

Welcome!

The Town of Cross Plains is working on updating the town's Comprehensive Plan. The plan is a document that will help guide the town's future growth, land use and development over the next ten years.

Your feedback is important to us!

A survey was sent to each property owner in the town. If there is more than one member of your household and they would like to fill out a survey, please contact the Town Clerk at tcpclerk@tds.net 608-798-0189, or Pam, (county planner), at andros@countyofdane.com 608-261-9780. You will need to provide your address. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete. Return your completed survey to the drop box at the town hall (3734 County Road P). You can also mail it to the town hall.

If someone rents your property, please forward this information to them so we can make sure they will have an opportunity to fill out the survey.

Thank you for participating in our survey!

Sincerely, the town of Cross Plains Plan Commission

* 1. Which of the following best describes your residency in the Town of Cross Plains?

- land and home owner
- land owner non-resident
- renter

2. If you are a resident, how long have you lived in the town?

- less than 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- more than 20 years
- I am not a resident

* 3. Where is the primary place of work for all adults in your household? Check all that apply.

- In Town or Village of Cross Plains
- In Middleton, Verona or Waunakee
- In Mount Horeb, Black Earth, Mazomanie or Sauk
- In Madison
- Significant regular air or car travel within or out of state
- Retired
- Other (please specify)

4. How would you rate efforts of the town to guide where development occurs?

- Too much planning, policies and ordinances directing development
- About the right amount of planning, policies and ordinances directing development
- Not enough planning, policies and ordinances directing development
- Unsure

5. The following are several statements that suggest choices about future directions for the Town of Cross Plains. Please rate each.

Strongly agree Somewhat agree Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree Unsure

Cross Plains should be a mostly rural town

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
Cross Plains should promote more industrial and business development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross Plains should promote the preservation of farmland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town land use policies should be strengthened to better guide growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most new development should occur adjacent to areas which are already developed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farming is an important part of the Town's future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic is a growing problem in Cross Plains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The town should promote more tourism and recreation oriented business.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agricultural businesses should be promoted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross Plains should have regulations to control the appearance and clean-up of poorly maintained properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers and other rural landowners should be able to sell their land for any type or amount of development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers and other rural landowners should be able to sell their land for a limited amount of development.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land use conflicts between agriculture and residential development are a problem in Cross Plains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strongly agree Somewhat agree Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree Unsure

Land use conflicts between commercial and residential development is a problem in Cross Plains.

Housing affordability is a growing problem in Cross Plains.

It is important to coordinate the Town's future land use plans with those of surrounding towns and the Village of Cross Plains.

Residential subdivisions (5 or greater lots) should not be allowed in rural areas of the town.

The Town should pursue High Speed Internet Service.

6. Much of the town of Cross Plains has a rural/agricultural character today, including farmland, outdoor recreational, marshes & wildlife habitat. How important is it to retain the Town's rural/agricultural character in the future?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not so important
- Not at all important

7. Which of the following statements best describes how you want Cross Plains to look 20 years from now?

- Mostly agricultural and open lands
- Mostly residential and limited agriculture
- Mix of agricultural, open lands and residential
- Mostly residential and business with limited agriculture
- Mix of agricultural, business and residential

8. The approximate population of the town is 1,570, and has grown at a rate of 2% every 5 years. What would be the ideal town population growth be 20 years from now?

- Less than today
- Same as today, at a rate of 2% every 5 years
- More than today, at a rate of more than 2% but less than 5%, every 5 years
- Much more than today, at a rate of more than 5% every 5 years.
- No opinion

9. Which type of non-farm commercial development would you support in the town?

	Support	Oppose
Business related to farming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large livestock operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agriculture related manufacturing (for example, fertilizer or ethanol plants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mineral extraction (mining and quarries)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industrial parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smaller stores and shops servicing mostly local residents (for example, coffee shops, restaurants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small home business operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial development located near Highway 14	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial development located along county road S and P	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renewable energy generation - solar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renewal energy generation - wind	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. If farming is the primary use of your land, what type of agricultural products are produced?

- Community supported agriculture (CSA)/local food supplier/value added products
- Dairy
- Meat or egg production
- Cash crops (for example corn or soybeans)
- Farming is not the primary use of my land

11. If you farm, how many acres do you own?

- Less than 25
- 25 to 100
- 101 to 300
- 301 to 500
- Over 500

12. What is the primary use of the land you own in the town?

- Traditional agriculture
- Residential
- Business commercial
- Small scale "personal" agriculture - multiple animals, large scale gardening
- Wooded residential
- Community supported agriculture (CSA)/local food supplier/value added products
- None of the above

13. What do you believe is the viability of agriculture business in the Town over the next 20 years?

- Strong
- Weak
- I don't know

14. What agricultural activities do you believe are most viable?

- Community supported agriculture (CSA)/local food supplier/value added products
- Dairy
- Meat or egg production
- Cash crops
- Alternative fuels
- Other

15. What amount of land is needed to make farming viable for your uses?

- Less than 50 acres
- 50 to 150 acres
- 151 to 300 acres
- Over 300 acres
- Not applicable

16. Should the following land use plan goals be continued or strengthened?

	yes	no	unsure
Preserve productive farmland and agricultural businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect agricultural uses from incompatible uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manage residential housing development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect Town's natural resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain rural character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Should the following land use plan goals be continued or strengthened?

	yes	no	unsure
Range of affordable housing opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial or business development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Value added agricultural production (meat processing, vegetable processing and storage, small scale local food production)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage permanent agricultural land preservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage permanent natural resource preservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage clustering residential housing and smaller lots when agricultural land is preserved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town financing and acquisition of development rights when agricultural land is preserved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town financing of broadband improvement and expansion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Broadband services are used for streaming, email, web browsing, video conferencing and educational instruction. How is your broadband service?

- Not adequate
- Slow but useable
- Very good

19. Although the town does not have direct control over broadband services, how would you use high speed Internet if it were available? Check all that apply.

- For my local business
- My kids would use it for their school work
- As part of my farm operations
- General research and entertainment
- For telecommuting for my job
- I do not have a need for high speed Internet
- Other (please specify)

20. Rate the following Town services, with 1 being excellent and 5 being terrible:

	1	2	3	4	5
Road maintenance and condition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snow plowing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trash and recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessibility and assistance of the Town Clerk and Town Officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ease of access to information on Town meeting agendas and action items	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EMS and fire services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. Should the Town increase taxes for weekly trash and recycling services?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

22. Should ATV and UTV uses be allowed on all or some town roads?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

23. Should ATV and UTV uses be allowed on all or some town roads if insurance cannot be required?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure