

Appendix A

Visioning Sessions - Questions and Attendee Responses

What positive impacts do you think the projected population decline could have on the Town of Turtle?

- More services
- Less road maintenance
- Maintain rural character

What negative impacts do you think this decline could have on the Town of Turtle?

- More costs on few people for services
- Less highway aid

What type of growth rate would you prefer?

- No growth - 0%
- Limited growth (some, but less than 1% per year) - 77%
- Moderate growth (around 1% a year) - 23%
- Major growth (greater than 1% per year) - 0%

What concerns do you have about the current/future housing market in the Town of Turtle?

- Agricultural preservation
- Less rural land - costs more for new rural homes

What size lots would you like to see being developed between now and 2035?

- Between 1-3 acres - 83%
- Between 3-5 acres - 17%

What methods would you suggest to protect the natural features?

- Localized zoning and land divisions / enforcement
- Natural Land Institute

Should new development occur in and around existing development areas?

- Yes - 100%

Should new development occur in a scattered sites pattern?

- No - 100%

What types of community facility/utility problems is the Town of Turtle experiencing?

- DSL / Cable Internet
- Fire protection with annexation
- Cell phone dead spots
- Policing

What areas do you consider well served by community facilities/utilities?

- Road maintenance
- Fire protection
- Electric co-op
- Allient Energy

What types of land uses do you want to see in the rural areas of Turtle?

- o Small center / shops
- o Clean industry / light industry
- o Keep rural
- o Wildlife
- o Trails

What types of land uses do you want to see close to existing population centers in Turtle?

- o Small shops
- o More homes - similar lot sizes
- o Entertainment center / neighborhood square

What specific cultural resources do you think the Town of Turtle should recognize?

- o Stone Bridge
- o Iron Bridges
- o Stagecoach Trail

What are the strengths of the transportation system in the Town of Turtle?

- o Interstates
- o Major airport close by
- o Good roads
- o Good interconnectivity

What are the weaknesses of the transportation system in the Town of Turtle?

- o I-90 needs widening and I043 needs resurfacing
- o Lack of commuter rail

Would you use commuter rail...

- ... between Rock County and Chicago? Yes - 50%
- ... between Rock County and Madison? Yes - 37%

What types of new businesses and industries do you think would thrive in the Town of Turtle, which could provide jobs for the labor force?

- o Distribution / Warehousing
- o Small shops (ma and pa, no big box)
- o Public Transportation

What quality of life amenities do you think are most crucial for attracting economic development to the Town of Turtle?

- o Diversity (restaurants, churches, etc.)
- o Nearby stores and services
- o Educated workforce
- o Work ethic

What ideas would you suggest to promote better cooperation between the various governments in Rock County?

- o Communication
- o Town-to-Town sharing of resources

What do you feel is the one most critical issue facing the Town of Turtle?

- o Annexation
- o Loss of family farms
- o Children leaving