

Tainter Vision 2015 Workshop Results

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Agriculture

1. Less farming and acreage due to development
2. Maintain agricultural acres.
3. Family farms - existing farms owned by families.
4. Water quality emphasis on farms - pollute less.
5. We don't lose one more acre of farmland.
6. All tree farms.
7. Farmers will still control the use of their land.
8. 25/75 ratio of agriculture to homes.
9. Larger farms and equipment less conflict with travel.
10. Buffer zones between farms and residences.
11. Sustainable relationship between farms and residences.
12. More use of no till and minimum till.
13. Farms use less chemicals.
14. Smaller fields - more hedge rows.
15. Fruit tree farms - orchards.
16. Hunting preserves.
17. Hunter or public access - more.
18. Generally sensitive to the environment.
19. Town is self-sustainable with agriculture products.
20. See poorer land (in north) put into houses - interstate commercial and industry.
21. Haphazard development without planning - hope the area doesn't go wild with development.
22. Plant and grow computers.

Economic Development

1. Gas station/convenient store.
2. One retail - no commercial (gas station/convenience store).
3. STH 25 - all development, 4 lane - no access along it.
4. Small recreation business, i.e. fishing (small as in space), outfitter, bait shop.
5. Marina.
6. Professional services (doctor, dentist, lawyer).
7. No rundown campgrounds.
8. Keep commercial area away from water.
9. Light industrial park away from water.
10. Businesses that are recreational related.
11. Nuclear Plant - well regulated.
12. Assisted living or home for aging baby boomers.

Local Government

1. Nine member Town Board.
2. Community newsletter.
3. Community recreation for old and young.
4. Making better use of city and county services to share cost better.

Environment Water, Wildlife, Woods, Groundwater

1. Cleaner lake - doesn't bloom.
2. Shoreline vegetation and buffers.
3. Plan for public space.
4. Not so much development that we lose environment.
5. Houses masked with screens, trees, brush.
6. Public access to all state and county land - also forest croplands.
7. Portion of land set aside for wildlife.
8. Information provided free for erosion control.
9. All residences minimize effect on ground, surface water, and air.
10. NSP dam that works - i.e., lake levels.
11. Noise control - hours or ordinance.
12. Reduce nutrients from all sources. No pollution from sewers around lake.

Historic Preservation

1. More historical farm buildings be identified and preserved.
2. Historical markers - Lamb's Creek Falls - mark other historical sites (some are underwater).

Population

1. Ninety-five percent of land owned by locals.
2. Population remains the same.
3. Maintain the mix in age, occupation, etc. that we have now.
4. Township will not become a bedroom community for Menomonie or Twin Cities.
5. Foresee population of 4,000 by 2015.

Housing

1. Single or duplex.
2. Each house will have green space requirement.
3. Cluster versus large unmaintained lots.
4. City sewer and water along lake.
5. Clusters will only be one or two stories.
6. Priority made for identifying appropriate sites for houses so they're not on agriculture land.

7. If you build on one acre, you purchase development rights on five acres of agricultural land.
8. Houses will not all be the same.
9. Rules and regulations on junk cars, machinery.
10. No mobile home parks.
11. A lot more elderly living (several huge).
12. Double wide homes.
13. Affordable housing still available.
14. Basement, garages required to store junk.
15. Variety in housing.
16. Limit the quantity of double wides and restricted in location.

Transportation - Roads, Etc.

1. Improve B&G intersection by Jake's.
2. Some type of mass transit - bus, taxi cab.
3. Ability to have bike trails (especially around lake).
4. Developers should be required to build public roads to standards.
5. Bridge on upper end of the lake.
6. Keep dead ends and cul-de-sacs to minimum.
7. Connected where possible.
8. Replace bridge at Jake's with one that has sidewalks.
9. Private vehicle transportation.
10. Some roads could be widened.
11. Careful planning - master road map.

Other Visions

1. Don't want it to be a small city - services and goods still in Menomonie, Boyceville, Colfax, etc.
2. No heavy manufacturing.
3. Deliberately set aside area for manufacturing, parks - similar to Roseville, MN. Plan and install prior to development.
4. Clear and appropriate zoning developed by local residents so we can respond to issues before they occur. Emphasis on green space.
5. Emphasis on aqt. environment in the plan.
6. Help keep the farmers on the land.
7. Preserving working farms.
8. Big open spaces - cluster housing.