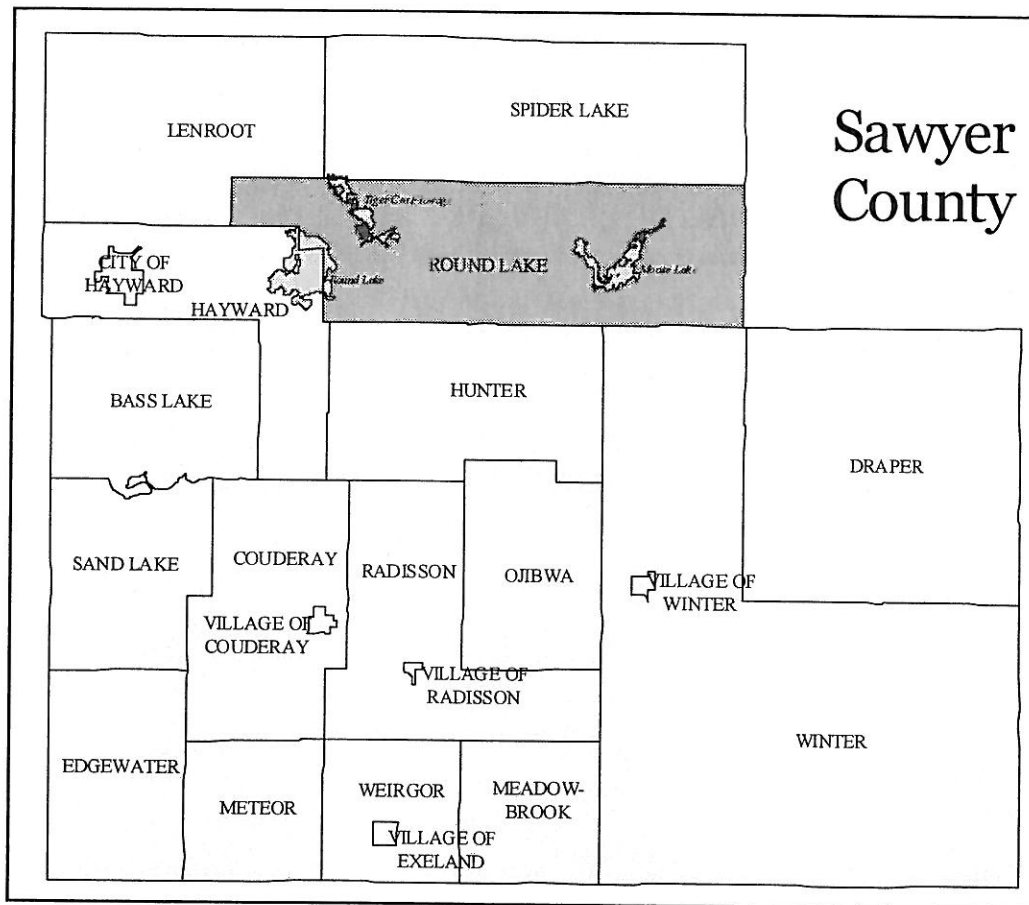


Survey Results Summary

Town of Round Lake

Sawyer County, Wisconsin



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Introduction

Introduction and Overview

This survey was developed in 2001 as an initial start of the Town of Round Lake land use planning process. The design was modeled after several other surveys done in similar, small communities of Wisconsin. There are many methods to receive public input on important issues facing the town. The survey results will likely be discussed and followed up with additional input from public hearings and other sources.

The survey committee that developed and approved the final draft consisted of:

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Methodology and Limitations of the Study

The survey instrument was mailed to each property owner in the Town as listed on the tax roll. A single mailing was conducted. Property owners were required to return the survey using their own postage. Approximately 1300 copies were distributed. Six hundred and sixty-eight (668) surveys were returned. It was a conscious decision made by the committee to give each property owner the opportunity to respond and not conduct a random sampling. Because this methodology had no randomness, the statistical reliability of the survey is lower; however, each property owner had an opportunity to express his or her opinions.

Slightly more than 50% of the surveys were returned which is a high response using this type of methodology. Although the response rate is high, there may be some bias in the data. Respondents whose primary residence is not in the town, and those living on lakes responded in higher percentages. It is not known if these percentages represent the actual profile of Round Lake property owners. Also, the respondents are older in average age than the local census populations. Again, because the survey includes both resident and non-resident property owners it is not known whether these respondents represent the actual profile of property owners. The committee intends that this data be used as input into the planning process and as a basis for stimulating additional discussion and input into the Town's planning process.

Survey Results

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Overall there was support for the Town of Round Lake setting standards, policies, or ordinances that would regulate items such as signage, billboards, buffer strips, and other aesthetic items. Eighty-six (86%) percent of respondents supported setting standards for advertising signs and ordinances to control billboards and lighting along town and county roads. About half (49.7%) supported setting standards for white arrow directional signs and listings of residents at road intersections.

Respondents were almost unanimous (95.7%) that the Town should maintain the woodland character of the town roads. Respondents were less certain however about specific aesthetic requirements. Sixty-one (61%) percent thought that the Town should require buffer strips along roads to conceal logging; Sixty-six (66%) percent thought that the Town should require screening of unsightly buildings; and approximately sixty-seven (67.5%) thought that there should be aesthetic requirements or design standards for new commercial and industrial developments.

Respondents were almost evenly divided on the Town taking action to control amount and design of overhead lights. Forty-eight (48.4%) percent responded yes, and forty-eight (48.2%) responded no.

LAND USE PLANNING

Survey results on whether the town should control various facets of development such as temporary dwellings, cellular towers, and other issues such as mining varied in response. Sixty-four (64%) thought the town should develop a noise ordinance and fifty-nine (59%) responded that the Town should control the use of seasonal dwellings such as trailers, tents, and motor homes. An equal number fifty-nine (59%) thought that the Town should control cellular tower development and removal.

Development of policies on various activities yielded the following results:

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| a. the development of mining? | (80.84%) |
| b. the development of nuclear waste depositories? | (84.73%) |
| c. the development of cranberry bogs? | (63.62%) |
| d. high voltage power lines? | (73.20%) |
| e. gravel pits? | (72.01%) |

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

Housing development is a significant concern for most communities. Not surprisingly, single family homes was the respondents most preferred type of housing development.

<u>Housing Type</u>	<u>Responses</u>
Single family homes	532
Seasonal/recreational houses	302
Elderly housing	220
Condominiums	111
Two family units/ duplexes	94

Seasonal help lodging	77
None	65
Subdivisions	51
Apartments	41
Mobile home parks	25
Other	5

Development through multi-family housing and mobile homes received less support. Eighty-five (85%) percent supported restricting the size or number of mobile home parks that can be developed and the majority of respondents supported specific requirements such as foundations, skirting, and waste disposal placed on mobile homes. About eighty-two (81.7%) percent favored setting standards for the number of condo units, duplexes, and apartments to help control density. About eighty-eight (87.6%) percent supported the Town's adoption of a policy or plan for future subdivision development.

SHORELAND DEVELOPMENT

Shoreland development is one of the fastest growing components of development for the Town and County. Although the state and county enforce many of the ordinances controlling shoreland development, the issues remain significant on the local town level. Sixty-eight (68%) percent supported the county's 75 feet setback requirement as opposed to greater setbacks. A slight majority fifty-eight (55%) supported the present county standards for boathouses of 20 feet from the water. Seventy-two (72%) percent supported maintaining the current state regulations allowing a use corridor of 30 feet wide and 35 feet back from the ordinary high water mark.

Slightly more than half (57%) indicated that the Town require private boat landings be designed to be more aesthetically attractive and less obtrusive to the natural lake environment, and about half supported the distribution of informational packets through the town and education provided by Lake Associations to recommend procedures to keep yard fertilizers and nutrients from flowing into the lakes.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Although the response by Town property owners was not overwhelming in regards to commercial and industrial development, survey participants identified that the Town encourage the following types of development::

<u>Commercial Development</u>	<u>Response</u>	
Tourism oriented businesses	365	(54.64%)
Service businesses	267	(39.97%)
Professional services	236	(35.33%)
Retail	225	(33.68%)
Light industrial	187	(27.99%)
None	133	(19.91%)
Other	39	(5.84%)

Almost seventy-nine (78.9%) percent identified that large retail or fast food chain stores should not be allowed or encouraged to locate in the Town of Round Lake.

RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Although slightly more than half identified that the town should encourage tourism oriented business, respondents are less supportive of specific types of tourism and recreation development. Only thirty-three (33%) percent of respondents identified that they wanted expansion of commercial recreation developments such as resorts, marinas, golf courses, etc. Public recreation was important to respondents though. Respondents identified several areas for development of public recreation. The top 10 items listed included:

<u>Recreation Type</u>	<u>Responses</u>
Fitness/Walking Paths	335
Parks	291
Bike Trails	286
Cross Country Ski Trails	277
Public Fishing Access	237
Picnic Areas	234
Canoeing Areas	220
Swimming Beaches	219
Boat Landings	193
Snowmobile Trails	139

Development of policies regulation certain activities were also addressed. The following activities and their results are summarized in the figure below:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Supporting Policy or Regulation</u>
Personal Watercraft & High Powered Boats	73.5%
Motor Cross Racing	75.5%
Organized Snowmobile Racing	72.6%
Shooting Ranges	69.6%

Respondents were also asked if they favored allowing ATV use on town roads. Sixty-three (63%) indicated that they were not in favor of allowing ATV use on town roads.

Property owners were also asked whether they should restrict development or purchase lands they wish to protect for specific purposes such as environmentally sensitive areas, critical wildlife, or natural habitats. Eight-one percent noted that the Town should protect certain areas from development, while sixty-one and a half (61.5%) indicated that the Town should buy property they wish to remain undeveloped.

Regarding information and education on how to sustain the environmental quality of the town and surrounding area, a majority of respondents identified the following strategies:

- The Town should encourage lake associations and/or other groups to develop educational programs. (403 responses)
- The Town should make protecting the environment a priority issue when making policy decisions. (403 responses)
- The Town should have an information pamphlet on how to protect the local environment. (382 responses)

TOWN SERVICES

Survey respondents were asked to rank the top five issues facing the Town of Round Lake. A ranking by number responded yielded the following:

Issue	Responses
1. Maintain the rural northwoods character	456
2. Preserve the natural shoreline along lakes and streams	405
3. Problems with water quality of both surface and ground water	392
4. Protection of wildlife habitats and aquatic species	367
5. Improved zoning enforcement	175
6. Sprawl of commercial development	152
7. Development of better roads	113
8. Promote business development in specific areas	107
9. Increasing development of lakefront property	93
10. Development of large condominiums or apartment complexes	91

Respondents indicated that the Town should enforce or improve local laws in several areas. Discarded junk in yards/junked cars yielded the highest response. Laws related to business use of homes and burning barrels were not supported by the majority.

1. Discarded junk in yards/junked cars	89%
2. Motorized recreational vehicles	66%
3. Festivals events or concerts	53%
4. Yard appearance	51%
5. Dogs on leash	49%
6. Burning barrels	38%
7. Business use of homes/garages	33%

When asked how the town should enforce ordinances, the responses did not support hiring of a local (town) monitor or constable. Twenty-one (21%) supported a town monitor and about eighteen (18%) supported a constable. A larger percentage of respondents (47%) favored contracting with the county for enforcement.

Costs are also an important factor in enforcement issues. The question was asked how the town should pay for enforcement of ordinances. The following results were recorded:

1. Charge penalties for violations and use that money to pay for enforcement.	408
2. Require an occupancy permit and fee to be paid prior to allowing occupancy in new construction and use these fees for enforcement.	210
3. Pay for enforcement expenses out of property taxes.	144
4. Charge user fees for town services and use them to pay for enforcement	134
5. There should be no funding for enforcement.	92

Communication with town residents and property owners is key to implementing ongoing decisions and town improvements. Participants were asked what methods the Town could use to improve the way it communicates with residents. Mailings were the most frequently cited (66%). Web site and e-mail received responses of 33% and 23% respectively.

Survey respondents (91%) noted that developers should be required to pay for construction and paving of new roads within the subdivisions they create.

YOUR VISION OF THE TOWN'S FUTURE

Participants were asked what they liked most about living in the Town of Round Lake; what they liked least about living in the Town; and what they would change about the town to make it a better place to live. The open-ended responses were analyzed by the survey committee and categorized. The number responding to each category is detailed below:

What do you like most about living in the Town of Round Lake	
291	Peace & Quiet – solitude, serenity, privacy
214	Natural Environment – forests, lakes, clean air & water, wilderness
163	Northwoods, rural, county, woodsy, rustic, small town character
151	Recreation – fishing, hunting, silent sports, shopping & entertain, motorized
83	Beauty – scenic, natural
83	Friendly People – family, friends, neighbors
78	Lack of Commercial Development – uncrowded, crime, traffic, low density
51	Wildlife
23	Town Services – good roads
23	Other
13	Freedom

Participants were also asked what they liked least about living in the Town. Responses are detailed below:

What do you like least about living in the Town of Round Lake?	
165	Motorized Recreation – jet skis, speedboats, snowmobiles, ATVs
132	Development – overcrowding, signs, lights, commercial
128	High Taxes/Prices
56	Public Services, roads, town, utilities
49	People Conflicts/Noise
49	Ordinances, restrictions, interference
44	Distance to: shopping, medical, services, home
37	Garbage – junk, recycling, pickup, litter
190	Other (No comment – 29, hunting/fishing/recreation – 26, weather & bugs – 23, speeding/speed limits – 10)

If you could change one thing to make the Town of Round Lake community a better place to live what would it be?	
59	Control Development
41	Motorized Recreation
37	Taxes
35	Nothing, No Opinion, Ok like it is
31	Ordinances/restrictions/enforcement
21	Environmental – Lakes, forests, etc
19	Roads
18	Public Recreation
16	Public/Govt. Services
15	Business Development
13	Litter/Junk/Garbage/Clean-up
72	Other

Summary and Conclusions

Overall, the response rate to the survey was very good at 51 percent. There may, however, be some questions about whether or not the responses received is representative of the property owners of the town. Sixty-three (63) percent of the respondents were seasonal or non-permanent residents of the town. According to the 2000 census though, sixty (60) percent of the households are for "seasonal, recreational or occasional use". This demographic characteristic seems to be typical of the town. Although there are more seasonal property owners in the town, there was no difference in opinion between seasonal and permanent residents on any question in the survey. There was also a high number of residents responding (71 percent) that own waterfront property. Approximately 45% of structures in the town lie within 150 feet of water and 69% of structures are within 300 feet. It seems that waterfront property owners did take more of an interest in the survey and had a higher response rate. The age of the respondents tended to be a little higher when compared to the local census data, however, the age of the seasonal population is unknown. It should be noted that these survey results might not be a true consensus on how the town property owners feel towards the topics presented. These results will be used in combination of other public input sessions to help the committee develop issues in the town.

One of the main concerns seemed to be that people want to maintain rural character in the town. The response to many of the survey questions supports this.

- The strongest support in the survey (96%) refers to maintaining the woodland character of the roads in the town.
- There was encouragement for small tourism related, retail, service and professional businesses.
- Not supportive of large retail, fast food chains or commercial recreation such as golf courses, marinas and resorts.
- Residents also seem to back the town in creating policies, ordinances and standards for specific developments including: mobile home parks, resorts and condos, new commercial and industrial buildings, mining, high voltage power lines and gravel pits.

Another main issue from the survey had to do with recreational opportunities in the town.

- There is support for creating more passive, public recreation areas such as walking, biking and ski trails, parks, and public fishing access.
- The majority (60%) of the respondents did not want to see expansion of commercial recreation development (golf courses, resorts, and marinas).
- Respondents support development of regulation policies for the use of motorized recreational vehicles (ATVs, snowmobile, jet skis, etc). In each case there was about a 70-75 percent agreement that regulation policies should be developed regarding these activities.

When asked "What do you like most about living in the Town of Round Lake?", the top three answers were peace & quiet, the natural environment, and the northwoods, rural or small town character. When asked what is least liked or what should be changes, the top three responses were too much development, motorized recreation and high taxes. These are some of the main issues that the committee will be taking into account while developing this land use plan.

Appendix B

Demographic Information

1. Are you a year-round Round Lake resident?

Yes 207 (30.99%)

No 424 (63.47%)

NR 37 (5.54%)

2. If not, how often is your seasonal or recreational home in Round Lake used?

Mean Average.....93 days per year

Median.....80 days per year

3. What is your age category?

Less than 20.....4 (0.60%)

21-30.....7 (1.05%)

31-40.....45 (6.74%)

41-50.....108 (16.17%)

51-60.....189 (28.29%)

61-70.....168 (25.15%)

71+.....100 (14.97%)

NR.....47 (7.04%)

4. How many permanent residents are in your household?

Mean Average.....2.34

Median.....2

5. Do you run a business out of your home?

Yes 53 (7.93%)

No 568 (85.03%)

NR 47

5. Are you planning on starting or relocating a business to Round Lake during the next five years?

Yes 35 (5.24%)

No 581 (86.98%)

NR 52

7. What type of dwelling is your residence in Round Lake?(Check one.)

Single family home.....	498
Mobile Home.....	5
Condominium.....	11
Duplex.....	2
Apartment.....	0
Other.....	89 (Many who had vacant land chose Other)
NR.....	63

8. Which of the following best describes your residence in question #7

Waterfront property.....	477 (71.41%)
Non-waterfront property.....	124 (18.56%)
NR.....	67

9. If you have waterfront property, what is your lot size?

Total number of acres	
Mean average.....	11.58 acres
Median.....	2 acres

Total (shoreland) frontage	
Mean Average.....	357 feet
Median.....	200 feet

10. Do you intend to subdivide your Round Lake property within the next five years?

Yes	10 (1.5%)
No	574 (85.93)
Uncertain	37 (5.54%)
NR	47

11. Do you intend to sell your Round Lake land within the next five years?

Yes	30 (4.49%)
No	484 (72.46%)
Uncertain	111 (16.62%)
NR	43

Appendix B – Survey Results

TOWN OF ROUND LAKE COMMUNITY PLANNING SURVEY RAW DATA – Responses = 668

Y = Yes; N = No; NR = No Response

A. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

1. Should Round Lake set specific standards for business advertising signs such as where they can be located, their size, and maintenance requirements?

	Count	Percent
Y	577	86.38%
N	78	11.68%
NR	13	1.95%

2. Should the town develop an ordinance to control billboards and lighting along county and town roads?

	Count	Percent
Y	579	86.68%
N	79	11.83%
NR	10	1.50%

3. What is your opinion on white arrow directional signs and listings of residents at road intersections?

	Count	Percent
Setting standards for signs	332	49.70%
Eliminating Signs	111	16.62%
No Opinion	194	29.04%
NR	31	4.64%

4. Should the town require buffer strips along roads to conceal:

Logging	Count	Percent
Y	410	61.38%
N	200	29.94%
NR	58	8.68%

Unightly Buildings	Count	Percent
Y	441	66.02%
N	167	25.00%
NR	60	8.98%

other	Count	Percent
Y	198	29.64%
N	168	25.15%
NR	302	45.21%

5. Should the Town of Round Lake maintain the current woodland character of our town roads?

	Count	Percent
Y	639	95.66%
N	17	2.54%
NR	12	1.80%

6. Should there be aesthetic requirements or design standards for new commercial and industrial developments?

	Count	Percent
Y	451	67.51%
N	194	29.04%
NR	23	3.44%

7. Do you feel that the Town of Round Lake should take action to control the amount and design of overhead lighting?

	Count	Percent
Y	323	48.35%
N	322	48.20%
NR	23	3.44%

B. LAND USE PLANNING

1. Should the town limit or control the seasonal use of temporary dwellings?

	Count	Percent
Y	396	59.28%
N	250	37.43%
NR	22	3.29%

2. Should the town limit or control cellular tower development and/or its removal?

	Count	Percent
Y	397	59.43%
N	241	36.08%
NR	30	4.49%

3. Should the town develop a noise ordinance?

	Count	Percent
Y	430	64.37%
N	214	32.04%
NR	24	3.59%

4. Should the town develop a policy concerning:

The development of mining?	Count	Percent
Y	540	80.84%
N	68	10.18%
NR	60	8.98%

High voltage power lines?	Count	Percent
Y	489	73.20%
N	123	18.41%
NR	56	8.38%

The development of nuclear waste depositories?	Count	Percent
Y	566	84.73%
N	50	7.49%
NR	52	7.78%

Gravel pits?	Count	Percent
Y	481	72.01%
N	125	18.71%
NR	62	9.28%

The development of cranberry bogs?	Count	Percent
Y	425	63.62%
N	178	26.65%
NR	65	9.73%

C. RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

1. As Round Lake continues to grow, what kind of housing would you like to see develop?

Single family homes	Count	Percent
Single family homes	532	79.64%
Elderly housing	220	32.93%
Condominiums	111	16.62%
Other	5	.75%
Apartments	41	6.14%
Subdivisions	51	7.63%
Mobile home parks	25	3.74%
None	65	9.73%
Two family units/duplexes	94	14.07%
Seasonal help lodging	77	11.53%
Seasonal/recreational houses	302	45.21%

2. Should the town adopt a policy or plan for future subdivision development?

	Count	Percent
Y	525	78.59%
N	90	13.47%
NR	53	7.93%

3. Should the town restrict the size/or number of mobile home parks that can be constructed within the town?

	Count	Percent
Y	568	85.03%
N	52	7.78%
NR	48	7.19%

4. Do you favor the town adopting design standards for mobile and manufactured homes that would include specifications for:

A permanent foundation	Count	Percent
Y	497	74.40%
N	89	13.32%
NR	82	12.28%

A permanent waste system	Count	Percent
Y	538	80.54%
N	55	8.23%
NR	75	11.23%

skirting	Count	Percent
Y	489	73.20%
N	83	12.43%
NR	96	14.37%

And minimum square foot of building size	Count	Percent
Y	390	58.38%
N	180	26.95%
NR	98	14.67%

5. Would you be in favor of the town setting standards for the number of condo units, duplexes, and apartments to help control density?

	Count	Percent
Y	546	81.74%
N	66	9.88%
NR	56	8.38%

D. SHORELAND DEVELOPMENT

1. Should the town consider increasing the amount of setback required for building on waterfront lots from the County's standard requirement of 75 feet?

	Count	Percent
Yes, increase setback, for All shoreland lots from 75 feet to a greater amount. I would prefer a minim setback of: Average response: 101	93	13.92%
Yes. I would prefer setbacks greater than 75 feet ONLY on those lakes more sensitive to development.	75	11.23%
No, I favor keeping the County standard	455	68.11%
NR	45	6.74%

2. What should the town's policy be on boathouse development?

	Count	Percent
Allow boathouse construction according to current County standards	368	55.09%
Support more restrictive regulations for boathouse setbacks	65	9.73%
Eliminate boathouse development	184	27.54%
NR	51	7.63%

3. Should the town require private boat landings be designed to be more aesthetically attractive and less obtrusive to the natural lake environment?

	Count	Percent
Y	382	57.19%
N	222	33.23%
NR	64	9.58%

4. Clearing of trees, shrubs and other vegetation is currently allowed in a space up to 30 feet wide and 35 feet back from the shore per 100 feet of shoreline. What should the town's policy be?

	Count	Percent
Keep this clearing standard the same	481	72.01%
Further restrict removal of trees and other natural shoreland cover	149	22.31%
Require reestablishing vegetative buffers on new properties that do not meet the minimum requirements	234	35.03%

5. A major source of lake-pollution is yard fertilizers that run off from shoreland lawns into the lake where they promote weed growth. What actions should the town take to encourage property owners to properly use fertilizers?

An information pamphlet on this issue should be given with each building permit	Count	Percent
An information pamphlet on this issue should be given with each building permit	331	49.55%
An information pamphlet should be distributed with tax bills or other town mailings	337	50.45%
The town should encourage the lake association or other groups to take this issue on through their educational programs	408	61.08%
The town should not get involved in this issue	69	10.33%
Many other comments given		

E. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. What type of businesses should the town encourage?

	Count	Percent
Tourism oriented business	365	54.64%
Retail	225	33.68%
Service Business	267	39.97%
Light Industrial	187	27.99%
Other	39	5.84%
Professional Services	236	35.33%
None	133	19.91%

Other text
whatever works without damaging air and water quality
mom and pop
food services
no lawyers
greenhouses & treefarms
grocery & liquor
limited to major roads
Anything, people will need a place to work
BMX, dirt bike, ATV parks
Small businesses
It's a free country. Open what type of business you want.It's good for everyone.
Don't encourage any
Too much business of any kind would ruin the beauty of area
All businesses
Hayward meets all our needs
Any as long as they stay within the building aesthetic requirements
Quick Mart
Anything done to help the tax base in keeping with the environment
Communications
Gas stations
all kinds
Grocery, gas
Only when needed
Auto repair and maintenance
Specialty, no strip malls
More industry with higher paying jobs. College, higher education.
Restaurants, co-ops
Manufacturing
Visually pleasing exteriors
Any that fit the plan

Other text
Well planned, environmentally healthy businesses
Medium sized retail mall with decent sized food with meat market, bakery, etc
Each an individual consideration
Non-polluting
Anything that keeps local people working and don't bring in outsiders when we have people here to fill jobs, etc
Moto cross racing tracks
As the population grown we need more businesses and services
Tourism
It is not the town board's job to encourage or promote any type of business. Just set standards and procedures they must follow.
Small grocery store

2. Should large retail or fast food chain stores be allowed or encouraged to locate in the town of Round Lake?

	Count	Percent
Y	113	16.92%
N	527	78.89%
NR	28	4.19%

F. RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

1. Do you want additional or expansion of commercial recreational development in the Town of Round Lake?

	Count	Percent
Y	221	33.08%
N	398	59.58%
NR	49	7.34%

2. What type of additional public recreational activities should be developed in the Town of Round Lake?

	Count	Percent
Parks	291	43.56%
Boat Landings	193	28.89%
Canoeing Areas	220	32.93%
Camping	129	19.31%
Swimming Beaches	219	32.78%
Snowmobile Trails	139	20.81%
Picnic Areas	234	35.03%
Hockey Rinks	35	5.24%
Public Fishing Access	237	35.48%
Cross Country Ski Trails	277	41.47%
Horseback Riding Trails	121	18.11%

	Count	Percent
ATV Trails	118	17.66%
Fitness/Walking Paths	335	50.15%
Bike Trails	286	14.52%
None of the above	97	5.24%

Other
Snowshoeing
Snow shoeing
stock car racing track
have enough of these already
This will vary with the years. Let individual permitting determine this.
Hunting
all of the above
BMX Dirt Bike trails
Enough of these already
Winter walking trails. With no motor vehicles, especilly ATV's. and when there done logging on county land the loggers should close roads to ATV's.
Case by case
Any low environmental impact
Town organized outing - picnic/funfair
Golf course (township owned?)
All of the above
Public tennis courts, basketball courts, ball diamonds
Quiet sports orientated
Anything done in keeping with the northwoods environment.
Hunter walking trails
Would like to see a boat landing & public swimming beach opened up on Round Lake.
Nature preserve - place where people could feed and see deer.
All of these
Snowshoetrails, but only for those already living here.
We have plenty
Any positive development - commercial or recreational should be encouraged.
These ideas are fine as long as they don't put an increased tax burden on the residences.
Those things which the town can afford and maintain.
Golf courses
Arboretum - flower garden
Things for kids to do
Tennis courts
Motorcycle trials
Public fishing pier with lights for night fishing and handicapped access!!!
Kayaking
Indoor swimming pool and fitness center

3. Should the town consider policies controlling the use and/or time of use of different size and types of watercraft on lakes and rivers within its jurisdiction including personal watercraft and high-powered motorboats?

	Count	Percent
Y	491	73.50%
N	127	19.01%
NR	50	7.49%

4. Should the town address the issue of regulating the location of activities such as:

Motor cross racing	Count	Percent
Y	506	75.75%
N	88	13.17%
NR	74	11.08%

Shooting ranges	Count	Percent
Y	465	69.61%
N	122	18.26%
NR	81	12.13%

Organized snowmobile racing	Count	Percent
Y	485	72.60%
N	112	16.77%
NR	71	10.63%

Other	Count	Percent
Y	146	21.86%
N	63	9.43%
NR	459	68.71%

5. Should the town allow ATV use on town roads?

	Count	Percent
Y	182	27.25%
N	422	63.17%
NR	64	9.58%

6. Should the town limit development in some areas to protect critical wildlife, natural habitats and undeveloped land?

	Count	Percent
Y	543	81.29%
N	73	10.93%
NR	52	7.78%

7. Should the Town of Round Lake purchase property they wish to remain undeveloped or designated for specific purposes?

	Count	Percent
Y	411	61.53%
N	183	27.40%
NR	74	11.08%

8. What should the town do to educate tourists and property owners on how to protect the environmental quality of the town and surrounding area?

	Count	Percent
Hold town sponsored information meetings on environmental issues	214	32.04%
The town should encourage lake associations and/or other groups to develop educational programs	403	60.33%
The town should have an information pamphlet on how to protect the local environment	382	57.19%
The town should make protecting the environment a priority issue when making policy decisions	403	60.33%
The town should not get involved in this issue	55	8.23%

G. TOWN SERVICES

1. Please rank what you think are the top five issues facing the Town of Round Lake (#1 being the most important, and so on).

	1	2	3	4	5
Preserve the natural shoreline along lakes and streams	107	116	94	52	36
Promote business development in specific areas	12	17	11	26	41
Problems with water quality of both surface (lakes, rivers) and ground water	86	84	91	83	48
Sprawl of commercial development	14	19	24	44	51
Development of large condominium or apartment complexes	13	19	19	18	22
Maintain the rural northwoods character	193	102	81	54	26
Promote architectural design standards for appearance	5	7	12	13	36
Develop employment opportunities for youth	9	11	13	15	26
Improved zoning enforcement	20	20	33	40	62
Increasing development of lakefront property	14	12	22	30	15
Protection of wildlife habitat and aquatic species	36	93	88	78	72
Development of better roads	20	22	19	28	24
Need for Community parks and buildings	7	8	10	25	24
Other	5	2	1	1	9

2. Should the town enforce or improve local laws on the following?

Discarded junk in yards/junked cars	Count	Percent
Y	597	89.37%
N	50	7.49%
NR	21	3.14%

Dogs on leash	Count	Percent
Y	325	48.65%
N	263	39.37%
NR	80	11.98%

Motorized Recreational Vehicles	Count	Percent
Y	441	66.02%
N	169	25.30%
NR	58	8.68%

Business use of homes/garages	Count	Percent
Y	223	33.38%
N	337	50.45%
NR	108	16.17%

Burning barrels	Count	Percent
Y	254	38.02%
N	317	47.46%
NR	97	14.52%

Yard Appearance	Count	Percent
Y	341	51.05%
N	234	35.03%
NR	93	13.92%

Festivals, events or concerts	Count	Percent
Y	357	53.44%
N	212	31.74%
NR	99	14.82%

Other
horses, ATVs, snowmobiles
Enforce posted hours for waterskiing on town lakes
1AM bar closings year round
Littering
noise sources
Speeding.
Quarries
Road littering
Noise, parties, loud radios
Shore line alteration
Garbage can removal
barking dogs
skate boards
Many more
Speed limits on town roads
Speed limits on roads
Snowmobiles/ATV's
Zero growth
Trespass
Living in garages
Barking dogs, jet ski use
Must include training of hunting dogs

3. In what ways do you feel that the town should improve the means by which it communicates official town business with town residents?

	Count	Percent
e-mail	153	22.90%
Web site	223	33.38%
Mailings	441	66.02%

Other responses include Newspapers, radio and attend town meetings

4. Should developers in the Town of Round Lake be required to pay for construction and paving of new roads within the subdivisions they create?

	Count	Percent
Y	608	91.02%
N	40	5.99%
NR	20	2.99%

5. How should the town enforce ordinances?

	Count	Percent
Hire a part-time enforcement officer for the town	117	17.51%
Appoint a town "monitor" to oversee and inform people about building codes, town ordinances, road use, etc., but with out enforcement powers	137	20.51%
Contract with the county for enforcement	316	47.31%
Other ideas	47	7.04%
NR	51	7.63%

Other ideas
Use building inspector
Use the people we have
Lake Associations
The town has enough to do without adding to their work load
Let the people who pay the taxes do it
Leave it alone
One of the town board officers
Unsure
No answers checked
Don't know
Your neighbor the county already has some powers, this is free.
As is!
Less government, not more, it cost for more government in taxes
Have phamplets available @ town hall of ordinances
Neighborhood watch programs
Don't over-do it
Ok as of now
County does ok, don't want to be a police state like Spider Lake T'ship.
How is it currently being done
None of the above
Unsure
Encourage reporting by townspeople
Don't have new ordinances, then you don't have to pay to enforce them.
Isn't the police force supposed to do this?
Develop a citizen posse
Check other cities, Hayward, Spooner.
Should this not be in job description of town supervisor?
If you don't get too crazy with this process you are doing you won't have a problem
Monitor with follow up to assure rules are followed.
Self-monitoring
There are enough busy-bodies out there already to keep the town well-informed.
Constable
Let county continue as is now.

Other ideas
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No more ways to spend my tax dollars
Supply all property owners with list of ordinances in existence including county ordinances.
Whatever is cheapest
Property owners should monitor each other
Rigid enforcement of penalties
Have a town constable again
Have neighborhood monitors in each small town section to inform residents and let officials do enforcing.
We don't need a cop, mind your own business.
The county zoning board and town zoning is already in place.
Fine repeat offenders
Rely on citizen complaints
Find out what works in other towns
A polite phone call if a complaint is received
All building and const.(carpenters, electricians, cement) should be licensed by the county. Violation of building codes should result in license revocation.
Don't create any new ordinances for town that already exist at county level. If gaps exist then town should pay for enforcement.
This is a difficult area

6. How should the Town of Round Lake pay for the enforcing of any town ordinances?

	Count	Percent
Require an occupancy permit and fee to be paid prior to allowing occupancy in any new construction and use these fees for enforcement	210	31.44%
Pay for enforcement expenses out of property taxes	144	21.56%
Charge user fees for town services and use them to pay for enforcement	134	20.06%
Charge penalties for violations and use that money to pay for enforcement	408	61.08%
There should be no funding for enforcement	92	13.77%

H. YOUR VISION OF THE TOWN'S FUTURE

The following lists a summary of the open ended questions about the town's future vision, and lists the top responses.

1: What do you like most about living in the Town of Round Lake	
291	Peace & Quiet – solitude, serenity, privacy
214	Natural Environment – forests, lakes, clean air & water, wilderness
163	Northwoods, rural, county, woodsy, rustic, small town character
151	Recreation – fishing, hunting, silent sports, shopping & entertain, motorized
83	Beauty – scenic, natural
83	Friendly People – family, friends, neighbors
78	Lack of Commercial Development – uncrowded, crime, traffic, low density
51	Wildlife
23	Town services – good roads
23	Other
13	Freedom

2: What do you like least about living in the Town of Round Lake	
165	Motorized Recreation – jet skis, speedboats, snowmobiles, atvs
132	Development – overcrowding, signs, lights, commercial
128	High Taxes/Prices
56	Public Services, roads, town, utilities
49	People Conflicts/Noise
49	Ordinances, restrictions, interference
44	Distance to: shopping, medical, services, home
37	Garbage – junk, recycling, pickup, litter
190	Other

H2: Other Nothing/no comment 29, Hunting/Fishing/Recreation 26, Weather & Bugs 23, Speeding/Speed Limits 10

3: If you could change one thing to make the Town of Round Lake community a better place to live what would it be?	
59	Control Development
41	Motorized Recreation
37	Taxes
35	Nothing, No Opinion, Ok like it is
31	Ordinances/restrictions/enforcement
21	Environmental – Lakes, forests, etc
19	Roads
18	Public Recreation
16	Public/Govt. Services
15	Business Development
13	Litter/Junk/Garbage/Clean-up
72	Other

I. YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

1. Are you a year-round Round Lake resident?

	Count	Percent
Y	207	30.99%
N	424	63.47%
NR	37	5.54%

2. If not, how often is your seasonal or recreational home in Round Lake used?

Average 93 days

Median 80 days

3. What is your age category

	Count	Percent
Less than 20 years	4	0.60%
21-30	7	1.05%
31-40	45	6.74%
41-50	108	16.17%
51-60	189	28.29%
61-70	168	25.15%
71+	100	14.97%
NR	47	7.04%

4. How many permanent residents are in your household?

Average: 2.34

Median : 2

5. Do you run a business out of your home?

	Count	Percent
Y	53	7.93%
N	568	85.03%
NR	47	7.04%

6. Are you planning on starting or relocating a business to Round Lake during the next five years?

	Count	Percent
Y	35	5.24%
N	581	86.98%
NR	52	7.78%

7. What type of dwelling is your residence in Round Lake?

	Count	Percent
Single family home	498	74.55%
Duplex	2	0.30%
Condominium	11	1.65%
Mobile home	5	0.75%
Apartment	00	0.00%
Other	89	13.32%
NR	63	9.43%

8. Which of the following best describes your residence in question #6?

	Count	Percent
Waterfront Property	477	71.41%
Non-waterfront property	124	18.56%
NR	67	10.03%

9. If you have waterfront property, what is your lot size?

Total number of acres: **Average:** 11.58, **Median:** 2

Total (shoreland) frontage: **Average:** 357, **Median:** 200

10. Do you intend to subdivide your Round Lake Property within the next five years?

	Count	Percent
Y	10	1.50%
N	574	85.93%
Uncertain	37	5.54%
NR	47	7.04%

11. Do you intend to sell your Round Lake land within the next five years?

	Count	Percent
Y	30	4.49%
N	484	72.46%
Uncertain	111	16.62%
NR	43	6.44%

