

# Town of Cooks Valley Community Opinion Survey

Red items represent the percentages of replies that chose that response.

Please CIRCLE your response to the following statements using the numbers that match your response.

1=Not a Problem 2=Minor Problem 3=Moderate Problem 4=Serious Problem 5=Critical Problem

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|-----|--|----------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1.  | Converting farmland to non-farm uses.  |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1-12.84  | 2 -16.22 | 3 -32.43 | 4-21.62 | 5 -16.22 | N.R.-0.68 |
| 2.  | Fewer family farms   |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 8.11   | 12.84    | 23.65    | 6.08    | 10.14    |           |
| 3.  | Conflict between farmers (indoors, dust, noise, etc.) and non-farm neighbors (traffic, complaints, etc.).  |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 29.05  | 30.41    | 23.65    | 6.08    | 10.14    | N.R.0.68  |
| 4.  | Increased traffic on roads.  |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 22.97  | 26.35    | 31.76    | 14.19   | 4.73     |           |
| 5.  | Loss of rural character in the Town of Cooks Valley  |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 16.22  | 24.32    | 25.68    | 16.89   | 16.89    |           |
| 6.  | Scattered residential development.   |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 16.89  | 24.32    | 28.38    | 16.22   | 11.49    | N.R.2.70  |
| 7.  | Pollution of rivers and streams.   |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 14.86  | 22.30    | 28.38    | 17.67   | 14.86    | N.R.2.03  |
| 8.  | Contamination of groundwater.  |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 10.81  | 20.95    | 25.00    | 22.87   | 20.27    |           |
| 9.  | Large-scale livestock operations.  |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 22.97  | 22.30    | 25.68    | 16.22   | 12.16    | N.R.0.68  |
| 10. | Longer school bus rides.   |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 29.73  | 32.43    | 20.27    | 9.46    | 4.73     | N.R.3.38  |
| 11. | Increased cost of local government services.   |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 8.78   | 23.65    | 33.78    | 20.27   | 11.49    | N.R.2.03  |
| 12. | Conflict between sand and gravel operations (dust, blasting, crushing, etc.) and residences (building on valuable sand and gravel deposits, complaints, etc.). |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 27.03  | 30.41    | 22.30    | 10.81   | 4.73     | N.R.4.73  |
| 13. | Loss of open space, wildlife, habitat, and scenic areas due to development.  |          |          |         |          |           |
|     | 1  | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |           |
|     | 10.81  | 26.35    | 23.65    | 19.59   | 19.59    |           |

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|-----|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 14. | Generally speaking the Town of Cooks Valley is a good place to live.  | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 43.92 | 54.06 | 0.68  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.35 |
| 15. | Agriculture needs to be protected from conflicting land uses.   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 33.78 | 40.54 | 16.22 | 6.08  | 2.70  | 0.68 |
| 16. | Additional commercial businesses are needed in Cooks Valley to meet the needs of local residents.   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 2.70  | 14.86 | 26.35 | 31.76 | 22.97 | 0.68 |
| 17. | The Town of Cooks Valley should undergo a community-involved land use planning process.   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 18.92 | 33.78 | 31.76 | 6.76  | 6.08  | 2.70 |
| 18. | Light industry should be permitted in Cooks Valley. (Light industry means manufacturing that produces minimal air, water, or noise pollution.)  | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 9.46  | 41.22 | 16.89 | 13.51 | 11.57 | 1.35 |
| 19. | If light industry is permitted in Cooks Valley, it should be allowed only in a designated industrial area, located away from land uses that industry would conflict with.   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 24.32 | 48.65 | 13.51 | 5.41  | 5.41  | 2.70 |
| 20. | Each new subdivision should be required to provide recreation facilities or open space for its residents.   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 16.22 | 28.38 | 15.54 | 22.97 | 11.49 | 5.41 |
| 21. | Chippewa County should develop a subdivision control ordinance, with standards for development and a site plan review process.  | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 16.22 | 31.08 | 17.57 | 14.19 | 16.89 | 4.05 |
| 22. | Town of Cooks Valley should develop a subdivision control ordinance, with standards for development and a site plan review process.   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 26.35 | 45.95 | 12.16 | 6.76  | 8.11  | 0.68 |
| 23. | In agricultural areas, clustered housing should be permitted on lots less than 1 acre, as long as the subdivision's overall density of housing development combined with open space is at least 1 acre per house. | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 11.49 | 18.24 | 13.51 | 19.59 | 36.49 | 0.68 |
| 24. | The County should rewrite its zoning ordinance so it meets the needs of all Towns in the county.  | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 8.11  | 27.70 | 34.46 | 10.14 | 15.54 | 4.05 |
| 25. | I would be willing to pay higher property taxes to compensate people for decreased property value due to land use regulations.  | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6    |
|     |   | 0.68  | 10.81 | 19.59 | 25.00 | 39.19 | 4.73 |

26. Community land use planning and regulation must be carefully balanced with private rights.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 27.03 62.84 3.38 2.03 2.03 2.70
27. Local land use planning should consider the impacts of development on lakes, rivers and streams.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 37.16 56.76 4.05 1.35 0.00 0.68
28. Local land use planning should consider the impacts of development on farming in the community.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 33.11 50.00 8.78 3.38 2.7 2.03
29. Maintaining the rural character of the Town of Cooks Valley is important to me.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 44.59 42.57 8.11 1.35 2.03 1.35
30. Additional recreational facilities are needed for the Town of Cooks Valley residents.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 3.38 12.16 26.35 35.14 20.27 2.70  
 If you circled 1 or 2 please answer 32. below. If you circled 3,4,or 5 please skip to 33.
32. If you think additional recreation facilities are needed, what kind of facilities should be developed?  
 1) Baseball/Softball Diamonds-7 4) General Play Field -3  
 2) Basketball Courts -3 5) Volleyball Courts-0  
 3) Children's Play Equipment-7 6) Other\_-5
33. Commercial development should be allowed wherever a septic system can be installed.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 2.03 8.11 12.84 36.49 35.14 5.41
34. Agriculture in Cooks Valley should be based on small to moderate-sized family operated farms.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 14.86 37.58 20.27 20.27 4.05 2.70
35. I would rather see trees and fields than other houses when I look out my window.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 44.59 33.78 12.16 6.08 0.68 2.70
36. Industrial development should only be allowed where municipal sewer and water services are available.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 22.97 40.54 16.22 12.16 5.41 2.70
37. Landowners should be compensated by the government any time land use regulations decrease the value of their property.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 20.27 35.81 19.59 12.16 9.46 2.70
38. Rural homesites or other development should not be allowed on productive farmland.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6  
 12.16 26.35 21.62 27.70 10.14 2.03

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39. Your neighbor should have the absolute right to do whatever he/she wants with his/her property.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 9.46                20.27              21.62              31.08              16.89              0.68
40. .Development of viable, productive farmland to non-farm uses should be prohibited.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 4.73                29.73              25.00              25.00              12.84              2.70
41. Development of viable, productive farmland to non-farm uses should be discouraged.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 11.49              52.7                14.86              15.54              5.41                0.0
42. We should find a way to preserve farmland while providing farmers a return on their investment in land.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 14.86              52.7                18.24              9.46                3.38                1.35
43. Taxpayers should be compensated by a landowner anytime land use regulations increase the value of that landowner's property.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 5.41                20.27              38.51              20.27              11.49              4.05
44. Several research projects have concluded that low-density rural housing developments increase the costs of services such as school busing, police and fire protection and road maintenance without recovering those costs through increased tax base. I would be willing to pay higher property taxes in order to allow continued rural residential development.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 1.36                14.19              22.3                31.76              29.05              1.35
45. I support practical and cost-effective land use regulations that will address the problems caused by development and particular uses of land before they occur.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 13.51              58.78              16.89              6.08                2.7                 2.03
46. Chippewa County should protect environmental feature such as groundwater, wetlands, steep sloped and wildlife habitats from the impacts of development.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 28.38              46.62              13.51              5.41                3.38                2.7
47. The road system in the Town of Cooks Valley is satisfactory.  
 1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6  
 14.19              74.32              6.08                2.7                 0.68                1.35

Please CIRCLE the number that matches your response to the following.

48. If you think the road system is not satisfactory, what are its problem?  
 1) Surface Conditions 8.78                    4) Inadequate Signs 2.03  
 2) Need More Roads 0.0                    5) Roads are Too Narrow 8.11  
 3) Snow Removal 2.70                    6) Other 2.70 N.R. 68.72
49. Currently, under County zoning residentially zoned areas have a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet (slightly less than one-half acre). The minimum lot size in residentially zoned areas should be:  
 1) Two Acres 19.59                    5) Ten Acres 5.41  
 2) Three Acres 4.73                    6) Twenty Acres 3.38  
 3) Four Acres 3.38                    7) Thirty-five Acres 4.05  
 4) Five Acres 41.89                    8) No Response 14.19 40 ACRES+ 0.68

50. Currently, under County zoning agriculturally zoned areas have a minimum lot size of one acre. The minimum lot size in agriculturally zoned areas should be:
- |                |       |                              |       |
|----------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1) One Acre    | 14.19 | 6) Ten Acres                 | 8.11  |
| 2) Two Acres   | 10.14 | 7) Twenty Acres              | 3.38  |
| 3) Three Acres | 4.73  | 8) Thirty-five Acres or More | 10.14 |
| 4) Four Acres  | 0.68  | 9) No Response               | 12.16 |
| 5) Five Acres  | 33.18 |                              |       |
51. How long have you lived in the Town of Cooks Valley?
- |                        |      |                            |       |
|------------------------|------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1) Less than one year  | 0.68 | 5) Eleven to fifteen years | 12.16 |
| 2) One or two years    | 4.05 | 6) Sixteen to twenty years | 3.38  |
| 3) Three to five years | 9.46 | 7) Over twenty years       | 53.38 |
| 4) Six to ten years    | 6.76 | 8) No response             | 8.78  |
|                        |      | Owned property 50+ yrs.    | 0.68  |
52. Where do you work?
- |                                   |       |                            |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1) Town of Cooks Valley           | 16.22 | 6) Dunn County             | 6.08  |
| 2) Chippewa Falls                 | 7.43  | 7) Barron County           | 4.05  |
| 3) Eau Claire                     | 9.46  | 8) Not employed            | 9.46  |
| 4) Elsewhere in Chippewa County   | 22.30 | 9) Other (please specify)_ | 18.92 |
| 5) Elsewhere in Eau Claire County | 0.68  | 10) No Response            | 5.41  |
53. What is your occupation? (Select one that fits best)
- |                            |       |                        |       |
|----------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| 1) Equipment operator      | 13.51 | 6) Clerical/sales      | 4.05  |
| 2) Factory worker          | 12.16 | 7) Full-time homemaker | 2.70  |
| 3) Farmer                  | 17.57 | 8) Retired             | 20.27 |
| 4) Managerial/professional | 27.03 | 9) Unemployed          | 1.35  |
|                            |       | N.R.                   | 1.35  |
54. What is your gender?
- |           |       |         |       |         |       |
|-----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1) Female | 31.08 | 2) Male | 52.70 | NEITHER | 16.22 |
|-----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
55. How many people in each of the following age groups are currently living in your household? (Fill in number)
- |       |                    |       |                        |
|-------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 7.13  | Under 5 years old  | 27.27 | 45 to 64 years old     |
| 22.46 | 5 to 18 years old  | 5.65  | 65 to 74 years old     |
| 8.6   | 19 to 24 years old | 3.19  | 75 years old and older |
| 25.80 | 25 to 44 years old |       |                        |

Thank you very much for responding to the survey! Your input lets us know how you feel about important issues facing the Town of Cooks Valley. We will present the results of the survey in an upcoming public meeting.