

# OCPAC VISIONING SURVEY RESULTS

## SPRING 2007

### FUTURE OF THE OCONTO COUNTY

*Imagine if you left the county for 15-20 years and then returned, what would you hope to see?*

#### **Natural Resources/Cultural & Historic Resources**

- Clean/cleaner lakes and streams
- More access points
- Maintain and preserve public wildlife areas
- More development of natural resources
- Wind power
- Solar power
- Geo-thermal
- Methane
- Clean rivers and lakes
- Preserve historical sites
- Protected forest lands
- Clean air
- Maintain and preserve our culture
- Historic resources kept in place and cared for
- Reclaimed gravel pits suitable for housing
- Public use of our (Chase) historical stone barn
- Reforest some of the areas that are cleared
- Conserve forest land
- Save historic building
- Maintain watersheds
- Isolated endangered species areas
- Protect woodland
- Setback from lakes, rivers
- Conserve wetlands
- Cleanup rivers and lakes
- Maintain groundwater quality
- Good water quality
- Smart forestry
- Streams preserved
- Keep natural resources
- O culture
- Farm fields
- Large wooded areas
- Maintain natural vegetation

- Create buffer zone (shorelines)
- High quality groundwater
- Limit wildlife habitat fragmentation – protect wildlife habitat
- Control invasive species
- Limit quarries
- Protect environmental corridors
- More parks along bay shore
- Family based activities
- Harbors- Pensaukee, Little River and Oconto
- Increase tourism
- Maintain rural nature
- Preserve/improve lake water quality
- Protect McLauslin Brook
- Protect timber resources
- Wilderness areas in National Forest
- Create corridors along all streams
- Sustainable forestry practices
- Clean lakes w/natural shorelines
- Abundant fish
- Abundant game
- Preserve Large Pines
- Clean Lakes
- Lakes remain open to public access
- Existing cultural sites maintained

### **Land Planning & Development**

- Preserve appearance “from the road”
- Owners use of land not government
- Less government
- Small lot sizes to maximize land usage
- Zone land to best fit its use
- Be able to re-evaluate land usage
- Cluster homes and businesses to best utilize water, sewage, etc.
- Developed highway corridors
- Lot size same 3 acres
- Zoning same
- Planned communities
- Plan for future utilities
- Practicable use for farm land
- Adequate scenery
- Keep farmland areas
- Windmill farms or solar energy
- Regulate signs

- Control junk yards
- Preserve natural vegetation
- 2 acre lot size
- Open area between mega farms and development
- No gravel pits anymore
- Rural setting
- Large lots
- No sand pits
- No sub-divisions
- Develop conservation design residential districts
- Preserve farmland
- Maintain rural character
- Commercial/industrial development by state highways
- Apartments/condos in cities
- No additional growth past “J”
- 4 lanes from Abrams to Peshtigo
- Elderly housing
- Bay shore public access
- Preserve open area
- Develop business districts
- Promote large lot sizes on Lakes
- More septic testing
- Tighter shoreland zoning
- Zone town areas to reduce sprawl
- No keyhole developments
- Maintain standards
- Larger lot sizes especially for subdivisions
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### **Commerce & Industry**

- More small businesses
- Maintain local industry
- New bowling alley in Gillett
- More help from government for businesses
- Trade school for business
- Industry drawn into the area
- Commerce and industry growing and thriving
- Jobs available locally for residents
- Industry increase in Gillett
- More industry, commercial and retail businesses, and material warehouses
- Better paying jobs
- Help business with grants
- Employer friendly business
- Availability of services for business

- Have sites available
- High speed internet
- Better business practice
- Be self sufficient
- Type of jobs available
- Educate young people for jobs
- New businesses
- Industry that is here still here
- New industry if possible
- Maybe a convenience store/gas station in Morgan
- Small businesses
- Maintain quarry #s
- Develop state highways – commercial and industry
- Develop cities (i.e. Oconto, Gillett, Suring)
- Small businesses
- Large industries in Oconto, Oconto Falls, Suring, Gillett
- Improve availability to health care
- Promote clean industry
- Promote service industries
- Light manufacturing
- Clean (green) industries
- Increase industry
- No smoke stacks
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### **Community Services**

- Better schools
- Expansion on emergency services
- More reliability of electric
- The hospital in Oconto enlarged
- Less mandates
- Change property tax for schools
- Schools improved feasibly
- Health facilities maintained locally
- Improved utilities
- Transportation for elderly
- Efficient energy sources
- Schools are on right track
- Emergency services continue as now
- Develop sewer district (sanitary district)
- More police service
- Possibly build nursing homes and assisted living facility
- Maintain and improve protective services

- Schools be energy efficient
- Circuit court throughout the county
- More senior services
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Better communication
- Communication with school district
- Sharing fire-ambulance service
- Training young people for future
- Upgraded utilities
- New town hall
- Emergency services fully functional
- Schools upgraded
- Limit cellular tower development
- High standards for primary education
- Shared services (reduce costs to each township)
- Growing hospitals – need more in Northern Oconto County
- Expansion of Bond Health Center
- CMH expansions
- Schools
- Emergency response systems
- Post high school education
- Community center
- Fire department
- Police protection
- More services i.e. not Saturday office
- More sheriff presence in Northern Cluster
- Local municipal courts
- More local law enforcement
- Develop countywide emergency services
- Schools consolidated
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### **Housing**

- Conservation by design
- Decrease in prefabricated housing
- Larger lot requirements
- **Smart growth stopped**
- Owners have free use of their land
- Affordable housing
- Attractive housing
- Clustered communities
- Elderly housing
- Increase with smart growth

- Multiple and apartment buildings
- Affordable housing (not trailers)
- Limit areas for housing
- Rules for building
- Determine condition of housing
- Use more environmental products
- Education on housing
- Senior/handicap units
- Need for diversified housing
- Central location
- Codes for building
- Adequate housing
- Affordable housing
- New homes that are compatible with existing homes
- Large lots sizes – 5 acres or more
- Slow residential
- No multi-family
- Affordable housing for all
- Subdivisions near cities
- Growth adjacent to cities
- No urban sprawl
- Harbor condos
- Limit trailer homes
- More housing with greenspace
- More assisted living
- Zoning to prevent sprawl
- Zoning for various types of housing
- Enforce housing standards
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### **Transportation/Roads & Highways**

- Better roads
- All roads brought up to date
- Maintained roads
- Scenic roads
- Upgraded rail transportation
- Limited billboards
- Continue to keep up county and town roads
- Continue to update state roads
- Shuttle bus service for elderly to shop and doctor appointments
- Make some town roads through roads between 41 and 32
- Safe pedestrian along roads
- Roads in harmony with land
- Transportation for people

- System which reduces accidents
- Provide multi use utility and transportation
- Better roads
- Build roads easier to maintain
- Traffic controls
- Convenient bicycle traffic
- Future road right of way
- Affect on wildlife
- Use recycle products for roads
- Provide for multi use roads
- Good roads
- Highways kept up
- Keep maintained
- Well maintained roads
- More bicycle/walking trails
- Promote park and rides
- 4 lanes Abrams to Peshtigo
- Plan bike transportation routes
- Good roads
- More connectors-feeders
- No 4 lane highways up here
- Enforce speed limits
- Inspection of vehicles
- Adequate funding for local roads

### **Agriculture/Farming**

- Preserve existing farmland
- Workable restrictions on farmland
- Tax use not value
- Less state/federal government
- Preserved farmland
- Farmers rights protected
- Farms thriving
- Farms updated with new technology
- Preserve prime agriculture lands
- Commercial farming
- Farmers markets
- Support family units
- Promote outside of area
- Classify land
- Control mega farms
- Farms right to farm safely
- Preserve farmland
- Help young farmers get started

- Control urban sprawl
- Control runoff
- Mega-farm use high-tech
- Farming preserved
- Agriculture thriving
- More more more!!
- Open spaces
- Retain agricultural land as much as possible
- Limit housing to conservation design
- Maintained
- Preservation of forest
- Zoning for that purpose
- Control of animal waste

### **Recreation**

- More/improved trails
- Better education in schools about forests
- More camp areas
- Lower price
- More primitive camping
- Clean rivers and lakes for boating, fishing, swimming, etc.
- Parks and recreation areas for tourists and residents
- Trails-hiking, biking, skiing
- Upgrade trails
- Cooperation between villages, towns, and cities
- Preserve some green space-walking trails, recreation trails, horse areas
- Education on wildlife
- Have more public areas for hunting
- Marked trail
- Accessible to recreation areas
- Enlisting seniors for camphost
- Restock fishing programs
- Supervised trails
- Provide for scenic trails
- Facilities to meet demand
- Adequate areas
- Healthy lakes for fishing
- Parks
- Access for river & lakes for the public
- Increase tourism (promote)
- Bay shore parks
- Family activities
- Harbor development
- Develop more trail systems –quiet sports hike/bike

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- Motorsports ATV, snow, motorcycle
- Recreation/bike trails
- Check the needs of various types of recreation –ATV, snowmobile, bikes, hiking, cross country skiing, etc.
- Lakes protected
- Maintain existing access points to bay
- Adequate areas set aside for recreation