

WASCOTT'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

1308 Surveys Mailed/387 Returned

29.6% Response Rate

Note: Minor data inconsistencies in survey results are due to invalid or missing responses. In some cases, these inconsistencies result in a disproportionate number of resident and non-resident responses when compared to total town responses.

I. Trends and Visions

1. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in Wascott today?

	Extremely Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Extremely Dissatisfied	Not Sure
Town	60 (16.1%)	253 (67.8%)	27 (7.2%)	2 (.5%)	31 (8.3%)
<i>Resident</i>	24 (16.4%)	97 (66.4%)	14 (9.6%)	1 (.7%)	10 (6.8%)
Non Resident	31 (14.9%)	146 (70.2%)	12 (5.8%)	1 (.5%)	18 (8.7%)

II. Land Use and Community Character

4. How important are land use issues to you?

	Important	Not Important	Not Sure
T	364 (94.8%)	11 (2.9%)	9 (2.3%)
<i>R</i>	139 (92.7%)	6 (4.0%)	5 (3.3%)
NR	207 (96.3%)	4 (1.9%)	4 (1.9%)

5. The natural environment, scenic beauty and "getting away from it all", is worth preserving.

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
T	374 (97.4%)	6 (1.6%)	4 (1.0%)
<i>R</i>	146 (98.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (2.0%)
NR	209 (96.8%)	6 (2.8%)	1 (.5%)

6. The design and appearance of new buildings in my community are important.

T	317 (83.2%)	41 (10.8%)	23 (6.0%)
<i>R</i>	121 (81.8%)	19 (12.8%)	8 (5.4%)
NR	181 (84.2%)	20 (9.3%)	14 (6.5%)

7. The design and appearance of new commercial or advertising signs in my community are important.

T	330 (85.9%)	27 (7.0%)	27 (7.0%)
<i>R</i>	125 (82.8%)	14 (9.3%)	12 (7.9%)
NR	187 (87.4%)	12 (5.6%)	15 (7.0%)

8. The rural character of Wascott should be protected by having commercial growth directed into and around existing developed areas or specific new development districts?

T	319 (84.4%)	32 (8.5%)	27 (7.1%)
<i>R</i>	119 (81.0%)	18 (12.2%)	10 (6.8%)
NR	182 (85.8%)	13 (6.1%)	17 (8.0%)

9. Do you think that the community should place MORE OR LESS restrictions on the following?

	More	Less	Don't Know
T	279 (75.2%)	34 (9.2%)	58 (15.6%)
<i>R</i>	112 (78.9%)	13 (9.2%)	17 (12.0%)
NR	153 (72.5%)	19 (9.0%)	39 (18.5%)
T	142 (39.2%)	67 (18.5%)	153 (42.3%)
<i>R</i>	55 (39.6%)	27 (19.4%)	57 (41.0%)
NR	80 (38.8%)	38 (18.4%)	88 (42.7%)

	More	Less	Don't Know
Telecommunication Towers.....	T 169 (46.6%)	84 (23.1%)	110 (30.3%)
	<i>R 68 (48.2%)</i>	<i>38 (27.0%)</i>	<i>35 (24.8%)</i>
	NR 95 (46.1%)	43 (20.9%)	68 (33.0%)
Campgrounds and RV Parks.....	T 252 (69.6%)	48 (13.3%)	62 (17.1%)
	<i>R 101(72.7%)</i>	<i>22 (15.8%)</i>	<i>16 (11.5%)</i>
	NR 139 (67.8%)	24 (11.7%)	42 (20.5%)
Retail & Commercial Enterprises.....	T 155 (43.4%)	91 (25.5%)	111 (31.1%)
	<i>R 57 (41.3%)</i>	<i>46 (33.3%)</i>	<i>35 (25.4%)</i>
	NR 91 (44.8%)	42 (20.7%)	70 (34.5%)
Residential Developments.....	T 168 (46.8%)	105 (29.2%)	86 (24.0%)
	<i>R 65 (47.1%)</i>	<i>52 (37.7%)</i>	<i>21 (15.2%)</i>
	NR 94 (45.9%)	48 (23.4%)	63 (30.7%)
Forestry Practices.....	T 183 (50.7%)	79 (21.9%)	99 (27.4%)
	<i>R 75 (54.0%)</i>	<i>35 (25.2%)</i>	<i>29 (20.9%)</i>
	NR 97 (47.3%)	43 (21.0%)	65 (31.7%)
Tourist Attractions.....	T 166 (45.7%)	104 (28.7%)	93 (25.6%)
	<i>R 69 (49.6%)</i>	<i>42 (30.2%)</i>	<i>28 (20.1%)</i>
	NR 88 (42.7%)	58 (28.2%)	60 (29.1%)
Adult Entertainment.....	T 208 (57.6%)	75 (20.8%)	78 (21.6%)
	<i>R 82 (59.0%)</i>	<i>32 (23.0%)</i>	<i>25 (18.0%)</i>
	NR 115(56.1%)	41 (20.0%)	49 (23.9%)

III. Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources

	Yes	No	Don't Know
10. Do you understand the importance of the forest industry in the Town of Wascott?	T 261 (68.5%)	58 (15.2%)	62 (16.3%)
	<i>R 108 (72.0%)</i>	<i>24 (16.0%)</i>	<i>18 (12.0%)</i>
	NR 136 (64.2%)	32 (15.1%)	44 (20.8%)

11. Are more enforcement and restrictive usage and development standards needed to preserve shorelands and protect the water quality of Wascott's lakes and rivers?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Enforcement of current shoreline vegetative buffer zone	T 237 (6276%)	91 (24.1%)	50 (13.2%)
	<i>R 100 (65.8%)</i>	<i>38 (25.0%)</i>	<i>14 (9.2%)</i>
	NR 127 (60.8%)	48 (23.0%)	34 (16.3%)
Septic system regulations and enforcement should be more rigid	T 201 (52.9%)	108 (28.4%)	71 (18.7%)
	<i>R 90 (59.2%)</i>	<i>43 (28.3%)</i>	<i>19 (12.5%)</i>
	NR 103 (48.8%)	60 (28.4%)	48 (22.7%)
Size, types and behavior of watercraft should be regulated	T 288 (76.0%)	67 (17.7%)	24 (6.3%)
	<i>R 115 (77.7%)</i>	<i>25 (16.9%)</i>	<i>8 (5.4%)</i>
	NR 159 (74.3%)	41 (19.2%)	14 (6.5%)
Size of watercraft motors should be regulated	T 252 (65.8%)	90 (23.5%)	41 (10.7%)
	<i>R 103 (68.2%)</i>	<i>35 (23.2%)</i>	<i>13 (8.6%)</i>
	NR 137 (64.0%)	50 (23.4%)	27 (12.6%)

12. Which of the following public resources do you believe need to have more public access?

	More		Adequate	
Lakes and Streams.....	T	57 (15.3%)	316 (84.7%)	
	<i>R</i>	27 (17.9%)	124 (82.1%)	
	NR	29 (14.1%)	176 (85.9%)	
Public Trails	T	114 (30.6%)	258 (69.4%)	
	<i>R</i>	48 (32.2%)	101 (67.8%)	
	NR	59 (28.6%)	147 (71.4%)	

13. Development within the shoreline of lakes and rivers should be limited to single-family residential homes.

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
T	277 (72.7%)	65 (17.1%)	39 (10.2%)
<i>R</i>	108 (73.0%)	27 (18.2%)	13 (8.8%)
NR	156 (72.6%)	35 (16.3%)	24 (11.2%)

14. In general, how would you rate the water quality of Wascott's lakes?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Town	80 (21.0%)	224 (58.8%)	54 (14.2%)	7 (1.8%)	16 (4.2%)
<i>Resident</i>	40 (26.8%)	83 (55.7%)	24 (16.1%)	1 (.7%)	1 (.7%)
Non Resident	35 (16.4%)	133 (62.1%)	28 (13.1%)	5 (2.3%)	13 (6.1%)

IV. Transportation

17. Some roads should be designated as scenic roads (Wisconsin's designation is rustic roads) and retain their natural character?

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
T	300 (79.8%)	34 (9.0%)	42 (11.2%)
<i>R</i>	118 (78.7%)	16 (10.7%)	16 (10.7%)
NR	169 (80.9%)	15 (7.2%)	25 (12.0%)
T	218 (57.2%)	86 (22.6%)	77 (20.2%)
<i>R</i>	94 (62.7%)	41 (27.3%)	15 (10.0%)
NR	117 (54.7%)	40 (18.7%)	57 (26.6%)

18. Should Wascott continue to provide snowplowing for private homes?

19. I would support the development of the following on public land. (Check all that apply.)

	Town	Resident	Non Resident
Bike Routes and Trails	253 (65.4%)	100 (41.5%)	141 (58.5%)
Walking and Hiking Trails	304 (78.6%)	125 (43.4%)	163 (56.6%)
Cross Country Ski Trails.....	269 (69.5%)	112 (43.9%)	143 (56.1%)
ATV Trails	160 (41.3%)	65 (42.5%)	88 (57.5%)
Snowmobile Trails	177 (45.7%)	77 (45.0%)	94 (55.0%)
Motorized Trails Designed for Family Use.....	86 (22.2%)	38 (46.3%)	44 (53.7%)
Motorized Trails Located Away from Public Roads	101 (26.1%)	43 (45.3%)	52 (54.7%)
Horseback Riding Trails	169 (43.7%)	63 (39.4%)	97 (60.6%)
None of the above	39 (10.1%)	13 (33.3%)	26 (66.7%)

20. How would you rate the following transportation services for Wascott residents?

		Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Road Maintenance.....	T	42 (11.4%)	180 (48.8%)	115 (31.2%)	32 (8.7%)
	<i>R</i>	19 (12.8%)	64 (43.0%)	51 (34.2%)	15 (10.1%)
	NR	22 (10.8%)	106 (52.0%)	59 (28.9%)	17 (8.3%)
Snow Plowing	T	54 (16.2%)	186 (55.7%)	81 (24.3)	13 (3.9%)
	<i>R</i>	32 (22.1%)	72 (49.7%)	33 (22.8%)	8 (5.5%)
	NR	19 (10.8%)	106 (60.2%)	46 (26.1%)	5 (3.0%)
Condition of Local Roads ..	T	28 (7.7%)	157 (43.0%)	135 (37.0%)	45 (12.3%)
	<i>R</i>	15 (10.1%)	54 (36.5%)	59 (39.9%)	20 (13.5%)
	NR	12 (6.3%)	91 (47.4%)	67 (34.9%)	24 (11.9%)
Condition of County Roads	T	13 (3.6%)	119 (33.0%)	116 (32.1%)	113 (31.3%)
	<i>R</i>	4 (2.7%)	29 (19.9%)	44 (30.1%)	69 (47.3%)
	NR	9 (4.5%)	85 (42.9%)	64 (32.3%)	40 (20.2%)
Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails ...	T	10 (4.9%)	48 (23.5%)	82 (40.2%)	64 (31.4%)
	<i>R</i>	4 (5.0%)	14 (17.5%)	25 (31.3%)	37 (46.3%)
	NR	6 (5.2%)	32 (27.8%)	53 (46.1%)	24 (20.9%)
Snowmobile Trails	T	30 (13.2%)	126 (55.5%)	68 (30.0%)	3 (1.3%)
	<i>R</i>	18 (17.8%)	51 (50.5%)	32 (31.7%)	0 (.0%)
	NR	10 (8.5%)	70 (59.8%)	34 (29.1%)	3 (2.6%)
ATV Trails	T	27 (12.2%)	94 (42.3%)	74 (33.3%)	27 (12.2%)
	<i>R</i>	18 (19.6%)	29 (31.5%)	35 (38.0%)	10 (10.9%)
	NR	7 (5.8%)	61 (50.4%)	37 (30.6%)	16 (13.2%)

V. Housing

21. As Wascott continues to grow what kinds of housing development would you like to see encouraged by the town. (Check all that apply)

	Town	<i>Resident</i>	Non Resident
Single family homes.....	332 (85.8%)	133 (42.2%)	182 (57.8%)
Apartments	53 (13.7%)	30 (60.0%)	20 (40.0%)
Subdivisions.....	55 (14.2%)	28 (52.8%)	25 (47.2%)
Condominiums.....	49 (12.7%)	21 (43.8%)	27 (56.3%)
Assisted/Senior living.....	174 (45.0%)	84 (50.3%)	83 (49.7%)
Mobile home parks	11 (2.8%)	5 (45.5%)	6 (54.5%)
Clustered home developments.....	72 (18.6%)	25 (36.2%)	44 (63.8%)
Two family units/duplexes	60 (15.5%)	25 (45.5%)	30 (54.5%)
Motel/Hotels.....	81 (20.9%)	37 (47.4%)	41 (52.6%)
Other.....	11 (2.8%)	2 (20.0%)	8 (80.0%)

22. How would you rate the overall quality of housing in Wascott?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Town	14 (4.1%)	193 (56.8%)	122 (35.9%)	11 (3.2%)
<i>Resident</i>	8 (5.7%)	74 (52.9%)	52 (37.1%)	6 (4.3%)
Non Resident	6 (3.2%)	107 (57.8%)	68 (36.8%)	4 (2.2%)

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
23. Should the Town of Wascott adopt policies and standards for future subdivision development?	T 275 (72.9%)	49 (13.0%)	53 (14.1%)
	<i>R 116 (76.8%)</i>	<i>18 (11.9%)</i>	<i>17 (11.3%)</i>
	NR 149 (71.3%)	28 (13.4%)	32 (15.3%)
24. Dilapidated buildings and structures are a problem in Wascott.	T 104 (28.2%)	100 (27.1%)	165 (44.7%)
	<i>R 48 (33.1%)</i>	<i>45 (31.0%)</i>	<i>52 (35.9%)</i>
	NR 54 (26.1%)	49 (23.7%)	104 (50.2%)

VI. Utilities and Community Facilities

25. How would you rate each of the following local services?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Town Hall.....	T 53 (14.4%)	145(39.4%)	92 (25.0%)	15 (4.1%)	63 (17.1%)
	<i>R 32 (21.8%)</i>	<i>56 (38.1%)</i>	<i>45 (30.6%)</i>	<i>10 (6.8%)</i>	<i>4 (2.7%)</i>
	NR 18 (8.8%)	83 (40.7%)	43 (21.1%)	3 (1.5%)	57 (27.9%)
Police Protection.....	T 20 (5.5%)	100(27.3%)	112(30.6%)	61 (16.7%)	73 (19.9%)
	<i>R 10 (6.9%)</i>	<i>35 (24.3%)</i>	<i>49 (34.0%)</i>	<i>39 (27.1%)</i>	<i>11 (7.6%)</i>
	NR 8 (3.9%)	61 (29.6%)	60 (29.1%)	18 (8.7%)	59 (28.6%)
Fire Protection	T 73 (19.7%)	154(41.5%)	85 (22.9%)	9 (2.4%)	50 (13.5%)
	<i>R 36 (24.7%)</i>	<i>56 (38.4%)</i>	<i>41(28.1%)</i>	<i>6 (4.1%)</i>	<i>7 (4.8%)</i>
	NR 31 (14.8%)	93 (44.5%)	40 (19.1%)	3 (1.4%)	42 (20.1%)
Ambulance Service.....	T 68 (18.5%)	114(31.0%)	70 (19.0%)	12 (3.3%)	104 (28.3%)
	<i>R 39 (26.5%)</i>	<i>51 (34.7%)</i>	<i>30 (20.4%)</i>	<i>7 (4.8%)</i>	<i>20 (13.6%)</i>
	NR 24 (11.7%)	60 (29.3%)	35 (17.1%)	5 (2.4%)	81 (39.5%)
Transfer Station/ Dump	T 55 (14.9%)	122(33.2%)	76 (20.7%)	32 (8.7%)	83 (22.6%)
	<i>R 32 (22.2%)</i>	<i>54 (37.5%)</i>	<i>30 (20.8%)</i>	<i>13 (9.0%)</i>	<i>15 (10.4%)</i>
	NR 20 (9.7%)	63 (30.4%)	43 (20.8%)	18 (8.7%)	63 (30.4%)
Education (Public K-12 Schools).....	T 38 (10.6%)	98 (27.3%)	53 (14.8%)	12 (3.3%)	158 (44.0%)
	<i>R 25 (17.7%)</i>	<i>45 (31.9%)</i>	<i>22 (15.6%)</i>	<i>9 (6.4%)</i>	<i>40 (28.4%)</i>
	NR 11 (5.4%)	48 (23.5%)	28 (13.7%)	3 (1.5%)	114 (55.9%)
Parks.....	T 23 (6.4%)	108(30.3%)	103 (28.9%)	26 (7.3%)	97 (27.2%)
	<i>R 14 (10.1%)</i>	<i>40 (29.0%)</i>	<i>44 (31.9%)</i>	<i>15 (10.9%)</i>	<i>25 (18.1%)</i>
	NR 7 (3.4%)	65 (32.0%)	52 (25.6%)	10 (4.9%)	69 (34.0%)
Recreation Programs..	T 10 (2.8%)	57 (16.0%)	78 (21.9%)	37 (10.4%)	174 (48.9%)
	<i>R 6 (4.4%)</i>	<i>28 (20.7%)</i>	<i>27 (20.0%)</i>	<i>28 (20.7%)</i>	<i>46 (34.1%)</i>
	NR 2 (1.0%)	29 (14.1%)	44 (21.4%)	9 (4.4%)	122 (59.2%)
Cemetery	T 28 (7.8%)	85 (23.6%)	75 (20.8%)	3 (.8%)	169 (46.9%)
	<i>R 20 (14.1%)</i>	<i>45 (31.7%)</i>	<i>35 (24.6%)</i>	<i>2 (1.4%)</i>	<i>40 (28.2%)</i>
	NR 7 (3.5%)	36 (17.8%)	35 (17.3%)	1 (.5%)	123 (60.9%)

VII. Economic Development

	Agree		Disagree		Don't Know	
26. Changes brought by economic development should be balanced with actions to preserve community character.	T	349 (91.6%)	11 (2.9%)	21 (5.5%)		
	R	134 (89.9%)	5 (3.4%)	10 (6.7%)		
	NR	198 (92.5%)	6 (2.8%)	10 (4.7%)		
27. I would support Wascott's efforts to create new jobs in the area.	T	247 (66.4%)	59 (15.9%)	66 (17.7%)		
	R	103 (72.0%)	27 (18.9%)	13 (9.1%)		
	NR	129 (61.1%)	32 (15.2%)	50 (23.7%)		
28. Public costs for services should be considered when any development is proposed.	T	363 (95.5%)	2 (.5%)	15 (3.9%)		
	R	142 (95.9%)	2 (1.4%)	4 (2.7%)		
	NR	203 (94.9%)	0 (0.0%)	11 (5.1%)		
29. More recreational opportunities are needed in Wascott.	T	102 (27.1%)	182 (48.3%)	93 (24.7%)		
	R	40 (26.7%)	82 (54.7%)	28 (18.7%)		
	NR	53 (25.4%)	96 (45.9%)	60 (28.7%)		

30. What types of industries do you believe are the most important for Wascott to attract? (Check all that apply.)

	Town	<i>Resident</i>	Non Resident
Tourism Businesses	213 (55.0%)	78 (39.4%)	120 (60.6%)
Service Businesses	180 (46.5%)	74 (43.8%)	95 (56.2%)
Timber Resource Industries	155 (40.1%)	52 (34.9%)	97 (65.1%)
Retail Development	115 (29.7%)	43 (39.1%)	67 (60.9%)
Agriculture.....	49 (12.7%)	15 (31.9%)	32 (68.1%)
Light Industry/Manufacturing	137 (35.4%)	53 (40.8%)	77 (59.2%)
Heavy Industry/Manufacturing.....	12 (3.1%)	3 (25.0%)	9 (75.0%)
High Tech Industries.....	84 (21.7%)	32 (40.0%)	48 (60.0%)
Public Sector, Governmental.....	41 (10.6%)	16 (42.1%)	22 (57.9%)
None	59 (15.2%)	24 (41.4%)	34 (58.6%)

VIII. Intergovernmental Cooperation

	Agree		Disagree		Don't Know	
31. Neighboring towns and counties should identify and work together toward shared goals.	T	355 (93.2%)	16 (4.2%)	10 (2.6%)		
	R	139 (93.3%)	8 (5.4%)	2 (1.3%)		
	NR	200 (93.0%)	7 (3.3%)	8 (3.7%)		
32. Are you satisfied with the level of communication between county government and Wascott?	T	54 (14.1%)	131 (34.2%)	198 (51.7%)		
	R	21 (13.9%)	82 (54.3%)	48 (31.8%)		
	NR	29 (13.5%)	46 (21.4%)	140 (65.1%)		
33. Would you support sharing services or equipment with a neighboring community if it afforded a cost savings with no reduction in quality of services?	T	335 (93.3%)	17 (4.7%)	7 (1.9%)		
	R	133 (89.3%)	14 (9.4%)	2 (1.3%)		
	NR	202 (96.2%)	3 (1.4%)	5 (2.4%)		

IX. Personal Information

	Yes	No
34. Is your primary residence located in Wascott?	T 152 (41.3%)	216 (58.7%)
35. Is your primary property located on a lake, stream, or river in Wascott?	T 234 (66.3%)	119 (33.7%)
	<i>R 122 (80.8%)</i>	<i>29 (19.2%)</i>
	<i>NR 112 (55.4%)</i>	<i>90 (44.6%)</i>
36. Do you own undeveloped land in Wascott?	T 155 (43.2)	204 (56.8%)
	<i>R 58 (39.5%)</i>	<i>89 (60.5%)</i>
	<i>NR 97 (45.8%)</i>	<i>115 (54.2%)</i>

37. How many years have you owned property or lived in Wascott as either a permanent or seasonal resident?

	Town	Resident	Non Resident
0-5	66 (18.0%)	<i>16 (10.5%)</i>	<i>50 (23.4%)</i>
6-10	61 (16.7%)	<i>25 (16.4%)</i>	<i>36 (16.8%)</i>
11-15	47 (12.8%)	<i>21 (13.8%)</i>	<i>26 (12.1%)</i>
16-20	32 (8.7%)	<i>18 (11.8%)</i>	<i>14 (6.5%)</i>
over 20	160 (43.7%)	<i>72 (47.4%)</i>	<i>88 (41.1%)</i>

38. Is your current place of employment located in Wascott?

	Town	Resident	Non Resident
Yes	17 (4.7%)	<i>15 (10.1%)</i>	<i>2 (0.9%)</i>
No	216 (59.3%)	<i>53 (35.6%)</i>	<i>163 (75.8%)</i>
Retired	130 (35.7%)	<i>80 (53.7%)</i>	<i>50 (23.3%)</i>
Unemployed	1 (.3%)	<i>1 (.7%)</i>	<i>0 (.0%)</i>

39. What is your age?

	Town	Resident	Non Resident
Under 21	0 (.0%)	<i>0 (.0%)</i>	<i>0 (.0%)</i>
21-30	3 (.8%)	<i>0 (.0%)</i>	<i>3 (1.4%)</i>
31-40	26 (7.1%)	<i>8 (5.3%)</i>	<i>18 (8.4)</i>
41-50	71 (19.5%)	<i>22 (14.7%)</i>	<i>49 (22.8%)</i>
51-60	105 (28.8%)	<i>46 (30.7%)</i>	<i>59 (27.4%)</i>
over 60	160 (43.8%)	<i>74 (49.3%)</i>	<i>86 (40.0%)</i>