

RUSK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SURVEY

(Your community is your town/village/city)

Rusk County is embarking on the development of a comprehensive plan that will provide the county with guidance and information on such topics as transportation, land use, housing, natural resources, economic development and community facilities. In addition to Rusk County, other towns are in the process of developing town level comprehensive plans.

The Rusk County Comprehensive Committee – Committee on Committees has been charged with developing the overall comprehensive plan.

Goals for Survey:

- To generate community interest in planning for the future of Rusk County.
- To get the community involved in the planning process.
- To provide a way for those not directly participating in the planning sessions to give input to the process.

Data Received will be used to:

- Draw participants into the planning process
- Create discussion of issues and need within the county.

During development of the county comprehensive plan, information will be posted to the Rusk County home page at www.ruskcounty.org. Your input is greatly appreciated and your participation at committee meetings or other planning related venues is encouraged and welcome! Please return the survey **March 20, 2009**.

If additional adult members of your household would like to complete a survey, a copy may be obtained by contacting Rusk County Clerks office (715) 532-2100, visiting the office at 311 Miner Ave., Ladysmith, WI 54848, or on the Rusk County website, www.ruskcounty.org.

Quality of Life

1. Please rate the following features regarding the importance to you as contributing to quality of life in Rusk County.

	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	No Opinion
Farming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lakes and Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public outdoor recreational facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(parks, campgrounds, beaches, ball fields, etc.)					
Public outdoor recreational activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(hunting, fishing, golfing, etc.)					
Public outdoor motorized recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public outdoor non-motorized recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe Environment/Low crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proximity to jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. The quality of life in Rusk County is (circle one) Excellent Good Average Fair Poor

Housing

3. The following types of housing should be expanded in Rusk County.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Single-family housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mobile home parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Multi-family housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Housing for low-income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Senior housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Starter (first time buyer) homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Natural Resources

4. How would you rate the overall condition of the following resources in Rusk County?

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
a. Lakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Rivers and Streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Groundwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Farmlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Wildlife Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Forests/Woodlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Night Sky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Are the following Rusk County resources being protected?

	Very Adequate	Adequate	Inadequate	Very Inadequate	No Opinion
a. Lakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Rivers and Streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Groundwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Wetlands.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Farmlands/Agriculture.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Wildlife Habitat.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Forests/Woodlands.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Night Sky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Natural resources from invasive species.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Residential Property.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Commercial/Industrial Properties.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cultural Resources

6. Please rate the importance of cultural and historic resources in Rusk County to you. (Circle One)

Very Important Important Unimportant Very Unimportant No Opinion

7. Please check the importance of preserving the following types of cultural resources in Rusk County.

	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	No Opinion
a. Local lore, culture & heritage (ethnicity, languages, festivals/events etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Burial/archeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Historic buildings / communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Building or objects with architectural significance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Scenic views	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Rustic roads.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Transportation

8. Please check the level of importance and level of satisfaction for the following transportation resources in Rusk County:

	Level of Importance					Level of Satisfaction				
	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	No Opinion	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very UnSatisfied	No Opinion
a. State Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. County Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Town/Village/City roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Bicycling lanes/trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Public Rural Transit Service (i.e. ICAA Transit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Motorized Trails (ATV's, Snowmobiles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Pedestrian/Walking Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Air Service/Airport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Rail Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Should ATV's be allowed to use (check all that apply) ?

- County Roads
 Town Roads
 City and/or Village Streets
 All County Forest Lands (not only trails)
- Only designated trails (No roadways)
 Only on private property (No roadways or County land)
- Only designated trails and routes (includes approved roadways)

Economic Development

10. Should Rusk County focus on creating new economic development and job opportunities; or should it simply retain existing jobs without attempting to attract new job opportunities? (Check One)

- Focus on creating new economic development and job opportunities
 Retain existing jobs
 Do both of the above
 None of the above

11. Please select the top 5 job opportunities you feel are most suitable for development in Rusk County. (Choose only 5)

- a. Education related.....
- b. Forestry related.....
- c. Professional related.....
- d. Light manufacturing/industrial.....
- e. Heavy manufacturing/industrial.....
- f. Retail related.....
- g. Recreation related.....
- h. Service related.....
- i. Building and construction related.....
- j. Technology related.....
- k. Health care related.....
- l. Agricultural related.....
- m. Tourism related.....
- n. Recycling related.....
- o. Entertainment related.....
- p. Green/ Bio-Energy related.....
- q. Any living wage job.....

12. Should Rusk County offer economic incentives to businesses to relocate or open facilities in Rusk County if it will create more jobs?

- Yes No No Opinion

13. Should these incentives (or related investments) include (check any that should be offered)

- Direct cash payments (grants) to businesses No interest Loans Low interest Loans
 Discounts on industrial land Building of speculative industrial buildings Development of additional industrial parks
 Equity investments (ownership) into businesses Other _____

Utilities and Community Facilities

14. Suppose your household was to contribute an additional \$100 this year. How would you direct local officials to distribute this additional \$100 given the following choices? For example, would you distribute \$20 to five categories, \$20 to two categories and \$30 to two other categories, \$100 in one, or some other pattern?

- | | Amount |
|---|----------|
| a. Increase spending for public services (i.e. fire/police) | \$ _____ |
| b. Increase spending for education | \$ _____ |
| c. Increase spending for transportation | \$ _____ |
| d. Increase spending for social services | \$ _____ |
| e. Increase spending for housing | \$ _____ |
| f. Increase spending for natural resources | \$ _____ |
| g. Increase spending for economic development | \$ _____ |
| h. Reduce Taxes | \$ _____ |

Total \$ 100.00

15. Suppose that your household were to contribute \$100 less this year. How would you direct local officials to balance the budget, how would you make up for the lost revenue? For example, would you reduce \$20 to five categories, \$20 to two categories and \$30 to two other categories, \$100 in one, or some other pattern?

- | | Amount |
|---|----------|
| a. Decrease spending for public services (i.e. fire/police) | \$ _____ |
| b. Decrease spending for education | \$ _____ |
| c. Decrease spending for transportation | \$ _____ |
| d. Decrease spending for social services | \$ _____ |
| e. Decrease spending for housing | \$ _____ |
| f. Decrease spending for natural resources | \$ _____ |
| g. Decrease spending for economic development | \$ _____ |
| h. Increase Taxes | \$ _____ |

Total \$ 100.00

16. Please examine the following elements of life in your community, then check the level of importance and the level of satisfaction you associate with each of these services provided:

	Level of Importance					Level of Satisfaction				
	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	No Opinion	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	No Opinion
a. Medical facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Ambulance Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Streets and roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Bridges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Clean drinking water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. K-12 education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Post high-school education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Town/village/city government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. County government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Retail/service businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Health services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r. Child care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s. Motorized recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t. Non-motorized recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
u. Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. Internet/Broadband Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
w. Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x. Waste/Garbage Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. How many School Districts should exist in Rusk County?

- 5 or more 4 3 2 1

18. It is important for Rusk County to have a County Fair?

- Yes No No Opinion

19. Rusk County should provide tax levy funds to the Rusk County Fair?

- Yes No No Opinion

20. Indicate your level of agreement with health care provided by Rusk County?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Rusk County should continue to operate a Hospital (RCMH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. If necessary to maintain operations, County tax dollars should be used to subsidize the Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. If Rusk County were to get out of the Hospital / Nursing Home business, I would expect the same level of service from the new provider Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I am happy with the care I have received from the Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I would support Rusk County building a new Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. A new hospital should be built and operated by a new private entity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Land Use

21. Pertaining to County land use, how adequate are:

	Very Adequate	Adequate	Inadequate	Very Inadequate	No Opinion
Land use policies / laws & ordinances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enforcement of policies / laws & ordinances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Indicate your level of agreement regarding where new housing development should be located in Rusk County.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
g. Within or adjacent to villages and cities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. On individual residential lots scattered throughout the county	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Anywhere there is a suitable site for development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Away from active farm operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Near active farm operations as long as residential development does not interfere with farming operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. Fragmentation of forest lands is the splitting of large blocks of land to smaller sized parcels.

a. Steps should be taken to reduce forest fragmentation. (Circle One)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree No Opinion

b. Fragmentation also occurs with farmlands. Steps should be taken to reduce farmland fragmentation. (Circle One)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree No Opinion

24. There has been an increased interest to consider “green” technologies such as solar panels and wind turbines to produce energy on/at residential properties. Please respond to the following questions that best fits your opinion.

a. Land owners should be allowed to construct the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Solar Panels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wind Turbines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methane Digester	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor Wood Burner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

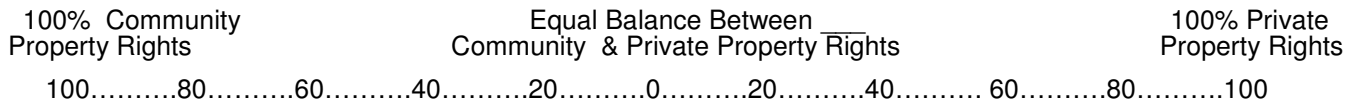
b. Wind turbines should be allowed to be constructed within view from residential areas (Circle One)?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree No Opinion

c. Wind turbines should be allowed to be constructed anywhere in Rusk County? (Circle One)?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree No Opinion

25. Please indicate your opinion on the appropriate balance between private property rights versus community property rights by placing an ‘X’ along the number scale below?



26. Should all Rusk County Towns/Villages be zoned?

Yes No Not sure

27. If you were telling a friend about what you value most about spending time in your community, what would you tell them?

28. If you were communicating to a town, village, city or county official about the three primary issues facing Rusk County in the future, what issues would you identify?

<input type="radio"/>	Loss of jobs/businesses	<input type="radio"/>	Poor Road Conditions	<input type="radio"/>	Property Taxes
<input type="radio"/>	Cost of Living	<input type="radio"/>	Affordable Housing	<input type="radio"/>	Public Transportation
<input type="radio"/>	Overdevelopment	<input type="radio"/>	Aging Population	<input type="radio"/>	Schools & Education
<input type="radio"/>	Health Care	<input type="radio"/>	Tourism attractions	<input type="radio"/>	ATV Use on public lands
<input type="radio"/>	Lack of Planning	<input type="radio"/>	Government	<input type="radio"/>	Subdivision of lands
<input type="radio"/>	Senior Housing	<input type="radio"/>	Renewable resources	<input type="radio"/>	Law Enforcement
<input type="radio"/>	Loss of Farming	<input type="radio"/>	Crime	<input type="radio"/>	Fire Protection
<input type="radio"/>	Protection of Natural Resources	<input type="radio"/>	Public access to lakes and forests	<input type="radio"/>	Non-Resident Property Owners

Other issue(s) not listed above: _____

Demographics

29. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

30. What is your age range (Circle One)?

18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75 and over

31. What is your total household income?

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000- \$39,999
- \$40,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$59,999
- \$60,000-\$69,999
- \$70,000-\$79,999
- \$80,000- \$89,999
- \$90,000-\$99,999
- More than \$100,000

32. What is the most advanced education level in your household?

- Less than High School Diploma High School Diploma 2-year Tech./College Degree
- 4-year College Diploma Masters/PhD

33. Are you currently employed ?

- Yes - Full Time
- Yes - Part Time
- No - Unemployed looking for work
- No - Don't want to/can't work
- No - Retired

34. If employed, do you work in Rusk County?

- Yes

b. If no, how far do you commute to work

- Less than 10 miles
- 10-25 miles
- 26-50 miles
- 51-75 miles
- 76-150 miles
- More than 150 miles

35. Approximately how many total acres of land do you own throughout Rusk County (Check One)?

- 0 to 5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- 21-40
- 41-60
- 61-100
- > 101

36. Is your primary residence located in Rusk County (Wisconsin residency)?

- Yes - If yes, answer only question 37 below.
- No - If no, answer only question 38 below.

37. If you answered yes to question 36, do you:

- Own the home you live in?
- Rent the home you live in?

a. In what community do you live?

<input type="checkbox"/> City of Ladysmith	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Bruce	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Conrath	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Glen Flora
<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Hawkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Ingram	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Sheldon	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Tony
<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Weyerhaeuser	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Atlanta	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Big Bend	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Big Falls
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Cedar Rapids	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Dewey	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Flambeau	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Grant
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Grow	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Hawkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Hubbard	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Lawrence
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Murry	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Richland	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Rusk
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of South Fork	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Strickland	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Stubbs	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Thornapple
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of True	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Washington	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Wilkinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Willard
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Wilson			

b. Is your Rusk County primary or seasonal residence or undeveloped land on (check one):

- Lakeshore
- Riverfront
- Woodland
- Agricultural
- Other: _____

38. If you are a non-resident of Rusk County, own a seasonal home/cabin or undeveloped land, which community is it located in? If you have multiple seasonal homes or undeveloped land, please select the community which you visited/stayed for the longest period in 2008.

<input type="checkbox"/> City of Ladysmith	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Bruce	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Conrath	<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Glen Flora
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<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Wilson			

b. Is your Rusk County seasonal residence or undeveloped land on (check one):

- Lakeshore
- Riverfront
- Woodland
- Agricultural
- Other: _____

You have now completed this survey. Please refold so that the Business Reply Mail section is showing and return by ***March 20, 2009.***

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