

**Lake and River Residents Focus Group**  
**December 2, 2003 7:30-9:00pm**

**What do you like about the Town of Dunn?**

- Most of the people I know care a lot about the land and are willing to put their m their mouth is.
- We have good snow plowers; they're very courteous and pleasant.
- I like that communication with the Town Hall is very easy and good.
- I like that people are spread out and there's more green space. It's more relaxin there's nature around.
- We have responsive politics here. Town officials listen when we speak.
- Open, green spaces have been kept in the Town.

**What don't you like about the Town of Dunn?**

- I miss having stores. You always have to drive into Madison, it's quite a trip.
- I'd like to see sidewalks
- I hate the tar and gravel that has been put in. It's a mess, very dusty. The tar summer gets on your shoes and tracks everywhere into your house. It would be nice t a blacktop road.
- I also hate the tar and gravel. Our road has been bad, there was gravel all over
- Planning Commission- they didn't do their homework. We had to come several times one took the time to look at plans beforehand. Also, the house we were building was enough, they wanted us to increase the size.
- The inspector came to our house twice in the same week because he forgot that he h come earlier that week.
- There is a big gully in the road in front of our house and its there all the time, after it rains. In the winter time, it freezes over. There's something wrong with drainage, but we've been told that there's no money to fix it even though we pay tax has addressed our problem.
- The parking lot at the Quam boat landing is not big enough. Cars are parked all t the road, even though it's posted no parking, but there's no where else for them to boat landing on Barber Drive that's not used at all, it's fenced off and it seems li It should be sold, if it can't be used.
- I agree with the tar issue.
- I'm concerned that we're subject to the decisions of surrounding communities, like super Wal-Mart.
- I wish we could defend ourselves better against annexation.
- The boats have changed, they aren't fisherman, they're high speed boats.
- The Town should pay more attention to the affects of development on the lake. Dra and impervious surface and grading that people do that affects their neighbors and t of the lake.
- The Town needs to carefully watch the placement of businesses. I don't want to se malls off the main highways in Dunn. I like the Town the way it is.
- B, AB, 51 intersection is horrid. Traffic is way too fast to be safe.
- Businesses that go out of business in surrounding communities affect our shopping to go further then.

**What are your impressions of the PDR program?**

- We'd be defenseless without it. I think it's a brilliant program and it's fair to farmers.
- I wouldn't change what we're doing.
- I agree with the program. I don't think you're going to save all the land as farm
- We need farming support, implement and fertilizer dealers, in order that we save t The farmland around here will probably move to more hobby farms, but it's still open
- Are people going to be able to afford to live in the Town? Without any developmen get any taxes from businesses and I'm afraid people down the road won't be able to a live here.
- I'm afraid we'll be a target for business in the future because we'll still have o
- I agree with it. I worry that there won't be enough money to get enough rights an

help all those that want to sell their rights. What is the process for picking proc  
 - PDR compensates the farmers which I think is good. Everyone wins, we get open spa  
 the farmer gets reimbursed. If we want to live out here with these surroundings, we  
 for it. We have to pay for our quality of life.  
 - The financial impact of the program is born disproportionately by lake owners and  
 been a lot of new people moving to the lake.

**You currently pay .50 cents per \$1,000 in property tax for the program. How do you about that?**

- I wonder where to draw the line. Someday fifty cents won't be enough to purchase  
 - As a retired person on a fixed income, I worry about not being able to afford my t  
 because they've been going up overall.  
 - Assessments of lake residencies have been increasing a lot which affects our taxes  
 - Huge amount of houses on the lake have been for sale, some because retired people  
 afford their taxes anymore. When the cottages sell, huge houses go up on those lots

**What are your issues for you in the Town of Dunn as people living on a Lake or River**

- Lake levels are not controlled very well and this affects the shoreline. It never  
 at a normal level, either too high or too low. We need better ways to control it.  
 is too low, algae and smell are high.  
 - When water is too high, boats and piers float away.  
 - The Town probably doesn't have much power to deal with the level problem.  
 - Issues are clean water, water levels, weeds, large boats, jet skis, noise pollutio  
 lake law enforcement. These are all very important.  
 - The Town could help rebuild the fish camp because it's deteriorated.  
 - Town could be more vocal when expressing concerns about water levels, runoff and b  
 traffic- they could do this at DNR meetings, Yahara Lakes meetings, anywhere they're  
 about it.  
 - The Town should keep the lakes clean and worry about the fertilizer runoff because  
 more weeds.  
 - More weed cutting would good.  
 - I'm concerned about the dropping of the water level in the winter and the habitat  
 wildlife that gets affected. We need to protect the wildlife, also the fishing is a  
 - Fight any Madison group that wants to dredge the Yahara so that the big boats can  
 the river. That would be a scary thought for Kegonsa.  
 - The Indian mounds can't be disturbed, so that won't happen, don't worry.  
 - The Town needs to watch the Door Creek Marsh because it's the filtering system for  
 There has to be a lack of development on the marsh. We have to watch McFarland that  
 don't develop there either.  
 - Biggest issues for me are water quality and levels. These are related because the  
 from development. I've been seeing cottages replaced by massive homes. We've been l  
 the filters that slow the runoff.  
 - Should have rules about the amount of impervious surface allowed on a lot.  
 - Enforcement on lake law needs to be better. Its wild out there sometimes- water s  
 speeding, not 200 feet from shoreline, drinking and boating, jet skiers being unsafe  
 really like to see more control it's not safe.  
 - Weed cutters shouldn't quit at 3 in the afternoon just because they don't want to  
 way of boaters.

**What is one thing you want to say to those putting together the new plan, what infor you like them to know?**

- Please keep an open ear. Keep the Town as it is now- open space, protecting. Kee  
 shops out.  
 - Stick to the mission. Keep listening to all the groups within the community.  
 - I don't think you can stop growth completely, otherwise things die, but I think yo  
 with good judgment.  
 - Keep a handle on development. We haven't let developers run us around and we've c  
 what the true cost of development really is. Maintain proper lake development and t  
 people follow the rules.  
 - I feel that we should have a Town center, some people can't drive, we don't have t

in the Town. We can't stay the same forever. There are changes in the making, we c  
an island. We should plan for these changes so they don't happen in a bad way. We  
be prepared. I'd like to see a closer community where we do have a store. Like the  
towns. That's something that's missing, the Town should think about that.  
- There's been 70% turnover in my neighborhood and they are young, affluent people t  
aren't represented here.