

Cornell High School American Government Class

Highlights

- lack of good paying jobs
- smaller businesses closing
- young people leaving
- lack of retail & service mix
- lack of recreation options for youth
- comprehensive approach to economic development including improved quality of life and incentives to encourage young people to return home after college
- need to travel too far for jobs, services, recreation, etc
- protect surface water quality and our good natural resources
- potential consolidation of school and the related loss of identity
- protect prime farmlands
- maintain our rural character

Youth Input



General Overview

Discussions strongly emphasized economic challenges and the lack of retail and recreational options for families and youth.

Youth Input

Eau Claire Memorial H.S. Environmental Science Class

Highlights

- habitat loss and fragmentation of forests and natural corridors due to development
- lack of sidewalks and connected trails, especially in new development areas
- “big box” development hurting small business
- downtown redevelopment, infill, and re-
invigoration as the city center, rather than
building new at city edge
- more transit options needed
- stormwater impacts from hardscape
- plan for alternative modes of transportation
- aesthetics, landscaping, and visual design
improvements, including tree plantings
- sustainable design for parking & development
- more recreational opportunities and parks



General Overview

**Discussions focused on
transportation and
community design
challenges and the need
to protect natural
resources.**

Somerset High School U.S. Domestic Policy Class

Youth Input

Highlights

- increases in population will increase demands for schools & other services
- loss of small farms & farmland, though mixed opinion on if this trend can be reversed
- maintain rural character/"elbow room"
- lack of rec., entertainment, & retail options
- water quality & pollution impacts to Apple R.
- high tourism traffic and related impacts
- alternative fueled vehicles & green energy
- overcrowded roads; need transit
- increasing crime & potential gang influence
- subdivisions should include open space
- need jobs, though many will continue to be in Twin Cities/Minnesota
- protect natural resources
- can growth be stopped?



General Overview

Discussions reflected the recent and projected population growth in the area and related impacts, while still reflecting the economic and service mix of a small village.

Relative Comparison of Youth Discussions

