

**CENTRAL CLUSTER**

**City of Dodgeville  
Village of Ridgeway  
Town of Dodgeville  
Town of Ridgeway**

*Community Vision Plan*

*Iowa County*

**A Summary of Public Input  
December 2002**



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**Appendix A-2**

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<b><i>What do you like about living in this area of Iowa County?</i></b>	
• The rural character	• Limited traffic
• Privacy	• Variable scenery
• Caring elected officials	• People are caring
• Life supporting services	• Opportunity to be involved
• American Players Theatre is close by	• Good schools
• Active Chamber of Commerce	• Lands' End
• Churches	• Community is receptive to new ideas
• Folklore Village	• Cheese and wine makers
• Clean air	• Agriculture
• Reasonable taxes	• Diversity
• Good health care	• Employment opportunities
• Lesser degree of noise as compared to other places	• Your voice counts
• Reasonable distance to major cities	• Natural resources and wildlife
• Safe communities	• Down-to-earth
• Opportunity for growth	• Viable downtown
• Strong community of artists	• Good snowplow services
• History	• Governor Dodge State park
• Library	• Community Service Organizations
• Local media (Television, Paper and Radio)	• Local Parks
• Bike Trail	• Golf Courses
• Micro Brew Pub	• Quality of roads and highways
• Low Crime rate	• Major tourism area near by
• Festival and parades	• Blues Festival
• Sunsets	• Global Views store

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**What is unique about your community that is not found anywhere else?**

- Lands' End
- Well marked rural roads
- Unglaciaded topography
- Military ridge
- Folklore Village
- House on the Rock
- The Ridgeway Ghost
- Trees and prairies
- Slag furnace in city of Dodgeville
- Amazing vistas
- Limited traffic
- 1964 State Champion Basket-Ball Team
- Gov. Dodge State Park
- Trout streams
- CWD
- New four lane highway
- Historic Courthouse in Dodgeville
- Pleasant ridge store and restaurant
- Non-polluting businesses
- Governor Dodge History is here
- American Players Theater in the area
- Taliesen and Frank Lloyd Wright History
- Good water
- Windmills and the Montfort wind-farm
- Natural springs
- Abundant wildlife
- Blue Mounds State park
- Good hunting and Fishing areas
- Family Farms
- Oak savannas
- Mine shafts under the city
- A lot of smoke free restaurants

**What are some of the community values?**

- ◆ Good work ethic
- ◆ History and preservation
- ◆ Natural resources
- ◆ Helping those in need
- ◆ Work, family and community – a balance
- ◆ Heritage
- ◆ Progressive education
- ◆ Honest people
- ◆ Agriculture and land stewardship
- ◆ Respectful people
- ◆ Pride in the community
- ◆ Involvement in the community
- ◆ Willingness to contribute to charity
- ◆ Good neighbors
- ◆ Appreciation for wild spaces/wildlife
- ◆ Opportunities for our children
- ◆ Care for the elderly
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Families
- ◆ Open and responsive government

## Section 2. Challenges and Opportunities:

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<b><i>What are some of the challenges or concerns facing your community?</i></b>	
• Smart growth and the work to go into it	• Urban development – sprawl like Mt. Horeb and Verona is scary
• Siting of houses in rural areas	• CWD
• Lack of high paying jobs	• State and local budget deficits
• Maintaining quality of schools	• Maintaining quality of our drinking water
• Recreation opportunities for all ages	• Terrorism
• Keeping drugs out	• Use of alcohol is high
• Keeping talented people here in our communities (Brain Drain)	• Maintaining family farms
• Balancing private property rights with public views	• Housing for all income levels
• Unplanned growth	• Youth activities or the lack of them
• Maintaining high quality health care	• Planning for an aging population
• Keeping local services in supply for the demand	• A challenge to find a way to be more welcoming to minorities
• Cost of government services	• New grocery store
• Attracting retail businesses	• Balancing living in the country with urban sprawl
• Tax base to support services	• Getting communities to work together
• Financial institutions lose local decision making ability	• Positive youth development opportunities
• Agriculture economy	• Pedestrian safety
• Too much reliance on one major employer	• Economic development for the area
• Polarization with folks who have moved here verses those who were raised here	• Service group membership
• Police and Fire protection as community grows	• Education and acceptance of smart growth
• Current financial state of the school district	• High number of senior citizens living in poverty
• Providing water at a low cost	• Hard to get younger and talented people involved in local decision making and broader community involvement

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<i>(Challenges continued)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the difficulty of maintaining a good healthy forest land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zoning and Planning complimentary towns and county</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing for the performing arts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An auditorium</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining strong E.M.T. services and membership in them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annexation to certain towns</li> </ul>

<b><i>What are some opportunities for your communities in the future?</i></b>	
Inter – Community collaboration	Develop more of Eco-Tourism
Sell and promote the many wonders of this area to those who are not from here	Control urban development and sprawl
Provide means of affordable housing to keep people here	Increase public participation
Opportunity to learn from other groups, municipalities that have done comprehensive planning already	One time opportunity to preserve rural character
Opportunity to learn that growth can be positive when done “smart”	Capitalize on geographic location in a managed way
Opportunity to minimize land use conflicts in the future	Get young people involved in the planning process
Preserve the Unglaciaded area	Opportunity to be easier to understand zoning etc

<b><i>What type of development or redevelopment should occur in this area?</i></b>	<b><i>What type of development should not occur?</i></b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development that takes conservation and agriculture in mind</li> <li>Design review criteria to keep community character</li> <li>More restaurants</li> <li>Transition (a new way) from agriculture conservation to rural residential</li> <li>Look at 15 acre minimum rural lot size</li> <li>Look at clustering for rural housing explore the idea</li> <li>Siting of rural housing to preserve the landscape</li> <li>Development should be close to the city for businesses and housing</li> <li>Industrial, commercial, and retail development</li> <li>Low impact industry (type we have now)</li> <li>Infrastructure in place for the development close to town</li> <li>Some size limitations on mega-farms (needs to be thought about)</li> <li>Consideration for larger farms and their impact on the local area</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate farms – mega farms</li> <li>Casinos</li> <li>Prisons</li> <li>Heavy industry or smokestacks</li> <li>Strip- malls</li> <li>Big electrical transmission lines</li> <li>No mega slaughter houses</li> </ol>

### Section 3. The Future

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3. What do you want your community to look like in 2022?

<b><i>What words do you want your grandchildren to use to describe your community?</i></b>		
• Cool	• Neat	• Progressive
• Safe	• Tolerant	• Fun
• Comfortable	• Retreat like	• Beautiful
• Clean	• Quiet	• Home
• Open-minded	• Friendly	• Healthy
• Smoke free	• Prosperous	• Environmentally conscious
• Interesting	• Well thought out	• Good planning
• Opportunistic	• Collaboration	• Resourceful
• Opportunity for them to make decisions here	• Quaint	• Scenic
• Close knit	• Smoke free indoor air	• A place I want to live in

<b><i>What do you want your community to look like in 2022?</i></b>	
Clean	Diversified human resources
Downtown vibrant	No need for a humane society
Have an auditorium in Dodgeville	Wide open spaces
Well kept farms	Mass transit system
Indoor pool and Ice Arena	Smoke free work place ordinance
Appreciation for the site scapes	Unpolluted environment
Ice cream dipper gone	Have community get together to share ideas
Park district	Leashless Dog Park
Communication system in step with the times and technology available	No CWD
Inter-fill development – use what is available first	Regional sewer system
More Bike lanes	Affordable access to health care
Farms with traditional Barns preserved	Regional higher educational facility in the area
Controlled traffic	Theatre Arts Center
Book Store	Ethnic restaurants
Growth of housing, business, commercial so our children have a place to come back to after college	Future opportunities for our children are here

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<i>(Community in 2022 continued)</i>	
Would like retail development, a strip mall or a Wal-Mart	Preserve the Downtown
No super Wal-Marts	Technology for the internet - broadband
Technology so we do not use as much salt on the roads	Mexican restaurant

**What do you want to preserve?**

- Historic courthouse
- Darkness
- Quietness
- Vibrant schools
- Parks
- Hospitals
- Safe communities
- Downtown
- Agriculture land
- Natural resources
- Talking about conservation

**SOUTH CENTRAL CLUSTER**

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Town of Waldwick**

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### **What do you like about living in this area of Iowa County?**

- The diversity
- Natural open spaces
- Rural character
- Rolling hills
- Scenic views
- The nice pastures
- Interesting architecture
- Ease of transportation
- No crime
- Sincere people
- Good people
- Good education and health care
- Good parks
- Friendly people
- Good snow removal in the winter
- Family owned dairy farms
- Owner operated businesses
- Quiet
- Like to watch the crops grow
- Outdoor recreation
- Low light pollution
- Prairie and savannah, driftless area
- Mix of people
- Springs and streams
- A lot of wild animals
- Artist community
- Libraries are valued
- Taxes could be worse
- Good roads
- Close to populated areas
- Good parks and recreation

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**What are some of the community values?**

- ◆ Watching out for each other
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Hardworking
- ◆ Honesty
- ◆ Trust
- ◆ Freedom
- ◆ Being able to make own decisions
- ◆ Local history
- ◆ Affordable home ownership
- ◆ Open spaces
- ◆ Volunteerism
- ◆ Family farms and agriculture in general
- ◆ Family farm business
- ◆ Clean air and clean water
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Good neighbors
- ◆ Young people

**What is unique about your community that is not found anywhere else?**

- Native American history
- Highway 39 to Hollandale – beautiful curves
- Orchard Lawn and the Old Opera House
- Hilly Fairgrounds
- Cornish Festival
- Geology of the area
- Lands End
- More five-point intersections than anywhere else
- Cold-water trout streams
- Twinned (Mineral Point) with another city (Redruth in Cornwall)
- More Pasties to eat than anywhere
- New road around Mineral Point
- Historic Buildings and Architecture
- Diverse art community
- Oak savannas exist here
- Not a lot of national chains (Walmarts, K-Marts etc)
- Residential downtown
- Shake Rag – Pendarvis
- Mineral Point was a key settlement in the state of Wisconsin history
- Lead mining history
- Authentic history – no need to create a theme

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- Keeping it the way it is
- Groundwater quality
- Threat of a mega chain store to move in
- With big chain store we would lose local dollars moving through the community
- Loss of identity
- Budget cuts in local governments
- Property taxes
- Losing industry
- Infrastructure deterioration
- Attract new tax base into the community
- Affordable housing
- Affordable health care and Education
- More and better paying jobs
- Growth down the 151 corridor (no plan for it)
- Lack of vision by the elected officials
- Losing farms and farmers
- Protecting the open spaces
- Fearful of large factory farms
- Fearful of factors that we have no control over i.e. milk prices, tax assessment
- Community schools in the future
- Find tools so farmers can have an out when retiring
- How to cross the barrier as agricultural land lost and population increases
- Water pressure for firefighters in the city
- Infrastructure keeps pace with the growing population
- Growth of the internet shopping
- Providing opportunities for young people
- Land use
- Keep all the churches operating
- Planned housing
- CWD, West Nile, Lymes Disease
- Development that does not cost more than the community can support
- Green space and protected areas
- Park facilities
- Absentee landowners
- Lack of high speed internet access
- Lack of cellular coverage
- Absentee landowners

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<b><u>What type of development or redevelopment should occur in this area?</u></b>	<b><u>What type of development should not occur?</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed use in downtown Mineral Point</li> <li>• Business incubator should be explored</li> <li>• Cluster type rural housing</li> <li>• Conservation sub-divisions</li> <li>• Historic district enlarged</li> <li>• Agriculture and small ag operations</li> <li>• Local farmers markets</li> <li>• Commercial development that puts relief on property tax payers and will bring in better paying jobs</li> <li>• Development at increasing tourism</li> <li>• Recreation – hunting, fishing and hiking (keep this preserved, enhanced and accessible without trouble of trespassing)</li> <li>• Build where you want</li> <li>• Explore what other types of development exists if family farms are not economically feasible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 acre rule for building a house</li> <li>• Houses should be on large parcels over 40 acres</li> <li>• Commercial business that costs their communities in terms of infrastructure dollars</li> <li>• Factory farms</li> <li>• Factories in general</li> <li>• Large chain stores</li> <li>• Absentee owners of chain restaurants</li> <li>• Small lot subdivisions in rural areas</li> <li>• Development that threatens water quality</li> <li>• Commercial use of our natural resources (no Perrier)</li> <li>• City of Mineral Point should not lose its uniqueness</li> <li>• Number of access points</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean</li> <li>• Gorgeous</li> <li>• Friendly</li> <li>• Welcoming</li> <li>• Farms and farm land</li> <li>• Timberland</li> <li>• Opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Quiet</li> <li>• Livestock here</li> <li>• Neighborly</li> <li>• Abundance of food</li> <li>• Optimistic about this place</li> </ul>

**Appendix A-2****What do you want to preserve?**

- Preserve the view-scape of highway 151 – (the first impression)
- Mineral Points uniqueness
- Preserve the hills and valleys of Waldwick
- Preserve habitat for ground nesting birds
- Pastures
- Savanna's
- Safe environment
- Cultural amenities
- Preserve farms (somehow preserve the farms)
- Small businesses
- Timber and forested lands
- Preserve the hills
- Preserve historic outhouses (seriously)
- Preserve the Mineral Point swimming pool on the hill
- Look at our first list why we like it here

**What do you want your community to look like in 2022?**

- Unchanged and how it is now
- Good mix of green space and development
- People will have an understanding of the past
- Mechanisms in place for folks to work out differences
- Clean air and water
- Unified downtown streetscape plan
- Healthy mature trees in Mineral Point
- Iveys Pharmacy still here and in business
- Lands End still here
- Every building in the downtown area has a viable business in it
- Efficient public transportation

**NORTH EAST CLUSTER**

**Village of Arena  
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Town of Clyde  
Town of Wyoming**  
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### **What do you like about living in this area of Iowa County?**

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| • The views                                  | • Wisconsin River is close by   |
| • The people and the community               | • The artisans                  |
| • It is quiet                                | • Lack of traffic               |
| • Biking opportunities                       | • Wildlife abundant             |
| • Clean air                                  | • Topography                    |
| • Rural Atmosphere                           | • Changing seasons              |
| • Good schools                               | • Governor Dodge State Park     |
| • Agriculture                                | • Unique history                |
| • Rural traditions                           | • Good Post Office              |
| • Local government is accessible             | • Good Highway s and good roads |
| • Lake Louis Beer Brewed in Arena            | • Dark night skies              |
| • A good variety of recreation opportunities | • Proximity to a larger city    |

### **What are some of the community values?**

- ◆ Pride in the ownership of property
- ◆ The cemetery is well kept and looks beautiful
- ◆ Availability of many different churches
- ◆ Farming and family farms exist here
- ◆ Solitude
- ◆ Community often gathers at the park
- ◆ Home talent teams and games
- ◆ Concern for quality schools
- ◆ Caring neighborhoods
- ◆ Ambulance and fire service are good
- ◆ Good clean neighborhoods with good garbage pickup
- ◆ Recycling is valued here
- ◆ The VFW is very helpful in the community
- ◆ Local government is valued
- ◆ Spring and fall clean-ups – community wide

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**What is unique about your community that is not found anywhere else?**

- Taliesen is in the area
- Artistic enclave
- American Players Theatre
- House on the Rock
- Cheese factories in Arena
- Organic food producers
- Forestry cooperative
- Unity Chapel
- Hartung Brothers and the vegetable production
- Chapel in the Pines
- Bethel Horizons
- Folklore Village
- The Springs Resort
- Farmers Market on Highway 14
- Unglaciated landscape
- Large blocks of forested land
- The Wisconsin River
- Tower Hill State Park
- Arena Manor (residential senior housing facility)

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- Pollution of the groundwater
- Becoming a bedroom community to Madison
- Economic opportunities for farmers
- Handicapped accessibility
- Maintaining a transportation system
- Youth programs and opportunities
- Scenic preservation
- Transitioning out of agriculture
- Maintaining sense of community
- Keeping schools open and keep the elementary school in Arena
- Providing good emergency services
- Preservation of the farmland
- Maintaining rural character and rural way of life
- Keeping farming affordable
- Control over commercial development
- Noxious weed control
- Maintaining low crime rate
- Maintaining a deer population
- Land valuation
- Safe bicycling on county roads
- Transportation for the elderly and the handicapped
- Job opportunities need to be attracted tot he Village of Arena

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**What are some opportunities for your communities in the future?**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve what we have</li> <li>• Increase the quality of life</li> <li>• Local governments working more closely together</li> <li>• Take advantage of local talent that is here – find a way to keep the talent here (much of the talent commutes out everyday)</li> <li>• Opportunity for Iowa County to plan for the entire county</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at alternatives for farmers</li> <li>• Involve younger generations in decision making</li> <li>• Smart Growth is an opportunity and creating our own Plan Commissions</li> <li>• Smart Growth provides an opportunity to simplify all Zoning stuff make it user friendly and easy to understand</li> <li>• Coordinated plan with all municipalities</li> </ul> |
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A commuter rail system</li> <li>2. Preserve the Lower Wisconsin Riverway</li> <li>3. Transportation for the elderly and the handicapped needs to be improved</li> <li>4. Accessibility for the disabled</li> <li>5. Thematic name from the Village of Arena needs to be explored and used to promote the area.</li> <li>6. Expanded homes for the elderly –assisted living facilities</li> <li>7. Alternative funding for government services instead of taxes – more tax relief</li> <li>8. Development should occur along areas that have the capacity and existing infrastructure</li> <li>9. Encourage land stewardship</li> <li>10. Development of some type to assist farmers</li> <li>11. Development of more community services</li> <li>12. Compensation to avoid rural development (explore PDR)</li> <li>13. Encourage voluntary scenic easements</li> <li>14. Recreation and more outdoor trails</li> <li>15. Sustainable jobs with a living wage</li> <li>16. Adult group homes in the area</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Large lot sizes for rural residential development</li> <li>2. Lack of cluster development</li> <li>3. Large scale industrial farms</li> <li>4. Rural subdivisions</li> <li>5. Large factories</li> <li>6. Developments with low paying job</li> <li>7. Commercial development in rural settings</li> <li>8. Commercial traffic should not occur on small local roads</li> <li>9. Some touristy attractions would be good</li> <li>10. No 4-Lane Highways on Highway 14 like what happened on Highway 12.</li> <li>11. No Riverboat gambling</li> <li>12. Rural homes that conflict with agriculture</li> </ol>

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| • Home   | • Quiet                            | • Safe   |
| • Garden Space                                       | • Comfortable                      | • Bike riding place                                      |
| • Beautiful  | • Friendly                         | • Unique   |
| • Eagles are seen here                               | • It is still the country          | • Place to hunt and fish                                 |
| • Interesting  | • Well thought out                 | • Good planning  |
| • Grandma you live in the middle of nowhere          | • Grandchildren will say thank you | • Look at the stars tonight                              |
| • Place where there is a balance between all peoples | • Place where there are farmsteads | • Where there are seven generations that have lived here |

#### ***What do you want to preserve?***

- Trees and forests
- Country in general
- Natural values
- River Road
- Both of the Arena Parks
- Sense of Community
- Rural way of life
- Agriculture
- Clean air
- Water
- Use Value Assessment
- Wisconsin River
- Bike Trails
- Wildlife opportunities
- Scenic Scape and limits on signage on the roads
- Keep crime rate low
- Affordable housing
- Taliesen Area
- Diversity of native landscape – environmental health and balance

**Appendix A-2*****What do you want your community to look like in 2022?***

- Clean Air
- Less government bureaucracy
- As rural as we can stay
- Corridors for landscape and wildlife
- More organic farming
- Increase in agricultural related jobs
- Separated from Madison not a suburb of Madison
- High quality schools remain here
- Shift to sustainable farming
- Forested land remains
- Same view of the landscape
- Thriving farming community
- Healthy land and water
- Place to hunt and fish
- More service for the disabled and the handicapped
- Sustainable resources

**NORTH WEST CLUSTER**

**Village of Highland  
Village of Avoca  
Town of Highland  
Town of Pulaski**

*Community Vision Plan*

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**Appendix A-2**

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**What do you like about living in this area of Iowa County?**

- Rural
- Beautiful
- Quiet
- Safe
- Peaceful
- Clean Air
- Economical
- Low traffic
- Nice people
- Welcoming people
- Proximity to economic opportunities
- School system
- Good chance for growth
- Low population
- Wonderful bird life and observation opportunities of the birds
- No large scale farms here
- Lower taxes
- Conservative area
- Good hunting
- Nice mix of woods, wetlands, pastures and fields
- Good neighbors
- Good community services (roads and snow removal)
- Fire protection and EMT's are good
- Wisconsin Public Radio in Highland
- Anthropological sites – Rock shelters
- Clean water
- A lot of farms are still here – It is thee real deal not a Door County
- Wisconsin River Valley is a neat tourism feature – natural
- Abundant public lands
- Avoca prairie is one of a kind

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**What are some of the community values?**

- School loyalty is strong in the area
- Concern for our neighbors
- Close family ties
- Community pride
- Good skill level
- Heritage – pride in our heritage
- Local support of four businesses
- Helpful people – good Samaritans
- Wholesome youth
- Good educational opportunities
- Excellent fire and ambulance service and pride in the service
- Keeping the environment clean
- Thoughtful progressivism
- Honesty
- Working together
- Industrious
- Historic preservation
- Pride in stewardship of the land
- Abundance of volunteers
- Pride in Religion
- Taking good care of the animals and the land

**What is unique about your community that is not found anywhere else?**

- Terrain of the area
- Driftless area
- Wisconsin River way area
- Avoca prairie
- Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area
- Ethnic identity
- Viewscapes of rock outcroppings
- Clean water
- Unique plants – Prairie species that are rare
- Physical character of landscape
- Nice curving roads
- Small family farms exist here
- Rock shelters
- Archaeological sites
- Drains naturally
- Strong support for family farms
- Hardwood forests
- Unique type of tourism not the Dells type of tourism
- Organic farms – still have organic soils
- Variety of soils
- Marvelous star gazing
- The night sky
- Variety of wildlife
- Well maintained property
- No four lane roads
- More animals than cars
- Animals crossing the roads
- Trout streams
- Resident Eagles
- Successful family farms

## Appendix A-2

**Section 2. Challenges and Opportunities**

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1. What are some of the challenges and concerns facing your community?
2. What type of development or redevelopment should occur in this area?
3. What type of development should not occur?

***What are some of the challenges or concerns facing your community?***

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| • Keeping it the way it is                           | • Declining school enrollment                                       |
| • Balancing of public budgets                        | • CWD   |
| • Disappearing Main Street businesses                | • Keep the big chain stores out                                     |
| • Keep some type of control on taxes                 | • Maintaining groundwater quality                                   |
| • Allowing economic growth                           | • Cost of residential development                                   |
| • Young people leaving the area                      | • Controlling noxious weeds   |
| • Controlling growth and balancing infrastructure    | • Activities are needed for the younger people in our communities   |
| • Getting young people involved in community affairs | • Cost of health care in rural areas especially those self employed |
| • Uncontrolled suburban sprawl                       | • Keeping quality education here                                    |
| • Keeping the states shared revenue                  | • Keeping small rural churches up and running                       |
| • Lack of a public library in Highland               | • Maintaining standard of living                                    |
| • New Village Hall in Highland                       | • Finding a place for a new Catholic Church                         |
| • Disappearance of the family farm                   | • Keeping small businesses here                                     |
| • Revitalize the business district                   | • Avoca – Keeping Morey Creek from flooding the Village             |
| • Keeping price of land down                         | • Cooperation between different groups                              |
| • Improvement of Highway 14                          | • Getting young people involved                                     |
| • Both parents have to hold jobs to make ends meet   | • Attracting outside dollars and new business development           |

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<b><u>What type of development or redevelopment should occur in this area?</u></b>	<b><u>What type of development should not occur?</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing growth boundaries (i.e. Portland, Oregon model)</li> <li>• Develop a museum of history</li> <li>• Further develop the downtown areas of Highland and Avoca</li> <li>• Careful/restrict development on steep slopes</li> <li>• Development to create jobs</li> <li>• Limited restrictions on growth</li> <li>• New industrial park, Develop further and recruit businesses to fill in spots</li> <li>• Residential development in Village of Highland</li> <li>• Village of Avoca can potentially develop more of a tourism area – scenic place</li> <li>• Rail potential in Avoca</li> <li>• Recreational trails – walking paths in the Avoca Prairie</li> <li>• DNR can develop more of the public land for hunting opportunities</li> <li>• Limit the restriction on development so it is not too severe</li> <li>• Potential development of golf courses and hotels</li> <li>• Agricultural tourism (petting zoo's etc)</li> <li>• Develop plant and animal resources – keeping these areas alive</li> <li>• Get young people involved and hear what they say about development</li> <li>• Recruitment of industry that makes use of local resources</li> <li>• Utilize agricultural commodities</li> <li>• Tree farms – utilize appropriately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate farms</li> <li>• Improper rural housing – i.e. trailers with no septic systems</li> <li>• Heavy industrial development</li> <li>• Rural sub-divisions</li> <li>• Rules should not be so restrictive on the family farm</li> <li>• Mega – stores like a Walmart sited outside of the cities and villages</li> <li>• Large junk yards should not be here</li> <li>• Anything that depletes the water table</li> <li>• Restrictions on growth – should not have too many restrictions</li> <li>• Large sand gravel pits</li> </ul>

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- Beautiful
- Unspoiled
- Scenic
- Clean
- Peaceful
- Rural
- Farms are still here
- Food basket
- Crime free
- Interesting
- Would be nice for them to look back and say we were smart
- Progressive
- Place where they can make living
- Welcoming
- Place where they can have what they want
- Prosperous
- Healthy
- Educationally sound
- Sense of history

**Appendix A-2****What do you want to preserve?**

- The rustic look to our roads
- Natural resources of woods, water and prairies
- Parks
- Preserve the ridge-tops from development
- Sense of community
- Historic buildings and sites
- Community history – our history
- Cemeteries
- Small town post offices
- The way of life as we know it now
- Churches
- Schools
- Wildlife
- Scenic Views
- Preserve the food from family farms
- Successful businesses
- Large tracts of land

**What do you want your community to look like in 2022?**

- Tolerance
- Same diverse wildlife we have now
- Free of terrorism
- Just as many farms
- Prosperity
- Organic produce farms everywhere
- No litter
- Clean air, water a clean environment
- Alternative energy used
- Pretty much the way it is now
- Better agricultural prices for production
- New church at top of the hill in Highland
- Local technical school
- Keeping local units of government
- Keeping local Fire and EMS departments
- Libraries
- Village Hall sufficient size to meet needs
- Better agricultural prices creates a healthier community

**SOUTH WEST CLUSTER**

**Village of Linden  
Town of Eden  
Town of Linden  
Town of Mifflin**

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### **What do you like about living in this area of Iowa County?**

- ◆ Feel secure
- ◆ Good services
- ◆ I like the privacy
- ◆ Rural setting
- ◆ Natural beauty
- ◆ Family and friends live here
- ◆ An interesting history
- ◆ Wildlife
- ◆ Relative ease to a metro area
- ◆ Wonderful people
- ◆ Clean environment
- ◆ No traffic jams
- ◆ I know the people
- ◆ A lot of agricultural land
- ◆ Access to public officials is here
- ◆ Good place to raise a family
- ◆ Lack of crime
- ◆ Pace of life
- ◆ Good schools

### **What are some of the community values?**

- ◆ Neighborliness
- ◆ Not a spectator sport
- ◆ Independence
- ◆ Strong volunteer groups
- ◆ Shared responsibilities in raising children – the community cares
- ◆ Honest people
- ◆ Good work ethic
- ◆ Communities pull together when someone is in need

**Appendix A-2****What do you want to preserve?**

- ◆ Keep the woodland and forested areas
- ◆ Cold water streams
- ◆ Corn fields and agriculture
- ◆ I'd like to see the country side preserved
- ◆ Keep rural look to things
- ◆ Preserve old mining sites
- ◆ Hunting lands
- ◆ Keep farms profitable
- ◆ Preserve old barns
- ◆ Preserve older church buildings
- ◆ Preserve old school houses
- ◆ Preserve open space

**What is unique about your community that is not found anywhere else?**

- ◆ Unglaciaded area/geology
- ◆ Sunrises and sunsets are visible
- ◆ Rolling hills
- ◆ Historic structures
- ◆ Cornish heritage
- ◆ Cleaner parks
- ◆ Good weed control
- ◆ Magnificent prairies - untouched
- ◆ Cold water streams
- ◆ God's country
- ◆ Parking not a problem
- ◆ Clean air
- ◆ Spaces and open spaces abundant
- ◆ Animal and wildlife sounds are heard
- ◆ Very little noise

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Within cities or villages or close to the village and city limits</li> <li>◆ Should be decided by local control of the villages, cities and towns</li> <li>◆ New residential area should be a cluster development</li> <li>◆ New housing in the incorporated areas (cities and villages)</li> <li>◆ Packing plants should be encouraged</li> <li>◆ Ethanol plants to be looked at</li> <li>◆ Agricultural related businesses should be researched</li> <li>◆ Housing should happen on a 40 acre minimum</li> <li>◆ Development should happen where environmental impacts are traceable (i.e. groundwater impacts, wetland etc)</li> <li>◆ Development should happen where infrastructure exists</li> <li>◆ Where private sector takes care of the cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Development should not happen on prime agricultural lands</li> <li>◆ Development should not happen where it impacts groundwater quality and streams</li> <li>◆ Development should not happen where it could destroy wetlands and woodlands</li> <li>◆ Should not happen on ridge tops</li> <li>◆ Not on steep slopes with highly erodible soils</li> <li>◆ Not in scenic areas</li> <li>◆ Not where it impacts habitat for wildlife</li> <li>◆ No industrial development next to residential development</li> </ul>

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**What are some strengths of your municipality?**

- ◆ Area has not been ruined yet by run away development
- ◆ We have people with strong opinions
- ◆ We have a good work ethic
- ◆ Good participation in the planning process

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- ◆ Beautiful
- ◆ Quiet
- ◆ Idealic
- ◆ See the stars
- ◆ Healthy
- ◆ Prosperous
- ◆ Safe
- ◆ Friendly
- ◆ Trust
- ◆ A place to explore
- ◆ A place to relax
- ◆ A place of community closeness
- ◆ Job opportunities exist here
- ◆ Pride of ownership
- ◆ A place they would like to live in
- ◆ A place that builds on its history
- ◆ Affordable
- ◆ Continued area that has farms and family farms

**Appendix A-2****What do you want to create?**

- ◆ Opportunities for businesses
- ◆ Golf courses
- ◆ More outdoor recreational opportunities (i.e. bird watching, boating and biking)
- ◆ Job opportunities throughout Iowa County
- ◆ Agricultural job opportunities
- ◆ Atmosphere that will not discriminate against agricultural areas.
- ◆ Grandfathering of some existing land uses
- ◆ Atmosphere of reality based optimism – ability to work together
- ◆ Awareness of our connections with nature and each other
- ◆ Reasons for our children to stay and make their future homes here
- ◆ Different densities of housing

**What do you want your community to look like in 2022?**

- ◆ Like it is now but perhaps more prosperous
- ◆ Agricultural existence is important
- ◆ I want to see that an effort was made in planning
- ◆ To see that the work done in planning in 2002 was worth it
- ◆ Preserve the same values that we listed earlier
- ◆ New housing is clustered
- ◆ Housing is blended into the country side
- ◆ Diversified infrastructure
- ◆ Diversified economy to withstand the changes that we are feeling now
- ◆ Maintain buildings and land
- ◆ Diversified agricultural opportunities – i.e. bee farms, specialty crops etc
- ◆ Small scale sustainable agriculture
- ◆ Untapped tourism opportunities to be explored

**SOUTH EAST CLUSTER**

**Village of Blanchardville  
Village of Hollandale  
Town of Moscow**

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- ◆ Beautiful Area
- ◆ Quiet
- ◆ The people who live here
- ◆ Green rolling hills
- ◆ The different seasons
- ◆ Clean air and water
- ◆ Dark starry nights
- ◆ Close to employment opportunities
- ◆ Close to cultural opportunities
- ◆ Low crime rate
- ◆ Rivers and streams
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Peace and quiet
- ◆ Positive family environment
- ◆ Strong sense of volunteerism
- ◆ People support people
- ◆ Close to good health care
- ◆ Close to family
- ◆ Taxes are lower
- ◆ Good roads

### **What are some of the community values?**

- ◆ Supporting neighbors
- ◆ Quality of water
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Preservation of land and water
- ◆ Democratic process
- ◆ Participation by the people is good
- ◆ Respect for diverse lifestyles
- ◆ Quality of housing
- ◆ Scenic views
- ◆ Access to locally elected officials
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Wildlife resources

## Appendix A-2

**What is unique about your community that is not found anywhere else?**

- ◆ The people
- ◆ The small town atmosphere
- ◆ Honest and down to earth people
- ◆ Pleasant
- ◆ Grandview Site on Hwy 39
- ◆ Natural resource base
- ◆ History and historical sites
- ◆ Farms are still here
- ◆ Stone bleachers in the park
- ◆ River in the middle of town
- ◆ More activities – sports etc
- ◆ 4-H Extension Opportunities
- ◆ Originality – people are creative
- ◆ Small business ideas
- ◆ Self employment in the area
- ◆ Bowling alley out in the middle of nowhere
- ◆ Relatively crime free
- ◆ Old dam
- ◆ Smithsonian Barn Again Exhibit coming in 2003
- ◆ Main-street community
- ◆ White pine relics
- ◆ Blanchardville location is a multi county village
- ◆ Panoramic views
- ◆ Mormon History is unique to Blanchardville
- ◆ Specialized springs
- ◆ Collaborative work has a history of success (i.e. Churches and Schools)
- ◆ Library has always been important – a long history

## Section 2. Challenges and Opportunities:

*The second portion of the Visioning Program focused on the Challenges and Opportunities facing the Town of Moscow as well as the Villages of Blanchardville and Hollandale. The following questions were used to facilitate discussion on the upcoming challenges:*

1. What type of development or re-development should occur in your communities?

*(Please note a lengthy discussion took place on the different types of development, not just residential housing development. Commercial, agricultural, parks and recreation and housing were all discussed)*

### ***What type of development or redevelopment should occur in your communities?***

- ◆ Watch what other communities are doing to encourage smaller scale farms
- ◆ Preserving open space
- ◆ Protecting the integrity of the municipalities
- ◆ Housing on lesser number of acres – not just a 35 acre rule
- ◆ Encourage local commodity crops
- ◆ Encourage the use of cluster site development for housing
- ◆ Encourage the preservation of historic buildings and historic places
- ◆ Reasonable aesthetics
- ◆ Preserve the Pecatonica River Valley from too much development
- ◆ Define the term “Development Right”
- ◆ Look at the density in our area – what is the minimum acres needed to build rurally
- ◆ Cluster development like the Middleton Hills (Marshall Erdman site) encourage this type of residential development
- ◆ I don’t favor too much regulation
- ◆ Potential lots opening up in Blanchardville for newer homes to be built
- ◆ Not interested in large corporate farms moving in
- ◆ Develop a public policy that promotes preservation
- ◆ More use of renewable energy resources
- ◆ Look at developing more housing for the elderly and disabled
- ◆ Like a golf course here
- ◆ Keep prisons out
- ◆ Like to see development of small ag businesses and bio-tech businesses

### Section 3. The Future

The final segment of the visioning process was to look ahead at a preferred vision of the future. Visioning is a *process* by which a community envisions the future it wants, and plans how to achieve it. Through public involvement, communities identify their purpose, core values, and vision of the future. The following questions were asked to encourage discussion on the community's vision for the future.

1. What words do you want your grandchildren to use to describe your community?
2. What do you want to preserve?
3. What do you want your community to look like in 2022?

**What words do you want your grandchildren to use to describe your community?**

- ◆ CWD no longer exists
- ◆ I wish my grandchildren were here now
- ◆ Peaceful scenic
- ◆ Fun to live here
- ◆ Deer are here
- ◆ Tractors still work the land here
- ◆ Freedom to pursue their dreams
- ◆ Safe place to live
- ◆ Safer driving with grandma as fewer deer around
- ◆ Affordable to live here
- ◆ I can buy a home here
- ◆ This is a back to nature place
- ◆ See farms

**What do you want to preserve?**

- ◆ Park area in Blanchardville
- ◆ Fertility of the land
- ◆ Agricultural land preserved
- ◆ Preserve history
- ◆ Preserve the tree and forests
- ◆ Wetlands
- ◆ Cold water streams
- ◆ Recreational opportunities – Fishing and hunting
- ◆ Preserve our rights
- ◆ Preserve the beauty of the Pecatonica River
- ◆ Preserve the access to the river
- ◆ Preserve the good/character/quality of the roads

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**What do you want your community to look like in 2022?**

- ◆ Windmills developed for energy sources of electricity
- ◆ Sharing of cell towers
- ◆ I'd like to see working profitable farms
- ◆ I'd like to see a reduction of light pollution from the east
- ◆ Continue to see recreation opportunities outdoors – (bird watching, hiking, biking, walking)
- ◆ See more local government information on the web
- ◆ A more diverse ethnic population
- ◆ A safe place to live
- ◆ Economic stability
- ◆ Rolling green hills
- ◆ A good place to live
- ◆ Rolling green hills
- ◆ Something similar to 2002 with controlled development
- ◆ Conservative change in the roads
- ◆ More cooperative transportation
- ◆ Like it to look like it does today
- ◆ 35 MPH on side roads
- ◆ Prairie grasses planted on the sides of the roads