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County surveys residents on land use

Residents of Pottawattamie County, Iowa (88,000), recently had the opportunity to use a survey to communicate their opinions on several county land issues to the county planning and zoning commission and the county board of supervisors. The survey was available at county offices, city clerks' offices in smaller communities, and on the county's Web site. Survey participants indicated their opinions on a range of land use issues, including housing developments, road improvements, and public facilities and services in rural areas. The county advertised the availability of the survey in newspapers and on its Web site. The survey was developed and tallied by a consulting firm as part of its

agreement with the county to help rewrite the county's land use plan. As a result, the main cost of the survey was a few hundred dollars for advertising and mailing. The survey results will inform the county's current rewriting of its land use plan.

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**POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN
OPINION SURVEY**

213 Surveys

Pottawattamie County, Iowa is currently in the process of updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Zoning and Subdivision regulations. The Planning Steering Committee, in association with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the County Board of Supervisors, are seeking the input of all households in the County. Future planning and development opportunities will be examined. Your assistance in completing this survey is very important and greatly appreciated.

1. Where do you live? 147 - Rural Pottawattamie County, with the closest city being See Attached
65 - City of See Attached

2. Do you currently 189 - Own your home?
17 - Rent your home?

3. Total number of persons living in your household? 2.4 (avg) Persons

4. Number of persons in your household that are 62+ years of age? 0.8 (avg) Persons

5. How would you rate the condition of your home? 169 - Good 37 - Fair, or 1 - Poor

6. Please rate the following County land use issues by marking the circle. Lastly, please place a check mark (P-) by the 3 items most greatly needed.

In your opinion, are	Greatly Needed	Somewhat Needed	Not Needed	P-3 max.
Protection of agricultural lands for agricultural production.	148	48	11	97
Protection of the Loess Hills, in their present state.	118	70	23	46
Protection of the Loess Hills National Scenic By-Way and view from the road corridor	95	82	29	26
Protection of existing farm operations from construction of non-farm dwellings, commercial or industrial facilities	132	56	22	85
Additional non-farm dwellings in the rural county area	22	58	122	4
Rural subdivisions with shared water and sewer systems, for non-farm dwellings	33	59	112	13
Non-farm dwellings and residential subdivisions limited to planning jurisdictions of cities (within 2-miles of a city)	82	82	40	31
Establish minimum distances between livestock facilities and single-family dwellings (example: 1 mile apart)	85	64	58	33
Addition of large lot (4+ acres), non-farm dwellings	27	43	134	2
Additional commercial developments in the rural areas	26	50	126	6
Additional recreational developments in the rural areas	33	50	123	8
spaces in the rural areas	36	48	121	4
Clean up efforts in the rural areas	45	74	90	15
Development at Interstate and major highway interchanges	76	90	43	21
Provide public hunting areas	45	101	60	9
Building codes for construction of houses in the rural areas	35	56	119	6
Pottawattamie County?	67	81	65	17

7. What types of housing or housing developments are needed to better serve residents in Rural Pottawattamie County?

	Owner	Renter	Not Needed
Housing for elderly persons	61	52	84
Housing for families	86	35	78
Housing rehabilitation programs for rural houses	70	31	95
Individual mobile homes	24	9	165