

## EMERALD--RESULTS OF THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE VISIONING WORKSHOP 2-18-09

In the Year 2035, Emerald will...

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Card 1:

In 2035 Emerald will be a farming area, clean wells, rural lifestyle, blacktop roads, resident small businesses.

Card 2:

In the year 2035, the farming communities should survive. Wildlife and natural resources still alive. Let our youth call Emerald home. Mother Nature heats our homes.

Card 3:

In the year 2035, the Town of Emerald will be a thriving agricultural based, rural community, with abundant natural resources offering prime recreational and business opportunities supported by renewable energy sources and expanding public transit. Green in more ways than word Emerald.

Card 4:

In the year 2035, the Town of Emerald will be a thriving farming area with the farm waste products producing renewable energy while protecting our groundwater. It will have some small housing developments while retaining open space allowing for wildlife habitat and not encroaching on farming practices. Small industry would be allowed along main corridors.

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E. Themes:

- Community
- Farming
- Water – groundwater
- Natural Resources
- Rural Character
- Renewable Energy
- Transportation
- Housing
- Recreation
- Small Business/Industry
- Civic

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E. Change:

- Increase involvement of residents in town business/affairs
- Use of multi-household septic systems
- Upgrade local roads – blacktop roads
- Reduce number of houses per square mile, septic systems
- Create an atmosphere to encourage small business
- Do better job of disposing of our (household/farm) waste
- Encourage youth of community to partake in community events

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E. Preserve:

- Farmers right to use their property as they deem proper
- Farming
- Groundwater
- Wild game habitat
- Open spaces – open scenic views
- Rural lifestyle – rural character
- Clean well water – groundwater quality
- Historical buildings, etc.
- Natural/wildlife space
- Wetlands/waterways

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E. Create:

- Small industry (at borders) – small business
- Renewable energy (wind, methane, hydrogen, solar)
- Sense of community among residents
- Public transportation options
- Areas for recreation and for outdoor enjoyment
- Group to document location of abandoned water wells from old farmsteads (from plat records)
- Buy Local Campaign (i.e. produce)