

**“OCPAC”**

Nominal Group Results – July 19, 2006

**Group 1**

- 4 **Protect natural resources lakes, rivers, forest**
- 4 **“Right to farm” for normal operations**
- 3 **County limit on “billboards”**
- 3 **County help on park plans, purchase, development**
- 2 Improve technological infrastructure (i.e. internet, phone lines)
- 2 Economics = increase \$ and for childrens’ options to stay in county
- 2 County promote alternative energy and conservation/look at mass transit
- 1 Need to vigorously promote Oconto County tourism destination
- 1 Need to consolidate county government (i.e. superintendents/police etc.)
- 1 More coordination with commercial, industrial, with schools to promote living wage.  
“Viable” job/opportunities.
- 1 Keep county infrastructure/services current/good condition/improved
- 1 Establish lighting guidelines to limit “sky glow”, commercial, residential, etc.
- 1 County involved in controlling lake growth from development destruction
- 1 Bayshore – set home value controls not encouraged, but promote affordability  
See agriculture come back “protection”.  
Required to have large lots by ordinance  
Reduce all fed/state/local control  
Preserve historic areas  
Increase capacity for population as well as control of population  
Expand recreational offices to combat invasives  
Exclusive residential should not involve county government but leave at developer  
Encourage forestry zones to preserve corridors in community and county wide  
Discontinue all mandates federal and state  
County take over local codes, to limit municipal courts and enforce at county level  
County regulate/review subdivisions in town to help towns  
Bring balance to contrasting areas of quality of life

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**Group 2**

- 3        **Preservation of productive farmland**
- 3        **Development of all types of recreational trails**
- 2        **Transportation for the elderly**
- 2        **Preserve forestry**
- 2        **Improve shoreland zoning**
- 2        **Identify industrial growth along highway corridors**
- 1        Work on development along the new highway areas
- 1        Upgrade local roads
- 1        Promote tourism
- 1        More county advertising
- 1        Minimize city clutter. i.e. billboards
- 1        Maintain woodlands and streams and the access to them
- 1        Lower lot sizes for residential development in rural areas
- 1        Limit development to areas with existing infrastructure
- 1        Keep mobile homes in mobile home parks
- 1        Economic development for employment opportunities
- 1        Develop quality of life sites – beaches, parks, walking trails
- 1        County language re. community transition housing
- 1        Better enforcement of conditional use permits
- Work with developers on subdivision design and layouts
- Regulation of large-scale farms
- Reduce conflict between residential development and farming operations
- Maintain rural character
- Identify and regulate non-metallic mining-gravel pits, quarry, etc.
- Enforce rules consistently
- Develop job producing and industrial sites
- County information online hotline
- Consider multi-family housing and regulate it to area with support services

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**Group 3**

- 4 **Preserve agricultural heritage of the county**
- 4 **Maintain local control and preserve property rights**
- 3 **Preservation of agricultural land**
- 3 **More sharing of services between municipal governments**
- 3 **Improve inter/intra governmental communication on land use/zoning issues**
- 2 Keep and attract young people in/to Oconto Country
- 1 Improve transportation
- 1 Improve enforcement of county zoning ordinances
- 1 Improve enforcement of ADA
- 1 Improve communication between municipalities
- 1 Eliminate spot zoning by having commercial/industrial areas
- 1 Creation of more jobs
- 1 Continue to grow county-wide population
- 1 Better communication b/t municipal committees
- 1 Visit Beyer home
- Promote local and small business
- Preserving #1 agricultural land
- Preservation of environmental spaces with elimination of easy variances and use of setbacks
- Maintain natural resources (i.e. forests)
- Keep industry in Oconto County
- Increase recreation for both vehicles and quiet sports (i.e. hiking)
- Increase availability of commercial housing
- Improve industrial development (increase(
- Improve county-wide services in order to build connections-get people around
- Improve county website
- Important to maintain forests for economic reasons
- Find ways to cooperatively lobby against state mandates (organize)
- Eliminate billboards
- Creation of more parks and camping spaces
- Better promotion of tourism specific to Oconto County

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**Group 4**

- 5 Industry is being lost in O.C. and needs to be replaced**
- 5 Better and stronger program for agriculture preservation**
- 3 More uniformity in residential development**
- 2 Preserve lake property through co. enforcement
- 2 Concern about blighted buildings/old machinery/etc. making landscape look bad
- 2 Better tax for towns that have forestry and recreational areas
- 1 Uniform signs and billboards throughout county
- 1 Residential property infringing on env. Areas
- 1 Promote tourism
- 1 Need stricter regulation on gravel pit reclamation
- 1 Better document history through signs throughout county
- Program needed to help communities that are losing population
- Need smart spending to achieve goals of both public and private
- Make sure industries follow all local, state, and federal codes
- Keep protecting and upgrading co. forests.
- Help promote small businesses
- Have respect for the farmers
- Concern regarding businesses being developed in residential areas

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**Group 5**

- 4 **Loss of ag. lands**
- 4 **Alternative/efficient energy sources/fuels/wind/hydro**
- 2 **Support theatres, arts, entertainment**
- 2 **Safety and protection (police)**
- 2 **Preservation of county diversities**
- 2 **More jobs/better pay/increased industry and commercial business**
- 2 **Increase tourism**
- 2 **Clean water**
- 1 Sales tax shared across county bounds
- 1 Promote walking/exercise trails
- 1 Promote historic areas (homes, burial grounds, etc.)
- 1 Preservation of forest lands
- 1 Elderly housing
- 1 Creative financing
- 1 Underground utility protection
- Trade schools
- Teenage recreation/opportunities to prevent vandalism
- Restrict Wal-Mart
- Regulate mining
- Recycling
- Provide info. and training on how to do joint ventures
- Promotion of county assets statewide
- Promote historic homes throughout county
- Prevent air pollution industry
- Patronize our local businesses
- Parcel size/rural/densities and new development
- More camping areas
- Maintain rural setting
- Maintain parks, boat landings, rec. areas
- Less restrictions on new business
- Lakeshore preservation
- Keep growth close to cities
- Improve handicap accessibility
- Eliminating cell phone dead zones
- Create more rustic roads
- Condos (regulation)
- Can't put house anywhere \* spot zoning
- Camouflage of cell phone towers
- Bring back commuter rail and bus stops