

Results from the Eau Pleine Community Visioning Session: Q & A Thursday, March 21st 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Question 1: When you think about Portage County in 20 years, what do you see?

<u>Element</u>	<u>Responses</u>
AG	More appropriate compensation for the farmers
ED	Attract high paying jobs in appropriate locations dispersed across the County
ED	Business retention efforts are expanded to include all industries, including agriculture
HOUS	Appropriate affordable housing for senior citizens, not necessarily in Stevens Point
IC	Intergovernmental development agreements are commonly used
IC	Improvements, jobs, etc. are evenly spread throughout the County
IC	Intergovernmental cooperation
IC	Local townships with control and input over their destiny
LU	Planning decisions don't take forever
NR	Rural nature is maintained
QOL	Cost of living is addressed for everyone
TRANS	Future road expansions are restricted to a reasonable distance of right of way

Question 2: When you think of the rural area of Portage County in 20 years, what would you like to see? Things you would like to see carried forward?

<u>Element</u>	<u>Responses</u>
AG	Farmland preservation through incentives
HOUS	Mobile home parks are better regulated
IC	Local communities maintain autonomy over their future, which allows them to protect their landowners' rights
IC	Communities are involved in decisions on land splits and land use
IC	Better cooperation between the DNR and local governments
IC	Better cooperation between the railroads and municipalities
LU	Mobile home parks are better regulated
LU	Rural developments are done in harmony with their surroundings to maintain the rural atmosphere
LU	Communities are involved in decisions on land splits and land use
LU	Open space design used in rural developments to lessen the impacts of development on agriculture
PF	Small rural schools remain intact and viable

Question 3: When you think of the urban area of Portage County in 20 years, what would you like to see? Things you would like to see carried forward?

<u>Element</u>	<u>Responses</u>
ED	Consistent with the vision for downtown and they follow through
ED	Controlled commercial development on Highway 10 East
HOUS	Revitalize existing buildings, homes, and vacant lands (city landfill and behind the Highway garage)
IC	Borders for Stevens Point become more fixed with opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation for sewer and water services
IC	City recognizes that the towns are entities that require recognition and involvement in local issues that affect them

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Question 3, continued

<u>Element</u>	<u>Responses</u>
IC	County and city share services
IC	Better cooperation between the railroad and the city
LU	Revitalize existing buildings, homes, and vacant lands (city landfill and behind the Highway garage)
LU	Borders for Stevens Point become more fixed with opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation for sewer and water services
LU	Controlled commercial development on Highway 10 East
PF	County and city share services
PF	Better cooperation between the railroad and the city
PF	Borders for Stevens Point become more fixed with opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation for sewer and water services
QOL	Efforts are made to preserve cultural landmarks

Key to Element:

AG = Agriculture
ED = Economic Development
HOUS = Housing
IC = Intergovernmental Cooperation
LU = Land Use

NR = Natural Resources
PF = Public Facilities
QOL = Quality of Life
TRANS = Transportation