

Iron County Survey Synopsis

Survey Introduction

The intent of the survey was to provide every household and landowner in Iron County with an opportunity to express opinions related to community development and land use.

Survey Methodology

The survey is a result of the participating planning committees meeting on two different occasions at regional meetings where potential survey questions were reviewed and discussed. To assist the planning committees in developing questions, examples of surveys from municipalities outside of Iron County were distributed to planning committee members. As a result of the regional meetings, a final Iron County survey was developed. This survey was thoroughly reviewed, discussed and approved by consensus by all participating planning committees.

Survey Content

The Comprehensive Plan Survey consisted of 52 questions, focusing on a range of social, demographic, environmental and recreational topics. The survey included 10 open-ended questions allowing respondents to voice concerns and opinions in their own words.

Distribution & Response Rates

Tax roll mailing addresses were obtained from Iron County in the winter of 2002. In January of 2003, a total of 6,624 surveys were circulated to Iron County residents and absentee landowners, with 2,278 surveys returned for an overall response rate of **34.4%**. Listed below are the response rates for local units of government participating in the Iron County Comprehensive Planning process.

Town of Anderson 27.5%
Town of Carey 31.6%
Town of Gurney 32.4%
Town of Kimball 28.9%
Town of Knight 33.5%
Town of Mercer 38.8%

Town of Oma 38.5%
Town of Pence 34.7%
Town of Saxon 30.8%
Town of Sherman 36.9%
City of Hurley 30.3%
City of Montreal 26.0%

How the results will be used

- 1) Results of the Comprehensive Plan Survey will form the basis for the development of planning goals and objectives.
- 2) Identification of potential future land use trends and conflicts.
- 3) To define differences in land-use preferences for various areas of the county.
- 4) To determine community desires and expectations.
- 5) Local officials need to know the preferences of landowners and residents concerning land uses and rural residential development in order to develop a Comprehensive Plan that citizens support.