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I. Introduction

A. Purpose of the Plan

A comprehensive plan is a long-range planning document intended to identify a community's vision, goals, and policies to guide future development and public investment. Simply put, a comprehensive plan describes the hopes, dreams and aspirations a community holds for itself. Through public input, a comprehensive plan identifies infrastructure needs, promotes the preservation of natural resources, and guides land use and transportation patterns.

The City of Lanesboro's Comprehensive Plan is the policy document providing a foundation for growth and development. It provides an overview of Lanesboro's historical context, demographics, existing and future land use, economic climate, public utilities, transportation, natural resources and parks and trails. The Comprehensive Plan contains goals, objectives and policies to guide land use development, redevelopment, and preservation of all lands and waters within the City. It also proposes a plan to implement these policies through the 2040 timeframe.

The comprehensive plan is more than just a document. The process provided an opportunity to engage the public in local decisions and to allow people with different perspectives to articulate the sort of community they would like to live in and leave behind. Together, the City and its residents came together to create a plan to

“Imagine Lanesboro”

The Plan seeks to prioritize public interest in creating of a more beautiful, functional, equitable, and efficient city for all people. To this end, the Comprehensive Plan:

- Outlines collectively established city-wide goals.
- Provides a unified vision for all city departments and the public.
- Establishes a mindset of long-range planning while developing an evaluation framework for short term decision making.
- Ensures political decisions incorporate professional and technical considerations regarding the future of the City.
- Enables Lanesboro's City Council to make decisions and policies with the legal guidance of consensus-driven short-, medium-, and long-range goals.

The Comprehensive Plan is intended to be broad in scope while establishing realistically implementable goals. Like most comprehensive plans, *Imagine Lanesboro* creates a general direction for the future of the City. As realities facing the City evolve over time however, it is understood that the Plan can and should be mindfully amended and updated accordingly.

Planning for the future is a significant task which requires time and dedication to making Lanesboro the type of place people want to live, work and play. This Plan was



prepared to ensure Lanesboro continues to be a unique and desirable place for its residents and businesses. This Plan replaces the City's current Comprehensive Plan completed in 1998. Much has changed since then, and development conditions and expectations are very different. Revised population estimates and projections and an ever-changing economic environment dictate the need for a fresh look at the comprehensive plan. This plan identifies and plans for the land within the existing city boundary and also considers some developable area in the northeast. The City acknowledges the value in planning for areas outside its boundaries to suggest its intentions and goals into the future and to pro-actively suggest future connections and relationships that might need to be developed with respect to transportation, infrastructure systems and compatible land uses.

Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.351 describes legislative goals for city and township planning, including:

- Guide future development of land.
- Prepare for anticipated change.
- Ensure a safer, more pleasant and more economical environment for residential, commercial, industrial and public activities.
- Preserve agriculture, forest, timberland, wetlands, and other open lands.
- Enable other public and private agencies to plan their activities in harmony with the plan.
- Assist in developing lands more wisely to serve citizens more effectively.
- Promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.

B. Using the Plan

The Comprehensive Plan provides the foundation for the City's zoning, subdivision, and other land use regulations. The Plan also provides the basis for the City's fiscal decisions, such as infrastructure improvements, purchase or disposal of City property, or economic development. Simply put, the Comprehensive Plan is a practical working guide for the Planning Commission and City Council in making everyday decisions. These decisions may fall into two categories:

- Developing and implementing regulatory controls, and financial tools and programs. These include the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, capital improvement plans, transportation plans, and investments in parks and trails. In each of these cases, the Planning Commission and City Council evaluates the control, tool, or program to ensure it is implementing the goals and policies established by the Comprehensive Plan.
- Project proposals by private citizens, builders/developers, and other public agencies. The Planning Commission and City Council evaluate the proposed project in view of its conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.



C. Vision, Goals and Policies

Lanesboro is a forward-thinking community that has devoted time, energy, and funds to creating a collective, inspired vision of its future. Through continuously leading the way, designing, and realizing its own best version of itself, the following vision statement was developed:

“The City of Lanesboro strives to be a multigenerational community that melds tradition with innovation, utilizes its natural resources responsibly, maintains fiscal health, and promotes the vitality and wellbeing of its businesses, citizens, and visitors.”

Throughout the visioning and planning process a series of city-wide goals were established. These goals reflect themes heard from engagement with the public, city leadership, and area industry professionals. The intent of these goals are not to be comprehensive in scope, but rather inform Plan implementation across multiple focus areas.

Goal 1: Support housing development options that are not currently addressed and provide options for all stages of life.

Policy: Enact new regulations or retool existing regulations that deal with housing.

Goal 2: Support economic development opportunities that strengthen and diversify the City’s economic base.

Policy: Identify growth thresholds and investment needs for City infrastructure to support promising economic development ventures.

Goal 3: Undertake and strengthen activities that preserve and enhance the area’s natural amenities and its historic features.

Policy: Enact and enhance preservation requirements in natural and development-sensitive areas.

Goal 4: Enhance the commercial core’s economic viability.

Policy: Inventory and systematically update aesthetics, public infrastructure, and amenities to better serve the community.

Goal 5: Coordinate with Fillmore County and neighboring Townships to protect and enhance environmentally sensitive areas.

Policy: Compare and revise regulatory efforts outside the city to ensure efforts are complementary to local and regional goals.



D. Background and Community History

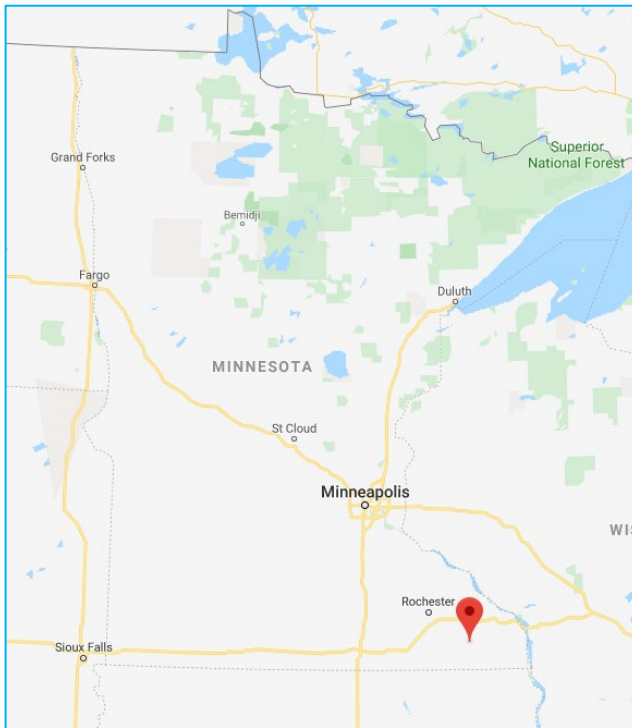


Figure 1 - Location within Minnesota Map

Regional Setting

The City of Lanesboro is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Rochester and 15 miles north from the Iowa-Minnesota border.

The community is comprised of 1.32 square miles of land in Fillmore County (862 square miles). The Southern Branch of the Root River travels through the City along with the Root River State Trail.

History

The City was first settled 1856 by Irish Immigrant John Scanlon and grew in population with the completion of a rail line that passed through the village in 1868. A post office was established as Lanesborough in 1868, however the name was changed to Lanesboro in 1883. Historically, the community is named after F.A. Lane, one of the founders and an early landowner. The Lanesboro Townsite Company was formed for the purpose of building the community. A stone dam was built on the Root River for a power source for the town and eventually supplied the power for three of four mills. Development continued steadily after the construction of the railroad and establishment of the four mills. Today, the dam continues to serve as an iconic feature within the community.

The town is now home to many unique shops and restaurants, bike paths, and has been named one of the top 100 Best Small Art Towns in America. Other recognitions include being one of the 50 Best Outdoor Sports Towns, a local jewelry store as a finalist in the 2002 International Jewelry Design Competition, and features in the list of “20 Best Dream Towns in America.”



E. Process

Beginning in June 2019, the City of Lanesboro worked with Bolton and Menk, Inc. to complete the Comprehensive Plan. The planning process aims to:

- Guide future development of land.
- Prepare for anticipated change.
- Ensure a safer, more pleasant and economic environment.
- Preserve forest, timberland, wetlands and other open lands.
- Enable other public and private agencies to plan their activities in harmony with the plan.
- Assist in developing lands more wisely to serve citizens more effectively.

A comprehensive plan creates a framework to make sound decisions that positively affect the City of Lanesboro and provide guidance for the community to reach its long-term goals. Data about the community was gathered through a variety of resources including:

- A community survey was available online, with hard copies made available at City Hall. Questions in the survey asked basic demographic data of the respondent, community assets and weaknesses, visions for the future, and investment priorities. The responses helped form the goals and objectives of the Plan. A summary of the Community Survey response is provided in Appendix A.
- A Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was formed to inform the overall comprehensive process and guide policy goals and recommendations.
- Information from previous plans has been incorporated into this plan where appropriate.

F. Community Input Survey

The community-wide survey was made available to gain a comprehensive understanding of what the community would like this plan to accomplish. The online survey received approximately 200 responses and provided multiple opportunities for write-in answers to allow each participant's voice to be heard.

The overall results and findings gathered from the survey effectively guided the planning process and allowed the project team to identify themes and trends relating to the community's needs, interests, and values.

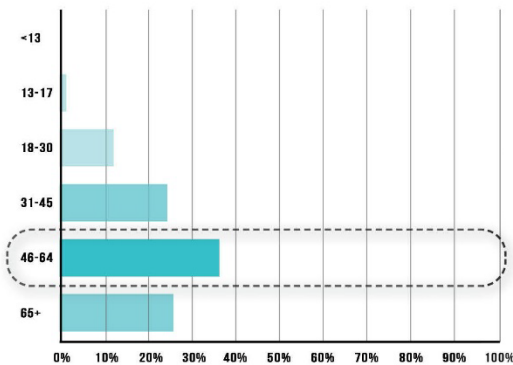
Of those that participated in the survey, the age group that responded the most were 46-64, have lived in the area for over 20 years, and reside within the City limits. Additionally, 63.5% that responded do not have children under the age of 18 living in their home. As a result, it is imperative that this plan consider key factors relating to



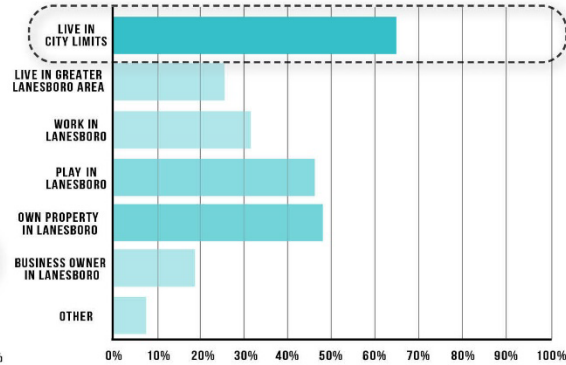
accessibility, housing options, attracting future residents of all ages, and providing opportunities for all abilities.

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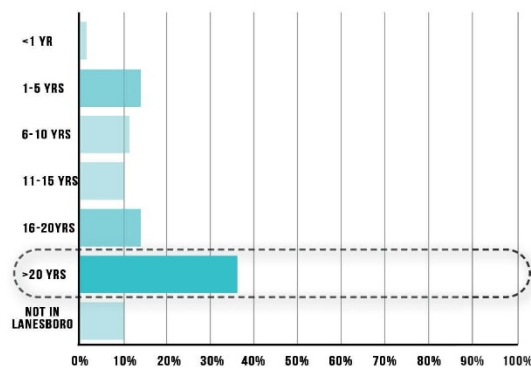
What is your age?



Please select all that apply to you:



How long have you lived in Lanesboro?



Do you have children under 18 in your home?

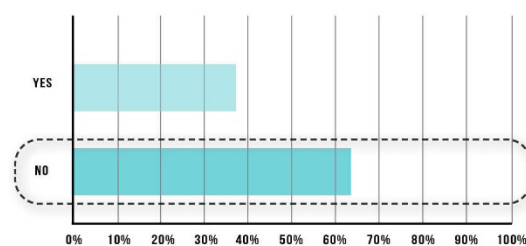


Figure 2 - Demographics of Survey Respondents

Community character was also a key focus of the survey. The character of a community is fundamental to its unique identity and sense of place. Building upon that identity can enhance community pride and encourage residents to actively improve the conditions around them, volunteer, and feel a sense of ownership in their community. Based on the survey responses, many residents describe Lanesboro as: friendly, welcoming, quaint, artistic, wholesome, connected, creative, and entrepreneurial with a small-town charm. There were also some responses indicating some level of division or diverse views. Understanding these views and strengthening the elements that community members take pride in can enhance community cohesion. Below is a word cloud highlighting some of the key words that appeared most to the question:

“How would you describe the community character of Lanesboro?”



COMMUNITY CHARACTER

How would you describe the community character of Lanesboro?



Figure 3 - Community Character Word Cloud

To better understand which qualities the community considers to be the most valuable, the survey also asked:

“What three attributes would you mention if recommending Lanesboro as a place to live?”

The top choices related to the small-town character, outdoor recreational opportunities, quality schools, being a great place to raise a family, the welcoming and friendly atmosphere, and arts/culture.

What three attributes would you mention if recommending
Lanesboro as a place to live?



Figure 4 - Attributes of Lanesboro Word Cloud

In terms of challenges, those that completed the survey identified supporting a year-round economy, providing adequate job opportunities, and providing a suitable range of housing options as their top three priorities.



What are the most significant challenges facing Lanesboro in the future?



Figure 5 - Three most important challenges facing Lanesboro.

In general, most respondents agree that more affordable housing options are needed, as well as more single-family homes and rental properties in the Lanesboro area. Furthermore, there is a general agreement that underutilized and dilapidated houses should be updated to attract new residents. Overall, most feel that currently there is not an adequate supply of quality housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, and stages of life. Most residents were open to new types of housing options, with multi-family housing as slightly less preferred than others. This subject is expanded upon further in the Housing chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

In relation to future growth, economic development, and general services the survey indicates that the community would benefit from: a small grocery store, convenience store, hardware store, medical/dental offices, and more year-round businesses. The general theme was to make Lanesboro more self-sustaining by better serving full-time residents in addition to tourists and limiting the need to drive to other communities for everyday necessities.

To expand upon the previous question, the survey also asked what the best way to attract new businesses and entrepreneurs would be. Some of the recommendations included: affordability, business incentives, lower taxes, marketing, and business district support. Further into the survey it became evident that as much as 78% of residents feel that there is not an adequate supply of living wage jobs within the community. Additionally, 65% felt that the City of Lanesboro should explore business or industry recruitment options. The top three types of development that survey respondents would like to see included: residential development, commercial, and youth development.

Pertaining to health and safety, Lanesboro residents generally feel safe in the community, have access to healthy food options, are within walking distance of parks and trails, have quality schools, and access to arts and cultural facilities. The one area that some residents felt the community was lacking were healthcare providers. The types of healthcare identified as most needed were in-home care for light services and a primary care clinic.



The next question on the survey was, “How can the arts contribute more to the community and help solve community challenges?” Below is a summary of some of the responses:



Figure 6 - Answers to “Arts and Challenges” Survey Question

Over 97% of those who took the survey agreed that they see value in protecting the water quality of ponds, rivers, and streams. Additionally, more than half (57.5%) agreed that they would be willing to participate/volunteer in efforts to improve water quality and shoreline habitat.

In relation to parks and trails, almost 90% indicated that Lanesboro’s parks and trails meet the daily recreational needs of themselves or their family. Similarly, almost 80% felt that Lanesboro’s parks and trails are easily accessible. Items that were closer to a 50/50 split or neutral opinion included:

“Lanesboro residents and visitors would be safer with bike lanes added to Parkway Ave.”

“Lanesboro sidewalks should be improved/extended.”

“The Root River Trail should be improved/extended.”

There was however a slightly higher percentage of survey respondents that felt that river access should be improved/extended.

When asked which park trail amenities are needed, some of the responses included:

- Trees
- Hiking trails
- Park near Uptown
- A foot trail parallel to the bike trail for walking
- Trash, recycling, and pet waste stations in heavily trafficked areas
- Better signage at trail crossings
- Mountain biking trails
- New or improved bathhouse



- Central hub with seating and bike corral at the town center
- A Riverwalk
- Dog park
- Tennis Courts
- Swimming beach or pool
- Enhanced shoreline
- Trail bridge at intersection
- Continuation of sidewalk along both sides of Parkway Ave
- Splash pad
- Additional public restrooms
- Improve or dredge Bass Pond
- Use city-owned land for parkland and/or an amphitheater
- More green space
- Maintenance of existing trails, sidewalks, water bodies and amenities
- Additional trails and walking paths

Currently the activities residents use the parks most for rank as follows:

1. Family events
2. Playground equipment
3. Exercise

Additional activities that came up included festivals, farmers markets, and a desire to utilize the access to the river in addition to merely parks.

In general, a large portion of respondents indicated that they learn about community news and events primarily through social media or word of mouth, but also newspapers/newsletters, the city website, emails/e-newsletters, and flyers or posters. In addition to the options given, survey respondents also listed the utility bill and Chamber websites as places they check for community news or information.

The survey concluded with four open-ended questions relating to how Lanesboro is viewed today, what it will be in the future, what long-range issues should be addressed, and Lanesboro's vision and initiatives that should be undertaken in the next 20 years.

- Today, the City of Lanesboro is _____.
- In the future, Lanesboro will be _____.
- What are other long-range issues should the comprehensive plan update address?
- Provide your comments on a future vision for the City and any specific initiatives that should be undertaken in the next 20 years.





II. Land Use

A. Land Use Goals and Objectives

The land use plan is a central focus of the comprehensive plan. It provides direction and guidance for how land uses, infrastructure, and related elements fit within the geographic context of the community. It provides direction for how growth should be accommodated, including character, scale, and intensity. Additionally, it guides new development proposals and investments.

The overall goal of the City of Lanesboro is to provide a well-balanced mix of residential, business, recreational, agricultural and forestry uses to serve the future needs of the community and to maintain its character and its status as a desirable place to live. Goals and objectives specific to Land Use are listed below:

Goal: Preserve Lanesboro's significant natural resources and wildlife habitat through thoughtful, sustainable, and environmentally friendly design.

Objectives:

- Conduct development in a manner that is sensitive to the impact upon natural features and to environmental constraints, including but not limited to surface water, wetlands, slopes, woodlands, vegetation, drainage ways, shorelands, and floodplain areas.
- Explore programs and development concepts that encourage creative methods to preserve and enhance Lanesboro's unique character and stunning natural resources.
- Achieve compatible relationships between different types of land uses by utilizing design standards, appropriate buffers, land use transitions and high-quality design.

Goal: Promote infill development for new uses and to fill existing vacancies.

Objectives:

- Encourage greater density where appropriate to preserve natural features and areas.
- Promote development in areas currently served by public utilities and adequate infrastructure.
- Direct growth to existing vacancies identified for redevelopment.
- Focus on maintaining compact development and preserving agricultural uses around the Lanesboro City Limits.

Goal: Build upon Lanesboro's community character and historic, artistic appeal.

Objectives:

- Require design guidelines new development and renovations.
- Achieve desirable relationships between different types of land uses by utilizing design standards, appropriate buffers, land use transitions and high-quality design.



- Encourage the preservation of historically and architecturally significant structures, districts, and residents.
- Support project resources that enhance Lanesboro's character
- Coordinate community events that enhance community character, pride, and branding.

Goal: Enhance the Downtown Commercial District

Objectives:

- Strengthen and promote the historic downtown as Lanesboro's activity hub and community center.
- Encourage location and maintenance of arts and creative economy business in the downtown area.

B. Current Trends and Demographics

Population: Lanesboro is made up of a vibrant mix of energetic, diverse, and entrepreneurial individuals. Whether they are Lanesboro natives, newcomers, visitors, or neighbors, most can agree that Lanesboro strives to set itself apart from other small towns in the Midwest.

The population of Lanesboro peaked in the mid-1900s at 1,102 people. Since 2000 the numbers have remained relatively consistent as can be seen in Figure 7 below.

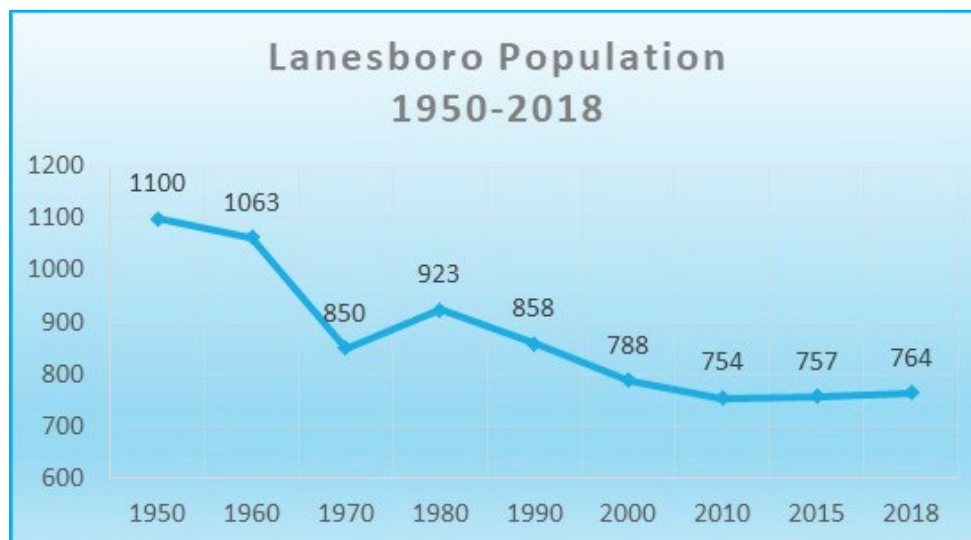


Figure 7 - Lanesboro Historical Population Totals

When comparing regional growth, Lanesboro has a somewhat similar growth pattern to other communities such as Preston, while quite different to that of Rochester. More information is provided in the following figure.



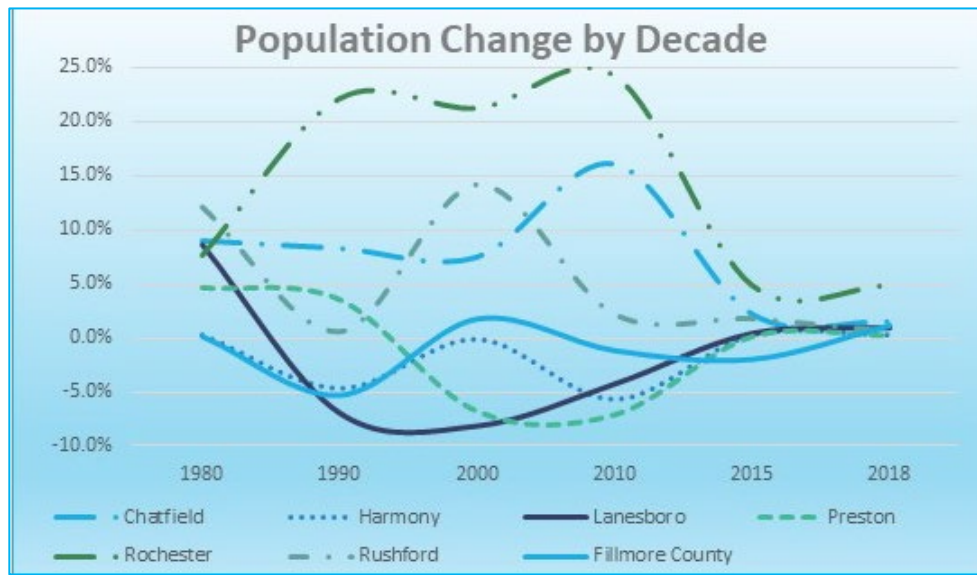


Figure 8 - Lanesboro Historical Population Comparison

Based on current growth trends, Lanesboro's population is projected to increase at a 0.4% growth rate from now to 2050 and beyond. This is illustrated in the figure below:

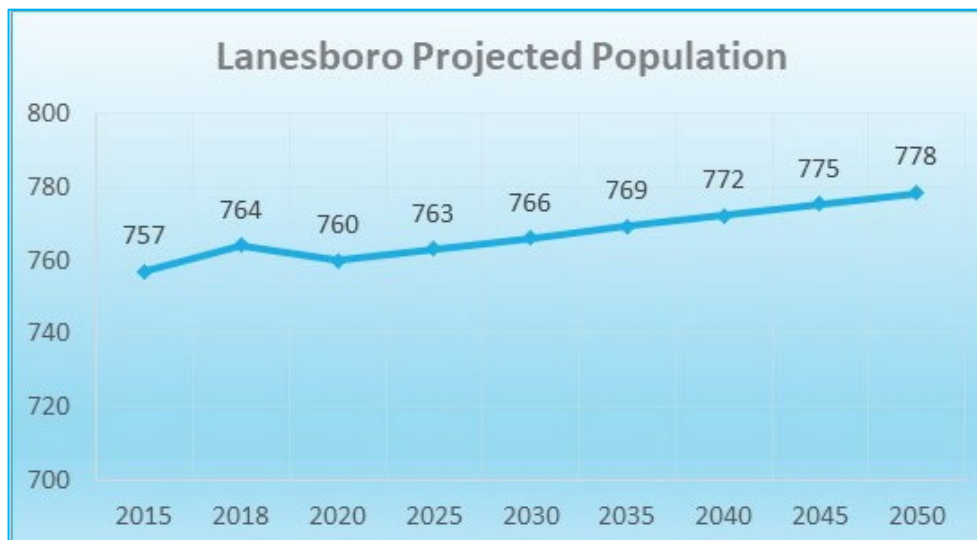


Figure 9 - Lanesboro Projected Population to 2050

Conversely, based on data from the 2017 American Community Survey, the rate of growth for Fillmore County is projected to decline as can be seen in Figure 10.

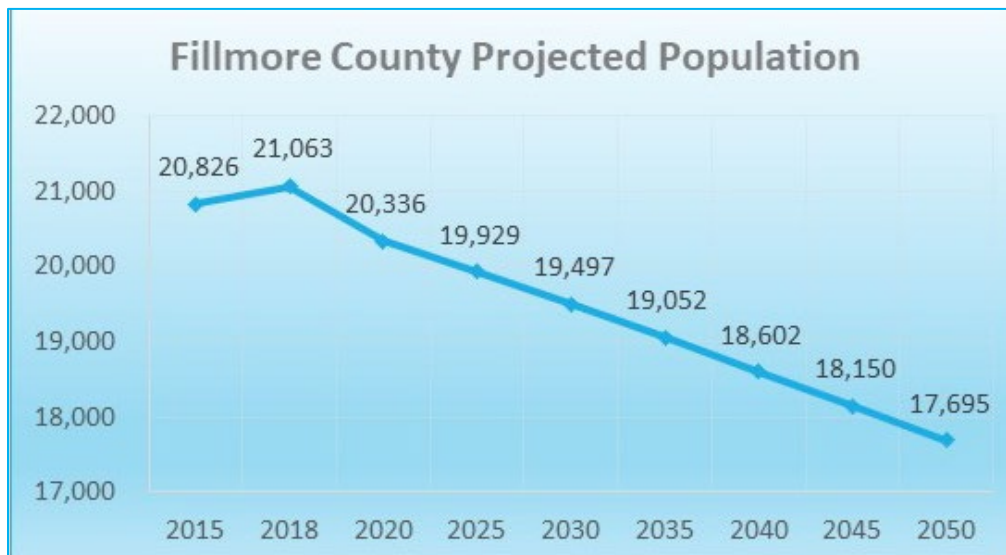


Figure 10 - Fillmore County Projected Population to 2050

Through population comparison the following can be seen regarding age by gender:

- Largest Age Groups:
 - Total Population: 65-69
 - Males: 65-69
 - Females: 60-64
- Smallest Age Groups:
 - Total Population: Under 5
 - Males: 80-85
 - Females: 20-24
- Median Age:
 - Total Population: 54.8
 - Males: 53.2
 - Females: 58

Additional information can be found in Figure 11: Age by Gender.



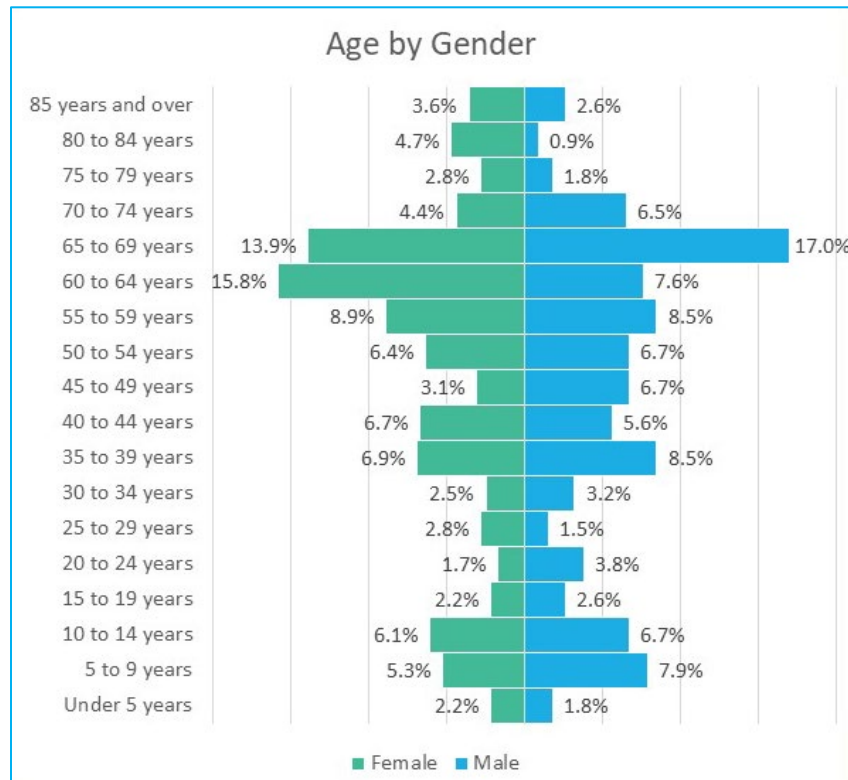


Figure 11 - Lanesboro Resident Age Distribution by Gender

Levels of education for Lanesboro was also analyzed. Figure 12: Education Age 25 and Over, shows the percentages for each level of education for the State, County, and City. Generally, Lanesboro has a higher level of education than the County and is similar to the State averages.



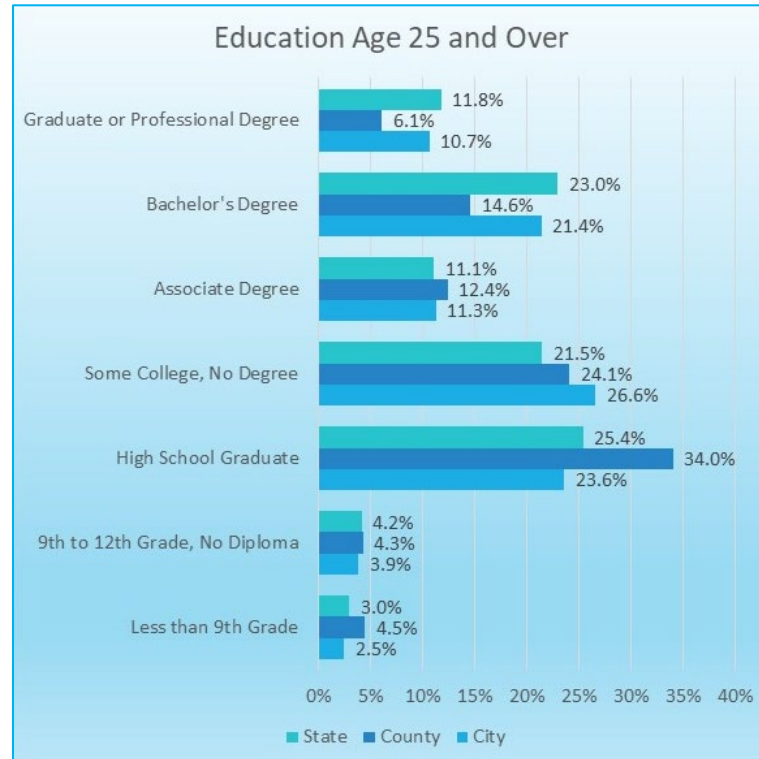


Figure 12 - Lanesboro Residents Over Age 25 Education Distribution.

C. Population Growth and Projected Land Demand

As indicated previously, Lanesboro's population is projected to increase at a faster rate than the majority of Fillmore County. To accommodate the projected growth and land demand, it is important to have a strong understanding of the community's current and future needs and desires. The community input survey provides a foundation for what the community considers to be priorities as Lanesboro continues to grow and develop. A key finding from the survey includes a desire for more quality housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, and stages of life. This is expanded upon in the Housing Chapter but also plays a key role in future land use planning. Other priorities relating to growth include providing adequate job opportunities, supporting a year-round economy, maintaining a small-town feel, and protecting scenery and natural resources.

D. Future Land Use

Based on the existing Zoning of Lanesboro, the most prominent use of land is currently Rural Agriculture at 366 acres (51%). The other major use is single-family residential at 244 acres (34%) of Lanesboro's total land. Planning for more diverse housing options and a greater mix of uses can greatly benefit the community.



| Zoning District | Acres | Percent |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| RA | 366.1 | 51.3% |
| R-1 | 243.9 | 34.2% |
| R-2 | 1.9 | 0.3% |
| R-3 | 1.3 | 0.2% |
| C-1 | 8.4 | 1.2% |
| C-2 | 6.1 | 0.9% |
| I | 6.9 | 1.0% |
| City | 46.0 | 6.4% |
| School | 16.9 | 2.4% |
| State | 16.3 | 2.3% |



Table 1 - Existing Zoning Characteristics

Below is the City of Lanesboro's existing Zoning Map:

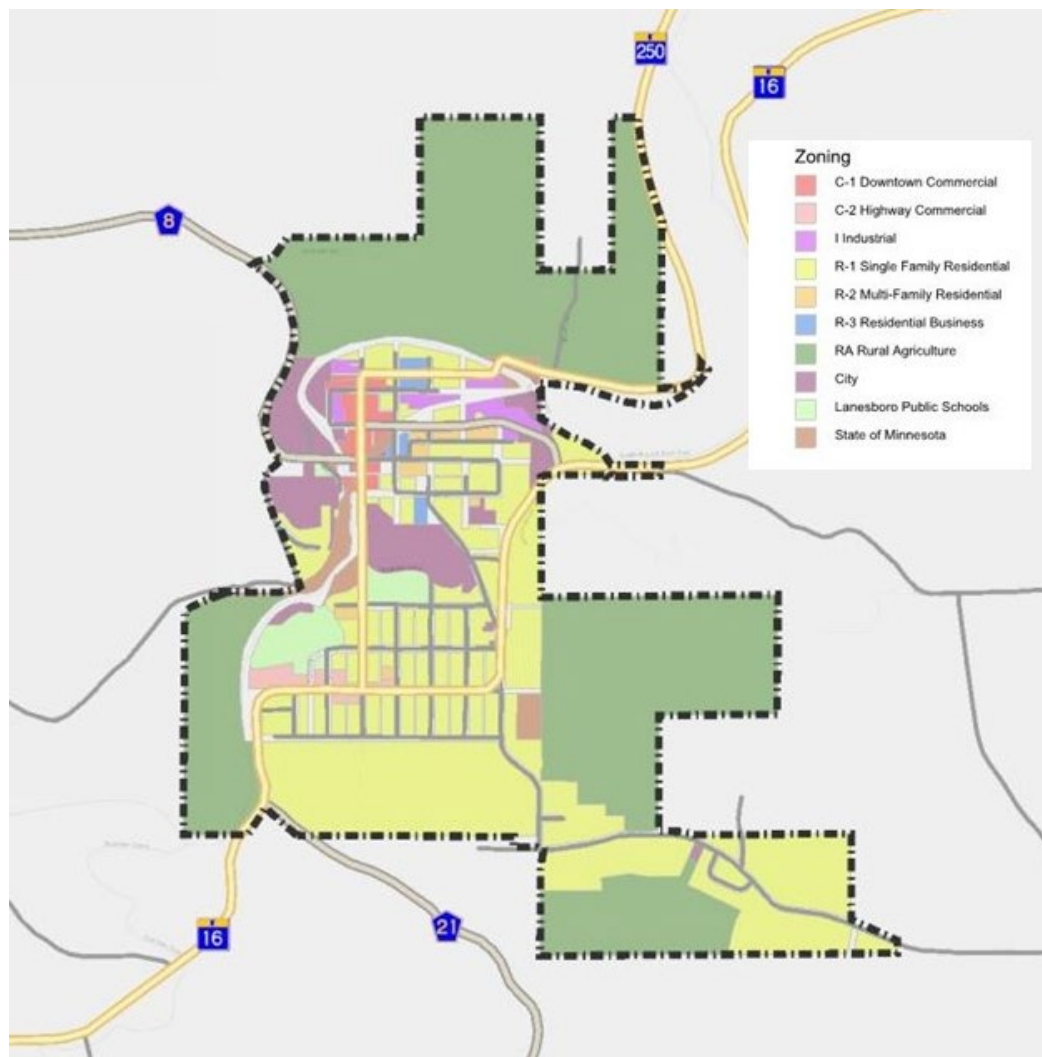


Figure 13 - Current Lanesboro Zoning Map.



The Future Land Use Plan builds upon the City’s existing zoning to align with the goals and future needs of the community. Land use planning helps guides the appropriate amount of land for real estate development, economic growth, and open space that is needed in the future and maintains compatible land use in all locations.

The Zoning Map regulates the current use of the land including heights, size, setback requirements, etc. the properties. As shown in the Zoning map and corresponding table above, RA (Rural Agriculture) is the most prominent existing zoning designation, followed by R1 (Single Family Residential).

Although they are related, a property’s Future Land Use designation and Zoning designation are two separate things. A Future Land Use Map provides a specific proposed designation for every property within a City’s Limits. A future land use designation provides a projection of the type of use deemed most appropriate. This considers social needs, demographic considerations, housing and commercial trends, economic development, market information and redevelopment.

The map (Figure 14) on the subsequent page illustrates the latest iteration of the Future Land Use Plan. Most recently, the Planning Commission reviewed a draft copy of this plan and the current future land use map on November 18th, 2020. It is intended to be a living breathing document that is reviewed and updated periodically as deemed appropriate.

The categories below are similar to the zoning designations with the following classifications and acreages:

| Land Use | Acres | Percentage of Land |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Agricultural Reserve | 300 | 36% |
| Civic | 52 | 6% |
| Commercial | 15 | 2% |
| Industrial | 9 | 1% |
| Low Density Residential | 387 | 46% |
| Medium Density Residential | 8 | 1% |
| Mixed Use | 4 | 0.5% |
| Parks, Golf Courses, Open Space | 60 | 7% |
| Total | 834 | 100% |

Table 2 - Proposed Future Land Use Characteristics

Land noted as “Annexation Required” in Figure 14 delineates areas outside of Lanesboro city limits that may be suitable for future residential development, but require annexation prior to investment. The annexation process must follow Minnesota Statute 414.



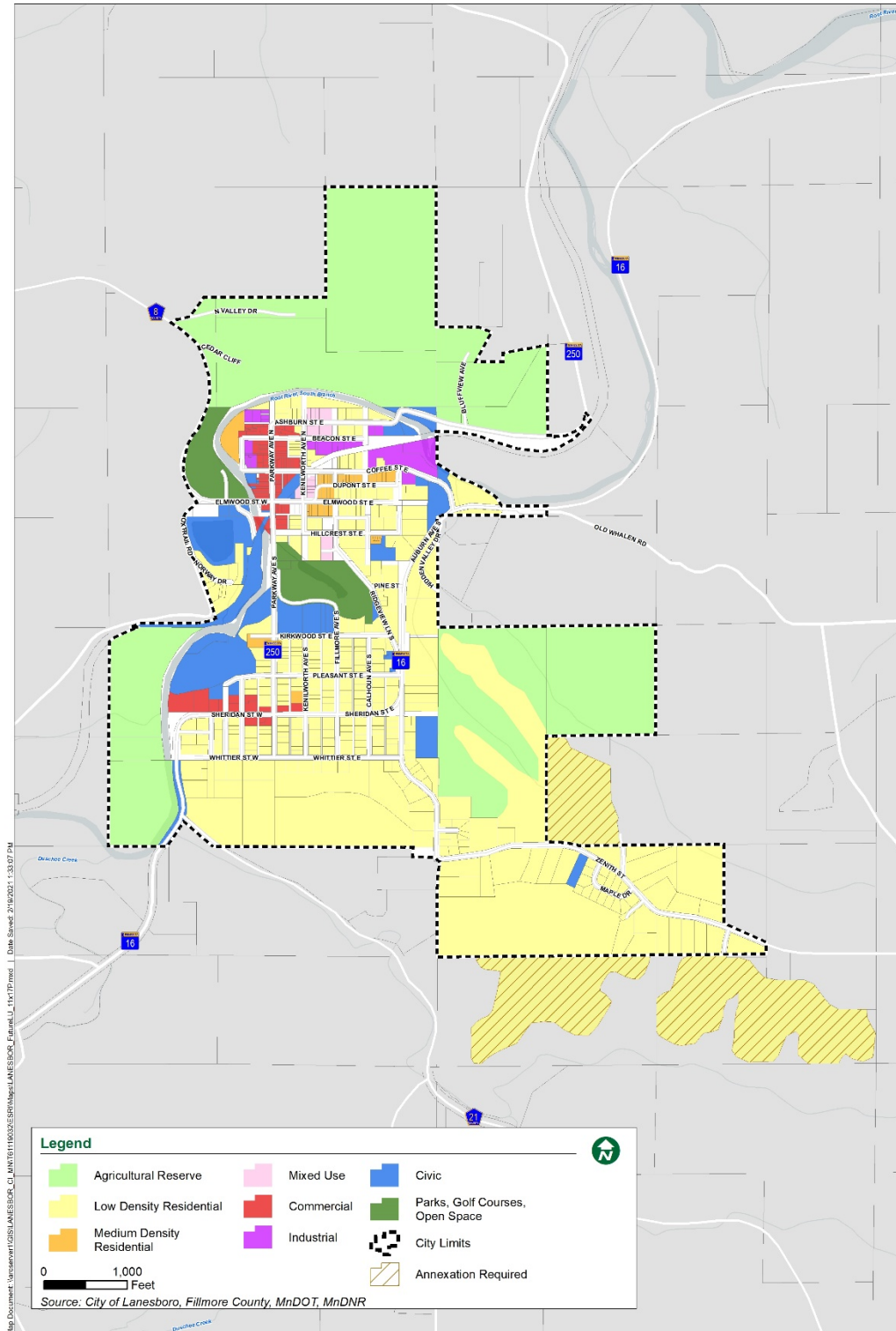


Figure 14 - Future Land Use Map





III. Economic Development

A. Economic Goals and Objectives

Economy and employment are a key part of any thriving community. This chapter of the Comprehensive Plan is intended to report on local economic and employment issues and opportunities. The primary purpose of the Economic Development section is to present Lanesboro's opportunities and challenges in creating jobs, wealth and improving quality of life. In addition, this section outlines strategies for increasing quality employment opportunities, strengthening the tax base and providing commercial goods and services to residents.

Economic development generally consists of those public and private efforts which promote and develop business enterprises within a community plus the housing development that serves commuters and other areas. The City's regulatory climate can have an impact on the retention, expansion, and attraction of business. Zoning regulations can provide development standards which ensure that business development adds to the quality of neighborhoods and overall community life. Such standards can protect property values of homes and whole neighborhoods and can minimize undesirable off-site impacts from business activities. Such standards can also protect businesses from nuisance complaints and negative image situations. The Comprehensive Plan, along with zoning, are tools to attract business and provide standards which ensure land use compatibility within the community.

Goal: Support and expand the City's existing economic base.

Objectives:

- Work with existing businesses to remain or expand on their current sites or to relocate to more appropriate sites.
- Use the City's tools of zoning, capital improvement plans, and transportation plans to support development.
- Ensure that city processes and regulations related to land development, permits, and construction are easy to understand.
- Enact key steps in the Arts Campus Vision Plan that stimulate economic growth of the arts community.

Goal: Provide adequate land and infrastructure to make locations within Lanesboro attractive to businesses.

Objectives:

- Ensure an adequate supply of land for business location and target new areas for businesses in the Land Use Plan.
- Plan for and expand public utilities and streets to the industrial park area when needed and when financially feasible.

Goal: Study redevelopment of city-owned property along Root River near Downtown.



Objectives:

- Evaluate opportunities for higher density housing in the core of the city.

B. Current Conditions

Occupation and professional choices can be described for both residents of Lanesboro, and those employed within the City. The following figure illustrates occupations for the residents of Lanesboro. According to 2017 data, there are 234 businesses in Lanesboro. Of those businesses, accommodations and food services make up the majority of employers. Other top business types include wholesale trade, retail trade, and those centered around arts, entertainment, and recreation.

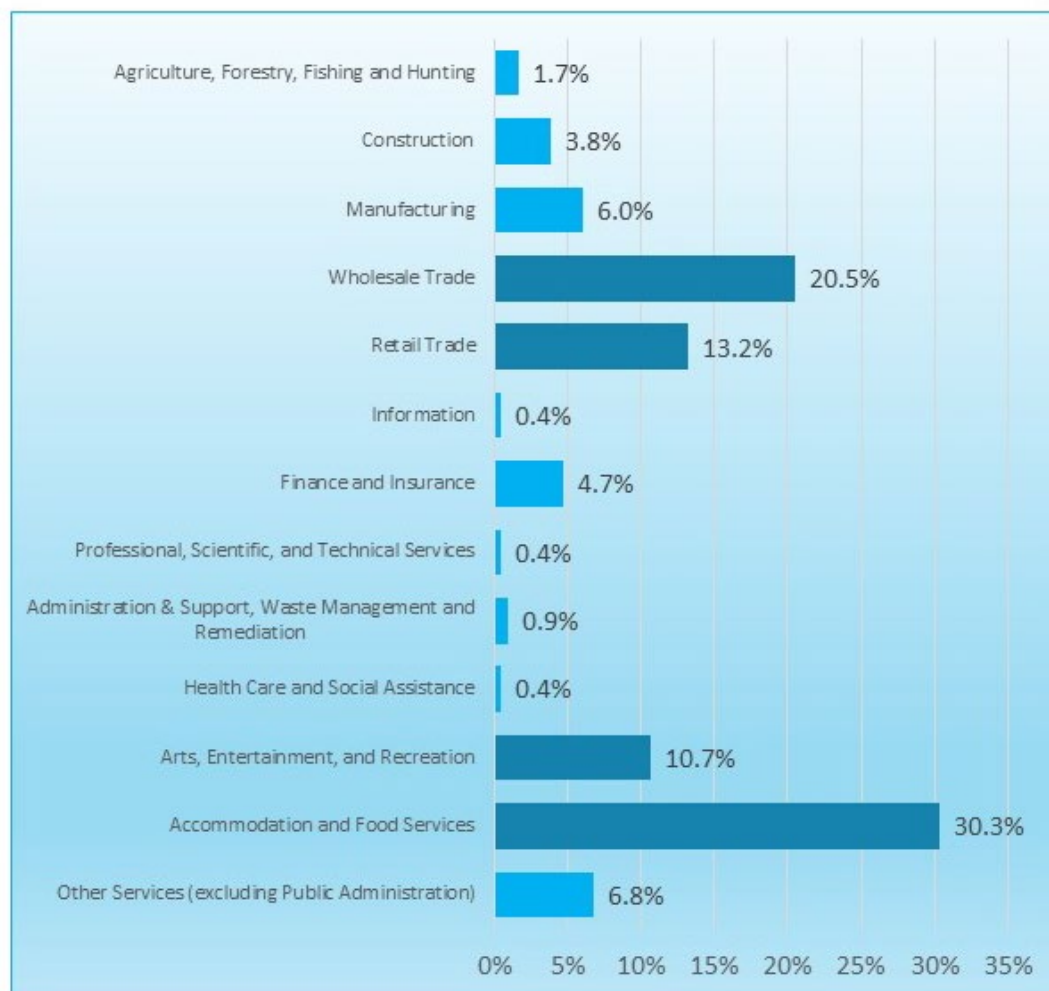


Figure 15 - Industries of Lanesboro

Currently, there are roughly 354 employees in Lanesboro (over the age of 16). The largest number of employees are Management, Business, and Arts (154 employees). Figure 16 below highlights the full employment breakdown for Lanesboro.



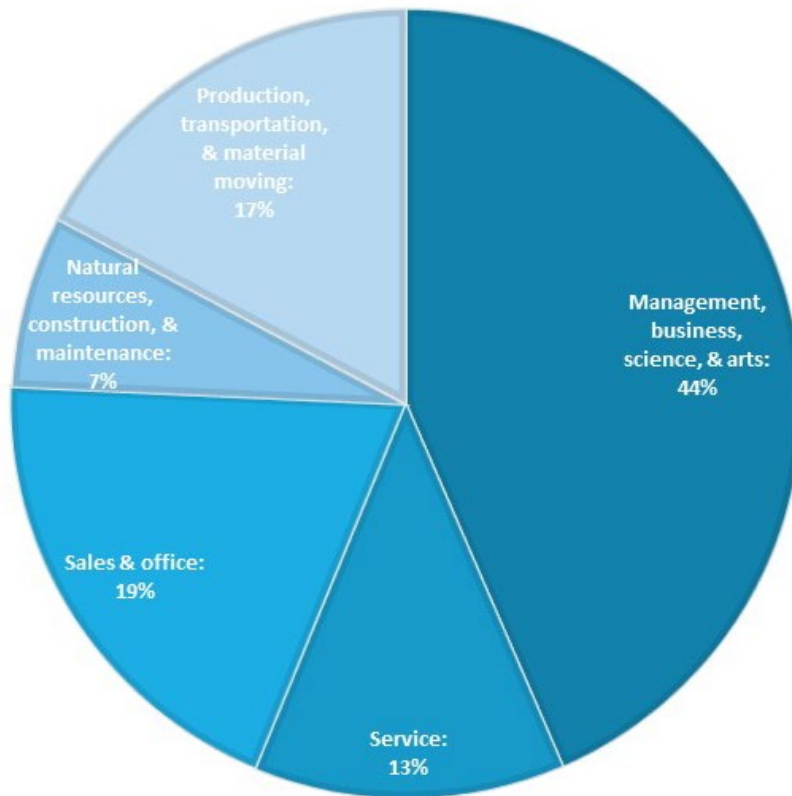


Figure 16 - Employment of Lanesboro

In terms of occupation by industry in Lanesboro, most management occupations are in Public Administration (71.4%). Regarding sales and office predominantly in Finance and Insurance (63.6%) and most production occupations are in Manufacturing (85.4%). As one might expect for Lanesboro, most service occupations are in Arts and Entertainment (56.4%).



The figure below illustrates the full breakdown of occupations by industry according to the 2017 American Community Survey.

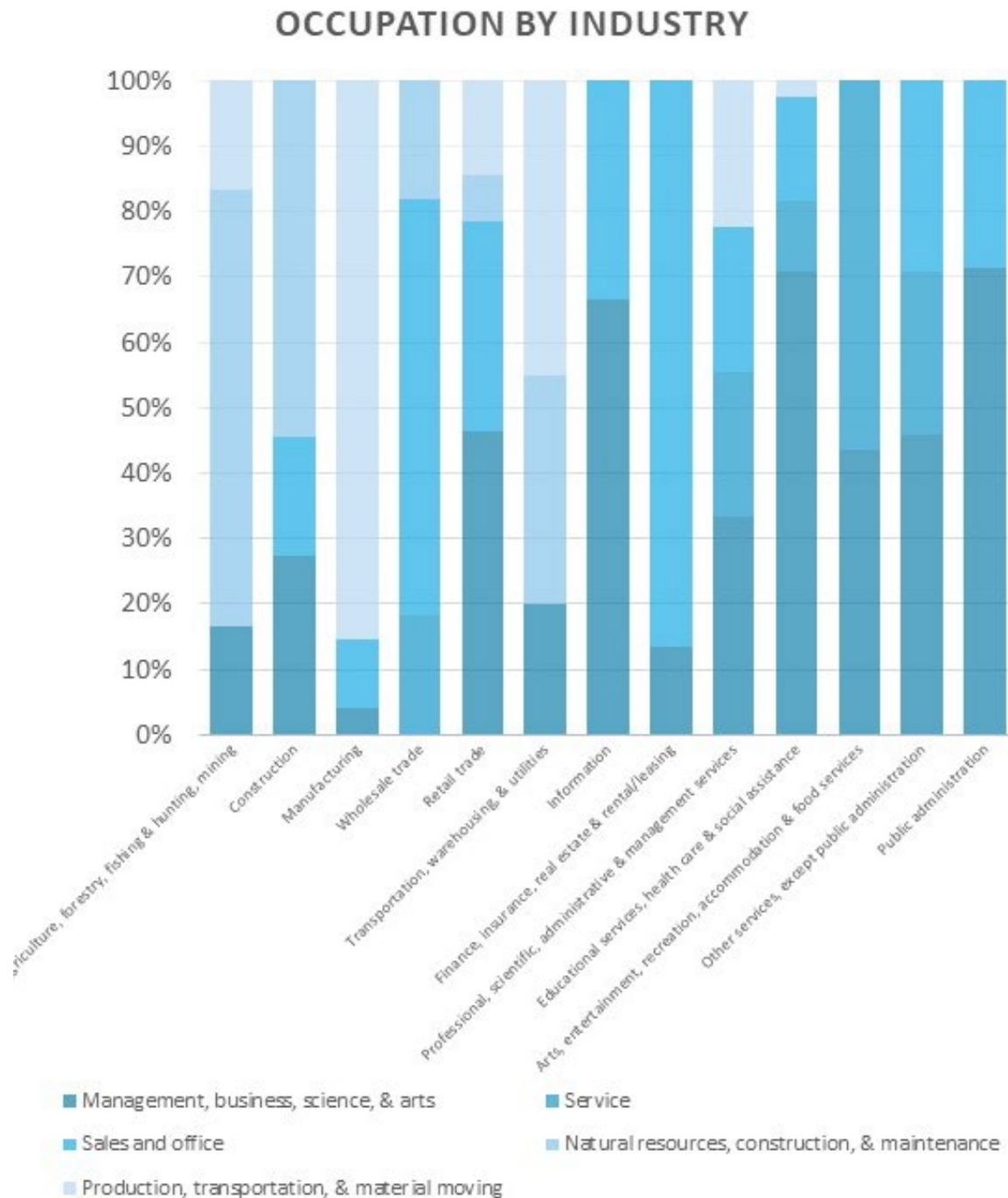


Figure 17 - Occupation by Industry



Workforce Inflow/Outflow Trends

According to the US Census Bureau's "On the Map" data tool, in 2017 there were a total of 32 employees that live in and are employed within the city. Many employees commute, and as a result 202 employees are employed in the city but live outside the city. Additionally, 229 employees live in the city but are employed outside the city. Figure 18 illustrates these inflow/outflow trends.

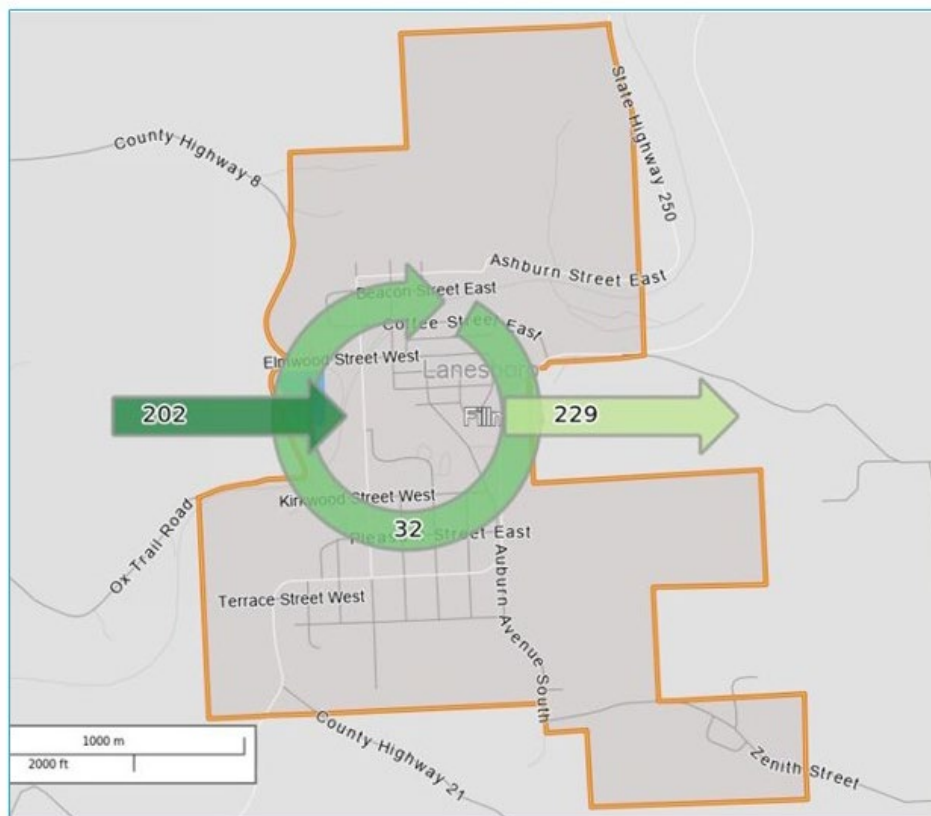


Figure 18 - Inflow/outflow Trends





Source: Antonio Solis III

IV. Housing

A. Housing Goals and Objectives

Housing is an essential component of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition to providing the basic need for shelter, it is important to consider the type, location, and design of housing can help define the character and livability of neighborhoods.

As Lanesboro continues to grow and develop, housing should also evolve to meet both current and future needs of the population. Housing is included in a Comprehensive Plan to provide guidance for decision-makers when considering new developments and renovations of the housing stock throughout the community.

Goal 1: Provide housing choices for people of all income levels and stages of life.

Objectives:

- Support the preservation and enhancement of the existing low-moderate housing stock.
- Support programs and initiatives that create a variety of affordable housing opportunities.
- Encourage the development of entry-level homes, townhomes, and senior housing choices.
- Partner with developers, nonprofits, banks, and others to create and preserve a range of housing choices.

Goal 2: Grow the housing stock in areas with available, suitable land and compatible land uses.

Objectives:

- Encourage new housing in areas with existing infrastructure and utilities.
- Promote mixed use development in compact, pedestrian-friendly settings.
- Identify environmentally sensitive areas and review the land use plan to ensure new housing developments are in locations that preserve natural resources and align with community needs.
- Evaluate opportunities for higher density housing near Downtown as a part of redevelopment.

Goal 3: Preserve and build upon Lanesboro's community character.

Objectives:

- Continue to support the efforts of property owners to enhance their homes and neighborhoods.
- Require design guidelines for new developments and major renovations.
- Preserve the historically and architecturally significant homes and districts in Lanesboro.

B. Existing Housing

Lanesboro's existing housing stock is predominantly single family detached. This trend can also be seen throughout Fillmore County and across the State of Minnesota.



Lanesboro however is unique in that the City has a higher percentage of two-unit and 10-19 unit buildings than both the county and state. Additional information is provided in the table below.

| Housing Type | Lanesboro | Fillmore County | Minnesota |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Single Family Detached | 73.7% | 82.2% | 67.3% |
| Single Family Attached | 2.4% | 1.9% | 7.4% |
| 2 Units | 7.0% | 2.5% | 2.2% |
| 3-4 Units | 0.9% | 1.9% | 2.1% |
| 5-9 Units | 0.0% | 2.6% | 2.2% |
| 10-19 Units | 9.8% | 2.7% | 3.4% |
| 20+ Units | 4.1% | 1.6% | 12.0% |
| Mobile Homes | 1.7% | 4.5% | 3.4% |

Table 3 - Housing Types

Currently, most homes in Lanesboro are owner-occupied (76.5%). This is consistent throughout Fillmore County and the State of Minnesota. Lanesboro however has a much higher vacancy rate compared to the county and state. Further information is provided in the following table.

| | Lanesboro | Fillmore County | Minnesota |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Owner Occupied | 76.5% | 79.8% | 71.6% |
| Renter Occupied | 23.5% | 20.2% | 28.4% |
| Homeowner Vacancy Rate | 9.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Rental Vacancy Rate | 20 | 5.4 | 4.1 |

Table 4 - Housing Ownership

The median housing values are as follows:

- City: \$139,600
- County: \$148,300
- State: \$199,700

Although the median housing value for Lanesboro is lower than the county of state, Lanesboro does have a relatively wide range of values able to accommodate most



levels of income. The one exception is high incomes as there are no current housing units valued over \$500,000. Additional information on housing values is illustrated in the chart below.

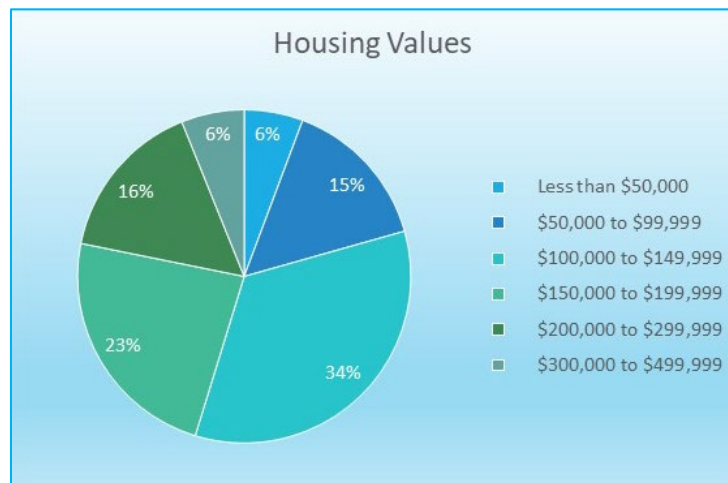


Figure 19 - Housing Values

The following breaks down housing by income further:

- Median Household Income:
 - City - \$48,125
 - County - \$57,093
 - State - \$65,699
- Average Household Income
 - City - \$62,157
 - County - \$69,144
 - State - \$86,796
- Per Capita Income:
 - City - \$29,794
 - County - \$28,441
 - State - \$34,712

The following figure illustrates the distribution of households by income:





Figure 20 - Households by Income

C. Projected Housing Needs

As of 2017, there were 460 housing units in Lanesboro. Of those, nearly 57% were built before 1939. While this strengthens the community's historic look and feel, ongoing maintenance will be critical to maintaining healthy and safe residential conditions. The figure below distributes housing units by year built.

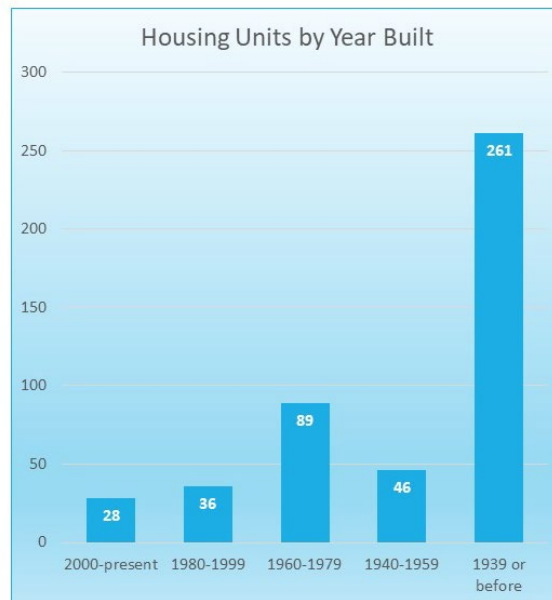


Figure 21 - Housing Units by Year Built



With the community's projected growth, older housing stock, and zero homes built 2014 or later, strategic planning for future housing will be key. The following are efforts that Lanesboro can take to encourage a healthy future housing stock:

- Continue to enforce standards for housing and property maintenance
- Support property inventory and inspection programs to ensure adequate housing conditions
- Encourage neighborhood groups to organize voluntary community efforts to support neighborhood livability.
- Protect residential areas from the encroachment of incompatible uses and promote the regulation of incompatible uses
- Ensure that new housing proposals address community character, access, traffic impacts, landscaping, fencing, trash handling, parking, and exterior architectural design.

One key housing component to note is the short-term rentals located in Lanesboro. The community is unique in its number of bed and breakfasts, Airbnb rentals, and small-town hotels to attract and accommodate tourists/seasonal visitors. Each of these are highlighted in the map below with a star symbol for each.



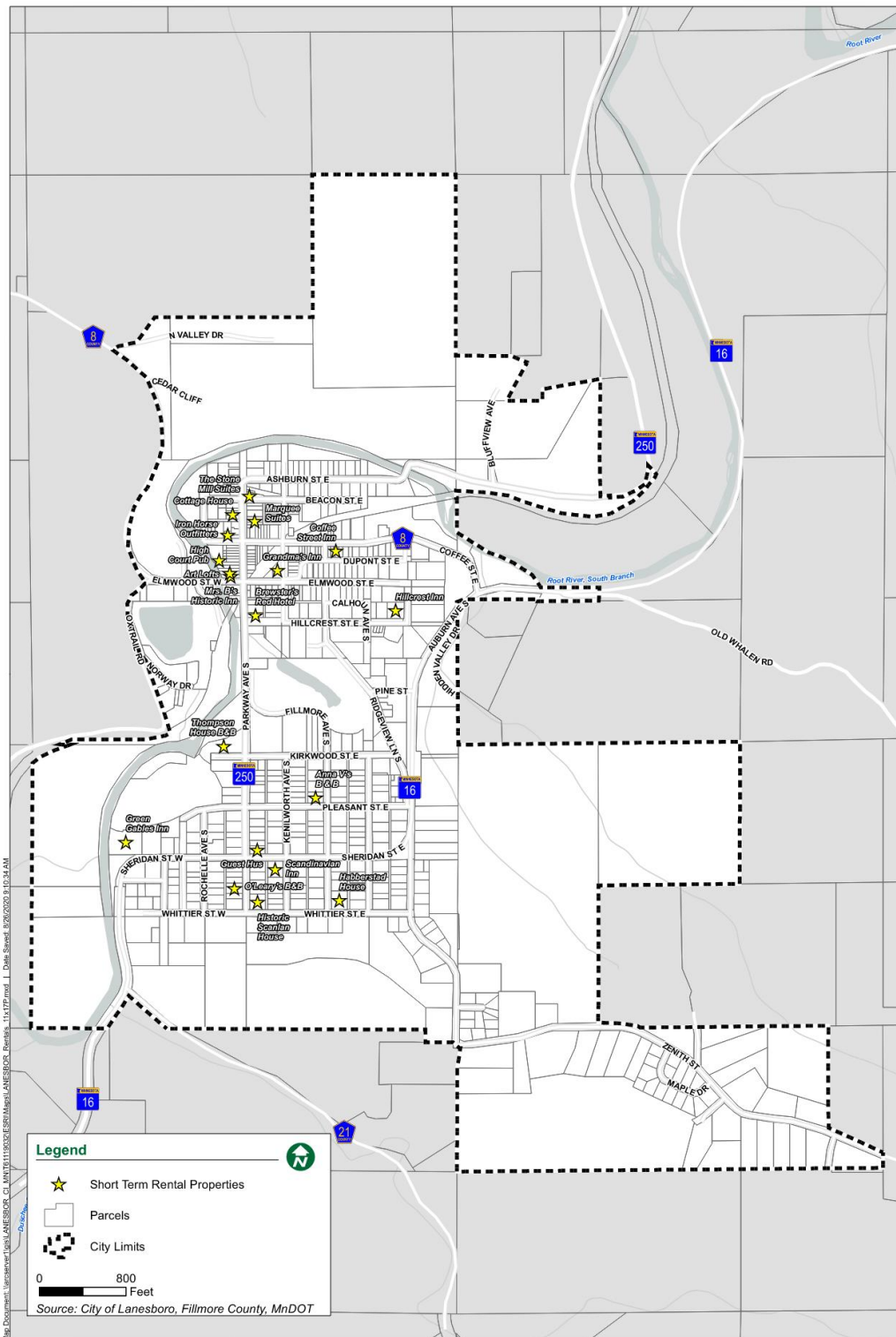


Figure 22 - Short Term Rentals Map



V. Parks and Trails

A. Parks and Trails Goals and Objectives

Parks, trails, and open space provide communities with many benefits. Having these resources available can promote health and wellbeing, reduce crime, benefit the economy, and contribute to creating a socially active community. This section of the comprehensive plan aims to analyze Lanesboro's existing parks and trails to identify a series of goals and objectives to reinvigorate the community's parks, trails and recreation offerings for residents and visitors alike.

Lanesboro understands the importance of investing in parks, trails, and outdoor amenities. The below goals and objectives strive to improve recreation amenities for all.

Goal 1: Offer quality, amenity-rich parks, trails, open space and recreation opportunities in the City of Lanesboro.

Objectives:

- Diversify recreational amenities.
- Emphasize ecologically sound practices to enhance existing parks and trails
- Identify opportunities to incorporate public art, history, and education in key parks and trail intersections
- Enact parts of the Arts Campus Vision Plan that entwine the arts with public parks and connected by art walk corridors.

Goal 2: Provide accessible recreational opportunities to accommodate people with varying abilities and the various age groups represented in the community.

Objectives:

- Provide a variety of activities and experiences that can be enjoyed by and with people of all ages and abilities.
- Allow people of multiple generations, abilities, and backgrounds to enjoy access to the park and trails system.

Goal 3: Encourage the incorporation of outdoor recreational amenities into the design of new subdivisions and development sites.

Objectives:

- Review opportunities for nature/interpretive trails, water access points, or unique views, where allowed, as part of new development.
- Require access to open space in newly developed neighborhoods.
- Encourage recreational opportunities to be available in newly developed neighborhoods.



B. Existing Parks and Trails

Lanesboro's quality recreation trails and facilities create a great sense of community pride, are heavily valued by residents, and attract visitors to the area. A map of existing open spaces, golf courses, and parks can be found in Figure 23.

Sylvan Park & Riverview Campground

The largest recreation area in Lanesboro is Sylvan Park & Riverview Campground. The park and campground encompass 11.5 acres of land and provide several amenities including a gazebo, basketball courts, tennis courts, playground equipment and more. With two ponds stocked with trout by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), spaces for RVs with water and electrical hookups, and a bathhouse with shower facilities, the park and campground serve as a key destination. Sylvan Park is also home to Lanesboro Arts' Annual Art in the Park Festival.

Sylvan Park also sits at the bottom of Church Hill. Church Hill is one of the most scenic overlooks for Lanesboro and features the historic St. Patrick's Catholic and Bethlehem Lutheran churches. Also at the top of the hill is an old school building that was converted into condominiums.

Root River State Trail

The Root River State Trail System is a regional icon that links people to an outdoor experience while fostering community connections. The trails are owned and maintained by the Minnesota DNR and connect the towns of Fountain, Preston, Harmony, Lanesboro, Whalan, Peterson, Rushford Village, Rushford, and Houston in southeastern Minnesota. The connection of two major bike trails, the Root River State Trail and the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail, provides over 60 miles of scenic views, attractions, and recreation alongside restaurants, hotels, art, boutiques and more.

Gateway Park

Scenic Gateway Park is a flexible community green space next to the Root River and across from the community's baseball/softball field. It connects to Downtown Lanesboro via pedestrian trails and the 1893 Coffee Street Bridge. It also serves as a site for concerts, yoga retreats, youth education, artist residency projects, local activities, and visioning sessions. Gateway Park also connects to the Poetry Parking Lot, an initiative that weaves poetry into the social and municipal fabric of Lanesboro. The once underutilized parking lot now includes poetry and promotes walkability with a short walking trail to the restored historic bridge crossing the idyllic Root River into downtown. Immediately to the south of the Poetry Parking Lot is Bass Pond, which has a fishing pier and provides an opportunity to paddle a canoe or kayak during the summer months.



Mill Pond and Stone Dam

Located near the Elementary School and along the Root River, Mill Pond and Stone Dam are a rare environmental and historical attribute that draws tourists to Lanesboro. The Stone Dam was originally constructed in 1868 to harness water for milling wheat but was toppled by the force of the river before completion. The designers changed their plans from a tiered dam to an arch gravity dam, which has now lasted over 150 years. The dam is considered one of the oldest remaining masonry arch dams in the United States of America and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Stone Dam is part of the three percent of 80,000 dams in the U.S. that generates electricity. In 2017, the Minnesota State Legislature granted Lanesboro \$4 million dollars to repair the Stone Dam. The short walk to Mill Pond at the foot of the dam awards visitors with an impressive waterfall.

C. Proposed Parks and Trails

Based on previous visioning sessions and charettes held at Gateway Park, a future stone amphitheater was identified as a community desire. With Gateway Park's natural sloping semi-circle formation, the location was identified as a potential site to utilize art, design, and history to create an amphitheater and related amenities to establish a more formalized gathering and recreation space.

Priority items identified in past planning documents also include sidewalk repairs, additional trails for residents, and walking paths along the river. With the attraction of the Root River State Trail, the City of Lanesboro prides itself as a place that should be a walking and bicycle-friendly town. To continue these efforts the following action items are recommended:

- Conduct a sidewalk conditions inventory and prioritize improvements
- Expand the existing trail network in Sylvan Park and throughout the community
- Integrate additional bicycle racks with opportunities for artistic designs
- Evaluate current and future ADA needs
- Maintain and enhance the community's existing parks, trails, open space and recreation amenities
- Build upon the existing parks and trail system in Figure 24.

A map of currently owned city property and natural features can be found in Figure 24 below. Lanesboro can use this map as a guide to identifying future park and trail opportunities.





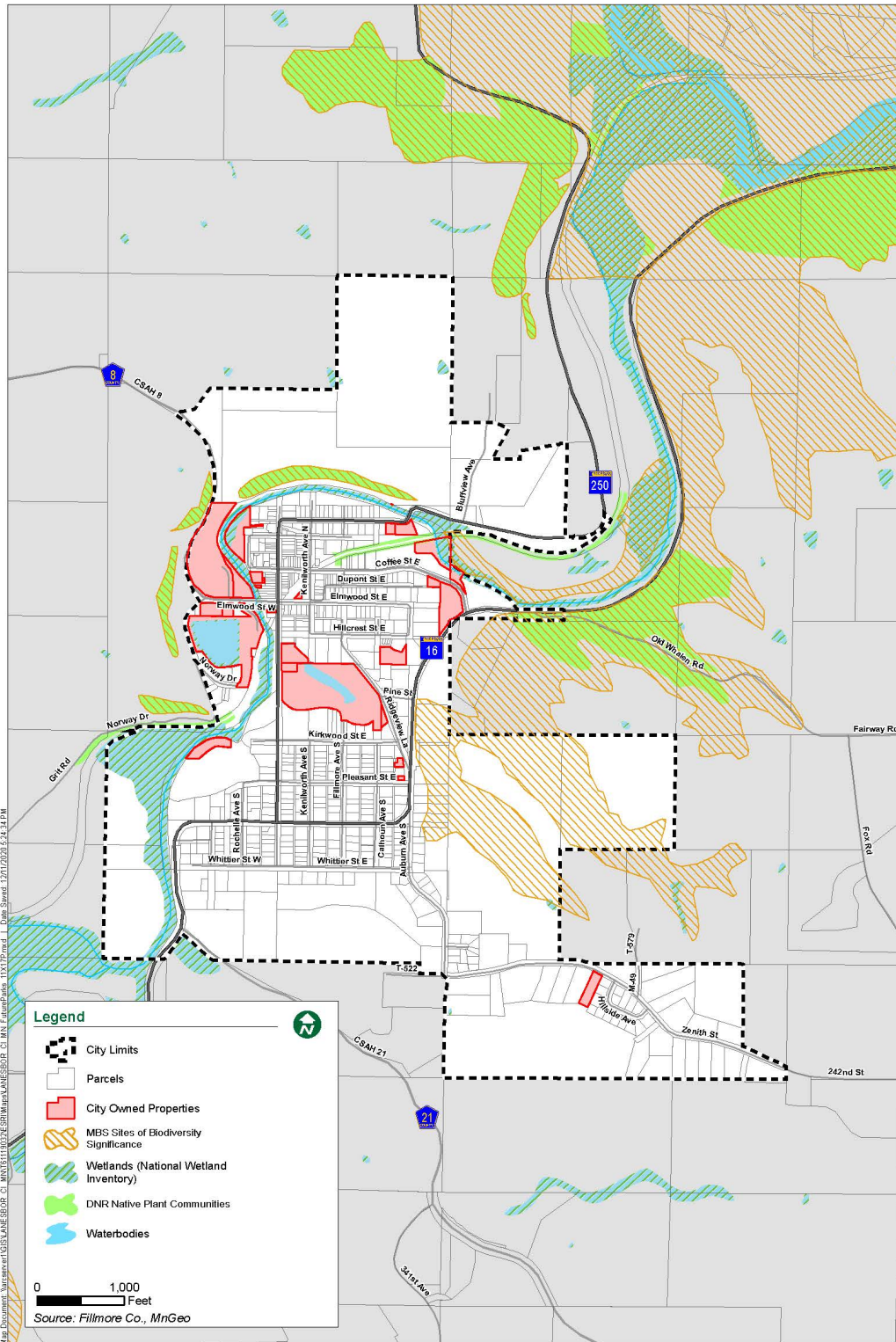


Figure 24 - City-owned Properties and Identified Environmental Resources Map



VI. Transportation

A. Transportation Goals and Objectives

The purpose of the Transportation Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan is to provide guidance to the City of Lanesboro, as well as existing and future landowners in preparing for future growth and development. As such, whether an existing roadway is proposed for upgrading or a land use change is proposed on a property, this plan provides the framework for decisions regarding the nature of roadway infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve safety, adequate access, mobility, and performance of the existing and future roadway system. The primary goal of this plan is to establish local policies, standards, and guidelines to guide major transportation investments and policy decisions.

Transportation is a critical element in Comprehensive Plans. Modes of transportation are needed for the movement of goods and people, which keeps a community vibrant and economically sound. Transportation can also be source of concerns however, specifically in the form of traffic safety, dust, noise, and access.

Overall, this plan is intended to provide safe, efficient transportation opportunities throughout the community. The plan recommends the City of Lanesboro work with regional agencies to address the recommendations put forward in this plan. Specific goals include:

Goal: As new development or redevelopment occurs, provide an integrated, internally-connected, efficient street system.

Objectives:

- Discourage the creation of permanently long streets with only a single access point (i.e., dead-end streets, looping streets and elongated cul-de-sacs).
- Encourage design and land uses that support a range of transportation choices
- Guide future development to roadways capable of accommodating resulting traffic.
- Develop roadways and street systems with consideration for safety, speeds, congestion, impact and noise.
- Ensure opportunities for Downtown infrastructure to include the arts as suggested in the Arts Campus Vision Plan.

Goal: Ensure Lanesboro's system of local roadways is well coordinated with MnDOT and the County roadway system.

Objectives:

- Continue to develop a capital improvement program to ensure adequate funding for priority roadway concerns.
- Cooperate with county and state jurisdictions to keep through-traffic on arterials at minimum disruption of local circulation and residents.



Goal: Encourage the development of a multi-modal transportation system.

Objectives:

- Use roadway design to establish bike and pedestrian friendly streets and compliment recreational trails.
- Provide pedestrians and other non-motorized vehicles links to existing state and regional trail systems.

Goal: Support the development of regional and local transit options.

Objectives:

- Support efforts to provide additional transit opportunities, both public and private, in Lanesboro.

B. Existing Roadway Conditions

Functional Classification

The current roadway functional classification is shown in Figure 25 for Lanesboro in the Map Section. The roadway system presently consists of minor arterials, major collectors, minor collectors, and local streets.

Minor Arterials

These roads connect important locations within the City of Lanesboro with access points of the highway system and with important locations outside the city. These arterials are also intended to carry short to medium trips that would otherwise use principle arterials. Their primary function is to provide mobility rather than access to the lower level roadways or adjacent land uses. The minor arterial roadways in Lanesboro are identified in Table 5:

| Table 5 - Minor Arterial Roadways | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Roadway | From | To | Number of Travel Lanes |
| MN State Highway 16/Auburn Ave/Sheridan St | SW City Limits | NE City Limits | 2 |

Major and Minor Collectors

Collector roadways serve trips that are entirely within the City and connect neighborhoods and smaller commercial areas to the arterial network. Minor collectors generally are short in length, with lower volumes and lower speeds than major collectors. Current collector roadways are identified in Table 6, below.



| Table 6 - Major and Minor Collector Roadways | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Roadway | From | To | Number of Travel Lanes |
| Major Collectors | | | |
| MN State Highway 250/Parkway Ave/Ashburn St | Sheridan St and Parkway Ave | NE City Limits | 2 |
| CSAH 8 | NW City Limits | MN State Highway 250 | 2 |
| CSAH 21 | SW City Limits | MN State Highway 16 | 2 |
| Minor Collectors | | | |
| Coffee St E | MN State Highway 250 | MN State Highway 16 | 2 |

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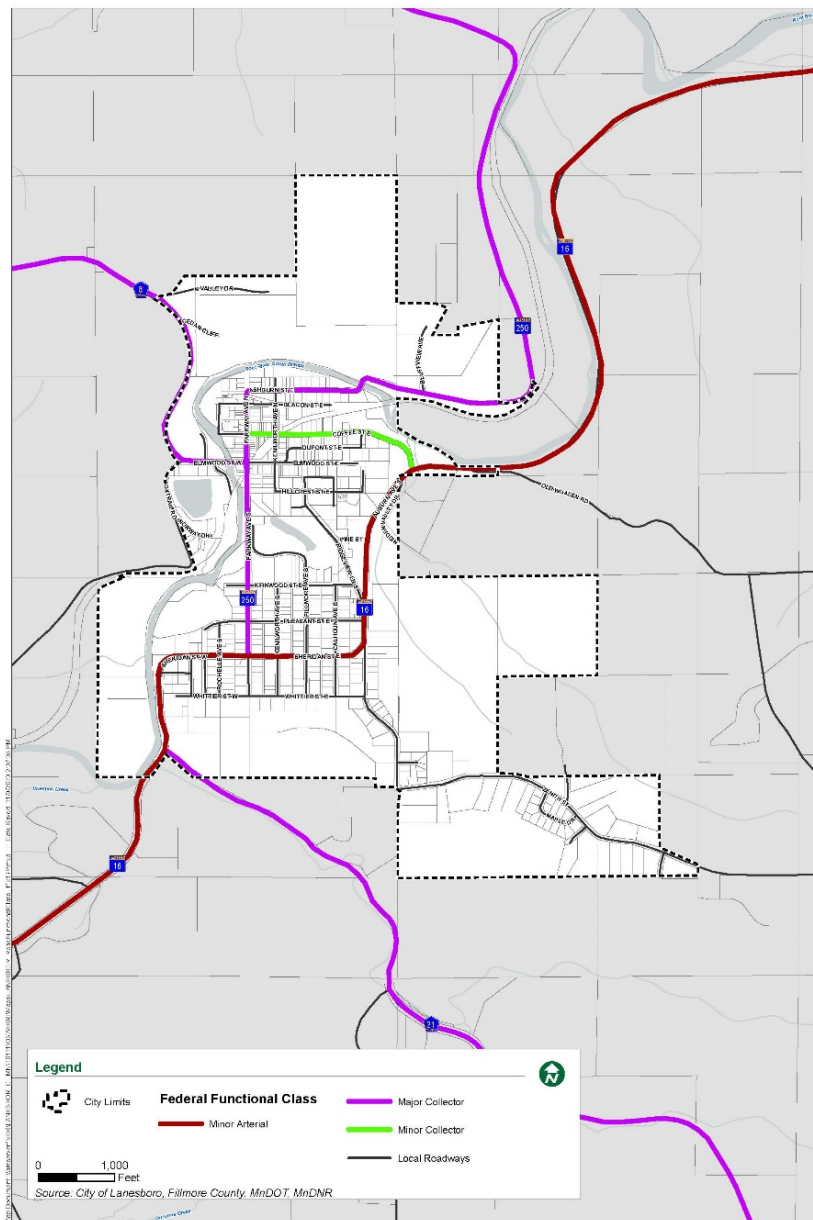


Figure 25 - Roadways Functional Classifications Map



Jurisdictional Classification

Roadways are classified on the basis of which level of government owns and has jurisdiction over them. Jurisdiction of the roadway system in the City of Lanesboro is shared among state, county, and local levels of government. Roadway jurisdiction is important because it affects a number of critical organizational functions and obligations including regulatory maintenance, construction, and financial commitments. The jurisdictional classification is generally determined by the type of travel. Roadways that serve regional or statewide travel needs are typically owned and maintained by MnDOT. Roads serving sub-regional needs are classified as County State Aid Highway (CSAH) or County Road (CR) and are owned and maintained by Fillmore County. Roadways that primarily serve local commuter needs or provide property access are owned and maintained by the City of Lanesboro. Figure 26 depicts the existing roadway jurisdictional classification system in Lanesboro.



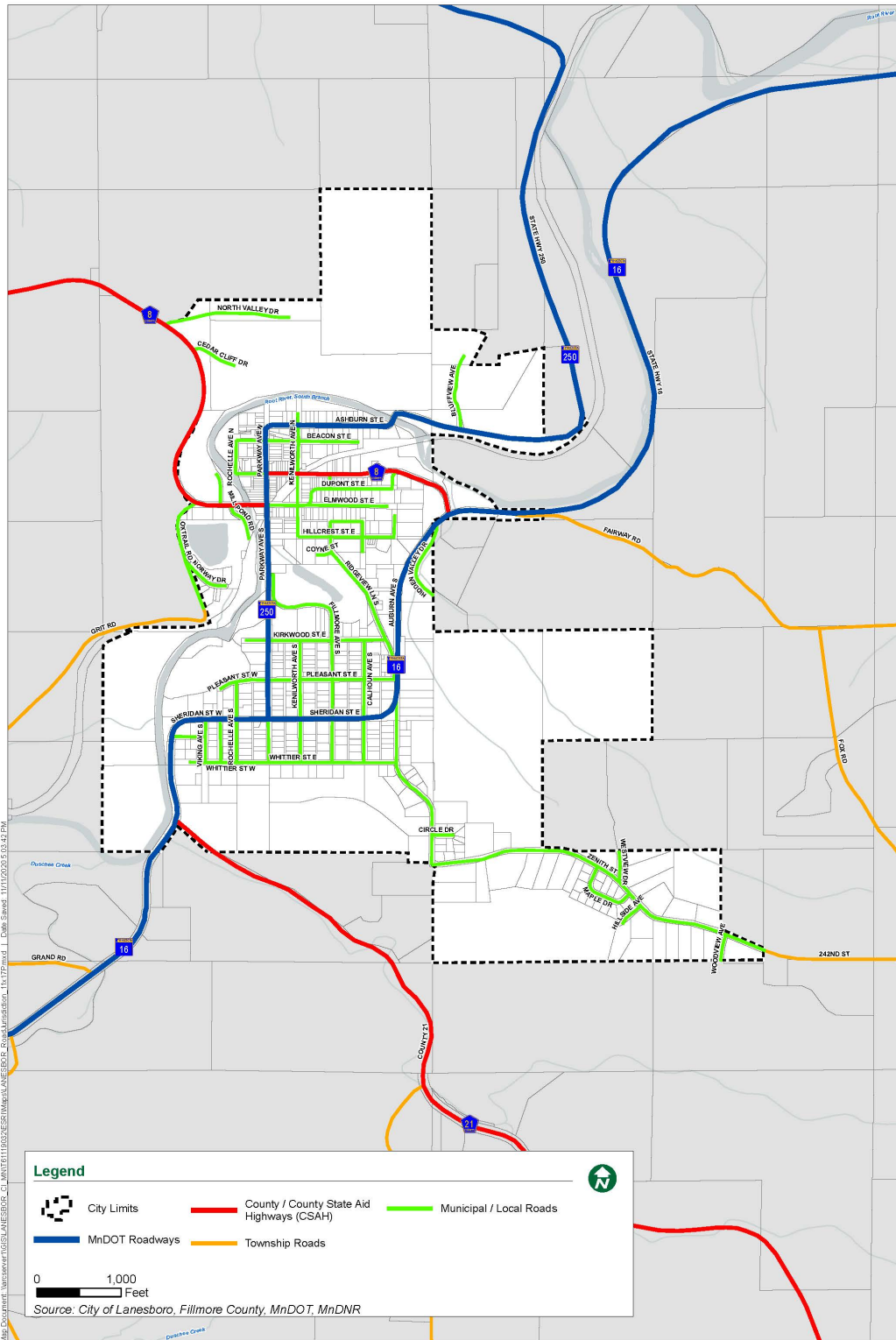


Figure 26 - Roadway Jurisdictional Ownership Map



Existing Traffic Volumes

The most basic characteristic of a given roadway is the volume of traffic that it carries. Traffic volumes on roadways within Lanesboro are presented in Figure 27. The traffic data is from MnDOT from 2013 to 2019.



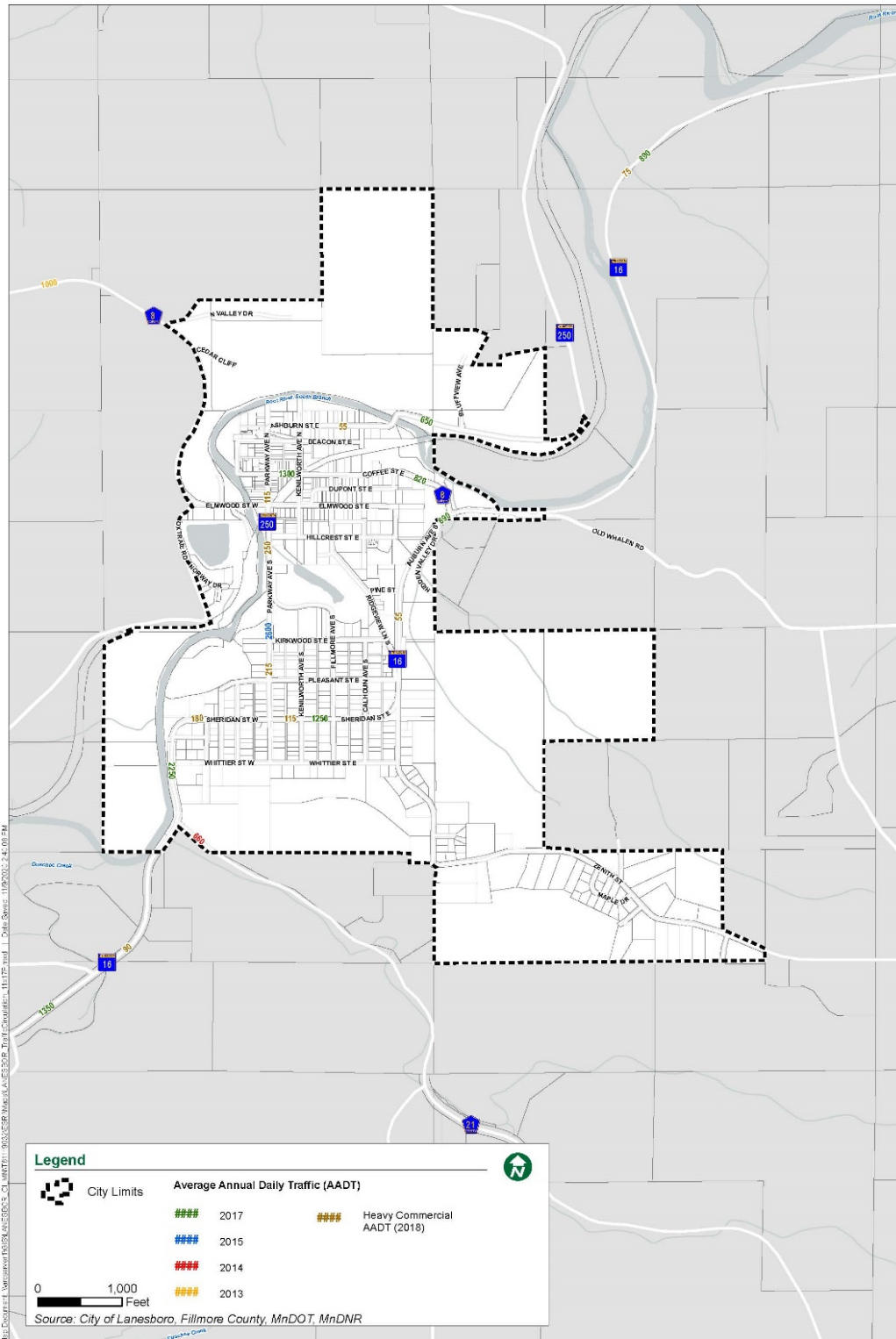


Figure 27 - Traffic Counts Map

C. Future Roadway Conditions

As the City of Lanesboro expands to accommodate designed population growth, local roads systems should expand in a grid pattern as much as possible. This will help ensure orderly expansion that matches both the existing character of the city and ensure efficient service delivery.

D. Public Transportation

Public Transportation is not available in the City of Lanesboro at this time. However, Lanesboro should be open and flexible regarding any future changes to public transportation systems that serve Fillmore County.

E. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (Bicycling and Walking)

Bicycle transportation is possible throughout the community. Lanesboro is located along the Root River Trail system which is approximately 42 miles of shared use path connecting Fountain, Harmony, Lanesboro, Whalen, Peterson, Rushford and Houston. The Root River Trail system also connects to the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail.

Much of the city may be accessed through sidewalks and trails. The main exception to this is are the outer edges of the city, some of which includes newer development.

The continuous lining of all areas of the city by way of sidewalks is a normal part of the City's circulation plan. Sidewalks are increasingly being advocated and requested in all cities as a means of facilitating pedestrian movement, minimizing auto trips, and promoting health and wellness.

As discussed in the Parks and Trails chapter, residents are interested in expanding trails along the river. Lanesboro can improve trail access across the city with dedicated bike lanes along TH250 (Parkway Avenue).

The City of Lanesboro has applied for a Transportation Alternative (TA) Grant to improve pedestrian facilities along TH 250 from the City campground to the New Root River Bridge on Ashburn Street. These improvements would run concurrently with MnDOT's reconstruction of TH 250. MnDOT has TH 250 on their Capital Highway Improvement Plan (CHIP), which is MnDOT's 10-year plan. Their estimated timeline for reconstruction of TH 250 is 2026.

Bolton and Menk and the City of Lanesboro have developed a high-level concept figure for preliminary cost estimating. The high-level concept will morph into a final design during additional planning efforts and community input. These pedestrian facility improvements include:

- Construct sidewalk on west side of TH 250 from CSAH 16 to Elmwood Street.



- Reconstruct sidewalk on east side of TH 250 from CSAH 16 to Elmwood Street and fill in sidewalk gaps.
- Realign and shorten Root River Trail crossing over TH 250.
- Reconstruct and widen sidewalk on both sides of TH 250 from Elmwood Street to Beacon Street.
- Construct sidewalk along south side of Ashburn to Root River.
- Bring all intersection crossing into compliance with current ADA standards.



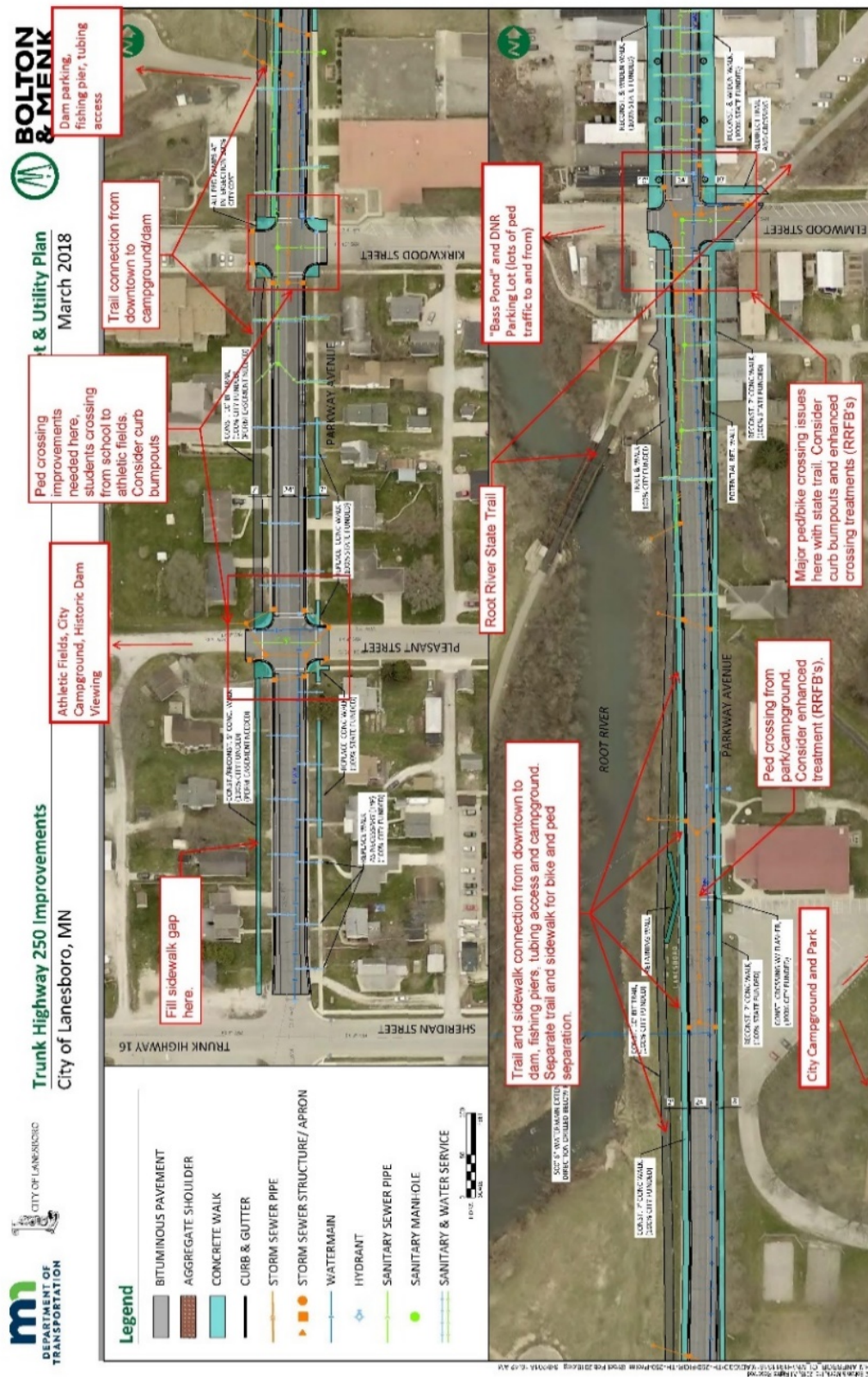


Figure 28 - Trunk Highway 250 Preliminary Improvements

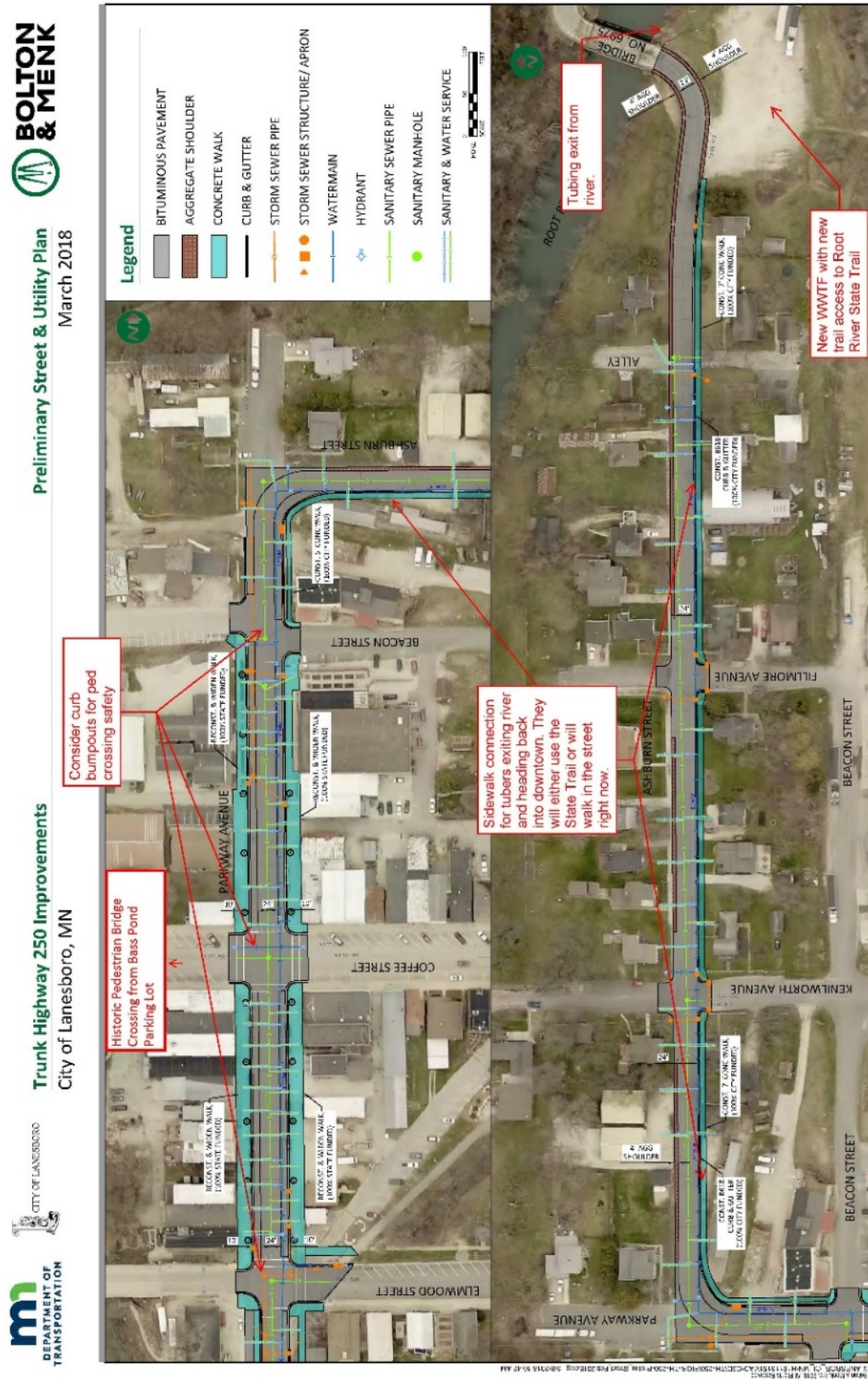


Figure 28 - Trunk Highway 250 Preliminary Improvements



VII. Public Utilities

A. Public Utilities Goals and Policies

The purpose of the Utility Infrastructure Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan is to prepare for existing system's needs. Public utilities that provide water resources and sanitation collection are essential in community life and future community development. In the City of Lanesboro, a small amount of potential residential growth has been identified during this planning period, but the primary focus now on utility infrastructure is identifying what exists and possible deficiencies within the public utility systems.

This chapter will analyze existing condition, existing capacity and assess future needs of the water, sewer, storm drainage, and electric utilities. The primary goal of this plan is to establish local policies, standards, and guidelines to guide major utility investments and policy decisions.

Overall, this plan is intended to provide guidance on how future land use patterns and rates of development will affect the demand on utility infrastructure for the City of Lanesboro. Specific goals include:

Goal: Rehabilitate or replace aging infrastructure within the sanitary collection system, water distribution system, and water supply.

Objectives:

- Rehabilitate or replace sanitary collection system to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I).
- Replace undersized watermain and cast-iron pipes to reduce watermain breaks and increase fire flow capacity.
- Provide watermain looping for systems supply redundancy and a water balanced system.
- Eliminate long shared services for both water supply and sanitation collection.
- Monitor and inspect coating systems on elevated water storage tanks to extend life.
- Discourage the creation of neighborhood collection systems that rely on multiple individual sanitary grinder lift stations for conveying waste into the City's trunk collection system

Goal: Effectively manage, maintain, and improve the existing stormwater management system to support the existing systems and any potential growth within the Community.

Objectives:

- Identify areas prone to flooding and improve drainage systems within these areas.
- Replace existing storm water systems or incorporate storm sewer systems that can handle 10-year storm events.



Goal: Ensure adequate infrastructure to provide a high level of electrical service.

Objectives:

- Monitor and inspect existing infrastructure.
- Promote energy efficiency alongside the continued use and expansion of renewable resources.

B. Wastewater

The City of Lanesboro owns and operates a Class C wastewater treatment facility. The facility was originally constructed in 1938 as a single-stage, attached-growth trickling filter process. Since 1938, general maintenance has been completed and in 1998 an upgrade to the treatment facility was completed including replacement of the primary and secondary clarifier sludge collection mechanisms, installation of mechanical bar screen, and replacement of trickling filter distribution arm and media.

The City recognized its aging infrastructure and the potential of more stringent treatment requirements by the MPCA and hired Bolton & Menk to provide recommendations for rehabilitation or replacement of the wastewater treatment facility. A preliminary engineering report was prepared by Bolton & Menk and it was recommended that the existing treatment facility be replaced. The replacement wastewater facility will be an extended aeration facility without nutrient removal. The facility includes the following major treatment components:

- Influent Lift Station
- Pretreatment Structure
- Aeration Basin Structure
- Final Clarifier Splitter Structure
- Final Clarifiers
- Scum Manhole
- RAS/WAS Structure
- New Control/UV Building
- Aerobic Digester and Storage Structure



The wastewater treatment plant was designed with the following characteristics:

| Table 7 - New Wastewater Treatment Plant Characteristics | |
|---|------|
| Average Dry Weather Flow (mgd) | .076 |
| Average Wet Weather Flow, AWW (mgd) | .110 |
| Peak Hourly Wet Weather Flow (mgd) | .245 |
| Peak Instantaneous Wet Weather Flow (mgd) | .290 |
| Maximum Hydraulic Capacity (gpm) | 300 |
| Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, CBOD5 (lbs/day) | 246 |
| Total Suspended Solids, TSS (lbs/day) | 327 |
| Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, TKN (lbs/day) | 40.8 |
| Total Phosphorus, TP (lbs/day) | 7.0 |

The new facility is about to break ground and will provide Lanesboro with another 50 to 60 years of wastewater treatment needs. It should be noted that additional capacity for growth was not built into the new system, but capacity can be gained by reducing I&I through collection system rehabilitation.

The existing sanitary collection system is comprised of 4 to 12-inch diameter pipe, one lift station and 6-inch forcemain pipe. Older development, closer to the river, consist of vitrified clay pipe (VCP), while newer developments to the south consist of PVC pipe. It is estimated that approximately 80% of the sanitary mainline pipe is VCP. VCP is susceptible to infiltration through deteriorated joints, as well as cracks and broken pipe segments. The existing collection system exceed MCPA threshold values of excessive infiltration and inflow by nearly 20 percent. For this reason, infiltration of groundwater into VCP sanitary mains and services is expected to be a significant source of clear-water into the system. The City should implement a capital improvements plan to replace the aging sanitary collection system. Replacing the aged VCP pipe will reduce clear-water entering the system can reduce cost of treatment. Additionally, the City should annually monitor future planning for county and state highways to ensure those plans align with existing and future land uses.



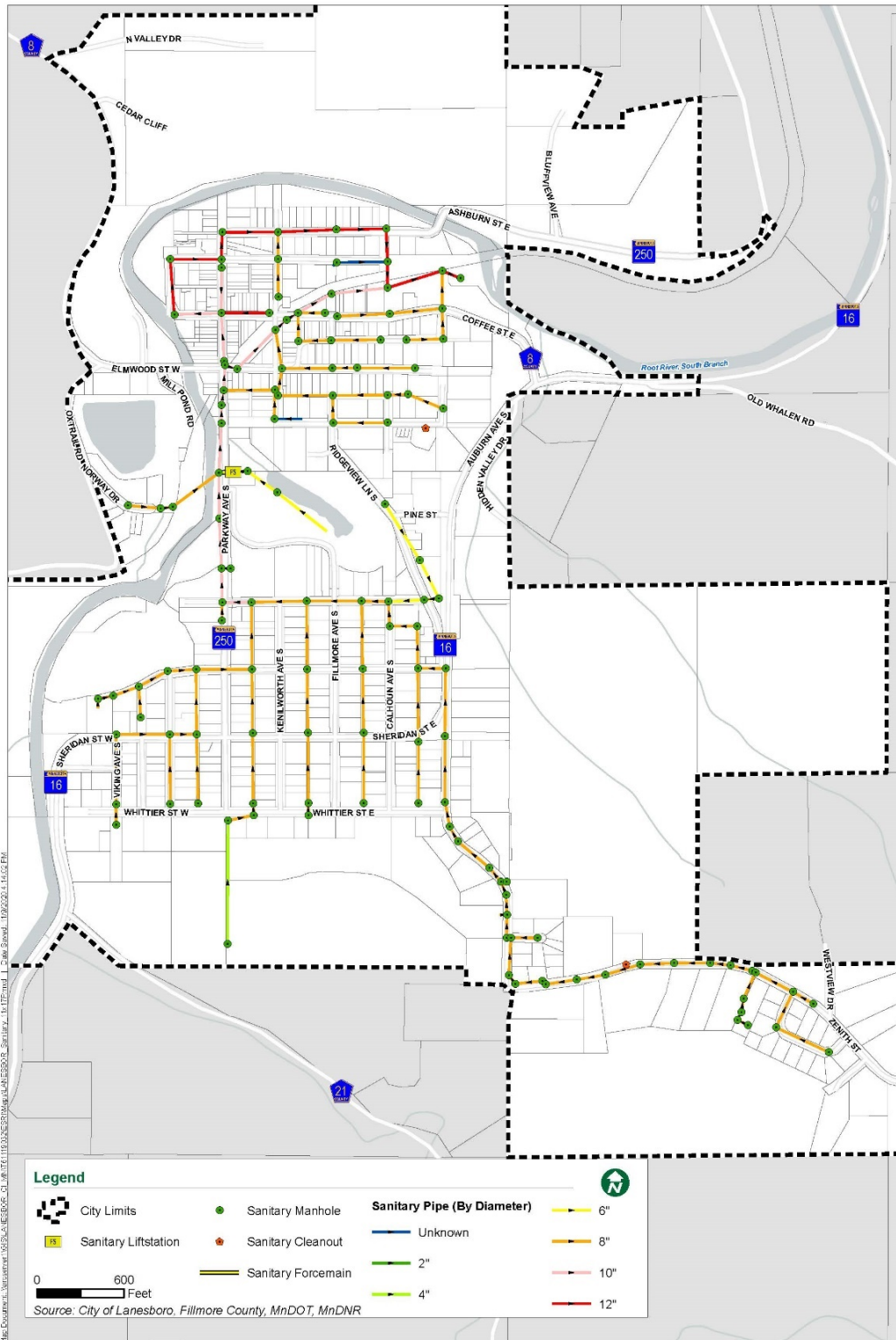


Figure 29 - Sanitary Sewer System Map



C. Water Supply

The City of Lanesboro operates a water supply, storage, and distribution system which serves single family residential, multi-family residential and commercial users in four pressure zones. The system is divided into a north system and a south system. Each system is divided into two pressure zones.

These systems are linked and operate interconnectedly. Water supply in the system is currently provided by two groundwater wells, Well No. 3 and Well No. 4, both are located approximately 200 feet west of the intersection of Hillside Avenue and Zenith Street on Zenith Street. The following Table 8 summarizes the well characteristics.

| Table 8 - Well Data | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Well Number | 3 | 4 |
| Year Constructed | 1982 | 2014 |
| Well Depth (ft) | 1070 | 1075 |
| Casing Diameter (in) | 24 x 16 | 24 x 15 |
| Water Supply Source | Groundwater: Mt. Simon Aquifer | |
| Pump Type | Submersible | Submersible |
| Capacity (gal/min) | 450 | 500 |

Both wells are pumped to a water treatment plant. The City of Lanesboro's existing water treatment plant is designed to provide safe, palatable drinking water in accordance with regulations created by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and enforced by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). The City's water supply contains elevated concentrations of radium and iron. These pollutants are removed in the City's treatment plant using a variety of physical and chemical processes, including mechanical aeration, detention, pressure filtration, and chemical feed of hydrous manganese oxide (HMO), chlorine, fluoride, and polyphosphate. The treated water is pumped to the distribution system and stored in two elevated storage tanks for consumption by residents and businesses in the City of Lanesboro and tourists that visit throughout the year.

Both the north and south elevated storage tanks have a capacity of 150,000 gallons and were constructed in 1982. The north system tank is located about 220 feet north near Pleasant Street East and Ridgeview Lane on Ridgeview Lane. The south system tank is located near Well No. 3 and Well No. 4.



As mentioned above, the City has four pressure zones. The system uses four pressure reducing valves and one booster pump to provide water throughout the system.

| Table 9 - Pressure Zone Data | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Pressure Zone Name | |
| South Zone 1 | Served directly by the South Tank |
| South Zone 2 | Served directly by South Tank via pressure reducing valves. |
| North Zone 1 | Served directly by North Tank, which is fed from a booster station along Ridgeview Lane. |
| North Zone 2 | Served directly by North Tank via pressure reducing valves. |

The distribution system consists of 4 through 8-inch diameter, cast- and ductile-iron and PVC pipe. In general, older developments closer to town center consist of smaller diameter, cast iron pipe. New developments and reconstruction project from the late 1990s and early 2000s generally comprise of larger 6 to 8-inch ductile iron or PVC pipe. The City should implement a capital improvements plan to replace the aging water distribution system, specifically focusing on the cast iron and undersized watermain.

During 2017 to 2018, the average daily water consumption in the City ranged from 90,000 to 120,000 gallons per day. Average water usage in 2020 through April was approximately 155,000 gallons per day. Growth projections indicate that the current water supply wells and storage tanks can serve the residential and small business community throughout the current planning period.



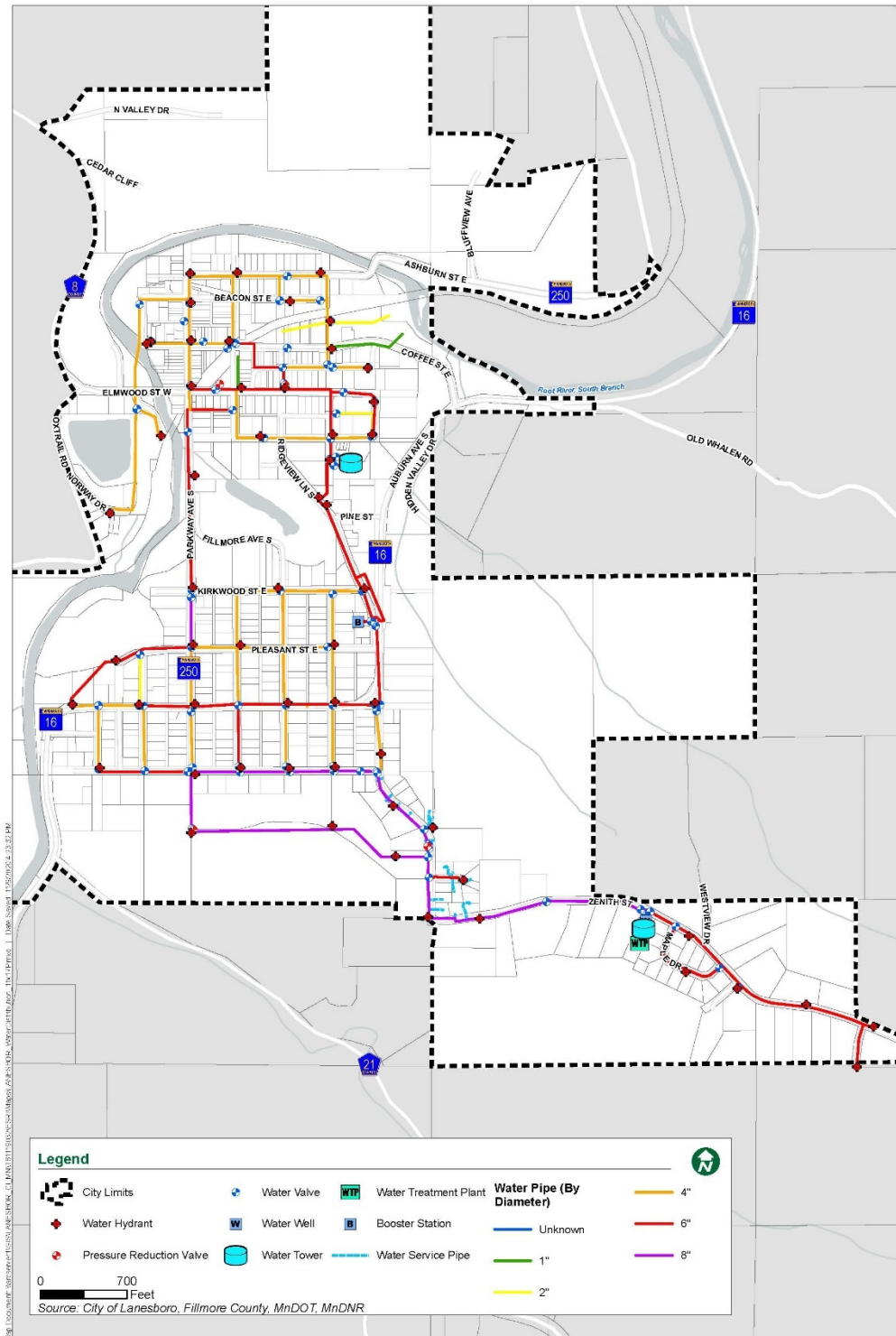


Figure 30 - Water System Map



D. Stormwater Management

Most Minnesota cities have existing pipe networks that were only designed to relieve ponding in the original plat. These stormwater systems were not designed with effects to downstream properties in mind. The goal then was to provide efficient and cost effective removal of stormwater runoff from developed areas. Within the City of Lanesboro, this resulted in the construction of stormwater pipes that drain directly into the Root River.

Based on the existing storm system, the effects of unmitigated growth can cause flooding of downstream systems. One of the best methods of mitigating the effects of growth is through the construction of stormwater retention basins. These basins are designed to store excess runoff at elevations where there is no adjacent property damage. The runoff is stored until the existing storm sewer can take it away. Studies have shown that these basins not only provide flood protection but can also help to remove stormwater pollutants.

In a general sense, Lanesboro is ideally suited for infiltration because the underlying soils are predominately sandy. Because most of Lanesboro soils infiltrate, infiltration basins are the most cost-effective way to handle rate control and water quality. The City does not currently have any stormwater ponds as part of the stormwater system. Stormwater ponds should be considered for rate control and water quality in areas of new development. It should be noted, on the south and east portion of Lanesboro, there are some soils that are clayey and areas with exposed bedrock that do not promote infiltration. Other BMPs, such as filtration basins, may be necessary to achieve rate control and water quality in those areas.

The existing storm sewer system within Lanesboro is comprised of 12 to 36-inch diameter pipe, along with various ditches and channels that convey water to the Root River. Pipe materials include metal (CMP) and concrete (RCP). Much of the storm water system is undersized. It is recommended that the City consider providing a storm sewer network capable of providing a level of service that accommodates the 10-year storm event for all new development and redevelopment. Such a system would be able to sufficiently drain the 10-year event with minimal to no ponding in the streets. Beyond a 10-year event, intermittent ponding could be anticipated. Simultaneously, it is also recommended that the storm sewer network be able to provide a level of protection accommodating the 100-year storm. The level of protection could be achieved by providing detention ponds and emergency overflow pathways as well as other methods to minimize the likelihood of a 100-year event causing flooding to businesses and residential properties. It is suggested that such consideration be evaluated each time a street is to be reconstructed.

Current Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) policy dictates that developments that are greater than one acre in size are required to provide permanent stormwater management systems. As such, the City will ensure compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permits for municipal



operations and for construction activity greater than one acre. These future developments should provide such a pond and associated storm network capable of providing a level of protection from the 100-year storm event. In addition, future development should demonstrate that the runoff from the site will not increase during each of the 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year storm events. The storm sewer pipe network should be designed to provide a level of service capable of accommodating the 10-year event.



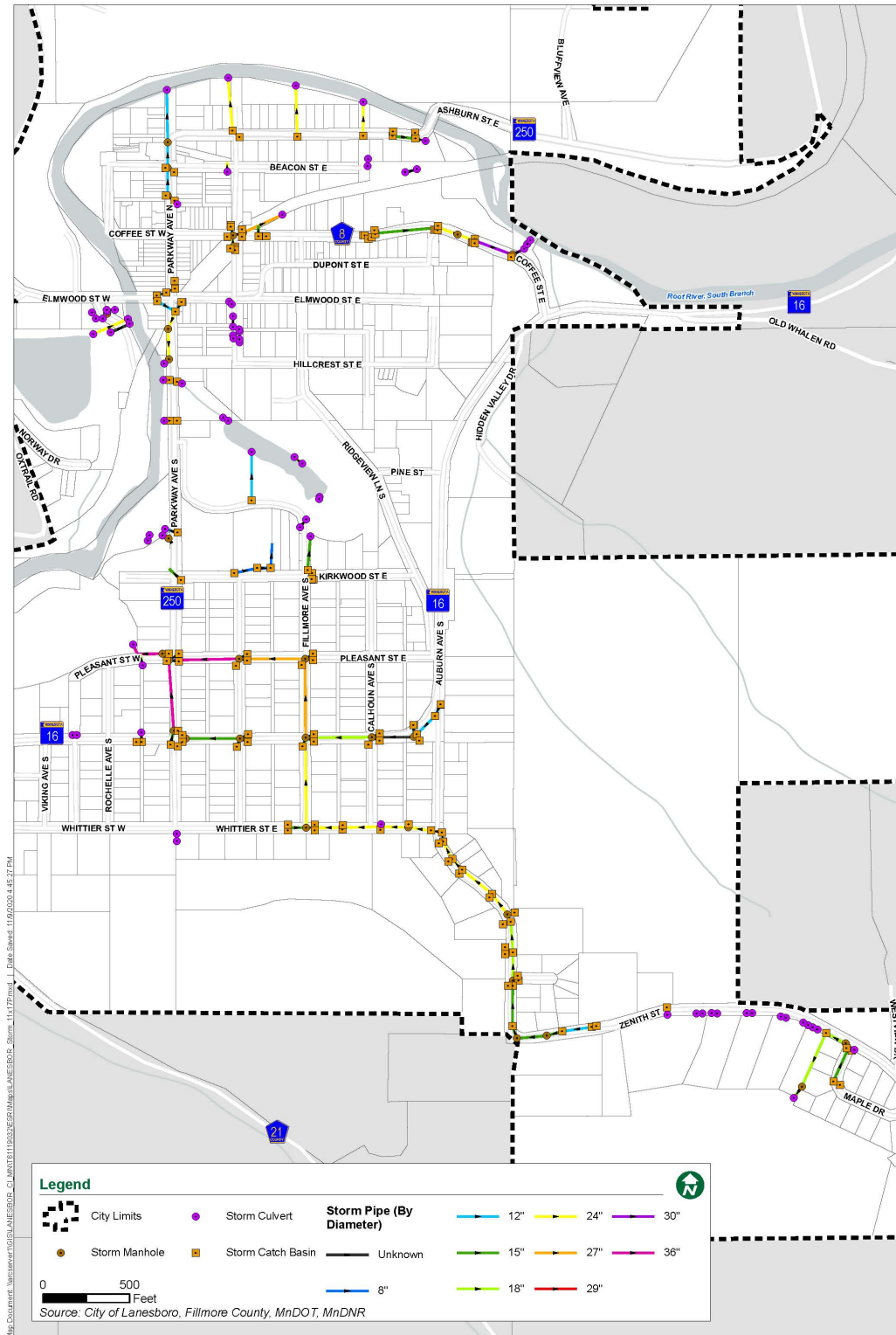


Figure 31 - Storm Sewer System Map



F. Electric

The City of Lanesboro operates an electric power generation and distribution system. The power generation facility includes a diesel-powered generator and a hydroelectric generator. The hydroelectric portion of the power generation facility is made possible by the historic Lanesboro Stone Arch Dam, located on the South Branch of the Root River, which has been owned and operated by the City of Lanesboro since 1903.

The dam was originally constructed in 1868 by the Lanesboro Company of New York City for tourism purposes. Following that, a flour milling industry was developed, utilizing hydro-power from the dam. The hydroelectric generating plant was later built in the early 1890's. In the 1920s, two diesel generators were installed to help meet the electrical demands of the city. At one point, the plant had two hydro-generation units capable of generating 240 kW each. Various rehabilitation projects occurred over the years, which included the removal of one of the diesel generators and one of the hydro-generators.

Currently, the power generation facility includes a single diesel generator and a single hydro-generator. Although the hydro-facility is capable of generating up to 10% of the City's overall power demands, operation is limited by MnDNR requirements for maintaining flow in the river. To provide for the City's remaining power needs, the City purchases power through the Mi-Energy Electric Cooperative.

In 2020, a 4-million-dollar rehabilitation project of the dam was completed. The rehabilitation included:

- Constructing a cellular dam system upstream of the existing stone arch dam
- Replacing the existing power canal gate intake structure with two new slide gates
- Completing concrete repairs to powerhouse intake structure
- Replacing the bypass pipe that feeds water to Bass Pond
- Upgrading the operating system for the existing hydro facility
- Addition of a river level monitoring upstream and downstream of the dam

Following is a map of the City's electrical distribution system.



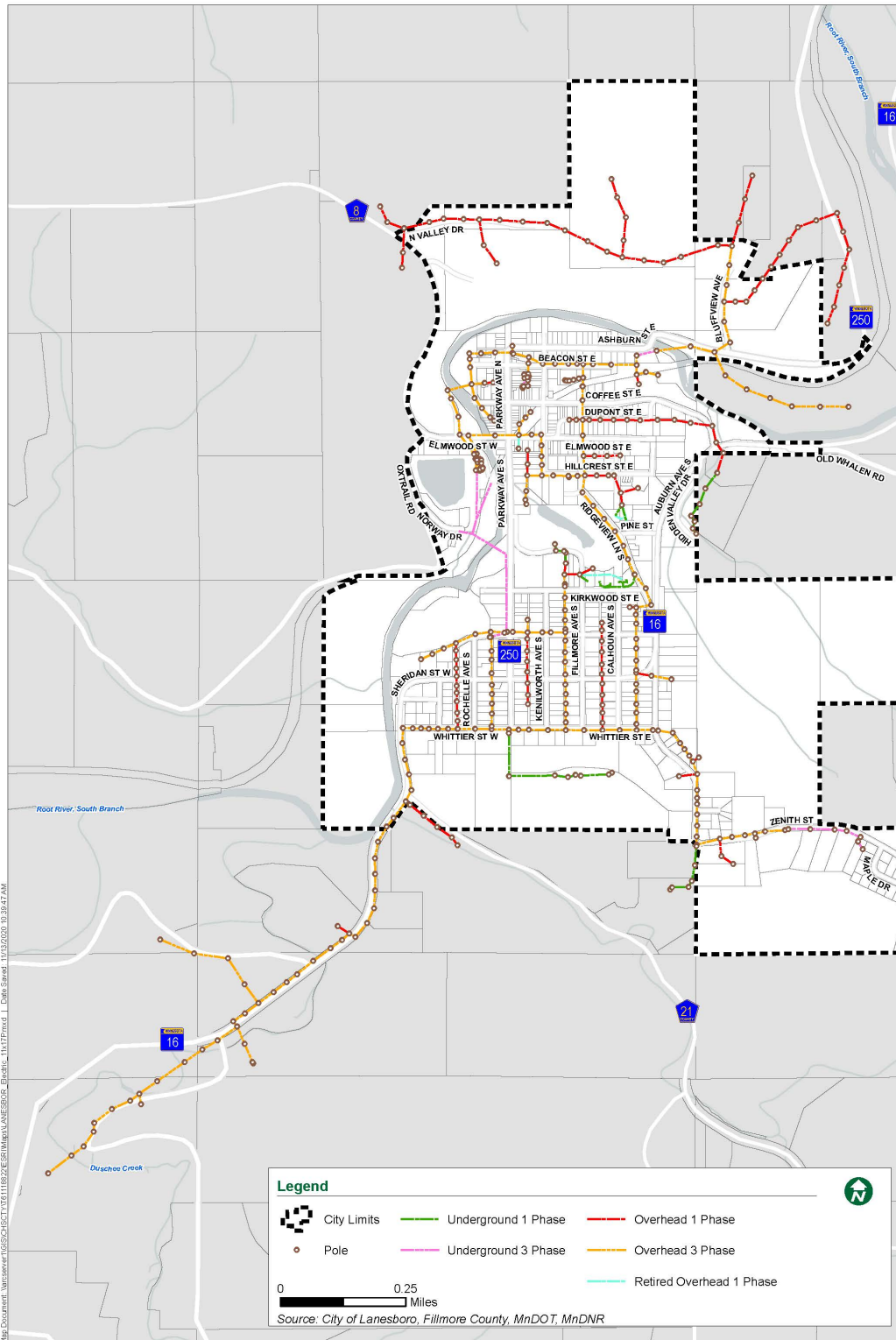


Figure 32 - Electric System Map





VIII. Environmental Resources and Sustainability

A. Goals and Policies

Natural resources benefit the social, environmental, and economic vitality of a community. To ensure their quality and benefits, it is essential to plan and manage natural resources and areas as we do residential and commercial areas.

The City of Lanesboro should seek to preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations. The trail system is an essential part of the quality of life in Lanesboro and is an integral part of developing a healthy community.

Forest, prairies, wetlands, and other natural resources provide numerous environmental benefits such as improved air and water quality. Natural environments also promote the physical and mental well-being of community members through increased opportunities to relax and engage in a variety of social and recreational activities.

The overall goal of the City of Lanesboro is to protect and enhance natural resources.

Goal: Maintain and promote healthy, robust, and accessible natural environments and recreational opportunities.

Objectives:

- Protect and enhance natural resources by actively managing high quality natural areas including seeding/planting, monitoring, and control of invasive species.
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas through buffers and setbacks.
- Protect surface and ground water quality through best management practices to reduce stormwater runoff and water pollution, monitoring for violations, upgrading sanitary sewer conveyances, and expanding environmental education opportunities.
- Encourage responsible enjoyment and appreciation of the natural environment through well-maintained trails, water access points, picnic spots, nature play areas, and outreach programs. Provide facilities as needed to promote recycling; proper disposal of trash, fishing line, and pet waste; and reducing the spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.
- Promote a healthy urban forest by maintaining a public tree inventory, practicing tree care with regard to appropriate timing and methods to reduce the risk and spread of pests and diseases, monitoring for pests and diseases such as Oak Wilt and Emerald Ash Borer, planting a variety of species, and providing outreach to private property owners regarding tree care and protection.

Goal: Protect the resources and ecological value of the Root River and other waterbodies within Lanesboro while also exploring opportunities for sustainable integration of the built environment with the natural environment.



Objectives:

- Minimize impervious surface coverage where practical and relevant.
- Implement a landscape ordinance that encourages use of innovative and sustainable design solutions that protect the City's natural resources and environment.
- Explore sustainable integration of the built environment with the natural environment and revise City code, where appropriate, with overlay districts to accomplish findings.
- Continue to regulate floodplain development in accordance with state requirements and to protect life and property.
- Protect wetlands by encouraging landscaping buffers of native, undisturbed vegetation.
- Work with local agencies and organizations to expand/develop water quality protection programs and events for the public including proper disposal of hazardous waste, yard waste, and pet waste; runoff reduction; and best landscaping care practices.

B. Physical Environment and Land Use Goals and Policies

The City of Lanesboro is home to towering bluffs, the South Fork of the Root River, and vast natural scenic beauty. It is imperative that the Land Use Plan identify and protect Lanesboro's vital natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas. Goals for the physical environment and land use must include:

Maintain. Maintain, promote, and increase healthy, robust, and accessible natural environments and recreational opportunities.

Protect & Innovate. Protect the resources and ecological value of the Root River and other waterbodies within Lanesboro while also exploring opportunities for sustainable integration of the built environment with the natural environment.

Support. Support the preservation of non-renewable natural resources and the wise consumption and re-establishment of renewable resources.

Specific goals and objectives are:

Goal: Ensure new development is located, designed, and built to avoid environmental impacts and other hazards.

Objectives:

- Manage development to avoid and protect environmentally sensitive or hazardous features.
- Maintain areas with hydric soils and wet conditions to minimize flood hazards and provide nutrient and sediment filtration as well as open space.



Goal: Ensure agricultural uses are part of the community as a viable long-term land use.

Objectives:

- Encourage a variety of agricultural operations, including small-scale metropolitan orientated agriculture, value-added production, and small scale agricultural-related commercial uses.
- Encourage the preservation of family farms and areas with quality land and soils.
- Coordinate with the Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District to connect farm owners with resources to protect soil and water resources.

Goal: Acknowledge and address environmental challenges as Lanesboro continues to grow and develop.

Objectives:

- Restrict development on steep slopes to protect the bluffs, as well as avoid erosion and slippage concerns.
- Prohibit new development in or alongside floodplains.
- Encourage and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the speed and impact of stormwater runoff. This may include but is not limited to: bioretention cells, rain gardens, rain barrels, vegetated swales, and permeable paving.

While environmental and natural resources are some of Lanesboro's greatest resources, they also pose several challenges for future development.

C. Physical Environment Characteristics



Figure 33 - EBF Ecoregion in Sections and Subsections. Source: MN DNR

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service developed an Ecological Classification System for Minnesota. These classifications are used to describe areas of land with uniform ecological features. The City of Lanesboro lies within the Eastern Broadleaf Forest (EBF) ecoregion.

The EBF ecoregion can be found through the Midwest, parts of the South, and New York. This region acts as a transition zone between historically prairie parts of the U.S. and areas defined by semi-humid mixed conifer deciduous forests. The area around Lanesboro consists of a plateau dissected by the erosion of streams that fed the Mississippi River valley, forming uplands. This exposed bedrock formed during the Paleozoic Era and glacial drift from the pre-Wisconsin Age glaciation. Because



glaciers did not smooth this area, the landscape is characterized by steep bluffs, river valleys, and karst geology. The decline of glacial lakes combined with strong winds deposited large amounts of sediment in river valleys and other eroded areas. This area of rugged terrain is also known as the Paleozoic Plateau Section (PPL), or Driftless Area, and is very unique compared to other regions in Minnesota. The original plateau is most visible in the western reaches of the PPL and in between river valleys where prairies have formed. Vegetation is highly impacted by slopes, orientation, flooding, and fire risk, but the soil is generally fertile due to sediment and alluvium deposited by glacial lakes. This combination of soil fertility and landscape variation causes a combination of dry prairies in flat areas, moderately moist forests on ridge faces, and lowland forests able to withstand flooding and silty soil on valley floors. Forests are made up of a mix of hardwoods including oak, maple, elm, ash, basswood, and walnut. Spring-fed waterfalls and peatlands exist sporadically across the PPL. Due to Lanesboro's location within a river valley, the PPL's subsection called the Blufflands (darkest green in Figure 33) applies to the City. Within the Blufflands, it is common to find exposed bedrock in river valleys made of dolomite, limestone, and sandstone. Due to Karst geology, limestone caves, coldwater springs, and sinkholes are common. Paleozoic sedimentary rocks on valley walls are primarily made of dolomite, sandstone, and shale. Soil thickness varies greatly from 30-feet on ridges to none or less than a foot on the sides of valleys.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in partnership with Audubon Minnesota have identified the forest and streams of the Blufflands as providing critical habitat for migrating songbirds such as prothonotary warblers and raptors such as red-shouldered hawks and peregrine falcons. The Blufflands-Root River Important Bird Area (IBA) was established to as a part of an international conservation effort to help identify essential habitats, monitor habitats and birds, and prevent further habitat assistance to residents and communities within the IBA. Streams harbor a diversity of fish, amphibians, and mussels. Coldwater springs and streams create a suitable environment for trout and other coldwater fish. Figure 35 below shows the locations of plant communities, areas of significance in biodiversity, protected streams and rivers, and watersheds.

Lanesboro is within the South Branch Root River Watershed within the greater Root River Watershed. The South Branch Root River joins the main stem of the Root River about one mile northeast of the City. The portion of the river that flows through Lanesboro is listed as Impaired for aquatic life and aquatic recreation by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Assessment Unit MN07040008-550, Duschee Creek to main branch of the Root River). More information can be found in the [Root River Watershed Monitoring and Assessment Report \(June 2012\)](#). The impact of the South Branch of the Root River on Lanesboro is evidenced in Figure 34 below. Floodway and floodplains cover much of the valley floor and threaten development on properties along the river.



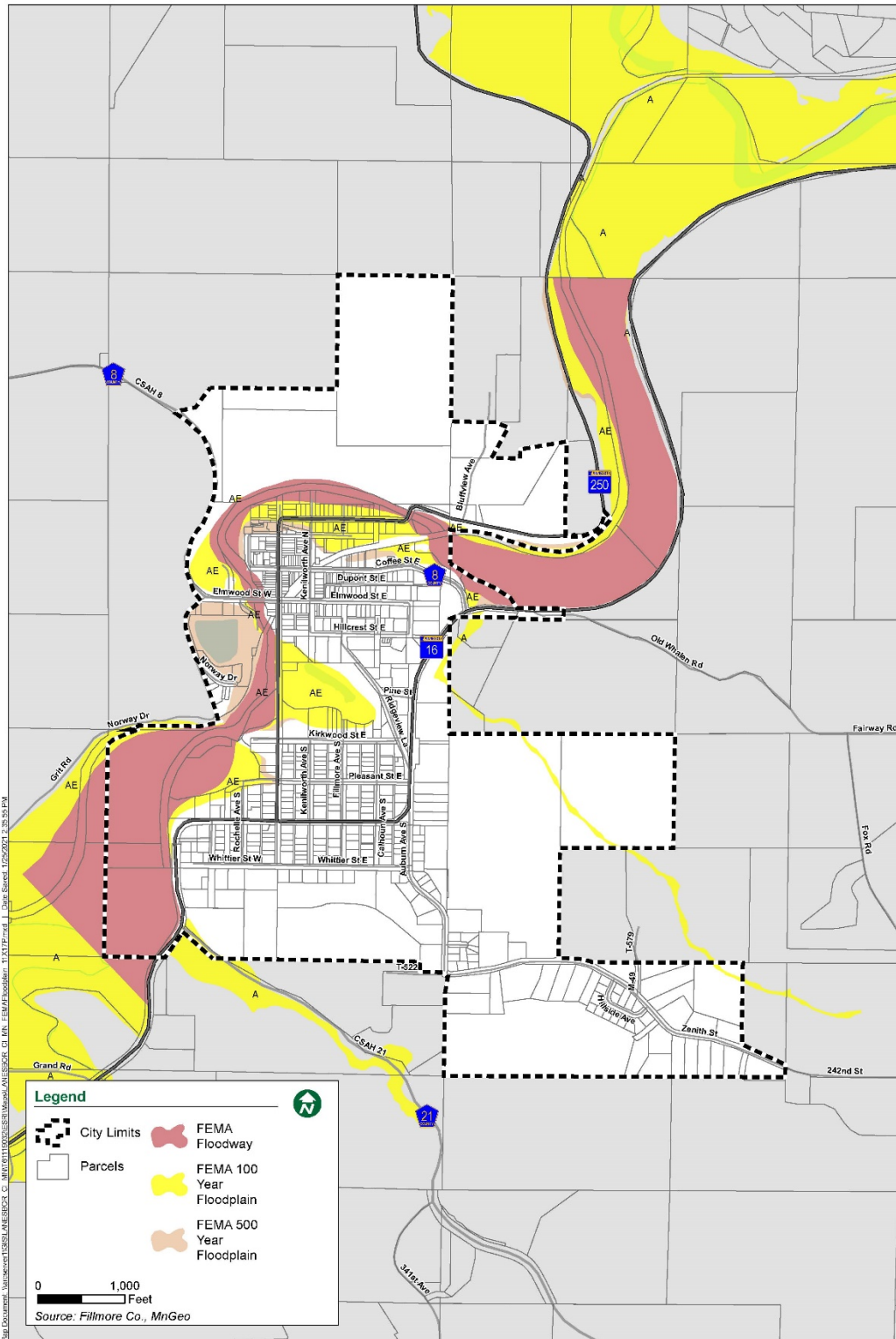


Figure 34 -Floodplain Map

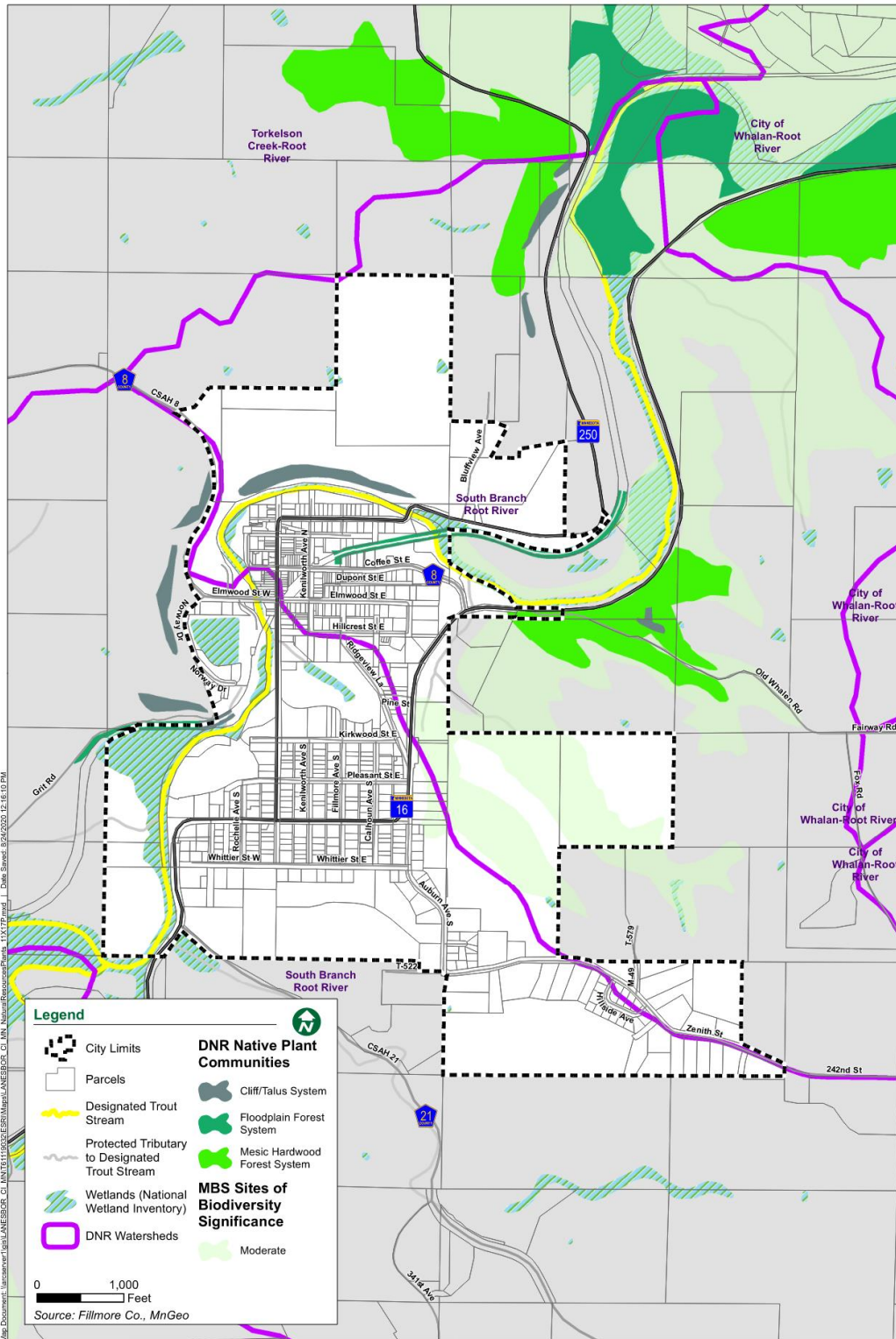


Figure 35 - Natural Features Resources Map



IX. Implementation

A. Introduction

The Comprehensive plan creates a vision for the City of Lanesboro and guides land use and infrastructure improvements so the City can meet the community's future needs. However, the vision can only be realized if the plan is used. Tools to implement the plan will vary in that some will be reactive such as zoning and subdivision ordinances that guide private developments and others will be proactive, such as the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for undertaking public improvement projects.

To achieve the goals and objectives of this Comprehensive Plan, the City of Lanesboro has established regulations for zoning, subdivision of land, and floodplain areas. All are administered through the City's Planning and Zoning Department.

B. Official Controls

Zoning

City zoning codes regulate land use to promote the health, safety, order, convenience, and general welfare of all citizens. They regulate location, size, use and height of buildings, the arrangement of buildings on lots, and the density of population within the City. The City's zoning districts effectively guide development in Lanesboro.

| Table 10 - Current Zoning Districts | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Abbrv. | District Name | Corresponding Land Use Designation |
| R-1 | Single-family Residential | Low Density Residential |
| R-2 | Multiple Family Residential | Medium Density Residential |
| R-3 | Residential Business | Mixed Use |
| MH | Manufactured Home Parks | Medium Density Residential |
| C-1 | Downtown Commercial | Commercial |
| C-2 | Highway Commercial | Commercial |
| Industrial | Industrial | Industrial |
| RA | Rural Residential and Agricultural | Agricultural Reserve |

Portions of the City of Lanesboro are within the Floodplain along the South Branch of Root River. These areas encumbered with Floodway, Flood Fringe, or General Floodplain districts are restricted with a Floodplain Overlay Districts. This overlay district places additional restrictions on the area in addition to the underlying zoning district.

Subdivision of Land

The Subdivision Ordinance regulates the subdivision and platting of land within the City providing for the orderly, economic and safe development of land and facilitating the adequate provision for transportation, water, sewage, storm drainage, electric utilities, streets, parks and other public services and facilities essential to any development. City controls to regulate subdivision of land include an application and



approval process, including Planning Commission and City Council review. The subdivision of land promotes the public health, safety and general welfare of the people and helps achieve the vision of this comprehensive plan by providing for standards in the development of land.

Ordinance Amendments

The City will evaluate land use controls and consider amendments to eliminate inconsistencies with the Comprehensive Plan, conform to State and Federal regulations, and support the overarching community goals identified through this plan update.

The Future Land Use Map generally guides developed land uses in the same fashion as they have been developed and exist. The Comprehensive Plan, however, establishes Civic and Parks, Golf Courses, and Open Space as two new Land Use Designations. The City should update the Zoning Ordinance to create two new Zoning Districts, as well as specific district standards for both designation.

The City may also want to review the current Zoning Map and Zoning District requirements for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. If there are discrepancies, or changes needed to meet the City's goals and objectives, an amendment to the official controls (Zoning and/or Subdivision ordinances) may be appropriate.

Funding Mechanisms

The construction of public improvements require a funding source. There are a number of tools that can be used to plan for these improvements. The two most used mechanisms are:

Capital Improvements Program

Capital improvement projects are major projects that benefit the City, including the construction or reconstruction of roads, sewer, water and electric utilities, trails, and park and recreation facilities, as well the purchase of new or replacement equipment and buildings. A capital improvements program (CIP) is a budgeting plan which lists five years of needed capital improvements, their order of priority, and the means of financing. Projects included in a CIP are intended to meet the City's goals.

Grants

Grants are an essential tool for local governments to fund projects that contribute to the community. A government grant is a financial award given by the federal, state or local government to an eligible grantee. Government grants are not expected to be repaid but are usually allocated for specific needs and may go



through a competitive application process. The City can pursue grant application opportunities to help the City of Lanesboro implement its vision.

Amending the Plan

To keep the Comprehensive Plan current, it will be necessary to make amendments from time to time. However, as the foundational document guiding development, most amendments should occur through a comprehensive effort to address changes to the community overtime. The Action Plan, described below, is a tool that can and should be amended more frequently.

C. Action Plan Worksheets

Implementing the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan requires an action plan, and the coordination and investments of many stakeholders. The Action Plan tables present a concise summary of the goals along with specific action steps, organized by chapter. The table includes:

Goal: A restatement of the specific goal.

Action Step: Specific action items intended to help meet the goals.

Timeline: The timeline is divided into 4 categories: Short-Term, Mid-Term, Long-Term and Ongoing. The applied category indicates when the action item might begin and is advisory in nature.

The Action Plan Worksheets will be updated on a regular basis as part of other City processes, such as annual budgeting or project prioritization sessions. The Action Steps and Timeline sections of the worksheets are intended to be flexible and adaptable over short periods of time, so changes to these sections do not require a formal amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The goals, however, are high level, long-term goals. Changes to the specific goals will require an amendment to the overall plan.



| GOAL | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|--|--|----------|
| Land Use | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Preserve Lanesboro's significant natural resources and wildlife habitat through thoughtful, sustainable, and environmentally friendly design. | Review development standards to encourage creative methods for developing near sensitive natural features. | |
| | Create development standards to ensure new development is located, designed, and built to avoid environmental impacts and other hazards. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Promote infill development for new uses and to fill existing vacancies. | Support rezoning for higher densities in appropriate areas. | |
| | Support development efforts in areas with existing utilities. | |
| | Preserve existing agricultural uses. | |
| | Create development standards to encourage and support compact development. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Build upon Lanesboro's community character and historic, artistic appeal. | Adopt design guidelines for renovations and new development. | |
| | Create development and design standards to bring harmony between different land uses. | |
| | Encourage preservation of historically and architecturally significant structures and districts. | |
| | Use community events to enhance community character, pride, and branding. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Enhance the Downtown Commercial District. | Encourage locating and maintaining arts and creative economy businesses in the downtown area. | |

| AREA | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|--|---|----------|
| Economy and Employment | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Support and expand the City's existing economic base. | Work with existing businesses to remain or expand on their current sites or to relocate to more appropriate sites. | |
| | Utilize zoning, capital improvement plans, and transportation plans to support development. | |
| | Enact key steps in the Arts Campus Vision Plan that stimulate economic growth of the arts community. | |
| | Review zoning and subdivision ordinances, capital improvement plans, and transportation plans to support development. | |



| AREA | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|--|---|----------|
| Economy and Employment | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Provide adequate land and infrastructure to make locations within Lanesboro attractive to businesses and residential development. | Update zoning map to be consistent with comprehensive plan land use designations | |
| | Plan for and expand public utilities and streets to new and existing areas when needed and when financially feasible. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Study redevelopment of city-owned property along Root River near Downtown. | Evaluate opportunities for higher density development in the downtown area. | |

| GOAL | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|--|---|----------|
| Housing and Neighborhoods | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Provide housing choices for people of all income levels and stages of life. | Support the preservation and enhancement of existing low-moderate housing stock. | |
| | Support affordable housing programs and initiatives | |
| | Encourage development of entry-level homes, townhomes, and senior housing choices. | |
| | Establish a partnership with local developers, nonprofits, banks, and others to create and preserve a range of housing choices. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Grow the housing stock in areas with available, suitable land and compatible land uses. | Encourage new housing in areas with existing infrastructure and utilities. | |
| | Amend development standards to allow and encourage mixed use development in compact, pedestrian-friendly settings. | |
| | Review the land use plan to ensure new housing preserves natural resources and aligns with community needs. | |
| | Evaluate redevelopment opportunities for higher density housing near the downtown area. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Preserve and build upon Lanesboro's community character. | Support property owner efforts to enhance homes and neighborhoods. | |
| | Create and require design guidelines for new developments and major renovations. | |
| | Adopt standards to preserve historically and architecturally significant homes and districts. | |



| GOAL | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|--|---|----------|
| Parks and Trails | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Offer quality, amenity-rich parks, trails, open space and recreation opportunities in the City of Lanesboro. | Diversify recreational amenities currently offered in city parks. | |
| | Utilize ecologically sound practices to expand and enhance existing parks and trails. | |
| | Identify opportunities to incorporate public art, history, and education in key parks and trail intersections. | |
| | Enact parts of the Arts Campus Vision Plans that entwine the arts with public parks and connected by art walk corridors. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Provide accessible recreational opportunities to accommodate people with varying abilities and the various age groups represented in the community. | Provide a variety of activities and experiences that can be enjoyed by and with people of all ages and abilities. | |
| | Review and address access to parks and trails systems ensuring people of multiple generations, abilities, and backgrounds can enjoy public amenities. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Encourage the incorporation of outdoor recreational amenities into the design of new subdivisions and development sites. | Encourage new developments to utilize opportunities for nature/interpretive trails, water access points, or unique views. | |
| | Consider amending development standards to require open space and recreational amenity access within the development. | |

| GOAL | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|--|--|----------|
| Transportation | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> As new development or redevelopment occurs, provide an integrated, internally-connected, efficient street system. | Conduct a comprehensive review of subdivision and zoning standards | |
| | Identify and rezone properties for compatible and logically-placed land uses along existing roadways | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Ensure Lanesboro's system of local roadways is well coordinated with MnDOT, Fillmore County, and other local roadway systems. | Develop and maintain a capital improvement program | |
| | Coordinate with adjacent municipalities and with higher levels of government | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Encourage the development of a multi-modal transportation system. | Develop and adopt a bicycle and pedestrian master plan | |
| | Develop a safe routes to school master plan | |
| | Adopt street designs for safe multi-modal transportation. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Support the development of regional and local transit options. | Support efforts to provide additional transit options. | |



| GOAL | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|---|---|----------|
| Public Utilities | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Rehabilitate or replace aging infrastructure within the sanitary collection system, water distribution system, and water supply. | Rehabilitate or replace the sanitary collection system. | |
| | Rehabilitate or replace the water distribution system. | |
| | Replace existing storm water systems. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Effectively manage, maintain, and improve the existing stormwater management system to support the existing systems and any potential growth within the community. | Improve drainage systems within areas identified as prone to flooding. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Ensure adequate infrastructure to provide a high level of electrical service. | Monitor and inspect existing infrastructure. | |
| | Promote energy efficiency alongside the continued use and expansion of renewable resources. | |

| GOAL | ACTION STEPS | TIMELINE |
|--|--|----------|
| Natural Resources | | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Maintain and promote healthy, robust, and accessible natural environments and recreational opportunities. | Actively manage high quality natural areas. | |
| | Adopt best management practices for protecting surface and ground water quality. | |
| | Maintain a public tree inventory and practice tree care. | |
| | Adopt development standards to create buffers around environmentally sensitive areas. | |
| <u>Goal:</u> Protect the resources and ecological value of the Root River and other waterbodies within Lanesboro while also exploring opportunities for sustainable integration of the built environment with the natural environment. | Adopt development standards to minimize the amount of impervious surface and protect natural resources on or off-site. | |
| | Coordinate with local agencies and organizations to expand/develop water quality protection programs. | |
| | Explore sustainable integration of the built environment with the natural environment and revise City Code. | |

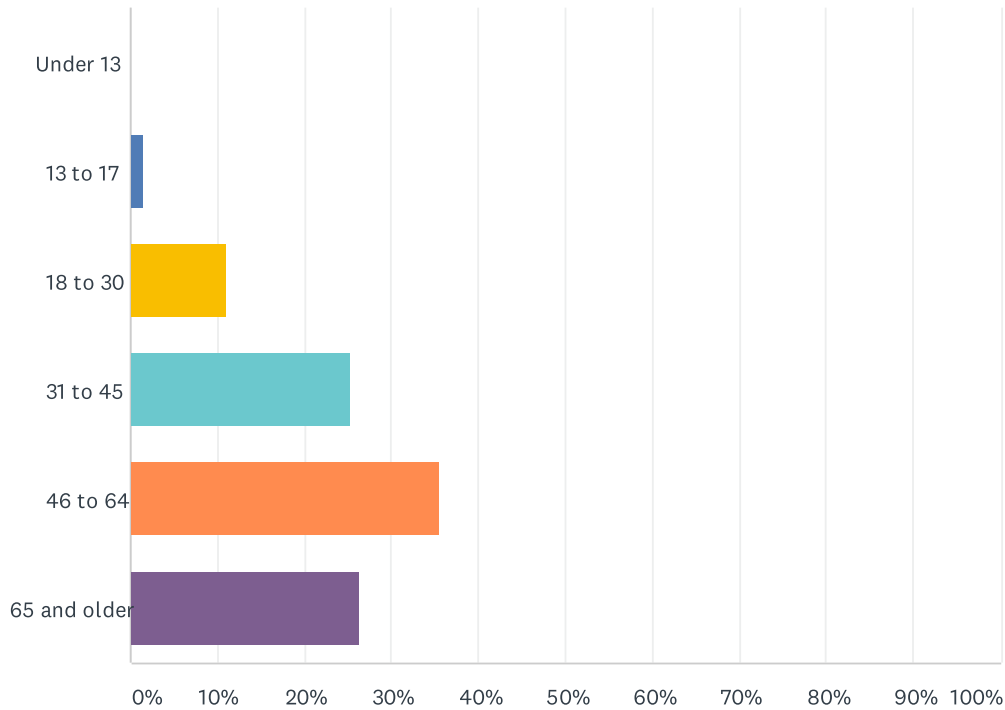


Appendix A - Community Survey Responses



Q1 What is your age?

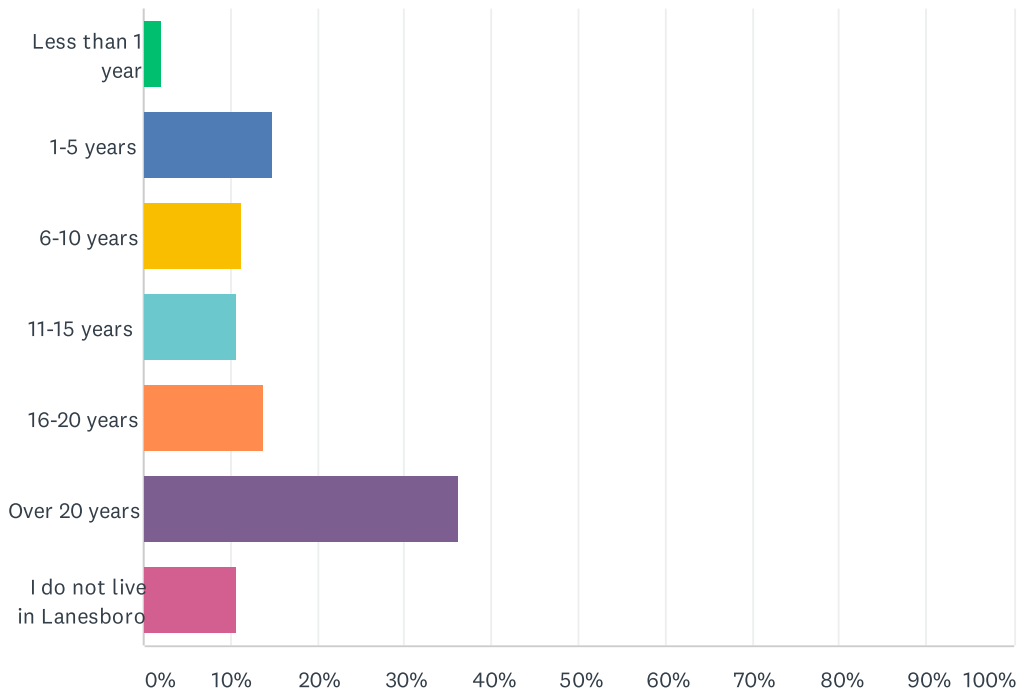
Answered: 197 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Under 13 | 0.00% | 0 |
| 13 to 17 | 1.52% | 3 |
| 18 to 30 | 11.17% | 22 |
| 31 to 45 | 25.38% | 50 |
| 46 to 64 | 35.53% | 70 |
| 65 and older | 26.40% | 52 |
| TOTAL | | 197 |

Q2 How long have you lived in the City Limits of Lanesboro or within the Lanesboro School District?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 1

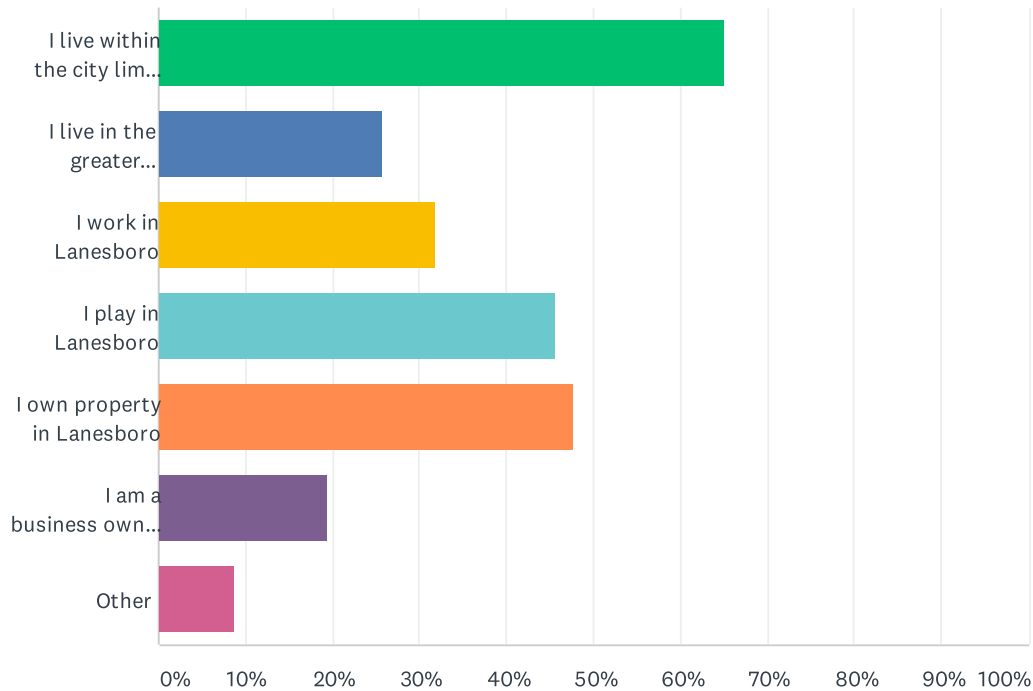


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Less than 1 year | 2.04% | 4 |
| 1-5 years | 14.80% | 29 |
| 6-10 years | 11.22% | 22 |
| 11-15 years | 10.71% | 21 |
| 16-20 years | 13.78% | 27 |
| Over 20 years | 36.22% | 71 |
| I do not live in Lanesboro | 10.71% | 21 |
| TOTAL | | 196 |

| # | *IF YOU DO NOT LIVE IN THE CITY LIMITS, HOW MANY DAYS PER MONTH DO YOU VISIT LANESBORO? | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | 25 | 8/1/2020 7:13 AM |
| 2 | 20 | 7/29/2020 3:25 PM |
| 3 | 6 | 7/29/2020 7:11 AM |
| 4 | 10 | 7/28/2020 5:12 PM |
| 5 | 10 | 7/28/2020 5:12 PM |
| 6 | 3 | 7/28/2020 12:32 PM |
| 7 | 26 | 7/28/2020 12:30 PM |
| 8 | 25-30 | 7/28/2020 12:21 PM |
| 9 | 1-2 | 7/28/2020 11:53 AM |
| 10 | 5 | 7/28/2020 10:26 AM |
| 11 | 10 | 7/28/2020 9:25 AM |
| 12 | 10 | 6/26/2020 9:32 AM |
| 13 | 20 | 6/24/2020 9:31 PM |
| 14 | 5 days/week | 6/24/2020 1:53 PM |
| 15 | 20 | 6/24/2020 1:46 PM |
| 16 | 20 | 6/23/2020 8:58 PM |
| 17 | 5 | 6/23/2020 8:38 PM |
| 18 | 5 | 6/23/2020 8:22 PM |
| 19 | 10 | 6/23/2020 12:54 PM |
| 20 | 30 | 6/23/2020 11:45 AM |
| 21 | Every day | 6/23/2020 11:14 AM |
| 22 | 2 | 6/23/2020 11:09 AM |
| 23 | Every weekend | 6/23/2020 10:33 AM |
| 24 | 15 to 20 from April - October | 6/23/2020 7:07 AM |
| 25 | test | 6/22/2020 5:24 PM |
| 26 | 15 | 6/22/2020 3:51 PM |

Q3 Please select all that apply to best describe you:

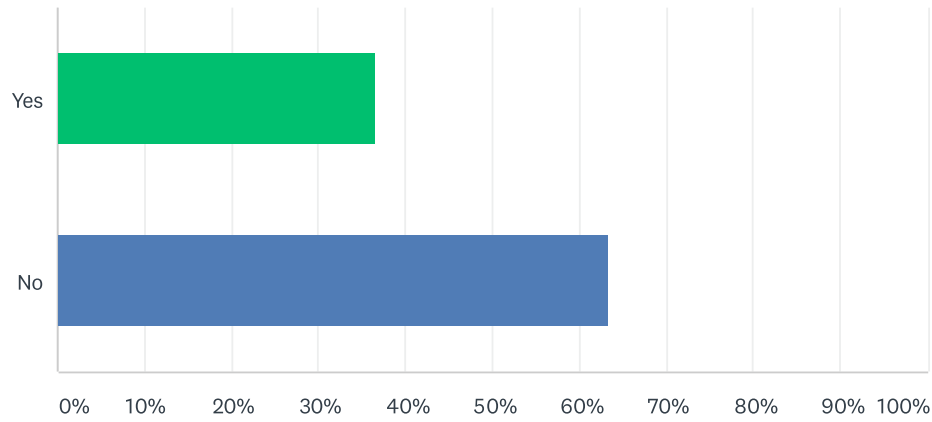
Answered: 195 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| I live within the city limits of Lanesboro | 65.13% | 127 |
| I live in the greater Lanesboro area | 25.64% | 50 |
| I work in Lanesboro | 31.79% | 62 |
| I play in Lanesboro | 45.64% | 89 |
| I own property in Lanesboro | 47.69% | 93 |
| I am a business owner in Lanesboro | 19.49% | 38 |
| Other | 8.72% | 17 |
| Total Respondents: 195 | | |

Q4 Do you have any children under 18 years old living in your household?

Answered: 197 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 36.55% | 72 |
| No | 63.45% | 125 |
| TOTAL | | 197 |

| # | *IF YES, HOW MANY? | DATE |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 7/31/2020 9:50 AM |
| 2 | 3 | 7/30/2020 12:21 PM |
| 3 | 4 | 7/30/2020 10:54 AM |
| 4 | 1 | 7/30/2020 7:55 AM |
| 5 | 1 | 7/29/2020 3:25 PM |
| 6 | 4 | 7/29/2020 7:11 AM |
| 7 | 2 | 7/29/2020 6:01 AM |
| 8 | 3 | 7/29/2020 3:57 AM |
| 9 | 2 | 7/28/2020 9:43 PM |
| 10 | 2 | 7/28/2020 8:12 PM |
| 11 | 1 | 7/28/2020 6:58 PM |
| 12 | 1 | 7/28/2020 4:52 PM |
| 13 | 1 | 7/28/2020 4:44 PM |
| 14 | 1 | 7/28/2020 4:43 PM |
| 15 | 2 | 7/28/2020 3:18 PM |
| 16 | 4 | 7/28/2020 3:05 PM |
| 17 | 2 | 7/28/2020 2:43 PM |
| 18 | 1 | 7/28/2020 1:37 PM |
| 19 | 3 | 7/28/2020 1:31 PM |
| 20 | 1 | 7/28/2020 1:13 PM |
| 21 | 2 | 7/28/2020 12:43 PM |
| 22 | 2 | 7/28/2020 12:38 PM |
| 23 | 1 | 7/28/2020 12:31 PM |
| 24 | 2 | 7/28/2020 12:30 PM |
| 25 | 3 | 7/28/2020 12:27 PM |
| 26 | 1 | 7/28/2020 12:19 PM |
| 27 | 2 | 7/28/2020 12:13 PM |
| 28 | 3 | 7/28/2020 11:43 AM |
| 29 | 4 | 7/28/2020 11:17 AM |
| 30 | 2 | 7/28/2020 10:59 AM |
| 31 | 2 | 7/28/2020 10:36 AM |
| 32 | 2 | 7/28/2020 10:34 AM |
| 33 | 4 | 7/28/2020 10:33 AM |
| 34 | 3 | 7/28/2020 9:58 AM |
| 35 | 1 | 7/28/2020 9:54 AM |
| 36 | 2 | 7/28/2020 9:38 AM |
| 37 | 4 | 7/28/2020 9:16 AM |

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| 38 | 2 | 7/9/2020 1:58 PM |
| 39 | 2 | 7/4/2020 7:54 PM |
| 40 | 2 | 7/4/2020 7:31 PM |
| 41 | 1 | 6/29/2020 2:39 PM |
| 42 | 4 | 6/27/2020 8:58 AM |
| 43 | 2 | 6/26/2020 8:38 PM |
| 44 | 3 | 6/24/2020 8:15 PM |
| 45 | 2 | 6/24/2020 6:28 PM |
| 46 | 3 | 6/24/2020 11:46 AM |
| 47 | 1 | 6/24/2020 7:30 AM |
| 48 | 3 | 6/24/2020 6:49 AM |
| 49 | 2 | 6/24/2020 3:32 AM |
| 50 | 2 | 6/23/2020 10:05 PM |
| 51 | 1 | 6/23/2020 9:24 PM |
| 52 | 2 | 6/23/2020 8:22 PM |
| 53 | One | 6/23/2020 4:04 PM |
| 54 | 2 | 6/23/2020 3:52 PM |
| 55 | 2 | 6/23/2020 12:58 PM |
| 56 | 4 | 6/23/2020 12:54 PM |
| 57 | 1 | 6/23/2020 12:36 PM |
| 58 | 1 | 6/23/2020 12:10 PM |
| 59 | 2 | 6/23/2020 11:45 AM |
| 60 | 1 | 6/23/2020 10:58 AM |
| 61 | 4 | 6/23/2020 10:19 AM |
| 62 | 3 | 6/23/2020 10:10 AM |
| 63 | 2 | 6/23/2020 10:09 AM |
| 64 | 2 | 6/23/2020 9:39 AM |
| 65 | 1 | 6/23/2020 9:39 AM |
| 66 | 3 | 6/22/2020 1:42 PM |
| 67 | 1 | 6/22/2020 1:04 PM |
| 68 | 2 | 6/22/2020 10:17 AM |

Q5 How would you describe the community character of Lanesboro?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 74

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Friendly, heavy emphasis on arts and outdoor life | 7/31/2020 9:51 AM |
| 2 | Not very welcoming to those from the outside | 7/30/2020 9:00 PM |
| 3 | MN nice all wrapped up in 1 town. I know tons of people throughout Fillmore County that say "there's something special about Lanesboro". | 7/30/2020 5:00 PM |
| 4 | Many strangers in the neighborhood. No longer know neighbors | 7/30/2020 1:33 PM |
| 5 | To Political Unfortunately to many outsiders come from somewhere they dont like and try to bring and implement that big city crap in a small town with morels. | 7/30/2020 12:25 PM |
| 6 | Divided | 7/29/2020 9:22 PM |
| 7 | connected, committed, non-diverse | 7/29/2020 7:55 PM |
| 8 | To artsy | 7/29/2020 4:52 PM |
| 9 | Small town with arts and nature | 7/29/2020 4:04 PM |
| 10 | It's a very good environment for how small Lanesboro is and has many things to offer. | 7/29/2020 1:55 PM |
| 11 | Friendly | 7/29/2020 9:45 AM |
| 12 | Charming, liberal, friendly, artsy, touristy in the summer/small town nice in the winter. | 7/29/2020 8:42 AM |
| 13 | A community that boasts an eclectic combination of tourism, arts, agricultural businesses. An accepting community of residents who have been here for generations as well as newcomers. | 7/29/2020 7:17 AM |
| 14 | FAMILY | 7/28/2020 9:49 PM |
| 15 | free-spirited, welcoming to all, artistic and eclectic | 7/28/2020 9:47 PM |
| 16 | divided, insular groups; uncomfortable with opposing views; small neighbor groups; financially strained | 7/28/2020 8:35 PM |
| 17 | Healthy, quaint | 7/28/2020 8:17 PM |
| 18 | It appears Lanesboro thinks they are superior to other small communities when in fact the other communities are advancing. | 7/28/2020 8:05 PM |
| 19 | Arrogance | 7/28/2020 7:53 PM |
| 20 | unfriendly | 7/28/2020 6:59 PM |
| 21 | Welcoming and open with patches of hidden land mines. | 7/28/2020 4:54 PM |
| 22 | Diverse points of view. | 7/28/2020 4:13 PM |
| 23 | Small town inclusive community with great outdoor activities and artistic flare! | 7/28/2020 3:24 PM |
| 24 | open, ,caring, inviting | 7/28/2020 3:11 PM |
| 25 | I think it is a beautiful town with a beautiful park and river. A beautiful place to live and raise my family! | 7/28/2020 2:45 PM |
| 26 | Quaint, artistic, natural, clean, great outdoors, family | 7/28/2020 2:18 PM |
| 27 | Small town community based in tourism | 7/28/2020 1:50 PM |
| 28 | Split between business owners and permanent residents. | 7/28/2020 1:50 PM |
| 29 | Bed and Breakfast | 7/28/2020 1:45 PM |
| 30 | Love my town! Everyone has great things to say about Lanesboro. I have experience from many people from other states saying they love our town and one of the best places to visit. | 7/28/2020 1:32 PM |
| 31 | One big family | 7/28/2020 1:31 PM |
| 32 | Friendly. | 7/28/2020 1:17 PM |
| 33 | Usually Wholesome. Right now pretty split down the middle with controversy due to strong | 7/28/2020 1:03 PM |

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|----|---|--------------------|
| | opinions. | |
| 34 | Small town living with great community members | 7/28/2020 12:50 PM |
| 35 | Friendly | 7/28/2020 12:41 PM |
| 36 | Friendly Atmosphere | 7/28/2020 12:33 PM |
| 37 | Connected | 7/28/2020 12:32 PM |
| 38 | Creative, helpful, supportive in times of need, yet a bit cautious in making changes | 7/28/2020 12:27 PM |
| 39 | Great tourist community. Lots of arts and charm. | 7/28/2020 12:25 PM |
| 40 | Relaxing and friendly | 7/28/2020 12:15 PM |
| 41 | Small Town charm with a supportive community. | 7/28/2020 12:03 PM |
| 42 | Farming, artsy , small | 7/28/2020 12:01 PM |
| 43 | Fun, inviting, wholesome | 7/28/2020 11:53 AM |
| 44 | Tight knit, caring, compassionate, fun! | 7/28/2020 11:52 AM |
| 45 | ok | 7/28/2020 11:12 AM |
| 46 | Closed | 7/28/2020 11:08 AM |
| 47 | Seems to be and feels very split, to weekenders/ 2nd home/ theater, and then the locals, the people who have lived here for years and have built their lives/homes/raising children | 7/28/2020 11:04 AM |
| 48 | Charming | 7/28/2020 10:47 AM |
| 49 | Welcoming, caring, giving | 7/28/2020 10:37 AM |
| 50 | A great, loving community. | 7/28/2020 10:37 AM |
| 51 | Friendly. Creative. Accepting. But not forward thinking enough. City government is slow to react and does a lot of "band aids" after mistakes that were not thought out. | 7/28/2020 10:23 AM |
| 52 | Safe, beautiful place to live! Concerned helpful people who have great values and do a great job supporting the school. | 7/28/2020 10:21 AM |
| 53 | Friendly, inviting, but somewhat divided on certain issues | 7/28/2020 10:12 AM |
| 54 | A good safe inviting small town to live in. | 7/28/2020 10:07 AM |
| 55 | Friendly | 7/28/2020 10:06 AM |
| 56 | Safe, small, not overly friendly | 7/28/2020 9:56 AM |
| 57 | Vibrant. | 7/28/2020 9:50 AM |
| 58 | Liberal | 7/28/2020 9:41 AM |
| 59 | Keeping its faith, providing care for its children & elderly while moving forward, keeping up with the changes in the world, a place to call home | 7/28/2020 9:22 AM |
| 60 | Friendly | 7/28/2020 9:18 AM |
| 61 | I don't feel the community works together | 7/28/2020 9:08 AM |
| 62 | Artistic, creative, active, health conscious, caretakers of the environment. | 7/26/2020 11:58 AM |
| 63 | Welcoming. Great schools. Outdoor Friendly. Agriculture based | 7/9/2020 2:00 PM |
| 64 | kind | 7/9/2020 10:20 AM |
| 65 | entrepreneurial, forward thinking, divided | 7/5/2020 2:48 PM |
| 66 | Friendly | 7/4/2020 7:55 PM |
| 67 | Caring, innovative | 6/30/2020 11:07 PM |
| 68 | A lot of historical charm and a lot of effort catering to the tourism Industry. | 6/29/2020 2:41 PM |

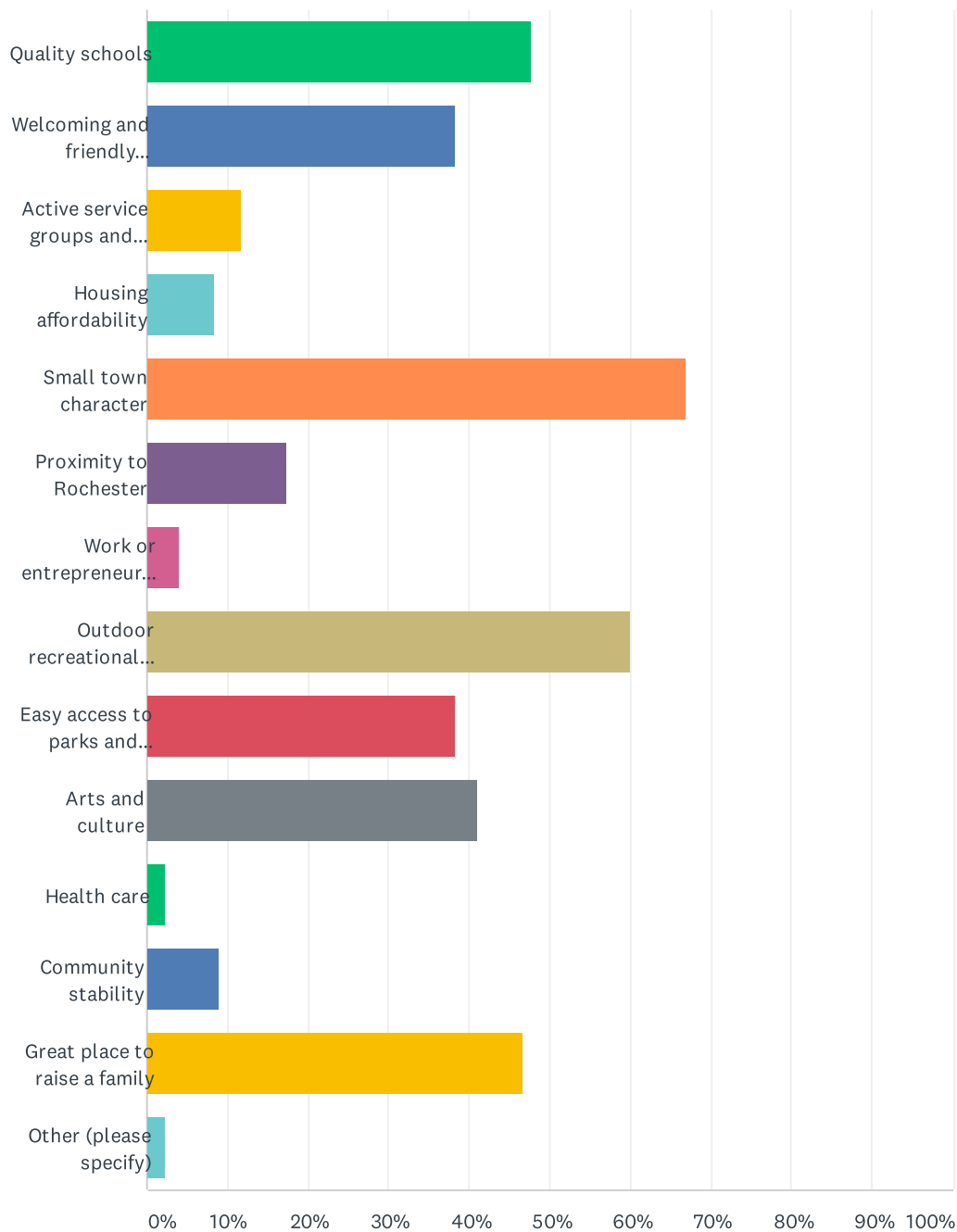
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| 69 | Welcoming. | 6/29/2020 10:29 AM |
| 70 | A very welcoming place to live and I feel our community has a strong bond if someone is in need we all come together to help them or their family. Lanesboro is a great place. | 6/26/2020 8:41 PM |
| 71 | Friendly | 6/26/2020 8:01 PM |
| 72 | Closed | 6/26/2020 3:51 PM |
| 73 | On the Senior side, some with a bent toward arts and creativity, some with a "Keep our town as it is" view, and some somewhat apathetic because it is their second home. | 6/26/2020 10:27 AM |
| 74 | Community-oriented mix of progressives and conservatives | 6/26/2020 9:37 AM |
| 75 | The B&B owners are very tight knit, not always friendly or welcoming to new business owners. Some better than others. Same for store and restaurant owners - not always very friendly or welcoming. The local community that have grown up around Lanesboro are usually very friendly but the transplant community or community from the arts do not have a character of being friendly or welcoming. | 6/24/2020 9:52 PM |
| 76 | Pretty | 6/24/2020 6:29 PM |
| 77 | Relaxing | 6/24/2020 4:46 PM |
| 78 | Agricultural roots, agricultural and tourist economy, entrepreneurial drive, artistic spirit | 6/24/2020 1:53 PM |
| 79 | for the most part kind to others. Much burro pride. Local vs. outsider mentality. Service minded. | 6/24/2020 11:29 AM |
| 80 | Famers, arts scene, outdoor recreation... This question is not entirely clear to me. | 6/24/2020 9:52 AM |
| 81 | outdoor activities bring folks that want to enjoy but also have good restaurants, shops and small town feel. | 6/24/2020 7:33 AM |
| 82 | It's wonderful! | 6/24/2020 6:50 AM |
| 83 | charming, small town feel, touristy | 6/24/2020 3:40 AM |
| 84 | artsy tourist town | 6/23/2020 9:28 PM |
| 85 | Close-knit, diverse for a small town, lively, innovative | 6/23/2020 8:40 PM |
| 86 | Artistic, small town, tight community | 6/23/2020 8:27 PM |
| 87 | Welcoming, active, creative, caring | 6/23/2020 7:19 PM |
| 88 | Good. One can get involved if one volunteers. | 6/23/2020 6:38 PM |
| 89 | Stick together through tough times | 6/23/2020 4:32 PM |
| 90 | Friendly nurturing supportive | 6/23/2020 3:48 PM |
| 91 | There for you. | 6/23/2020 3:40 PM |
| 92 | caring, supportive, creative | 6/23/2020 3:32 PM |
| 93 | An historic city that revived itself in the late 20th century but is need of a new generation of entrepreneurs. | 6/23/2020 2:12 PM |
| 94 | The peaceful character of the town is appealing to tourists but as a business owner the frustration of politics and lack of promoting the town and businesses is a negative factor. | 6/23/2020 1:31 PM |
| 95 | Mixed. Folks who have been here for a few generations to recent arrivals. Seems like there isn't a whole lot of interaction between the two sometimes. | 6/23/2020 1:02 PM |
| 96 | Friendly caring neighbors, quiet area | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 97 | Kind | 6/23/2020 12:55 PM |
| 98 | arts, outdoors, friendly | 6/23/2020 12:44 PM |
| 99 | Over the years Lanesboro has turned into a very Liberal community, who we don't care for. Also for us seniors there is nothing here for us, other towns around have a lot of thing for seniors, check Chatfield, Harmony and other towns. All Lanesboro cares about is the tourists. | 6/23/2020 12:30 PM |

We have no shopping for food, hardware, drugs stores, ect we have to go out of town for all our needs. For Lanesboro seniors this is a very poor town to retire in. Also the utilities, taxes and all this keeps going up and we are trying to live on our Soc Sec which doesn't keep pace with your spending, we have lived here going on 30 years and seen the downfall of this community, I don't think nothing is going to change in your outlook for the next 10 to 20 years. Seniors Lives Matter Too!!!!

| | | |
|-----|---|--------------------|
| 100 | Inclusive, family friendly, safe | 6/23/2020 12:12 PM |
| 101 | A positive community of people with diverse backgrounds and from diverse locales. The character is entrepreneurial, generous, and hard-working. | 6/23/2020 11:51 AM |
| 102 | Small town with great recreation with the trail, park, fishing, canoeing, hunting, etc. | 6/23/2020 11:45 AM |
| 103 | Great volunteerism, willing to help each other all the while surrounded by beautiful setting. | 6/23/2020 11:36 AM |
| 104 | Diverse (sort of); too white; friendly; helpful to all; outsiders are accepted | 6/23/2020 11:17 AM |
| 105 | friendly | 6/23/2020 11:11 AM |
| 106 | Family | 6/23/2020 10:58 AM |
| 107 | Cater to the tourist | 6/23/2020 10:35 AM |
| 108 | in trouble | 6/23/2020 10:33 AM |
| 109 | welcoming with a tremendous volunteer spirit, inquisitive, creative, energetic | 6/23/2020 10:32 AM |
| 110 | Welcoming, entrepreneurial spirit, arts supportive, open minded. | 6/23/2020 10:22 AM |
| 111 | Friendly in a Minnesota nice way, | 6/23/2020 10:22 AM |
| 112 | Fun, active, outdoors, river town | 6/23/2020 10:13 AM |
| 113 | The best place to raise a family | 6/23/2020 9:41 AM |
| 114 | lovely | 6/23/2020 9:40 AM |
| 115 | Outstanding | 6/23/2020 8:56 AM |
| 116 | inclusive yet politically diverse | 6/23/2020 7:09 AM |
| 117 | Behind future progress of other local communities | 6/22/2020 7:17 PM |
| 118 | test | 6/22/2020 5:24 PM |
| 119 | active | 6/22/2020 2:53 PM |
| 120 | Vibrant. | 6/22/2020 2:03 PM |
| 121 | Eclectic | 6/22/2020 1:44 PM |
| 122 | test | 6/22/2020 10:18 AM |
| 123 | The business people don't care about the people who live in town. The business owners only care about money and have a disregard for the locals in town | 6/22/2020 10:01 AM |

Q6 What 3 attributes would you mention if recommending Lanesboro as a place to live?

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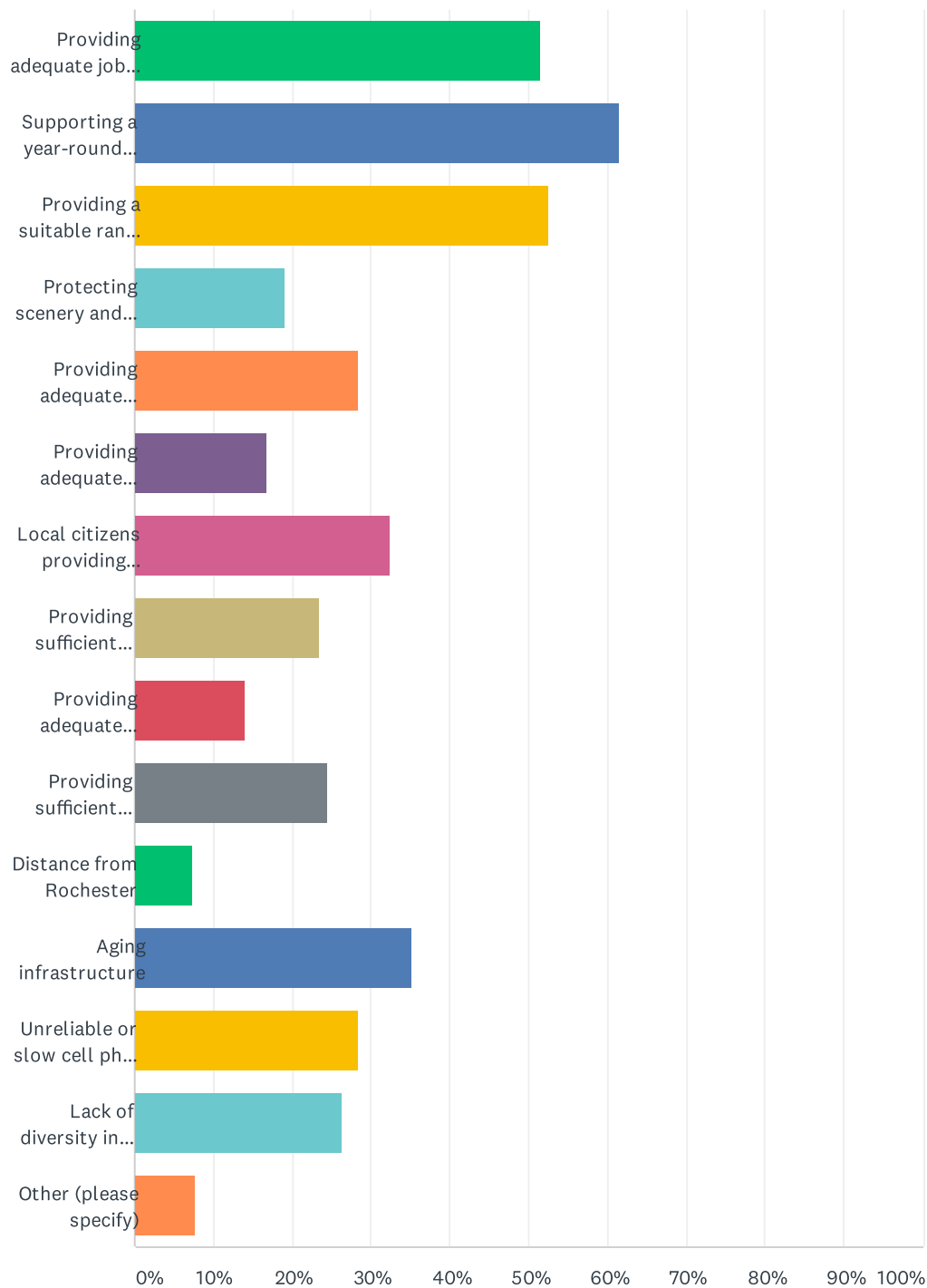


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Quality schools | 47.75% | 85 |
| Welcoming and friendly residents | 38.20% | 68 |
| Active service groups and organizations | 11.80% | 21 |
| Housing affordability | 8.43% | 15 |
| Small town character | 66.85% | 119 |
| Proximity to Rochester | 17.42% | 31 |
| Work or entrepreneurial opportunities | 3.93% | 7 |
| Outdoor recreational opportunities | 60.11% | 107 |
| Easy access to parks and trails | 38.20% | 68 |
| Arts and culture | 41.01% | 73 |
| Health care | 2.25% | 4 |
| Community stability | 8.99% | 16 |
| Great place to raise a family | 46.63% | 83 |
| Other (please specify) | 2.25% | 4 |
| Total Respondents: 178 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1 | safe | 7/29/2020 7:55 PM |
| 2 | Liberal/tolerant views of the community. | 7/29/2020 8:42 AM |
| 3 | Mike | 7/28/2020 12:01 PM |
| 4 | walkability | 7/5/2020 2:48 PM |

Q7 What are the most significant challenges facing Lanesboro in the future?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 18

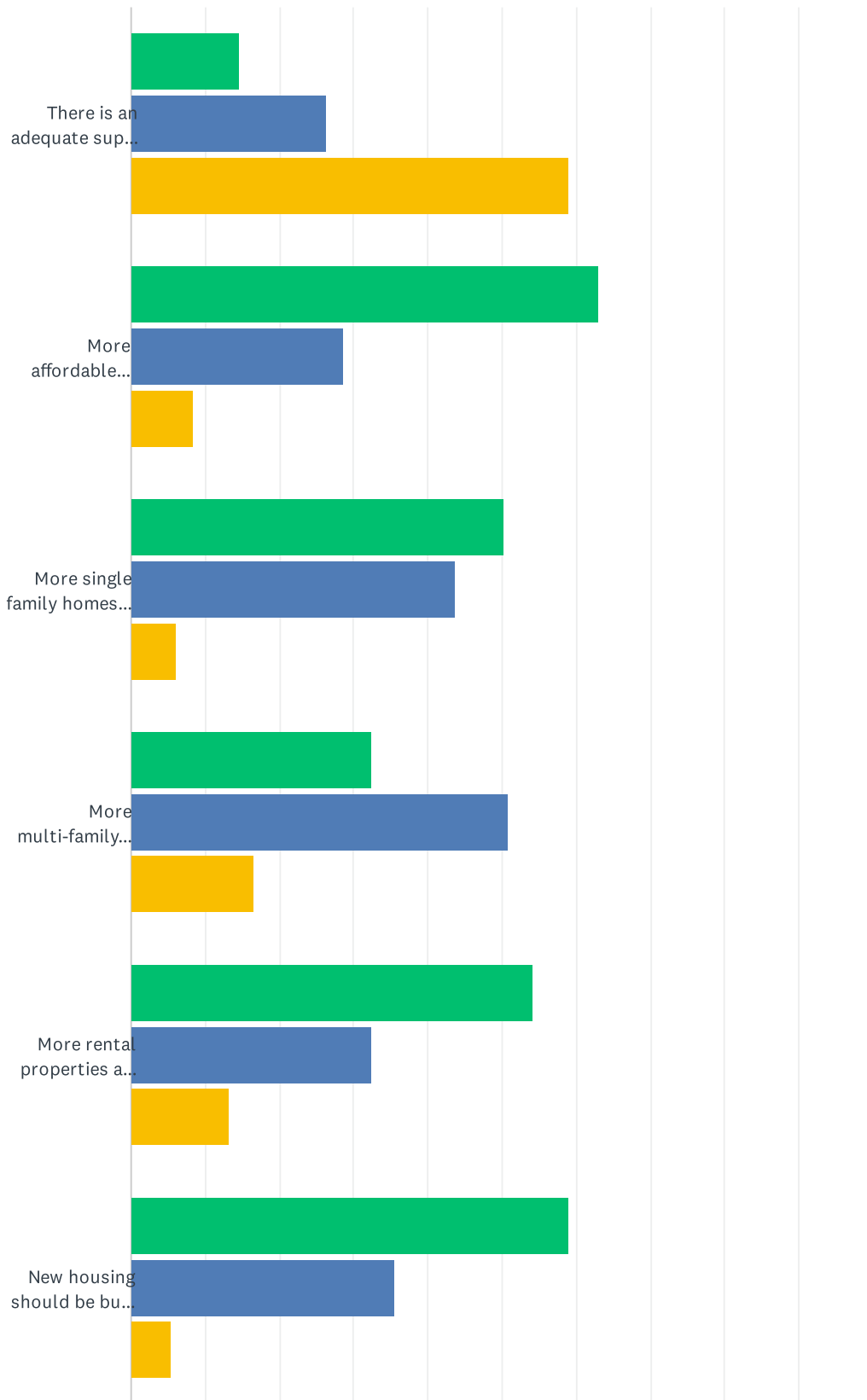


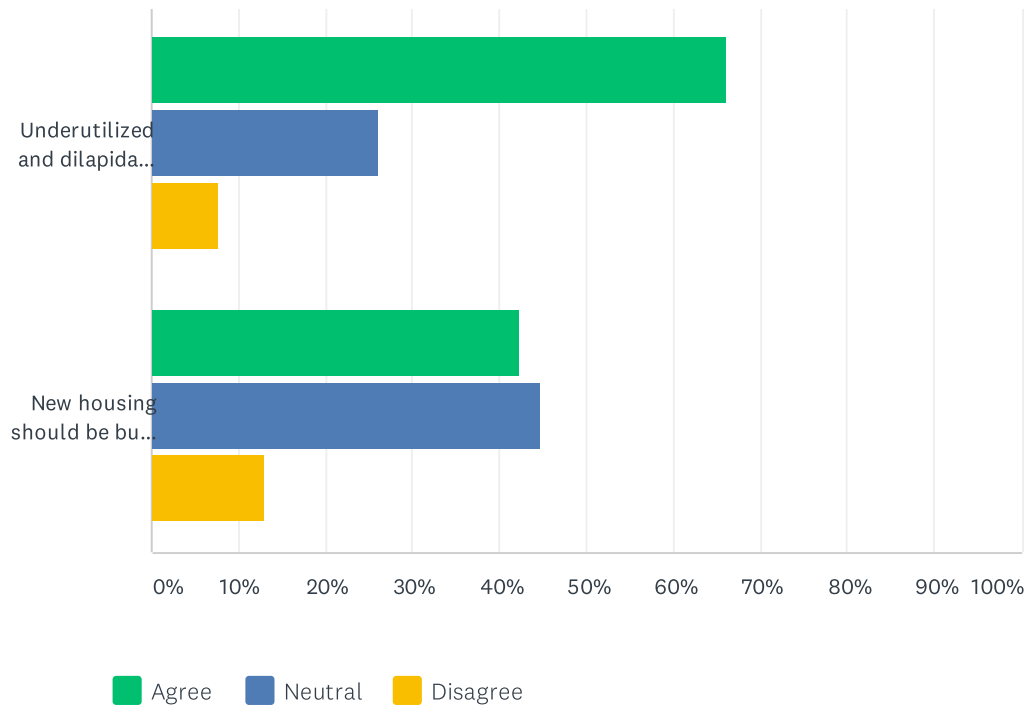
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Providing adequate job opportunities | 51.40% | 92 |
| Supporting a year-round economy | 61.45% | 110 |
| Providing a suitable range of housing options | 52.51% | 94 |
| Protecting scenery and natural resources | 18.99% | 34 |
| Providing adequate utilities and services | 28.49% | 51 |
| Providing adequate amenities (parks, education, medical, etc.) | 16.76% | 30 |
| Local citizens providing support for local businesses and entrepreneurs | 32.40% | 58 |
| Providing sufficient senior services or opportunities | 23.46% | 42 |
| Providing adequate alternative transportation options | 13.97% | 25 |
| Providing sufficient youth services or opportunities | 24.58% | 44 |
| Distance from Rochester | 7.26% | 13 |
| Aging infrastructure | 35.20% | 63 |
| Unreliable or slow cell phone service | 28.49% | 51 |
| Lack of diversity in community | 26.26% | 47 |
| Other (please specify) | 7.82% | 14 |
| Total Respondents: 179 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | The fight for survival of small town values | 7/30/2020 12:25 PM |
| 2 | Diversification of work opportunities...need more than just tourism to sustain employment year round. | 7/29/2020 8:42 AM |
| 3 | Consistent and reliable high quality internet service across the entire area | 7/28/2020 12:27 PM |
| 4 | People driving the housing market up by buying vacation homes and having no equity in the community as a whole | 7/28/2020 11:49 AM |
| 5 | City Hall not a very inviting environment, lack of knowledge. | 7/28/2020 9:28 AM |
| 6 | High price real estate due to people buying properties as weekend homes. | 6/27/2020 9:10 AM |
| 7 | Churches of solid doctrine | 6/26/2020 3:51 PM |
| 8 | Maintaining Lanesboro's unique attractiveness as friendly to the arts and "silent sports" | 6/26/2020 10:27 AM |
| 9 | Property taxes that are lower than big cities! | 6/24/2020 4:46 PM |
| 10 | Need for bold long-term infrastructure and development planning | 6/23/2020 9:28 PM |
| 11 | B&B concept may not be as successful as a tourism draw, especially with younger visitors. | 6/23/2020 2:12 PM |
| 12 | Town that is becoming increasingly unattractive. Lack of adherence to ordinances. | 6/23/2020 1:31 PM |
| 13 | Slow functioning city government | 6/23/2020 11:51 AM |
| 14 | Businesses that profit from tourism that are unwilling to pay fair share of the cost of providing the infrastructure to support the tourism . As a result residents bear the cost of the infrastructure ie Sewer/water | 6/23/2020 10:22 AM |

Q8 Please indicate to what extent you agree with each of the following statements:

Answered: 172 Skipped: 25





| | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE | TOTAL |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| There is an adequate supply of quality housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, and stages of life | 14.62% 25 | 26.32% 45 | 59.06% 101 | 171 |
| More affordable housing options are needed | 62.87% 105 | 28.74% 48 | 8.38% 14 | 167 |
| More single family homes are needed | 50.30% 84 | 43.71% 73 | 5.99% 10 | 167 |
| More multi-family homes are needed | 32.52% 53 | 50.92% 83 | 16.56% 27 | 163 |
| More rental properties are needed | 54.22% 90 | 32.53% 54 | 13.25% 22 | 166 |
| New housing should be built generally in and around the Lanesboro area | 59.04% 98 | 35.54% 59 | 5.42% 9 | 166 |
| Underutilized and dilapidated houses should be updated to attract new residents | 66.07% 111 | 26.19% 44 | 7.74% 13 | 168 |
| New housing should be built specifically within existing neighborhoods and empty lots | 42.33% 69 | 44.79% 73 | 12.88% 21 | 163 |

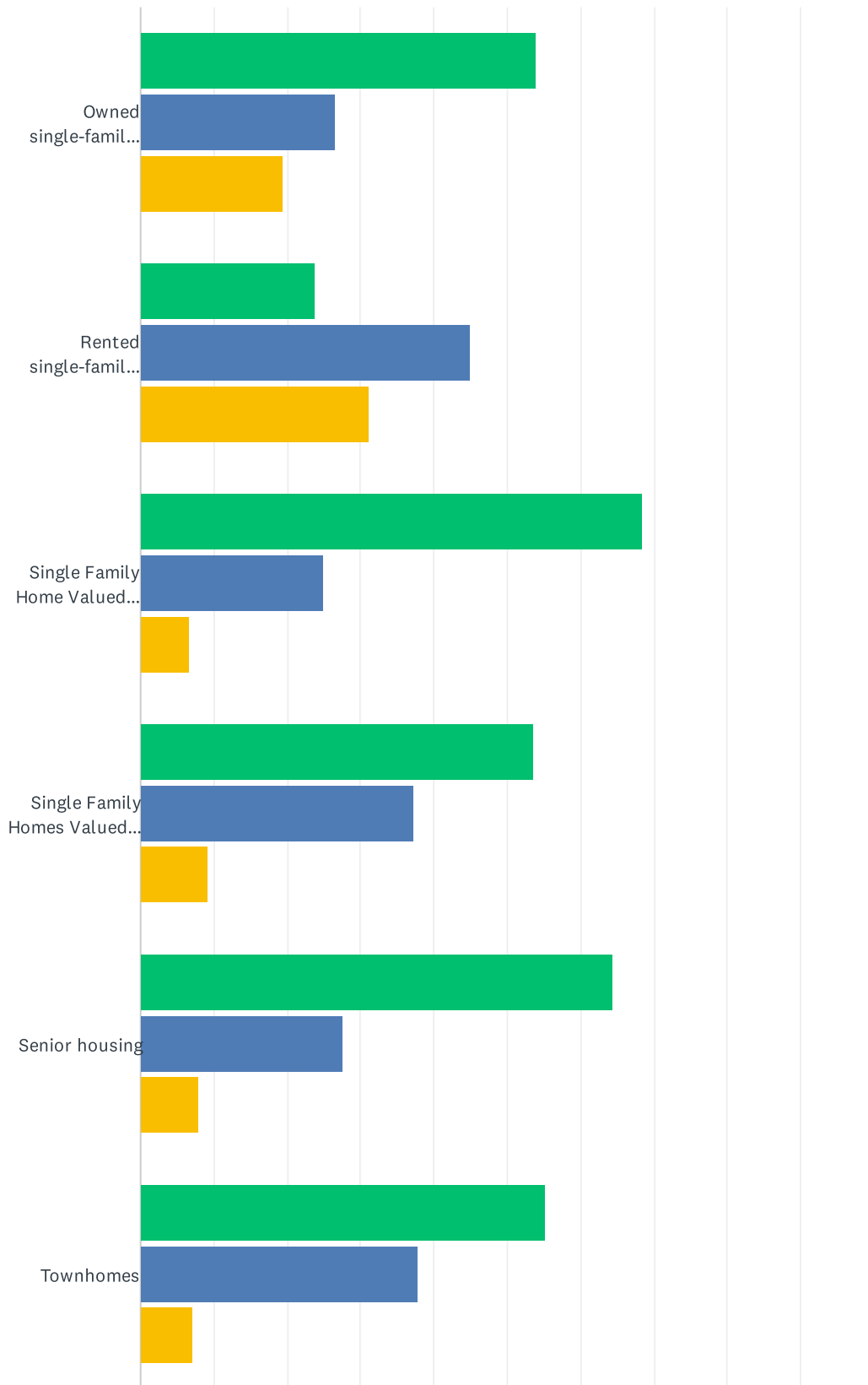
| # | *WHAT MONTHLY RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENT WOULD YOU IDENTIFY AS AFFORDABLE? | DATE |
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| 1 | 500 | 8/1/2020 7:16 AM |
| 2 | Rent \$450, Mortgage \$800-\$1000 | 7/30/2020 5:04 PM |
| 3 | 500 | 7/30/2020 12:27 PM |
| 4 | 500-750 | 7/30/2020 10:59 AM |
| 5 | \$600 | 7/29/2020 8:26 PM |
| 6 | \$400 | 7/29/2020 7:59 PM |
| 7 | 600-800 dollars | 7/29/2020 4:54 PM |
| 8 | Single income under 500, double income up to 1000 | 7/29/2020 4:06 PM |
| 9 | 500 a month | 7/29/2020 1:56 PM |
| 10 | 800 | 7/29/2020 9:46 AM |
| 11 | \$400-750 per month | 7/29/2020 8:48 AM |
| 12 | Rent 600 or less. Mortgage 1000 | 7/29/2020 7:20 AM |
| 13 | 800 | 7/28/2020 10:03 PM |
| 14 | 1500 | 7/28/2020 9:49 PM |
| 15 | 750 per month | 7/28/2020 8:37 PM |
| 16 | \$450 | 7/28/2020 8:23 PM |
| 17 | This would obviously depend on your income or the value of the property. | 7/28/2020 8:05 PM |
| 18 | Depends on your income. | 7/28/2020 8:00 PM |
| 19 | 500 | 7/28/2020 7:01 PM |
| 20 | 1000.00 | 7/28/2020 5:16 PM |
| 21 | \$1,800 | 7/28/2020 4:55 PM |
| 22 | \$600-900 | 7/28/2020 4:16 PM |
| 23 | \$800 | 7/28/2020 3:25 PM |
| 24 | 1500 | 7/28/2020 3:09 PM |
| 25 | \$500 | 7/28/2020 2:20 PM |
| 26 | 350-800 | 7/28/2020 1:51 PM |
| 27 | \$1000 | 7/28/2020 1:33 PM |
| 28 | \$850 | 7/28/2020 1:33 PM |
| 29 | \$700 | 7/28/2020 1:19 PM |
| 30 | \$550/600 (single) 800/900 (family) | 7/28/2020 1:05 PM |
| 31 | 500 | 7/28/2020 12:57 PM |
| 32 | Depends on income | 7/28/2020 12:43 PM |
| 33 | \$800 | 7/28/2020 12:41 PM |
| 34 | Around \$350-600 a month | 7/28/2020 12:35 PM |
| 35 | Depends on number of bedrooms | 7/28/2020 12:32 PM |
| 36 | \$500 | 7/28/2020 12:27 PM |
| 37 | \$500 | 7/28/2020 12:21 PM |

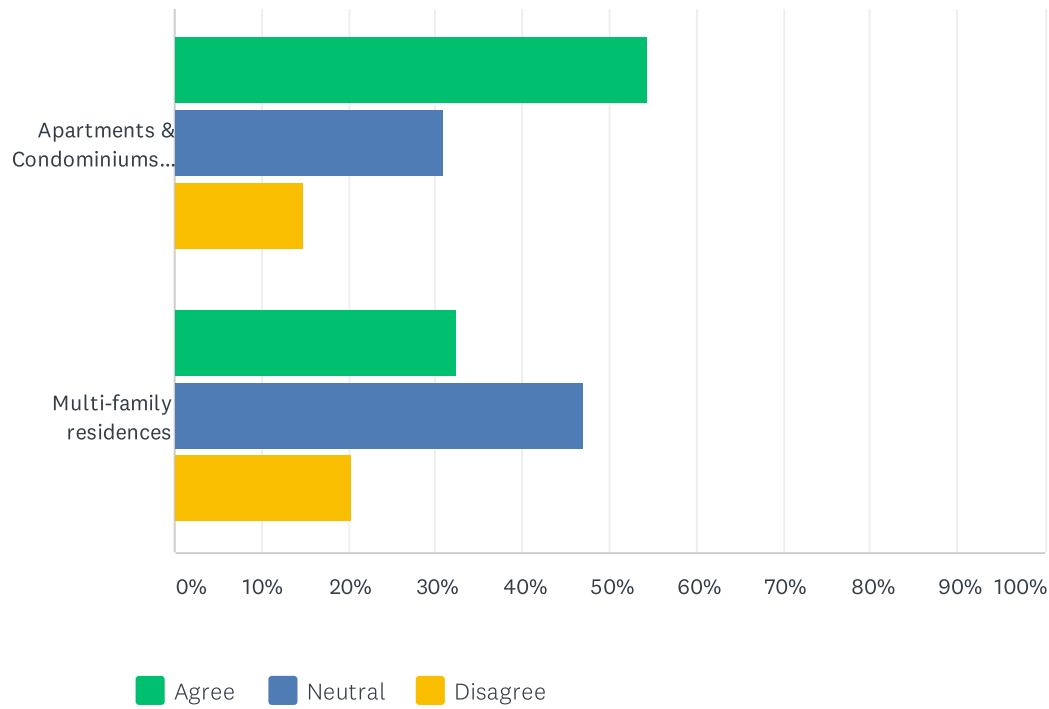
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| 38 | With escrow, I'd say mortgage of \$900 | 7/28/2020 12:18 PM |
| 39 | 500 | 7/28/2020 12:04 PM |
| 40 | 450 | 7/28/2020 11:55 AM |
| 41 | Less than \$600 | 7/28/2020 11:53 AM |
| 42 | 500 | 7/28/2020 11:51 AM |
| 43 | 900 | 7/28/2020 11:47 AM |
| 44 | 500 | 7/28/2020 11:10 AM |
| 45 | \$500-\$640 | 7/28/2020 11:07 AM |
| 46 | 650 rent for family. Mortgage 1000 to 1200 | 7/28/2020 10:49 AM |
| 47 | 800 | 7/28/2020 10:43 AM |
| 48 | \$800-1200 | 7/28/2020 10:26 AM |
| 49 | 500/600 per month | 7/28/2020 10:14 AM |
| 50 | \$1500 | 7/28/2020 10:10 AM |
| 51 | 700 | 7/28/2020 9:57 AM |
| 52 | 1000 | 7/28/2020 9:43 AM |
| 53 | 300 | 7/28/2020 9:22 AM |
| 54 | 500-700 | 7/28/2020 9:21 AM |
| 55 | \$400 | 7/28/2020 9:21 AM |
| 56 | \$1000 | 7/26/2020 12:06 PM |
| 57 | 1,000 | 7/9/2020 2:01 PM |
| 58 | 600.00 | 7/9/2020 10:21 AM |
| 59 | depends on taxes and utility costs, cost per square foot | 7/5/2020 2:51 PM |
| 60 | 1000 | 7/4/2020 7:57 PM |
| 61 | 20% of income | 6/30/2020 11:13 PM |
| 62 | 700-800 | 6/29/2020 2:43 PM |
| 63 | \$500-\$1200 | 6/27/2020 9:12 AM |
| 64 | 1500 | 6/26/2020 3:53 PM |
| 65 | Unknown -- haven't paid rent for decades | 6/26/2020 10:39 AM |
| 66 | \$900 | 6/26/2020 9:40 AM |
| 67 | \$1000 | 6/24/2020 9:52 PM |
| 68 | 1000 | 6/24/2020 8:20 PM |
| 69 | 325 | 6/24/2020 2:07 PM |
| 70 | \$1000 | 6/24/2020 11:49 AM |
| 71 | 450 for apartment; 750 for house | 6/24/2020 11:32 AM |
| 72 | \$400-600 monthly | 6/24/2020 9:53 AM |
| 73 | 600 | 6/24/2020 7:34 AM |
| 74 | \$800/month | 6/24/2020 6:52 AM |
| 75 | 800 | 6/24/2020 3:53 AM |

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| 76 | \$500.00 | 6/23/2020 9:14 PM |
| 77 | 800.00 | 6/23/2020 9:09 PM |
| 78 | \$1500 | 6/23/2020 9:00 PM |
| 79 | \$800 a month for rent | 6/23/2020 8:43 PM |
| 80 | \$700 | 6/23/2020 8:25 PM |
| 81 | 500 | 6/23/2020 4:33 PM |
| 82 | 600.00 | 6/23/2020 3:52 PM |
| 83 | Mortgage: \$1000-\$1400 | 6/23/2020 3:52 PM |
| 84 | \$700 | 6/23/2020 3:45 PM |
| 85 | 750 | 6/23/2020 2:06 PM |
| 86 | 500 to 1000 per month | 6/23/2020 1:33 PM |
| 87 | \$750 | 6/23/2020 1:04 PM |
| 88 | 800 | 6/23/2020 1:04 PM |
| 89 | \$700 | 6/23/2020 12:58 PM |
| 90 | 700 | 6/23/2020 12:47 PM |
| 91 | 900 | 6/23/2020 12:13 PM |
| 92 | 800.00 | 6/23/2020 11:52 AM |
| 93 | This is difficult to answer. Depends on size of property, income, debt, market, etc. | 6/23/2020 11:40 AM |
| 94 | \$1,000 | 6/23/2020 11:19 AM |
| 95 | 700to900 dollars monthly | 6/23/2020 11:13 AM |
| 96 | \$1,000 | 6/23/2020 11:03 AM |
| 97 | \$800 | 6/23/2020 10:58 AM |
| 98 | 500.00 | 6/23/2020 10:34 AM |
| 99 | 600-850 | 6/23/2020 10:26 AM |
| 100 | 800 | 6/23/2020 10:22 AM |
| 101 | 500 | 6/23/2020 9:42 AM |
| 102 | \$750 | 6/23/2020 9:42 AM |
| 103 | 700,00 | 6/23/2020 8:57 AM |
| 104 | 250 - 800 depending on the property | 6/23/2020 7:10 AM |
| 105 | test | 6/22/2020 5:24 PM |
| 106 | 0 | 6/22/2020 2:55 PM |
| 107 | 400.-800. | 6/22/2020 2:06 PM |
| 108 | \$500 | 6/22/2020 1:45 PM |

Q9 In your opinion, should the City of Lanesboro encourage the following types of development?

Answered: 170 Skipped: 27





| | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE | TOTAL |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Owned single-family residential on 1-2 acres | 53.94% 89 | 26.67% 44 | 19.39% 32 | 165 |
| Rented single-family residential on 1-2 acres | 23.75% 38 | 45.00% 72 | 31.25% 50 | 160 |
| Single Family Home Valued Less than \$140,000 | 68.48% 113 | 24.85% 41 | 6.67% 11 | 165 |
| Single Family Homes Valued More than \$140,000 | 53.66% 88 | 37.20% 61 | 9.15% 15 | 164 |
| Senior housing | 64.42% 105 | 27.61% 45 | 7.98% 13 | 163 |
| Townhomes | 55.13% 86 | 37.82% 59 | 7.05% 11 | 156 |
| Apartments & Condominiums (Rented or Owned) | 54.32% 88 | 30.86% 50 | 14.81% 24 | 162 |
| Multi-family residences | 32.48% 51 | 47.13% 74 | 20.38% 32 | 157 |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Preserve the riverfront from private building. Preserve the views by restricting the height of structures. | 7/29/2020 8:48 AM |
| 2 | You can't build a house for under 140. A lot of these questions are not feasible. | 7/28/2020 8:05 PM |
| 3 | Assisted living in town | 6/26/2020 8:42 PM |
| 4 | Whatever encourages young adults to be able to live here. We aren't experts in this area. | 6/26/2020 10:39 AM |
| 5 | Housing won't matter if the property taxes make buying a house in a bigger city a better option. | 6/24/2020 4:49 PM |
| 6 | assisted living and senior independent living might free up other housing options for people | 6/24/2020 11:32 AM |
| 7 | If Lanesboro wants younger residents to remain living here, then affordable housing to keep them is necessary. | 6/24/2020 6:52 AM |
| 8 | Adopt a new housing/renovation program like the EDA in Harmony and Preston | 6/23/2020 11:52 AM |
| 9 | Fewer tourists buying and underutilizing existing properties. But how to fix that? | 6/23/2020 10:26 AM |

Q10 What are Lanesboro's three greatest assets?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 73

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| 1. | 100.00% | 124 |
| 2. | 98.39% | 122 |
| 3. | 95.16% | 118 |

| # | 1. | DATE |
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| 1 | Trail | 8/1/2020 7:20 AM |
| 2 | River-fishing, canoeing, tubing | 7/31/2020 9:54 AM |
| 3 | Arts | 7/30/2020 9:06 PM |
| 4 | Community pride | 7/30/2020 5:11 PM |
| 5 | Scenery | 7/30/2020 1:36 PM |
| 6 | River | 7/29/2020 9:25 PM |
| 7 | strong community | 7/29/2020 8:04 PM |
| 8 | Natural beauty | 7/29/2020 4:14 PM |
| 9 | Dam | 7/29/2020 1:58 PM |
| 10 | Root river | 7/29/2020 9:48 AM |
| 11 | Natural beauty of the area | 7/29/2020 9:09 AM |
| 12 | school | 7/28/2020 10:10 PM |
| 13 | nature | 7/28/2020 9:55 PM |
| 14 | scenic beauty | 7/28/2020 8:41 PM |
| 15 | Natural beauty | 7/28/2020 8:29 PM |
| 16 | Small town living | 7/28/2020 8:08 PM |
| 17 | Quality of small town life | 7/28/2020 8:08 PM |
| 18 | School & Daycare | 7/28/2020 6:31 PM |
| 19 | Beauty | 7/28/2020 5:39 PM |
| 20 | Small community | 7/28/2020 5:25 PM |
| 21 | River/dam | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 22 | scenic beauty | 7/28/2020 3:23 PM |
| 23 | trails | 7/28/2020 3:11 PM |
| 24 | School | 7/28/2020 2:49 PM |
| 25 | Natural surrounding | 7/28/2020 2:22 PM |
| 26 | Arts | 7/28/2020 1:55 PM |
| 27 | natural beauty | 7/28/2020 1:55 PM |
| 28 | Community support | 7/28/2020 1:36 PM |
| 29 | Small Community | 7/28/2020 1:14 PM |
| 30 | Tourism | 7/28/2020 1:06 PM |
| 31 | Charm | 7/28/2020 12:46 PM |
| 32 | Arts and culture | 7/28/2020 12:45 PM |
| 33 | Small community | 7/28/2020 12:33 PM |
| 34 | Nature | 7/28/2020 12:31 PM |
| 35 | Trail | 7/28/2020 12:20 PM |
| 36 | Safe and clean | 7/28/2020 12:08 PM |
| 37 | Arts | 7/28/2020 12:07 PM |

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| 38 | Vibrant arts culture | 7/28/2020 12:00 PM |
| 39 | Public school | 7/28/2020 11:58 AM |
| 40 | School | 7/28/2020 11:57 AM |
| 41 | Arts and Culture | 7/28/2020 11:56 AM |
| 42 | trail | 7/28/2020 11:53 AM |
| 43 | Small town atmosphere | 7/28/2020 11:49 AM |
| 44 | tourists | 7/28/2020 11:16 AM |
| 45 | Small | 7/28/2020 11:13 AM |
| 46 | trail | 7/28/2020 11:10 AM |
| 47 | Beautiful setting | 7/28/2020 10:58 AM |
| 48 | Tourism | 7/28/2020 10:47 AM |
| 49 | River | 7/28/2020 10:40 AM |
| 50 | Natural beauty And historic downtown | 7/28/2020 10:30 AM |
| 51 | Child care services | 7/28/2020 10:27 AM |
| 52 | Location to larger cities and medical sites | 7/28/2020 10:21 AM |
| 53 | Location | 7/28/2020 10:18 AM |
| 54 | arts | 7/28/2020 10:14 AM |
| 55 | School | 7/28/2020 10:00 AM |
| 56 | Nature and close to river | 7/28/2020 9:46 AM |
| 57 | People | 7/28/2020 9:40 AM |
| 58 | Natural beauty | 7/28/2020 9:34 AM |
| 59 | School | 7/28/2020 9:30 AM |
| 60 | beautiful | 7/28/2020 9:26 AM |
| 61 | recreation | 7/28/2020 9:14 AM |
| 62 | School | 7/28/2020 9:12 AM |
| 63 | Proximity to river and bike trails | 7/26/2020 12:50 PM |
| 64 | Location | 7/9/2020 2:04 PM |
| 65 | Woods, Root River | 7/9/2020 10:23 AM |
| 66 | natural beauty | 7/5/2020 2:58 PM |
| 67 | People | 7/4/2020 8:02 PM |
| 68 | recreation | 7/1/2020 3:14 PM |
| 69 | Lanesboro Dam | 6/30/2020 11:20 PM |
| 70 | Small size | 6/29/2020 2:48 PM |
| 71 | Trail | 6/27/2020 9:21 AM |
| 72 | Natural beauty | 6/26/2020 9:20 PM |
| 73 | School | 6/26/2020 8:48 PM |
| 74 | Trail | 6/26/2020 8:06 PM |
| 75 | bike trails | 6/26/2020 3:55 PM |

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| 76 | Quiet, scenic beauty in a small-town atmosphere | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 77 | The town's beauty | 6/26/2020 9:48 AM |
| 78 | River | 6/24/2020 9:52 PM |
| 79 | Natural beauty | 6/24/2020 8:34 PM |
| 80 | Natural beauty | 6/24/2020 4:52 PM |
| 81 | Outdoor activities | 6/24/2020 2:13 PM |
| 82 | Bike trail | 6/24/2020 11:53 AM |
| 83 | Natural Resources | 6/24/2020 11:37 AM |
| 84 | Arts Community | 6/24/2020 9:55 AM |
| 85 | root river and bike trail | 6/24/2020 7:38 AM |
| 86 | Vibrant downtown | 6/24/2020 6:55 AM |
| 87 | Access to recreational activities | 6/24/2020 4:10 AM |
| 88 | Natural beauty | 6/23/2020 11:33 PM |
| 89 | River | 6/23/2020 9:38 PM |
| 90 | Natural beauty/ river | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 91 | tourism | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 92 | Tourism | 6/23/2020 9:04 PM |
| 93 | Arts culture | 6/23/2020 8:49 PM |
| 94 | Natural beauty. Bluffs | 6/23/2020 8:40 PM |
| 95 | trails/river | 6/23/2020 8:29 PM |
| 96 | The natural surroundings supported by the trail, | 6/23/2020 7:27 PM |
| 97 | Senerey | 6/23/2020 6:44 PM |
| 98 | river | 6/23/2020 4:35 PM |
| 99 | Historic downtown buildings. | 6/23/2020 4:01 PM |
| 100 | Entertainment | 6/23/2020 3:49 PM |
| 101 | Scenic Beauty | 6/23/2020 3:35 PM |
| 102 | Root River and tributary trout streams | 6/23/2020 2:22 PM |
| 103 | The trails | 6/23/2020 2:14 PM |
| 104 | Residents | 6/23/2020 1:13 PM |
| 105 | Natural beauty | 6/23/2020 1:06 PM |
| 106 | People | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 107 | Arts | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 108 | Nature - the picturesque setting with river, dam, limestone bluffs, church on the hill, etc. | 6/23/2020 12:34 PM |
| 109 | the river and nature | 6/23/2020 12:27 PM |
| 110 | School & daycare | 6/23/2020 12:15 PM |
| 111 | Natural Resources | 6/23/2020 11:51 AM |
| 112 | recreation | 6/23/2020 11:17 AM |
| 113 | It's people | 6/23/2020 10:55 AM |

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| 114 | natural resources | 6/23/2020 10:35 AM |
| 115 | Scenic beauty | 6/23/2020 10:32 AM |
| 116 | outdoor recreation | 6/23/2020 9:56 AM |
| 117 | river | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 118 | It's people | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 119 | people | 6/23/2020 7:13 AM |
| 120 | Already answered in earlier questions | 6/22/2020 7:25 PM |
| 121 | test | 6/22/2020 5:25 PM |
| 122 | vibrant | 6/22/2020 2:13 PM |
| 123 | School | 6/22/2020 1:50 PM |
| 124 | People | 6/22/2020 10:24 AM |

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| 1 | Scenery | 8/1/2020 7:20 AM |
| 2 | Arts-theater, gallery | 7/31/2020 9:54 AM |
| 3 | Bike Trail | 7/30/2020 9:06 PM |
| 4 | School | 7/30/2020 5:11 PM |
| 5 | Theater | 7/30/2020 1:36 PM |
| 6 | Bike trail | 7/29/2020 9:25 PM |
| 7 | beauty | 7/29/2020 8:04 PM |
| 8 | Safety | 7/29/2020 4:14 PM |
| 9 | River | 7/29/2020 1:58 PM |
| 10 | Bike trail | 7/29/2020 9:48 AM |
| 11 | The people/residents of the community | 7/29/2020 9:09 AM |
| 12 | Close friends | 7/28/2020 10:10 PM |
| 13 | bike trail/river | 7/28/2020 9:55 PM |
| 14 | recreational opportunitites | 7/28/2020 8:41 PM |
| 15 | Arts community | 7/28/2020 8:29 PM |
| 16 | Recreation | 7/28/2020 8:08 PM |
| 17 | Friendly peoples | 7/28/2020 6:31 PM |
| 18 | Arts and Culture | 7/28/2020 5:39 PM |
| 19 | No corporate development | 7/28/2020 5:25 PM |
| 20 | Trail | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 21 | outdoor activities | 7/28/2020 3:23 PM |
| 22 | culture | 7/28/2020 3:11 PM |
| 23 | Park | 7/28/2020 2:49 PM |
| 24 | People who live here | 7/28/2020 2:22 PM |
| 25 | Small town getaway | 7/28/2020 1:55 PM |
| 26 | school system | 7/28/2020 1:55 PM |
| 27 | Tourists | 7/28/2020 1:36 PM |
| 28 | Closeness | 7/28/2020 1:14 PM |
| 29 | School | 7/28/2020 1:06 PM |
| 30 | Bed and breakfast | 7/28/2020 12:46 PM |
| 31 | Cycle and walking trails | 7/28/2020 12:45 PM |
| 32 | beautiful landscape | 7/28/2020 12:33 PM |
| 33 | Tourism | 7/28/2020 12:31 PM |
| 34 | River | 7/28/2020 12:20 PM |
| 35 | Historic character | 7/28/2020 12:08 PM |
| 36 | Mom and pop style mainstreet | 7/28/2020 12:07 PM |
| 37 | Small town charm | 7/28/2020 12:00 PM |

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| 38 | Family owned businesses | 7/28/2020 11:58 AM |
| 39 | Tourism | 7/28/2020 11:57 AM |
| 40 | The People | 7/28/2020 11:56 AM |
| 41 | People | 7/28/2020 11:53 AM |
| 42 | Great school system | 7/28/2020 11:49 AM |
| 43 | trail | 7/28/2020 11:16 AM |
| 44 | Scenic | 7/28/2020 11:13 AM |
| 45 | Root River | 7/28/2020 11:10 AM |
| 46 | The dam | 7/28/2020 10:58 AM |
| 47 | Natural beauty | 7/28/2020 10:47 AM |
| 48 | Arts | 7/28/2020 10:40 AM |
| 49 | Independent school district | 7/28/2020 10:30 AM |
| 50 | Great school system | 7/28/2020 10:27 AM |
| 51 | Good location for raising a family, education here and nearby | 7/28/2020 10:21 AM |
| 52 | Safety | 7/28/2020 10:18 AM |
| 53 | outdoors | 7/28/2020 10:14 AM |
| 54 | River | 7/28/2020 10:00 AM |
| 55 | Small town community | 7/28/2020 9:46 AM |
| 56 | School | 7/28/2020 9:40 AM |
| 57 | Historic Buildings | 7/28/2020 9:34 AM |
| 58 | Trail | 7/28/2020 9:30 AM |
| 59 | small town | 7/28/2020 9:26 AM |
| 60 | Root River | 7/28/2020 9:14 AM |
| 61 | Nature | 7/28/2020 9:12 AM |
| 62 | Cute small town charm | 7/26/2020 12:50 PM |
| 63 | Local residents | 7/9/2020 2:04 PM |
| 64 | Volunteer Spirit | 7/9/2020 10:23 AM |
| 65 | proximity to Rochester | 7/5/2020 2:58 PM |
| 66 | School | 7/4/2020 8:02 PM |
| 67 | arts | 7/1/2020 3:14 PM |
| 68 | Root River Bike Trail | 6/30/2020 11:20 PM |
| 69 | Natural beauty | 6/29/2020 2:48 PM |
| 70 | River | 6/27/2020 9:21 AM |
| 71 | River | 6/26/2020 9:20 PM |
| 72 | Community | 6/26/2020 8:48 PM |
| 73 | River | 6/26/2020 8:06 PM |
| 74 | main street character | 6/26/2020 3:55 PM |
| 75 | Creative residents with high standards of quality | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |

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| 76 | Recreational opportunities | 6/26/2020 9:48 AM |
| 77 | Trail | 6/24/2020 9:52 PM |
| 78 | Charming small town | 6/24/2020 8:34 PM |
| 79 | Small town feel | 6/24/2020 4:52 PM |
| 80 | Arts | 6/24/2020 2:13 PM |
| 81 | Charm | 6/24/2020 11:53 AM |
| 82 | Arts | 6/24/2020 11:37 AM |
| 83 | Geography/outdoor recreation | 6/24/2020 9:55 AM |
| 84 | restaurants | 6/24/2020 7:38 AM |
| 85 | Awesome park | 6/24/2020 6:55 AM |
| 86 | Scenic | 6/24/2020 4:10 AM |
| 87 | Arts | 6/23/2020 11:33 PM |
| 88 | Bike Trail | 6/23/2020 9:38 PM |
| 89 | Bike trail | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 90 | school system | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 91 | B&B's | 6/23/2020 9:04 PM |
| 92 | Environment/landscape | 6/23/2020 8:49 PM |
| 93 | Tourist Industry | 6/23/2020 8:40 PM |
| 94 | ambulance service | 6/23/2020 8:29 PM |
| 95 | Arts, especially the Commonweal | 6/23/2020 7:27 PM |
| 96 | Smallness | 6/23/2020 6:44 PM |
| 97 | trail | 6/23/2020 4:35 PM |
| 98 | Beauty of the surrounding landscape, river and bike trail. | 6/23/2020 4:01 PM |
| 99 | Trails | 6/23/2020 3:49 PM |
| 100 | Arts and culture | 6/23/2020 3:35 PM |
| 101 | bike trail | 6/23/2020 2:22 PM |
| 102 | Community spirit & the school! | 6/23/2020 2:14 PM |
| 103 | School | 6/23/2020 1:13 PM |
| 104 | Diverse range of fun stuff to do | 6/23/2020 1:06 PM |
| 105 | Scenery | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 106 | Strong education available | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 107 | Independent school that is thriving | 6/23/2020 12:34 PM |
| 108 | location close to Rochester | 6/23/2020 12:27 PM |
| 109 | Scenery | 6/23/2020 12:15 PM |
| 110 | Christian community for the most part | 6/23/2020 11:51 AM |
| 111 | restaurents | 6/23/2020 11:17 AM |
| 112 | It's amenities (trails, restaurants, park, etc) | 6/23/2020 10:55 AM |
| 113 | arts and culture | 6/23/2020 10:35 AM |

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| 114 | Quality school | 6/23/2020 10:32 AM |
| 115 | theatre | 6/23/2020 9:56 AM |
| 116 | natural beauty | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 117 | It's school | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 118 | recreational opportunities | 6/23/2020 7:13 AM |
| 119 | test | 6/22/2020 5:25 PM |
| 120 | beautiful, quaint, charming, picturesque | 6/22/2020 2:13 PM |
| 121 | Eclectic Community | 6/22/2020 1:50 PM |
| 122 | Art | 6/22/2020 10:24 AM |

| # | 3. | DATE |
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| 1 | River | 8/1/2020 7:20 AM |
| 2 | Trail - bikers | 7/31/2020 9:54 AM |
| 3 | Historic | 7/30/2020 9:06 PM |
| 4 | Natural beauty | 7/30/2020 5:11 PM |
| 5 | Trails | 7/30/2020 1:36 PM |
| 6 | Bluffs | 7/29/2020 9:25 PM |
| 7 | park | 7/29/2020 8:04 PM |
| 8 | Volunteers | 7/29/2020 4:14 PM |
| 9 | Bike trail | 7/29/2020 1:58 PM |
| 10 | Small town character | 7/29/2020 9:48 AM |
| 11 | How well the community works together to make it successful | 7/29/2020 9:09 AM |
| 12 | park and trails | 7/28/2020 10:10 PM |
| 13 | quaint | 7/28/2020 9:55 PM |
| 14 | small businesses | 7/28/2020 8:41 PM |
| 15 | Independent school district with daycare | 7/28/2020 8:29 PM |
| 16 | Diversified opportunities | 7/28/2020 6:31 PM |
| 17 | Outdoor recreation | 7/28/2020 5:39 PM |
| 18 | Close proximity to corp development | 7/28/2020 5:25 PM |
| 19 | School | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 20 | arts | 7/28/2020 3:23 PM |
| 21 | tourism | 7/28/2020 3:11 PM |
| 22 | Community | 7/28/2020 2:49 PM |
| 23 | Tourists | 7/28/2020 2:22 PM |
| 24 | Trail | 7/28/2020 1:55 PM |
| 25 | Small town feel | 7/28/2020 1:36 PM |
| 26 | Reliable | 7/28/2020 1:14 PM |
| 27 | Beautiful scenery | 7/28/2020 1:06 PM |
| 28 | Location | 7/28/2020 12:46 PM |
| 29 | Variety of retail and restaurants | 7/28/2020 12:45 PM |
| 30 | Sylvan Park, recreation (root river), Theater | 7/28/2020 12:33 PM |
| 31 | Safe community | 7/28/2020 12:31 PM |
| 32 | Small town life | 7/28/2020 12:20 PM |
| 33 | Art community | 7/28/2020 12:08 PM |
| 34 | Natural beauty | 7/28/2020 12:07 PM |
| 35 | Scenic location | 7/28/2020 12:00 PM |
| 36 | Natural beauty/ outdoor recreational activities | 7/28/2020 11:58 AM |
| 37 | Small community | 7/28/2020 11:57 AM |

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| 38 | The Scenery | 7/28/2020 11:56 AM |
| 39 | school system | 7/28/2020 11:53 AM |
| 40 | Vibrant downtown area | 7/28/2020 11:49 AM |
| 41 | river | 7/28/2020 11:16 AM |
| 42 | Isolated | 7/28/2020 11:13 AM |
| 43 | local camp grounds | 7/28/2020 11:10 AM |
| 44 | Welcoming neighborhood | 7/28/2020 10:58 AM |
| 45 | Arts | 7/28/2020 10:47 AM |
| 46 | Residents | 7/28/2020 10:40 AM |
| 47 | Commonweal theatre | 7/28/2020 10:30 AM |
| 48 | Wonderful Ambulance and Fire Dept. | 7/28/2020 10:27 AM |
| 49 | Fairly safe area | 7/28/2020 10:21 AM |
| 50 | Scenery | 7/28/2020 10:18 AM |
| 51 | community | 7/28/2020 10:14 AM |
| 52 | City employees | 7/28/2020 10:00 AM |
| 53 | Arts | 7/28/2020 9:46 AM |
| 54 | Amenities (park, theater,,) | 7/28/2020 9:40 AM |
| 55 | Theater | 7/28/2020 9:30 AM |
| 56 | with in walking distance to where ever you need to go | 7/28/2020 9:26 AM |
| 57 | Scenic beauty | 7/28/2020 9:14 AM |
| 58 | Safety | 7/28/2020 9:12 AM |
| 59 | Artistic venues | 7/26/2020 12:50 PM |
| 60 | School | 7/9/2020 2:04 PM |
| 61 | Accessibility and affordability of Utilities | 7/9/2020 10:23 AM |
| 62 | reasonably good infrastructure | 7/5/2020 2:58 PM |
| 63 | Nature | 7/4/2020 8:02 PM |
| 64 | entrepreneurship | 7/1/2020 3:14 PM |
| 65 | Lanesboro Schools | 6/30/2020 11:20 PM |
| 66 | Independent school | 6/29/2020 2:48 PM |
| 67 | School | 6/27/2020 9:21 AM |
| 68 | Old time charm | 6/26/2020 9:20 PM |
| 69 | Tourism | 6/26/2020 8:48 PM |
| 70 | Arts | 6/26/2020 8:06 PM |
| 71 | fabulous restaurants | 6/26/2020 3:55 PM |
| 72 | The school | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 73 | Arts and culture | 6/26/2020 9:48 AM |
| 74 | School | 6/24/2020 9:52 PM |
| 75 | Easy living | 6/24/2020 8:34 PM |

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| 76 | Schools | 6/24/2020 4:52 PM |
| 77 | Entrpreneurs | 6/24/2020 2:13 PM |
| 78 | You | 6/24/2020 11:53 AM |
| 79 | Agriculture | 6/24/2020 11:37 AM |
| 80 | Community | 6/24/2020 9:55 AM |
| 81 | still small town | 6/24/2020 7:38 AM |
| 82 | The school | 6/24/2020 6:55 AM |
| 83 | Small town charm | 6/24/2020 4:10 AM |
| 84 | Sense of community | 6/23/2020 11:33 PM |
| 85 | Tourism | 6/23/2020 9:38 PM |
| 86 | The arts | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 87 | natural beauty | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 88 | Theatre | 6/23/2020 9:04 PM |
| 89 | School | 6/23/2020 8:49 PM |
| 90 | Quaint downtown and historic restored housing | 6/23/2020 8:40 PM |
| 91 | school | 6/23/2020 8:29 PM |
| 92 | Retail/restaurants/rentals | 6/23/2020 7:27 PM |
| 93 | Restaurants | 6/23/2020 4:35 PM |
| 94 | K-12 school and in process of making the school daycare bigger. | 6/23/2020 4:01 PM |
| 95 | Shops | 6/23/2020 3:49 PM |
| 96 | Unique blend of community members | 6/23/2020 3:35 PM |
| 97 | arts and culture | 6/23/2020 2:22 PM |
| 98 | the arts--Commonweal & LAC | 6/23/2020 2:14 PM |
| 99 | Park and trails | 6/23/2020 1:13 PM |
| 100 | Involved community members | 6/23/2020 1:06 PM |
| 101 | School | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 102 | Outdoor opportunities | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 103 | Arts - two theatres, juried art gallery, etc. | 6/23/2020 12:34 PM |
| 104 | good school | 6/23/2020 12:27 PM |
| 105 | People | 6/23/2020 12:15 PM |
| 106 | space between most homes | 6/23/2020 11:51 AM |
| 107 | parks | 6/23/2020 11:17 AM |
| 108 | It's art programming | 6/23/2020 10:55 AM |
| 109 | volunteer spirit | 6/23/2020 10:35 AM |
| 110 | Entrepreneurial Spirit | 6/23/2020 10:32 AM |
| 111 | art gallery | 6/23/2020 9:56 AM |
| 112 | Friendly | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 113 | It's city service | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |

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| 114 | supportive business environment | 6/23/2020 7:13 AM |
| 115 | test | 6/22/2020 5:25 PM |
| 116 | arts and culture AND outdoor recreational opportunities | 6/22/2020 2:13 PM |
| 117 | Businesses/Farms | 6/22/2020 1:50 PM |
| 118 | Location | 6/22/2020 10:24 AM |

Q11 What type(s) of specific businesses or services would you like to see added or improved in Lanesboro?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 90

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| 1 | Food trucks | 8/1/2020 7:20 AM |
| 2 | Grocery Store, Hardware Store such as Ace | 7/30/2020 9:06 PM |
| 3 | Grocery store like Preston Lower utilities. We have the highest rated in the county Transportation for the elderly | 7/30/2020 5:11 PM |
| 4 | Grocery store, restaurants, dentist | 7/30/2020 1:36 PM |
| 5 | medical clinic | 7/29/2020 8:04 PM |
| 6 | Brewery, wood fire pizza, winter recreation such as fat tire bike, cross country ski, sledding/tubing with tow rope, ice climbing, winter lights tour in the golf course, year-round market place (indoor/outdoor options for weather) for food and local goods, transit to Rochester | 7/29/2020 4:14 PM |
| 7 | Kwik trip, candy store, and brewery | 7/29/2020 1:58 PM |
| 8 | Bigger grocery store | 7/29/2020 9:48 AM |
| 9 | Prioritize businesses that are year round/not tourism related, such as: get Mayo to open a medical billing/coding division here (remember DMC?); get Fastenal (or any similar growing company) to open an accounting or sales office; any type of long-term health recovery center (Orthopedic? Oncology?)-there is plenty of supporting data that shows people recover faster and better when they are near nature, water, arts, music, etc., which is what Lanesboro is already all about...use that to market it to them...I have lots of ideas!!! | 7/29/2020 9:09 AM |
| 10 | youth weekend activities | 7/28/2020 10:10 PM |
| 11 | more food options, more indoor activities for winter/rainy days, | 7/28/2020 9:55 PM |
| 12 | independent general merchandise (not "dollar" store chain) | 7/28/2020 8:41 PM |
| 13 | Senior housing/long term care | 7/28/2020 8:29 PM |
| 14 | I can name a number of retail business,but the fact is there is no way they would be able to pay for a building,insurance,taxes,etc.and show a profit for 12 months | 7/28/2020 8:08 PM |
| 15 | Expanded grocery store | 7/28/2020 5:39 PM |
| 16 | I would like to see more single owner or LLCs. More blue collar, manufacturing, or nature preservation. | 7/28/2020 5:25 PM |
| 17 | Grocery Hardware/general Tourist related: mountain bike trail, event center, downhill ski | 7/28/2020 4:23 PM |
| 18 | Hardware store, auto store, and a larger grocery store. | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 19 | Things for teens to do. | 7/28/2020 3:11 PM |
| 20 | Grocery store Assisted living | 7/28/2020 2:49 PM |
| 21 | Assisted living, grocery store (affordable), transportation, | 7/28/2020 2:22 PM |
| 22 | More higher quality shops for art and small gifts/clothes for people who are visiting; a couple more mid-price dining options | 7/28/2020 1:55 PM |
| 23 | Healthcare, grocery store, Auto mechanic, dentist | 7/28/2020 1:50 PM |
| 24 | Something done with riverside on the root, more year round restaurants | 7/28/2020 1:36 PM |
| 25 | Bigger grocery store (meat selections?) — tourist like stuff for sale (stickers with Lanesboro, MN) | 7/28/2020 1:14 PM |
| 26 | Grocery store | 7/28/2020 1:06 PM |
| 27 | Convenient store | 7/28/2020 12:46 PM |
| 28 | Consumables, good coffee, places to gather and run into community members | 7/28/2020 12:45 PM |
| 29 | It's sad to me Lanesboro doesn't have a vet clinic particularly for large animals and that it couldn't support a larger grocery store. | 7/28/2020 12:43 PM |
| 30 | a convenience store such as Kwik Trip or a grocery store (with historic feel to them) | 7/28/2020 12:33 PM |

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| 31 | Downtown storefronts and landscaping need to be improved. Need a coffee shop. Pavillion with outdoor concerts. Snack shop. Things that bring more upscale guests | 7/28/2020 12:31 PM |
| 32 | Medical | 7/28/2020 12:25 PM |
| 33 | KWIK trip | 7/28/2020 12:20 PM |
| 34 | Hardware store | 7/28/2020 12:08 PM |
| 35 | Shopping | 7/28/2020 12:07 PM |
| 36 | Grocery store | 7/28/2020 12:00 PM |
| 37 | More year round businesses Air B&B Industrial businesses | 7/28/2020 11:57 AM |
| 38 | Medical clinic, more housing (Especially affordable for young people) | 7/28/2020 11:56 AM |
| 39 | Affordable grocery store. | 7/28/2020 11:53 AM |
| 40 | Year long businesses- | 7/28/2020 11:49 AM |
| 41 | housing | 7/28/2020 11:16 AM |
| 42 | Affordable dining | 7/28/2020 11:13 AM |
| 43 | Bus for residents to get to downtown or Preston, Rushford if the need is there. The town has tried hard to meet needs. | 7/28/2020 10:58 AM |
| 44 | Grocery store | 7/28/2020 10:47 AM |
| 45 | General store like old fashioned Ben Franklin variety store concept that carries a little of everything. | 7/28/2020 10:30 AM |
| 46 | Grocery store | 7/28/2020 10:27 AM |
| 47 | Grocery store, more local senior services, medical and residential, transportation or bus service to larger cities for shopping or appts. | 7/28/2020 10:21 AM |
| 48 | Hardware store, "affordable" grocery store, meat market, rental apartments, brewery, things for kids to do, swimming pool | 7/28/2020 10:18 AM |
| 49 | Ideally, Lanesboro would be more self-sustaining, so people did not so much have to travel out of town - i.e., hardware, pharmacy, larger grocery. This is likely unrealistic, though. | 7/28/2020 10:14 AM |
| 50 | Brewery or winery | 7/28/2020 9:46 AM |
| 51 | Grocery store, drugstore, | 7/28/2020 9:40 AM |
| 52 | Kwik Trip(larger convenient store) Hardware store Subway (more quick food/sandwich options) | 7/28/2020 9:30 AM |
| 53 | More restaurants, theater year round, unique shopping, more art shops. | 7/28/2020 9:14 AM |
| 54 | A small grocery store would be great Antique store | 7/28/2020 9:12 AM |
| 55 | I would love to see the center area of downtown set up like an après ski area with a center bike corral and plenty of outdoor seating so people can people-watch and enjoy a beverage and snack after their bike ride. Perhaps in winter there could be heaters and/or fire pits for cross country skiers and snowmobilers. Lanesboro should also have a QUALITY bike/cross country ski shop with bikes, skis, apparel, and repair services. One thing this part of the state desperately needs and has the perfect potential to fulfill is to develop mountain bike trails which would bring riders from all across the area - riders who don't just want to ride on flat pavement. These trails could potentially be built along sections of existing snowmobile trails, but with more switch-backs on steeper areas, and then extended deeper into the forest. Lanesboro also desperately need better/more food options including some quick-grab sandwiches, burgers, fries, salads. Music venues would also be great for weekends. | 7/26/2020 12:50 PM |
| 56 | Product manufacturing | 7/9/2020 2:04 PM |
| 57 | Drug Store Craft Shop | 7/9/2020 10:23 AM |
| 58 | grocery improved, telehealth clinic, remote learning center for postsecondary students | 7/5/2020 2:58 PM |

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| 59 | Mass transit/ trains Youth focused business | 7/4/2020 8:02 PM |
| 60 | Hardware Store, restaurant that stays open until 9 or 10 pm during the summer and Saturdays in the winter, splash park for kids | 6/30/2020 11:20 PM |
| 61 | Grocery store, food trucks (to make existing restaurants compete to lower prices), | 6/29/2020 2:48 PM |
| 62 | Kwik Trip | 6/27/2020 9:21 AM |
| 63 | Lanesboro needs more retail and unique shops but without city incentive to bring new businesses to town, such as Harmony & Preston have done this won't happen. Many of the businesses are owned by retirement ages people who will simply close their doors and will once again bring Lanesboro back to a ghost town. A huge improvement needs to be done in the blight and lack of beauty to this town. | 6/26/2020 9:20 PM |
| 64 | Bar and grill, grocery store, | 6/26/2020 8:48 PM |
| 65 | More essential businesses | 6/26/2020 8:06 PM |
| 66 | medical and dental and evangelical church | 6/26/2020 3:55 PM |
| 67 | This is tough to answer, because some of the more successful businesses are ones that I would never have imagined. A professional theater? A soap shop? An art gallery? A trout fishing shop? Entrepreneurs have to be able to sense an opportunity. Lanesboro needs to see that they are encouraged. The "no franchise" ordinance should be protected. | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 68 | Make it a year-round destination as a cross country skiing and snowmobiling destination where the trail is actually groomed and businesses are open to support it. | 6/26/2020 9:48 AM |
| 69 | Hardware store | 6/24/2020 9:52 PM |
| 70 | Would love to see some buildings/businesses/restaurants turned over to breathe new life into them while maintaining historic charm. Building a river walk development where the storage sheds are along the river downtown. Stand alone library. Splash pad. | 6/24/2020 8:34 PM |
| 71 | Retail via internet, especially in off-season Pharma and limited medical service Craft beer or cider making | 6/24/2020 2:13 PM |
| 72 | Coffee shop | 6/24/2020 11:53 AM |
| 73 | Year round companies in technology, medical support for Mayo, agricultural supply, small manufacturing | 6/24/2020 11:37 AM |
| 74 | Unsure | 6/24/2020 9:55 AM |
| 75 | more rental places when people come stay....like cabins for outdoor people | 6/24/2020 7:38 AM |
| 76 | Anything is welcome. | 6/24/2020 6:55 AM |
| 77 | Grocery store Coffee shop | 6/24/2020 4:10 AM |
| 78 | Brewery | 6/23/2020 11:33 PM |
| 79 | Experience-based (tours, elder-hostel courses like North House School, bread baking, jam making, quilt making, etc.), fly fishing guide services, microbrewery | 6/23/2020 9:38 PM |
| 80 | More art opportunities/ facilities. | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 81 | Grocery store, hardware store, fast food | 6/23/2020 9:04 PM |
| 82 | Affordable grocery store or a bigger convenience store similar to Kwik Trip | 6/23/2020 8:49 PM |
| 83 | A craft school that would attract adults/families to Lanesboro all year | 6/23/2020 7:27 PM |
| 84 | Good restaurants | 6/23/2020 6:44 PM |
| 85 | more rentable places | 6/23/2020 4:35 PM |
| 86 | Senior Care Center that will bring full time, year round jobs. A simple burger and beer restaurant, more of a bar and grill. | 6/23/2020 4:01 PM |
| 87 | Swimming pool | 6/23/2020 3:49 PM |

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| 88 | More arts! Especially live/work/show spaces to attract artists with families. Fine Dining | 6/23/2020 3:35 PM |
| 89 | Dental, medical, hardware | 6/23/2020 2:22 PM |
| 90 | If we can get the internet to be high service and reliable this would be a dreamy place for telecommuters. A high-quality coffee shop & juice bar--healthy food alternatives & food trucks in the summer with ethnic food options! A clothing store for outdoors clothes (think Patagonia/Duluth Trading co--offer gear for what we have--biking, swimming, hiking, higher-end goods for the home, and a small hardware store would be ideal. Also more ethnic food offerings (from a more diverse population.) | 6/23/2020 2:14 PM |
| 91 | Community swimming pool/year round | 6/23/2020 1:13 PM |
| 92 | Coffee shop | 6/23/2020 1:06 PM |
| 93 | continue to grow grocery | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 94 | they have talked about this for years and nothing ever happens. We are never going to have a real grocery store or Drug store or Hardware store and the list goes on, so why even talk about it!! | 6/23/2020 12:44 PM |
| 95 | Antique mini-mall (Small version of the one in Harmony) | 6/23/2020 12:34 PM |
| 96 | Local medical services and pharmacy, hardware building supplies | 6/23/2020 12:27 PM |
| 97 | Grocery store | 6/23/2020 11:51 AM |
| 98 | drug store and or grocery store | 6/23/2020 11:17 AM |
| 99 | upscale dining, good coffee/bookshop, telecommuting | 6/23/2020 10:35 AM |
| 100 | Hardware store, thrift store, a more realistic grocery store (like IGA or Sunshine Foods). | 6/23/2020 10:32 AM |
| 101 | restaurants, unique gift shops, more art | 6/23/2020 9:56 AM |
| 102 | local government that protects underdog, more efforts to keep people that currently live in Lanesboro happy | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 103 | Any business that provides services or products to it's residents on a 12 month basis | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 104 | n/a | 6/23/2020 7:13 AM |
| 105 | test | 6/22/2020 5:25 PM |
| 106 | Would be ideal if we were self-supporting in terms of drug store, hardware store, etc. More artists/artisans. | 6/22/2020 2:13 PM |
| 107 | Businesses for the citizens of Lanesboro not just for tourists. | 6/22/2020 10:24 AM |

Q12 What is the best way to attract new businesses and entrepreneurs?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 95

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | Lower taxes | 8/1/2020 7:20 AM |
| 2 | Lower commercial business tax rates | 7/31/2020 9:54 AM |
| 3 | Make outsiders in and not make them feel like they are infecting the town | 7/30/2020 9:06 PM |
| 4 | Lower utilities | 7/30/2020 5:11 PM |
| 5 | Local Support | 7/30/2020 1:36 PM |
| 6 | lower the taxes of businesses | 7/29/2020 8:04 PM |
| 7 | Offer incentives for empty buildings to sell or lower rent for new businesses to help them get established | 7/29/2020 4:14 PM |
| 8 | Kind community | 7/29/2020 1:58 PM |
| 9 | Dump the Chamber of Commerce and put the money into a strong economic development agency/plan...I would suggest CEDA...probably Allison Wagner in Houston County or Chris Hahn in Fillmore County would be good ones to hire/acquire the services of... | 7/29/2020 9:09 AM |
| 10 | financial incentives | 7/28/2020 10:10 PM |
| 11 | a break on taxes. grants. good school. | 7/28/2020 9:55 PM |
| 12 | affordable commercial real estate | 7/28/2020 8:41 PM |
| 13 | Having A more profitable year-round economy Having businesses and services that are needed by local residents, not just tourists | 7/28/2020 8:29 PM |
| 14 | It's hard to attract new businesses when the city only concentrates on tourism and not the local economy. It shows when businesses come and go like they do in our town. | 7/28/2020 8:08 PM |
| 15 | Give to get | 7/28/2020 8:08 PM |
| 16 | Give monetary incentives. | 7/28/2020 6:31 PM |
| 17 | Must have housing for owners and employees Leverage Internet capabilities Leverage great school system | 7/28/2020 5:39 PM |
| 18 | General care from the community and improved way of life. Partnership with satellite offices from larger populations. Sufficient technology to run a business beyond "adequate." | 7/28/2020 5:25 PM |
| 19 | Support from city. Lower taxes and utility cost. | 7/28/2020 4:23 PM |
| 20 | Giving incentives for opening a business. Advertising the things that Lanesboro offers or needs to outside communities. | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 21 | strong EDA | 7/28/2020 3:23 PM |
| 22 | Grants | 7/28/2020 3:11 PM |
| 23 | More affordable rates for their rent of building, and less taxes. | 7/28/2020 2:49 PM |
| 24 | Widen scope of what is offered, appeal to locals. | 7/28/2020 2:22 PM |
| 25 | Town support | 7/28/2020 1:50 PM |
| 26 | Community support, tourist supports, affordability | 7/28/2020 1:36 PM |
| 27 | Have the city chamber more involved!!!! | 7/28/2020 1:14 PM |
| 28 | Not sure, although I expect cost of operations vs when you can operate (given the number of down months we have) would be a big factor | 7/28/2020 12:45 PM |
| 29 | lower taxes | 7/28/2020 12:33 PM |
| 30 | Keep the city clean and weed free. Offer businesses tax incentives to be in Lanesboro. Create a upscale townhome community to attract more people to live and rent here. | 7/28/2020 12:31 PM |
| 31 | Affordable buildings to rent/buy | 7/28/2020 12:25 PM |

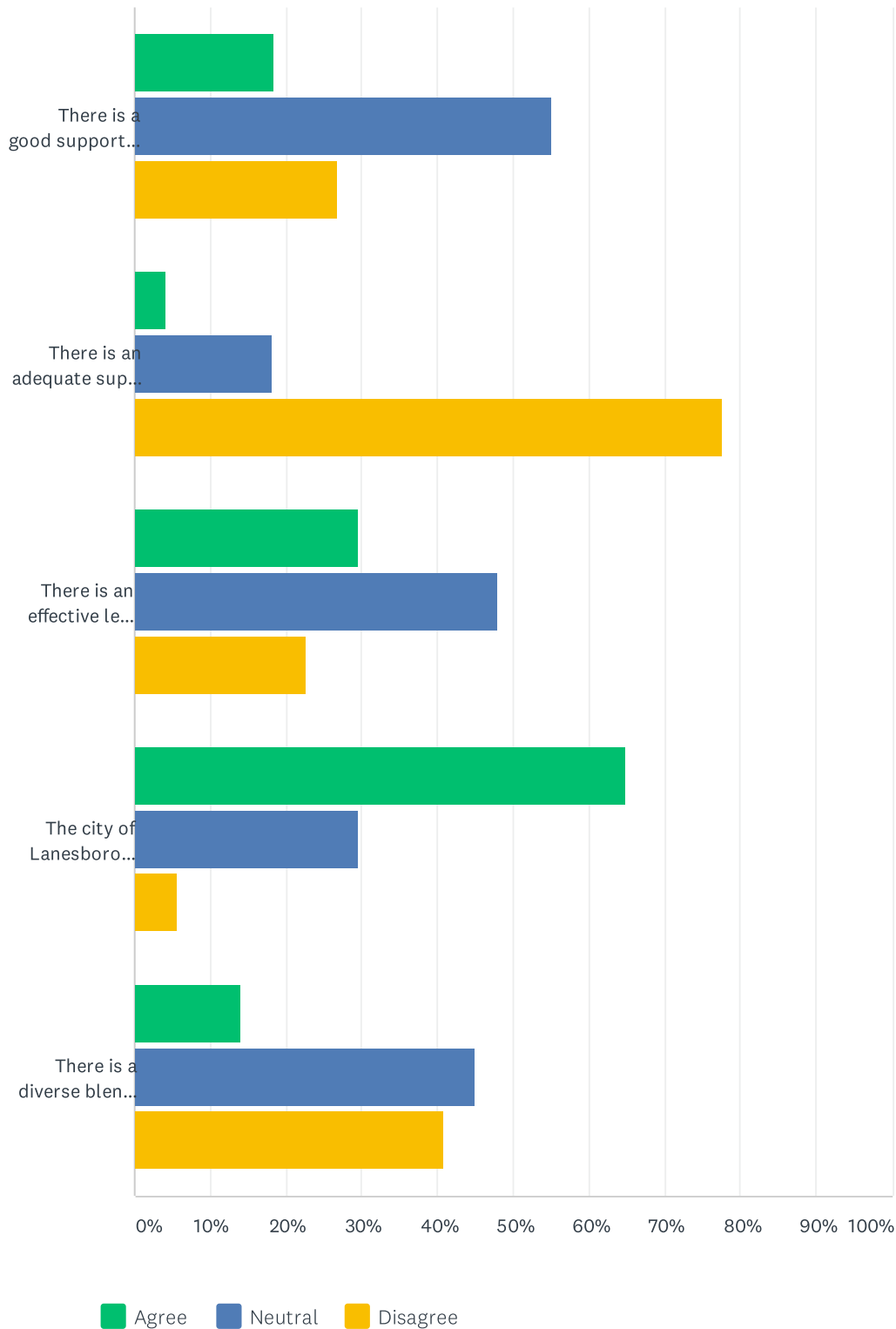
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| 32 | Tax breaks Utility break | 7/28/2020 12:08 PM |
| 33 | Business district support | 7/28/2020 12:07 PM |
| 34 | Choose a focus and go after it. Look at what Zumbrota did. They have numerous small businesses that appeal to women, so it has become a destination. Lanesboro could do that with the arts. | 7/28/2020 12:00 PM |
| 35 | Better year-round economical opportunities | 7/28/2020 11:58 AM |
| 36 | Incentives to build or start a new business. | 7/28/2020 11:57 AM |
| 37 | Highlight the best things about our town. The opportunity and tourism boom that happens in the summer sure, but also highlight the year-round possibilities in a community that supports each other. | 7/28/2020 11:56 AM |
| 38 | Tax incentives to open and operate | 7/28/2020 11:49 AM |
| 39 | cooperation | 7/28/2020 11:16 AM |
| 40 | affordable building sites or affordable rent for business's, incentive's for new business's | 7/28/2020 11:10 AM |
| 41 | Showing what we have that works. A great school system being updated. Fair salary | 7/28/2020 10:58 AM |
| 42 | Advertisements | 7/28/2020 10:47 AM |
| 43 | Tax abatement. Lower commercial rent. Local shopping support. | 7/28/2020 10:30 AM |
| 44 | Lower taxes and utilities | 7/28/2020 10:27 AM |
| 45 | Tax incentives, set up current businesses to assist or welcome new businesses | 7/28/2020 10:21 AM |
| 46 | Housing , there is none available Living wage jobs More welcoming to minorities | 7/28/2020 10:18 AM |
| 47 | Existing businesses are very helpful and supportive. I believe that Lanesboro Arts was working on this issue and I'd love to see some of their planning implemented, though don't know where anything is with that. I believe Harmony helped a new business by offering them land for a dollar. Would love to see several, maybe 3, financially incentivizing options for incoming/new businesses. Not sure what programs are available through state or federal government/grants - TIF? My impression is that we do not have in place what we should to entice new businesses. Personally, I would also like to see more of a partnership between City and Chamber on this, as Chamber also has a vested interest. Chamber spends money on marketing Lanesboro as a tourist destination. Perhaps some of those funds could go toward marketing Lanesboro as a business location. I guess this would be one part. The other part would still involve concrete financial incentives coming from the City (probably through another program), | 7/28/2020 10:14 AM |
| 48 | Affordable rent | 7/28/2020 9:46 AM |
| 49 | A more inviting, knowledgeable staff to work with in the city office. | 7/28/2020 9:34 AM |
| 50 | Affordable downtown rent. Existing business owners need to be nicer/more welcoming. | 7/28/2020 9:30 AM |
| 51 | Lowering taxes | 7/28/2020 9:23 AM |
| 52 | Help with start up money. Promoting business opportunities in Lanesboro. | 7/28/2020 9:14 AM |
| 53 | Affordable housing | 7/28/2020 9:12 AM |
| 54 | The best way to attract new businesses to the area is to attract visitors from all across the region. Hosting events such as the Filthy 50 is a great way to attract new visitors and spread the word about Lanesboro being a great place to spend some recreational time. It was amazing seeing hundreds of cyclists lined up in downtown Lanesboro as they started out on the Filthy 50 bike race on an incredibly windy, cold, blustery October morning last year. Everyone had such a great time! More events like these would draw attention and visitors. | 7/26/2020 12:50 PM |
| 55 | Make buildable land available | 7/9/2020 2:04 PM |
| 56 | provide excellent infrastructure- internet, phone, water, sewer, electric, roads. competitive tax and utility rates educated citizens and workforce | 7/5/2020 2:58 PM |
| 57 | Marketing, renovation | 7/4/2020 8:02 PM |

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| 58 | EDA incentives like grants, low interest loans, housing incentives, | 7/1/2020 3:14 PM |
| 59 | Advertisements on TV, billboards, direct calls to potential business owners | 6/30/2020 11:20 PM |
| 60 | Lower taxes! Property and business | 6/29/2020 2:48 PM |
| 61 | Lower utility costs, taxes and offer city incentives. Harmony basically gave away the lot for the distillery to have them open. | 6/26/2020 9:20 PM |
| 62 | Lower prices for businesses and also lower utilities for the properties. | 6/26/2020 8:48 PM |
| 63 | Maintain our unique atmosphere of culture and arts and quality, so we do not again become just another small struggling town. | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 64 | Tax incentives and attractive loans. Marketing incentives including help with web and social media postings. | 6/26/2020 9:48 AM |
| 65 | Affordable buildings. Expanding downtown. | 6/24/2020 9:52 PM |
| 66 | Keep developing a full year tourist economy, making sure buildings for sale are appropriately priced, adequate and well priced housing opportunities, conveying to potential entrepreneurs what an awesome town this is and how many people do visit and how it's easy to be "big fish in a small pond" around here. | 6/24/2020 8:34 PM |
| 67 | Outreach and welcome activities coordinated through the City, Chamber, and Business Promotion Group | 6/24/2020 2:13 PM |
| 68 | tax incentives, business park of some sort, financial assistance, adequate housing and supply chains, good transportation, adequate workforce available | 6/24/2020 11:37 AM |
| 69 | Affordable housing options | 6/24/2020 9:55 AM |
| 70 | Be open to ideas. As a small town, and the "this is the way it has always been" mindset, minds of folks can be closed off to new ideas with all the rules the city has. | 6/24/2020 7:38 AM |
| 71 | Lower building rent and more space available; that being said, it is difficult to do either of those things for several reasons. | 6/24/2020 6:55 AM |
| 72 | Assist them in being successful | 6/24/2020 4:10 AM |
| 73 | Target folks that are OK with a lull in business over the winter | 6/23/2020 9:38 PM |
| 74 | Word of mouth and reduce or eliminate obstacles they are preventing start ups. | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 75 | tax incentives and utility incentives | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 76 | Start up support, affordable space | 6/23/2020 8:49 PM |
| 77 | Keep attracting tourists and businesses can succeed | 6/23/2020 8:40 PM |
| 78 | Public/private partnerships Tax increment financing | 6/23/2020 7:27 PM |
| 79 | Give them a tour of Lanesboro | 6/23/2020 4:35 PM |
| 80 | Marketing and find ways we can help find the right small business funding. | 6/23/2020 4:01 PM |
| 81 | Affordable taxes | 6/23/2020 3:49 PM |
| 82 | Start up loans | 6/23/2020 3:35 PM |
| 83 | access to capital and financing | 6/23/2020 2:22 PM |
| 84 | Financial incentives, tax breaks or help with utilities etc, introduce them to people who have 'made' it here (5+ years in business) have them over for dinner | 6/23/2020 2:14 PM |
| 85 | Provide rental space with low rent and utilities for start up-several years | 6/23/2020 1:13 PM |
| 86 | Connections to: Housing availability, introduction to several chamber members, tour of businesses | 6/23/2020 1:00 PM |
| 87 | Website; Social Media; Fillmore County Journal | 6/23/2020 12:34 PM |
| 88 | help those that are already here and struggling with a short and getting shorter business season, and high tax burden being placed on businesses | 6/23/2020 12:27 PM |

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| 89 | Fantastic school district to live, great for telecommuting, cheap daycare | 6/23/2020 12:15 PM |
| 90 | Through housing and the school. | 6/23/2020 11:51 AM |
| 91 | Quality education affordable properties | 6/23/2020 11:17 AM |
| 92 | get them here to experience the town | 6/23/2020 10:35 AM |
| 93 | More affordable business buildings too, not just housing. I'd love to open a thrift store but where? What building is affordable for that? My husband has to keep all of his materials and equipment in Wykoff because he can't find a suitable affordable building here either. (Contractor) | 6/23/2020 10:32 AM |
| 94 | Incentives | 6/23/2020 10:23 AM |
| 95 | Providing help with financing for new business buyers. | 6/23/2020 9:56 AM |
| 96 | The benefits of the school | 6/23/2020 9:45 AM |
| 97 | keep taxes/fees within reason, provide flexibility during difficult times like covid to allow business to perform changes to buildings to support new guidelines/business models | 6/23/2020 7:13 AM |
| 98 | test | 6/22/2020 5:25 PM |
| 99 | \$\$\$\$ grants | 6/22/2020 2:57 PM |
| 100 | We need an aggressive plan with goals, deliverables, and incentives to get there. I heard that a recent Harmony business got their land for free from its city, as an incentive. I think creative brainstorming and thinking out of the box can help incentivize - it doesn't always need to be a "program." | 6/22/2020 2:13 PM |
| 101 | Increase Tourism. Improve city infrastructure to attract residents. | 6/22/2020 1:50 PM |
| 102 | Affordable housing. | 6/22/2020 10:24 AM |

Q13 Please indicate to what extent you agree with each of the following statements:

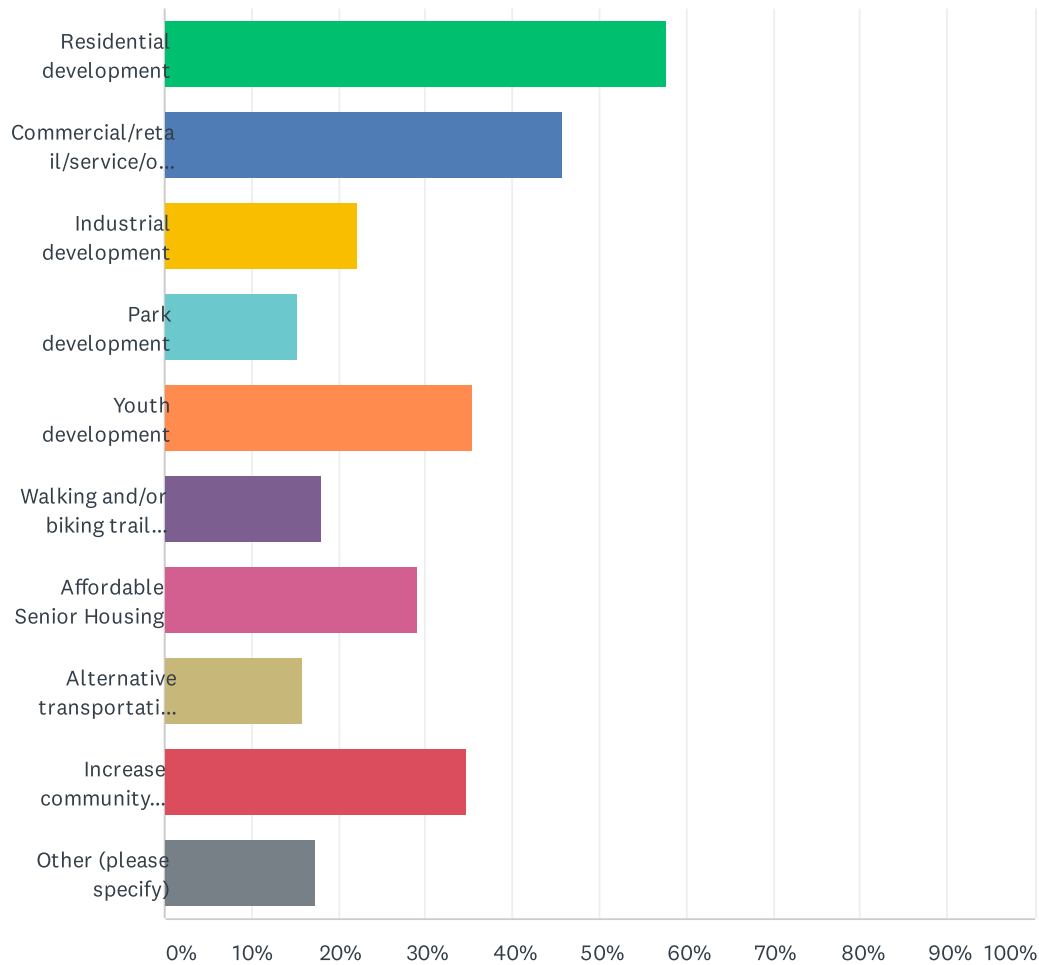
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| | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| There is a good support system in place for entrepreneurs and new businesses | 18.31% 26 | 54.93% 78 | 26.76% 38 | 142 |
| There is an adequate supply of living wage jobs | 4.20% 6 | 18.18% 26 | 77.62% 111 | 143 |
| There is an effective level of cooperation between Lanesboro and its neighboring communities | 29.58% 42 | 47.89% 68 | 22.54% 32 | 142 |
| The city of Lanesboro should explore business or industry recruitment options | 64.79% 92 | 29.58% 42 | 5.63% 8 | 142 |
| There is a diverse blend of commercial and service-based businesses | 14.08% 20 | 45.07% 64 | 40.85% 58 | 142 |

Q14 Please select the 3 priorities most important to you for future development in Lanesboro.

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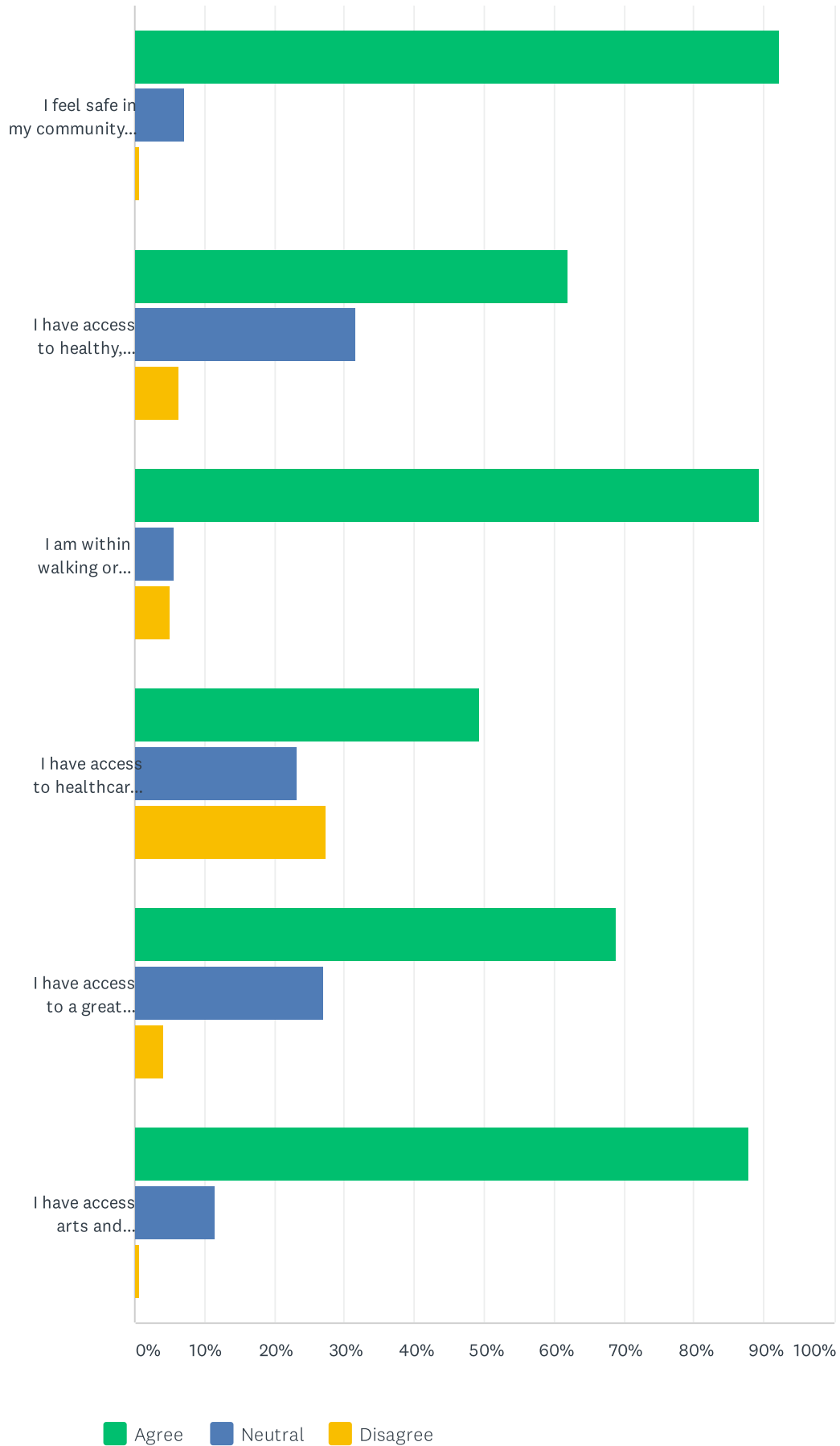


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|----|
| Residential development | 57.64% | 83 |
| Commercial/retail/service/office development | 45.83% | 66 |
| Industrial development | 22.22% | 32 |
| Park development | 15.28% | 22 |
| Youth development | 35.42% | 51 |
| Walking and/or biking trail development | 18.06% | 26 |
| Affordable Senior Housing | 29.17% | 42 |
| Alternative transportation options | 15.97% | 23 |
| Increase community connection & involvement | 34.72% | 50 |
| Other (please specify) | 17.36% | 25 |
| Total Respondents: 144 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Rental housing has been desperately needed for 30+ years | 7/30/2020 5:11 PM |
| 2 | Dentist | 7/30/2020 1:36 PM |
| 3 | Diversification of business & industry to make Lanesboro a year round community | 7/29/2020 9:09 AM |
| 4 | Should develop the riverfront where city shops are located for condos or other dense housing. | 7/28/2020 5:39 PM |
| 5 | More stores that offer actual things needed to live in our community not just geared towards tourists. | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 6 | Affordable rentals for people of all ages. | 7/28/2020 2:49 PM |
| 7 | Grocery store (affordable) | 7/28/2020 12:33 PM |
| 8 | Arts | 7/28/2020 12:00 PM |
| 9 | Affordable living | 7/28/2020 10:58 AM |
| 10 | Needs to be more communication with city administration and locals. So many unknowns... | 7/28/2020 9:34 AM |
| 11 | Lowering property taxes | 7/28/2020 9:23 AM |
| 12 | quality K-12 education (rumors are that some kids are reaching higher grades unable to read not good. Giant school expansion must be partnered with quality education | 7/5/2020 2:58 PM |
| 13 | Affordable rental for all ages of adults | 7/1/2020 3:14 PM |
| 14 | Tourism , City involvement with businesses and clean up this town. | 6/26/2020 9:20 PM |
| 15 | Assisted living in town | 6/26/2020 8:48 PM |
| 16 | Affordable utilities. Reliable transportation options to Rochester. | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 17 | Lowering property taxes and applying for federal funding of roads used as agricultural arteries to the city instead of property owners paying the bill. | 6/24/2020 4:52 PM |
| 18 | Schooling system | 6/24/2020 4:10 AM |
| 19 | Strive to keep costs of city/ school taxes affordable | 6/23/2020 9:16 PM |
| 20 | Arts development | 6/23/2020 3:35 PM |
| 21 | Use TIF and eminent domain to gain control of three adjacent Main Street properties that were torched by former police chief; pitch the site to potential developers for condo-style short-term rentals | 6/23/2020 2:22 PM |
| 22 | Internet connectivity and more focus on diversity--getting POC's to run businesses here and raise their families | 6/23/2020 2:14 PM |
| 23 | Support churches | 6/23/2020 1:13 PM |
| 24 | Spending, taxes, ect are out of control. All this town cares about is Tourists!!!! | 6/23/2020 12:44 PM |
| 25 | Rental housing | 6/22/2020 10:04 AM |

Q15 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

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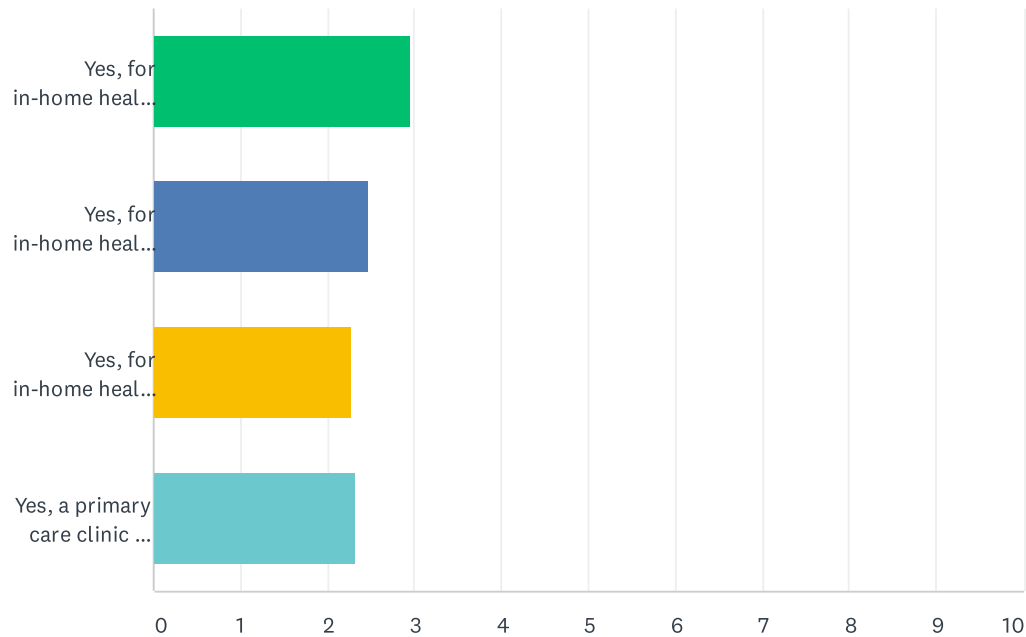


| | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE | TOTAL |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| I feel safe in my community during all times of the day | 92.20% 130 | 7.09% 10 | 0.71% 1 | 141 |
| I have access to healthy, locally-grown foods | 61.97% 88 | 31.69% 45 | 6.34% 9 | 142 |
| I am within walking or biking distance to parks, open spaces, and walking/biking trails | 89.29% 125 | 5.71% 8 | 5.00% 7 | 140 |
| I have access to healthcare providers | 49.30% 70 | 23.24% 33 | 27.46% 39 | 142 |
| I have access to a great school district and secondary education | 68.79% 97 | 26.95% 38 | 4.26% 6 | 141 |
| I have access arts and cultural facilities | 87.86% 123 | 11.43% 16 | 0.71% 1 | 140 |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Coronavirus has slowed down activities in the arts. | 7/9/2020 10:25 AM |
| 2 | library services are important | 7/5/2020 3:01 PM |
| 3 | It's clean | 6/23/2020 2:17 PM |
| 4 | Like the Churches | 6/23/2020 12:37 PM |
| 5 | I agree with statements 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. I disagree with statement 4. | 6/22/2020 1:54 PM |

Q16 Prioritize these four things: Is there a need for health care options in the city?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 64



| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOTAL | SCORE |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Yes, for in-home health care mostly independent living or light services | 36.92% 48 | 35.38% 46 | 14.62% 19 | 13.08% 17 | 130 | 2.96 |
| Yes, for in-home health care for moderate assistance or services | 11.54% 15 | 34.62% 45 | 42.31% 55 | 11.54% 15 | 130 | 2.46 |
| Yes, for in-home health care for mostly assisted living or specialized services | 16.79% 22 | 22.90% 30 | 32.82% 43 | 27.48% 36 | 131 | 2.29 |
| Yes, a primary care clinic in Lanesboro | 36.43% 47 | 6.98% 9 | 10.08% 13 | 46.51% 60 | 129 | 2.33 |

Q17 How can the arts contribute more to the community and help solve community challenges?

Answered: 84 Skipped: 113

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | They can't to self serving | 8/1/2020 7:21 AM |
| 2 | They do a great service | 7/30/2020 1:36 PM |
| 3 | Pay taxes | 7/29/2020 9:26 PM |
| 4 | pay taxes | 7/29/2020 8:06 PM |
| 5 | Create connections between built environment and nature, build community connections | 7/29/2020 4:16 PM |
| 6 | Be more involved | 7/29/2020 2:00 PM |
| 7 | When events are held, do not draw people AWAY from the downtown businesses to the park...bring them TO the businesses by having art downtown. Suggestion: do something like what Sioux Falls does with their sculpture art show each spring...pieces are placed along walkways, people vote for their faves, the community purchases the winner for permanent installment each year...I've been going for years and love to see the new works! Art is everywhere there now... | 7/29/2020 9:15 AM |
| 8 | brings a community together on so many levels | 7/28/2020 10:16 PM |
| 9 | Develop the Lanesboro Arts Campus designed by the community; utilize a variety of spaces for "folk school" experiences; provide arts education | 7/28/2020 8:44 PM |
| 10 | Bring more arts into the school | 7/28/2020 8:35 PM |
| 11 | If you say we don't have any money, start making the arts pay taxes and help the other businesses with the high taxes that they have to pay to keep the town going. | 7/28/2020 8:20 PM |
| 12 | You need to concentrate less on the arts and more on self sustainable profit businesses. Less organizations requiring donations to operate if you are going to grow and get some tax revenues | 7/28/2020 8:13 PM |
| 13 | More comradery less animosity | 7/28/2020 7:04 PM |
| 14 | I like the way the arts has community projects that bring people together. More of that would be great! | 7/28/2020 3:33 PM |
| 15 | arts contribution to community is good | 7/28/2020 3:25 PM |
| 16 | Offers opportunities for others to come to our community and support local establishments. | 7/28/2020 3:15 PM |
| 17 | NA | 7/28/2020 1:37 PM |
| 18 | N/A | 7/28/2020 1:16 PM |
| 19 | I think the arts do a lot already | 7/28/2020 1:07 PM |
| 20 | As a means for messaging these challenges and providing safe and open-minded community dialogue | 7/28/2020 12:52 PM |
| 21 | Artists are creative problem solvers and help encourage empathy within community leading to more collaborative community members. | 7/28/2020 12:09 PM |
| 22 | Lanesboro becomes/remains a destination with a vibrant arts culture. | 7/28/2020 12:01 PM |
| 23 | ? | 7/28/2020 12:00 PM |
| 24 | By creating a vibrant community atmosphere and improving unused spaces throughout town | 7/28/2020 11:59 AM |
| 25 | Offering dynamic programming that focuses on diversity and inclusion, and offering more opportunities for patrons to discuss the sometimes challenging experiences they have with that material. | 7/28/2020 11:58 AM |
| 26 | pay like the rest of people | 7/28/2020 11:18 AM |
| 27 | Not a thing..... | 7/28/2020 11:15 AM |
| 28 | Finacially | 7/28/2020 11:11 AM |
| 29 | Be more active in community involved events | 7/28/2020 10:43 AM |

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| 30 | I wish the organizations would work together and communicate better with chamber and each other. There should be one site for ALL happenings to area for locals and tourists. | 7/28/2020 10:34 AM |
| 31 | Appreciate what they do already | 7/28/2020 10:23 AM |
| 32 | I believe that Lanesboro Arts tried, but am not sure what has been implemented in their plan for housing/bringing more artists in. Irritated by what I see as siloing in Chamber and Commonweal in terms of just staying in their lane and not wanting to be involved in the broader issues. I may be wrong on this, but this is my perception. | 7/28/2020 10:17 AM |
| 33 | More exposure | 7/28/2020 9:48 AM |
| 34 | I don't know. They are quite involved right now & continue to improve | 7/28/2020 9:45 AM |
| 35 | All for profit entities need to be treated the same - for taxes, community contributions, fundraising for OTHER groups, supporting local businesses. | 7/28/2020 9:37 AM |
| 36 | They can try to develop more diversity in the theatre, and the art gallery. More diverse art in the gallery and just because a play has always been all white people does not mean it has to continue to be so, let a person of color play a typically white role. This is one of the ways we will stop seeing color and start seeing the person. Communities that grow in cultures and art also grow in acceptance of the other. This is not the time to be complacent, but to find a place for small communities to participate in the greater world around them. | 7/28/2020 9:26 AM |
| 37 | I don't feel the art group is involved in community events | 7/28/2020 9:14 AM |
| 38 | Hosting more events or fairs, art auctions. Perhaps having a garden club where people can tour area gardens. Having contests that anyone can enter and submit works such as short stories, photography, watercolor paintings, oil/acrylic paintings, jewelry, fabric arts, etc. | 7/26/2020 1:02 PM |
| 39 | Do more volunteering at school. Contribute to local youth events. Money, mentoring, chaperone | 7/9/2020 2:07 PM |
| 40 | The Theatre and Art Gallery have helped grow the community-encouraged people to move here. | 7/9/2020 10:25 AM |
| 41 | educate all ages in creativity value open mindedness and critical thinking discussion of difficult topics | 7/5/2020 3:01 PM |
| 42 | Multilevel cooperation | 7/4/2020 8:05 PM |
| 43 | The arts already does so much for this community. Maybe more involvement between the school and arts organizations, like internships or ambassador programs where youth become art guides/walking tour guides for tourists. The City needs to solve community challenges. | 7/1/2020 3:15 PM |
| 44 | ? | 6/30/2020 11:23 PM |
| 45 | Promote the local charms instead of the business side. Promote to keep people or entice to relocate here versus one day promotional events for theater or art center then back home again they go. | 6/29/2020 2:54 PM |
| 46 | Stop being non profit and pay taxes | 6/26/2020 9:22 PM |
| 47 | Pay taxes like the rest if the businesses | 6/26/2020 8:49 PM |
| 48 | I think they do a pretty good job now! | 6/26/2020 8:09 PM |
| 49 | Stay vibrant. Promote Lanesboro as an arts-friendly community. Having the arts here is already helping to solve community challenges. | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 50 | The library could offer a Lanesboro book for community-wide quarterly reading, discussion and art-making that focuses on a subject that fits the community. Nothing threatening but something we can rally behind. Ex. A River Runs Through It. Both the a community theater and the Commonweal could take a role in this, too. | 6/26/2020 9:56 AM |
| 51 | The arts are part of Lanesboro but not the whole community. We have a theatre, community theatre, and an art gallery. I think that's plenty. This question reminds me of the arrogance the arts community has towards others in the town. | 6/24/2020 9:55 PM |
| 52 | Contribute to the tax base | 6/24/2020 4:54 PM |
| 53 | Participate on boards, committees, and commissions for the city and any of our nonprofit or | 6/24/2020 2:16 PM |

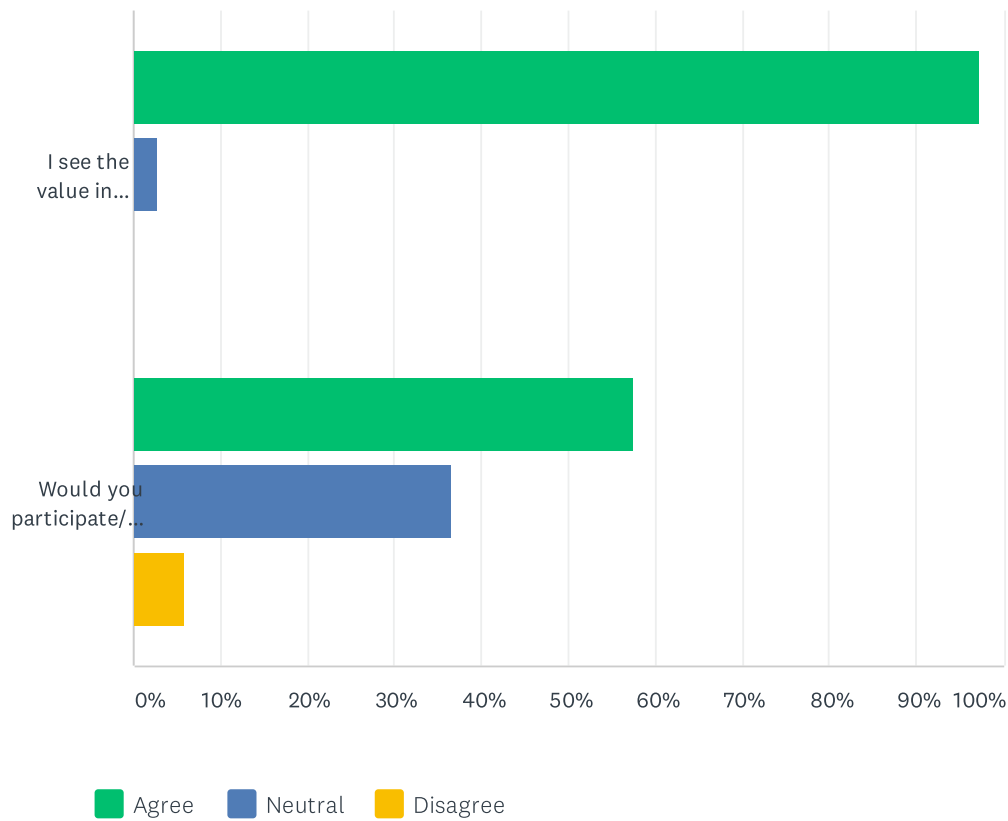
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| | community organizations. | |
| 54 | Bring in diverse talents | 6/24/2020 11:54 AM |
| 55 | the arts enrich the Lanesboro experience providing us with a higher quality of life. so important. help us provide different ways of expressing ourselves and communicating. | 6/24/2020 11:40 AM |
| 56 | Can help tell a communities shared story, can create a feeling of attachment and ownership to a place, inspires reflection and can transcend our differences. | 6/24/2020 9:59 AM |
| 57 | I dont think we need more "arts" to solve challenges. We need more local involvement and many do not support the "arts". The community needs to be involved in solving challenges. | 6/24/2020 7:41 AM |
| 58 | Not sure. They do great providing activities for our children, and adult things as well. | 6/24/2020 6:56 AM |
| 59 | They do a lot to support the community | 6/24/2020 4:15 AM |
| 60 | The arts are a fantastic way to bring more diversity to town. | 6/23/2020 9:40 PM |
| 61 | Create another performance space. There has been no growth at the theater for several years. | 6/23/2020 9:19 PM |
| 62 | The arts community is very giving. I think we need to be less resistant to their ideas and collaborate more often. I'm sad to see that students in Lanesboro don't take advantage of the theater more often. | 6/23/2020 8:55 PM |
| 63 | The arts brings tourists revenue | 6/23/2020 8:43 PM |
| 64 | They are doing a good job now. | 6/23/2020 6:48 PM |
| 65 | More family friendly | 6/23/2020 3:51 PM |
| 66 | Helps to draw people here, and enriches the lives of those who live here. | 6/23/2020 2:25 PM |
| 67 | The arts offer eye-opening experiences and the opportunity to talk about the experience-- talkbacks, workshops, and more education on offerings would be ideal. | 6/23/2020 2:17 PM |
| 68 | Unknown | 6/23/2020 1:16 PM |
| 69 | helping lead anti racism work | 6/23/2020 1:11 PM |
| 70 | The arts community makes a good effort to reach past its primary audience but could do more, especially with the school. | 6/23/2020 1:08 PM |
| 71 | Arts is already running this town, we don't need more | 6/23/2020 12:47 PM |
| 72 | Bring back Over the Back Fence -- so sad it was dropped | 6/23/2020 12:37 PM |
| 73 | the arts add cultural, and artistic prestige but as a whole like in most places exist thru donations grants and tax breaks. Lanesboro needs year round taxable businesses that pays wages a family can live and grow on to help sustain the increasing costs of failing infrastructure | 6/23/2020 12:36 PM |
| 74 | Pay taxes | 6/23/2020 12:17 PM |
| 75 | bring in new people | 6/23/2020 11:18 AM |
| 76 | More hands on classes for all ages. Life skills too, like sewing, cooking. There's enough theatre and art to stand and look at. I want to see more immersive experiences. I know Eagle Bluff has occasional offerings of the sort but I don't feel they are affordable for most. | 6/23/2020 10:37 AM |
| 77 | by modeling diversity and inclusion | 6/23/2020 10:36 AM |
| 78 | Allows for community members to meet and interact | 6/23/2020 9:46 AM |
| 79 | n/a | 6/23/2020 7:14 AM |
| 80 | test | 6/22/2020 5:25 PM |
| 81 | \$\$\$\$grants | 6/22/2020 2:58 PM |
| 82 | I think this question should be reversed. The arts already do a lot. Incentivizing artists to work and live in Lanesboro would be a start. | 6/22/2020 2:16 PM |
| 83 | I think both of our major arts organizations do a great job supporting the community, whether | 6/22/2020 1:54 PM |

that is through community offerings or through bringing tourism to Lanesboro.

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| 84 | Art is not the answer... they only care about free grant money and themselves. | 6/22/2020 10:06 AM |
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Q18 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

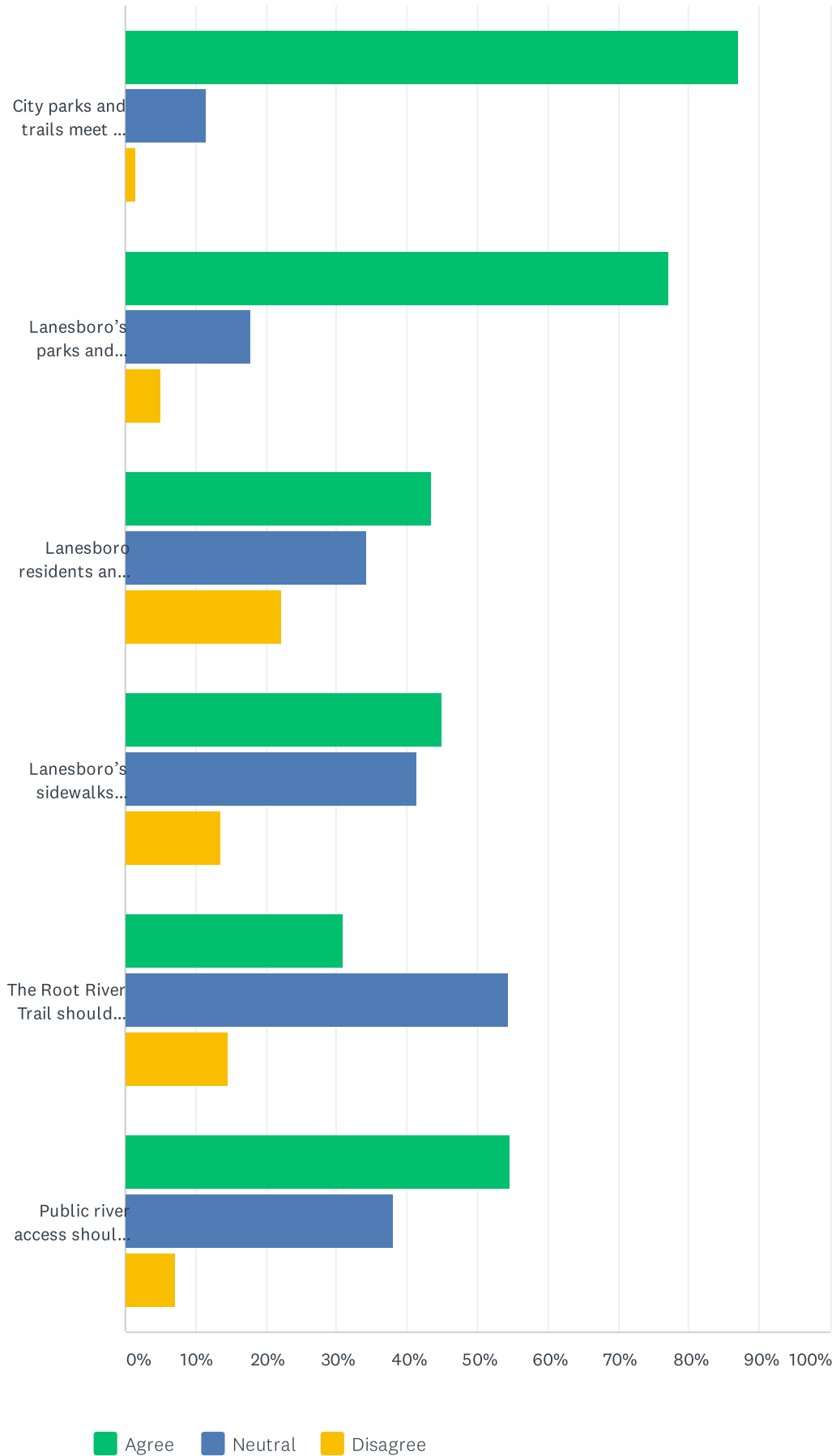
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| | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE | TOTAL |
|---|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| I see the value in protecting our pond's, river's and stream's water quality. | 97.20% 139 | 2.80% 4 | 0.00% 0 | 143 |
| Would you participate/volunteer in efforts to improve water quality and shore land habitat? | 57.55% 80 | 36.69% 51 | 5.76% 8 | 139 |

Q19 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements about Lanesboro's park and trails:

Answered: 144 Skipped: 53



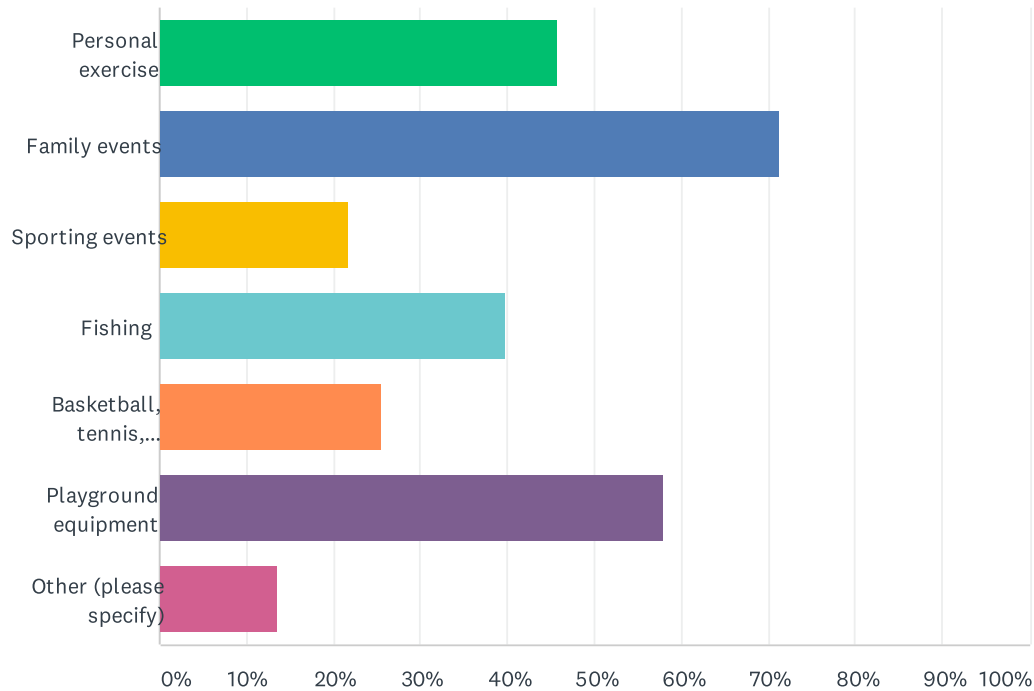
| | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE | TOTAL |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| City parks and trails meet me or my families daily recreational needs | 87.05% 121 | 11.51% 16 | 1.44% 2 | 139 |
| Lanesboro's parks and trails are easily accessible for people of all abilities | 77.14% 108 | 17.86% 25 | 5.00% 7 | 140 |
| Lanesboro residents and visitors would be safer with bike lanes added to Parkway Ave | 43.57% 61 | 34.29% 48 | 22.14% 31 | 140 |
| Lanesboro's sidewalks should be improved/extended | 45.00% 63 | 41.43% 58 | 13.57% 19 | 140 |
| The Root River Trail should be improved/extended | 30.88% 42 | 54.41% 74 | 14.71% 20 | 136 |
| Public river access should be improved/extended | 54.68% 76 | 38.13% 53 | 7.19% 10 | 139 |

| # | *WHAT SPECIFIC PARK AMENITIES OR TRAIL DO YOU FEEL ARE NEEDED (WHERE) WITHIN THE CITY? | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Nice park area uptown | 8/1/2020 7:23 AM |
| 2 | Using this area to express strong disagreement to bike lanes on Parkway. Bicyclists should stay on trail. | 7/30/2020 5:18 PM |
| 3 | Hiking trails | 7/30/2020 4:25 PM |
| 4 | None | 7/30/2020 1:38 PM |
| 5 | trees everywhere - increases quality of living, property values, lowers electricity usage, etc | 7/29/2020 8:12 PM |
| 6 | Tubers coming back through town need safe access, add foot trail for walkers to parallel the bike trail to walk with kids or dogs on leash, discourage geese around the bass pond to reduce poop, add additional dog poop bag stations and garbage in popular routes | 7/29/2020 4:20 PM |
| 7 | Replant the trees Andy chopped down all along the public streets so we can have our charming, tree-lined streets back!!!! | 7/29/2020 9:19 AM |
| 8 | Improve the designation of the bike lanes on Parkway; perhaps paint the bike lane inside the parking lane instead of leaving it on the outside of the parking. | 7/28/2020 8:46 PM |
| 9 | The intersection where the trail crosses over Parkway Ave is dangerous | 7/28/2020 8:40 PM |
| 10 | New bath house in park. | 7/28/2020 8:14 PM |
| 11 | A small dog park would be nice to let dogs loose in and for dog owners to socialize | 7/28/2020 5:49 PM |
| 12 | Upper dam viewing area, handicapped access to river within city. | 7/28/2020 5:28 PM |
| 13 | Mountain bike | 7/28/2020 4:28 PM |
| 14 | Drinking fountains | 7/28/2020 1:38 PM |
| 15 | A better playground for 5 and under children | 7/28/2020 1:17 PM |
| 16 | Not sure | 7/28/2020 12:58 PM |
| 17 | Keep infrastructure updated | 7/28/2020 12:23 PM |
| 18 | Better signage at trail crossing on parkway ave. Becomes very dangerous on busy weekends with bikers who dont obey stop signs or look before crossing road, especially for out of town visitors who dont realize the trail crosses the road and they need to be aware of pedestrians while driving | 7/28/2020 12:02 PM |
| 19 | N/A | 7/28/2020 11:59 AM |
| 20 | Mountain biking and hiking trails | 7/28/2020 11:56 AM |
| 21 | Tennis courts | 7/28/2020 10:44 AM |
| 22 | A river walk on north end of town would be wonderful. | 7/28/2020 10:37 AM |
| 23 | Designated parking for all day trail users. | 7/28/2020 9:41 AM |
| 24 | Pool | 7/28/2020 9:11 AM |
| 25 | As described previously, I feel that a central seating, eating, people-watching, hang-out area with a large bike corral should be created in the center of town. Also, I would love to have a dog park! | 7/26/2020 1:10 PM |
| 26 | Trail bridge at the big intersection? | 7/4/2020 8:07 PM |
| 27 | Trail along the river | 6/30/2020 11:25 PM |
| 28 | Better shorelines to the ponds in the park. Children easily can wander into them. | 6/29/2020 2:56 PM |
| 29 | Start by painting the cross walks and sidewalk signs every Spring rather than right before Buffalo Bill Days. | 6/26/2020 9:25 PM |
| 30 | We are already pretty good. Money might be more wisely spent elsewhere. | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |

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| 31 | The sidewalk should continue all the way on both sides of Parkway. | 6/26/2020 9:59 AM |
| 32 | I don't feel that we need anything more. Lanesboro's parks and trails are outstanding. | 6/24/2020 9:59 PM |
| 33 | Splash pad | 6/24/2020 8:39 PM |
| 34 | Splash pad!!! | 6/24/2020 11:56 AM |
| 35 | Dredge the bass pond. There is funding through CPL grants to get funding and the funds are under utilized. The bass pond is the only "lake" anywhere nearby and used year round. Dredging to remove sediment build up from many years would help support fisheries. | 6/24/2020 7:43 AM |
| 36 | More public bathroom options | 6/24/2020 4:22 AM |
| 37 | The city owns prime land downtown on the river, and uses it for public works storage of sand, gravel, etc. People want to see and touch the river, and the city is missing a great opportunity to develop park land and an amphitheater next to the river. The city also owns land at the Hwy 250 bridge on th NE edge of town. This is a perfect place for a public water access and bike trailhead, but the city is planning to put a sewer plant between the river and the trail there - at one of the few entrances to the city. That seems really short-sighted, and a poor use of locations that are ideal for public amenities. | 6/23/2020 9:50 PM |
| 38 | A swimming beach or pool would be great. Could they create a swim area at the bass pond? | 6/23/2020 8:59 PM |
| 39 | On parkway in the middle of town I would like to see a green space there!!! | 6/23/2020 6:51 PM |
| 40 | A mountain biking trail would be great | 6/23/2020 2:19 PM |
| 41 | Year round city pool | 6/23/2020 1:18 PM |
| 42 | Maintenance of current trail needs more work before taking on anything new. | 6/23/2020 1:14 PM |
| 43 | Well it would help if the city or DNR would keep the ponds in the city clear of all the scum in the ponds! | 6/23/2020 12:54 PM |
| 44 | Sidewalks in church hill area are in terrible shape and several streetlights seem to not work consistently. | 6/23/2020 10:39 AM |
| 45 | I think all is great | 6/23/2020 9:48 AM |
| 46 | Would love more trails/walking paths. | 6/22/2020 2:18 PM |
| 47 | I agree with 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. I am neutral with 3. | 6/22/2020 1:56 PM |

Q20 What activities do you use in the park? Select all that apply.

Answered: 133 Skipped: 64

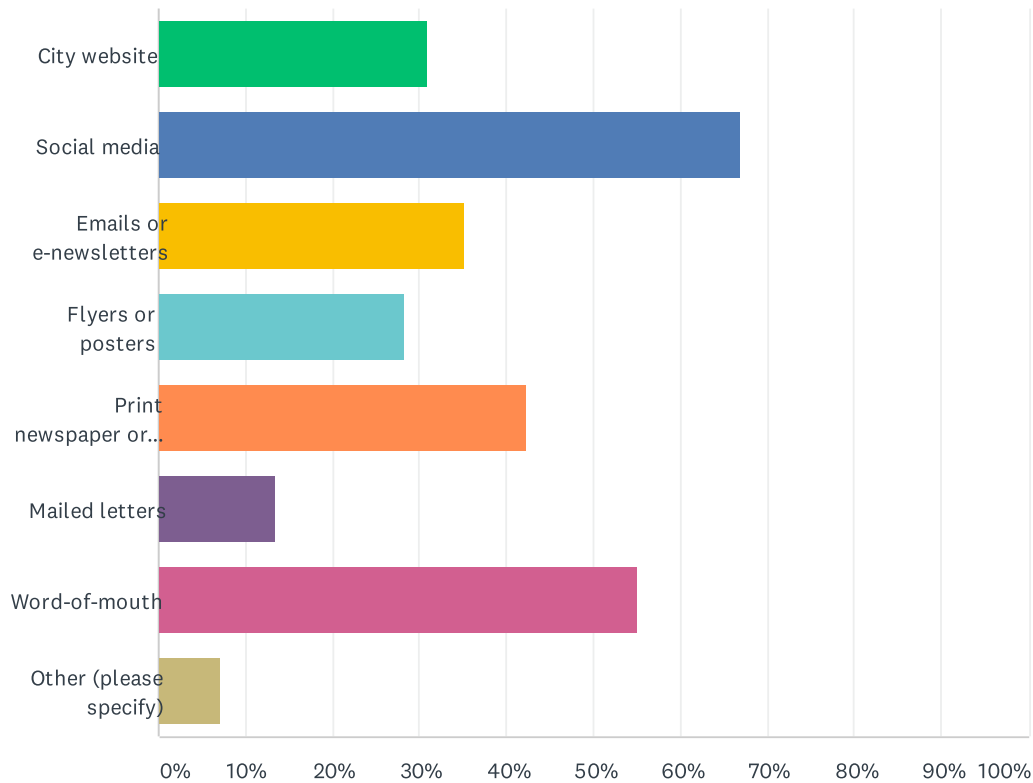


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Personal exercise | 45.86% | 61 |
| Family events | 71.43% | 95 |
| Sporting events | 21.80% | 29 |
| Fishing | 39.85% | 53 |
| Basketball, tennis, pickleball, baseball | 25.56% | 34 |
| Playground equipment | 57.89% | 77 |
| Other (please specify) | 13.53% | 18 |
| Total Respondents: 133 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Movies in the Park, outdoor events: Rhubarb Fest... | 7/29/2020 8:12 PM |
| 2 | Camping | 7/29/2020 2:01 PM |
| 3 | Sitting on a bench, people watching, reading, etc... | 7/29/2020 9:19 AM |
| 4 | Festivals (pre Covid-19) | 7/28/2020 5:49 PM |
| 5 | Farmers' market and art festivals | 7/28/2020 12:58 PM |
| 6 | Available park space | 7/28/2020 10:25 AM |
| 7 | Festivals, Farmers Market | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 8 | personal reflection time | 6/24/2020 11:42 AM |
| 9 | My kids mostly use the above not so much me | 6/24/2020 4:22 AM |
| 10 | When the question is posed with the term "the park" it underscores that there is only one. The city doesn't fully utilize its access to the river, which could be an incredible draw. We shouldn't limit ourselves to just one park or public gathering space. | 6/23/2020 9:50 PM |
| 11 | Art in the park | 6/23/2020 6:51 PM |
| 12 | Other events, Father's Day | 6/23/2020 3:54 PM |
| 13 | volleyball | 6/23/2020 3:36 PM |
| 14 | walking | 6/23/2020 2:27 PM |
| 15 | Simple walks and recreation | 6/23/2020 2:19 PM |
| 16 | Community events - Art in the Park, etc. | 6/23/2020 12:39 PM |
| 17 | Personal relaxation | 6/23/2020 12:18 PM |
| 18 | Cannot use the city park in the Summer... it is filled with tourists | 6/22/2020 10:08 AM |

Q21 Where do you look first to learn about community news and events? Select all that apply.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 55



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----|
| City website | 30.99% | 44 |
| Social media | 66.90% | 95 |
| Emails or e-newsletters | 35.21% | 50 |
| Flyers or posters | 28.17% | 40 |
| Print newspaper or newsletters | 42.25% | 60 |
| Mailed letters | 13.38% | 19 |
| Word-of-mouth | 54.93% | 78 |
| Other (please specify) | 7.04% | 10 |
| Total Respondents: 142 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Heidi Dybing's happenings list | 7/28/2020 5:49 PM |
| 2 | Utility inserts | 7/28/2020 10:37 AM |
| 3 | Chamber website | 6/30/2020 11:25 PM |
| 4 | Lanesboro Business Promotion | 6/26/2020 9:25 PM |
| 5 | For me, email is the best notification method. | 6/26/2020 11:05 AM |
| 6 | Utility bill | 6/23/2020 6:51 PM |
| 7 | J | 6/23/2020 4:37 PM |
| 8 | The websites of the organizations | 6/23/2020 2:19 PM |
| 9 | the city website on Council meetings is never up to date, especially the results of your meetings | 6/23/2020 12:54 PM |
| 10 | Chamber Website for everything | 6/23/2020 12:39 PM |

Q22 Today, the City of Lanesboro is:

Answered: 86 Skipped: 111

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | Struggling | 8/1/2020 7:25 AM |
| 2 | Becoming a Apple River | 7/31/2020 9:56 AM |
| 3 | Thriving | 7/30/2020 5:22 PM |
| 4 | Getting by | 7/30/2020 1:38 PM |
| 5 | Poorly maintained and untidy. | 7/29/2020 9:30 PM |
| 6 | good place to live but stuck in the past | 7/29/2020 8:20 PM |
| 7 | Beautiful but stunted | 7/29/2020 4:24 PM |
| 8 | Good | 7/29/2020 2:02 PM |
| 9 | Charming, but stagnating...it must update itself to stay fresh and appeal to newer generations of visitors and residents. | 7/29/2020 9:32 AM |
| 10 | slowly loosing businesses | 7/28/2020 10:04 PM |
| 11 | not going anywhere. | 7/28/2020 9:37 PM |
| 12 | adverse to opposing views, persuaded by special interests | 7/28/2020 8:56 PM |
| 13 | Stagnant. If it wasn't for the promotion of alcohol in town,you wouldn't have anyone here. When the bars were closed down there was no one around. | 7/28/2020 8:16 PM |
| 14 | Only hiring locals | 7/28/2020 7:07 PM |
| 15 | lacking several types of housing taxes and utilities are very high has a great school system and small town feel | 7/28/2020 5:54 PM |
| 16 | A great tourist destination with great recreational activities for all ages | 7/28/2020 3:37 PM |
| 17 | a good tourist destination and a good place to live. | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 18 | Great | 7/28/2020 2:52 PM |
| 19 | Lacking a commercial tax base, relying on B and Bs too much...needs to have the ability to circulate moneys more in town, than purchasing everyday needs and services from outlying communities | 7/28/2020 1:59 PM |
| 20 | A tourist town | 7/28/2020 1:39 PM |
| 21 | Improvinf | 7/28/2020 1:18 PM |
| 22 | Not visionary but attracts people due to scenery. | 7/28/2020 12:38 PM |
| 23 | The right fit for our community | 7/28/2020 12:24 PM |
| 24 | An uncomfortable mix of farming services and tourism | 7/28/2020 12:22 PM |
| 25 | Surviving | 7/28/2020 12:12 PM |
| 26 | On the cusp of a major shift. Perhaps away from long-term stays and more towards day visitors. While we don't know if this trend is here to stay, we must meet the needs it brings to the surface. | 7/28/2020 12:04 PM |
| 27 | Dying, sad to say. | 7/28/2020 12:03 PM |
| 28 | Active and vibrant | 7/28/2020 11:52 AM |
| 29 | ok | 7/28/2020 11:22 AM |
| 30 | Holding its own | 7/28/2020 11:17 AM |
| 31 | Welcoming to visitors | 7/28/2020 10:40 AM |
| 32 | Changed from when I grew up here. It's not as peaceful on the weekend and I stay home to avoid the tourist traffic. No where to park. No affordable grocery store, I go out of town for | 7/28/2020 10:26 AM |

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| | grocery and hardware supplies. No medical clinic is unfortunate. I miss the quiet town I grew up in. | |
| 33 | Hurting. | 7/28/2020 10:23 AM |
| 34 | A place to call home , beautiful, welcoming & progressive, always looking to improve | 7/28/2020 9:57 AM |
| 35 | Growing | 7/28/2020 9:50 AM |
| 36 | Busting at the seams. | 7/28/2020 9:47 AM |
| 37 | Not innovative... | 7/28/2020 9:39 AM |
| 38 | In need of new energy, new businesses, a new path to the future. Fresh ideas, more engagement from city leaders and engaged chamber. | 7/28/2020 9:39 AM |
| 39 | In need of new activities/business for tourism. | 7/28/2020 9:16 AM |
| 40 | struggling, but surviving. | 7/26/2020 1:21 PM |
| 41 | Too reliant on tourism Need more business with the employment numbers similar to the school | 7/9/2020 2:11 PM |
| 42 | a safe and livable community, but financially struggling to provide all needed services with reasonable tax and utility rates | 7/5/2020 3:09 PM |
| 43 | A living picture of the past | 7/4/2020 8:10 PM |
| 44 | a welcoming, diverse community that has accomplished so much in its 151 years. However, its infrastructure has been neglected for too long and taxes for these services are higher compared to neighboring towns. So glad we are finally getting a new water treatment. | 7/1/2020 3:24 PM |
| 45 | The center of Bluff Country | 6/30/2020 11:31 PM |
| 46 | Expensive to live here! Taxes and prices rising too often. | 6/29/2020 3:02 PM |
| 47 | Up for sale. A disgrace in regards to enforcing ordinances and dirty. (except for certain areas that get extra attention) Can't believe it still keeps making magazines lists of top, beautiful towns to visit. | 6/26/2020 9:55 PM |
| 48 | Definitely a tourist attraction | 6/26/2020 8:13 PM |
| 49 | a unique vibrant, creative community with healthy, high-quality options for physical activity, education, dining, lodging, and arts, but with an aging population. It is similar in nature to Grand Marais, in a good way. | 6/26/2020 11:12 AM |
| 50 | Struggling to retain Downtown businesses. | 6/26/2020 10:13 AM |
| 51 | Wonderful. | 6/24/2020 10:02 PM |
| 52 | A wonderful place to live. | 6/24/2020 8:44 PM |
| 53 | Fastly growing out of my affordability range. My taxes have went up close to 50% in less than 5 years. | 6/24/2020 4:58 PM |
| 54 | Struggling to adjust to business and economic changes due to COVID19 | 6/24/2020 2:26 PM |
| 55 | Partly cloudy | 6/24/2020 11:56 AM |
| 56 | in a time of transition. especially due to the pandemic. We are working hard to improve our infrastructure, our business community and our school for the future. We have a focus on small businesses and much community pride. We enjoy a lot of outside visitors to our community. | 6/24/2020 11:50 AM |
| 57 | Starting to grow into a great community. | 6/24/2020 7:47 AM |
| 58 | The perfect spot to raise a family or come for a day trip. | 6/24/2020 6:59 AM |
| 59 | Moving forward | 6/24/2020 6:56 AM |
| 60 | Desirable to live | 6/24/2020 4:33 AM |
| 61 | Struggling | 6/23/2020 11:38 PM |
| 62 | an outdoor recreation and arts mecca. | 6/23/2020 10:04 PM |

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| 63 | Lacking bold and innovative leadership. Under the circumstances its actions are slow and reactionary instead of getting out front and talking to the business and citizen groups etc. and working together. | 6/23/2020 9:37 PM |
| 64 | okay | 6/23/2020 9:25 PM |
| 65 | Struggling due to COVID-19 but continues to be a beautiful place that attracts many visitors. | 6/23/2020 9:03 PM |
| 66 | On a hold pattern | 6/23/2020 3:56 PM |
| 67 | Stable | 6/23/2020 3:38 PM |
| 68 | on the verge of a generational change | 6/23/2020 2:31 PM |
| 69 | Very white and struggling with the economy | 6/23/2020 2:26 PM |
| 70 | Quiet, becoming a city where people live but work out of town | 6/23/2020 1:23 PM |
| 71 | A great small town for visitors, a good small town for residents. | 6/23/2020 1:16 PM |
| 72 | A unique small town | 6/23/2020 1:10 PM |
| 73 | A tourist town! | 6/23/2020 12:59 PM |
| 74 | downtown area in trouble for many reasons some you could foresee and others such as pandemic makes for harde times | 6/23/2020 12:47 PM |
| 75 | Nice but not very organized. No clear vision and then no leadership to make an inspiring vision come to life. | 6/23/2020 12:44 PM |
| 76 | Pretty good | 6/23/2020 12:20 PM |
| 77 | in need of stores year round | 6/23/2020 11:22 AM |
| 78 | An idyllic little community. | 6/23/2020 10:58 AM |
| 79 | a welcoming community with a business/retail sector that is endangered | 6/23/2020 10:39 AM |
| 80 | A great home | 6/23/2020 9:49 AM |
| 81 | Financial problems | 6/22/2020 7:32 PM |
| 82 | test | 6/22/2020 5:26 PM |
| 83 | pretty good | 6/22/2020 3:02 PM |
| 84 | Struggling. | 6/22/2020 2:20 PM |
| 85 | Monotonous | 6/22/2020 10:35 AM |
| 86 | Tourist dependent and grant money dependent | 6/22/2020 10:12 AM |

Q23 In the future, Lanesboro will be:

Answered: 85 Skipped: 112

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | I would like to see more year-round businesses | 7/31/2020 9:56 AM |
| 2 | Filled with generational people because affordable rental housing for 18-25 year-olds will be implemented to keep our young people here. | 7/30/2020 5:22 PM |
| 3 | hopefully the town will still be active | 7/30/2020 1:38 PM |
| 4 | Probably the same | 7/29/2020 9:30 PM |
| 5 | a place where city council, mayor, city administration will be transparent and open to community input | 7/29/2020 8:20 PM |
| 6 | Better if residents are put ahead of wealthy businesses | 7/29/2020 4:24 PM |
| 7 | Excellent | 7/29/2020 2:02 PM |
| 8 | Slowly dying, unless we reinvent ourselves via diversification of industry to become a year round community (with good paying jobs), and adjust our tourism strategy to accommodate newer/younger visitors. The days of luxury B&B's are probably over. People want adventures and experiences, and if we have the year round employment opportunities to entice them, we can grow the community (in a controlled way that maintains its charm.) | 7/29/2020 9:32 AM |
| 9 | in need of support systems for the community. access to food, necessities | 7/28/2020 10:04 PM |
| 10 | going backwards. theres no planning for the future for repairs or replacements. | 7/28/2020 9:37 PM |
| 11 | transparent governance concerned for the good of all ... even those with differing views | 7/28/2020 8:56 PM |
| 12 | Increasingly artistic and exclusive | 7/28/2020 8:44 PM |
| 13 | Going backwards , because we are not moving forward. | 7/28/2020 8:16 PM |
| 14 | Stop people from blowing grass in the street | 7/28/2020 7:07 PM |
| 15 | This all depends on whether we can add housing and grow the tax base. I think Lanesboro is up to the challenge. | 7/28/2020 5:54 PM |
| 16 | Hopefully continue on with the tourism but also gear some to the residents that live here as well. | 7/28/2020 3:37 PM |
| 17 | hopefully be able to assess what the needs of the community are and address those needs as they arise. | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 18 | Even Better | 7/28/2020 2:52 PM |
| 19 | Stifled if changes to the economy don't occur...very fragile now, and too reliant on visitors | 7/28/2020 1:59 PM |
| 20 | A city for its residents | 7/28/2020 1:39 PM |
| 21 | Better | 7/28/2020 1:18 PM |
| 22 | Hopefully a destination for outdoor activities and downtown activities. | 7/28/2020 12:38 PM |
| 23 | Attracting more visitors to help our economy | 7/28/2020 12:24 PM |
| 24 | More crowded and busy | 7/28/2020 12:22 PM |
| 25 | Thriving | 7/28/2020 12:12 PM |
| 26 | The thriving cultural and arts infused, beautiful town it always has been. By continuing to offer a wide variety of services in addition to arts and culture, it will continue to expand to meet the need of the population and gain even more favor as a must-see destination. | 7/28/2020 12:04 PM |
| 27 | Could be lovely. | 7/28/2020 12:03 PM |
| 28 | Growing and expanding | 7/28/2020 11:52 AM |
| 29 | better | 7/28/2020 11:22 AM |
| 30 | About the same | 7/28/2020 11:17 AM |
| 31 | Needs to be more progressive and find ways to grow besides just tourists industry | 7/28/2020 10:40 AM |

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| 32 | Much of the same | 7/28/2020 10:26 AM |
| 33 | I don't know. At the moment, it seems scary. | 7/28/2020 10:23 AM |
| 34 | Much the same, with many of the improvements in place (housing, health plans) still a place to come home to | 7/28/2020 9:57 AM |
| 35 | Diverse | 7/28/2020 9:50 AM |
| 36 | Not be able to handle the influx of visitors and they will stop coming. | 7/28/2020 9:47 AM |
| 37 | People with positive energy trying grow, bringing families to the school system. Leadership within the city administration, communication being a factor. | 7/28/2020 9:39 AM |
| 38 | Have to explore more than recreation as the reason to come to Lanesboro. As more and more communities develop bike trails and parks, we will not have to travel to get the same experience as a trip to Lanesboro. We have to find our h=new niche. | 7/28/2020 9:39 AM |
| 39 | A wonderful small town | 7/28/2020 9:16 AM |
| 40 | a top destination for outdoor enthusiasts. | 7/26/2020 1:21 PM |
| 41 | It can grow if it brings in more moderately paid jobs and brings in permanent family residents | 7/9/2020 2:11 PM |
| 42 | more reliant on an internet based economy with hopefully a population balanced between young families, retired people and second home owners | 7/5/2020 3:09 PM |
| 43 | A living picture of the past With more opportunities | 7/4/2020 8:10 PM |
| 44 | A continued premier destination for people looking to relax for a weekend relax as a permanent resident. Lanesboro needs to continue to invest in its infrastructure to be ready for the next 150 years. | 7/1/2020 3:24 PM |
| 45 | Destination for more young families to live, work, and play | 6/30/2020 11:31 PM |
| 46 | Taken over by non traditional residents that are not primary residents to Lanesboro. | 6/29/2020 3:02 PM |
| 47 | A ghost town like in the early 1980's with many closed businesses. | 6/26/2020 9:55 PM |
| 48 | Don't know! | 6/26/2020 8:13 PM |
| 49 | working to maintain its unique status, given the fact that many of the people who are responsible for much of the unique creativity and initiative are retiring or moving away. | 6/26/2020 11:12 AM |
| 50 | Stronger by a concerted effort to support business and recreational marketing and growth. | 6/26/2020 10:13 AM |
| 51 | Wonderful if businesses can stay in business. | 6/24/2020 10:02 PM |
| 52 | A wonderful place to live. | 6/24/2020 8:44 PM |
| 53 | Hopefully beautiful and affordable | 6/24/2020 4:58 PM |
| 54 | Adapting to the above challenge by redesigning businesses, services, and jobs. | 6/24/2020 2:26 PM |
| 55 | more diverse. Could be a place where people want to retire to...we could build on that.. could be home to more families with school age children. | 6/24/2020 11:50 AM |
| 56 | A place where everyone feels welcome and has a place to stay. | 6/24/2020 7:47 AM |
| 57 | The same. If we grow, add industrial parks, apartment buildings in the area of downtown, add grocery stores, etc., we won't be the same town. People come to our town because of what we offer now. If we change to try to keep up with the times, we no longer are a town that is on the destination list. They will find another small town up north that represents historical, small town living. | 6/24/2020 6:59 AM |
| 58 | A good place to live | 6/24/2020 6:56 AM |
| 59 | More desirable with better access to necessities, jobs, housing, increased education programs | 6/24/2020 4:33 AM |
| 60 | Thriving | 6/23/2020 11:38 PM |
| 61 | a town that values the river and invests in public gathering places along the river, which is a large part of the reason the town is here in the first place. People like to see and touch the | 6/23/2020 10:04 PM |

water. We do everything we can to preserve and develop opportunities for them to do so. Preston put \$400,000 into trout stream habitat improvement and access to the river a couple years ago. Lanesboro has that same potential at the Hwy. 250 bridge and behind the public works warehouses. The City should also buy the old Smokehouse Barbecue property and develop that whole corner of downtown on the river.

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| 62 | Left behind if it cannot separate itself from other small town syndromes and be bold enough to realize that maintenaning the status quo wont cut it. | 6/23/2020 9:37 PM |
| 63 | stationary | 6/23/2020 9:25 PM |
| 64 | a community that caters to both residents and visitors of all ages. We'd like to see more young families choose to live in Lanesboro. The community needs to attract businesses that pay living wages. | 6/23/2020 9:03 PM |
| 65 | Vibrant | 6/23/2020 3:56 PM |
| 66 | Energized | 6/23/2020 3:38 PM |
| 67 | run by and for younger generation with different ideas about what's best for the city. | 6/23/2020 2:31 PM |
| 68 | More diverse and open to new businesses for younger generations | 6/23/2020 2:26 PM |
| 69 | Continue to be a tourist attraction | 6/23/2020 1:23 PM |
| 70 | A great small town for visitors, a great small town for residents. | 6/23/2020 1:16 PM |
| 71 | As good or better | 6/23/2020 1:10 PM |
| 72 | A tourist town! | 6/23/2020 12:59 PM |
| 73 | a nice town to live in | 6/23/2020 12:47 PM |
| 74 | Not sure -- could go either way. Frankly, it's got a lot of great assets (more than any other town around here) but leadership is needed. Harmony does SO much more with SO much less to work with -- the contrast between the City Council's attitude in Harmony compared to Lanesboro's Council is huge. | 6/23/2020 12:44 PM |
| 75 | Good | 6/23/2020 12:20 PM |
| 76 | A better place to bring up young children of familys | 6/23/2020 11:22 AM |
| 77 | An idyllic little self supporting community with numerous options for housing and small business. | 6/23/2020 10:58 AM |
| 78 | a vibrant community reflective of the diversity that makes this country great with a healthy and growing business ecology | 6/23/2020 10:39 AM |
| 79 | A better place for it's residents over tourism | 6/23/2020 9:49 AM |
| 80 | Over taxed | 6/22/2020 7:32 PM |
| 81 | test | 6/22/2020 5:26 PM |
| 82 | fantastic | 6/22/2020 3:02 PM |
| 83 | Hopefully more self-sufficient, with a population of about 1300. | 6/22/2020 2:20 PM |
| 84 | Diverse | 6/22/2020 10:35 AM |
| 85 | Tourist and grant money dependent | 6/22/2020 10:12 AM |

Q24 What are other long-range issues the comprehensive plan update should address?

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| 1 | Safety of the tubers jumping off the bridge | 7/31/2020 9:56 AM |
| 2 | Evening entertainment | 7/30/2020 9:14 PM |
| 3 | internet service | 7/30/2020 1:38 PM |
| 4 | What to do when climate change causes flooding at the waste treatment facility. Good luck waiting for help from FEMA. What to do when we outgrow the waste treatment facility. | 7/29/2020 8:20 PM |
| 5 | Waste water treatment plant has been botched again. Ripping down family homes is not a good solution | 7/29/2020 4:24 PM |
| 6 | To add more businesses no matter if historic or not because of the new generation coming in., | 7/29/2020 2:02 PM |
| 7 | Diversification of business & industry to encourage year round employment opportunities, affordable housing, whether renting or owning, infrastructure to support the growth as it comes. | 7/29/2020 9:32 AM |
| 8 | In order to attract people you have to make it easy for them. Child care is important to be open as long as it would take someone to work in other communities like Rochester. If people come to only use the bike trail and don't spend any money it does not help the community. More things for families to do. | 7/28/2020 10:04 PM |
| 9 | conversion of the most affordable homes to second homes, infrastructure improvements, transition to work from home | 7/28/2020 8:56 PM |
| 10 | Everyone always talks about fixing infrastructure but it never gets accomplished. Where is the 1/2 % tax going. Spend less on equipment . | 7/28/2020 8:16 PM |
| 11 | Figure out property lines | 7/28/2020 7:07 PM |
| 12 | Housing - issue number 1. Long range capital improvement plan. We cannot let our streets and sidewalks fall apart when we choose not to budget for them. | 7/28/2020 5:54 PM |
| 13 | I just think we need to have more things available for the people who live here such as hardware stores, a bigger grocery store. And a doctors office. We have plenty of stores geared toward tourists but I would like to have some geared towards the people that live here all year round as well. | 7/28/2020 3:37 PM |
| 14 | needs for growth of tourism. | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 15 | Business diversity | 7/28/2020 1:59 PM |
| 16 | Meeting the needs of the residents and not just tourists | 7/28/2020 1:39 PM |
| 17 | N/A | 7/28/2020 1:18 PM |
| 18 | Some city streets are deteriorating and are in need of repair or replacement. Certain public areas in town could be cleaned up, weeded and taken better care of to help keep the community attractive to visitors as well as residents. | 7/28/2020 12:41 PM |
| 19 | Lanesboro needs to be more progressive. Needs a much stronger chamber, needs to partner better with surrounding towns and needs to address the homeless people in town not contributing. Needs to hold people and businesses accountable for keeping the town nice, clean and updated. | 7/28/2020 12:38 PM |
| 20 | Traffic increase = danger Hwy. 250 farm machinery, gravel trucks, campers and pedestrian traffic mix Speeding issues on 250 | 7/28/2020 12:22 PM |
| 21 | Continued growth in the tourism sector | 7/28/2020 12:12 PM |
| 22 | Drawing in more entrepreneurs for business opportunities to extend tourism experiences; more activities for children/ in Lanesboro to draw in families to visit...a children's museum or activity center with interactive history displays and activities about the town/driftless area?? | 7/28/2020 12:06 PM |
| 23 | Affordable housing, better communication and coordination for city-wide initiatives. | 7/28/2020 12:04 PM |
| 24 | street maintenance and better communication | 7/28/2020 11:22 AM |
| 25 | High cost of living | 7/28/2020 11:14 AM |

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| 26 | More things for teenagers to do in town | 7/28/2020 10:45 AM |
| 27 | The city officials need to have a long range outlook, a comprehensive plan!, to plan for 5, 10,20 years in the future. Not be stuck on “bandaids” and lack of finances. You have to spend money to make money. | 7/28/2020 10:43 AM |
| 28 | Industry, transportation, fiber optics, rental housing for families, street improvement, more community Ed classes for all ages, more senior age programs | 7/28/2020 10:40 AM |
| 29 | Housing, rental, activities for kids like a pool, grocery store, hardware store, medical clinic | 7/28/2020 10:26 AM |
| 30 | Community cohesion and pride and tolerance. Pride of place. I hate the us versus them of businesses and community members which, in any case, is a false dichotomy, as many business owners live in Lanesboro and many residents accept the businesses. If we all love Lanesboro, maybe there is more that unites us than divides us. I wish we could get to the place of all knowing that. | 7/28/2020 10:23 AM |
| 31 | Transportation. More healthcare options in town, clinic, care center | 7/28/2020 9:57 AM |
| 32 | Fill empty business buildings | 7/28/2020 9:50 AM |
| 33 | Maintaining comfortable living for local residents. Keep the tax paying residents happy. | 7/28/2020 9:47 AM |
| 34 | Finally hire a city planner. Help us to help ourselves in developing a better and more diverse Lanesboro.We will | 7/28/2020 9:39 AM |
| 35 | Quality hotels and places for visitors to stay. Entertainment options. Food and drink options. Winter and off-season business viability. Places for local residents to shop regularly (I go to Rochester for groceries.) | 7/26/2020 1:21 PM |
| 36 | fiscal disparities between Lanesboro and surrounding townships (as in tax burdens and service levels. library funding one example) | 7/5/2020 3:09 PM |
| 37 | Non radioactive water | 7/4/2020 8:10 PM |
| 38 | Infrastructure planning - proactive and not reactive. This plan needs to have measurable goals and deadlines otherwise this plan just collects dusts like past comprehensive plans have done for this City. Housing incentives are the number one priority in my mind -- young people are choosing other towns because they have attractive EDA housing incentives while Lanesboro does not. | 7/1/2020 3:24 PM |
| 39 | Assisted living facilities | 6/30/2020 11:31 PM |
| 40 | Keeping Lanesboro affordable and entice younger families to sustain the school and town. More activities for what middle age families that are not interested in the arts to enjoy. | 6/29/2020 3:02 PM |
| 41 | Start with short term goals of issues that are problematic. | 6/26/2020 9:55 PM |
| 42 | Senior living More housing | 6/26/2020 8:13 PM |
| 43 | Lanesboro could just become another small struggling town if we do not recognize that we need to work to maintain our uniqueness. Bringing in or encouraging any businesses or activities that work against the Lanesboro brand of a cultured atmosphere promoting the healthier, finer things in life are steps in the wrong direction. | 6/26/2020 11:12 AM |
| 44 | How to keep young families in town by creating a thriving year-round community. | 6/26/2020 10:13 AM |
| 45 | Now that the dam is being fixed, I can't think of anything else. | 6/24/2020 10:02 PM |
| 46 | Keeping it a wonderful place to live! Maintenance! | 6/24/2020 8:44 PM |
| 47 | Lowering property tax | 6/24/2020 4:58 PM |
| 48 | Guarding against gentrification of residential areas as housing is improved. | 6/24/2020 2:26 PM |
| 49 | affordability of living in Lanesboro. a better workforce (hard to find people to work here), diversity | 6/24/2020 11:50 AM |
| 50 | Housing as well as short term rental. When people come to stay during busy time there is no where to stay. Also, being from out of town originally, it was very difficult to find a place to rent. The places that were available were only by word of mouth and there was only a few places. Makes it very difficult for someone to move here especially younger and not knowing anyone. | 6/24/2020 7:47 AM |

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| 51 | N/A. | 6/24/2020 6:59 AM |
| 52 | A green space on parkway Ave in the middle of town where the buildings burned down. The city should buy the property. | 6/24/2020 6:56 AM |
| 53 | Keeping businesses active and continue efforts to draw people, especially young families to the community. | 6/24/2020 4:33 AM |
| 54 | More recycling containers | 6/23/2020 11:38 PM |
| 55 | The sewer plant should not be located at an entrance to the City, but instead should be hidden from sight. There is a property across Hwy. 16 and people would never know it was there. | 6/23/2020 10:04 PM |
| 56 | Identify inventory to be developed in the existing infrastructure. Allow apartments on residential lots as accessory items above a garage or attached to a home. | 6/23/2020 9:37 PM |
| 57 | affordable housing and commercial growth | 6/23/2020 9:25 PM |
| 58 | New events, winter activities | 6/23/2020 3:56 PM |
| 59 | Making real estate more affordable -- especially in the business district; it is very tough to start a new business | 6/23/2020 3:38 PM |
| 60 | infrastructure especially sewage treatment. | 6/23/2020 2:31 PM |
| 61 | Let's go solar!!!! We must get more environmentally friendly in terms of how we move forward, community gardens would be great as well. | 6/23/2020 2:26 PM |
| 62 | Year round pool | 6/23/2020 1:23 PM |
| 63 | Uniting the downtown businesses and the school. We have so many wonderful opportunities from both that need to be CONNECTED, to benefit learning students, retirees, parents, etc. | 6/23/2020 1:16 PM |
| 64 | Infrastructure needs a more pro active leadership. | 6/23/2020 1:10 PM |
| 65 | well I dont believe the Mayor should have his nose in all the different committees, as he usually gets his way! | 6/23/2020 12:59 PM |
| 66 | an aging community with fewer young people moving here. attracting more young families to raise their kids here | 6/23/2020 12:47 PM |
| 67 | Lanesboro could be a destination for retiring Boomers - but their has to be a "campus" with several duplex units along with a congregant living facility and a range of health services. Investors can be found easily for such a venture... | 6/23/2020 12:44 PM |
| 68 | Attracting more families | 6/23/2020 12:20 PM |
| 69 | boost up first responders and firemen | 6/23/2020 11:22 AM |
| 70 | Bridging the gap between lifelong locals and new locals. Example: We recently moved across town. When meeting the 30 something year old neighbor she was unfamiliar with any of the shops. She's lived in Lanesboro her whole life. According to her, she "doesn't go downtown". I feel there are many like this. When I'm at school events and look around at the other parents and family - I don't recognize most of them. I've had my shop open for 3 years now and only a core of 20 or so locals shop there or have even come in the building. That's a problem. | 6/23/2020 10:58 AM |
| 71 | N/A | 6/23/2020 10:39 AM |
| 72 | Clarity on it's plans for growth | 6/23/2020 9:49 AM |
| 73 | clean energy needs | 6/23/2020 7:16 AM |
| 74 | test | 6/22/2020 5:26 PM |
| 75 | River clean up and beautification along river in town | 6/22/2020 3:02 PM |
| 76 | Age diversity of demographics - attracting younger people to live and work here. Undoubtedly, as retirees age, they will want/need more services. | 6/22/2020 2:20 PM |
| 77 | Sustainability | 6/22/2020 10:35 AM |
| 78 | Care more about the people that live in the town and not just focus on the business owners | 6/22/2020 10:12 AM |

Q25 Please provide your comments on a future vision for the City and any other specific initiatives that should be undertaken in the next 20 years:

Answered: 67 Skipped: 130

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | Absolutely must have better communication no one works together the chamber is worthless | 8/1/2020 7:25 AM |
| 2 | The city will prosper if it continues to welcome visitors. Provide bike parking. More outdoor seating for eating. | 7/30/2020 9:14 PM |
| 3 | Lower property taxes | 7/30/2020 1:38 PM |
| 4 | Stop spending millions of dollars on a new school and dam, neither of which we need and spend it on our infrastructure. | 7/29/2020 8:20 PM |
| 5 | Promote family and small business rather than big ag | 7/29/2020 4:24 PM |
| 6 | To add more businesses no matter if historic or not because of the new generation coming in., | 7/29/2020 2:02 PM |
| 7 | See #24...over, and over, and over again... | 7/29/2020 9:32 AM |
| 8 | A winery like in Decorah would be amazing, a water park indoor would be amazing, an indoor playground would be amazing, mini golf would be fun, more restaurants, improve upon what brings people to Lanesboro now but with more options for winter and rain | 7/28/2020 10:04 PM |
| 9 | Why are you asking now? Didn't you pay some guy \$30,000.00 to tell you some crazy ideas how to do that? | 7/28/2020 9:37 PM |
| 10 | Increase energy independence, build sustainability for all residents, beware of special interests, open government to differing points of view | 7/28/2020 8:56 PM |
| 11 | Repair streets,water,sewer .Try to get some small industry etc. Get away from strong promoting arts and other non profit groups. . | 7/28/2020 8:16 PM |
| 12 | The riverfront is prime for development into high end condo or apartment housing. We also need more apartments and specifically senior housing to take care of aging population growth. | 7/28/2020 5:54 PM |
| 13 | None at this time | 7/28/2020 3:37 PM |
| 14 | infrastructure updates | 7/28/2020 3:30 PM |
| 15 | Growth and amenities | 7/28/2020 1:59 PM |
| 16 | N/A | 7/28/2020 1:18 PM |
| 17 | Keep taxes for businesses and residents affordable as not to force people or businesses to leave town. Would love to see the community and its infrastructure grow in the right direction. I have lived in Lanesboro my entire life and have always been proud to call it my home. | 7/28/2020 12:41 PM |
| 18 | Clean rivers Walking trails Attraction of more businesses. More opportunities for youth. | 7/28/2020 12:38 PM |
| 19 | Try to move aggra-businesses (elevator and stockyard) outside of city. Do not have the waste water treatment plant in town. Do not sacrifice the "Flats" residential neighborhood. It is as important as any other neighborhood. | 7/28/2020 12:22 PM |
| 20 | open communication | 7/28/2020 11:22 AM |
| 21 | Beach area/water hang out area for teenagers and young adults | 7/28/2020 10:45 AM |
| 22 | Retain the same small town feel and look, with safety and acceptance. But provide more comfortable housing for seniors so their former homes can be habited by young families looking for a safe place to raise their children in a high quality school. | 7/28/2020 10:43 AM |
| 23 | Lanesboro should attempt to grow, in population, services, religion diversity, community activities, youth job opportunities, manufacturing businesses, businesses such as retail, groceries, hardware, auto service, health, such as rehab . | 7/28/2020 10:40 AM |
| 24 | Restore Lanesboro to a peaceful happy community that does not cater to tourists and makes its residents a priority | 7/28/2020 10:26 AM |
| 25 | The ability to incentivize more artists to live and work here. | 7/28/2020 10:23 AM |
| 26 | N/A | 7/28/2020 9:57 AM |
| 27 | Filling already empty business buildings | 7/28/2020 9:50 AM |

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| 28 | Affordable housing for young families. We have a great school - we need to keep the children in our school district. | 7/28/2020 9:47 AM |
| 29 | We will not last another 10 years if we do not have a city planner who can help us see the bigger picture. WE ARE STUCK! WE need outside help. | 7/28/2020 9:39 AM |
| 30 | There is a very active mountain biking community out there that would flock to this area if the trails are built. They would also give input into how to build these to make them great! And as described previously, the central hang-out, relaxation area would allow people and families who aren't as active to watch people coming and going with their bikes. | 7/26/2020 1:21 PM |
| 31 | seek a more diverse population. include more residents in participation in committees, government, etc. Challenge - how to retain small town character as more and more people depend on the Rochester economy and commuting. Support trends in working at home so less commuters. involve second home owners more in community life as more and more properties become part time residences more cooperation between city and school district | 7/5/2020 3:09 PM |
| 32 | Amphitheater and/or bike race loop track | 7/4/2020 8:10 PM |
| 33 | The City needs to learn to be more flexible on ordinances, particularly in housing development. The City will keep pushing away developers to other towns because it has no vision for developing housing for any aged adult, single, family, etc. | 7/1/2020 3:24 PM |
| 34 | Keep downtown storefronts full. Keep supporting our schools, engage our youth, bring alumni back to live after experiencing living elsewhere. Take care of the elderly by providing assisted living and activities-senior center. Bring in a clinic and pharmacy, hardware store. Always welcoming to visitors. | 6/30/2020 11:31 PM |
| 35 | Utility and sewer upgrades. Better street maintenance. Better internet and cellphone coverage for increased population on weekends. | 6/29/2020 3:02 PM |
| 36 | Next 20 years? You have no idea how many businesses have lost faith in the City of even handling current issues. Bottom line is " Does Lanesboro want to be a tourist town or a small town of less than 800 residents?" Start dealing with problems that are easier to solve and right before your eyes. Then and only then will a vision for the future become more visual! | 6/26/2020 9:55 PM |
| 37 | More housing More essential businesses | 6/26/2020 8:13 PM |
| 38 | Well, we spent some \$25,000 on a Concept Plan a few years ago, compiled by a man with past successes in small towns, that should be used as a starting point. No sense reinventing the wheel. The plan was not given the attention that it should have because individuals did not understand what its intention was. | 6/26/2020 11:12 AM |
| 39 | Sustainable growth needs the community's support. Engage the churches, the school, the businesses, the inns to come together. When folks are asked to respond personally to help out, they will, whether it's how to keep this place viable in the winter or to offer housing incentives to young people. | 6/26/2020 10:13 AM |
| 40 | We like Lanesboro because of the way it is right now: trail, parks, arts, river, stores, restaurants. I'm not sure that we need anything to change - keeping what we have is the vision we'd have for Lanesboro. | 6/24/2020 10:02 PM |
| 41 | Maintaining and improving existing historic buildings and neighborhoods, focusing on renewable energy and green solutions, community diversity | 6/24/2020 8:44 PM |
| 42 | Stay committed to broadband services and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Emphasize environmental preservation. Attract or retain young families. Work to increase diversity and a welcoming atmosphere to new residents. | 6/24/2020 2:26 PM |
| 43 | You can't go wrong working on our strengths...our natural resources, the arts and cultural opportunities, and agriculture...building on all three of these will make Lanesboro a force for the future...and a unique place for people to live and work and travel to... | 6/24/2020 11:50 AM |
| 44 | Dredge bass pond. Build rental place, like small apt building. Look to others for potential cabin rentals. Be open to changes in rules (ex: no tin roof on houses). Times are changing and homeowners should not be penalized for doing something affordable and long lasting because some people dont like the look. Its better than looking at dilapidated houses and shingles falling off the roof. | 6/24/2020 7:47 AM |
| 45 | N/A | 6/24/2020 6:59 AM |

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| 46 | Improved education, access to affordable housing, and strength in community | 6/24/2020 4:33 AM |
| 47 | Agriculture is an important part of Lanesboro's history, present and future. However, the days are gone where the Sales Commission contributes significantly to the economy of the town. They now contribute more in fees in peoples' ice cream than they do in taxes. The city should help them find a good location just outside of town, then use the site for city facilities (fire station, ambulance, public works, etc.). It could potentially even use the site for a new sewer plant right next to the current one, but still completely hidden from sight. | 6/23/2020 10:04 PM |
| 48 | The virus has already demonstrated that when possible people can and will work from home or a small business center and save gas, time, etc. Internet capacity is important. | 6/23/2020 9:37 PM |
| 49 | have a plan to further Lanesboro if and when tourism dies out the old adage live by tourism and die by tourism may be down the road | 6/23/2020 9:25 PM |
| 50 | Senior activities, city pool | 6/23/2020 3:56 PM |
| 51 | Better collaboration with city leadership; Stronger EDA -- better funded, more staff | 6/23/2020 3:38 PM |
| 52 | maintain lively downtown, promote biking/hiking, fly fishing, arts, river recreation, develop new non-B&B lodging options | 6/23/2020 2:31 PM |
| 53 | Your vision statement on the paper copy is incomplete and it does nothing to address diversity or environmental impact--we need to change those to be more decisive--if we don't come to terms with those two things the town will not prosper. | 6/23/2020 2:26 PM |
| 54 | More duplex or townhomes, retirement community setting, year round pool | 6/23/2020 1:23 PM |
| 55 | Really hoping more rentals become possible. | 6/23/2020 1:16 PM |
| 56 | these surveys have been taken before and usually they go in a file never to be acted on! | 6/23/2020 12:59 PM |
| 57 | Need to find ways to increase off-season reasons to come to Lanesboro (Such as visiting Grandma and Grandpa in the Senior Living Community!!) | 6/23/2020 12:44 PM |
| 58 | The school is the lifeblood, tourism should be considered secondary | 6/23/2020 12:20 PM |
| 59 | Jobs for all citizens. Infrastructure for adiquit living | 6/23/2020 11:22 AM |
| 60 | We need something to attract year round living. Seasonal jobs do not warrant new housing developments. Many of the store owners are aging and I don't foresee anyone scrambling to buy the buildings. Somehow bridge the gap between locals and businesses. It doesn't take much to support local and shop local versus Amazon and Target. Do we want the town to look like Wykoff? Cute but dilapidated and vacant? We need more shoppers year round. | 6/23/2020 10:58 AM |
| 61 | There needs to be a concerted effort to make Lanesboro welcoming to peoples of all backgrounds | 6/23/2020 10:39 AM |
| 62 | More business and service for it's residents over tourism | 6/23/2020 9:49 AM |
| 63 | test | 6/22/2020 5:26 PM |
| 64 | clean up and develop trails on both sides of river through town | 6/22/2020 3:02 PM |
| 65 | Any vision should be accompanied by action steps, ways to meet them, ways to know that you met them, etc. No good if just on paper. | 6/22/2020 2:20 PM |
| 66 | Well, you should make your survey work better. All of the agree, neutral, disagree questions are broken. I was not able to answer all of them. | 6/22/2020 10:35 AM |
| 67 | Less adoration of the arts and grabbing that free grant money. | 6/22/2020 10:12 AM |

