

Appendix A – Non-Response Bias Tests

Any survey has to be concerned with “non-response bias.” Non-response bias refers to a situation in which people who don’t return a questionnaire have opinions that are systematically different from the opinions of those who return their surveys. For example, suppose non-respondents strongly agree that the Town of Star Prairie needs more single family homes (Question 4a), whereas most of those who returned their questionnaire disagreed with this opinion. In this case non-response bias would exist and the raw results would understate the overall public’s opinions about the need for more single-family housing in the Town of Star Prairie.

The standard way to test for non-response bias is to compare the responses of those who return the first mailing of a questionnaire to those who return the second mailing. Those who return the second questionnaire are, in effect, a sample of non-respondents (to the first mailing) and we assume that they are representative of that group. In this survey, there were 517 people responded to the first mailing and 238 responded to the second mailing.

We found only 8 variables with statistically significant differences between the mean responses of these two groups of Star Prairie citizens (Table A1) out of 97 tested. For questions 3, 14, 15, 16, 24i, and 25a in Table A1, residents were asked to rate each issue on a scale from strongly agree/very important (= 2) to strongly disagree/very unimportant (= -2). So a positive value indicates that more people said that they agreed with or saw the issue as important. Question 18 was a “yes” (keep the 2-acre minimum = 1) or “no” (don’t keep this minimum = -1) type of question. Question 39 had seven categories of length of residence in Star Prairie ranging from under 5 years (=1) to more than 5 years (=7)

Variable	Mean First Mailing	Mean Subsequent Mailing	Statistical Significance
Q3 More seasonal housing needed	-0.36	-0.13	0.02
Q14 Impose fees on new private developments	1.18	1.00	0.03
Q15 Need additional land use regulations	0.42	0.20	0.01
Q16 Need additional enforcement of land use regulations	0.52	0.34	0.04
Q18 Keep 2-acre minimum lot size	0.27	0.53	0.00
Q24i Develop more golf courses	0.09	0.32	0.01
Q25a Groundwater contamination	1.84	1.75	0.04
Q39 Length residence in Star Prairie	3.05	2.69	0.04

The only area in which there is something of a pattern of differences between the two groups is in the area of land use regulations (questions 14, 15, and 16). Even here, most of the differences are differences of degree rather than differences of opinion. For example, respondents to the first

mailing are more strongly (1.18) in favor of imposing fees on new private development to pay for the added costs of public services such as roads, highways and emergency services than were those responding to the second mailing (1.00). However, both groups are supportive of this suggestion. Those who responded to the first mailing were also more supportive of the need for additional land use regulations (0.42 vs 0.20) and additional enforcement of existing regulations (0.52 vs 0.34) than the second mailing respondents.

Assuming that responses from the second mailing are representative of the non-responses, the SRC recalculated the average and frequency responses for questions 14, 15, and 16. Questionnaires were delivered to 1,449 households in the Town and 517 (36 percent) responded to the first mailing. The SRC assumed that the 238 who responded to the second mailing are more representative of the 64 percent who failed to respond to the first mailing. When we weigh the first respondents at 36 percent and the second respondents at 64 percent, we get the values reproduced in Table A2. As you can see, the reweighting of results has a relatively minor impact on the observed values.

Table A2 – Reweighting Land Use Regulation Response Opinions			
Weighted Values	Q14 - Fees	Q15 - Add Regs	Q16 - Enforce Regs
Average	1.06	0.28	0.41
Strongly Disagree	4%	6%	4%
Disagree	10%	20%	18%
No Opinion	5%	28%	27%
Agree	40%	29%	37%
Strongly Agree	42%	16%	15%
UnWeighted Values	Q14 - Fees	Q15 - Add Regs	Q16 - Enforce Regs
Average	1.12	0.35	0.46
Strongly Disagree	3%	6%	4%
Disagree	9%	19%	17%
No Opinion	4%	26%	24%
Agree	37%	31%	39%
Strongly Agree	45%	17%	16%

Appendix B – Sample Bias Tests

There is an unexpectedly high percentage of men in the Town of Star Prairie survey sample. If the opinions of men and women are consistently different with respect to the land use questions covered in the questionnaire, the raw results from the survey will not accurately reflect overall public opinion. In particular if there are significant and wide-spread gender differences, the raw, or unweighted, results will under-represent the opinions of women.

To test for gender differences, the responses of men were compared to those of women using a standard two-tailed T-Test. Table B1 lists the variables for which the SRC found a statistically significant difference between the views of men and women, the level of significance and the mean values for men and women.

Table B1 indicates that women tend to be more supportive of some environmental issues (preserving prairies/grasslands, preserving farmland, increasing land use restrictions) and using public funds for recreational activities (hiking/skiing trails, bike routes, horse trails) than men are. In contrast, women are more skeptical of many economic or business development options (agricultural production, privately-owned campgrounds, composting sites, direct farm marketing, gravel pits, junk/salvage yards, storage businesses, and wind power generators – interestingly the only business option for which there is a significant difference with women being more supportive is dog kennels/boarding facilities) and of the quality of Town services (ambulance, police, and fire) than men. Based on the results in Table B1, the SRC concludes that men and women in the Town of Star Prairie do have significantly different opinions about land use policies.

To better reflect the opinions of residents of Star Prairie Town, the SRC feels that the results must be re-weighted. From the Census of Population, we know that men make up 53 percent of the population in Star Prairie and women 47 percent. To re-weight the responses to more accurately reflect the opinions of men and women the SRC used the following formula:

$$(average\ opinion\ of\ men * 0.53) + (average\ opinion\ of\ women * 0.47) = weighted\ opinion$$

So, for example, Table B1 tells us that men rate “preserving prairie land/grasslands” as open space as an average of 1.12 (important) and the average value for women is 1.31 (even more important). The unweighted average importance is 1.19. To get the weighted average value, we applied the just-stated formula:

$$(1.12 * 0.53) + (1.31 * 0.47) = 1.21$$

The final two columns of Table B1 show the unweighted and re-weighted average values for the variable in which the SRC found significant statistical differences. As a quick scan of the Table will tell the reader, the impact of re-weighting the results is generally quite minor. In fact, the largest change in the average value in going from the unweighted to the re-weighted average is 0.04. In short, while the SRC is convinced that the data should be re-weighted to more accurately reflect public opinion, the impact of doing so is quite minimal.

Table B1: Gender Comparisons

Variable	Average – Men	Average – Women	Significance Level	Unweighted Ave	Weighted Ave
Q2b Preserve Prairies	1.12	1.31	0.01	1.19	1.21
Q4e More Seasonal Housing	(0.22)	(0.42)	0.04	(0.29)	(0.31)
Q7 Restrict Land Development	0.44	0.67	0.01	0.52	0.55
Q9 Farm/Non-Farm Conflicts	(0.39)	(0.18)	0.02	(0.30)	(0.29)
Q10 Don't Restrict Ag Uses	0.87	0.54	0.00	0.75	0.71
Q18 Keep 2-acre Minimum	0.28	0.45	0.01	0.35	0.36
Q22a Quality Ambulance	0.72	0.59	0.03	0.67	0.66
Q22b Quality Fire	0.75	0.55	0.00	0.66	0.66
Q22c Quality Police	0.56	0.41	0.04	0.50	0.49
Q23b Hiking/Ski Trails	0.28	0.54	0.00	0.37	0.40
Q23e Bike Routes	0.32	0.69	0.00	0.45	0.49
Q23h Horse Trails	(0.17)	0.12	0.00	(0.07)	(0.03)
Q24a Ag Production	1.26	1.13	0.02	1.21	1.20
Q24c Campgrounds	0.18	(0.10)	0.00	0.07	0.05
Q24d Composting	0.55	0.35	0.01	0.47	0.46
Q24g Direct Farm Mktg	1.13	1.02	0.03	1.09	1.08
Q24h Dog Kennels	0.05	0.32	0.00	0.16	0.18
Q24j Gravel Pits	(0.29)	(0.50)	0.01	(0.35)	(0.39)
Q24m Junk Yards	(0.89)	(1.08)	0.02	(0.96)	(0.98)
Q24o Storage Businesses	0.09	(0.19)	0.00	(0.02)	(0.04)
Q24p Wind Power	0.90	0.72	0.02	0.84	0.82
Q25c Airport Expansion	0.02	0.24	0.05	0.11	0.12
Q25d Productive Farmland	1.10	1.26	0.03	1.16	1.18
Q26 3 or 5 Board Members	1.62	1.72	0.01	1.65	1.67
Q28a Sheriff Satellite	0.72	0.88	0.04	0.81	0.80
Q29 Maintain Old Town Hall	(0.15)	0.09	0.01	(0.05)	(0.04)

Appendix C – Responses by Question

TOWN OF STAR PRAIRIE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SURVEY

The following questions pertain to the Town of Star Prairie, not the Village of Star Prairie.

QUALITY OF LIFE

1. From the following list, please identify which of the following items, a – n, are the most important reasons you and your family choose to live in the Town of Star Prairie: **(Please list top three only)**

	Most Important	Second Most Important	Third Most Important		Most Important	Second Most Important	Third Most Important
a. Affordable housing	7.2%	4.3%	3.5%	h. Near job	7.1%	7.3%	9.2%
b. Appearance of homes	0.4%	1.7%	2.5%	i. Property taxes	6.2%	9.9%	5.9%
c. Cost of home	6.5%	3.8%	4.9%	j. Proximity to Twin Cities	1.5%	7.8%	13.1%
d. Cultural/Community events	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	k. Quality schools	3.6%	5.6%	5.8%
e. Low crime rate	5.3%	7.8%	9.3%	l. Recreational opportunities	1.5%	3.5%	6.2%
f. Natural beauty/Surroundings	24.4%	17.6%	11.3%	m. Small town atmosphere/Rural lifestyle	21.3%	21.4%	19.5%
g. Near family/friends	11.5%	8.9%	7.2%	n. Other: See Comments	3.0%	0.4%	1.0%

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES We would like your opinion about the importance of natural and cultural resources in the Town of Star Prairie and surrounding area. **Check the box that most closely describes your perspective:**

2. How important is protecting the following types of open space?	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	No Opinion
a. lakes	68.3%	27.9%	2.3%	0.5%	0.9%
b. prairie land/grasslands	43.9%	43.0%	9.1%	1.4%	2.7%
c. river corridors	54.8%	37.9%	4.6%	0.4%	2.3%
d. wetlands	46.4%	38.8%	9.5%	2.3%	3.0%
e. wildlife habitat	58.7%	34.7%	3.7%	0.9%	2.0%
f. woodlands	57.2%	35.9%	3.8%	1.2%	1.9%
g. other: (<u>See Comments</u>)	95.5%	0.0%	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%

HOUSING We would like your opinion about housing development in the Town of Star Prairie.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
3. Residential growth is desirable in the Town of Star Prairie.	7.7%	42.9%	28.6%	13.7%	7.0%
4. More of the following types of housing are needed in the Town of Star Prairie:					
a. Single family housing	21.0%	50.5%	13.9%	7.3%	7.3%
b. Duplexes, Twin Homes	1.8%	23.2%	34.9%	31.9%	8.2%
c. Condominiums, Apartment	1.3%	13.5%	35.5%	40.9%	8.9%
d. Mobile home parks	1.1%	4.4%	27.2%	59.8%	7.5%
e. Seasonal and recreational homes	2.8%	34.7%	29.2%	19.9%	13.4%
f. Senior housing	11.7%	51.7%	15.8%	9.8%	11.0%
g. Housing for a variety of income levels	8.9%	45.5%	17.8%	18.8%	9.0%
h. Housing subdivisions	3.2%	26.0%	27.7%	32.4%	10.7%
i. Freestanding mobile homes	1.8%	8.0%	25.1%	56.8%	8.3%

AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

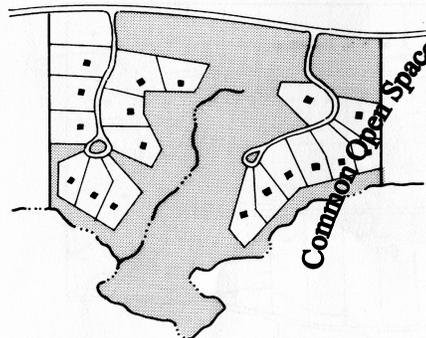
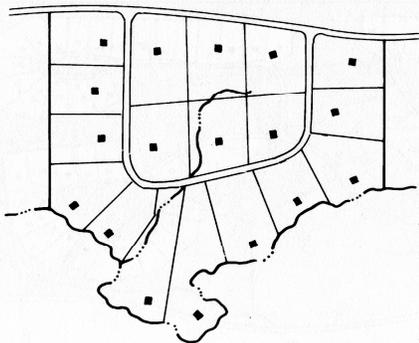
The following questions are asking for your opinion about agriculture and land use in the Town of Star Prairie.

5. We should allow productive farmland to be used for:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Agricultural use	69.3%	28.4%	0.4%	0.3%	1.6%
b. Residential use	6.1%	35.9%	33.0%	19.4%	5.5%
c. Any use	5.5%	13.7%	36.8%	34.7%	9.2%
6. Landowners should be allowed to develop land <u>any way they want</u> .	10.1%	19.0%	46.2%	22.8%	1.9%
7. Landowners should have some restrictions on <u>how much</u> of their land they would be allowed to develop.	18.7%	49.7%	21.8%	6.5%	3.3%
8. Land owners should be able to subdivide their land into housing lots.	8.3%	48.3%	24.1%	12.7%	6.7%
9. Conflicts between farms and neighbors (dust, noise, and odors) are a concern in the Town of Star Prairie.	6.5%	22.9%	42.1%	11.9%	16.6%
10. Agricultural uses should not be restricted because of proximity to residences.	26.7%	46.4%	16.7%	4.2%	6.1%
11. Owners of farm land should be compensated if they chose not to develop their farm land for uses other than farming.	14.1%	30.9%	34.5%	10.9%	9.7%
12. Public funds should be used to compensate farmers that do not develop their farm land for uses other than farming.	9.8%	27.8%	39.2%	13.3%	9.9%
13. Environmentally sensitive areas should be protected through land use regulations.	38.0%	54.0%	3.2%	1.4%	3.4%
14. Fees should be imposed on new private development to pay for the added costs of public services such as roads, highways, emergency services, etc.	45.4%	37.4%	9.5%	3.2%	4.5%
15. There should be additional land use regulations in the Town of Star Prairie.	17.4%	31.5%	19.3%	5.9%	25.9%
16. There should be additional enforcement of existing land use regulations in the Town of Star Prairie.	16.0%	39.1%	16.9%	3.9%	24.1%
17. Public funds should be used to preserve open space in the Town of Star Prairie.	19.9%	46.8%	16.4%	5.3%	11.5%
18. Should the current <u>2 acre minimum</u> residential lot size continue to be the same throughout the Town of Star Prairie?			Yes 64.5%	No 29.4%	No Opinion 6.1%
			(go to Q19)	(go to Q18a)	(go to Q19)
18a. If you answered “no” to Q18, please answer the following:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
<u>Variations from the 2 acre minimum residential lot sizes should be determined by proximity to:</u>					
Higher density local communities (e.g. New Richmond)	32.2%	40.9%	15.2%	8.7%	3.0%
Environmentally sensitive areas (lakes, steepness of terrain)	52.0%	39.6%	4.8%	1.3%	2.2%
Availability of small scale sewage treatment systems	38.6%	42.6%	9.0%	4.0%	5.8%
Wildlife corridors	48.2%	40.4%	7.5%	0.9%	3.1%
Conservation Design Development (see illustration below)	46.5%	39.2%	6.0%	2.3%	6.0%
Other: <u>See Comments</u>	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

19. Would you prefer new housing built in the Town of Star Prairie to reflect a conventional design (Option A) or a conservation design development (Option B)? Please check either Option A or Option B (not both) below to indicate your preference.

15.3% **OPTION A**

84.7% **OPTION B**



TRANSPORTATION

These questions ask your opinion about transportation issues in the Town of Star Prairie.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
20. The <u>overall road network</u> (roads, streets, and highways) in the Town of Star Prairie meets the needs of its citizens.	12.8%	69.7%	11.2%	2.7%	3.6%
21. The <u>overall condition of roads and streets</u> in the Town of Star Prairie is acceptable for present needs.	9.9%	61.6%	19.8%	4.2%	4.6%

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

These questions ask your opinion about community facilities and services in the Town of Star Prairie.

22. Rate the quality of the following services in the Town of Star Prairie:	Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
a. Ambulance service	14.3%	43.7%	3.4%	0.8%	37.8%
b. Fire protection	13.5%	47.3%	5.3%	1.4%	32.6%
c. Police protection	9.4%	48.7%	11.5%	3.0%	27.5%
d. Public facilities (e.g. Town Hall)	7.8%	48.9%	17.8%	4.3%	21.2%
e. Park and recreation facilities	10.6%	48.2%	18.4%	3.9%	18.8%
f. Recycling programs	8.0%	50.9%	13.6%	4.7%	22.7%
g. Road snow removal	14.5%	57.8%	14.1%	5.0%	8.6%
23. The Town of Star Prairie should use public funds to provide the following recreational activities:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Parks	17.3%	62.4%	10.9%	2.8%	6.6%
b. Hiking and skiing trails	11.4%	48.7%	25.2%	4.8%	9.8%
c. Publicly-owned campgrounds	6.2%	31.9%	40.1%	8.9%	12.8%
d. Ballfields, active recreation areas	11.1%	57.2%	17.4%	4.6%	9.7%
e. Bicycle routes	13.7%	50.1%	21.5%	5.5%	9.2%
f. Boat landings	11.5%	56.1%	18.1%	4.0%	10.4%
g. Hunting/fishing access	14.2%	52.2%	18.8%	5.1%	9.7%
h. Horse trails	6.5%	31.7%	35.9%	7.8%	18.1%
i. Snowmobile/ATV trails	12.9%	36.3%	29.3%	10.9%	10.6%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The following questions ask how you view economic development in the Town of Star Prairie.

24. What types of economic/business development would you find acceptable?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Ag production (crops and livestock)	32.4%	59.8%	2.6%	0.5%	4.7%
b. Ag service businesses	21.2%	63.1%	6.4%	1.0%	8.3%
c. Privately owned campgrounds	6.0%	44.4%	30.0%	9.6%	9.9%
d. Composting sites	8.2%	56.9%	19.0%	3.8%	12.0%
e. Convenience stores/gas stations	7.4%	58.2%	21.8%	5.3%	7.3%
f. Corporate/large scale farms	3.8%	23.5%	42.0%	20.1%	10.6%
g. Direct sales of farm products (vegetables, fruit, meat, trees)	21.7%	68.8%	3.1%	0.1%	6.3%
h. Dog boarding and kennels	3.9%	48.4%	24.0%	8.3%	15.3%
i. Golf courses	7.2%	46.8%	26.1%	9.5%	10.4%
j. Gravel pits	2.0%	28.6%	41.3%	13.2%	14.9%
k. Home based businesses	14.5%	64.9%	8.2%	1.4%	11.0%
l. Industrial/Manufacturing	4.5%	43.7%	28.8%	14.3%	8.6%
m. Junk/Salvage yards	1.4%	13.3%	40.4%	35.7%	9.2%
n. Retail/Commercial	8.3%	56.8%	18.3%	7.6%	9.0%
o. Storage businesses	3.4%	43.9%	28.6%	12.0%	12.1%
p. Wind power generators	23.8%	52.3%	9.8%	3.3%	10.9%
q. Other: (<u>See Comments</u>)	42.3%	26.9%	0.0%	30.8%	0.0%

SPECIFIC ISSUES

The following question asks how you view select issues facing the Town of Star Prairie.

25. Rate the importance of the following to the Town of Star Prairie:	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	No Opinion
a. Groundwater contamination	83.1%	15.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%
b. Rural residential development	41.4%	41.1%	12.0%	2.9%	2.7%
c. Airport expansion	22.4%	24.7%	30.3%	14.3%	8.4%
d. Loss of productive farmland	43.9%	40.5%	10.8%	0.8%	3.9%
e. City of New Richmond Extraterritorial Subdivision Regulations	30.9%	33.7%	12.2%	4.5%	18.6%
f. Addition/expansion recreational/trail facilities	25.7%	43.9%	19.2%	3.3%	7.9%
g. Other (<u>See Comments</u>)	84.6%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
26. Should the Star Prairie Town Board have 3 (current size) or 5 members?				3 Members	5 Members
				34.9%	65.1%

27. The Town is considering building a new Town Hall at the corner of Cook Drive and County Road C on 3.5 acres of land we currently own. **Do you think a new Town Hall should be built?** **Yes 56.6%** **No 43.4%**
(if no, go to Q31)

28. If built, the new Town Hall should be used for these purposes:

a. Sheriff satellite facilities	Yes 90.3%	No 9.7%
b. Meeting rooms	Yes 98.0%	No 2.0%
c. Community/Senior Center	Yes 94.8%	No 5.2%
d. Other: (_____ See Comments _____)	Yes 96.5%	No 3.5%
e. Other: (_____ See Comments _____)	Yes 84.2%	No 15.8%

29. Should the existing Town Hall be kept/maintained? **Yes 37.1%** **No 42.5%** **No Opinion 20.4%**
(go to Q30) (go to Q31) (go to Q31)

30. If you answered “yes” to Q29, for what should the existing Town Hall be used?

(_____ See Comments _____) (_____ See Comments _____) (_____ See Comments _____)

31. Please provide any additional comments about the Town of Star Prairie and comprehensive planning below.

See Comments

DEMOGRAPHICS

Please tell us some things about you: **Please choose only one answer per question.**

32. Gender:	62.0% Male	38.0% Female				
33. Age:	0.8% 18-24	12.8% 25-34	23.2% 35-44	27.5% 45-54	20.6% 55-64	15.1% 65 and older
34. Employment status:	58.1% Employed full time		7.4% Employed part time		1.8% Unemployed	
	12.4% Self employed		19.2% Retired		1.1% Other: <u>See Comments</u>	
35. Please choose the one definition that best describes your Residency:	11.1% Non-Resident Land Owner		75.7% Rural Resident (non-farm)		0.8% Renter	
	7.6% Farm Land Owner		4.9% Other: <u>See Comments</u>			
36. Number of adults (over 18) in household:	17.7% 1	66.4% 2	11.6% 3	3.3% 4	0.8% 5	0.3% 6 or more
37. Number of children (under 18) in household:	60.4% 0	14.8% 1	17.2% 2	6.1% 3	1.5% 4	0.1% 5 or more
38. Income range:	2.0% Less than 15,000		5.8% 15,001 – 24,999		22.7% 25,000 – 49,999	
	32.9% 50,000 – 74,999		20.4% 75,000 – 99,999		16.2% 100,000 or more	
39. How long have you lived in the Town of Star Prairie?	23.0% Less than 5 years		22.1% Five to ten years		23.5% Eleven to twenty years	
	13.6% Twenty-one to thirty years		9.2% Thirty-one to forty years			
	4.3% Forty-one to fifty years		4.2% More than fifty years			

Please return your survey by _____ to:

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Appendix D – Respondent Comments

Star Prairie Planning Survey – Comments

1. What are the most important reasons you and your family choose to live in the Town of Star Prairie? Other:

- lake cabin/property (5x)
- where I was born and raised (3x)
- No specific reason (2x)
- Rural Lifestyle (2x)
- Divorce-Cost of living
- stopping airport growth
- wanted a farm
- bigger lot sizes
- affordable land
- Floor plan of house
- privacy
- availability
- Quiet

2. How important is protecting the following types of open space? Other:

- farm land (10x)
- Hunting land/ Fisheries (8x)
- drinking water, wells (4x)
- Trails (2x)
- Natural Beauty (2x)
- private ownership (2x)
- Slow down urban sprawl (2x)
- Arts organizations
- older lake and river cabins
- traffic noise
- rural development
- Roads
- Quiet and peaceful
- public land use
- Sky
- Natural drainage ways
- Humanity
- recreation
- let market decide
- swamps
- snow plowing
- controlled development around small lakes

18a. Variations from the 2 acre minimum residential lot sizes should be determined by proximity to. Other:

- 5 acre minimums (6x)
- 3 acre minimum (4x)
- 3-5 acre minimum (2x)
- 40 acre minimum
- 10 acre minimum- no exceptions
- Smart Growth, Wise use of the land, Affordable housing
- Should be at least 5 acres. 10 acres would be better

- increase minimum lot size to 4 acres
- increase minimum lot size
- With possible development
- Create density bonuses for developments that achieve specific goals for conservation of open space, watershed protection, elimination of light pollution, etc.)
- lot size need not be 2A
- farmland tax rates
- cluster housing

19. Miscellaneous Answers

- Neither one (5x)
- both are needed and serve different purposes-some of each (2x)
- Option B-builder/developer would need to create a fee of the homeowners to pay for upkeep of common open space not to be paid by township funds.
- PLUS 10 acre minimum per lot. Let's plan for the future of our Twp, not the bank accounts of the developers!
- Limit building how about "rural" design
- If there has to be new Housing!
- Either or Both
- no opinion
- Both designs are extreme
- If we had no choice!
- strongly prefer

24. What types of economic/business development would you find acceptable? Other:

- Restaurants (3x)
- solar power (3x)
- race track noise (2x)
- strip joints (2x)
- Airports (2x)
- children's recreation
- no more farm run-offs
- less drinking more family
- Home offices/businesses
- all if environment friendly
- more light industrial and manufacturing
- race track
- spreading of liquid manure
- convention/restaurant banquet center with dance floor
- All business should respect its neighbors
- M would be ok if forced so. Not visible from road, neighbors, etc
- nursery/ garden center
- affordable shopping, but not over developed
- Professional
- race or trail riding
- cell phone antennas

25. Rate the importance of the following to the Town of Star Prairie. Other:

- Food/Restaurants
- solve existing water problems
- Certified Township
- Excessive noise-Dogs
- Walking Trail
- Safety
- Sanitary sewer, ordinances

- Race track noise during the week!
- put airport in its place
- no knowledge of present regulations
- private junk yards
- stop airport expansion
- farmland tax rates
- Lower Taxes

28. If built, the new Town Hall should be used for these purposes. Other:

- Rental for private events (16x)
- Park/recreation/ball fields (12x)
- Youth Center (6x)
- Offices for town staff & board members (4x)
- Community education (4x)
- Police/Fire department/ambulance (4x)
- Voting/election (4x)
- Posting/central area for town information (3x)
- 4-H use (3x)
- Child Care (2x)
- Community Neighborhood Gatherings (2x)
- scout/youth group meetings (2x)
- Humane society/ animal shelter
- building inspector
- kitchen and cooking
- library
- church
- any non profit groups
- Keep costs down, energy efficient for public use too
- recycling center
- WITC Classes
- Pride
- landowner use
- first responders base
- License renewal

30. For what should the existing Town Hall be used?

- Meetings (52x)
- Historical/museum (33x)
- community/senior center (30x)
- Town Hall/same as now (15x)
- voting center (14x)
- public/park area (12x)
- sheriff satellite facilities (11x)
- rental use to public (8x)
- Sell it (7x)
- boy scouts/girl scouts/4-H (6x)
- Storage (5x)
- Youth center (5x)
- art gallery/art fairs/fine arts (3x)
- bathrooms (3x)
- dance hall (3x)
- Family Reunions (2x)
- Garage Sales (2x)
- Commercial (2x)

- Residential (2x)
- daycare (2x)
- Town business (2x)
- Not needed (2x)
- same as above (2x)
- DNR
- recycling/clean up day
- library
- parking for river access
- Any agricultural land that has received government subsidies should be subject to any township statutes and regulations
- whatever is needed
- demolish building
- Commuter
- Minimum acre size should be 3 to 5
- Preserving our unique natural resources is of the utmost importance planning for growth, including adopting conservation design developments is also important
- Price of land and taxes are way too high. Road signs for Co Rd C are non existent or confusing
- computer and internet center
- brothel
- whore house
- Emergency Response equip. storage
- bingo hall
- shops
- info/promotional
- only if new facility is not built
- anything to do with town
- old school house

31. Please provide any additional comments about the Town of Star Prairie and comprehensive planning.

- Current town hall is good enough/remodel existing one (18x)
- Stop development/keep Star Prairie Small/preserve wildlife (15x)
- Stop airport expansion (5x)
- I would like to see the min. acres to build increased to 5 acres (3x)
- Installation of fire numbers is horrible. We have lived here over 4 years without a fire number. Response by Doug Rivard has been the absolute worst. No response has ever been received! We finally quit asking.
- Sell as retail/commercial apply proceeds toward new building
- sell, focus on one new building
- Less houses more farm land!
- not involved in community to speak to above issue
- the small town atmosphere is great. We should be concerned with keeping that. The airport is another big concern. It increases the size (under the table) and residents DO NOT WANT IT!
- what is the demonstrable need for a new structure
- Only build if town hall is too small for town meetings.
- There are already enough private campgrounds.
- Because of improvements made to Hwy 64 & the impending river bridge, our community needs to stay ahead of the game and be ready for the population explosion that will follow in the next few years- proactive not reactive! And we need to be able to meet the needs of urban population that is relocating to a rural area.
- Need to have impact fees on new housing building, if building a new town hall, do it right. Make it big enough for rental and have a better layout than the first one. Also, give contractors within the township chances to do some of the work.
- Rebuild existing town hall on existing land

- If developments do come in they should have trails and a play area for children. The roads are so narrow kids can't even ride their bikes.
- County road C is a horrible road, too narrow and traffic is sometimes beyond belief
- Get rid of high power rifle hunting. There are too many homes in township for safety. I have holes in shed and bins from hunters. Restricts private dirt bike tracts.
- Get out ahead of development and collect fees to help offset impact of expanding population
- I do not want to see restrictions on what size lots (other than current 2 acres) Because of airport of city expansion
- Need very little changes
- Don't tax us off our property, how about a property tax freeze for seniors 55 and older
- approximate costs for building and maintaining current and future town halls would be helpful. Town of star prairie desperately needs walking/biking/hiking trails to promote exercise and preventive health
- is this really needed? When will government expansion be curbed?
- Central rental housing. Too much rental housing over taxes township resources. More costs and problems. Have a surcharge on rental housing. Example - Somerset's rental problems
- does the town of star prairie take in consideration the environmental impact, private sewer systems create when issuing unlimited building permits for private on subdivision housing development? I personally do not think so!
- if present town hall can be used for any of the items under question 28. I would be for keeping it.
- I believe that the rights of private property ownership is a pillar of American Life and must be protected. I also believe the law can be used to help in a common sense approach to development, use, and maintenance of private property.
- Too much housing-too much ground and water contamination larger lot sizes. Suggest 5 acres.
- Town is small enough to use existing facilities. if larger is needed, use new Richmond facilities
- neighbors should be advised in writing (when) before a portion of easement land is seized. Notification! There should be a minimum distance requirement between neighbor's driveways and bordering land. Thank you for the opportunity for input.
- County Rd C along residential by River Dam should have a watch children playing sign to slow traffic.
- If a town hall is built senior citizens/community room included
- Need better control/enforcement of loose and barking dogs. Large green lawns should be required to plant trees or else extra taxes. No golf courses.
- I like what you're doing-good job
- Wait until the town has more population, especially after the Stillwater Bridge is built
- Don't be too restrictive in town planning-we need to grow-so lets let it happen without undue restrictions
- wait for economy to strengthen
- remove building and leave open space on Apple River
- need more hiking and biking trails, recycling center
- It would be nice to see better road maintenance especially in the winter. Perhaps a new contractor for this. Our town is conservative - this is good.
- the existing Town Hall should not be kept if new one built
- raze the building and install park/green space
- the town hall should not be maintained, unless it is historical
- I think we should have a playground - ball field at the new area too
- subdivision need more constraints. The land can't support that many wells & sewers. Subdivisions should have a common well & sewer and monitored.
- keep it for what its being used for now
- County road can be very dangerous for walkers/bicyclers please consider a hiking trail off the road.
- Housing project developers should pay to improve the roads to accommodate additional traffic for safety reasons. Add more stop signs at intersections for safety.
- work to restrict surrounding cities influence of regulations
- If the open land could be used for ag I would be in favor of option B (Q19) otherwise the open land will grow into brush.
- We should allow more people to live in Star Prairie but we should avoid urban ugliness like Maplewood!

- If a new town hall is built sell the land the current one is on.
- Town board needs to be responsive to all residents, not just to those with whom personal relationships exist.
- If farmers have additional put on development they should be compensated.
- Growth should be encouraged in areas with public utilities. Restrict unlimited rural subdivisions. If we want massive rural development we will move to town of Hudson. A perfect example of development run amuck!
- People in our region are taxed to death now - Star Prairie can't afford a new town hall.
- Smaller cul-de-sac bubbles, too large, waste of pavement. Better enforcement of ordinances, dogs at large is a big problem.
- Our present building is large enough for meeting reasons & sheriff satellite. Remodel. Seniors are able to participate in Somerset or New Richmond. There also is Meals on Wheels.
- the lot should be left as is or made into a new park.
- Farmers need to be able to sell their land (often its retirement money). But we've GOT to LIMIT lot size. No smaller than 2 acres, no larger than 5.
- The two acre minimum lot size is not enough. The houses are being built too close together. One house's sewer is next to another house's well.
- if you have land and woods that there is no access to, taxes should be lower.
- use existing community center for town hall meetings. Sell town hall and use money for community center
- I was confused by the airport expansion and loss of farmland on question 25. I think those are NOT DESIRABLE in Star Prairie Township. Thus the VERY UNIMPORTANT responses. However, as ISSUES, they are VERY IMPORTANT! I wish phrasing had been clearer as others may have been equally confused.
- use land for picnic area, family reunions, etc.
- I can't comment on the town hall because I don't know what the existing facility is like.
- Wouldn't maintaining that old building be very costly and maybe someone could buy it. Road parking on H along lake side dangerous - cars should be ticketed. Very concerned regarding expansion plans for Cedar Lake Speedway! Noise of racers deafening; Campground issues of noise all night long a concern ALREADY. Will future plans make these issues year long rather than just a fair weather issue? Can't something be done to greatly diminish the noise? Can't something be built? Close whole darn place down maybe - sure ruins enjoyment of rural serenity during "race season."
- Thanks for the opportunity!
- Maybe used as a model for the future to keep as remembrance of how schools in the area were. Most have disappeared.
- I'm in the building trades and make my income with new housing.
- The real need should be identified.
- Don't maintain the existing town hall if they build a new one.
- Too old and too small
- Upgrade more roads or lower taxes- save the \$- a new town hall is not needed.
- Don't need a new high school at this time.
- The roads are too narrow for the amount of development going on. I prefer 5 acre lots in the rural section.
- Minimum lot sizes should be increased- not decreased.
- Should be a town safe for all ages.
- speed limit signs added or caution signs in residential areas
- with the now Hwy 36 bridge comes many potential adverse changes - the Town should be continuously proactive in designing its future /be open to innovations in planning approaches to create and sustain the livable community we enjoy.
- I really don't know much about the actual physical construction of that building, is the old building delapidated?
- I don't think we should have so many rules and regulations on property owners when they want to sell their property. It makes it difficult for older people to sell the farm or whatever.
- Our taxes are way too high!! This needs to get under control.
- The city of NR should be dealt with. Extraterritorial should be unconstitutional if we can't vote on it, it's our land and we have no vote?

- I think every resident should be sent the names and numbers of all offices and rules and regs...i.e. burning-voting
- why waste money
- The challenge is to maintain the unique character of Star Prairie (mix of farmland, residential dev, etc.) While development occurs
- Invest in quality snow removal and road maintenance, and improvements
- What would it be used for? Would it be extra expense for nothing?
- Why can't the race cars at the Cedar Lake Speedway be regulated to use some type of exhaust muffler or stay under a certain noise limit? It's too loud. Why not have some Saturday nights when racing isn't allowed so we can enjoy the summer and have guests over.
- Develop public use/parks/easier-safe access to water and public areas
- If the town is looking to spend money, make the roads the best they can be.
- We don't "live" in Star Prairie-we just own lake property there.
- Zoning and Mound systems to hold down density around area lakes and maybe no fawn feeding. Larger lot sizes would be nice.
- Property taxes are too high now. Building a new town hall will only increase taxes and price the people who have lived here for years out. The reason they will give is maintenance and personnel which is uncalled for.
- The outlying areas of Star Prairie's fire coverage should be determined by its proximity to the nearest fire hall.
- There are a few board members who use fear as a way to get their way which makes us look stupid. They should get the facts.
- ATV trails/riding areas
- Government wasting taxpayer money at all levels of government. All Americans owe \$156,000 just for federal dept. -that's everyone from 1 day old to 125 years old!
- We need to tax our businesses more, not homeowners. What about all the wear and tear on our roads, let alone all of the money they make.
- The speedway always runs too late and should be responsible for the garbage in ditches. I pulled 900lbs of rubble off the side of the road in 2005 on Goose Lake rd.
- I'm in the building trades and make my income with new housing.
- This may be unrealistic, but I think minimum residential lot size should be 5 acres or more.
- The real need should be identified.
- Star Prairie should create impact fees added to building permits. Impact fees help elevate tax increases for improvements. Impact fees will not slow growth and if it does so be it. We need some walking trails, parks. We shouldn't depend on the V of Somerset for all our recreation needs, make the developers put parks in their developments.
- Only if it assists all Star Prairie members and is cost effective. Q.23 mostly use motorless trails, OK
- Is the existing 3 1/2 acres enough room for these facilities to be built on??
- Q27 if you need one
- Please don't add so many services that young families get taxed out. There is enough parks and rec. facilities in the surrounding area that you can drive to.
- could the existing town hall be sold for a profit to help a park or public rec. land
- Q26 this would depend on what the additional members would do.
- NO cluster developments!
- Need more street lights! Roads are too dim.
- keep as smaller community. Invite more small specialty, unique shopping...perhaps a smaller grocery store.
- Send more info out to residents to keep informed
- The comprehensive plan will be worth nothing because when it's completed it will be obsolete.
- sign ordinances. Better animal control (dogs)
- If you are going to build a new one, why keep up the old one?
- Don't over govern landowners - provide sensible guidelines for growth but allow flexibility to still make common sense decisions on individual issues

- Keep the town board at 5 members, county board same. Pay town board treasurer more money, keep a close eye on the city of New Richmond!! P.S. this is the second of these I filled out!
- I'm uninformed about this subject
- Maybe a question should be posed to President Gibson as to where and why \$10,000 was taken out of the police budget as a form of punishment to the police dept. In 2005 the SPPD took in over \$10,000 from traffic violations and the President then took it away as a form of punishment because of "too" many hours at the PD being worked. BS!! Investigate Gibson!
- Growth is inevitable. We need to continue to monitor and regulate to avoid becoming a "suburb" Keep some open space and country atmosphere.
- The only way property values will increase for those already existing residents is a "NO" to twin homes, rental properties, etc.
- keep the rural setting and small town atmosphere, protect residents from hazards of water contamination, noise pollution (airport) and control growth in the community.
- Seems like Taxes keep going up and our privacy is being more and more taken away. Soon we'll be pushed out!
- I think that the land around the town
- city water for people on the lake

34. Employment Status. Other:

- Homemaker (3x)
- Disabled (2x)
- Student (2x)
- owner of corp
- Employed full and self employed

35. Please choose the definition that best describes your residency. Other:

- lake property owner (12x)
- seasonal (7x)
- Hobby Farm (7x)
- mobile home (5x)
- Rural resident owner (2x)
- business owner (2x)
- Horse boarding operator
- live with parents