

TOWN OF LA GRANGE ZONING SURVEY

PLEASE: Circle the corresponding number of only one answer per question unless otherwise instructed.

I. TOWN TRENDS AND VALUES

1. Which one term would you select to describe the Town of La Grange, as you want to see it, 25 years from today?

- Rural, agricultural community 1 Mixed agricultural/residential 3
Residential community 2 Mixed residential/business 4

2. Between 1990 and 2006, Walworth County's population grew from 75,000 to an estimated 99,800 or 33.1 percent. At what rate would you like to see growth continue to occur in the Town of La Grange?

- Faster rate: 1
Present rate: 2
Slower rate: 3
No growth: 4

3. Should development be encouraged or discouraged in the Town of La Grange?

- Encouraged 1
Allowed but not encouraged 2
Discouraged 3
No opinion 4

If you answered either Discouraged or No Opinion please skip to Question 5.

4. If you believe the Town of La Grange should continue to grow, what kind(s) of growth and/or business development would you like to see? (Circle all that apply)

- Single-family residential 1 Tourist-related businesses 8
Multi-family residential 2 Office-type businesses 9
Rural residential 3 Convenience stores and services 10
Condominiums 4 Large retail outlets/centers 11
Hobby farms 5 Light industry 12
Family farms 6 Heavy industry 13
Large corporate farms 7

5. Should The Town of La Grange actively pursue the protection of any of the following? (Circle all that apply)

- Woodlands 1
Wetlands 2
Open spaces 3
Groundwater recharge areas: 4
Endangered species habitat 5
Park land, existing/ future 6
None of the above 7

## II. FARMLAND PRESERVATION ISSUES

6. Do you agree or disagree that preservation of farmland in the Town of La Grange is important?

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neutral	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5

7. Do you agree or disagree that government in the Town of La Grange government should set agricultural land preservation as a priority goal and implement policies to achieve it?

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neutral	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5

8. The current lot size for building a house on A-1 zoned (Prime) farmland in the Town of La Grange is 35 acres. This standard should be:

Maintained	1
Eliminated	2
No opinion	3
Increased to 40, 50, 80, or 100+ acres	4

*(Please circle one if you favor an increase)*

Decreased to 1, 2, 5, 10, or 20 acres	5
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*(Please circle one if you favor a decrease)*

9. The current lot size for building a house on A-2 zoned farmland (smaller farmland blocks than A-1 zoning and/or soils not quite as productive) is 20 acres. This lot size should be:

Maintained	1
Eliminated	2
Increased to 25, 35, 40, or 50+ acres	3

*(Please circle one if you favor an increase)*

Decreased to 1, 2, 5, 10, or 15 acres	4
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*(Please check one if you favor a decrease)*

No opinion	5
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10. In your opinion, is the continued existence of the remaining family farm important to the town's future?

Very important	1
Somewhat important	2
Not important	3
No opinion	4

11. Given a situation where a farm is sold, which one of the following best describes how you would like to see the land used after the sale?

The land should be allowed to be subdivided for development purposes	1
The land should be kept agricultural or agricultural-related	2
The land should be used however the new owner desires	3
No opinion	4

12. Would you support spending property tax dollars for the preservation of agricultural land by compensating land owners who agree to preserve their farmland?

- Yes 1
- Maybe, depending upon the cost 2
- No 3
- No opinion 4

If you answered *No or No opinion*, please skip Question 13.

13. If you are potentially receptive to preserving agricultural land with tax dollars, how much of a property tax increase would you be willing to support to carry out such a program?

- 10¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$20/yr. on \$200,000 property) 1
- 25¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$50/yr. on \$200,000 property) 2
- 50¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$100/yr. on \$200,000 property) 3
- 75¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$150/yr. on \$200,000 property) 4
- \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$200/yr. on \$200,000 property) 5
- No property tax increase, the program should be funded by other means 6

**III. RESIDENTIAL LAND USE ISSUES**

14. Other than farm residences, what type of housing should be provided in rural areas? (Circle all that apply)

- Single-family 1
- Duplexes 2
- Multi-family 3
- Mobile home parks 4
- Condominiums 5
- Senior housing complexes 6
- Retirement home complexes 7
- Low-moderate income housing 8
- Disfavor non-farm housing in rural areas 9

15. What should be the minimum lot size requirement for rural land which is not considered to be prime farmland?

- One dwelling unit per acre 1    One dwelling unit per 10 acres 4
- One dwelling unit per 2-3 acres 2    One dwelling unit per 20 acres 5
- One dwelling unit per 5 acres 3    One dwelling unit per 35 acres 6

16. Would you agree or disagree with the Town guiding new residential development through use of conservation or cluster subdivisions? These subdivisions may permit smaller lots on suitable portions of affected land parcels, but then preserve open space on the remainder of such parcels.

- Strongly agree 1
- Agree 2
- Neutral 3
- Disagree 4
- Strongly disagree 5

**IV COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ISSUES**

17. Should commercial and industrial development be encouraged or discouraged in The Town of La Grange?

- Encouraged 1
- Allowed but not encouraged 2
- Discouraged 3
- No opinion 4

18. If you feel that commercial and industrial development should either be encouraged or allowed in The Town of La Grange, what type of business growth would you like to occur? (*Circle all that apply*)

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|------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Services         | 1 | Light industry      | 5 |
| Office parks     | 2 | Heavy industry      | 6 |
| Shopping centers | 3 | Agriculture-related | 7 |
| Other retail     | 4 | No preference       | 8 |

19. Should businesses be concentrated in a few areas or dispersed throughout the County?

- Concentrated 1
- Dispersed 2
- No opinion 3

If you answered *Dispersed or No opinion*, please skip to Question 21.

20. If you feel that businesses should be concentrated in a few areas of the Town of La Grange, do you feel that one or more development zones should be designated for that purpose:

- Around the intersection of Hwy. 12 and County H 1
- Around the intersection of Hwys. 12 & 20 2
- Near or adjacent to existing residential development 3
- They can be concentrated in any location 4

21. If you feel that businesses should be concentrated in a few areas of the Town of La Grange, do you feel that one or more development zones should be designated for that purpose:

- Strongly agree: 1
- Agree: 2
- Neutral: 3
- Disagree: 4
- Strongly disagree: 5

22. If you favor development zones featuring more concentrated housing, how far from your residence would you want such a zone to be, at a minimum?

- Adjacent 1
- 1/4 mile away 2
- 1/2 mile away 3
- 1 mile away 4
- 2 miles away 5

***VI. TOWN ORDINANCES AND REGULATORY ISSUES***

21. Do you agree or disagree that the use of private land should be based on owners' preferences rather than being restricted by zoning?

- Strongly agree      1
- Agree                2
- Neutral              3
- Disagree            4
- Strongly disagree   5

22. Do you agree or disagree that local units of government have the responsibility to protect property owners and the community by regulating land use?

- Strongly agree      1
- Agree                2
- Neutral              3
- Disagree            4
- Strongly disagree   5

23. Do you agree or disagree that zoning regulation is generally beneficial?

- Strongly agree      1
- Agree                2
- Neutral              3
- Disagree            4
- Strongly disagree   5

***VII. QUALITY OF LIFE IN The Town of La Grange***

24. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in the Town of La Grange?

- Completely satisfied   1
- Satisfied                2
- Neutral                 3
- Dissatisfied            4
- Completely dissatisfied 5

25. What effect has population growth had on the quality of life in The Town of La Grange?

- Very positive            1
- Positive                 2
- No effect                3
- Negative                4
- Very negative          5
- No opinion                6

26. A variety of local characteristics influence a person's choice of where to live. **How important** is each of the following in influencing your decision to live, locate, or invest in the Town of La Grange?  
*(Circle one for each characteristic that applies)*

	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Not So Important</b>	<b>Not At All Important</b>
Educational system	1	2	3	4
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4
Friendly communities	1	2	3	4
Good place to raise a family	1	2	3	4
Government services	1	2	3	4
Historic features	1	2	3	4
Lake access/quality	1	2	3	4
Low crime rate	1	2	3	4
Natural environment	1	2	3	4
Pace of life	1	2	3	4
Proximity of family	1	2	3	4
Proximity to Chicago and Milwaukee...	1	2	3	4
Recreational opportunities	1	2	3	4
Rural atmosphere	1	2	3	4
Suitable residence found	1	2	3	4

27. As the Town of La Grange plans for future development, should local officials **discourage, encourage, or remain neutral** regarding each of the following? *(Circle one for each category)*

	<b>Encourage</b>	<b>Remain Neutral</b>	<b>Discourage</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
Environmental preservation....	1	2	3	4
Farmland preservation	1	2	3	4
Industrial development	1	2	3	4
Residential housing	1	2	3	4
Retail development	1	2	3	4
Tourism facilities	1	2	3	4
Vacation homes	1	2	3	4

**VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

28. What is your resident status with respect to The Town of La Grange?

Permanent	1
Seasonal	2
Non-resident property owner	3

29. How long have you been a resident of, and/or owned land in, The Town of La Grange? *(Circle longest duration)*

Less than 1 year	1	11-15 years	4
1-5 years	2	16-20 years	5
6-10 years	3	21-25 years	6
Over 25 years	7		

30. What best describes your primary place of residence, and its location? *(Circle all that apply)*

Owner-occupied home	1
Rental property	2
Farm	3
Hobby farm	4
Rural Residence	5

Own land, reside elsewhere 6

31. Approximately how many miles do you travel to your place of employment **one way**?

Less than one mile	1	21-30 miles	4
1-10 miles	2	Greater than 30 miles	5
11-20 miles	3	Work at home	6

32. How do you generally receive information about governmental matters in the Town of La Grange?  
*(Circle all that apply)*

Newspaper	1
Town Website	2
Public postings	3
Word of mouth	4
Other:	_____

33. How would you prefer to be informed?

Newspaper	1
Town Website	2
Public postings	3
Word of mouth	4
Town newsletter	5
Other:	_____

**Thank you for completing this survey!**