

TOWN OF LAKEWOOD VISIONING SURVEY RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2007

Imagine if you left the county for 20 years and then returned, what would you hope to see?

Natural Resources/Cultural & Historic Resources

- Preserve wilderness appearance
- Protection of all natural resources
- Development pressures
- Prolonged growth of forests/vegetation/wildlife
- Minimal soil variations or contamination
- Historic spots utilized to promote tourism
- Federal lands protected not to be sold off and stay public – increase access
- Promote community history
- Preserve open space
- Keyholing
- Natural water quality/lake clarity retained
- Open space prevalent outside commercial developments
- Bridge – historic
- Historic sights preserved – procedure for owners of historic properties to protect and preserve their property

Land Planning & Development

- Preserve rural feel (1.5 acre lots)
- Limit growth
- Preserve distinctive rural character of Lakewood
- Protect and preserve the town's productive forest resources
- Develop and adopt effective land use control and tools to control and direct future land use
- Provide adequate police, ambulance and fire services
- Prevalent growth in planned commercial areas (e.g., downtown along STH 32, part of County F and North Road)
- Limit trailer homes
- Protect and preserve natural resources
- Provide adequate water, sewer, roads, and other infrastructure cost effectively
- Preserve and protect the quality of the town's water resources
- Promote business development in areas designated for industrial, commercial and retail growth
- Stormwater management
- Centralized town offices/facilities

- Limitations on lot sizes and density on lakes
- Defined business corridor
- Clustering in all areas
- Green spaces in all areas
- Less usage of variances/only in hardship situations
- Resident/non-resident input via regular survey mailings
- Larger lots in sensitive areas if not clustered
- Theme corridor development (STH 32)

Commerce & Industry

- Promote light industry
- Improve telecommunications
- Protect water and lakes; protect all natural resources
- Support healthcare facility expansion and improvement of services
- Create business district off STH 32 (along North Road and County F)
- Thriving business district (not just gift stores)
- Competitive businesses (i.e., not just one grocery store)
- Adequate Sanitary District to support growth
- Support and development of commerce and light industry
- Develop commercial districts
- Extend Sanitary District resources to meet identified needs
- Deep STH 32 going through Lakewood; adjusted to deal with traffic
- Create off-street parking
- “Main Street” theme downtown along STH 32
- Utilization of natural resource attractions (need for bait shops, ATV-snowmobile sales, boat sales, etc.)
- Cooperative business association
- Restaurants (diner/restaurants that stay open after 1:00 pm)

Community Services

- Improve infrastructure (fiber optics)
- Extend Sanitary District resources to meet identified needs
- Provide adequate police, ambulance and fire services
- Provide adequate water, sewer, roads, and other infrastructure cost effectively
- Good police presence
- Support healthcare facility expansion and improvement of services
- Promote business development in areas designated for industrial, commercial and retail growth
- Expanded healthcare facilities

- 24-hour emergency healthcare services
- Public parks (green areas)
- New medical clinic
- Critical care hospital with emergency services for town and surrounding areas
- Community activity center
- Centralized community building for town offices (including accessible assessors office)
- Extended local policing (not rely on County)
- New dental clinic
- Town to purchase existing clinic for public offices
- “Joint Government” – consolidate EMS, Fire, government

Housing

- Assisted care
- Expanded apartment rentals (accessible to downtown)
- Elderly housing supervised health care – start out living on your own then gradually into full care resort feeling
- Duplex rentals (accessible to downtown)
- Elderly housing (accessible to downtown)

Transportation/Roads & Highways

- Maintain good modern roads
- Improve traffic flow in the STH 32, North Road, County F areas
- Two pieces of McCabe Road north of John Lake Road should be connected
- Additional safe access from STH 32 to County F
- Improve safety and traffic movement on STH 32
- Extend Burnt Pine Road west to North Road
- All town roads within town road standards
- To be well maintained

Agriculture/Farming

No responses

Recreation

- Increase trail usage
- Develop quiet sports
- Utilization of natural resources to promote tourism (#1 northwoods asset)
- Develop OHV system
- Preserve and protect the quality of the town water resources
- Addition of ATV trails for year round use (cooperation with DNR)

- Centralized tourism center/Chamber of Commerce building
- More trails of all kinds to be maintained in which dust is controlled in residential and commercial areas
- Bike trails
- Ski hill