



10625 County Road A, Hayward, WI 54843

May 1, 2018

Dear Town of Round Lake Resident:

The Town of Round Lake Plan Commission is reviewing its comprehensive plan originally published in November of 2009. The Town of Round Lake Comprehensive Plan (available on the Town website at www.townofroundlakewi.org) covers our community's economic development, land use, demographics, facilities, agricultural, natural and cultural resources, and much more.

In an effort to better meet the current needs of our residents we have enclosed an eleven question survey that will provide us with critical information and aid us in the task of updating the plan.

We are asking all who own property in the Town of Round Lake to please take a few moments to complete the survey and return in the postage paid envelope provided by June 1, 2018.

Your help in this ensures your voice is being heard. We look forward to serving you in the future. Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,
Town of Round Lake Plan Commission
Carol Bacon, Chairperson

Commission Members:

Denise Picchietti
Ben Niemann
Blake Olson

Vickie Palya
Sarah Gunn
Sharon Haak

1. What do you like most about owning property in the Town of Round Lake?

2. What do you like least about owning property in the Town of Round Lake?

3. As the Town of Round Lake continues to grow, what type of businesses do you feel are needed, or would enhance the town?

4. Do you feel there is enough public access to lakes and rivers? Yes No

5. Do you feel there is enough access to public recreational opportunities? Yes No

6. Should the Town of Round Lake allow _____more _____less or _____about the same amount of ATV/UTV use on designated town roads?

7. If you have used or need local emergency services (fire/ambulance) within the last five years, do you feel local emergency services met your needs? Yes No

Do you have suggestions for improvement of Emergency Services?

Survey continues on back

8. Please rank in order (from 1-12) the issues you feel are most important for the Town of Round Lake. One (1) being the most important:

- Water quality for lakes, ponds and rivers
- Attracting apartment/condominium builders to area
- Attracting commercial development to the area
- Take better care of Town Roads
- Bring better cell phone, Internet and TV service to area
- Establish wildlife preserves
- Establish more trails for walks, bicycling and quiet time in the woods
- Establish more trails for ATV's/UTV's and snowmobiles
- Enforcement of zoning and land use regulations
- Enforcement of regulations for short term rental of personal homes and cabins
- Fire safety education for owners/renters
- Impact of runoff from yard fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides on lakes and rivers

9. What is your opinion of the quality of life in the Town of Round Lake at this time?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

10. What is your age category?

- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 61-70
- 71+

11. Are you a full-time____ or part-time____ resident of the Town of Round Lake?

Thank you for completing this survey.

Town of Round Lake Land Use Plan Commission Survey May 2018

Summary.

The survey was designed by the Town of Round Lake Land Use Plan Commission to acquire underlying thoughts and opinions of property owners in the Town of Round Lake, Wisconsin as part of its efforts to update the Town of Round Lake Comprehensive Plan. Survey questions focused on area quality of life, recreation, services, issues and economic opportunities. Results yielded a 36% response rate: 1416 surveys were delivered via first-class mail; 522 surveys were completed.

Of the 522 respondents:

57% were part-time residents.

64% were over the age of 61.

96% stated their quality of life in the Town of Round Lake as good or excellent.

80% felt there is enough public access to lakes and rivers.

87% felt there is enough access to public recreational facilities.

44% felt ATV/UTV use on designated town roads should stay the same.

24% said they have used local emergency services in the past 5 years.

Water quality, better cell, Internet and TV service and impact of runoff from yard fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides ranked as issues felt to be most important.

Attracting commercial development and attracting apartment/condominium builders ranked as issues to be of least importance.

Other key findings were:

Nature, quiet, wildlife, the natural beauty of the North woods were the most liked reason for living in the Town of Round Lake.

Taxes, poor cell phone service, high electricity bills were regularly most cited as dislikes of living in the Town of Round Lake.

Convenience store/gas station was most mentioned as needed business. Cell phone tower to provide better cell service also cited as needed.

Expectation that Town of Round Lake is responsible for all roads including county roads and private roads.

Town of Round Lake Land Use Plan Commission Survey May 2018

Summary.

Key findings continued.

Lack of knowledge about services provided by the Town. Attribute most services to Sawyer County and to City of Hayward.

Expectations are that residents/visitors should receive the same robust services as provided by larger, metropolitan areas, i.e. cell, Internet, TV.

Lack of knowledge about rules and regulations that apply to residents and visitors of the Town of Round Lake.

Feel there is a lack of enforcement for rule breakers.

Attribute power to correct water level issues in Round Lake to the Town of Round Lake.

Twin Lake Dam and Twin Lake Bridge both are sources of concern. Feeling is they both need repair.

Messy property seems to be a source of irritation and attributed to lack of enforcement.

Lack of knowledge about emergency services – What services are provided, who emergency services personnel are, how are they paid, what are their qualifications, etc.

Town of Round Lake Land Use Plan Commission Survey May 2018

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Number of Respondents	%	Question
		#4. Do you feel there is enough public access to lakes and rivers?
456	87%	Yes
49	9%	No
17	3%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
		#5. Do you feel there is enough access to public recreational opportunities?
420	80%	Yes
68	13%	No
34	7%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
		#6. Should the Town of Round Lake allow more, less or about the same amount of ATV/UTV use on designated town roads?
153	29%	More
112	21%	Less
232	44%	About the same
25	5%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
		#7. If you have used or needed local emergency services (fire/ambulance) within the last five years, do you feel local emergency services met your needs?
127	24%	Yes
39	7%	No
356	68%	Did not answer, N/A
Total		
522	100%	

Number of Respondents	%	Question
<p>#8. Please rank in order (from 1-12) the issues you feel are most important for the Town of Round Lake. One (1) being the most important.</p> <p>Importance order determined by the sum of the top three positions within each issue</p> <p>Sum of Top Three Positions</p>		
407	78%	Ranked by respondents as first most important: Water quality for lakes, ponds and rivers
282	54%	#1
70	13%	#2
55	11%	#3
49	9%	#4
26	5%	#5
16	3%	#6
6	1%	#7
2	0%	#8
2	0%	#9
0	0%	#10
0	0%	#11
0	0%	#12
14	3%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
312	60%	Second: Bring better cell phone, Internet and TV service to the area
160	31%	#1
83	16%	#2
69	13%	#3
49	9%	#4
46	9%	#5
30	6%	#6
20	4%	#7
18	3%	#8
11	2%	#9
16	3%	#10
0	0%	#11
3	1%	#12
17	3%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
218	42%	Third: Impact of runoff from yard fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides on lakes and rivers
35	7%	#1
109	21%	#2
74	14%	#3
61	12%	#4
56	11%	#5
38	7%	#6
43	8%	#7
24	5%	#8
21	4%	#9
19	4%	#10
4	1%	#11
8	2%	#12
30	6%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	

Number of Respondents	%	Question
176	34%	Fourth: Take better care of town roads
40	8%	#1
74	14%	#2
62	12%	#3
58	11%	#4
54	10%	#5
66	13%	#6
43	8%	#7
40	8%	#8
23	4%	#9
12	2%	#10
10	2%	#11
3	1%	#12
37	7%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
119	23%	Fifth: Establish wildlife preserves
18	3%	#1
43	8%	#2
58	11%	#3
44	8%	#4
56	11%	#5
65	12%	#6
56	11%	#7
43	8%	#8
46	9%	#9
19	4%	#10
15	3%	#11
14	3%	#12
45	9%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
105	20%	Sixth: Establish more trails for walks, bicycling and quiet time in the woods
19	4%	#1
36	7%	#2
50	10%	#3
75	14%	#4
68	13%	#5
54	10%	#6
45	9%	#7
41	8%	#8
36	7%	#9
25	5%	#10
12	2%	#11
14	3%	#12
47	9%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	

Number of Respondents	%	Question
88	17%	Seventh: Establish more trails for ATV's/UTV's and snowmobiles
37	7%	#1
26	5%	#2
25	5%	#3
22	4%	#4
26	5%	#5
28	5%	#6
30	6%	#7
45	9%	#8
49	9%	#9
79	15%	#10
36	7%	#11
63	12%	#12
56	11%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
82	16%	Eighth: Enforcement of zoning and land use regulations
20	4%	#1
25	5%	#2
37	7%	#3
39	7%	#4
63	12%	#5
52	10%	#6
51	10%	#7
61	12%	#8
53	10%	#9
38	7%	#10
29	6%	#11
11	2%	#12
43	8%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
59	11%	Ninth: Enforcement of regulations for short term rental or personal homes and cabins
14	3%	#1
17	3%	#2
28	5%	#3
32	6%	#4
32	6%	#5
41	8%	#6
48	9%	#7
44	8%	#8
66	13%	#9
71	14%	#10
50	10%	#11
32	6%	#12
47	9%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	

Number of Respondents	%	Question
48	9%	Tenth: Fire safety education for owners/renters
12	2%	#1
10	2%	#2
26	5%	#3
28	5%	#4
59	11%	#5
60	11%	#6
52	10%	#7
74	14%	#8
60	11%	#9
57	11%	#10
17	3%	#11
23	4%	#12
44	8%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
16	3%	Eleventh: Attracting commercial development to the area
6	1%	#1
4	1%	#2
6	1%	#3
8	2%	#4
17	3%	#5
17	3%	#6
29	6%	#7
33	6%	#8
34	7%	#9
57	11%	#10
151	29%	#11
103	20%	#12
57	11%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
4	1%	Twelfth: Attracting apartment/condominium builders to the area
0	0%	#1
1	0%	#2
3	1%	#3
0	0%	#4
7	1%	#5
5	1%	#6
8	2%	#7
17	3%	#8
22	4%	#9
49	9%	#10
99	19%	#11
250	48%	#12
61	12%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	

Number of Respondents	%	Question
		9. What is your opinion of the quality of life in the Town of Round Lake at this time?
202	39%	Excellent
298	57%	Good
12	2%	Fair
0	0%	Poor
10	2%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
		10. What is your age category?
2	0%	21-30
11	2%	31-40
48	9%	41-50
116	22%	51-60
186	36%	61-70
146	28%	71+
13	2%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	
		11. Are you a full-time or part-time resident of the Town of Round Lake?
212	41%	Full-time
295	57%	Part-time
15	3%	Did not answer
Total		
522	100%	