

PROJECT: 2941 – Dane County Comprehensive Plan Survey  
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**SECTION I. Introduction**

To begin, please let us know a little bit about your living situation.

Q1. How long have you had your primary residence in Dane County?

**n = 498**

Over 20 years .....	205	41.2%
1-5 years.....	128	25.7%
11-20 years.....	72	14.5%
6-10 years.....	61	12.2%
Less than 1 year .....	32	6.4%

Q2. My residence within Dane County is located in a...

**n = 497**

City .....	331	66.6%
Town or Township.....	90	18.1%
Village.....	76	15.3%

Q3. My home is an area best described as:

**n = 495**

Urban .....	215	43.4%
Suburban .....	203	41.0%
Rural .....	72	14.5%
Miscellaneous .....	2	0.4%
Village.....	2	0.4%
Other .....	1	0.2%

Q4. The type of housing where I live for my primary residence can best be described as:

**n = 498**

Single-family home.....	329	66.1%
Apartment .....	98	19.7%
Duplex or 4-flat.....	33	6.6%
Condominium .....	30	6.0%
Farm home .....	4	0.8%
Mobile home .....	3	0.6%
Retirement community.....	1	0.2%

Q5. For your primary residence, do you currently rent or own?

**n = 498**

Own.....	343	68.9%
Rent.....	135	27.1%
Live with parents, relatives, or other.....	20	4.0%



Q6. How many people live in your household, including yourself?

**n = 498**

Two .....	216	43.4%
Four.....	83	16.7%
One.....	81	16.3%
Three .....	81	16.3%
Five .....	26	5.2%
Six or more.....	11	2.2%

Q7. How many children 17 years old or younger live in your household?

**n = 498**

No children .....	323	64.9%
Two .....	79	15.9%
One.....	68	13.7%
Three or more.....	28	5.6%

Q8. How familiar are you with the Dane County Comprehensive Plan?

**n = 497**

Not at all familiar .....	287	57.7%
Not very familiar.....	115	23.1%
Somewhat familiar .....	73	14.7%
Don't know .....	17	3.4%
Very familiar.....	4	0.8%
Highly familiar and politically active .....	1	0.2%

**SECTION II. Housing**

Housing is an important part of how a community grows and develops. One of Dane County’s primary goals is to promote the development and availability of housing for all residents of the county.

Q9. Looking to the future and comparing to the present, how much attention should Dane County Government give to each of the following housing goals listed in a–e?

- a.) Ensuring a supply of enough housing choices throughout the county that meet the needs of people from all income levels, all age groups, with different family sizes, and families who have special needs.

**n = 496**

Somewhat more attention .....	165	33.3%
Considerably more attention.....	161	32.5%
Neither more nor less attention.....	84	16.9%
Somewhat less attention .....	35	7.1%
Considerably less attention.....	24	4.8%
Don't know .....	21	4.2%
I don't care.....	6	1.2%

- b.) Promoting good use of land for housing.

**n = 496**

Considerably more attention.....	210	42.3%
Somewhat more attention .....	140	28.2%
Neither more nor less attention.....	85	17.1%
Somewhat less attention .....	25	5.0%
Don't know .....	18	3.6%
Considerably less attention.....	13	2.6%
I don't care.....	5	1.0%



c.) Promoting housing that maintains and improves the quality of life for all of Dane County.

**n = 495**

Considerably more attention.....	197	39.8%
Somewhat more attention .....	177	35.8%
Neither more nor less attention.....	70	14.1%
Somewhat less attention .....	22	4.4%
Don` t know .....	13	2.6%
Considerably less attention.....	9	1.8%
I don` t care.....	7	1.4%

d.) Ensuring that there is housing close to public transportation routes.

**n = 497**

Somewhat more attention .....	174	35.0%
Considerably more attention.....	155	31.2%
Neither more nor less attention.....	104	20.9%
Considerably less attention .....	24	4.8%
Somewhat less attention .....	14	2.8%
Don` t know .....	13	2.6%
I don` t care.....	13	2.6%

e.) Ensuring that there is housing close to shopping and commercial centers.

**n = 497**

Somewhat more attention .....	157	31.6%
Neither more nor less attention.....	146	29.4%
Considerably more attention.....	99	19.9%
Considerably less attention .....	32	6.4%
Somewhat less attention .....	31	6.2%
I don` t care.....	17	3.4%
Don` t know .....	15	3.0%

Q10. What is the most important role that Dane County Government should play in making sure there is enough housing to meet the needs of people from all income levels, all age groups, different family sizes, and families who have special needs? (Please mark only one)

**n = 496**

Help build cooperative relationships between developers and government .....	179	36.1%
Improve regulations and zoning ordinances .....	67	13.5%
Educate the public on housing issues.....	59	11.9%
Buy existing buildings for public-owned housing ..	57	11.5%
Lower taxes for owners, potential buyers .....	49	9.9%
Offer incentives -like tax breaks- to new housing developers.....	36	7.3%
Miscellaneous .....	14	2.8%
Build new public-owned housing .....	12	2.4%
None of the above .....	11	2.2%
Leave it to more local government .....	4	0.8%
Let market forces decide .....	4	0.8%
Don't encourage low income housing .....	3	0.6%
Other .....	1	0.2%

### SECTION III. Economic Development

Economic development is concerned with all aspects of keeping, attracting, and growing businesses of all types and sizes in Dane County.



Q11. Looking to the future and comparing it to the present, how much attention should Dane County Government give to each of the following economic development goals listed in a–d?

- a.) Promoting a strong economy that enhances quality of life.  
**n = 499**  
 Considerably more attention.....204 40.9%  
 Somewhat more attention .....195 39.1%  
 Neither more nor less attention.....75 15.0%  
 Don` t know .....10 2.0%  
 Considerably less attention.....6 1.2%  
 Somewhat less attention .....6 1.2%  
 I don` t care.....3 0.6%
  
- b.) Creating quality employment and business ownership opportunities.  
**n = 499**  
 Considerably more attention.....230 46.1%  
 Somewhat more attention .....171 34.3%  
 Neither more nor less attention.....75 15.0%  
 Don` t know .....10 2.0%  
 Considerably less attention.....5 1.0%  
 Somewhat less attention .....5 1.0%  
 I don` t care.....3 0.6%
  
- c.) Attracting new businesses to Dane County.  
**n = 499**  
 Considerably more attention.....225 45.1%  
 Somewhat more attention .....167 33.5%  
 Neither more nor less attention.....75 15.0%  
 Somewhat less attention .....16 3.2%  
 Don` t know .....8 1.6%  
 Considerably less attention.....6 1.2%  
 I don` t care.....2 0.4%
  
- d.) Keeping established businesses and industries in Dane County.  
**n = 499**  
 Considerably more attention.....257 51.5%  
 Somewhat more attention .....183 36.7%  
 Neither more nor less attention.....44 8.8%  
 Don` t know .....7 1.4%  
 Somewhat less attention .....6 1.2%  
 I don` t care.....1 0.2%  
 Considerably less attention.....1 0.2%

Q12. For the following questions, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means extremely unimportant and 10 means extremely important) to rate how important the stated issue is to you personally. How important is it to you that:

	Extremely Unimportant					Extremely Important					DK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
a. new growth in Dane County be controlled and limited to certain areas?	16	15	24	20	57	44	68	73	58	111	11
<b>n=486, Mean=7.08</b>	(3.2%)	(3.0%)	(4.8%)	(4.0%)	(11.5%)	(8.9%)	(13.7%)	(14.7%)	(11.7%)	(22.3%)	(2.2%)

b. the downtowns of smaller cities and villages be maintained or promoted as local economic centers	14	3	13	8	46	28	89	93	73	116	15
<b>n=483, Mean=7.60</b>	(2.8%)	(0.6%)	(2.6%)	(1.6%)	(9.2%)	(5.6%)	(17.9%)	(18.7%)	(14.7%)	(23.3%)	(3.0%)

Q13. Should commercial and industrial growth be concentrated in the Madison area or promoted in all of the cities and villages of Dane County?

**n = 498**

Promoted in all cities and villages .....	399	80.1%
Concentrated in the Madison area.....	55	11.0%
Maintain current industrial sites.....	30	6.0%
Other .....	9	1.8%
Let more local government decide.....	4	0.8%
Miscellaneous .....	1	0.2%

Q14. What is the most important role that Dane County Government should play in attracting, keeping, and growing business in the county? (Please mark only one)

**n = 496**

Help build cooperative relationships between developers and government .....	242	48.8%
Offer incentives -like tax breaks- to new housing developers.....	70	14.1%
Improve regulations and zoning ordinances .....	52	10.5%
Educate the public on housing issues.....	46	9.3%
None of the above .....	41	8.3%
Build new public-owned housing .....	27	5.4%
Miscellaneous .....	7	1.4%
Decrease involvement - reduce regulations .....	6	1.2%
Other .....	5	1.0%

**SECTION IV. Transportation**

Planning for transportation involves a combination of many different modes of transportation, including highways, mass transit, transportation systems for persons with disabilities, bicycles, pedestrians, railroads, air transportation, trucking, and water transportation.

Q15. Looking to the future and comparing it to the present, how much attention should Dane County Government give to each of the following transportation goals?

a.) Providing public transportation between housing, shopping, and work.

**n = 496**

Somewhat more attention .....	182	36.6%
Considerably more attention.....	175	35.2%
Neither more nor less attention.....	81	16.3%
Somewhat less attention .....	23	4.6%
Considerably less attention.....	18	3.6%
Don't know.....	12	2.4%
I don't care.....	6	1.2%



b.) Making sure that all forms of transportation in Dane County (roads, trains, buses, air) are safe and efficient.

**n = 497**

Considerably more attention.....	191	38.4%
Somewhat more attention .....	170	34.2%
Neither more nor less attention.....	112	22.5%
Don` t know .....	11	2.2%
Somewhat less attention .....	8	1.6%
Considerably less attention.....	4	0.8%
I don` t care.....	1	0.2%

c.) Providing effective transportation for persons with disabilities.

**n = 496**

Somewhat more attention .....	171	34.5%
Neither more nor less attention.....	141	28.4%
Considerably more attention.....	115	23.2%
Don` t know .....	35	7.1%
Somewhat less attention .....	15	3.0%
Considerably less attention.....	14	2.8%
I don` t care.....	5	1.0%

d.) Providing for safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian travel.

**n = 497**

Somewhat more attention .....	154	31.0%
Considerably more attention.....	150	30.2%
Neither more nor less attention.....	136	27.4%
Considerably less attention.....	23	4.6%
Somewhat less attention .....	22	4.4%
I don` t care.....	7	1.4%
Don` t know .....	5	1.0%

Q16. For the following questions, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means extremely unimportant and 10 means extremely important) to rate how important the stated issue is to you personally. How important is it to you that:

	Extremely Unimportant				Extremely Important						DK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
a. there be a regional public transportation option between communities in Dane County?	39	27	41	36	65	50	67	65	27	69	10
<b>n=486, Mean=5.98</b>	(7.9%)	(5.4%)	(8.3%)	(7.3%)	(13.1%)	(10.1%)	(13.5%)	(13.1%)	(5.4%)	(13.9%)	(2.0%)
b. you are able to easily use public transportation, such as the Madison Metro bus line?	45	35	36	33	65	46	56	53	39	83	5
<b>n=491, Mean=6.01</b>	(9.1%)	(7.1%)	(7.3%)	(6.7%)	(13.1%)	(9.3%)	(11.3%)	(10.7%)	(7.9%)	(16.7%)	(1.0%)
c. you are able to walk to stores and services in your neighborhood?	41	27	36	26	59	51	68	47	44	92	3
<b>n=491, Mean=6.26</b>	(8.3%)	(5.5%)	(7.3%)	(5.3%)	(11.9%)	(10.3%)	(13.8%)	(9.5%)	(8.9%)	(18.6%)	(0.6%)



Q17. Which of the following best describes how often you ride a city bus?

**n = 497**

Never.....	307	61.8%
Once or twice a year .....	91	18.3%
Once or twice a month .....	35	7.0%
Daily .....	31	6.2%
Once or twice a week.....	29	5.8%
Don't know .....	4	0.8%

Q18. How do you typically get to work?

**n = 492**

Drive alone.....	321	65.2%
I do not travel to work.....	87	17.7%
Bus .....	30	6.1%
Carpool or van-pool .....	18	3.7%
Walk.....	17	3.5%
Bicycle .....	11	2.2%
Combination.....	5	1.0%
Don't know .....	3	0.6%

Q19. How much time does it take you, typically, to get to work?

**n = 410**

11-20 minutes .....	153	37.3%
10 minutes or less .....	112	27.3%
21-30 minutes .....	97	23.7%
More than 30 minutes .....	39	9.5%
Don't know .....	9	2.2%

Q20. What is the most important role that Dane County Government should play to make all forms of transportation in Dane County better? (Please mark only one.)

**n = 495**

Help build cooperative relationships.....	148	29.9%
Invest public money in more transportation options	119	24.0%
Educate the public on transportation issues .....	87	17.6%
Offer incentives to transportation providers .....	49	9.9%
Don't know .....	48	9.7%
None of the above .....	24	4.8%
Miscellaneous .....	10	2.0%
Maintain roads better .....	6	1.2%
Crack down on speeders .....	2	0.4%
Other .....	1	0.2%
Build light rail.....	1	0.2%

Q21. How do you think the Dane County Government should use their resources to promote safe and efficient transportation into and out of Dane County? Use the numbers 1 through 5 to indicate your priorities for the transportation types below. Use a 1 to indicate your highest priority and a 5 to indicate your lowest priority.

	Highest Priority			Lowest Priority		DK
	1	2	3	4	5	
a. Air transportation	57	116	101	94	120	1
<b>n=488, Mean=3.21</b>	(11.7%)	(23.8%)	(20.7%)	(19.3%)	(24.6%)	(0.2%)
b. Freight rail	13	32	94	173	176	0
<b>n=488, Mean=3.96</b>	(2.7%)	(6.6%)	(19.3%)	(35.5%)	(36.1%)	(0.0%)

c. Highways	231 <b>n=489, Mean=2.12</b> (47.2%)	92 (18.8%)	85 (17.4%)	40 (8.2%)	41 (8.4%)	0 (0.0%)
d. Mass transit	100 <b>n=486, Mean=2.63</b> (20.6%)	151 (31.1%)	98 (20.2%)	101 (20.8%)	36 (7.4%)	1 (0.2%)
e. Passenger rail in the future	103 <b>n=491, Mean=2.98</b> (21.0%)	101 (20.6%)	107 (21.8%)	65 (13.2%)	115 (23.4%)	0 (0.0%)

Q22. How do you think the Dane County Government should use their resources to promote safe and efficient local transportation within Dane County? Use the numbers 1 through 5 to indicate your priorities for the transportation types below. Use a 1 to indicate your highest priority and a 5 to indicate your lowest priority.

	Highest Priority			Lowest Priority		DK
	1	2	3	4	5	
a. Bike paths and lanes within and between communities	65 <b>n=492, Mean=3.28</b> (13.2%)	94 (19.1%)	107 (21.7%)	91 (18.5%)	135 (27.4%)	0 (0.0%)
b. Bus service	106 <b>n=493, Mean=2.80</b> (21.5%)	125 (25.4%)	98 (19.9%)	91 (18.5%)	73 (14.8%)	0 (0.0%)
c. Local roads	244 <b>n=493, Mean=2.17</b> (49.5%)	84 (17.0%)	54 (11.0%)	57 (11.6%)	54 (11.0%)	0 (0.0%)
d. Pedestrian facilities, like sidewalks, crosswalks, and trails	52 <b>n=491, Mean=2.97</b> (10.6%)	133 (27.1%)	138 (28.1%)	114 (23.2%)	54 (11.0%)	1 (0.2%)
e. Transportation services for persons with disabilities	47 <b>n=491, Mean=3.61</b> (9.6%)	55 (11.2%)	100 (20.4%)	128 (26.1%)	161 (32.8%)	2 (0.4%)

## SECTION V. Utilities and Community Facilities

Utilities and community facilities include such things as sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technologies, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunication facilities, power generating plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, healthcare facilities, childcare facilities, and other public facilities such as police, fire, rescue, libraries, schools, and other governmental facilities.

Q23. Looking to the future and comparing it to the present, how much attention should Dane County Government give to each of the following utility and community facility goals listed in a–d?

- a.) Providing adequate and efficient public utility services (such as water, natural gas, and electricity) in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

**n = 500**

Somewhat more attention .....194 38.8%

Considerably more attention.....152 30.4%

Neither more nor less attention.....	123	24.6%
Don't know.....	18	3.6%
Somewhat less attention.....	8	1.6%
Considerably less attention.....	4	0.8%
I don't care.....	1	0.2%

b.) Providing adequate and efficient utilities for sewer, solid waste, and recycling in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

**n = 500**

Somewhat more attention.....	197	39.4%
Considerably more attention.....	161	32.2%
Neither more nor less attention.....	116	23.2%
Don't know.....	11	2.2%
Somewhat less attention.....	10	2.0%
Considerably less attention.....	3	0.6%
I don't care.....	2	0.4%

c.) Making available high-quality and affordable community services and facilities such as healthcare and childcare.

**n = 500**

Considerably more attention.....	217	43.4%
Somewhat more attention.....	139	27.8%
Neither more nor less attention.....	95	19.0%
Somewhat less attention.....	20	4.0%
Considerably less attention.....	16	3.2%
Don't know.....	11	2.2%
I don't care.....	2	0.4%

d.) Making available high-quality and affordable community services such as rescue services, police, and fire protection.

**n = 500**

Somewhat more attention.....	180	36.0%
Neither more nor less attention.....	159	31.8%
Considerably more attention.....	128	25.6%
Somewhat less attention.....	14	2.8%
Don't know.....	13	2.6%
Considerably less attention.....	5	1.0%
I don't care.....	1	0.2%

Q24. What is the most important role Dane County Government should play in providing sewer, solid waste, and recycling facilities? (Please mark only one)

**n = 500**

Strongly promote recycling.....	156	31.2%
Help build cooperative relationships between developers and government.....	86	17.2%
Educate the public on solid waste issues ..	79	15.8%
Offer incentives to reduce solid waste.....	75	15.0%
Don't know.....	39	7.8%
Tighten regulations.....	38	7.6%
Develop new landfills.....	11	2.2%
Loosen regulations.....	8	1.6%
None of the above.....	4	0.8%
Miscellaneous.....	4	0.8%

Q25. What is the most important role Dane County Government should play in providing natural gas and electrical energy? (Please mark only one.)

**n = 500**

Promote the development of



renewable energy sources .....	194	38.8%
Promote energy conservation .....	80	16.0%
Help build cooperative relationships between developers and government .....	41	8.2%
Offer incentives to reduce energy consumption.....	38	7.6%
Educate the public on energy issues .....	36	7.2%
Don't know .....	33	6.6%
Enhance the ability to buy power from outside Dane County.....	32	6.4%
Increase the number of power plants .....	15	3.0%
Tighten regulations .....	10	2.0%
None of the above.....	9	1.8%
Loosen regulations.....	8	1.6%
Miscellaneous .....	4	0.8%

Q26. What is the most important role Dane County Government should play in providing community facilities? (Please mark only one.)

**n = 500**

Avoid duplication of services .....	97	19.4%
Require housing developers pay a share of the community facility costs.....	95	19.0%
Help build cooperative relationships between developers and government .....	73	14.6%
Promote sharing of facilities.....	72	14.4%
Don't know .....	57	11.4%
Locate new housing in areas where community services already exist.....	49	9.8%
Educate the public on community issues.....	37	7.4%
None of the above.....	10	2.0%
Tighten regulations .....	5	1.0%
Loosen regulations.....	3	0.6%
Miscellaneous .....	2	0.4%

Q27. How do you think the Dane County Government should distribute their resources to promote safe and efficient public utilities? Use the numbers 1 through 5 to indicate your priorities for the utility services below. Use a 1 to indicate your highest priority and a 5 to indicate your lowest priority.

	Highest Priority			Lowest Priority		DK
	1	2	3	4	5	
a. Natural gas and electricity	183	118	65	89	39	1
<b>n=494, Mean=2.36</b>	(37.0%)	(23.9%)	(13.2%)	(18.0%)	(7.9%)	(0.2%)
b. Recycling	158	99	98	76	60	0
<b>n=491, Mean=2.55</b>	(32.2%)	(20.2%)	(20.0%)	(15.5%)	(12.2%)	(0.0%)
c. Solid waste	33	91	133	150	84	0
<b>n=491, Mean=3.33</b>	(6.7%)	(18.5%)	(27.1%)	(30.5%)	(17.1%)	(0.0%)



d. Telecommunications						
<b>n=491, Mean=4.08</b>	32 (6.5%)	30 (6.1%)	81 (16.5%)	70 (14.3%)	278 (56.6%)	1 (0.2%)
e. Water and sewer						
<b>n=492, Mean=2.52</b>	112 (22.8%)	154 (31.3%)	113 (23.0%)	84 (17.1%)	29 (5.9%)	1 (0.2%)

Q28. How do you think the Dane County Government should use their resources to promote high-quality and affordable community services and facilities? Use the numbers 1 through 5 to indicate your priorities for the community services below. Use a 1 to indicate your highest priority and a 5 to indicate your lowest priority.

	Highest Priority			Lowest Priority		DK
	1	2	3	4	5	
a. Childcare						
<b>n=495, Mean=3.40</b>	86 (17.4%)	103 (20.8%)	40 (8.1%)	59 (11.9%)	207 (41.8%)	0 (0.0%)
b. Fire						
<b>n=492, Mean=3.10</b>	39 (7.9%)	121 (24.6%)	144 (29.3%)	129 (26.2%)	59 (12.0%)	0 (0.0%)
c. Healthcare						
<b>n=495, Mean=2.46</b>	203 (41.0%)	86 (17.4%)	37 (7.5%)	114 (23.0%)	55 (11.1%)	0 (0.0%)
d. Police						
<b>n=492, Mean=2.62</b>	149 (30.3%)	90 (18.3%)	116 (23.6%)	71 (14.4%)	66 (13.4%)	0 (0.0%)
e. Rescue						
<b>n=492, Mean=3.23</b>	50 (10.2%)	89 (18.1%)	150 (30.5%)	106 (21.5%)	97 (19.7%)	0 (0.0%)

## SECTION VI. Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources

The agricultural, natural, and cultural resources area focuses on goals and policies that promote effective management and conservation of Dane County's unique collection of resources. Such resources include: groundwater, forests, productive agricultural areas, environmentally sensitive areas, threatened and endangered species, stream corridors, surface water, floodplains, wetlands, wildlife habitat, metallic and nonmetallic mineral resources, parks, open spaces, historical and cultural sites/resources, community design, recreational resources, and other natural resources.

Q29. For the next question, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means extremely unimportant and 10 means extremely important) to rate how important the stated issue is to you personally. How important is it to you that downtown Madison be maintained as the region's cultural center?

	Extremely Unimportant					Extremely Important					DK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<b>n=486, Mean=7.25</b>	35 (7.2%)	9 (1.9%)	15 (3.1%)	14 (2.9%)	41 (8.4%)	34 (7.0%)	56 (11.5%)	91 (18.7%)	71 (14.6%)	120 (24.7%)	4 (0.2%)

Q30. Looking to the future and comparing it to the present, how much attention should Dane County Government give to each of the following agricultural, natural, and cultural resource management goals a-d?

a.) Managing agricultural resources.  
**n = 498**

Somewhat more attention .....	186	37.3%
Considerably more attention.....	125	25.1%
Neither more nor less attention.....	116	23.3%
Don't know .....	36	7.2%
Somewhat less attention .....	19	3.8%
Considerably less attention.....	11	2.2%
I don't care.....	5	1.0%

b.) Managing water resources such as lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands, or groundwater.  
**n = 498**

Considerably more attention.....	268	53.9%
Somewhat more attention .....	157	31.6%
Neither more nor less attention.....	46	9.3%
Don't know .....	12	2.4%
Considerably less attention.....	8	1.6%
Somewhat less attention .....	5	1.0%
I don't care.....	1	0.2%

c.) Managing mineral resources, such as sand, gravel, limestone, or other rock deposits.  
**n = 497**

Neither more nor less attention.....	185	37.2%
Somewhat more attention .....	130	26.2%
Don't know .....	67	13.5%
Considerably more attention.....	61	12.3%
Somewhat less attention .....	24	4.8%
I don't care.....	15	3.0%
Considerably less attention.....	15	3.0%

d.) Managing wildlife resources, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and endangered plant and animal species.  
**n = 497**

Somewhat more attention .....	172	34.6%
Neither more nor less attention.....	146	29.4%
Considerably more attention.....	128	25.8%
Somewhat less attention .....	19	3.8%
Don't know .....	15	3.0%
Considerably less attention.....	13	2.6%
I don't care.....	4	0.8%

e.) Managing historical and archaeological resources.  
**n = 497**

Neither more nor less attention.....	178	35.8%
Somewhat more attention .....	155	31.2%
Considerably more attention.....	82	16.5%
Somewhat less attention .....	30	6.0%
Don't know .....	26	5.2%
Considerably less attention.....	18	3.6%
I don't care.....	8	1.6%

Q31. What is the most important role Dane County Government should play in promoting effective management and conservation of agricultural resources? (Please mark only one.)

**n = 497**

Steer new housing development away from farm areas and toward urban areas.....	102	20.5%
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Tighten zoning regulations to limit non-farm development in farm areas .....	87	17.5%
Provide incentives to farmers to stay in farming .....	62	12.5%
Build relationships with private businesses, farming groups, etc .....	51	10.3%
Don't know .....	40	8.0%
No role-let local governments decide .....	36	7.2%
Coordinate conservation efforts.....	27	5.4%
No role-let the market decide .....	22	4.4%
Buy farmland or development rights from willing sellers in farm areas .....	20	4.0%
Better marketing of Dane County agricultural products .....	18	3.6%
Provide better technical assistance to farmers.....	15	3.0%
Invest public money in co-ops, processing facilities, or distribution network.....	11	2.2%
None of the above.....	4	0.8%
Miscellaneous .....	2	0.4%

Q32. What is the most important role Dane County Government should play in promoting effective management and conservation of water resources such as lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands, or groundwater? (Please mark only one.)

**n = 497**

Steer new development away from areas that would impact county waters.....	110	22.1%
Coordinate and review local government plans.....	90	18.1%
Provide incentives to landowners or businesses to adopt best practices .....	87	17.5%
Invest public money in environmental restoration or clean-up projects.....	56	11.3%
Use public money to buy lands or development rights to protect resources .....	40	8.0%
Don't know .....	30	6.0%
Improve zoning and other regulations .....	28	5.6%
No role-let local governments decide .....	22	4.4%
Provide education about water resource issues .....	19	3.8%
No role-let the market decide .....	7	1.4%
Miscellaneous .....	5	1.0%
None of the above.....	3	0.6%

Q33. What is the most important role Dane County Government should play in promoting effective use and conservation of mineral resources, such as sand, gravel, limestone, or rock deposits? (Please mark only one.)

**n = 496**

Don't know .....	102	20.6%
Coordinate county permitting of extraction operations with.....	100	20.2%
local govt. ....		
Provide incentives to mineral extractors to be more conservation conscious ..	72	14.5%



Steer new development away from areas containing significant mineral deposits .....	60	12.1%
No role-let local governments decide .....	51	10.3%
Improve zoning and regulations .....	42	8.5%
Use public money to clean up and reclaim abandoned gravel pits .....	24	4.8%
Provide better educational information about county mineral deposits .....	24	4.8%
No role-let the market decide .....	11	2.2%
None of the above.....	9	1.8%
Miscellaneous .....	1	0.2%

Q34. How do you think the Dane County Government should use their resources to promote and conserve the natural, cultural, and agricultural resources of Dane County? Use the numbers 1 through 6 to indicate your priorities for the types of resources below. Use a 1 to indicate your highest priority and a 6 to indicate your lowest priority.

	Highest Priority			Lowest Priority		DK
	1	2	3	4	5	
a. Agricultural						
<b>n=488, Mean=3.22</b>	68 (13.9%)	89 (18.2%)	131 (26.8%)	103 (21.1%)	63 (12.9%)	34 (7.0%)
b. Land						
<b>n=488, Mean=2.54</b>	118 (24.2%)	143 (29.3%)	116 (23.8%)	73 (15.0%)	31 (6.4%)	7 (1.4%)
c. Historic and archeological						
<b>n=486, Mean=4.64</b>	28 (5.8%)	26 (5.3%)	43 (8.8%)	75 (15.4%)	137 (28.2%)	177 (36.4%)
d. Mineral						
<b>n=487, Mean=5.01</b>	8 (1.6%)	11 (2.3%)	34 (7.0%)	72 (14.8%)	154 (31.6%)	208 (42.7%)
e. Water						
<b>n=486, Mean=1.89</b>	247 (50.8%)	122 (25.1%)	69 (14.2%)	25 (5.1%)	16 (3.3%)	1 (0.2%)
f. Wildlife						
<b>n=489, Mean=3.45</b>	46 (9.4%)	96 (19.6%)	101 (20.7%)	128 (26.2%)	75 (15.3%)	43 (8.8%)

## SECTION VII. Land Use

In the future, the population of Dane County is expected to increase. If this happens, it will mean that more and more land in Dane County will be needed for residential housing and developed for roads, schools, and businesses.

Q35. Looking to the future and comparing it to the present, how much attention should Dane County Government give to each of the following land use issues?

a.) Planning for future growth.

**n = 497**

Considerably more attention.....	275	55.3%
Somewhat more attention .....	139	28.0%
Neither more nor less attention.....	51	10.3%
Don't know .....	15	3.0%

Considerably less attention.....	8	1.6%
Somewhat less attention .....	8	1.6%
I don't care.....	1	0.2%

b.) Managing conflicting land interests across the county.

**n = 497**

Considerably more attention.....	189	38.0%
Somewhat more attention .....	182	36.6%
Neither more nor less attention.....	70	14.1%
Don't know .....	31	6.2%
Somewhat less attention .....	14	2.8%
Considerably less attention.....	8	1.6%
I don't care.....	3	0.6%

c.) Maintaining Dane County's rural character.

**n = 497**

Considerably more attention.....	180	36.2%
Somewhat more attention .....	132	26.6%
Neither more nor less attention.....	102	20.5%
Somewhat less attention .....	37	7.4%
Considerably less attention.....	19	3.8%
Don't know .....	17	3.4%
I don't care.....	10	2.0%

d.) Providing parks and outdoor recreation areas.

**n = 497**

Somewhat more attention .....	167	33.6%
Neither more nor less attention.....	146	29.4%
Considerably more attention.....	143	28.8%
Somewhat less attention .....	17	3.4%
Considerably less attention.....	11	2.2%
Don't know .....	11	2.2%
I don't care.....	2	0.4%

Q36. For this question, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means extremely unimportant and 10 means extremely important) to rate how important this issue is to you personally.

	Extremely Unimportant					Extremely Important					DK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
How important is it to you that Existing Dane County Communities be kept from growing into one another?	40	35	42	32	55	46	43	67	45	78	4
<b>n=483, Mean=6.08</b>	(8.3%)	(7.2%)	(8.7%)	(6.6%)	(11.4%)	(9.5%)	(8.9%)	(13.9%)	(9.3%)	(16.1%)	(0.2%)

Q37. What is the most important role Dane County Government should play in managing land use? (Please mark only one)

**n = 496**

Coordinate city, town, village, and county units of government .....	155	31.3%
Tighten zoning codes and regulations .....	113	22.8%
Limit Urban Sprawl .....	54	10.9%
Regulate through existing codes .....	53	10.7%
No role-let the market decide .....	35	7.1%
Prohibit new development .....	27	5.4%
Purchase land development rights .....	13	2.6%



Provide incentives to land owners to permit development on rural land ....	12	2.4%
Use public money to purchase land outright .....	11	2.2%
Loosen zoning codes and regulations .....	9	1.8%
Miscellaneous .....	7	1.4%
None of the above.....	7	1.4%

Q38. Who should take the lead role in land use decisions?

**n = 496**

A combination of county and local municipality .....	281	56.7%
Local municipality.....	86	17.3%
Dane County government .....	66	13.3%
Don't know .....	33	6.7%
The free market.....	24	4.8%
Miscellaneous .....	4	0.8%
None of the above.....	2	0.4%

Q39. In your opinion, what is the most important thing Dane County should do in managing land use? (Please be as specific as possible with your response written below.)

**n = 500**

Preserve and protect natural areas, environment, keep green spaces .....	95	19.0%
Stop urban sprawl, keep small communities independent .....	92	18.4%
No suggestions.....	78	15.6%
Don't know .....	69	13.8%
Protect farmland .....	40	8.0%
Increase regulations or enforce them.....	33	6.6%
Plan for, consider the future, big picture ..	30	6.0%
Restore existing developments instead of building new ones .....	30	6.0%
Ask, listen to the residents, local community involvement .....	29	5.8%
Improve transportation and commuting issues and safety .....	27	5.4%
Less commercial development .....	19	3.8%
Miscellaneous .....	17	3.4%
Develop miscellaneous incentives .....	15	3.0%
Decrease regulations.....	14	2.8%
Concentrate on solving disputes [municipalities and special interest groups] .....	14	2.8%
Increase affordable housing.....	14	2.8%
Develop and maintain parks .....	13	2.6%
Maintain a balance of land uses.....	11	2.2%
Lower taxes .....	6	1.2%
Let the market decide .....	4	0.8%
More commercial development .....	1	0.2%
Do not let the market decide.....	1	0.2%



**SECTION VII. Intergovernmental Cooperation**

Part of the comprehensive plan calls for Dane County to be involved in joint planning and decision-making efforts with other government entities in the county, like cities, towns, and villages. One aspect of the plan calls for “avoiding duplication of services” or “consolidation and sharing of services.” The idea is that costs can be reduced with minimal loss of service to county residents.

Q40a. For this question, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means extremely unimportant and 10 means extremely important) to rate how important this issue is to you personally. How important is it that Dane County avoids duplication of services by consolidating and sharing services (such as consolidating Dane County and City of Madison’s Health Departments into one organization)?

	Extremely Unimportant					Extremely Important					DK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<b>n=460, Mean=7.77</b>	3 (0.7%)	8 (1.7%)	8 (1.7%)	11 (2.4%)	35 (7.6%)	49 (10.7%)	63 (13.7%)	92 (20.0%)	69 (15.0%)	122 (26.5%)	13 (2.8%)

Q40b. For this question, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means poor and 10 means excellent) to rate how well Dane County is doing. How well is Dane County doing in avoiding duplication of services by consolidating and sharing resources?

	Poor					Excellent					DK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<b>n=287, Mean=5.31</b>	15 (5.2%)	8 (2.8%)	26 (9.1%)	25 (8.7%)	70 (24.4%)	69 (24.0%)	47 (16.4%)	23 (8.0%)	2 (0.7%)	2 (0.7%)	69 (24.0%)

Q41. What is the most important Dane County Government should play in mediation and helping to resolve intergovernmental conflict? (Please mark only one.)

- n = 495**
- Help create a consensus-based process to resolve the conflict.....160 32.3%
  - Help create a committee of local officials to resolve the conflict.....99 20.0%
  - Mediate the intergovernmental conflict....97 19.6%
  - Unigov .....65 13.1%
  - No role-let the individual communities handle the conflict .....63 12.7%
  - Miscellaneous .....5 1.0%
  - None of the above.....5 1.0%
  - Other .....1 0.2%

**SECTION IX. Public Participation**

For this next section, please let us know your thoughts about the Dane County Government comprehensive plan. For more information about the comprehensive planning process, please visit the Web site at <http://www.daneplan.org/>.

Q42. For the following statements, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means strongly disagree and 10 means strongly agree) to indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Strongly disagree			4	5	6	7	8	Strongly agree		DK
	1	2	3						9	10	
a. I want to be involved in the process in the future.	40	27	33	30	79	58	65	65	15	38	46
<b>n=450, Mean=5.66</b>	(8.9%)	(6.0%)	(7.3%)	(6.7%)	(17.6%)	(12.9%)	(14.4%)	(14.4%)	(3.3%)	(8.4%)	(10.2%)
b. I am comfortable using a computer and accessing information on the internet.	22	9	14	9	26	25	27	54	61	238	12
<b>n=485, Mean=8.14</b>	(4.5%)	(1.9%)	(2.9%)	(1.9%)	(5.4%)	(5.2%)	(5.6%)	(11.1%)	(12.6%)	(49.1%)	(2.5%)
c. The Dane County comprehensive plan Web site is the best place for posting county planning information.	27	8	21	26	55	48	63	55	36	45	112
<b>n=384, Mean=6.32</b>	(7.0%)	(2.1%)	(5.5%)	(6.8%)	(14.3%)	(12.5%)	(16.4%)	(14.3%)	(9.4%)	(11.7%)	(29.2%)
d. I have access to objective information about the comprehensive plan.	44	17	35	21	61	45	40	32	22	36	143
<b>n=353, Mean=5.48</b>	(12.5%)	(4.8%)	(9.9%)	(5.9%)	(17.3%)	(12.7%)	(11.3%)	(9.1%)	(6.2%)	(10.2%)	(40.5%)
e. I have had sufficient opportunity to provide feedback during the planning process	50	22	45	30	72	44	37	28	13	22	130
<b>n=363, Mean=4.94</b>	(13.8%)	(6.1%)	(12.4%)	(8.3%)	(19.8%)	(12.1%)	(10.2%)	(7.7%)	(3.6%)	(6.1%)	(35.8%)

Q43. What could Dane County do that would get you, and the public in general, more involved with the comprehensive planning process? (Please be as specific as possible with your response written below.)

**n = 499**

Increase awareness through media		
[newspapers, websites, fliers] .....	179	35.9%
No suggestion .....	131	26.3%
Provide educational information through		
literature and public meetings.....	78	15.6%
Don't know .....	44	8.8%
Miscellaneous .....	36	7.2%
Direct mail or email.....	35	7.0%
Focus on working within local		
communities.....	28	5.6%
Online surveys .....	14	2.8%
Assure that we will be listened to and our		
opinions considered .....	11	2.2%
Provide information to people without		
computer access .....	8	1.6%
Miscellaneous incentives .....	4	0.8%
Target young people and students .....	2	0.4%
Host a special event .....	2	0.4%

Q44. How did you learn about the Dane County comprehensive planning process?

**n = 496**

Did not know about comprehensive planning process before this survey.....	309	62.3%
Newspaper announcement .....	68	13.7%
Word of mouth .....	49	9.9%
Phone call or survey .....	34	6.9%
TV announcement.....	16	3.2%
Radio announcement .....	8	1.6%
Dane County Web site.....	5	1.0%
Miscellaneous .....	3	0.6%
Email or internet .....	3	0.6%
Don't Know.....	1	0.2%

**SECTION X. Demographics**

Please answer the following questions about yourself. All personal and individual information will remain confidential.

Q45. Do you own a computer and have Internet access?

**n = 499**

Yes.....	447	89.6%
No.....	51	10.2%
Don't know.....	1	0.2%

Q46. Please indicate your gender:

**n = 498**

Female .....	296	59.4%
Male.....	202	40.6%

Q47. Are you currently employed by the State of Wisconsin, by Dane County, or by any city or municipality within Dane County?

**n = 498**

No.....	410	82.3%
Yes.....	88	17.7%

Q48. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

**n = 498**

Bachelor's degree .....	182	36.5%
Graduate degree.....	112	22.5%
Some college .....	82	16.5%
High school graduate or GED.....	49	9.8%
Some technical or vocational training .....	39	7.8%
Associate's degree .....	28	5.6%
Less than high school .....	5	1.0%
Other.....	1	0.2%

Q49. Which category does your age fall into?

**n = 498**

25-34.....	130	26.1%
45-54.....	91	18.3%
35-44.....	87	17.5%
55-64.....	76	15.3%
18-24.....	50	10.0%
65-74.....	41	8.2%
75 or older.....	21	4.2%
Under 18 years.....	2	0.4%



Q50. Which of the following categories best reflects your total 2004 household income before taxes?

**n = 489**

\$95,000 or more.....	113	23.1%
\$65,000 to \$74,999.....	57	11.7%
\$75,000 to \$84,999.....	49	10.0%
\$34,000 to \$44,999.....	45	9.2%
\$25,000 to \$33,999.....	41	8.4%
\$45,000 to \$54,999.....	35	7.2%
\$55,000 to \$64,999.....	32	6.5%
\$85,000 to \$94,999.....	29	5.9%
Under \$12,000.....	28	5.7%
\$16,000 to \$24,999.....	27	5.5%
Don't know.....	26	5.3%
\$12,000 to \$15,999.....	7	1.4%

Q51. How would you describe your racial/ethnic background?

**n = 499**

White.....	445	89.2%
Refused.....	14	2.8%
Asian, Pacific Islander.....	13	2.6%
Mixed-ethnic heritage.....	8	1.6%
African American, Black.....	6	1.2%
Hispanic.....	6	1.2%
Arab, East Indian.....	3	0.6%
Eastern European, Russian.....	2	0.4%
Native American.....	1	0.2%
Other.....	1	0.2%

