



UNION TOWNSHIP SURVEY REPORT FROM 528 RESIDENT SURVEYS, 6/14/05

TOWN OF UNION

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Kendall Schneider, Chairman

George Franklin, Supervisor

Don Krajeck, Supervisor

Dear Town of Union resident,

What should the Town of Union be like in the year 2010? In 2020? These are questions that the Town of Union is attempting to answer in its Smart Growth planning process. We are asking you, as a property owner or resident of Union, to help us with these questions.

One adult in the household should complete the survey, but feel free to gather input from other members. However, you may only mark one answer to a question.

The Town is now engaged in a comprehensive planning process that

- identifies the current issues and opportunities that need to be addressed,
- describes future directions for
 - housing,
 - transportation,
 - economic development,
 - community utilities and facilities,
 - agricultural, natural, and cultural resources, and
 - land use, and
- relates the Town of Union's plan with the plans of the cities of Evansville and Brooklyn, Rock County, the Evansville School District, and with other governmental bodies.

We are asking you to respond to this survey with your opinions about what is important to you about the Town of Union, what we should preserve, what we should change. Your opinions will be used, along with others, to create the new master plan for the town. Your responses will be combined with the responses of others; **your individual responses will remain completely confidential.**

It is very important for our understanding of what residents desire that you fill out and return this survey before the deadline. We will be following up with those who don't respond to ensure a high response rate. If, for any reason, you are not able to be a respondent, please notify Judy Whalen at 455-2090 or Doug Zweizig at 882-4225.

You can learn more about Union's planning process by calling Doug Zweizig, Union Smart Growth Chair or by contacting the Union Smart Growth Committee at: unionsmartgrowth@whalen.com

Thank you for your part in planning for a better Township.

Kendall Schneider, Town of Union

Doug Zweizig, Town of Union Smart Growth Committee Chair

*Please mail your completed survey to Town of Union in the envelope provided by **DATE.***

PLEASE BEGIN THE SURVEY ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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COMMUNITY SURVEY Sharing Your Views About the Future

YOU AND YOUR RESIDENCE

PLEASE FILL IN THE CIRCLE NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER.

1. Please check the **one** that applies:

100%	I am responding as a resident of the Town of Union
	I am responding as a property owner not residing in the Town of Union—Please go to Question 14.
	I am responding as a business owner and/or operator in the Town of Union—Please go to Question 14.

2. How long have you been a resident of the Town of Union?

4% Less than 1 year	27% 11 to 25 years
23% 1 to 5 years	28% More than 25 years
18% 6 to 10 years	

3. Which of the following best describes your current residence? PLEASE CHECK ONE

69% Single-family house	17% Farm
0% Duplex	10% Mobile/manufactured home
0% Apartment	3% Other:

4. Do you own or rent your current residence? **93%** Own **6%** Rent

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

% 1	% 2	% 3	% 4	% 5+
14%	40%	18%	21%	8%

6. How many of the people living in your household are:

AGE GROUP	% of households with persons
under 5	11%
age 5 to 14	25%
Age 15 to 18	13%

AGE GROUP	% of households with persons
age 18 to 55	77%
over age 55	37%

6a. *If you have *children under 18* living with you, please indicate their ages:

AGE GROUP	% of households with		
	One	Two	Three
Age 4 or younger	9%	2%	0%
Age 5 through 14	15%	9%	2%
Age 15 through 18	12%	2%	0%

Please indicate where those in school attend classes.

LOCATION OF SCHOOLING	% of households with		
	One	Two	Three
Evansville School District	13%	11%	4%
Stoughton School District	0%	0%	0%
Oregon School District	1%	1%	0%
Home-schooled	0%	0%	0%
Other _____	1%	0%	0%

7. Please indicate where you and other members of your household work. [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

LOCATION OF WORK	% of Union Township households with someone who works in:
Farm	9%
Home-based business	9%
Evansville	30%
Elsewhere in Union Township	3%
Janesville	11%
Elsewhere in Rock County	6%
Madison	40%
Elsewhere in Dane County	18%
Other	8%
Retired	18%
Homemaker	5%
Unemployed	2%

% of households with persons working <u>outside the home</u>				
One worker	Two workers	Three workers	Four workers	Five workers
37%	53%	9%	1%	1%

8. Does your drinking water come from a private well on your property? **97% YES 3% NO**

If YES, please complete the next few questions. If NO, go to question 9 on the next page.

8a. Do you have any concerns regarding the quality of your drinking water from your well? **24% YES 76% NO**

If YES, please explain _____

8b. Did you have your well water tested in 2004? **32% YES 68% NO**

YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THE TOWN OF UNION

9. What do you like about living in the Town of Union?

	Very Strong Aspect	Strong Aspect	Weak Aspect	Very Weak Aspect	Neutral / No Opinion
Geographic Location	37%	49%	3%	1%	10%
Small Rural Atmosphere	51%	39%	4%	1%	5%
Housing Opportunities	8%	25%	20%	9%	38%
Local Employment Choices	4%	15%	26%	21%	34%
Quality of Schools	23%	41%	8%	4%	23%
Low Crime Rate/ Safety	39%	46%	7%	1%	7%
Parks and Recreation	11%	33%	25%	10%	21%
Property Taxes	14%	37%	24%	12%	14%

10. How concerned are you about the increased amount of traffic through the Town of Union?

	Very Concerned	Concerned	Not Concerned
Amount of traffic on Union Township roads	32%	35%	33%
Speed of traffic on Union Township roads	41%	34%	25%
Size of vehicles using Union Township roads (i.e., large truck/semis, etc.)	24%	35%	41%

11. Please indicate which roads concern you the most:

12. Please indicate where you shop MOST OFTEN for the following: [CHECK ONE FOR EACH]

	Evansville	Oregon	Stoughton	Janesville	Madison	Other
Groceries	51%	3%	9%	30%	6%	1%
Clothing	1%	0%	3%	64%	30%	3%
Household items	11%	1%	8%	61%	18%	0%
Drugs/Cosmetics	33%	7%	11%	28%	17%	4%
Appliances	20%	9%	1%	26%	43%	1%

13. Overall, how satisfied are you with the Town of Union as a place to live?

45%	52%	3%	1%
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied

14. What would you say are your **three** greatest concerns for the future of Union Township? Please place a **1** by the aspect that concerns you most, a **2** by your second greatest concern, and a **3** by your third greatest concern:

%1	%2	%3		%1	%2	%3	
9%	20%	20%	Amount of traffic	6%	10%	9%	Quality of schools
31%	19%	15%	Growth	36%	23%	16%	Property taxes
1%	2%	5%	Air quality	5%	7%	9%	Employment opportunities
3%	9%	12%	Water quality	3%	2%	3%	Other _____

YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF UNION

New Housing

15. The current population of the Town of Union is approximately 2000. In planning for future population growth, which statement most closely matches your opinion: (Select One)

12%	The Town Government should encourage no growth in housing & population.
41%	The Town Government should encourage slow growth in housing & population.
23%	The Town Government should encourage moderate growth in housing & population.
2%	The Town Government should encourage fast growth in housing & population.
23%	The Town Government should neither encourage nor discourage growth but should let the market determine growth.

16. To what extent would you support or oppose the following forms of **future** development in the Town of Union?

	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose
Single-family homes in rural subdivisions within one mile of Evansville or Brooklyn	13%	40%	16%	13%	18%
Single-family homes in rural subdivisions more than one mile from Evansville or Brooklyn	7%	32%	21%	21%	18%
Single-family homes on lots of 1 – 5 acres not in rural subdivisions	13%	38%	19%	13%	17%
Single-family homes on larger lots greater than 5 acres not in rural subdivisions	12%	34%	18%	15%	20%

17. To what extent would you support or oppose these kinds of **future** developments in the Town of Union?

	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose
Multi-family apartment buildings	2%	12%	37%	37%	12%
Mobile/manufactured home parks	3%	10%	30%	47%	10%
Duplexes/Two-family houses	3%	26%	30%	26%	15%
Condominiums/Townhouses	4%	26%	29%	23%	18%
Assisted living units for seniors	15%	51%	10%	10%	14%
Independent living units for people with disabilities	13%	46%	12%	10%	20%

New Community Facilities

18. Should the Town use local tax dollars to build a town hall?

4% Strongly Support	20% Support	31% Oppose	20% Strongly Oppose	26% Neither Support Nor Oppose
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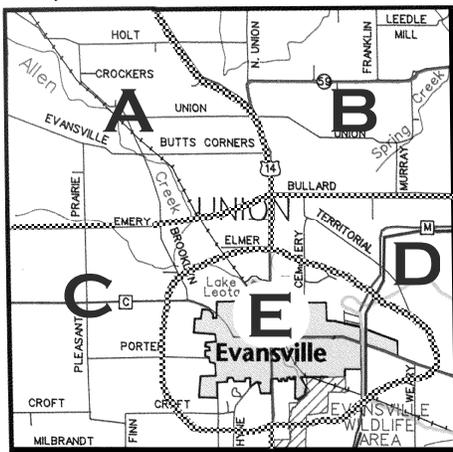
19. Should the Town use local tax dollars to preserve green space and environmental areas?

26% Strongly Support	40% Support	12% Oppose	8% Strongly Oppose	15% Neither Support Nor Oppose
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Future Economic Development

20. Economic development can be important to sustaining the local economy and keeping tax rates manageable. To what extent would you like to see the Town of Union seek the following kinds of economic development?

	<i>Strongly Support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Strongly Oppose</i>	<i>Neither Support Nor Oppose</i>
Major Industry, such as Stoughton Trailers, General Motors	14%	32%	27%	16%	11%
Small-Scale Industry, such as Harvard Corporation or Wisco	16%	56%	8%	8%	12%
Small Businesses, such as dry cleaning, restaurants	20%	53%	9%	6%	12%
Retail Development, such as pharmacy, clothing store	18%	47%	14%	7%	14%
Agribusiness, such as Landmark Coop or Worthington Ag Parts	19%	54%	9%	4%	15%
Research and Development, such as genetic or software development	14%	46%	16%	6%	19%
Professional office park, such as law offices, financial services	13%	42%	20%	8%	17%
Health care facilities, such as clinics, nursing homes	19%	49%	14%	6%	12%
Golf courses	13%	36%	20%	11%	19%
Waste Management	5%	28%	28%	23%	16%
Large-scale dairy/livestock farms	9%	29%	22%	23%	18%
Farms less than 250 acres	24%	51%	4%	3%	18%
Produce farms/greenhouses/truck farms	23%	52%	4%	4%	17%



21. I think that there are [mark one]

34% no **16%** one **20%** two **30%** three

locations in Union Township that are suitable for *housing* development. (103 of 528 not responding)

21a. On the Map to the left, Please mark with an "H" up to three locations that you think would be suitable for *housing* development.

# of housing sites	None	One	Two	Three
In section A	84%	14%	2%	0%
In section B	82%	15%	3%	0%
In section C	74%	20%	5%	1%
In section D	74%	19%	6%	1%
In section E	76%	13%	8%	2%

22. I think that there are [mark one]

31% no **34%** one **21%** two **13%** three

locations in Union Township that are suitable for *commercial (retail/services) or industrial* development. (129 of 528 not responding)

22a. On the Map to the left, Please mark with a "C" up to three locations that you think would be suitable for *commercial (retail/services) or industrial* development.

# of commercial sites	None	One	Two	Three
In section A	92%	7%	1%	0%
In section B	94%	4%	1%	0%
In section C	92%	7%	1%	0%
In section D	81%	17%	2%	0%
In section E	53%	29%	13%	5%

Future Land Use

23. Would you be in favor of the Town of Union purchasing *development rights** to limit or control growth for the purpose of preserving farmland?

29% Strongly Support	39% Support	11% Oppose	8% Strongly Oppose	14% Neither Support Nor Oppose
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24. Would you be in favor of the Town of Union and the City of Evansville agreeing to a *cooperative boundary agreement** that would stabilize the Union/Evansville boundary and would be reviewed every five years?

26% Strongly Support	47% Support	7% Oppose	4% Strongly Oppose	17% Neither Support Nor Oppose
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25. Would you be in favor of *tax sharing** with another municipality in order to receive more services in the Town of Union?

13% Strongly Support	45% Support	15% Oppose	9% Strongly Oppose	18% Neither Support Nor Oppose
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**Please see definitions on next page.*

25a. What services would you be in favor of?

Please place a 1 by the service you think most important to improve through tax sharing, a 2 by your second priority, and a 3 by your third priority:

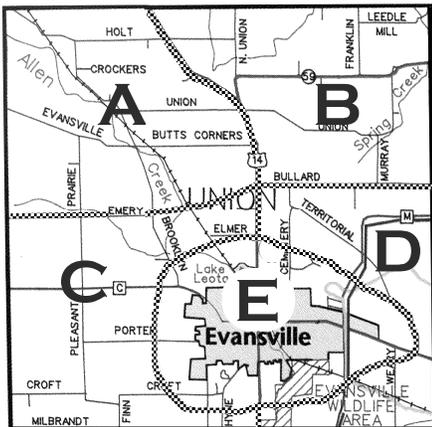
%1	%2	%3		%1	%2	%3	
27%	24%	8%	Police services	2%	10%	12%	Sewer
36%	22%	8%	Road maintenance/equipment	4%	8%	16%	Water
5%	4%	7%	Other: _____				

26. From 1990 to 2000, the Town of Union's population increased by 21% (or approximately 323 people). Would you like to see the Town's population continue to grow at the same rate, decrease, or remain the same over the next ten years? **(Select One)**

- 6%** Increase at a faster rate (2015 population over 2,600)
- 34%** Increase at the same rate (2015 population approximately 2,300)
- 37%** Increase at a slower rate (2015 population approximately 2,100)
- 18%** Remain approximately the same as it is today (approximately 2,000)
- 5%** Decrease over time

NOTE: The 2000 Census reported population for the Town of Union was 1,860 persons; the official estimated population as of January 1, 2004 was 1,976.

Brooklyn



27. In which area of the Town do you live or own property? [CHECK ONE]

- 16%** A = Northwest corner (north of Emery Road and west of Highway 14)
- 12%** B = Northeast corner (north of Bullard Road and east of Highway 14)
- 11%** C = Southwest corner (south of Emery Road and west of Highway 213)
- 22%** D = Southeast corner (south of Bullard Road and east of Highway 213)
- 39%** E = Adjacent to the City of Evansville (within a mile of the City limits)

**Town of Union Community Survey
Definitions**

Purchase of Development Rights (PDR): This is a land conservation tool that communities can use to protect important natural resources such as farmland, steep slopes, and wetlands. For example, the Town of Union could purchase a conservation easement that limits the use of the land to accomplish a certain purpose, including protecting the land from development while compensating the owner for the limitations.

Cooperative Boundary Agreements: A cooperative boundary agreement between the Town of Union and the City of Evansville or the Village of Brooklyn would set a boundary between the municipalities for a specified period of time. As a result, the Town, City or Village cannot unilaterally dissolve or amend the agreement without the consent of the other governmental units involved. Annexations occur only as specified in the agreement and not as initiated by the individual property owner.

Tax sharing: Tax sharing would be an agreement between the Town of Union, the City of Evansville and/or the Village of Brooklyn to jointly share costs of agreed upon services. For example: the costs to provide emergency services.