

Land Use Planning Worksession
 Summary of Public Input
 November 15, 2011

Responses

Transportation system	
Traffic congestion	1
Traffic flow	1
Access Road in/out City	1
Better arterial system	1
Public transit into the community	1
Plan a road along the north side of Asbury	2
Plan for additional right of way	1
Quality of streets	1
Develop City Center	
Commercial Development	4
Niche restaurant/stores	1
Light industrial area	1
Entertainment complex	1
Recreation Center	3
New Municipal building	3
Park Growth	
Finish new park	3
Trail system in and around city and connected to tri state trail system	7
Update current parks	1
Additional recreation and natural areas	1
Aquatic Center	1
Wading pool	1
Bigger Pavillion	1
Improve Meadows	1
Plan to maintain current infrastructure - living here at a moderate cost	3
Family friendly	1
Fantastic town and great quality of life	1
Sense of community pride	1
Still feels like we have some space	1
Rural residential feel	1
Open residential	1
Small town feel	2
Better community involvement	1

What I Like About Cascade

The Friendliness of the people. People helping people.

The people

Self contained. The city has its own gas, electric, and phone companies.

The feeling of being in the country.

The history of the city is interesting.

Riding a bike is safer than in a big city.

People in the community.

Water (fishing)

Easy to get around the town.

Citizens willingness to help each other.

Small town atmosphere

Volunteerism

Proximity

Hardworking friendly people

Hometown Feeling

Friendly small town community

Recreation

New Swimming Pool

More parks with play grounds

New Larger Recreation Center

Indoor pool

Ball Diamonds and soccer fields

More parks with walking trails.

Park with play ground on the East side for the

Conrad and Oak Hill area.

Things to do without raveling 20+ miles.

Family recreation activities

Improvements to pool

Parks/Recreation

Large area like a fairgrounds recreation area

Large recreation complex

Arts

More Arts opportunities

Facilities

New Library

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Water system improvement

Start up wastewater treatment plant

Trails

More Trails and Walkways

More trail and walkways

Trails

Economic Development

Enlarge the commercial area to allow work in home for retail businesses including art studio, art gallery, wine, and tea etc.

Need a farm and fleet or a Thesiens store

More Industry

Industrial Employment

More businesses for part time work

Need expansion of business and industry

More industry

Large company come in and hire a lot of people to raise the average wage in the community.

Transportation

Main Street Reconstruction

First Ave resurfacing

Historic Preservation

Protection for the few historical buildings (On Main Street)

What I like about Dubuque.

I like the small town atmosphere and the natural beauty.

Dubuque has its own natural setting and historic character.

I like easy access to all facilities.

History, location, prospects

Its People

Opportunities to be involved

Dubuque is a small town.

The historic character of the bluffs.

The degree of cooperation and collaboration among many constituencies across the community.

The City is working to create a diverse culture that can help attract more young people.

Transportation

Traffic Solutions

Better Traffic Patterns (I don't think that many new citizens will move downtown.)

Better public transportation.

Street redesign

Smart street design

Low travel time to any part of the city

Enforce the existing speed limits (25/30 mph) in the "Hilltop Area " from Bluff St. to Grandview Ave. This primarily includes University and Loras Avenues and west 5th Street. These areas have a lot of pedestrian traffic trying to cross these and the traffic is too fast (over the speed limit).

Planning and Coordination

Better collaboration with school district.

Discourage non-agricultural development in the bluffland protection area.

Do we really want a city population of 75,000?

Avoid new buildings that are significantly larger than surrounding buildings.

More younger people.

Regulations to control "too large" bluffland development before it is too late.

Economic Development

Commercial retail growth

Creation of more good paying jobs

Better/more diverse shopping.

Active pursuant of retailers.

Recreation

More waterfront and beach front rec areas.

More organized winter events similar to town clock festivals, etc.

A Baseball Franchise (Minor League)

A community recreation center and aquatic facility.

Facilities

Fire house with EMS services closer to southern end of DBQ

Bike and Pedestrian

More bicycle paths and lanes.

Promote trails in the city. Get the word out that you should be able to travel from your neighborhood on the trail system.

Better bike / hike access to downtown.

Housing

More affordable working class housing.

More medium to medium high housing mor1100 sq ft but under 2000 sq ft.

Education

Improved schools

Truly great public school progress

What I Like About Dubuque County

Like major highways that connect to the towns.

Like: Traffic access to highways.

The natural beauty of the county.

I like- the community is still small but functions like a large city.

I like the Mississippi River.

Like natural beauty of environment.

Low density population in county area.

Historic buildings.

Hills/Farms.

The cross between the rural/AG nature and the mix of a good city life.

What I like about Dubuque City. The natural environment.

Like progressive.

Peace and quiet.

Like topography geology.

I like the smaller size of the community.

Like riverfront, Eagle Point Park, and walking and biking trails.

The overall rural part of Dubuque County. From any city in Dubuque County 10-15 minutes you can be in rural Dubuque County. How to keep what we have.

River.

I live close to the city but yet it is rural. We have excellent medical facilities.

What I like about my community- the small town feel with the big city accommodations – shopping dining.

Like about county – long term vision like (tonir) - *Cant read handwriting*

What I like scenic bluffs.

Smart Growth

Less urban sprawl.

See controlled growth.

Rural and I like it that way no more building.

Unsustainable rural sprawl. Subdivision slowing.

More control over residential housing in Dubuque County including around the City of Dubuque. We have a lot or recreational property not used enough before we develop more.

Control the city controlling the land uses.

Transportation

Train service to Chicago.

Southwest arterial completion

Routine maintenance and repair of roadways.

County bridge repairs.

Within city of Dubuque. Increase enforcement of traffic speeds on non-freeway streets.
Rural county road improvements.
Open tunnel.
Improve traffic issues on Hwy 20.
A better traffic flow without traffic lights.
3 things- improved in-out street design for Dubuque.
Improved city roads.
Better transportation to handle the traffic.
SW Arterial completion.
Transportation improved as the arterial. Better condition on some heavy traveled roads.
Too many stoplights it takes forever to drive through Dubuque.
Better roads and bridges.
Better roadways – reengineered not just patched. Better access to 4 lane roadways.
More Road work and bridge work.
Highway 20 congestion.
Improvements of county road. Which will need more money to do this.
We live 100 yards apart. Better roads. Roads. Less traffic. Less building.

Recreation

More parks through wooded areas.
Modern full service fitness center YMCA is too old.
Public access to Catfish Creek and tributaries (trail, park etc and bike).
More development around water in the county. ie walkways.
Good use of water ways and growth of bike paths.
Need a lake such as MacBride with camping, fishing, and boating and recreational opportunities.
5 years from now- more park development on the west side of the city.

Bike and Pedestrian

Bike ways in all towns.
Heritage trail connection across hwy 52.
Within the county. Get the cities near the Heritage Trail connected by trails – bike hike.
More bicycle friendly roads.
More off road trails.

Ag, Open Space, and Environmental Preservation

Maintain the natural beauty of the area.
Within the county. Continue to preserve prime Ag land and stop ribbon development along country roads with individual drive ways.
Preserve AG land.
Park development and expansion of bluffland protection.

Protect scenic views along great river road.
Maintain integrity of bluffland Great River Rd watershed management.
Enhance community with trees and greenway in development areas.
Curbing expansion on ag land.
Less land taken out of production.
Natural areas preserve parks and private land uses.
Preserve Farm ground.

Economic Development

Employment opportunities.
See economic development.
5 year - Job growth.
Job opportunity growth.

Watershed Planning, Flood Prevention, & Water Quality Protection

Watershed management for new and exiting developments.
Water sited management.
Watershed improvement thru land use and procurement of property adjacent to city of Dubuque uses affecting county property.
When building parking lots, schools, streets, and housing dealing with runoff in a better way.
Flood plain protection.
More attention given to controlling flooding.
Better Control of runoff and water quality coming out of the cities and towns.
Urban development more restricted to prevent erosion and improve water quality.

Other

Less taking of farm ground for everyone else's recreation.
Long term planning for rural fire protection.
More freedom by homeowner less government controls.
Better roads. Smarter people in control. Balance budget.
Government not pay 100% of health care. Just like private company.
See things to keep younger people here.
Greatly improved public education.
Just leave it alone.
Downtown restoration projects.

Meeting Q&A Comments

Several people stated that they thought that the zoning map designates too much land for residential. They felt that this has led to many of the problems with sprawling rural subdivisions. Some also felt that

Input Collected at the Dubuque County Public Input Meeting

12/20/2011

overly optimistic population projections led to large areas being zoned residential when the original map was drawn back in the 1960s.

Several people expressed concerns about cities' (mainly the city of Dubuque) expansion in to rural areas.

Several commented on the poor condition of county roads.

Input collected at the Dyersville Smart Planning land use workshop.
12/12/2011

Likes

Clean friendly well kept properties.
Friendly people caring.
Small town fell.
Clean community ex: visitors ask where the disarray section of town is located. Town looks too clean.
Good size community but hometown friendly feel.
We have great government and city management.
Recreational trails.
Friendliness.
Safety of the community.
Friendly – clean.

Transportation

Interchange on Highway 20
Highway 20 interchange.
Second interchange on Highway 20.
Highway 20 interchange.
Interchange.
Interchange and utilities.
Highway 20 interchange

Trails

Paving of Heritage Trail.
Walking and bike trails. Expand in to Heritage Trail network.
City trails that loop thru city.
Heritage trail paved.
Walking trail.

Recreation

Softball complex.
Softball complex.
New ball and soccer complex.

Campground

Lake

Industrial Development

Toy factories coming back.
Industrial factories.
Industrial factories.
2-3 manufacturing companies locate in SW Industrial Park.
Need industry
Industry
Lumber factories.

Downtown

Commercial businesses downtown.
More active Downtown.
Improve Main Street businesses atmosphere.

Other

Flood control.
Continue growth.
Community going the same.
Main Street come alive with stores
Ag commercial buildings.
Less spot zoning.
More businesses.
Keeping property taxes low
Take care of in-city infrastructure.

11/22/2011

What I Like About Epworth

Well kept family friendly

Walking trail

Good road conditions

Volunteers

Most everyone is friendly. Everyone waves at you

Most everyone takes care of their property.

Jacoby walking path & entrance.

I like the small town closeness, the businesses on Main Street, and the schools.

People – progress.

Dubuque County library Epworth branch is fantastic. At this time sees away from the main part of town.

People

Like roads, parks, fire department, police station, and their locations.

Close to large city but not too close.

The people.

Proud of our school.

Great schools.

Great sidewalk system.

Good streets.

The people of Epworth are its best asset.

Close to Dubuque but not big city life.

Love new walk path.

Better roads in the last few years.

Housing

Age-adaptable housing – housing to allow folks to age in their homes.

Need senior housing assistant/independent living. Not by parks but near churches and businesses.

Additional residential subdivisions.

Recreation

Additional recreational opportunities for all ages.

More recreational areas. Shared recreational area.

Swimming Pool.

Community/recreation center.

Community center on old school site.

Tower Park complete with tennis courts and ball diamonds.

Park with lights.

Pool.

Ball parks move to town vs outside of town.

New sports complex or major improvement to existing.

Indoor recreation or sports facility for winter sports.

Trails

Completion of trail system with lights.

Walkway around town.

Sidewalk repair.

Water Quality/Flood Control

Pursue rain gardens and other water retention projects.

Storm water control

Watershed. Fix runoff.

Solve water runoff

Restaurants

Restaurant. Place for everyone to gather.

More restaurants.

Need restaurant. A place to eat/coffee.

More restaurants.

Would like to see new restaurants.

Restaurants – coffee shop

Commercial Development

Re invigorate the downtown area.

Increased commercial development.

More commercial businesses.

Would like to see larger grocery store or Kwik Star.

Industrial Development

Industrial development south of Highway 20.

Need more industry.

Promote light industrial and small business

Industrial South of Highway 20

New open development south of Highway 20.

Residential, Commercial, and Industrial.

Other

Dubuque County library Epworth branch

More EMS personnel during the day time.

Network with outside communities.

Book on Epworth. What with US.

11/30/2011

What I Like About Farley

The comfort of the small town atmosphere.
Easy to get to other cities.
The people work together.
Parks and pool.
Friendliness.
Clean community.
Friendly hard working individuals
Always willing to lend a hand.
Variety of recreational activities – Park,
bowling, trails.
Volunteers.
Senior living.
Commitment of volunteer organizations.
Farley parks.
Access to US 20.
Progressive attitudes of the people.
The properties are well kept – clean town.
Small town living. Keep it going.
People willing to try to make it better

Recreation

Expand park.
Swim pool.
Activities for children.
Pool.
Community center.

Main Street

Renovation of some Main Street buildings
More businesses in downtown area.
Keep businesses on Main Street.

Water Quality/Flood Control

Stormwater issues resolved.
Correct storm drainage.
Watershed program flood control.
Comprehensive watershed management
policy/plan.
Better control of the water runoff on all edge of
the city.

Recreation

Additional land for the park. For soccer fields
etc.
Natural resource area pond trail.
Spray park.

Swimming pool.
Community center.
Farley park.
Swimming pool.

Trials

Trails.
Trails.
More walking and biking paths throughout the
city.
Bike and walking paths.

Transportation

Adopt a city road construction plan.
Street.
Streets.
Street improvements plan.
Update existing roads.
Capital project plan.
Improved residential streets.

Housing

Retirement home.
Affordable housing.

Economic Development

Commercial development.
More industrial.
Industrial development.
Some of the City's adjacent land owners
working with developers to create something
new.
Plan for businesses coming.
Jobs.
Growth
More

Taxes

Keep affordable taxes.
Plan for tax money to be forecasted to fill our
needs.

Safety

Police protection.
Reduce crime.

Input collected at the Peosta Smart Planning land use workshop.

11/1/2011

Stormwater Control

Better storm drainage
Better storm drainage so it won't flood my basement. I don't want to wait 5 years, I need it done now.
Improved stormwater management
Water control in floodplain
Minimize inadequately drained streets (mostly in streets)
Storm water management and erosion control

Transportation

Better traffic flow
Road maintenance planning
Improved roads
Roads repaired
New streets
Capital improvement plan for streets
New roadway exit to the west
New exit from the west for traffic control
Improve rough streets
Second overpass on Cox Springs Rd.

Economic Development

More businesses
Commercial businesses
Better Developed Commercial District
More industry
Professional offices (not in a strip mall)
More commercial business (Stores, etc.)
Sustain employment opportunities
Small retail businesses
Grocery Store
Restaurants
Gas station
Grocery store

Downtown

New Downtown
Main Street going East-West
New Downtown going East-West
Main Street entrance spruce up
Min Street curb appeal
A reorganized center of town "Main Street"
New Downtown destination – make Burds Rd like Farley or Dyersville
Downtown central area

Recreation

Make the Community Centre the true center of our community
Self sustaining community center
Self sustaining community center
More park space
Public Park/Pool
More Parks
Development of nice park and recreation area
Park areas for large group gatherings – like Farley
Swimming pool
Sand volleyball courts
Football field

Recreation Trail
Walking trail (loop)

Planning

Common Sense Plan – One central control group