2	Agree	38	11.84%	10.38%
3	Disagree	123	38.32%	33.61%
4	Strongly Disagree	83	25.86%	22.68%
5	No Opinion	60	18.69%	16.39%
	Total	321	100.00%	87.70%

Q25 (d) - The Town of Garfield should implement **Shoreline/Lakefront protection**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	134	39.30%	36.61%
2	Agree	144	42.23%	39.34%
3	Disagree	30	8.80%	8.20%
4	Strongly Disagree	12	3.52%	3.28%
5	No Opinion	21	6.16%	5.74%
	Total	341	100.00%	93.17%

Q25 (e) - The Town of Garfield should implement **Habitat protection**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	134	39.18%	36.61%
2	Agree	159	46.49%	43.44%
3	Disagree	16	4.68%	4.37%
4	Strongly Disagree	13	3.80%	3.55%
5	No Opinion	20	5.85%	5.46%
	Total	342	100.00%	93.44%

Q25 (f) - The Town of Garfield should implement **Mandated open space**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	97	29.31%	26.50%
2	Agree	131	39.58%	35.79%
3	Disagree	40	12.08%	10.93%
4	Strongly Disagree	17	5.14%	4.64%
5	No Opinion	46	13.90%	12.57%
	Total	331	100.00%	90.44%

Q25 (g) - The Town of Garfield should implement **Groundwater protection**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	172	50.00%	46.99%
2	Agree	142	41.28%	38.80%
3	Disagree	11	3.20%	3.01%
4	Strongly Disagree	5	1.45%	1.37%
5	No Opinion	14	4.07%	3.83%
	Total	344	100.00%	93.99%

Q25 (h) - Other

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	7	24.14%	1.91%
2	Agree	3	10.34%	0.82%
3	Disagree	0	0.00%	0.00%
4	Strongly Disagree	2	6.90%	0.55%
5	No Opinion	17	58.62%	4.64%
	Total	29	100.00%	7.92%

Individual Responses

min. lot size 3 ac
 Clusters surrounded by undeveloped land, common well + septic
 Cluster Devel
 Better Boat Landings
 Wetlands
 planned high density housing

Q26 - Which of the following options best describes your ideas on the optimal size of parcels/lots for new residential development?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Single family scattered on 35+ acre lots	31	9.90%	8.47%
2	Single family scattered on 5+ acre lots	102	32.59%	27.87%
3	Single family on 1-5 acre lots	113	36.10%	30.87%
4	Cluster type development	36	11.50%	9.84%
5	Smaller lots served by community sewer/septic and water systems	31	9.90%	8.47%
	Total	313	100.00%	85.52%

Q27 - Do you use the recycling center located at the Town Hall?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Responses
1	Yes	103	29.51%	28.14%
2	No	246	70.49%	67.21%
	Total	349	100.00%	95.36%

If you answered No, please tell us why

Unaware we had one
 Haven't heard of it until now
 Wasn't aware of it, but too far out of our way anyhow
 have garbage pick-up
 We take it to our residence
 I don't live there
 Use Polk Co. Center on Hwy 8
 Was not aware of it. Am now!
 We recycle elsewhere
 We have a recycling bin provided by waste management

We have Waste Mtg weekly + they pickup re-cycling weekly
 don't live here
 I carry my re-cycling & trash to my home in St. Paul
 Not convient

Use location on Highway 8, unsure as to when Garfield recycling is available
 The only game in Town
 {??} Polk Cty

we put our recyclables in bin to be picked up with trash or take to one on Hwy 8
 Didn't know there was one
 I didn't know about it (hours)

Use the one on Hwy 8 - closer to home
Use the one on Hwy 8 - closer to home
Not convient
Garbage hauler provides
use Polk county recycling center
Too distant for my volume
Not convenient
Didn't know it was there
We use Waste Management + Recycling
I use Polk County Closer
Didn't know
We use watermans
Unaware of its location
didn't know it was available!
We didn't know it existed
RTN Recycling to my home in MINN
You recycle at one site - not us - doesn't work
handled by local garbage pick-up
?
didn't know it was there
Do not live in the area
use county recycling + was not aware of facility
Didn't know about it
To get rid of cans and papers
Not a resident full time
I don't know why it is?
recycling is done through are garbage hauler
recycling is included in our garbage pickup
I recycle at St. Croix Falls
Have recycle pickup w/garbage
Recycle thru waste management or go to county ctr., Hwy 8
Unaware
Don't live there
use recycling w/garbage pickup
not sure when it is there
Unaware of its location
Didn't know there was one
We do not live in Garfield
they don't take everything use waste mgm.
Limited time in area
Don't live there
out of way of day to day life travels
did not know of it
Take my recycled items to the cities
Too far use St. Croix Polk County
I take recycling to home
(we) I don't live in the area.
Wasn't aware of it
did not know available
Too much of bother for the scheduled time

we go to recycling center on 8
 To inconvenient to use
 Did know it was there
 Did not know!
 use the one on hwy 8 as we grocery shop at marketplace + menards.
 didn't know it was there
 Osceola is closer + use it
 Not aware - not pickup
 Live out of area
 use the one on Highway 8

 Didn't know it exists; we store recycles and haul them out of town regularly
 I use the polk county center on 8
 Creation?
 Use Amery, closer

 I'm not up there enough to recycle so I take my stuff home + recycle
 inconvenient
 Did not know it was there
 Convenient place to get rid of recyclables
 Hy 8 is more convenient + we use that
 waste management picks ours up
 Don't know where that is.
 inconvenient
 we go to st. croix falls
 also use one on no 8
 it gets picked up by waste management
 Take items home to recycle
 Waterman picks up
 Have waste mgmt pickup for garbage + recycling
 Didn't know it was there
 Owner of undeveloped land will use it when home is built
 no good
 Not convenient, we recycle aluminum on our own
 Waste Management Pickup + Recycle
 we use the St. Croix one
 pick up a house-
 we use garbage collection recycling
 Take recycles home to Stwtr
 did not know about it until this year
 we do not live there as of now!! Will use it when we live there.
 didn't know there was one there
 Weekend visitor + find it more convenient to take recycle materials home.
 Didn't know it was there!
 Didn't know there was one
 don't live there
 All materials are taken to primary residence for recycling
 Too inconvenient
 my garbage hauler picks it up
 usually full
 Don't know about it
 Time

Did not know it exists
 Didn't realize that there was one. Hours? - what can you recycle there-
 use county center in st. croix falls
 No, could never remember dates it was open - I take to St. Croix Falls, I should
 try to remember it is open now.
 Didn't know it was there.
 We use our cabin approx. 75 days a yr. It's not our primary residence
 I take re-cycling to my primary residence
 save our own cans
 Recycle at my primary home
 unaware
 Unaware of its existence
 Use Polk Co. recycle center on HiWay 8.
 go to Hy 8.
 Find those who monitor it to be too invasive and opinionated
 didn't know we had one
 inconvenient hours for working people - confusion as to weekend hours
 Didn't know about it
 use Wash. Co in MN
 I haul my recyclables back to primary home
 Take home - to far for weekends only use
 take home
 use county facility on hwy. 8
 Time restraints
 Use to. Go to amery now
 Didn't know about it
 Not aware of it
 Garbage pick up takes care of it
 Didn't know there was one
 Hire a private hauler
 Lack of information on location + hours
 Waterman sanitation takes it all or most
 Didn't know there was one.
 inconvenient
 I tried a couple times it was gone so I never went back + recycle other ways
 use the facility on Hwy. 8
 No need,
 Did not know it was there.
 I don't have pick up svcs.
 I travel to Hwy 8 on a Regular Basis + Drop my Recycling at the Recycling Center
 ? Is there one ?
 not, living there
 use one at Wapo Valley
 Wasn't open when we used to go (wayback) when it was supposed to be
 we recycle at Polk County Recyling center
 Some Times
 Non Resident
 We use the county center on Hwy 8
 Trash Hauler Picks up

Did not know about it!
No There Enough
Pickup at residence.
I have to bring home over half of what I arrive with!
Waste Mgmt Picks up
Unsure of hours of operation (Hwy 8 easier)
Not convenient for time
Inconvenient times
TAKE WITH TO PRIMARY HOME IN MPLS
didn't know about it
use Polk Cty
Did not know there was one
Did not know there was one - we use the one on Hwy 8.
we are too lazy to separate
was not aware of it
Polk County Recycle
We have community Recycling at our Residence
It's never very convenient
hours are inconvenient
We don't use it because it is not available everyday. We drive over to the county
recycle on highway 8 - once a month
we used to, but now our garbage pickup W.M. service takes recycling, other
things we bring up to the center on Hwy 8
not convenient
we don't live there
I used to until about 2 yrs ago Waste Management now collects my recycling.
I don't know location or existence
Too far to travel
Didn't know it was there
others
We use the one on Hwy 8
Live in different county
we did not know it was there.
use St. Croix recyclin
Waste mgmn't picks up our recycling
I use the one in Amery, Wis.
Waste management picks it up
I use the one on Hwy 8
Didn't know there was one
It would be nice if we could leave used oil in plastic jugs for recycling.
use out of town facility generally
Waste Mgmt picks up our recycling
Recycle at our perm. Residence
we go eles where to recycle
Didn't know about it
use Lincoln
We take all trash & recycles bact to the Twin Cities
Wasn't aware of it
we take our recycling to our primary res. For disposal

I was not aware of it and it's availability.
 I take my recycling back to the Twin Cities when I leave
 Waste Management recycling
 did not know about it
 don't remember to go
 I use the one on Hwy 8 I go past it more often
 Inconvenience
 Didn't know we had one
 Not convient
 Waste management takes care of it.

Q28 (a) - Within the next 20 years, the Town of Garfield will need to build or expand the **Town Hall**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	28	8.54%	7.65%
2	Agree	111	33.84%	30.33%
3	Disagree	94	28.66%	25.68%
4	Strongly Disagree	20	6.10%	5.46%
5	No Opinion	75	22.87%	20.49%
	Total	328	100.00%	89.62%

Q28 (b) - Within the next 20 years, the Town of Garfield will need to build **EMS/Fire Hall**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	48	14.59%	13.11%
2	Agree	111	33.74%	30.33%
3	Disagree	78	23.71%	21.31%
4	Strongly Disagree	18	5.47%	4.92%
5	No Opinion	74	22.49%	20.22%
	Total	329	100.00%	89.89%

Q28 (c) - Within the next 20 years, the Town of Garfield will need to build or expand the **Disabled and Elderly Transportation**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	35	10.74%	9.56%
2	Agree	127	38.96%	34.70%
3	Disagree	64	19.63%	17.49%
4	Strongly Disagree	16	4.91%	4.37%
5	No Opinion	84	25.77%	22.95%
	Total	326	100.00%	89.07%

Q28 (d) - Within the next 20 years, the Town of Garfield will need to build or expand the **Recycling Center**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	33	9.97%	9.02%
2	Agree	125	37.76%	34.15%
3	Disagree	73	22.05%	19.95%
4	Strongly Disagree	21	6.34%	5.74%
5	No Opinion	79	23.87%	21.58%
	Total	331	100.00%	90.44%

Q28 (e) - Within the next 20 years, the Town of Garfield will need to build or expand **Parks/Open Space**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	52	15.57%	14.21%
2	Agree	131	39.22%	35.79%
3	Disagree	76	22.75%	20.77%
4	Strongly Disagree	22	6.59%	6.01%
5	No Opinion	53	15.87%	14.48%
	Total	334	100.00%	91.26%

Q28 (f) - Within the next 20 years, the Town of Garfield will need to build or expand the **Town Shop**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	28	8.51%	7.65%
2	Agree	98	29.79%	26.78%
3	Disagree	75	22.80%	20.49%
4	Strongly Disagree	19	5.78%	5.19%
5	No Opinion	109	33.13%	29.78%
	Total	329	100.00%	89.89%

Q28 (g) - Other

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	1	2.27%	0.27%
2	Agree	3	6.82%	0.82%
3	Disagree	6	13.64%	1.64%
4	Strongly Disagree	1	2.27%	0.27%
5	No Opinion	33	75.00%	9.02%
	Total	44	100.00%	12.02%

Individual Responses

Boat Landings
ATV TRAILS

Q29 (a) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **Park Areas**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	49	14.80%	13.39%
2	Agree	181	54.68%	49.45%
3	Disagree	39	11.78%	10.66%
4	Strongly Disagree	5	1.51%	1.37%
5	No Opinion	57	17.22%	15.57%
	Total	331	100.00%	90.44%

Q29 (b) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **Bike Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	20	6.10%	5.46%
2	Agree	101	30.79%	27.60%
3	Disagree	90	27.44%	24.59%
4	Strongly Disagree	22	6.71%	6.01%
5	No Opinion	95	28.96%	25.96%
	Total	328	100.00%	89.62%

Q29 (c) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **Walking/Hiking Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	23	6.99%	6.28%
2	Agree	111	33.74%	30.33%
3	Disagree	84	25.53%	22.95%
4	Strongly Disagree	21	6.38%	5.74%
5	No Opinion	90	27.36%	24.59%
	Total	329	100.00%	89.89%

Q29 (d) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **Baseball/Softball Fields**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	31	9.42%	8.47%
2	Agree	170	51.67%	46.45%
3	Disagree	16	4.86%	4.37%
4	Strongly Disagree	5	1.52%	1.37%
5	No Opinion	107	32.52%	29.23%
	Total	329	100.00%	89.89%

Q29 (e) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **Golf Courses**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	26	8.13%	7.10%
2	Agree	80	25.00%	21.86%
3	Disagree	51	15.94%	13.93%
4	Strongly Disagree	15	4.69%	4.10%
5	No Opinion	148	46.25%	40.44%
	Total	320	100.00%	87.43%

Q29 (f) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **ATV/Motorized Trails**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	34	10.37%	9.29%
2	Agree	79	24.09%	21.58%
3	Disagree	67	20.43%	18.31%
4	Strongly Disagree	48	14.63%	13.11%
5	No Opinion	100	30.49%	27.32%
	Total	328	100.00%	89.62%

Q29 (g) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **Boat Launch/Water Access**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	42	12.57%	11.48%
2	Agree	173	51.80%	47.27%
3	Disagree	41	12.28%	11.20%
4	Strongly Disagree	16	4.79%	4.37%
5	No Opinion	62	18.56%	16.94%
	Total	334	100.00%	91.26%

Q29 (h) - The Town of Garfield provides adequate services and opportunities for **Hunting/Fishing Access**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	33	9.97%	9.02%
2	Agree	159	48.04%	43.44%
3	Disagree	41	12.39%	11.20%
4	Strongly Disagree	15	4.53%	4.10%
5	No Opinion	83	25.08%	22.68%
	Total	331	100.00%	90.44%

Q29 (l) - Other

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	2	3.64%	0.55%
2	Agree	8	14.55%	2.19%
3	Disagree	1	1.82%	0.27%
4	Strongly Disagree	2	3.64%	0.55%
5	No Opinion	42	76.36%	11.48%
	Total	55	100.00%	15.03%

Individual Responses

Horseback riding trails

Q30 (a) - The Town of Garfield has a good working relationship with the **Osceola School District**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	15	4.57%	4.10%
2	Agree	70	21.34%	19.13%
3	Disagree	4	1.22%	1.09%
4	Strongly Disagree	1	0.30%	0.27%
5	No Opinion	238	72.56%	65.03%
	Total	328	100.00%	89.62%

Q30 (b) - The Town of Garfield has a good working relationship with the **Amery School District**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	16	4.88%	4.37%
2	Agree	94	28.66%	25.68%
3	Disagree	6	1.83%	1.64%
4	Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	No Opinion	212	64.63%	57.92%
	Total	328	100.00%	89.62%

Q30 (c) - The Town of Garfield has a good working relationship with the **St. Croix Falls School District**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	16	4.89%	4.37%
2	Agree	66	20.18%	18.03%
3	Disagree	4	1.22%	1.09%
4	Strongly Disagree	1	0.31%	0.27%
5	No Opinion	240	73.39%	65.57%
	Total	327	100.00%	89.34%

Q30 (d) - The Town of Garfield has a good working relationship with **Polk County**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	18	5.50%	4.92%
2	Agree	102	31.19%	27.87%
3	Disagree	8	2.45%	2.19%
4	Strongly Disagree	1	0.31%	0.27%
5	No Opinion	198	60.55%	54.10%
	Total	327	100.00%	89.34%

Q30 (e) - The Town of Garfield has a good working relationship with **Neighboring Communities**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	14	4.27%	3.83%
2	Agree	98	29.88%	26.78%
3	Disagree	8	2.44%	2.19%
4	Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%	0.00%
5	No Opinion	208	63.41%	56.83%
	Total	328	89.62%	89.62%

Q30 (f) - The Town of Garfield has a good working relationship with **Wisconsin DNR**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	13	3.99%	3.55%
2	Agree	91	27.91%	24.86%
3	Disagree	4	1.23%	1.09%
4	Strongly Disagree	2	0.61%	0.55%
5	No Opinion	216	66.26%	59.02%
	Total	326	100.00%	89.07%

Q30 (g) - The Town of Garfield has a good working relationship with **Wisconsin DOT**

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	10	3.14%	2.73%
2	Agree	81	25.47%	22.13%
3	Disagree	6	1.89%	1.64%
4	Strongly Disagree	3	0.94%	0.82%
5	No Opinion	218	68.55%	59.56%
	Total	318	100.00%	86.89%

Q31 - Do you feel that public information regarding Town meetings, events, or activities is adequately available to residents?

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Strongly Agree	12	3.48%	3.28%
2	Agree	132	38.26%	36.07%
3	Disagree	118	34.20%	32.24%
4	Strongly Disagree	35	10.14%	9.56%
5	No opinion	48	13.91%	13.11%
	Total	345	100.00%	94.26%

Q32 - Please check the methods of communication you would like to see used more:

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Website	135	27.05%	36.89%
2	Newspaper notices/featured articles	112	22.44%	30.60%
3	Newsletters	182	36.47%	49.73%
4	Posting of Town meeting notices or agendas	55	11.02%	15.03%
5	Other	15	3.01%	4.10%
	Total	499	100.00%	136.34%

Individual Responses

Internet	Mailed
Email!! People could sign up @ web site	Mail out montly or email
None	or email
email	Email
yellow paper	email
Mail - notice	E-mail mailing list to residents who request
Radio	E-mail notification
email	e-mail
phone messages	more useful into provided at elections (distribute to voters)
email	mail
email	mail
Email Newsletters	email distribution of mtg minutes
Email	

Q33 - The Town of Garfield should consider these ways of financing future Town needs for public facilities, parks, utilities, and roads.

Code	Response	Frequency	Percent of Frequency	Percent of Total Surveys
1	Tax increases	19	2.78%	5.19%
2	State and Federal Grants	241	35.29%	65.85%
3	Citizens Groups	53	7.76%	14.48%
4	New Development Impact Fees	173	25.33%	47.27%
5	User fees	141	20.64%	38.52%
6	Loans/Borrowing/Bonding	48	7.03%	13.11%
7	Other	8	1.17%	2.19%
	Total	683	100.00%	186.61%

Additional Responses

None
 budget prioritizing annually

The last questions of the surveys included open ended questions. Along with these additional comments, there were also questions and comments referenced to specific questions. These comments have not been edited and are in numerical order of the survey. The responses are organized by question. Some comments were directed to the entire question, others were towards specific answers. Those directed towards specific answers are labeled accordingly. Anything phrased inside brace characters { } are my own personal comments. This was usually used when there were words that were illegible to read.

(Other)

- {Written on the envelope} wasted more money on this survey!

Q1

- We will on Aug 15th when our new home is built
- summer resident = 6 months
- seasonal
- we have a cabin
- cabin, not permanent
- summer months
- Did until Sep. 06
- 6 mos. A year
- (a) summer

Q2

- our house is in Lincoln TWP - this land adjoint the land in Lincoln township
- We own a 10 unit mini storage in Wanderoos
- pole barn
- Rental
- one out building
- Rental Storage

Q3

- we live in St. Paul, MN + have no opinion on this
- 78 years

Q4

- N/A

Q5

- How about? F. Let it progress of its own colition. Why must we always interfere with

- everything, particularly before we know what problems might arise?
- Enforce guide lines Roads + Driveway
 - **(a)** especially commercial
 - **(b)** control developers
 - **(b)** yes
 - **(b)** plan to keep more open spaces + less housing developments
 - **(c)** keep taxes down

Q6

- could keepdown dog barking
- (taxes)

Q7

- Do not cut down trees for roads.
- If taxes stay this high, you're going to need more property owners to keep the "ca-ching/ca-ching" rolling.
- quit cutting down trees
- If you own a lot of land you should be able to sell.
- That's why people move here!
- **(b)** This is one reason why we live in this area

Q8

- you cannot tell a farmer he can no longer farm - outrageous!
- yes how about old barns that are still standing - might need paint small repairs
- only if it means no tax increase.
- need more info

Q9

- Not Large Farms
- See Addt'l Comments
- That's why people come here
- thought it was a state law we already have

Q10

- But allow some development
- This question is very vague & subjective. What type of development?
- Development should be allowed; minimum acreage 1 lot size/{??} waterfront footage established; common areas/undeveloped/park required for multiple housing develop
- **(other)** keep your fingers out of it

Q11

- As long as they keep the manure spreading smell to a min
- if needed they will be built
- None of the above
- I don't think we need more of any of the above
- {referring to "needs"} ? Again, vague
- **(a)** like the way it is
- **(c)** on Foundation

Q12

- Depends on who is making the decisions
- Build what you need, but don't build it to build it.
- only if self funded -
- can you stop people using plastic siding?! ...I don't think so...
- planning commission
- To a certain point
- 15 acres or more perhaps
- Based on input from residents
- who's to enforce them if broken, a fined slap on the hand
- yes, some restrictions, but don't go overboard!

Q13

- if possible, without inc{??} Cost?
- only serving developments
- maybe use composting toilets and drain gray water on surface.
- I don't know anything about shared sewer systems
- How would you do this?
- when feasible
- We're on city sewer currently
- when it makes sense

Q14

- 120th ave from Y going east
- done terribly
- Now!
- Depends on which roads-some are bad
- co Y
- Lone Pine Lane
- depends on where you live
- very poor
- **(b)** especially speed limits + signage
- **(b,c)** btwn

- (c) (Hwy 65)

Q15

- Better than before
- very poor
- should not clear all ditches + roadways. The rustic look is what we love!
- (c) Resurfacing is great - Patchwork needs improvement

Q16

- !!!
- this past yr sucked
- you wait until it melts
- although not always at this residence during winter
- Too slow after big snowfall
- seasonal
- (c) could be done sooner
- (d) 93rd Ave
- (d) !!
- (d) or worse
- (e) summer resident
- (e) Not here in winter

Q17

- Too many regulations-let people be people
- as long as not too restrictive (basic ones)
- How many people would be killed on town roads while riding ATV's + snowmobiles?
- ATV's have a right on land with permission and some definite value. Should be permitted limited access for transfer from tract to tract. ATV's have a correctible defect, they have unnecessarily deep line lugs with dig and destroy the terrain.
- licence only
- designated routes
- In the ditches or alone edge only
- Would much Rather Ride a trail (the Proposed Abandon RR Bed)
- (d) Very

Q18

- let the state take this on
- develop what we have already
- consider demand
- I see a reason for snowmobiles + ATVs for farm use, to check animals + property, but ATVs just chew up peoples land + the environment.
- leave as is
- county should do those!

- each pay their own way.
- {referring to the strongly disagree column} Very
- (a) No motors
- (a) there are plenty of these trail around that are not Being used Because people will not travel to use them (the walk or Bike near there home)

Q19

- get bars on then w/ no police protection
- depends
- in Wanderoos
- What kind?
- depends on the business + location
- See Comments
- Depends on what type

Q20

- Maybe {referring to gas station in wanderoos }
- although it if was located in Wanderoos & prices were competitive with Amery or St. Croix
- would be nice - need to have competitive prices.

Q21

- Maybe {referring to gas station in wanderoos }
- light a match to it all!
- Ha Ha
- Don't know what this is
- Why only Wanderoos?
- why aren't more people building in town rather than multiple housing developments on our farmlands? And then they pass petitions to stop the spreading of manure on farms. does this make sense?
- Old Barn's Too
- a grocery store would be great!
- Well, maybe put a convenience/gas station in Wanderoos
- It depends on what you mean by this. A coffee house or restaurant or a ma + pa grocery store or bakery would be great but not encouraging industry or more housing developments.
- How about Ubet - what! Why would you waste money on Wanderoos?
- (d) Very

Q22

- The two need to work together
- None of the above

- Don't need but would be O.K.
- how about encouraging organic farming?
- don't know?
- (c) ?
- (c) within 48 hours of major snowfall
- (d) EXTREMELY POOR
- (f) available to most already!
- (f) we have
- (f) HAS
- (g) If non-motorized based, e.g. silent sports.
- as long as it is managed
- (g) low impact tourism

Q23

- The two need to work together
- Too many rules
- without any written information, how do we know what's going on?
- inforce what is in place
- Don't know
- We are not well informed to answer these questions
- (b) except the 2 driveways per 40 rule
- (c) !!
- (d) /no experience
- (d) IM uniformed on Local News
- (d) Current regs unknown

Q24

- We are not well informed to answer these questions
- they are sticking their noses where they don't belong
- Fore sure!!
- poor
- Don't know
- they need to be in sinc with the Towns
- I think there is favoratism to those with lots of money
- (a) same as above
- (c) Sometimes they try to up the min acreage which i am against. It should remain a 1 ac min
- (c) worse than Garfield!
- (d) /no experience
- (d) IM uniformed on Local News

Q25

- what is current min. lot size?
- How much more regulation is needed? Any more + wont be able to use lakes.
- leave as is
- No water pumping from lake
- Avoid regulations where existing county regulations are adequate
- follow county guidelines?
- **(b)** unless a subdivision
- **(c)** 1 ac min is perfect
- **(d)** already have thru Polk co.
- **(d)** county already covers it
- **(d,e)** Not sure what "protection" means in this context
- **(f)** ?
- **(g)** Dnr's issue

Q26

- Doesn't matter
- F). Single Family Home on 3-5 acre lost minimum
- X Single family on a 35 acre lot.
- f. most of these should be allowed depending on developer concept
- Poorly written Ranking better
- No comment Too many houses standing empty in Towns etc.
- *single family 2-3 acre lots
- no opinion
- with some of c-d-e also
- no opinion
- **(a,b,c)** A person should be able to build on whatever size they choose
- **(a,e)** both
- **(b,d)** I think both are compatible
- **(c)** 3 acre
- **(c)** 1st Choice
- **(d)** and common sewer, water, septic
- **(d)** and {arrow pointing to answer e
- **(d)** No way
- **(e)** optional to developer but not mandatory
- **(e)** 2nd Choice

Q27

- occasionally

Q28

- don't know
- **(a)** Just paint,finish floors,spruce up

- **(a,b,c)** not sure what we have at this point
- **(a)** expand for bathroom
- **(b)** Great Service! Coordinate share w/ other towns/Amery
- **(b)** OK as is.
- **(b)** don't know enough
- **(b)** Done
- **(c)** what business is this of Garfield with out federal aid?
- **(d)** if we have this - why expand
- **(d)** See # 27
- **(d)** use Highway 8
- **(e)** Isn't the current fiasco @ Garfield Park on Wapo enough park debt for our Township? It looks like a constant tax drain for residents and a place for hoodlums to hang out after midnight - in a well lit area. Future problems will arise there - remember this! Kids are already hanging out there @ 10-11-12:50 pm before it's even "open"
- **(e)** maintain what we have
- **(e)** Great today can't see far enough far enough for 20 years
- **(e)** we have enough parks
- **(e)** not developed
- **(f)** ?
- **(f)** don't know enough about the situation

Q29

- enough
- leave as is
- Don't know
- Don't know enough
- don't know
- **(a)** we have enough
- **(d)** we have a great one!
- **(e)** Amery
- **(e)** don't care about golf
- **(e)** don't need
- **(e,f)** no need
- **(g)** I disagree on the fee
- **(h)** could be better
- **(h)** ?

Q30

- no idea
- All require too much tax money from property owners
- don't know
- don't know

- I don't know enough about it to form opinion
- Dresser {referring to neighboring communities}
- unknown
- Really don't know
- don't know
- I don't know
- Don't know
- Don't know enough
- No idea
- no experience
- ?
- don't know - communication is always a good thing
- Don't really know
- don't know enough to have an opinion
- I don't know anything about this
- Don't know
- (a) ?
- (c) ?
- (f) getting fined by DNR for cutting trees on a park that DNR financed doesn't show a good relationship - does it? Same situation w/ wanting a gated boat landing. Someone didn't do their homework!

Q31

- I have no idea when/where anything is or how to find out
- + non-residents
- could be better communication
- website
- ?
- where is it posted?

Q32

- ?
- All
- (a) nothing on the current one
- (b) w/ agenda
- (c) to all landowners if affordable
- (d) in 3 places
- (d) should use R.E. tax increases instead of impact fees for town projects, use impact fee on new development for their infrastructure

Q33

- none of the above
- Budget our money better

- no opinion
- Why does the town need additional facilities? Keep up the roads and keep government small. If a business person wants to start some type of business, good. Low taxes are the best way to promote business growth.
- (a) NO!
- (a) Please no taxes!!!
- (a) for very good reasons only
- (a) No More Tax!
- (a) NO!
- (a) High already
- (d) no awful get rid of it!
- (d) highly
- (d) already in place
- (e) on everything
- (e) ? need more info
- (e) parks
- (f) if needed
- (g) As more residents come you will have more tax \$ automatically

In your opinion, what is the greatest strength of the Town of Garfield?

- Good fire and EMS protection and good road care
- Quiet old time, rural life, it encourages wildlife propagation
- Open Spaces
- Being a quiet rural area with easy access to the cities
- Good people
- Very nice neighbors
- Rural character
- It's rural character
- peaceful, rural flavor
- We like the ruralness of Garfield and yet not too far from several towns for shopping, etc.
- Its rural character
- Rural - open space privacy
- Taxes paid by lake residents
- new town leadership
- It's a pretty little corner of the world
- ?
- Rural living - quiet living
- ?
- peaceful and small great place to live
- Some beautiful lakes and great farmland. Some that is poor can just as well be housing developments. Near to good shopping.
- We have few rules and regulations which makes us responsible for our own decisions
- the people
- Quiet community
- Rural settings
- nice people - good Town Chair
- The open feeling - lots of undeveloped land
- Rural character
- Parks
- It's a rural area away from the rat race
- Beautiful rural area - friendly & honest!

- Rural atmosphere
- Small town, rural setting
- Rural setting
- It is a complete escape from the Twin Cities and only 50 miles away
- rural setting
- rural community
- rural character
- Rural living, farming, hunting
- quiet, country
- Original twp. Charter
- Rural
- Its rural setting and natural beauty
- No opinion
- open space
- Its people that keep it the way it is
- rural sense of community
- Its rural character
- Its ruralness
- It's small rural character, which is being lost
- rural atmosphere
- None
- Open feeling and quiet
- adequate living space-farms-clean
- Rural, quiet, natural setting
- small rural community
- Small town/community feel
- local geology
- A community of citizens that reflect the rural values that make us who we are & want to be.
- The people who reside in the Township
- Rural area + wide open spaces
- The rural quality
- location, location, location - Rural character within an hour of a large metro area. Balanced recreational options - open space
- None.
- rural atmosphere
- rural - peaceful + quiet
- Its ruralness. Not so crowded
- The lower tax area, compared to the county
- rural character, volunteers, Fire dept
- Township personel. Helpful, pleasant
- rural character
- rural
- rural nature
- WE ARE!
- Lack of oppresive regulation
- It's rural settings
- the leadership (Ed G.) seems very interested in the township + the environment. We have beautiful land w/ wonderful opportunities for planned, careful growth. It's a gem in a field of ugly parking lots + consumerism
- small rural character with a mixture of tourism/vacation property
- tourism
- The feel of a rural environment but has the things around or in it that can be accessed with fairly short drives.
- My working hours hinder much involvement am reg voter but unaware of developments and future plans of offices in control. I just don't like breakup of land for houses+ not much can do about it. Just pray for common sense but not greed to rule

- It's invisible (sarcastic) but true
- rural nature
- Progressive with adequate management & maintenance
- nice place to live, {??}, fish, walk
- Better control of development less manufactured homes enforce cleanup of junk & garbage on properties
- Friendly neighbors who care
- Lakes and Lake residential to support tax base
- wide open spaces
- Residents Real Estate
- Freedom to do what we want to do with no/limited government interference/regulation.
- resources
- The diversity of its residents and the need to protect everyone's right to representation.
- Lots of land suitable for home building not being used.
- It's rural character
- The people
- rural character
- The rural feel, DD Kennedy Park the cross country, hiking trail
- The farming community lifestyle, Hwy. 8 Being easily accessible
- The great lakes & open space.
- Maintain good roads. That is where our local tax dollars should go. Lots of open space.
Country living at its best. All lakeshore is residential except T.J. Mobile Home Park, Hanson's condos and Patters Trailer Park. We don't need anymore commercial.
- don't know
- Rural nature close to more urban areas
- Lovely rural scenic area
- We love the rural feel, and are saddened at the clearing along many roads. Leave some rustic even tho they don't have an official designation
- The absence of trailer parks - multiple housing developments - condos etc
- No comment
- Rural - not over built
- Its rural appeal
- 1) Natural Resources 2) Mixed use of residential/agricultural land 3) Access to Amery + Twin cities markets 4) Low crime
- It's rural character & forward planning
- Farmers
- The rural feeling it still has. Close proximity to larger population areas
- Rural setting, with wood + lakes
- a Township that has not over regulated everything and has kept taxes down
- New people on the Board who ask questions
- Rural environment
- It is not high crime area
- Consideration for the need to plan for growth Beauty of land + lakes - attract tourists
Proximity to Twin Cities to attract tourists. The great softball park in Wanderoos - new park hopefully
- nice quiet living
- X
- No opinion!
- DOG is best outfit going in Town of Garfield. The Town Park on L. Wapogasset.
- to be able to start your business and building it out from home (at home).
- The rural nature of the area - Emphasis should be on environment including wildlife and land
- location
- It's people!
- Natural Resources
- Proximity to Twin Cities

-???

- Lakes, Streams, Wildlife, Minimal Restrictions
- Rural living
- Its people
- Rural/location
- Beauty, farmland and natural resources
- Small town
- Rural atmosphere - pristine woods, open lands, free from "big city" distractions
- It's a small community
- open space, clean, nice lakes
- Natural Resources
- the people rural character - agriculture-crops and animals - open spaces plus wooded areas - not much development areas as yet
- Rural character, family farms, reasonably intact areas of natural vegetation and waters, not compelled to move towards increasing urbanization/suburbanization like areas which contain major villages. Low population density
- rural character
- ?
- The great opportunity to do outdoor activities, fishing, hunting, cross country skiing etc
- Rural living.
- WANDEROOS BALL PARK
- Its people and Traditions and going a smaller straight direction towards change's because all change's are not for best
- Small Friendly
- It is a Beautiful Area Alive with Nature - Refer to Question #5 & my selected option b
- It's rural Living
- The willingness to use new approaches e.g. user fee for new park boat launch, DNR state grants to build parks
- No opinion
- The Rural Setting
- That it's still relatively rural despite recent development
- Peace + quiet
- A nice rural setting and hope it stays that way.
- Finally a board without "blindness" to the needs of the Town - to benefit our future citizens.
- It's Quiet
- The smallness and quaintness
- Great community - country living
- Small town atmosphere.
- Landscape, ag land, working farms
- ?
- Rural Character
- Remaining a rural community.
- Nice parks + recreational areas.
- good location to metro areas friendly environment
- The rural setting-
- Nice Rural Atmosphere
- The quiet rural nature - water, woods, + farmland mix of wetland areas that promote wildlife and this was always an affordable place to live - but cannot manage taxes any higher than they are now
- The greatest strength of the Town of Garfield is the quiet, rural nature of the area. We love the wildlife and almost wilderness areas. We love hiking + biking + canoeing. We would like to see preservation of the marshes + wetlands that host a wide variety birds + other animals. This is an important part of the character of this area.
- Beautiful, rural area. Farmland, trees, lakes + rivers. Not every town needs to be developed.

- The open quiet space, let's keep it that way!
- Rural based economy does not fluctuate with the larger metro economy. We should be sound financially.
- Permanent citizens
- No comment
- Farming
- I think the greatest strength is its rural setting. Driving by fields of corn and other crops is very soothing.
- The mix of varied assets; e.g. agricultural + water properties
- Good place to live
- Building new park
- rural, lakes, woods
- The loyalty, pride, and community cohesiveness of its people, the employees, and its businesses.
- Its open farmland. At the rate of growth the ubet flats will be gone.
- living in farming comunittee
- Diversity + Rural character
- None
- natural resources - Rural character w/modest recreation
- committed people willing to work together to achieve long-range benefits
- Housing isn't right on top of each other. This is a nice area. Lets try not to populate it too much.
- the nature that can be seen
- Nice population and housing - not too many crowded "housing developments"
- Rural beauty.
- The lakes & the people
- Its rural character and wild lands, with all the natural beauty, quiet, and clean air that provides.
- Rural setting
- Small community
- Rural charcter

In your opinion, what aspect of the Town of Garfield needs improvement?

- Better snow removal and road care in winter
- Too much tree cutting along town roads
- None - why monkey with something that is working just fine
- Road maintenance, especially snow removal
- Communication with residents, roadways
- don't know well enough to comment
- To work for the tax payers!
- Your planning committee needs to meet the same nite as the town baard, it would be less trips to ok surveys
- Roads "Cty Rd Y" & 65
- No opinion its tough serving everyone wants everything
- cell phone access - lower taxes
- We live just off highway 65 and over the years we've had a lot of people stop who needed directions or had run out of gas. A convenience store/gas station in the wanderoos area would be a good thing
- Strict guidelnes on growth
- Roads - snow removal
- Nepotism, ineptitude in township governance clerk, treasurer. Decrease in taxes paid by lake residents
- ?
- yards with too much junk or falling down houses
- Hwy 65! County roads need improving
- Some of the roads aren't very good + it takes forever to complete work begin - 2 years at times + more
- no comment

- quicker snow removal
- roads, roads, + roads - new street signs
- Involvement of residents
- Quality dining - you need to somehow "encourage" or "assist" with replacement of bar/restaurant that was destroyed on Lake Wapogasset.
- ATV/snowmobile/horse riding trails
- Roads
- taxes are to high
- Better communication with new residents
- No opinion
- As a weekend visitor, I am completely unaware of the location, size, and amenities of Town of Garfield.
Talk about low profile! You guys sure have that.
- Commercial development, trash dumped in ditches
- Taxation on Lakeshore property is an OUTRAGE
- Big Lake Road - paving New Plower - who know what there doing!
- need website?
- removing trees + brush from ditches and mowing them twice a year
- stop letting ugly houses anyplace they want - certain "developments" are eyesores - keep farms adopt large lot size requirements
- Lower property taxes
- More information availability
- Listening to Family's of middle age Not just who has been here the longest!
- Wanderoos
- Protect if from being over developed
- No opinion
- planning to protect agr
- We need to do a better job of limiting the realtors abilitys to control the region.
- less taxes - road improvement
- Faster plowing during winters cutting of ditches (weeds)
- Housing - urban sprawl only single-family should be allowed
- Good town board persons
- None
- recreation opportunity
- Better control on fireworks - too many one being shot-off by private residence - with no respect for time of night or livestock. Also with no rain-fine should be a major concern.
- No more parks
- High-speed wireless internet
- recreation (atv, parks)
- keep it the way it was There's enough progress within 1 hr. drive around us - simple + less development is more peaceful + calming
- general cleanup - use of tax base
- Try to limit the increasing numbers of new homes and lot sizes. Provide better advantages to existing farms + undeveloped land.
- City services, IE. Snow plowing, road mowing etc.
- Communication with the Township Board of Directors. The board moves too slowly on issues
- Plan for future growth before it "just happens."
- Town board and what its priorities are. (Listen to the residents on what they want done.
- letting housing projects in.
- township roads
- ?
- I want it to stay rural and quiet. More sherriff patrols.
- None at this time-
- need ATV trails (Amery to Dresser); could use a Town Shop with full-time employee to manage plowing and road upkeep, etc.
- keep taxes reasonable
- multi-family housing growth. - would like to see none

- CAREFUL background checking on developers and more close communication w/ residents.
Development needs to serve the community, not developers who chew up the land + run w/ the money!
- Put the trail to use in an environmentally healthy way; skis + bikes
- They need more stores + gas station in the out lying areas
- property taxes need to stop increasing!
- more business in Wanderoos
- Development planning + new roads
- Consider the impact of housing development in area of population {??} with {??} of {??} + {??} + some of {??} is {??} by Polk County + out of Township control
- Identification - where is the town of Garfield? Where is the town hall?
- roads
- The grass mowing in ditches is quality & frequency inadequate (county or township?)
- Truth + honesty for all tax payers
- new Town Chairman Any developer wishing to develop for housing should be taxed at 75% of each lots value plus a fee for development.
- Need commercial development to increase tax revenue. Need communication of what is happening with Town Board. Need Town board to work together, not individually.
- communications Lower taxes!
- Clean up residents facing roads
- Better management
- Building lots under 2 acres should not be allowed. Also, homes should have a minimum of 1200 sq ft.
- Street signage must be the cheapest possible. After about a year, they are nearly illegible. How much can a good on cost. Difficult to direct quests when you can't read the sign. (Check on corner of Nokomis Drive and Co. Rd. K
- we need to have more regulations discouraging large developers coming to Garfield twns.
- Need a restaurant on Lake Wapo. Keep taxes as low as possible.
- Protect our water supply and soil pollution from too many structures. It would be nice to have a restaurant on Wapogasset.
- don't know
- Roads
- keep unsightly mobile home hidden or forbidden
- More regulations on stuff people can accumulate on their property - many old cars + busses, etc.
- Residents should not be allowed to let area around dwelling become trash - dump sites
- No comment
- A bike trail, lower taxes, Town always has the largest in % in taxes, not getting much out of it
- Recreational trail system utilizing the railroad bed for year round access. Also trail system to & from the Lake accesses year round.
- 1) Control growth 2) Transportation under growth demands; road maintenance under high volume, road capacities, speed limits + signage 3) Maintain safe environment; work with Sheriff to heavily patrol new park to avoid late night crime while it is a new attraction.
- Road improvements and Brush clearing
- Better lake and river quality. Regulation on use of agricultural fertilizers
- Taking our tax dollars to fix up boat landings and then charging us to use them. We end up paying twice. Garfield residents should not have to pay to use the boat landing on Wapo
- (Roads you already blacktoped) "Roads" shoulders on ditches clean - brush Newsletter Signs carelessly posted 120th Ave v.s. 120th street Cty Road y
- Urban sprawl
- none
- Wanderoos has decayed - no interest BAR is only place to meet people - no social other than
- small convenience store on Cty. Rd. F more habitat protection
- Lower taxes especially for 2nd residences We are paying prop. Taxes, large ones, for seasonal use, I think we should be able to purchase fishing + hunting licenses or resident fees.
- X
- No more pole buildings + building on back lots!
- a Town Chairman with a conservative head for buisness not someone who has to spend money to

- impress and have the "best" for show
- Need to publish the Town Tax rolls - again.
- Attention to maintenance of roads - both surfacing and winter care Little information is provided to residents regarding meeting minutes and outcomes. Not everyone is able to attend scheduled meetings Work commitments may interfere. It would be appreciated to have newsletter or website info
- support for Amery School expansion
- Roads
- getting taxes lower
- Town Board
- Regulate roadside selling and advertising except seasonal agricultural offerings
- Town facilities ie township, equipment, ATV/snowmobile trails - recreation - open and support the Amery to Dresser trail
- This may not be the answer you are looking for, but I think whoever made out this survey needs to get their head on straight
- Taxes way too high on property, especially on out of state owners
- more cohesive community
- Communication with non-residents who pay the same property taxes but lack the benefits of communication that go to residents. Our dollars entitle us to this.
- roads
- Junk filled ditches, yards, farms
- A better recycling center and once/twice a year clean up day so people can get rid of things so things do not end up in ditches. (tires, appl. And other junk) Set a fee so people can get rid of junk.
- politics people on boards don't listen to the people enough better communications less favoritism, cronyism and nepotism on boards need new road signs and speed limit signs
- Resist pressures for quick profits by builders + real estate sellers, maintain natural areas, farms, open space
- clearing snow down to black top
- property taxes here are outrageous here compared to other towns/townships in the area. They should be lowered!!
- usure at this time
- protect rural living
- Taxes on Lake Property is Ridiculous
- Roads
- WINTER SNOW REMOVAL IS AWFUL!! MEETING NOTICES NEED TO BE PUBLISHED FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS/REMIND CITIZENS OF MEETING DATES & TIMES for the ENTIRE YEAR WHEN TAXES ARE PAID!!
- It needs a fuel and small grocery store a nice eating, beverage, establishment ran properly not a hang out
- Roads
- No opinion. Last summer when I visited my property, I {??} the area & saw several single family homes built in the last 10-15 years that are quite frankly not very attractive. Vehicles & machinery sitting unused or stored for long periods of time. Earth excavated one reason or another left open or unfinished graded or landscaped.
- Roads - we are losing the war with Pot Holes - many street name signs missing for 911 response.
- Garfield needs to see future of the township in living amenities for people who like open space, rural character and quiet. Too much residential use of open space, too much commercial development and looking to short term use of natural resources for {??} motorized use, e.g. ATV use of Minneapolis Street in Wanderoos, is short-sighted.
- No opinion
- The subdivisions look out of place in an agricultural setting. Lot sizes of 1 acre create the potential for contaminated water. The houses in the existing subdivisions typically lack the most basic landscaping of trees and grass.
- Support of area businesses - farming, business, restaurants etc.
- More bike + walking trails Better and safer boat landings
- Better communication about meetings etc.
- More citizen input + less complaining when meetings aren't attended

- Rules needed to get rid of "Junk Yards" (old cars, buses, appliances + other junk) Laying around houses. We are taxed for making improvements to our houses. Why not taxing people who un-improve their property.
- It needs no improvement - I like it the way it is.
- General knowledge of what's available + when or where its available to homeowners - ie. Brochures on parks, public lake access, trails etc recycling & other info
- Open up trails for motorized vehicles to bring more people to visit.
- Communication of Town procedures via internet or website
- Stop sending out surveys - save 2 stamps per survey - send out a tax roll with tax statement. Not all people have a computer to print one out.
- Condition of roads. Open the ATV Trail.
- Vandalizm + theft. Cleaner lakes, more small farms, tourism, Wanderoos - with creative planning + vision
- Snow removal
- Roads - Snow removal - sanding Better tar patching - or redo the road. Mowing
- Road maintenance Better snowplowing person who doesn't rip up my yard.
- ATV usage
- Protect Right to Farm + Restrict Development on Prime Ag Land.
- Mobile homes require 10 acres, single family homes should require at least the same, preferable more acreage.
- Street signs are not kept up - often the taxpayers are not appreciated
- Roads are dangerous, poorly maintained, + speed limits are not enforced.
- We worry wetland - marshes are not being adequately protected We also worry about ground water contamination + the liberal use of herbicides to clean roadsides
- We need to control the residential development taking place in this area for the past 5 yrs. or more. We need to encourage people to come here that want to start small organic farms. This type of agriculture + business is growing + prospering and could replace some of the large famrs that are selling out or retiring from farming. This is a growing movement in agriculture and organic products from vegetables to dairy + meat production are becoming more + more popular + are a win win situation as they are good for people, for the environment, and for business! Many of these farms are popping up in the Osceola area + we should encourage them to come to our area as well. This would also help to preserve the rural nature of our area.
- More land use regulations. Cluster development with shared sewer,water More shared workload among town board members. Updated monthly financial reporting that tracks annual budget!
- Roads, Roads, Roads! No new or higher taxes. Soon no one will be able to afford to live here!
- ATV Trails
- We need to embrace the growth of the erea and reduce government involvement with private affairs.
- keep farm land in production of agriculture food for dairy and human use
- Keep developers at bay! Encourage farming the land.
- Regulations requiring the clean-up of junk and debris. Regulations requiring that houses/construction projects be completed within a reasonable amount of time (perhaps 2 years)
- No opinion
- Lakeshores
- the tables used for permits is out of line Jobs are as much as proper permits county township
- Tax structure - why are our taxes so much higher than other townships?
- Time will tell.
- more ATV, snowmobile trails, Biking trails
- Its roads + planning future development. It we lot off all all our farmland, how will we feed everyone? Impact from china?
- Roads - communication to land owners + renters
- Fix Roads Lower property taxes
- the town chairman
- Communication on current & upcoming issues within the Town. Motorized access (ATV,Snowmobile) along the Amery to Dresser Corridor. Annual or quartly newsletter to Garfield residents to inform them of current happenings and where to find more information would be helpful.
- ROADS! I'd like some lines on the roads! Also some houses don't have fire #'s. Grass need to be cut in

- ditches!! Can't see snow removal is terrible. (like my spelling is) :)
- the roads need much improvement
 - road maintenance - especially snow plowing. The township should begin plowing while its snowing rather than waiting until its all done. Our family has experienced lost wages because roads were impassible. If some partial plowing had been done, we could at least get to work.
 - new town board
 - Open the Amery-Dresser Trail No ATV's!
 - Road maintenance, why haven't the ditches been mowed yet?
 - I think the town of Garfield communicates well. Its polk county board that is disfunctional. They old regime throws flies in the pudding of everything new board wants to do. Also all the letters to editor. And GAM must be preserved!!
 - having the board communication improved with public. Needs to make decisions and act on them in a timely matter. Listen to needs and be more receptive to them. Work together!
 - communication of "town" events to the public - including approved/proposed development , town projects, town budget.
 - Non-motorized trails for peaceful, recreational use.
 - ATV Trails + Parks (more)
 - It needs to become better defined as to what + where it is.
 - developing more than residential tax base - what about industry?
 - Roads need to be cleaned off better in winter. They need to be bladed closer to lake. More ice and snow off the road as soon as possible to avoid the packed ice later.
 - Communications
 - Plowing + not letting town houses being put up on 93rd Ave. or in the middle of nice country were single Family's are trying to find peace + quiet
 - Snow plowing is very very bad.
 - More communication + involvement between residents & board members. We all need to get more involved in our township: make laws + rules that will improve everyone's life.

Additional Comments:

- Are we trying to get too big too fast? Or are we working at this pace because of our ability to get grants? See if someday we can have our own snowplowing equipment and road work too.
- We are losing all of our farmers as it is. More regulations will only move them out farther. We need the farmer as our cornerstone of life
- I have read this survey and most of my comments would be no opinion as I know nothing about the Town of Garfield so don't feel like it would be useful to you. I have owned a cabin on Lake Wapogasset for more than 20 years. I open in May and close in Oct. I go into Amery once in a while but thats it. I take my recycling home to Plymouth and only go to the cabin on some weekends during the summer months
- Where is Garfield? Never been to Garfield, can't even find it on the map.
- Get rid of impact fees, get rid of 2 driveways per 40 & follow what Osc township does
- Nice job
- We do not like the idea of a boat launching fee on Lake Wapo
- Keep some privacy for residents - that's why we live here
- this survey seems to be directed toward an increase in town government. We are not in favor.
- focus on improving what we have for those living here now. (i.e. roads) then spend time on putting good plans in place for the development that will come. Lets not be wasting time/effort on industrial development, or improving/town of Wanderoos
- Why not buy the property (Town of Garfield that is) + let some independent person(s) build + own the bar' restaurant w/ a lease on the land as long as they own and operate the much needed facility
- Development of motorized trails
- School gets to much money because of the teacher union in the state of Wisconsin
- Comments made next to questions! After each question asked - leave a space for comments under the questions.
- I think where you come isn't as important as the fact that you have chosen Garfield town to live! There

- seems to be provincial attitudes on the Town of Garfield!
- The biggest challenge is getting farmsteads to clean up their properties. Get rid of abandoned cars, burn down and/or remove old, unused buildings. Set fines and penalties for those who don't clean up their act. Assist these people financially in the clean up. Increase incentives for commercial and industrial development.
 - To hell with expensive parks we NEED weed control in WAPO NOT STUDIES
 - Why did you ruin the park? I would never of helped clear the trees if i new you were going to pave and take so many trees down. + the money - how'd you spend so much... on useless pavement? And now you'll charge fisherman to launch. i'm so disappointed!
 - Thanks for asking!
 - Too much uncontrolled development Not enough regulations
 - the town chairman has put garfield in debt so far that now one will be able to pay taxes.
 - How will the survey results be disseminated to the town residents?
 - I live by the new Duplex City by Pt. Pleasant cemetery. I don't think mr. Cormican should be allowed to build anymore of these. When is enough - enough? If I could of seen the future - I would not of bought a house here. I also wonder if it reduces the value of my home?
 - Where there is new development - speed limit signs
 - Some citizens of Garfield were very distressed at the development of Garfield Park. They used it frequently + loved the way it way. I really hope Garfield can limit + stop the future growth of the housing developments that are eating up our countryside. We need to stand firm & strong to remain a farming community - if we have to pay more in taxes + have less people. Thank you
 - This is a beautiful area! Please preserve the rural quality, before it's gone to development.
 - I got a bit upset because one farmer thought it was funny because we didn't want a housing project setting right next door to us.
 - If it starts to develop more we will be moving! And I know for sure our neighbors will to. We moved here because of remoteness from developing St. Croix County. I don't like the small developments of Ag Land that are popping up - It's not very attractive. reminds me of a trailer park.
 - I think the township should have the developers pave all new subdivision roads over two lots or residents. The common sewer and water in a new subdivision with (location and lot exceptions) would be great. Limiting the number of votes that the developers get on a covenants for a new subdivision would be good for the existing land owners, maybe after 40% of the subdivision is full the power would go to the existing land owners. Developers should be responsible for the roads they build for 7 years after construction gravel and asphalt including potholes. Bike trails should be incorporated within the new subdivisions built slowly as the area grows. ATV trails and Snowmobile trails should be maintained by the association of those clubs not by the local taxpayers. Tax dollars should go to roads, schools, parks, and administrative cost, in that order. New subdivision lots that are for sale should be maintained, mowed and seeded not overgrown with weeds and put a time frame for development, only allow a developer to have (however) many subdivisions under construction at one time. And the township should be in the water, sewer utility business but not the catv, phone/dsl or power business.
 - I didn't know that Garfield was a town. I think it is a township!
 - Garfield DOES NOT need a big gas station/convenience store - New Richmond/Star Prairie/SCF's/US 8 are all close enough for that stuff. Maybe a "cute" welcoming "hometown" downtown w/ services that the community could use (milk, eggs, bread) and tourists would be drawn to! The beauty of QUIET nature. I know that doesn't bring much tax money, but clustered home building will perhaps bring more cooperative living/communicating/transporting
 - The new park on Wapogasset was a good idea, but cutting most mature trees from the site was poor planning. Such methods benefit the contractor b/c it is convenient + provides income from sale of the lumber. But the {???) is a playground + other areas of the park being unusable for much of the summer due to the heat input from Garfield residents during the planning stage could have prevented this. Thanks for the survey. Gathering input from the community is a great idea.
 - I'm just up there occasionally so when I want to do something it's a long way to go for food + gas + entertainment
 - We live on West edge of Garfield previous attempts to get support for concerns were on deaf ears. I hate

- the fact of housing ie - corner of F + Y + near Ubet - and future plans of housing developments + destruction of rural area - most of our roads used under control of Polk co. - greed of landowners to develop and {??} {??} + still no decrease of taxes.
- 110th east of Cty Rd Y and North Bear Lake Drive was pulverized a year ago and is now a washboard wreck. Pave it or leave it as it was!
 - Need stronger leash law for dogs - especially in residential area.
 - I do not live there. Cant tell you what I would like to see or change
 - We live in Texas and rent out the farm & homestead Also own property in Town of Osceola and Apple River
 - Reduce taxes + mill rate concentrate on making government and programs smaller, not bigger.
 - I realize the minutes of the Town Board are to be put up after they are approved - but right now the last mintes are of the March meeting - WHY? Maybe the minutes need to be put up on the website before approval and then when approved a statement to that fact should be put on the page. All information should be timely! Not several months behind - the bottleneck needs to be found + corrected.
 - I really like the Wappo Boat landing at the Dam. The only problem I have is that you require a boat launch fee. Is it a donation or required??
 - No development in Wanderoos. In wet years it is a swamp/because present problems to roads and also flooding. Garfield recreation Area, Sec 2, with low maintenance could develop horseback riding, ski trails, snowmobiling, etc. School used it now to study wildlife. Leave in its natural state for all lowland animals.
 - There are other Garfield residents besides "Lake People" Public access reclamation (WAPO) - Balsam Lake very active in this program. Signs stating area. Do not cut trees or clear wastefully
 - Lets keep rural areas rural
 - I feel being a year round resident we should not be charged an access fee to the lake. We need to look at upgrading the intersection of cty. F & ct PP in Deronda - the unused lot to the north east could be better used. The intersection of Hwy 65 & cty K needs to be fixed to many close calls and fatalities on this intersection!
 - Thanks for all the hard work. Please do what you can to maintain the abandoned railroad greeway as a nature trail
 - No
 - Keep the Town the way it has been for many years. Less government regulations and low spending. Thank You
 - you have money for this information to be sent; but not the tax roll or Town ship news and burning information - shame on you. Question #32 - what newsletter Question #33 - Do we need anymore new Parks, we all ready have a money pit...why is there older people at the voting place - and they give you the wrong ballet. This has happened to a few people, as we have talked about after voting. who recieves this information: shared with public - or just town board. what about chicago project power line down North Bear Lake - rules/information for new + old residents about burning permits - mail box - fire #'s - driveway etc. enforced you should send questions to people who vote r.s. residents as two peoples opinions can be different.
 - Amery Dresser Trail would bring bikers to our area -\$- growth of Deronda/Wanderoos like in Minnesota (Lansboro) coffee houses, cafes, bed + breakfasts, paved without ATV's (Dangerous and not enjoyable for bikers or land owners. Thanks to those who keep the ball park so great! We need a restaurant back on Lake Wapo - it brought lake, farm + town people together. Great location.
 - I think we need a dumpsite as Lincoln Township has. We need more law enforcement officers. There needs to be a large crack-down on Drug activity Improved road signs, more use of stop signs, yield signs, speed limit signs Improved road shoulders
 - To many trees being cut down! Very poor job on Trees!
 - X
 - Lake property owners should not have to pay a launching fee
 - The addition of a woman supervisor to the Town Government has been most beneficial to the Town and the people of the Town of Garfield.
 - The property taxes on lakeshore property seem disproportionate to the value. Most owners are part-time residents and make very little use of Town services
 - Your work is appreciated

- Great job.
- The village of Wanderoos has nothing for anyone to come to for except the tavern and it should stay that way. Also to note, we have nice towns and village all around Wanderoos within a few miles. We have Wal mart Menards within 5 or 6 miles. Beautiful stores and filling station that meet are needs Doctors and hospitals in Osceola, Amery and St. Croix.
- I am a seasonal resident and unfortunately am unaware of the needs of the Township. I wish I knew more about the township and it's needs.
- Development!
- Encourage slow growth keeping in mind the rural beauty - 5+ acre minimum lot sizes with more community activities.
- We are only a small town, why do we feel we're the city of St. Paul/Minneapolis
- It would be nice to have newsletters on what is happening at town meeting to know what will go on or has already happened.
- Non residents pay full taxes yet receive none of the benefits that residents do. We use roads and services less and pay the same. We pay more for fishing and hunting licenses. Notices that often go to voting residents should come to us as well. Thank you.
- Don't let the lake people take over.
- township should have open fields and undeveloped lots clipped once a year to alleviate fire danger, all owners should have to do this. We moved here because of the rural character. We wanted a smaller school for our children. We like to observe the crops and livestock plus wildlife. We have all the stores around we need - Pamida, Walmart, Menards, etc, hardware and grocery stores within a few miles. Regulations that are fair and apply to everyone the same.
- my wife and I bought a five acre parcel by Bear Lake. We thought it would be a great place to retire. We like to see some building but we don't want to lose the peace and tranquility of rural living. River Falls developed too fast and therefore hurt their community. community services can not accommodate everyone.
- more single family homes - mean more tax role
- CHARGING FEES FOR BOAT LAUNCH IS NOT RIGHT!! IT IS A PUBLIC LAKE & ACCESS NOT "TOWN OF GARFIELD"'S PERSONAL LAKE - WE PAY ENOUGH TAXES AND THEN BE CHARGED TO BE A SPORTSMAN!???
- more information about Town's board's plans, and going on, and happenings about the area what are the board's member's objectives for the coming yrs what are Their ideas when it Election Time for a coming Term and for get about getting elected because your {??} a good old boy we should know why we should vote for you.
- Great Place To Live
- Business involving equipment (other than agricultural) Being operated out of a residence with no screen fencing or building to house the equipment makes for an unattractive neighborhood. Being good stewards of our land, environment & neighborhood need to be stressed as development is allowed to progress. Good Luck!
- All across the country farmland is being taken for homes - we need to preserve our farmland. This township does not need to be a playground for people from St. Paul, Mpls + suburbs.
- No 9 "Right to farm" should not mean free range to pollute rivers, streams, and lakes, and groundwater. It should give real estate tax breaks for farmland and some nuisance suit protection if air and water quality is not degraded. No 19 Depends on business - Don't need convenience stores, heavy {??} Do need coffee shops, ice cream parlors, etc.
- None
- Thank you for asking for opinions - a "town meeting" or "focus group" gathering might be helpful toward creating vision + future planning.
- There are some residences along Co Rd K that need to be cleaned up. Very junky and are a health and fire hazard.
- If people want a big city - they can move to a big city.
- The mandate of the impact fee without notifying residents and builders borders on the illegal.
- Please start doing something about land owners that have a lot of old cars ect. that are just pulled back in the woods. the cars do not run. gas and oil will leak out and get into the water. take a drive around
- a lovely sleepy town - which is nice. I am displeased with some of the newer housing going in - cheap +

- ugly. Some nice, but... a convenient store would be nice. I'd love to see it as a community of Home Biz/Hobby Farms that draws tourists someday. create a "town center." Have community events and - get the kids off Drugs!
- The agenda for each month's town meeting should be posted on the town web site so folks would be alerted to the topics to be discussed. Today's working families don't always have time to make all the meetings, and this would allow them to adjust their schedules to attend those they are most interested in. The accounting system should be more transparent to make the town reports more easily
 - You changed my land area from agricultural to residential + raised my taxes so I'm not real happy with more development.
 - There is room for all types of development - from large residential to smaller clusters - it depends on the location. Need some action on the rail bed - prefer non-motorized
 - We need to keep air + water clean. We need to stop people from burning garbage need strict rules on burning brush + leaves - and serious fines for people who do not follow rules.
 - We disagree with the use of chemical defoliants in the ditches along our roads. They are proven to be cancer causing + should not even be used. Minimal use of round-up, or hand trimming should be used instead. We also strongly support a bike + hiking+ skiing trail on the old railway bed. It would be perfect use for this already existing pathway. I don't think that snowmobiles or ATV's can coexist on these trails. We have almost been hit + been runoff the trail when skiing near Star Prairie by snowmobilers. These are 2 different mentalities + realities and it's hard to combine them safely. We think that having a good hiking, biking, skiing trail would encourage the right kind of visitors to Garfield Township. These people would appreciate the quiet, rural character of the area + it's natural beauty.
 - I value the opportunity to recycle in Wanderoos, but I am wondering why Garfield does not an annual clean-up day where people could pay a small fee to dispose of larger items. (tires, computers, appliances, etc.)
 - No spraying of herbicides on roadsides! Pay more for mechanical weed and brush control. Support bike trail on Amery-Dresser trail for bike access to Amery. Support green local business and tourism.
 - Please get the railroad bed open for bike/ATV/Snowmobile trails. It's a resource that is being wasted, let's make it work!
 - Regulations on fireworks after normal hours - and not on work nights
 - Reducing our property tax burden: need's to become a priority. Our current tax rate is far too high, reduce everywhere possible.
 - Do not develop farm land into housing
 - Keep Garfield RURAL. I know I'd like to sell my farm and I don't I could get more money from a developer but I'd rather get a fair price and keep it in crops but where are the farmers to buy it?
 - People move up here to get away from the city, not have it follow them up here with subdivisions Will the results of this survey be made available to the public?
 - We just moved into the township and we are not really sure what to township has to offer.
 - thank you for taking the time to talk with us. we've been on our farm for 3 generations + I would hate to see it broken up to pay for increased taxes or development.
 - work to rebuild Hwy 65 - not just overlay. Get the bulldozer out + do it right. And what happened to the tractor mowing in ditches? Is the western part of Garfield like the western part of Wisconsin? Getting neglected. With the taxes we pay it shouldn't be that way.
 - the new park and lake access should be no charge for tax payer in the township.
 - Better notification on upcoming issues or proposed projects would be appreciated. For example, we live only a few miles from Garfield Park, but were not made aware of changes until the project was already in process. Also, no note of openings, or access to boat launch have been communicated to the majority. This is a prime example of how we feel that a project should not be handled. Our apologies on returning this survey late-
 - The new park in Wapo is Great! Sorry - we were gone on vacation :)
 - Just like to see the roads + ditches taken better care of. The new park is looking GREAT! Good idea to do more with that park.
 - Also - road repair is terrible. The "patching jobs" done on frequently traveled roads (like the Buny trail from Wanderoos to Deronda are poorly done and inadequate. Money spent on that kind of road work is being wasted. That road, and others, need better repair.

- As a lakehome owner, I find the property taxes way too high. I pay as much for the lake home as I do for my Twin Cities home which is a 4-bedroom residence on 10 acres in Inver Grove Heights, MN.
- Let's avoid making our township part of an outer suburban ring of the Twin Cities
- 1) Beautiful job on the new park on Lake Wapogasset. I was quite impressed. 2) I got nervous when I see words like "protect". I don't have problems with standards or covenants, but to some, protecting lakeshore means no building/development or no docks, etc. I don't subscribe to that interpretation. 3) Sorry this is late.
- Need to find a way to reach board members without voicemail. Some matters are more important. With the age of cell phones, this is something there should be no excuse for.
- It appears that the latest "project" by the Town of Garfield will be a "bust"! The boat landing @ Wapo won't be self supporting. Fisherman tell me they'll go to another landing on the lake. After all, they've had to for most of 2007. Or-they tell me they'll launch, but not pay. Seems to be ill-fated. It creates a place for late night parties for "undesirables", and i can't imagine wanting to use picnic shelters at a park that has at its' center a "mosquito breeding area" (or runoff spot). I've seen people loitering in the park after midnight; skateboarding, drinking alcohol. How does this help the Town of Garfield? The park isn't even open yet! What kind of future could it possibly hold? Why did we have to pay for benches that say "Garfield"? Seems to be unnecessary. Canvassing local businesses for payment of these expensive benches + picnic tables is simply embarassing. I'm embarassed to live near this park that sculled the trees and will cause boaters to go to another landing.
- Thanks for asking! Sorry this is late.
- The new park on Wapo looks very nice, I can't wait for it to open. DD Kennedy is wonderful. We need Amery to Dresser rails to trails approved for ATV + snowmobile useage.
- garfield township appear to be an illdefined area in in place primarily to levy taxes + construct roads