

**Town of Star Prairie Kick-off  
Issues and Opportunities Workshop  
November 8, 2005**



**UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

<b>Black</b>	Want Internet Broadband 1 New town hall 1 Trails 4	New Richmond City Government Airport controls land use Housing growth increased 2
<b><u>Brown</u></b>	Town hall 1 Park money 2 911	Meeting facility 7 Park (need) 2 Recycling/waste (long term) 3 Recreation facilities (need) 8
<b><u>Red</u></b>	City water service to polluted areas 2 Water treatment 1 Ambulance Recycling Apple River Open space keep it open 1 Close landfill	Polluted groundwater 4 Cell phone tower 2 Parks & recreation needed 4 Library with new town hall 5 Limited open space left Landfill Fiber optic in rural areas 2
<b>Blue</b>	Town hall 4 Preserve park/open space 3 Waste management – develop plans - Sewers - Garbage Utilize existing structures 2	Lack of street lights Animal control High voltage 3 Water contamination 2 Landfill 1 Airport expansion 3 Cell phone towers – safety – appearance Wireless technology (lack of) 3
<b>Purple</b>	Sheriff office in new town hall 7 Parks & open space 1 Extend the Johannesburg park 1 Recycling for compost Library satellite Improve cell phone coverage/tower 3 Expand cable Sanitary district 1	Take care of contaminated water 7

## TRANSPORTATION

<b>Black</b>	<p>Hiking/biking trails <b>6</b></p> <p>Rail transportation to cities commuter <b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Snowmobile</p>	<p>Increased traffic</p> <p>“64” freeway</p> <p>Airport <b>6</b></p> <p>Big trucks on local roads <b>1</b></p> <p>No shoulders on roads <b>2</b></p>
<b>Brown</b>	<p>Road maintenance</p> <p>Snow clearance</p>	<p>Airport <b>10</b></p> <p>Tail wags dog City limits</p> <p>Roads (narrow) <b>1</b></p> <p>Walking trail (mod.) <b>3</b></p> <p>Restrict snowmobiles (stay on trails) <b>4</b></p> <p>ATV trails</p> <p>Wall Street/Wall St (4 way stop) <b>6</b></p>
<b>Red</b>	<p>Airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good for business &amp; growth</li> <li>- Lifelink</li> </ul> <p>Apple River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural diagonal</li> <li>Boundary bridges</li> <li>Need transp. plan</li> <li>Around River (negative)</li> </ul> <p>Apple River <b>4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>biking, walking, snowmobile</li> <li>multi-use along River (negative→)</li> </ul> <p>Good road maintenance</p>	<p>Narrow roads for biking &amp; walking <b>8</b></p> <p>Also dangerous speeders</p> <p>Airport <b>6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- noisy</li> <li>- restrictions for building</li> <li>- too low altitudes</li> <li>- different zoning by airport to prevent conflicts</li> <li>- restrict to private use</li> </ul> <p>Corridors to new freeway needed <b>3</b></p> <p>Connections to an industrial park <b>1</b></p> <p>Proper signage for emergency services <b>1</b></p> <p>Fire numbers better uniform location on mailboxes <b>1</b></p> <p>Bus transit to Minnesota</p>
<b>Blue</b>	<p>Create more / expand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biking, walking paths that hooks up to view points – river, etc. <b>3</b></li> </ul> <p>Snowmobile trails <b>2</b></p> <p>ATV trails</p>	<p>Speed limit signs needed <b>1</b></p> <p>Road maintenance/upkeep <b>1</b></p> <p>Snow plow priorities</p> <p>Stop signs</p> <p>Lack of turn lanes <b>5</b></p> <p>Lack of ATV trails</p> <p>Airport expansion</p> <p>Presence of garbage/littering</p> <p>Lack of park &amp; ride accessible to town hall</p>

**Purple** Widening town roads 3  
 45 mph speed limits on older town roads 1  
 Lower the highways when building  
 new highway  
 Area for park & ride  
 Enforce weight limitations 2  
 Better road stripping

Lack of senior care transportation  
 limited transportation  
 Widen connector roads 3  
 Highway 64 & C between N.R. and  
 Somerset  
 Train whistle blow at intersections 4  
 maybe not as loud @ night  
 train whistles @ intersections that  
 are no longer there

No more expansion on the airport 6  
 Control noise levels of airport 1  
 Layout of flight zones  
 Same airport restrictions for City as  
 what they impose on Township 7

**HOUSING**

**Black** Control growth 4  
 Impact fee  
 Larger lot 5 acres  
 Prairie on large lots 3  
 currently good mix of  
 Housing affordability 2  
 Smaller lots  
 Greenspace 2

5 acre 3 acre  
 Weeds 2  
 Maintenance of yards, housing 1  
 Junkyards

**Brown** Country living 11

Affordability 1  
 Availability of low moderate  
 housing 1  
 Cluster housing (developing) 3

**Red** Plan Commission  
 Review & Planning of  
 Developments 6  
 Keep Health Center 5

City extraterr. restrictions 5  
 Don't have upper end housing  
 available \$500,000  
 Greater housing less likely. The Apple  
 River would be a scenic waterway  
 No senior housing & support  
 facilities – churches, businesses, etc.  
 Methods to support County Zoning  
 enforcement 4  
 Zoning needs to be more clear –  
 consistent answers

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| <b>Blue</b>   | Planning Commission<br>More Township control needed<br>regarding County Zoning <b>5</b><br>Limited low income housing <b>2</b>   | Lack of fire #s <b>1</b><br>Lack of dead end road signs<br>Bus stop signs/children<br>Minimum lot size 2 acres<br>Extraterritorial right from City of N.R.<br>35 acre minimum <b>10</b><br>Lack of flexibility of lot size <b>1</b><br>What do we do with old town hall<br>community center<br>More enforcement for junk cars/debris<br>More low income housing needed<br>Trailer park expansion<br>Lack of hunting/rifle property <b>1</b> |
| <b>Purple</b> | Better control of junk in yards <b>10</b><br>Have some condominiums <b>2</b><br>Each development have a comm. center <b>1</b><br>Keep maintaining WHEDA &<br>FAHA Housing <b>4</b> | Keep out rental units <b>3</b>  |

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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| <b>Black</b> | Not a lot of economic act <b>1</b><br>Commercial<br>Race track <b>1</b><br>Tax revenue<br>Agriculture<br>Commuters <b>1</b><br>Commercial development along "64" <b>5</b>                               | Noise pollution <b>2</b>  |
| <b>Brown</b> | Residential focus (no industry) <b>7</b>  | Store (need) <b>6</b><br>Hazardous waste (clean-up) <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Red</b>   | More ind. to help tax base <b>5</b><br>Need more commercial such as<br>gas stations, minimart, etc. <b>2</b><br>Land use around airport & freeway<br>could be industrial or commercial <b>3</b>         | Too few local businesses <b>3</b><br>Limit # of churches in Township<br>Agriculture declining <b>1</b>  |
| <b>Blue</b>  | Business development (zoning)<br>localize – centralized industrial/<br>commercial<br>Highway 64 & C <b>1</b><br>Limited retail outlets – gas, etc.<br>More flexible home business –<br>costs of permits | Airport <b>6</b><br>- park & ride<br>Avoid commercial development <b>7</b><br>Noise Cedar Lake speedway<br>- need curfew<br>Airport<br>Avoid commercial development |

conditional use process 3  
 Updated/review land zonings  
 is the zoning correct for the current/  
 proposed use 3  
 Mining resources

**Purple** Getting grants for ED projects 10  
 More retail services in the Town 4  
 More industry 1  
 More franchises rest. 1  
 Utilize the talents that are in the Township rather  
 than using the County 4

**AGRICULTURE RESOURCES**

**Black** Right to farm law  
 Allow farmers to farm 6  
 Preservation of land 8  
 Preservation of ag land  
 Large operations  
 Protect natural resources

**Brown** Preserve ag base 12  
 Price of land 1  
 USDA

**Red** Strawberry farms 4  
 No large (corporate) farms 12

**Blue** Lot size adjustment for animals –  
 Horses, sheep, etc. 1  
 Soil conservation district drainage,  
 Watersheds  
 Preserve farmland for farming  
 prioritize good farm land 6  
 Animal unit regulations  
 Keep CSM regulations 1  
 Farmers to have ability to sell to  
 buyer of choice 8  
 Corporate farms 4  
 cattle  
 turkey 1  
 horses  
 pigs

**Purple** Letting landowners have more control  
 of selling their land 14  
 Let farmers have more control over the  
 livestock waste 6

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Black** Protect groundwater 7  
 Wetlands 3  
 Wildlife habitat 4  
 Protect woodlands 2  
 Deer hunting  
 Shotgun north of 64 2  
 Noise pollution,  
 Dogs barking 1

	DNR Fish & Wildlife Apple River – protect 1 Willow River Cedar Lake Rec use of flood plain	Light pollution Tax Roll
<b>Brown</b>	Still exist (preserve) 5 Abundant wildlife 2	Disappearing, lost 2 Groundwater (contamination) 5 Economic is on landowners Enforce shoreline regulations 1 River Park facilities 2 (family oriented)
<b>Red</b>	Wildlife habitat is + & should work to keep 8 Save the wetlands, river, lakes 1 McMurtry Preserve Donation – more in selective spots Federally controlled floodplain good idea	Problem with groundwater from landfills & atrazine 11 Public accesses should be better maintained. Control of County Land at The Health Center - input 620 Ac. No parks, no recreation facilities 3 - Dangerous use of bridge - No ball fields
<b>Blue</b>	Safe drinking water w/wells 8 Ability to do with your land as you 5 Want, ex. dig pond deeper Create own water retention ponds Keep parkland by existing town hall Keep natural wetland/low land, especially in subdivisions 1 Road kill removal – DNR Preserve woodland areas Allow more housing on land (20% slope rule) 5 Keep natural habitat 3 Explore extraction industry Apple – pristine stream Drainage control - residential - commercial	Water runoff into rivers
<b>Purple</b>	Prevent ground water contamination 7 Review floodplain status on Cedar Lake with new dam 1 More control of preserving the shoreland Recreation areas in develop.	Get rid of the 20% slope restriction, should a less percentage 1 Air quality concerns with airport Control noise quality on airport 3 Not wanting airport to deice airplanes

Maintaining public access to waterways 2 or at least control it. 1  
 Public access for hunting 3 No salting roads 2

**CULTURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Black</b>	Fish hatchery Scenery 1 Develop scenic route 2 Cedar Lake 1 Scenic/private land 2 Town hall/school 2 Park on "C" – swimming hole 1 River's Edge Bristol Ridge 2 Riverdale Campground 2	No camping Concerts 1	
<b>Brown</b>	Preserve 9		
<b>Red</b>	Need protection of the Apple River 8 - CTH C near Johannesburg Old Mill Road Schools converted to houses – not tore down Keep town hall even if build a new one – library? 4 Conserve open space when planning houses – keep S.P. Beautiful. 2	Put a % of every devel. into parks & open space – this should not include stormwater ponds 6	-
<b>Blue</b>	Keep town hall 6 Keep cemeteries Encourage use of Fish & Wildlife Project Land & Lake Association 9 Identify historic farms 2 Preserve historic farms	Not keep town hall – cost of maintenance Floating	
<b>Purple</b>	Keep or preserve the existing town hall 4 Put the bell from the town hall into the new town hall 3 Township having more input on Historical sites 8 Keeping documentation of history 4		

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

<b>Black</b>	Share public services WITC Work well with County 1 boundary agreement 8	Does not exist 5 Work together with City 1 Airport 8	
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<b>Brown</b>	New Richmond facilities (close by) 3 Somerset facilities (close-by) 2	Lack of communications 8 (Town – City) (School plan presented to Township) 3 Township needs to present plan to School Board 3
<b>Red</b>	Ambulance 1 Relations with Village of Star Prairie is good 1 No trouble with Village of Somerset Good with Town of Somerset Existing teams/committees trying to do a good job with City PreRelease excellent resource for Town 1 Excellent County & State roads & going to be better	Fire – on W. side of Apple River Somerset F.D. is closer 4 Communication between City of N.R. & Town is very bad 1 Airport rest. 2 Extraterritorial Zoning 5 Contaminated well issue 2 Communication with County needs improvement Representation of Town on airport commission 5
<b>Blue</b>	Towns own regulations 1 Representation with City of N.R. 4 Increase town board to 5 4 Representative on airport committee 1 More interaction with other town boards 1 Increase notices to 500 yards Improve communication with City of N.R. Combine Clerk and Treasurer 2 School Board representative 2 Posted town hall hours Town website with email	Extraterritorial fights by City of N.R. & Somerset 9 Lack of mutual aid fire, (live closer to Somerset, but N.R. is fire dept. called)
<b>Purple</b>	More open comm. with the City of N.R. 5 Reduced rates for supported facilities 2 More Town input on supported facilities 3 A weighted factor on non-binding referendums	City of New Richmond’s control 1 Township having more control within the ETZ. 4 New Richmond should pay for any restrictions that they place onto the Town of Star Prairie 4 Boundary Agreements with surrounding cities & villages 1

**LAND USE**

<b>Black</b>	Rural character 2 Ag – Res Zoning Larger lots, 5 Acres 1	City – no regard for land use 11 Landfill 5 Gravel pits Driveways on town roads – dangerous 1
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<b>Brown</b>	2 acre building site 4	City control over township property 6 Alternative use of land (cluster housing) (best use of) 2 Control growth 5 (wise use) (manage) Preserve landowners' rights 8
<b>Red</b>	Keep the rural atmosphere 5 Keep the town beautiful 1 Apple River Alternatives to housing development 1 Limit # of building permits – slow it down Consideration for conservation easements	City of New Richmond dictating to township what can do 1 No more exp. of the airport 1 Require developers to put parks in developments 9 Plan for commercial industrial & residential development
<b>Blue</b>	Post statutes at town hall 2 Boundary agreements 3 Localize density issues – more flexibility Flexible setbacks 1 Optimize non-conforming lots (issue variance at township level) 1 Specified compost & non hazardous waste Sites – cement rocks 1 Keep rural characteristic 2 Not the City Buffering along Highway 64 More rural as you get away from 64 Reserve property for water tower	ETZ – entire policy 9
<b>Purple</b>	Equality of the land use regulations 4 More help for those who want to improve their property 1 Subdivisions have to be 2 acre minimum, not average 3 Help preserve low taxes for undeveloped land 5	Less input from the DNR when trying to improve property 1 Landowners should be compensated for land regulations 6