

Community Survey 2010 Village of Hewitt, Wood County, WI

Summary of Survey Results

Survey Results

In 2010 the Village of Hewitt Planning Committee began developing a Comprehensive Plan. The plan incorporates public participation through a variety of means including public informational meetings and a community survey.

The survey was sent out to all households and property owners. Of the 320 surveys that were sent out, 177 or 55% were completed and returned. The return rate of 55% is considered to be a strong return rate for a survey that was distributed in this manner.

Survey Participation

320 surveys distributed
177 surveys returned

55% completion/return rate

The survey was divided into the following 7 sections, and the following survey summary is also divided into these categories:

- Facilities and Services
- Community
- Housing
- Transportation
- Parks and Trails
- Local Economy
- Demographics

The purpose of this survey summary is to provide a brief analysis of the responses and identify common responses. To get a clearer picture of unique responses that may not be included in the summary, please reference the compilation of results found in Attachment A. Unique comments from each section provide some valuable feedback that should be considered and possibly included in the comprehensive plan.

Facilities and Services

Questions 1-15 asked residents to rate the quality of services from very dissatisfied to very satisfied. Responses indicate that most residents are generally satisfied with the facilities and services provided. The Village does not have a library and 79% feel that there is no need to make library materials more readily available to residents. When asked about the need for a storm sewer system, 36% responded that there is a need, and 51% responded there is not a need. Residents rely on private wells for their water supply, and most rated water quality to be about average (44%) or very good (35%). When asked if the Hewitt Area has adequate groundwater resources to sustain additional residential development, 58% indicated that it depends on the amount of development, while 10% feel that it does, and 15% indicated that it does not.

Forty-four percent of residents would like to see Hewitt become a greener, more sustainable community, while 17% do not support this, and 40% have no opinion. Some ideas to make the community “greener” and more sustainable include reducing pesticide use, making recycling bins available at local parks, and promoting wind and solar energy.

Community

Question 22 asked residents why they like living in the Village. The most common reasons include the following:

- Quiet community
- Small community
- Friendly people and good neighbors
- Low taxes
- Location in proximity to Marshfield
- Safe community

In Q. 23, some of the things that respondents indicated they would like to change about the Village include improving drainage, more picking up after dogs and control of barking dogs, less train horn noise, and improvements to Yellowstone that would make it safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

When asked what has influenced residents to move to or remain in Hewitt, the most common responses included the location and proximity to Marshfield, low taxes, and small and quiet community. Many of the responses for this question were similar to the responses in Q. 22.

In Hewitt there is a strong sense of community pride and many residents would like to see more events planned to strengthen it. The top 3 events that were chosen were a harvest festival, street dance and fireworks. Factors that are considered most important in determining local “character” include village size, quiet, and friendly people. The overall quality of life is rated as about average (70%) or very good (30%), and most respondents feel that it will improve or stay the same in the future.

Housing

Most survey respondents own their own residences in Hewitt, feel that the appearance and quality of housing is about average or very good, and the purchase price of housing is about average. As far as future housing, responses indicated that the community should not encourage more housing. Those that would like more housing selected affordable housing and elderly housing as needed most.

Transportation

Most of the Village does not have sidewalks, and residents were asked if this is an issue that needs to be addressed. The majority, or 65% of responses indicated that this is not something that needs to be addressed at this time. Most responses indicate that there are not traffic flow concerns, that the Village is safe for bicyclists and pedestrians, and that there is adequate traffic law enforcement. Although most residents feel that the Village is safe for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, many commented that there are safety concerns on Yellowstone Dr. In 2011 improvements and realignment to U.S. 10 will begin and residents generally feel that this project will not significantly impact Hewitt.

Parks and Trails

In Hewitt, most respondents indicated that parks, trails and recreation programs are highly valued by the residents. There is also agreement that parks, trails and recreation programs improve the quality of life, increase property values, and play an important part in the decision of families to move to or remain in the Village. Residents place a medium to high value on parks, trails, and recreation programs because they: provide wholesome and fun family activities; strengthen the community image and create a sense of place; provide opportunities for team sports and youth activities; provide an opportunity for physical exercise, social and emotional development; and protect valuable environmental resources and public open spaces.

The 2 miles of trails in the Village are used by 38% of residents 1-5 times each month, 33% use them more than 5 times, and 29% do not use them. The overall quality of trails was rated about average by 45% and very good by 37%. The parks are used by 52% of respondents 1-5 times each month, by 22% more than 5 times each month, while 35% do not use the parks at all. Sixty-three percent rated the condition of parks very good, and 28% about average. The most requested facilities and activities that residents would like to see in the future include an ice skating rink, soccer fields, cross country ski trails, more multi-use trails, tennis courts, fitness classes, and an adult softball league. When asked if they would be interested in participating in community wellness activities, 43% indicated they would be, while 31% would not.

Local Economy

When asked if residents would like to see more job opportunities in the Village, responses were 36% in favor, 34% opposed and 30% with no opinion. Job opportunities/businesses that residents would most like to see included restaurants, light industry, and convenience stores. When asked if residents would support an increase in taxes for business attraction, 84% responded no. For sidewalks in the Village, 69% would not support an increase in property taxes. For parks, recreation and trails 43% would agree to pay more in taxes, while 51% would not. With improving Village roads responses were almost equal for those willing to pay more

(46%), and those not willing (47%). Seventy-five percent of respondents do not want to have an industrial park or business park in the Village. In the next 10 years, 27% would like to see the population remain the same, and 46% would like to see it increase somewhat.

Demographics

Average age of respondent completing the survey was 49.6 years old, and the average number of people per respondent household was 2.8. The average amount of time that they have been a property owner or resident of the Village of Hewitt is 17.25 years. Most respondents indicated that they are employed, and the most common occupations listed were in the medical/health field, education, or management.

Survey Results - Key

Below are examples of how survey responses have been summarized from the **Village of Hewitt Community Survey**. Responses to any open ended questions can be found in Attachment A.

Sample

Total responses for question

169 39. What do you feel the effects of the improvements of U.S. 10 will be on the Village of Hewitt?
24 mostly positive 16 mostly negative 100 will not be a significant impact 29 no opinion

Number of responses for each possible answer

40. Please share how you think the Village will be impacted by the U.S. 10 improvement project.
[See Attachment A - \(Q. 40\)](#)

[See Attachment A - \(Q. 40a for margin comments on the Transportation section of the survey\)](#)

Highlighting indicates most common response

Responses for open-ended questions, comments, and margin comments are in Attachment A

Facilities and Services
Q. 1-15 Comments
Comment on 15. (snow removal) has been better lately than in the past. Why have a problem when the snow and ice on the roads melt and forms slush we need to have the roads replowed before the slush refreezes.
4 for streets because we need curb and gutter. 5 for snow removal because roads are icy for much of the winter and never plowed by 4:30 AM when wife needs to leave for work. Also, County needs to do a better job of snow and ice removal on 29th St.
Condition of roads on Evergreen St. between 4th and 6th are terrible, also storm water runoff should be changed, most of Yellowstone goes here.
Connection of bike trail to the City trail would be wonderful
Cost of sewer does not fairly account for number of occupants/users in the home.
Did not use medical service
Feel that the village should have an emergency alarm system.
Forget about the parks and trails, fix the roads. Village doesn't keep the public informed
Have not needed to use emergency services as of yet!
I am not sure where the police protection comes into play in Hewitt. Every week there is someone who leaves a local business and revs up the engine and speeds through town. That's one example - the other is just lots of speeders going by our house.
I don't miss having sidewalks it's not an issue with us.
Ice on roads, quite often, not scraped down. Debris from walking trail usually plowed onto ditches and grass.
If Yellowstone were redone it would be nice to have a walking/biking area like on Main Street.
No school, no health care in village. Plow driver drives much too fast and takes out mailboxes. Poor attitude when approached on the issue as well. Should look elsewhere in my opinion. Ditches are always full of standing water - poor drainage.
Our street has been a mess for months (W. 5th St.)
Please look into contracting leaf removal and pickup. Big leaf sweeper to go up and down streets and suck leaves we rake into street.
Police protection is basically non-existent. Roads not plowed wide enough and major intersections not kept clear of ice - roads not plowed enough.
Pushes way more snow on one side of the street than the other - also has gone too fast and thrown ice chunks way up in driveway.
Roads should be plowed earlier - not when kids are at bus stops. Should be plowed more often.
School system costs too much.
Should have a personal water system. The HARD softball program was developed for the youth/young adults. It is inappropriate to promote alcohol use during this event.
Should have sidewalks on the main roads, County T and Yellowstone. Dog fecal and urination on property owner lawn and street should be picked up by pet owner.
Sidewalks are not needed. Curb and gutter along Yellowstone from Cty T to village limits would be nice like Cty trunk T is.
Snow removal is always on time. He goes way too fast however, taking out my mailbox. And rocks get thrown into my yard because he plows the shoulder and goes too fast.
Snow removal is late and drives dangerously.
Snow removal is very poor.
Snow removal needs improvement.
Snow removal unpredictable in timing and quality.
Too many speeders on Main St.
Traffic needs to slow down on Main and Yellowstone.
Very satisfied with snow removal with the exception of our mailbox being hit a few times.
Wasn't very happy when my mailbox had to be replaced because the snow plow came through and broke it. Yellowstone could be plowed more often, especially when drifting snow.
We can run our water non stop for about 45 minutes straight and air tank is empty. We have enough for showers, dishes and laundry, but we can't even have a slip and slide.
We have been very dissatisfied with ditch drainage since we moved in. Snow removal doesn't always happen in a timely manner. I think the community would greatly benefit from having an elementary school built. Large population of children in community.
We need police patrolling on roads.

We were one of the households affected by the robberies on Jan. 16, 2010. We could use a community watch program.
We would like to see stop signs added on Main St. at Yellowstone and Main - perhaps a roundabout.
We would prefer garbage pickup on Monday mornings
When games are on at Skeeters people park on both sides of the road on Maple Lane, can hardly get through
Worried about number of wells tapping into aquifer. At what point does the village develop it's own water system? Water restrictions to maintain the aquifer.
Would be nice to have sidewalk along Yellowstone. Like the idea that not much salt is used on road, but would like more scraping of snow a few days after it snow so that it does not turn to ice.
Would have liked to see a Hewitt 2 tract school built between Hewitt and Marshfield instead of a big grade school so far away. My well goes dry if I do some laundry and shower, should have put in city water when you buried the sewer in.
would like to see Main St. plowed on sides of road for walking in winter - dangerous/slippery. Very little monitoring by police - rarely see police in village.
would love to have a dog park in Hewitt
Yellowstone and Main St are currently unsafe with the amount of pedestrian traffic
Yellowstone Drive is a hazard for pedestrians and bicyclists. Drivers exceed the speed limits and do not yield to us. I speak from personal experience.
Yellowstone Drive needs bike/pedestrian lane or sidewalks
Yellowstone needs updating with bike/walk lane - needs to be widened
Yellowstone needs work

Facilities and Services
Q. 21 Comments
A bike trail from Hewitt to Marshfield so people could commute to work safely.
Clean sweep day for old appliances/computers and/or hazardous materials and plant more trees
Comment on 20. Also must consider the cost effectiveness of any new program.
community gardens, tree planting incentives
compost for branches/grass clipping etc.
concerned with amount of water resources available as community grows. Also contamination from farm field manure deposits
Connect bike trail to Marshfield and Auburndale or sidewalks or wider shoulder on Yellowstone/Stadt to make walking and bike riding safe.
Continue to recycle. Clear bags. Reduce plastic use.
Could the village have an area to take aluminum to be recycled and use the money collected for village improvements
education on natural pesticides could help people make different choices.
environmental controls - pesticides etc on lawns
Farmers market 4 times during the growing season at the village hall. Possible recycling events in the village 1 or 2 times per year.
have spring and fall pickup days for hazardous waste, old appliances and tires.
have trash in back of homes remove
I would like to see more green ways to absorb the water in ditches
I would like to see power and phone lines buried. Look into longer lasting material
incentives for recycling. Solar-powered lights
Keep vegetation long. Making composting center around here.
less lawn chemical to end up in our water. Instruct on ways to have nice lawn without fertilizer application. Also rain garden for runoff. Suggest testing soil before fertilizing especially for commercial application.
make sure that people clean up their yard
more sidewalks and to connect a foot or bicycle path to Marshfield. If children are to use this crossing highway is dangerous.
More trees to the ballpark/parks; change all lighting on village owned property and streets to fluorescent, add solar panels to most used village building, reduce electric use, install low-flow toilets, air dry system for hand washing,
No pesticides on lawn since we have well water.
Recycle all plastic, not just 1 and 2
recycle bins more readily available around the village, trails, Draxler's Service

recycling bin in parks and town hall. Have spring and fall garbage cleaning in ditches. Plant more trees.
recycling bins available on walking paths
Shared aluminum collection bin with money going to support park and fire department or community improvements.
so much would depend on costs of additional services.
solar powered street lights. More recycling containers in the park
solar street lighting
solar technology and wind turbine
standing water is causing so many mosquitoes! Plus the ditches are unsightly because they are too wet to mow.
Tax credit for solar panels
The ability to recycle more types of plastics
using more organic products
village clean up days, trail clean up, adopt-a-highway
Village flower beds and planters
wind driven generators for electricity, solar heat
wind energy, community compost pile
wind generators, help Schiferl Farms to have manure digester to generate power for community. Promote more businesses
windmills - we certainly have enough wind to supply!
Would like to see Hewitt Happenings brought back.
zero-scaping, less grass: solar lights on pathways and future sidewalks/bikeways. Bike path on Yellowstone all the way to Veterans Parkway. Have a community garden.
recycle bins in all public spaces.

Facilities and Services
Q. 21a - margin comments on the Facilities and Services section of the survey
Comment on 16. Marshfield is close and adequate for library materials.
Comment on 16. Marshfield is close enough to get materials.
Comment on 16. Marshfield library is only 4 miles away.
Comment on 17. A stormwater utility is not necessary but maintain the ditches for proper runoff
Comment on 17. Backyard becomes flooded from the street.
Comment on 17. Ditches are not adequately graded to allow runoff.
Comment on 17. Maintain ditches instead of sewer system better. Increased EPA regulations would make sewer very expensive.
Comment on 17. Start with "river" between 4th and 5th streets - this is a major safety hazard
Comment on 17. Stormwater management could be a problem in the future.
Comment on 20. We think it is good now. (re. greener community)
Comment on 17. Yellowstone is identified as having drainage issues.
Comment on 18. The water has sulfur problems
Comment on 18. Water smells.
Comment on 19. How would anyone know if Hewitt has adequate groundwater resources to support additional residential development?
Comment on 19. Maybe geologists would know this. Average person would not know.
Comment on 19. Wells run out of water.
Comment on 2. More sidewalks needed.
Comment on 20. pursue becoming greener "within limits"
Comment on 17. Stormwater on Main St. is handled by a sewer system. There is not a sufficient problem to justify the cost of storm sewers on other streets.
Comment on 16. Marshfield Library is close enough.
expand green areas for year round recreation - protect green areas

Community			
Q. 22			
been here 60 years - very friendly people	1/2 way between my job and hers/his	Quiet, not too big.	taxes
Home - lived her all my life.	adhesiveness among residents	relatively quiet	low taxes

its small	beautiful small town yet close to bigger town	quiet community	low taxes
location	brought family home	quiet	low taxes
neighborhoods	clean and got new housing, but still upkeep its history and old family ties	quiet	low taxes
not as congested as Marshfield but still close to Marshfield	children in neighborhood	quiet	low taxes
rural setting yet close to Marshfield	clean	quiet	lower property taxes
friendly yet quiet	Clean and friendly	quiet	lower taxes
friendly	close to bar	quiet	lower taxes
small town atmosphere - friendly people	proximity to Marshfield	quiet	lower taxes
friendly	close to Marshfield	quiet area	lower taxes
close to Marshfield but away from the traffic and heavy flow	close to Marshfield	It is quiet	lower taxes
Close to bank	close to Marshfield	quiet community	lower taxes
good for family	close to Marshfield	quiet	lower taxes
small city life	close to Marshfield	it's quiet	lower taxes
great place to raise children	close to Marshfield	quiet	lower taxes
cheaper taxes.	close to Marshfield	quiet	lower taxes
taxes less	close to Marshfield	quiet	lower taxes
cheaper property taxes	close to Marshfield jobs and shopping	quiet community	lowered taxes
fair taxes	close to needed services and shopping	quiet	not the high taxes in Marshfield
fair taxes	close to work	It is quiet	Friendly (warm/welcoming)
low taxes	close to work	quiet community	friendly
affordable taxes	closer to larger towns	quiet	friendly people
lower property taxes	community support	quiet	friendly
good neighbors	convenience	Active little village, yet it is quiet	friendliness of the community
privacy	country living close to town services	generally quiet area	friendly
convenient	country setting	quiet and peaceful	friendly
It's comfortable here including being pretty safe as long as you lock your doors wisely	Everything! Also the train.	Quiet	friendly
my family	excellent summer softball and volleyball program at the park	quiet	friendly and safe
close to work and close to highways	family lives near by	Quiet community	friendly community
Friendly small community	family oriented community	Quiet, country feel	friendly community
family community	family oriented/like living just outside of Marshfield	Nice quiet, peaceful	friendly community
Sense of community	family, friendly, small community	quiet/calm	friendly neighborhood
large lot sizes	friendliness of community	quiet neighbors	friendly neighbors and close to church
housing lot sizes	friendliness of people	it is nice and quiet for the most part	friendly neighbors/neighborhood

quiet neighborhood - good place to raise children	good living condition	fairly quiet	friendly people
bigger lots for yards	good neighbors	quiet community	friendly people
nice place to live	great neighbors	small town	friendly people
friendly	great neighbors	small	friendly people (mostly)
great neighborhood	Knowing and trusting neighbors	smaller community to raise family	friendly people
bedroom community	great place to raise a family	small community feeling	friendly people
great for kids, low traffic	healthy - trails	small	friendly people
nice, clean, peaceful		small community living	the friendliness of small town living
small community life near Marshfield	I appreciate being able to walk on property other than my own (trail, field, around pond, marsh)	small community	friendliness
small town	individual neighbors	small town living	The people (neighbors) are friendly
close to work	it is close to town but still feel like a rural community	small community	People are friendly
comfortable and safe home on quiet street	less city politics	small community	friendly
safe	less government	small community	friendly
family community	less residential traffic than in Marshfield	small community	good neighbors
Family-oriented	like the country type atmosphere	small community	quiet
Quiet and friendly place to live	little city, more country style and taxes	small quaint town	quiet
quiet	Little community means more respect for one another	small town	quiet community
small quiet rural living	location	small town	quiet community
the people	low taxes, good neighbors, large lots	I like smaller communities	quiet community - except for trains
near families	more space	smaller community	quiet neighborhood. Minimal business noise
population size	municipal sewer	small community	quiet street
near hospital and clinic	nature	small town / know your neighbor	where at least you know who your neighbors are
the neighbors	neighbors are actually friends	small community	safety
quiet, safe, more community spirit	nice family community	small village	safe
community - countryside	nice houses kept up, lawns are neatly cut, and good fire department	size of the community	safe
good for kids	nice place to live	Small town feel (quiet)	safe community
private well	large lot sizes	the size	safe
friendly, small, quiet	nice size lots	smaller community	safe
relaxed atmosphere	nice small community - city yet country living	small community	safe for kids
small town - friendly people	no city politics	small community	safe environment
rural community	not much traffic	small size	safe community
convenient location	not the hub bub of big city life	great small community	safety

nice place to raise kids	not wanting to be part off Marshfield	small town feel	feeling of safety
the small size	open space	small town	feeling of safety
Friendly people	out of the larger	small town	Quiet residential community
close to Marshfield... work, lower taxes	possibly lower taxes on	small	Quietness. Not so busy
small town atmosphere and friendly	pride of ownership	small	nice quiet community
small quiet rural community	privacy	small community	quiet
autonomy - self governing village	proximity to family	small community	quiet
born and raised here	proximity to Marshfield	small community	quiet
Great place to raise a family.	proximity to Marshfield	small community	quiet
easy access to Marshfield/Large highways	proximity to Marshfield, city sewer	small community	quiet
low traffic	close to work Marshfield	small community	quiet
taxes lower	quality of life	small town feel	family environment
lower taxes	rural living	small community atmosphere	family atmosphere
lower taxes	safety - friendly - reasonable taxes - fire department	small close community	neighbors
low taxes	short commute into town	low property taxes compared to Marshfield	taxes are lower than Marshfield
lower taxes	Close to Marshfield - but still far enough out of Marshfield.	smaller community that watches our for themselves and their neighbors	low tax base/affordability
lower taxes	small town atmosphere - community spirit/pride	taxes are affordable	lower taxes
lower taxes	small, safe, good lot sizes	property taxes	low taxes
taxes are lower	walking trails	taxes	taxes are lower
lower taxes	lower taxes	quiet	low taxes
	taxes	the homes	low taxes
			taxes low

Community			
Q. 23			
train tracks - trains are too loud	more dog control, cleaning up	no changes necessary	put curb and gutter in
you make ordinances but you have no enforcement	walking trails maintained in winter	Nothing - we enjoy living here	curb and gutter
better enforcement of ordinances	waive fee for Marshfield Area events non-residents	nothing	curb and gutter
Would also like a local restaurant.	Village newsletter again.	I love our town just the way it is	curb and gutter
weed control enforced	Trails a few feet from property lines	I like it just the way it is!!	Change storm water runoff between 4th and 7th St. on Evergreen Streets
village have own road maintenance person - not hired out	Tennis court at the park	we like it as it is	drainage

variety added to parks - not just ball programs for kids	tax assessment on older homes	amount of trains, make railroad crossing exempt from at least some of the obnoxious horns and whistle blowing	
Needs to bring in more small businesses, like a restaurant and coffee shop, hardware store, museum and learning center, barber/beauty shop, veterinarian. Place to socialize, ice cream shop.		Better control of ditch drainage. E.g. Some residents dug below grade of ditch and plant plants, flowers standing in water.	
There are more people who would like to join our community, but there are fewer and fewer homes available for them.		inform and communicate changes that directly affect the resident before decisions are made	
upgrade or improve the web site	some of bylaws are stupid if wanting to add to your house	I loved the newsletters that came out per month.	fix water run off on 11th street - very poor grading job!!!
underground electric on Main St. (with all the wires it looks like a small power company)	sidewalks are nice for walks but its also nice not to have to shovel in the winter	Better communications as to what is happening (like Hewitt Happenings)	better drainage system for ditches
to be able to turn the street light off by our house	Pay all of your loans up	bring back Hewitt Happenings	better drainage
stop making ordinances you can't enforce	patrol more for residential speeders	bring back community newsletter	ditches are terrible - water just stays
stop growing - already becoming too large	Need more country life. Building up too much	better communication from village officials and residents	have water drain from ditches better
spend our tax money more wisely	more walking/biking trails (hook up to Marshfield)	a monthly newsletter again	someone should clean out the spill ways
some of side roads need to be more maintained	more walking trails	more residential development	storm water runoff
pool	more trees/less wind.	snow removal quality	storm water drainage
safety	improve roads	snow removal	police presence
restrict farm equipment down village streets	more resident input - communication	better snow removal and winter care of roads	police patrolling roads
possibility of elementary school for K-6	meals on wheels - rides for the elderly	better snow removal	police
people walking on streets after dark in dark clothes	lot sizes should be a little larger for new development	better snow removal	more police protection
People not giving right-of-way to vehicles when walking	less no parking signs, less gossip, lower taxes	fire snow plow driver	more police patrol
More parking available for bar. Too much traffic on street.	it would be nice to have a grocery store	just start repairing roads on a 5-10 year plan	install a severe weather system
more interaction / village feel	increase the number of chickens residents can have from 3 to 6	need a paved bike path to Marshfield	addition of storm sirens
main street is starting to look old and tacky	I would like the train to not blow its whistle at night	bike trail connecting to veterans parkway trail (off road)	add sever weather warning system (like Marshfield)
it should continue to grow	I don't want to become like Marshfield	add bike paths for commuting purposes	emergency siren
I would like to see another park at the end of 7th Street near the walking path	groom trails for cross country skiing	bike trail extended to Marshfield - pave or black top for roller blades	more small business - small café
high sewer and garbage costs	get rid of light on volleyball court at village hall	get sidewalks	add a car wash

greater distance off property lines for planting trees and shrubs	more business competition for services (TV, phone, internet)	more secure walk ways - sidewalks?	morning to evening café
clean up some of the homes on Main Street getting younger people involved in organizations	find more competitive providers for public services	sidewalks (or expanded roads to accommodate safer walking)	grocery store
get rid of the volleyball court at village hall	country living close to town services	sidewalks, better streets	grocery store
collection of equipment and misc garbage behind Hemlock St.	building 12 feet off of lot line	sidewalks or safer walking area	Hewitt needs more than 1 gas station and 1 bar
dump yards not being kept up	better weed control	sidewalks in residential areas	cars to watch their speed
beer served at ball tourney. you raise, but about the kids. Parents drinking then driving their kids home is not a good example.	It's not about the money	lower taxes	slow down traffic
decrease taxes	another way	lower taxes	better snow removal
buried utility line, and better streets and water	animals getting into our trash	reduce taxes	speeding going on
enforce a speed limit before someone is hurt or killed	sidewalks/bike lanes along Yellowstone - is very dangerous	The dogs run. They should have to be tied up in their own yards. If I wanted a dog to poop in my yard, I get one myself. I hate this.	monitor traffic speeds more often
better grass control on roads coming into Hewitt (around Hewitt sign)	sidewalks on T and Yellowstone	the amount of dog waste on streets and walking trails in winter	traffic on 11th street is too busy and too fast for the kids in the neighborhood/unsafe
all overhead electrical lines buried	make Yellowstone wider for walkers and bikers	people who don't pick up after their dogs	regulation of speed limits
add a dog park	make Yellowstone safer for bikes and pedestrians	train horn blowing at all hours	less people moving here
ability to get better internet and phone service from major companies	like to see Yellowstone more walker friendly	railroad whistles at night	nothing or no more development
more street lights	speeding vehicles on Yellowstone Drive	pet control - too many dogs	no more homes built
more street lights	Yellowstone needs to be repaved	enforce the dogs-at-large and barking dog ordinances	put a cap on future growth
better lighting on side streets	Yellowstone is very dangerous for bikes and walkers	barking dogs	less development for homes
more street light (11th to 7th Street)	Yellowstone Drive needs curb and sidewalk	barking dogs	water system
street lights	wider Yellowstone Drive	water quality	water system
More street lights at intersections. Too dark in some spots.	walking lanes or sidewalks on main roads e.g. Yellowstone	dog noise - limit households to two dogs and spell out a fine system for noisy dogs	dog ordinance – too many barking dogs! Way too many!
having a community picnic/social	widen Yellowstone Drive	Less barking dogs	water quality
more community events	Yellowstone speed enforcement	laws against barking dogs	better water
have village festivals	enforcement of dog rules	widen Yellowstone	better water

have community picnics or get togethers	Yellowstone Drive	no train horn between 11pm - 6am	go to city water system
There should be a village days or carnival or parade. Something to show village pride	Would like Yellowstone Drive to be widened and resurfaced!! As a link to Marshfield it is very dangerous in winter.	When Yellowstone is repaired widen one side for a walkway similar to Cty T	train whistle not blowing after 12 am and before 5 am
sidewalks on Yellowstone Drive	sidewalks or wider street on Yellowstone	Yellowstone needs a lane for walkers/bicycles	train horn - do not blow between 11 and 5 am
better control of loose animals	be able to have train horns from like 10pm to 6am	train whistles. Shouldn't blow whistles after 11pm	Marshfield has a "no train horn" policy from 10pm to 6am, could Hewitt get one
community events (need more)	curb and gutters along with storm sewers		

Community			
Q. 25			
where I am at its within walking distance	not too big	Affordable housing close to Marshfield	being out of more populated area, but still close to work - feeling of being in a rural area
we retired here	small community	access to Marshfield	well kept community
we have 100 years of family	small community	location, close to town, but still small area feeling	we are close to a larger town
we found a house we liked - nice yard	small size	close to Marshfield	was much smaller 23 years ago - you knew most neighbors
village sewer	less people	close to Marshfield	was hoping it would stay small town (village)
value for the money	small town atmosphere	close to Marshfield	Walking trail
to be close to family and work	smaller community	close to Marshfield	use to have lower trees - not the case any more
the people	Moved here due to the small community	close enough to Marshfield for jobs	the small size
the house I bought	nice small community	proximity to Marshfield	well water and city sewer
smaller community	small neighborhoods	proximity to Marshfield	house price lower than Marshfield
small size village - but close to larger town	because it was small	Proximity to Marshfield	Smaller community/family oriented and lower taxes
small quiet rural community	happy to live in a small community	Proximity to Marshfield	size of the community
small community that was perfect for raising a family	Quiet residential community	close to Marshfield	short commute to work in Marshfield
small community = more privacy, less traffic	sick and tired of Marshfield bullshit politics	like the country type atmosphere	school bus
small town atmosphere	small family community	country feel with neighbors	safety
same as #22	quiet	country living close to city	safer neighborhood
close to Marshfield	quiet	country living	safe for children
safe community	quiet	Rural setting	safe environment
right house/location to highways	quiet	rural setting	safe and friendly community
raised in the area	quieter	like small town	safe and friendly
raised here	Quiet, peaceful neighborhood	country living with neighbors close, but not too many neighbors	quiet/smaller

raise my family	quiet	like small community atmosphere	friendly community
quiet neighborhood - good place to raise children	quiet country feel	small town/ county feel	quality of life here
quiet community - good for kids, private well	quiet community	liked community	quality of life and lower taxes than Marshfield
quiet and good neighbors	quiet neighbors	Country living in a residential setting	purchased a house
quality of homes	the simplicity and quietness of the village	we like a small town	proximity to Marshfield, city sewer
purchasing a house	nice quiet	small	proximity to work
proximity to both North and South side of Marshfield	affordable and available housing when moving to the area	small community not far from a bigger one	proximity to Marshfield and municipal sewerage
property taxes	like the peace and quiet	small community	owned property
price of the lot	cost of living	small community	open space
paths	affordable	small community	not all the bigger city crap
Overall it is a great place to live	cheaper living than larger city	small	
nice town	cost less	small village	nice neighborhoods
nice house	safe	tax base	nice area to live in
nice community	Safe for small kids	cheaper taxes than Marshfield	new development
friendly community	safe community	lower taxes	My in-laws
newer homes to buy	in past have felt was a safe community	lower taxes	My family and life is here
my wife was raised here so we decided to move back to the area	feeling of safety	lower taxes	mother and sister live near - get out of Marshfield
liked the cleanliness	family community	lower taxes	Marshfield school district
married	family	lower taxes	low crime rate
lower taxes and small quiet, rural living	family	lower taxes	low crime
large lots at a fair price	ease of getting out of town	lower taxes	local jobs in surrounding towns
kids have someone to play with	didn't like Marshfield	lower taxes	like the home we got
just like what we have here (34 year resident)	clean looking	lower taxes	Like our home.
job is close by	appealing / attractive	lower taxes	less government
It was a nice place to live but away from Marshfield.	beautiful community	lower property taxes	larger lot sizes
inexpensive house for sale	close to hospital but not a bigger town	low taxes initially	great people
I have family here and like the small community	close proximity to schools	low taxes	great neighbors
housing availability	cheap house	low taxes	good place to live for the most part
Home price was affordable and only 5 miles to Marshfield for school and work	business opportunity	low tax rate	friendly town
Have lived in Hewitt for 39 years	bought in-laws home	low property taxes compared to Marshfield	friendly
Great community - very kid friendly! Safe to raise our children	born, raised, and lived in Hewitt my whole life	lower taxes	for what I enjoy
good neighbors	location	lower taxes	

neighbors	location in respect to Marshfield	lower taxes	family like neighborhood
neighbors	location for work - Marshfield/Stevens Point	lower taxes	family is in the area
caring, thoughtful neighbors	close to town to raise family	lower taxes	family environment and friendly
great neighbors	location	lower taxes	My wife
Friends that have moved out here	location	lower taxes	Convenient for employment and medical and schools. Also reasonable housing.
friendly community	location	lower taxes	community involvement
friendly	good location	lower taxes	community
family still all lives here	far enough away from Marshfield, so kids stay out of trouble	lower taxes	close to work
choice lot	Close to Marshfield, but not Marshfield.	low taxes	close to Marshfield yet not the bigger city
nice place to raise family	stay because I like my location	low taxes	close to church, bank and store
great place to raise children	like location out of Marshfield	lower taxes, own well	close to church
great place to raise a family	bedroom community - just far enough from Marshfield	lower taxes than Marshfield	children are close
nice area to raise children	lower taxes	lower taxes and quiet community	close to when I grew up
kid friendly neighborhood	lower taxes than Marshfield at the time	low taxes - escape big city growth	caring for the elderly
great place to raise children	lower taxes than Marshfield	taxes lower than Marshfield	big yard
great for raising kids	lower taxes than Marshfield	taxes low	ability to have a voice
great family environment	supposedly lower taxes	taxes	30 years ago all Hewitt children went to the same elementary school
good place to raise children	cheaper taxes	taxes	building lots were available
reasonable property taxes	the taxes were less than Marshfield	taxes	found the right home
tax rate	cheaper property taxes	taxes	found nice house to buy
		taxes	found home reasonably priced) on beautiful lot with trees with low property taxes

Community

Q. 27

block parties	community get together at park	bring back Hewitt Days
block party	farm market	Hewitt Days
block party	bonfire	Hewitt Days
craft fair	farmers market	spring festival
crafters	picnic	summer concert band
car show	picnic in the park	DJ for youth centered dance
fruit and veggie stand from local farmers market	pig roast	more little leagues, soccer, tennis, flag football

Community	
Q. 28	
baseball program	trail
campfires in back yards	trails
Children's softball program	trails
connect to Marshfield bike trails	privacy
HARD	proximity

Community	
Q. 30a - margin comments on the Community section of the survey	
Comment on 24. Nobody waves.	
Comment on 26. Would like Hewitt Days again.	
Comment on 30. Depends on economy.	
Comment on 30. Depends on what changes if any are made.	
Comment on 30. Hopefully it will improve, however life must be kept simple and the family heritage be protected.	
Comment on 30. Quality of life will decline unless changes are made to manage growth appropriately	
Comment on 30. The answer is in the hands of current and future leaders of this community	

Housing	
Q. 34	
condo units versus apartment buildings	similar to existing subdivisions
family homes	single family - not rentals
more residential development	

Housing	
Q. 34a - margin comments on the Housing section of the survey	
Comment on 31. Older properties have lower appearance appeal - Junk and poor yard maintenance especially on T in the middle of the village where everyone passing through sees.	
Comment on 33. We will become too big and lose our small town atmosphere.	
Comment on 34. Another assisted living will cause the current home to close and employees to lose jobs.	
Comment on 31. Appearance of homes is about average except for some of the homes on Main Street that look a little rough.	
Comment on 31. Declining condition of older houses	
Comment on 32. Used to be reasonable. Has become a little too expensive in the last few years.	
Comment on 33. More housing development, but no more Rademan cookie cutter houses!	
Comment on 33. The community should encourage limited housing development	
Comment on 33. Village should "moderately" encourage more housing development	
Comment on 33. Would like limited growth, single family homes like the west end of town.	
Comment on 33. Would like to see village encourage more housing development with larger lots and thru street "no dead ends". Need to have access to main roads to alleviate traffic on certain side streets.	
Comment on 34. No Rental units.	
will need to increase village crew to maintain and support roads and other details if we grow	

Transportation	
Q. 40	
about the same or more visitors	
additional traffic through the village	
better access to jobs in Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids	
Comment on 38. State Patrol stops more speeders and drunk drivers on Main St.	
Concerned about plan to make Stadt Road a dead end	
do not know much about it	
don't think there will be an impact	
Easier to get to Stevens Point	
easy access to travel Hwy 10 east to 29	

Have not seen any plan. Don't know if access is as easy as before. Design is a done deal, so we have to deal with it.
Hewitt is a bedroom community. Few people now come through Hewitt to get to Marshfield
Hewitt will become more accessible
Hwy T will have more traffic
I believe there would be little difference. People who travel on Hwy 10 do not stop in small towns. No restaurants, hotels, etc.
I could see traffic becoming a problem if roads don't go thru (or) first the opposite if people can't get to Village.
I do not know how the new Highway will be located in proximity to the village - this determines the impact. I foresee the main impact would be noise.
I don't think it will have any impact since 10 never went through Hewitt in the 1st place unlike a town such as Auburndale
I don't think it will impact us since it already is south of the village.
I hope id does not bring drug traffic. Otherwise, most traffic will be heading to Marshfield
If T is closed off or Stadt is closed off
I'm not sure - don't know much about the project
improved infrastructure will benefit industry, jobs and residents
increased traffic and more speeders
increased traffic noise, especially semi traffic
it might become busier with traffic from the north
It might bring some businesses closer to Hewitt.
It seems currently traffic comes off Hwy 10 to avoid the intersection at Hwy 13 Blvd. This may change when Hwy is completed.
less traffic perhaps
less traffic
less traffic thru Main St. I hope
limit access to roads south of 10
more business opportunities
more development will want to move to Marshfield since there is no immediate or direct connection to Hwy 10
More noise from the highway
more outside traffic coming into view the village. More advertisement opportunity.
more rural traffic on Yellowstone and County Hwy T
more traffic on Yellowstone Drive
more traffic
more traffic during construction
more traffic, trucks and services
need a walking /biking lane on Yellowstone similar to Hwy T
no affect
no affect
no idea
no impact
noise - with higher speed and traffic noise will increase, already can hear the traffic at times with all the windows closed
noisier
more traffic flow on T
Not
not at all
not sure
not sure how it will impact
not sure where US 10 will come through, so unable to give an opinion
Not sure yet. I still do not understand exactly how US 10 will be routed through our area (i.e. where it sits through)
really not sure
rumor has it that there will be no exit ramp onto County trunk T when Hwy 10 is finished
The village limits do not extend to US 10, so life in the village will not be affected as long as County T has access to US 10
There may be increased sales of food and gasoline to the workers on the projects
Think it will lose business.

Too much speeding on Yellowstone in residential areas. Dangerous to walk. Little enforcement of speeding, safety.
traffic flow to the north end of Marshfield
Understand there will be no off ramp. Otherwise there will not be real impact for me.
unsure what plan is/how it will run near Hewitt
very little - too far away
very little impact
Will be easier to work in eastern cities and live in Hewitt
Will traffic go through Hewitt to get to Marshfield's North side?
With Stadt Road becoming a "dead end" I think more people will be walking from the trail to that road.
won't be
You will be able to hear the traffic noise. Nice to be near the new road for travel to 51

Transportation
Q. 40A - margin comments on the Transportation section of the survey
Comment on 35. Main St. now has allowance for this, side streets are local traffic, but Yellowstone is treacherous.
Comment on 36. Only on Yellowstone is there traffic or traffic flow problems.
Comment on 37. Main St. and side streets are OK, but Yellowstone is not.
Comment on 35. Only on Yellowstone do sidewalks need to be addressed.
Comment on 36. Only on Yellowstone is there traffic volume and traffic flow issues. Traffic is too fast.
Comment on 37. Hewitt is safe for pedestrians and bicyclists except for Yellowstone and 29 th .
Comment on 36. Speed and volume on Yellowstone.
Comment on 38. Too much speed on Yellowstone and all side streets off of Yellowstone.
Comment on 35 and 36. Yellowstone is identified as needing sidewalks and having traffic flow and volume issues.
Comment on 35, 36, 37. Mostly on Yellowstone and T due to traffic volume and narrow shoulders on roads.
Comment on 35. As money is available.
Comment on 37. For the most part.
Comment on 38. For our size of town.
Comment on 35. in some places the road is very busy and the shoulder is not enough
Comment on 35. Only on Yellowstone are sidewalks necessary
Comment on 35. Should have a sidewalk from park to 3rd St. South so trail traffic doesn't need to walk down Yellowstone.
Comment on 35. Sidewalks are needed maybe on Yellowstone
Comment on 35. Sidewalks are needed on Yellowstone Drive only
Comment on 35. Sidewalks need to be addressed on Yellowstone and Main St.
Comment on 35. Villages don't need sidewalks
Comment on 35. Would like sidewalks but don't like to shovel!
Comment on 35-37. Yellowstone needs to be widened, or a bike path is needed. Only road in Hewitt that needs sidewalks is Yellowstone.
Comment on 36. Certain streets have too much traffic (i.e. 11th)
Comment on 36. Need to slow down.
Comment on 36. Speed needs to be enforced.
Comment on 36. Speed on Yellowstone is a concern.
Comment on 36. Traffic volume and flow is a concern at times
Comment on 36. Traffic volume and flow is a concern only on ball nights.
Comment on 36. Yellowstone needs to be upgraded.
Comment on 37. Bicyclists and pedestrians take up the roadway.
Comment on 37. Community roads besides Yellowstone are safe for bicyclists and pedestrians
Comment on 37. Hewitt is safe for bicyclists and pedestrians except for main streets.
Comment on 37. Hewitt is safe for bicyclists and pedestrians except for Yellowstone and T.
Comment on 37. Hewitt is safe for bicyclists and pedestrians except on Yellowstone
Comment on 37. Hewitt is safe for bicyclists and pedestrians most of the time.
Comment on 37. Need sidewalks on T and on Yellowstone
Comment on 37. Need to educate residents on what sidewalks to walk or ride on.
Comment on 37. Not for bicyclists - walking is fine
Comment on 37. People drive too fast on Yellowstone
Comment on 37. Safe except of Yellowstone Drive

Comment on 37. Streets are unsafe because they are too narrow.
Comment on 37. Yellowstone is a little busy
Comment on 37. Yellowstone is bad for pedestrians and bicyclists.
Comment on 37. Yellowstone should have a bike/walking path.
Comment on 38. Believe that there is adequate traffic law enforcement most of the time.
Comment on 38. I've never seen one in years. (Wood County Sheriff)
Comment on 38. Need more law enforcement, too much theft recently on Main St.
Comment on 37 that Yellowstone or Main St. is not safe for bicycles.
Comment on 35. Mainly on Main St. and Yellowstone Drive something needs to be addressed regarding sidewalks.
Comments on 35-37. Sidewalks, traffic volume, and bicyclist and pedestrian safety are issues along Yellowstone and T.
Comment on 35. Sidewalks needed on Yellowstone.
Comment on 37. Not safe on Yellowstone for bicyclists and pedestrians.
Comment on 36. Some streets - main ones - too busy for walkers and bikers
Comment on 36. Volume of traffic and traffic flow is an issue on Main Street.
Comment on 38. For now there is adequate traffic law enforcement by Wood County Sheriff's, when 10 gets developed, that may change.

Parks and Trails			
Q. 47			
use ball park more	snowshoe/cross-country skiing	under 14 softball	weekly music in park/picnic in park - Summer season
snowmobile trail access	open bathrooms	swimming pool	softball coed
snowmobile access	need calendar of events	root beer stand or ice cream place	Spencer to see how successful this is.
local snowmobile trails/ATV	music in the park. Different groups could take over. Check with	more summer rec things for kids to do	have restrooms open at the parks
possibly free shows	larger, indoor, new table	large crafters event	dog park
pool	festival in conjunction with Oktoberfest at church	in winter: family game night once a month at village hall to play	dog park
none	fill pond with water or fish	game hall	dog park
none	ice skating rink	fireworks	hall
neighborhood parties	ice rink - outdoor	fall trail rides	nature trails
indoor volleyball courts	ice skating rink or pond	dirty infield	more walking paths
Horse shoe pits	ice skating rink	book club	more trails
football	ice skating rink	adult volleyball	more trails
fast ball	ice skating rink	Band - serve pie and ice cream	tennis courts
family kickball	ice skating rink	basketball court	tennis courts
fall festival	ice skating rink	basketball courts	tennis court
fall corn maze	ice skating rink	basketball court	tennis
disc golf course	ice skating rink	basketball	tennis
Frisbee golf	ice skating rink	basketball hoops	Tennis court
dance	ice skating pond	basketball courts	snow sledding hill
dairy festival	ice skating	basketball court	sledding hills (winter)
"Hewitt Days"	ice skating	basket ball	sledding hill
community food drive	ice skating	pee wee soccer	adult softball
adult volleyball	ice rink	soccer fields	develop a youth (men and women's) softball league
continue to add trails	ice rink	soccer field	fitness center
walking trail on the fringe of the park	ice rink	soccer	aerobics

connect trail to Marshfield	would and ice rink be feasible	soccer	Men's softball tournament
more trails	cross country skiing	soccer	develop adult softball league
connecting Hewitt trails to Marshfield trails	x-country ski trail	soccer/multi purpose field	exercise classes
wilderness trail	cross country ski trails	soccer field	evening exercise classes
Bike trail along Yellowstone and Main St	cross country ski trail	soccer	fitness classes at the village hall
parks/trails	x-country ski trails	soccer field	snowshoe trail
snow shoe / cross country	x-c ski trail	soccer field	winter trails

Parks and Trails

Q. 48a

Comment on 43. Lately too many bugs with all of the rain.

Comment on 43. Trail needs to connect to Marshfield and be paved for scooters and rollerblades.

Comment on 44. Poor base - washes out storms. Messy on grass. Really should have been placed further away from residential homes that they parallel. No privacy! Residents on trails past dark! Residents leave dog feces on property!

Comment on 44. Would love to see the trail connect to Marshfield.

Comment on 44. Access to trails involves busy streets such as Yellowstone

Comment on 45. Don't use park, but believe that it is important

Comment on 46. Answered maybe to wellness activities in the Village.

Comment on 46. Quality of parks would be very good, except the bathrooms are always locked.

Comment on 47. There is no need for more softball fields.

Comment on 48. Maybe would be interested in wellness activities at Village Hall.

Comment on 48. Maybe would participate in community wellness activities.

Comment. Dogs should not be allowed in the park during public activities such as softball league and tournaments. Also, there is too much dog crap on the walking trail.

Local Economy

Q. 50

business park	small commercial
car wash	social center for elderly, daycare center, coffee
carwash & Laundromat	storm warnings and shelter
childcare	sandwich/ice cream shop
grocery store	school
road maintenance	

Local Economy

Q. 53a

Comment on 50. Would like ice cream shop, beauty shop, bakery, sandwich shop, post office, Laundromat, car wash, veterinarian, hardware store, and coffee shop.

Comment on 51. No way to supply water for industry.

Comment of 52. Get Dept. paid up first, then make more improvements (parks, recreation, and trails)

Comment on 52. Money is tight now for most families. This is a hard subject.

Comment on 52. Very poor timing for the poor economy.

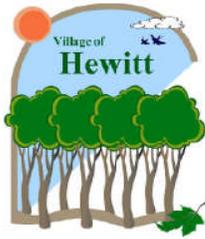
Current road infrastructure is already unable to safely support the 712 residents.

Demographics

Q. 60

accountant	lab tech
Assisted living for elderly	maintenance supervisor and heavy equip operator
attorney	marketing

catering	marketing
computer programming	purchasing manager
computer programming	salesman
computer services	semi driver
dairy business	stay at home mom
distributor	technical
engineering	truck driver
information systems	trucking
information technology	trucking
IS	volunteerism



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Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

August 4, 2010

Dear Village Resident:

As our community looks to the future, the Village of Hewitt would like to protect and enhance the quality of life for friends, neighbors and future residents. To accomplish this, we will be collecting information from people living within the Village, identify opportunities, establish priorities and develop a plan that allows us to achieve our goals -- your goals--planning for future growth.

To make sure that our plans reflect what you want for your neighborhood, your family and your future neighbors, we are collecting information about the opinion of the people who live here and the issues that affect them.

The attached survey will take approximately 15 minutes for you to complete. The information you provide will remain anonymous. The responses will be compiled and will play a key role in our ability to plan for the future of our community.

Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. The postage has been prepaid for ease of return back to the Hewitt Comprehensive Planning Committee by August 31.

Thank you for your participation. We value your input in helping plan for a strong and healthy future for the Village of Hewitt. If there are any issues you wish to discuss in more detail, feel free to attend any of the Planning Committee meetings, or contact a member listed below.

Sincerely,

Village of Hewitt Comprehensive Planning Committee Members:

Jeff Graves, Chair
Ken Eilers
Brian Hafermann
Kris Hawley
Eric Jakobi
Marlene Stueland
Jim Welch

Save the Date
Sept. 28th, 2010 @ 7pm
Open House at the Village Hall
**Review Community Survey results and get an
update on the Village Comprehensive Plan.**
All residents welcome!

VILLAGE OF HEWITT COMMUNITY SURVEY

Instructions: This survey should be filled out by one adult in your household. However, please feel free to consult with other family members. To complete the survey, please check your response. **Please do not write your name or address on the survey.**

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being very satisfied and 5 being very dissatisfied, please circle your level of satisfaction concerning community facilities and services in the Village of Hewitt. If you do not know an answer, leave it blank. Feel free to make additional comments at the end of this section.

		very satisfied		about average		very dissatisfied					
170	1. condition of community streets	33	1	45	2	73	3	15	4	4	5
159	2. availability of community sidewalks	33	1	29	2	41	3	34	4	22	5
165	3. quality of parks	100	1	37	2	22	3	4	4	2	5
168	4. quality of roads	33	1	39	2	77	3	14	4	5	5
168	5. water quality	48	1	42	2	49	3	15	4	11	5
168	6. sewer quality and service	82	1	44	2	39	3	1	4	2	5
168	7. gas and electric quality and service	78	1	47	2	37	3	5	4	1	5
162	8. fire department service	83	1	42	2	32	3	5	4	0	5
159	9. emergency medical service	78	1	40	2	36	3	5	4	0	5
160	10. police protection	39	1	30	2	57	3	27	4	7	5
156	11. availability of general health care	75	1	43	2	31	3	7	4	0	5
153	12. quality of school system	70	1	37	2	40	3	4	4	2	5
170	14. curbside recycling/garbage pick up	89	1	48	2	23	3	9	4	1	5
167	15. snow removal	46	1	37	2	44	3	30	4	10	5

Comments: [See Attachment A \(Q. 1-15 comments\)](#)

173 16. The Village of Hewitt does not have a library. Is there a need to explore options of making library materials more readily available to residents?
 15 yes 137 no 21 no opinion

175 17. Storm water is handled by ditches and culverts. Should the Village consider a storm sewer system in the future to manage surface runoff?
 63 yes 90 no 22 no opinion

174 18. Village residents rely on private wells as their water supply. How do you rate the overall quality of water?
 61 very good 76 about average 34 poor 3 no opinion

166 19. Do you think that the Hewitt area has adequate groundwater resources capable of sustaining additional residential development?
 17 yes 96 depends on the amount of development 25 no 28 no opinion

167 20. Would you like to see Hewitt pursue becoming a greener more sustainable community?
 73 yes 28 no 66 no opinion

21. If you answered yes to the previous question, please share any ideas that you may have to make the community greener and more sustainable.
[See Attachment A - \(Q. 21\)](#)

[See Attachment A - \(Q. 21a for margin comments on the Facilities and Services section of the survey\)](#)

COMMUNITY

22. Please list two reasons why you like living in the Village of Hewitt?
1. [See Attachment A - \(Q. 22\)](#)
2. _____
23. Please list two things you would like to change about the Village of Hewitt?
1. [See Attachment A - \(Q. 23\)](#)
2. _____
- 174 24. Do you feel there is a strong sense of community pride in the Village of Hewitt?
141 yes 10 no 23 no opinion
25. What influenced your decision to initially move to Hewitt, or if you were raised here or resided here for many years, why have you stayed here?
1. [See Attachment A - \(Q. 25\)](#)
2. _____
- 167 26. Would you like to see events planned that could strengthen community pride?
105 yes 14 no 48 no opinion
27. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what events should be considered? (check all that apply)
26 parade 62 street dance 39 children's festival
68 harvest festival 47 outdoor movie 50 fireworks
44 wellness events 21 [See Attachment A - \(Q. 27\)](#) _____
28. Which of the following elements do you consider important in determining the "CHARACTER" that defines the Village of Hewitt? (check all that apply)
48 tree lined streets 8 ethnic heritage 83 community pride
47 open fields 128 village size 42 low activity
55 farming community 147 quiet 47 small businesses
65 family ties 94 simplicity 152 friendly people
97 parks 14 railroad 32 local history
10 [See Attachment A - \(Q. 28\)](#) _____ _____
- 175 29. How would you rate the overall quality of life in the Village of Hewitt?
122 very good 53 about average 0 poor 0 no opinion
- 170 30. In the next 10 years what do you anticipate will happen to the overall quality of life in the Village of Hewitt?
60 it will improve 93 it will stay the same 7 it will decline 10 no opinion
[See Attachment A - \(Q. 30a for margin comments on the Community section of the survey\)](#)

HOUSING

- 175 30. Do you own or rent your residence? 173 own 2 rent
- 176 31. How do you feel about the overall appearance and quality of housing in the Village of Hewitt?
93 very good 81 about average 1 poor 1 no opinion
- 174 32. Compared to the region, how do you feel the purchase price of housing in the Village of Hewitt is?
44 very reasonable 113 about average 5 too expensive 12 no opinion
- 170 33. Should the community encourage more housing development?
35 yes 108 no 27 no opinion
34. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what type of housing is most needed in Hewitt? (check all that apply)
3 rental units 16 elderly housing 7 24 hour assisted living
22 affordable housing 8 higher income housing 5 [See Attachment A - \(Q. 34\)](#)

[See Attachment A - \(Q. 34a for margin comments on the Housing section of the survey\)](#)

TRANSPORTATION

- 172 35. The Village does not have sidewalks in most residential areas of the community. Do you feel that this is something that needs to be addressed?
 52 yes 111 no 9 no opinion
- 172 36. Is the volume of traffic or traffic flow in the Village a concern to you?
 47 yes 124 no 1 no opinion
- 169 37. Is Hewitt a safe community for bicyclists and pedestrians?
 122 yes 43 no 4 no opinion
- 182 38. The Wood County Sherriff's Department patrols the Village and is the primary source of traffic law enforcement. Do you believe there is adequate traffic law enforcement in the community?
 122 yes 50 no 10 no opinion
- 169 39. What do you feel the effects of the improvements of U.S. 10 will be on the Village of Hewitt?
 24 mostly positive 16 mostly negative 100 will not be a significant impact 29 no opinion
40. Please share how you think the Village will be impacted by the U.S. 10 improvement project.
See Attachment A - (Q. 40)

See Attachment A - (Q. 40a for margin comments on the Transportation section of the survey)

PARKS AND TRAILS

41. Please indicate your sense of the value parks, trails, and recreation programs hold for the residents of the Village.
- Wholesome and fun programs and park facilities that provide family activities.
 172 112 high value 47 medium value 6 low value 7 no opinion
- Strengthening the community image and creating a sense of place.
 169 85 high value 66 medium value 12 low value 6 no opinion
- The opportunity for team sports and youth activities.
 172 107 high value 51 medium value 8 low value 6 no opinion
- The opportunity for physical exercise, social and emotional development.
 172 92 high value 63 medium value 11 low value 6 no opinion
- Park facilities protect valuable environmental resources and public open spaces.
 170 95 high value 55 medium value 10 low value 10 no opinion
42. Following is a list of statements regarding parks, trails and recreation facilities. What is your opinion?
- Recreation areas and facilities improve the quality of life in the Village.
 172 156 agree 5 disagree 11 no opinion
- Recreation areas, trails, and programs increase the value of property.
 171 136 agree 17 disagree 18 no opinion
- The availability of park facilities, trails, and programs play an important part in the decision of families to move to or remain in the Village.
 170 122 agree 25 disagree 23 no opinion
- 171 43. The Village of Hewitt has over 2 miles of trails. How often do you use the trails each month on average?
 50 I don't use the trails 66 1-5 times 56 more than 5 times
- 170 44. How do you feel about the overall quality of trails in the Village?
 63 very good 77 about average 2 poor 28 no opinion
- 169 45. How often do you use the Village parks each month on average?
 59 I don't use the ~~trails~~ ^{parks} 88 1-5 times 22 more than 5 times

- 166 46. How do you feel about the overall quality of park facilities?
 105 very good 47 about average 2 poor 14 no opinion
47. Please list any seasonal or year-round recreation facilities or activities you would like to see the Village consider in the future.
 1. See Attachment A - (Q. 47) 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____
- 143 48. Would you be interested in participating in community wellness activities at the Village Hall or park property?
 61 yes 45 no 37 no opinion
- See Attachment A - (Q. 48a for margin comments on the Parks and Trails section of the survey)*

LOCAL ECONOMY

- 172 49. Do you want to see more job opportunities in the Village of Hewitt?
 62 yes 59 no 51 no opinion
50. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what types of job opportunities/businesses would you like to see? Please check all that apply.
 19 retail 46 restaurants 10 bar/tavern/club 1 finance
 8 medical/health 1 auto repair 0 car sales 19 general industry
 21 convenience stores 27 light industry 3 hotels/motels 11 other See Attachment A - (Q. 50)
- 170 51. Would you like to see an industrial park or business park (offices) developed in the Village?
 22 yes 127 no 21 no opinion
52. Would you support an increase in property taxes for:
 167 business attraction 17 yes 140 no 10 no opinion
 167 parks, recreation, and trails 71 yes 85 no 11 no opinion
 166 improving village roads 77 yes 78 no 11 no opinion
 167 sidewalks 41 yes 116 no 10 no opinion
- 172 53. The Village population according to the 2008 Census projection is 712. What do you consider to be the ideal population of the Village of Hewitt in the next 10 years?
 2 smaller 46 remain the same 79 increase somewhat
 7 much larger 31 depends upon circumstances 7 no opinion

See Attachment A - (Q. 53a for margin comments on the Local Economy section of the survey)

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 163 54. Please indicate your gender: male female
 78 85
- 161 55. What is your age? 49.6 ave.
- 173 56. Indicate the number of people currently living in your household, including yourself. 2.8 ave. 0-103
 1-18
- 168 57. How many children under the age of 18 years live in your home? _____ Children 2-35 households
 3-11
- 168 58. How long have you been a property owner or resident of the Village of Hewitt? 17.25 ave. 4-1
59. What is your (and spouses) employment Status?
 You Spouse
 14 employed
 7 unemployed, but seeking employment
 13 self-employed
 28 retired
 8 other

60. If employed, what is your (and spouses) primary occupation?

You	Spouse	You	Spouse
7 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	27 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> education
8 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> finance	75 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> medical/health
8 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> government services	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> clerical
12 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> retail sales	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> utilities/communications
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> personal services (such as barber, waitress)	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> construction
22 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> management	16 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> other trades
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> post high-school, full-time student	16 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> manufacturing
26 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) <u>See Attachment A - (Q. 60)</u>		

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Thank you for supporting your community by
completing this survey!