

## Town of Hawthorne Demographic Questions

**Q1. Please indicate the total number of people in each age group that live in your household, including yourself?**

	Amount of People in each age group									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Under 5	13.3%	1.7%								
Ages 5-9	16.7%	3.3%								
Ages 10-17	10.0%	10.0%								
Ages 18-29	15.0%	1.7%								
Ages 30-39	11.7%	10.0%								
Ages 40-49	26.7%	10.0%								
Ages 50-59	11.7%	16.7%								
Ages 60-69	6.7%	11.7%								
Ages 70+	8.3%	5.0%								

**Q2. Please indicate the total household income range of your household**

5.0%	Less than \$15,000	10.0%	\$50,000 to \$54,999
3.3%	\$15,000 to \$24,999	5.0%	\$55,000 to \$59,999
8.3%	\$25,000 to \$34,999	3.3%	\$60,000 to \$64,999
18.3%	\$35,000 to \$49,999	38.3%	\$65,000 or more

## Town of Hawthorne Property Ownership

**Q3. Is your primary residence located in Douglas County?**

- 90.0% Yes
- 10.0% I am not a resident, but own land or other property in Douglas County
- 0.0% I am a renter (*skip to Q7*)

**Q4. How long have you had your primary residence (or property) in Douglas County?**

- 1.7% Less than 1 year
- 16.7% 1 to 5 years
- 20.0% 5 to 10 years
- 36.7% 11 to 20 years
- 25.0% More than 20 years

**Q5. Approximately how many total acres do you own in Douglas County? "See Attached" Acres**

**Q6. Is your Douglas County residence or property (check all that apply)**

- 15.0% Lakeshore property
- 3.3% Riverfront property
- 75.0% Woodland property
- 18.3% Agricultural property
- 13.3% Other

**Q7. Do you plan on developing (subdividing or otherwise increasing the intensity of use) your property over the next 20 years?**

- 11.7% Yes
- 76.7% No (Please go to Question 9)
- 11.7% My property is already developed

**Q8. If you answered “yes” to Q7, when do you plan to develop your property?**

	<b>5 years or less</b>	<b>6-10 years</b>	<b>11-15 years</b>	<b>16-20 years</b>	<b>I plan to sell my property</b>	<b>I am considering the preservation of my property</b>
Lakeshore property		1.7%		1.7%		
Riverfront property	1.7%					
Woodland property	3.3%	3.3%				
Agricultural property						
Other property						

## Town of Hawthorne State Comprehensive Planning Grant Program Planning Goals

**Q9. Please indicate your level of support for the 14 planning goals which Douglas County must address during the comprehensive planning process.**

**GOAL 1: Promote the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure (utilities, roads) and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial and industrial structures. (check one)**

26.7% Strongly Support      51.7% Support      5.0% Oppose      3.3% Strongly Oppose      11.7% Don't Know

**GOAL 2: Encourage neighborhood designs that support a range of transportation choices. (check one)**

13.3% Strongly Support      51.7% Support      15.0% Oppose      3.3% Strongly Oppose      13.3% Don't Know

**GOAL 3: Protect natural areas, including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodland, open spaces and groundwater resources. (check one)**

48.3% Strongly Support      38.3% Support      3.3% Oppose      1.7% Strongly Oppose      3.3% Don't Know

**GOAL 4: Protection of economically productive areas, including farmland and forests. (check one)**

43.3% Strongly Support      48.3% Support      5.0% Oppose      0.0% Strongly Oppose      1.7% Don't Know

**GOAL 5: Encourage land uses, densities (the number of people or buildings that exist in relationship to the surrounding area) and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government and utility costs. (check one)**

20.0% Strongly Support      41.7% Support      10.0% Oppose      6.7% Strongly Oppose      18.3% Don't Know

**GOAL 6: Preserve cultural, historical and archaeological sites. (check one)**

21.7% Strongly Support      60.0% Support      8.3% Oppose      1.7% Strongly Oppose      6.7% Don't Know

**GOAL 7: Encourage coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government. (check one)**

20.0% Strongly Support      63.3% Support      6.7% Oppose      3.3% Strongly Oppose      3.3% Don't Know

**GOAL 8: Build community identity by revitalizing main streets and enforcing design standards. (check one)**

13.3% Strongly Support      45.0% Support      15.0% Oppose      6.7% Strongly Oppose      15.0% Don't Know

**GOAL 9: Provide an adequate supply of affordable housing for individuals of all income levels throughout each community. (check one)**

11.7% Strongly Support      51.7% Support      18.3% Oppose      8.3% Strongly Oppose      8.3% Don't Know

**GOAL 10: Provide adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial and industrial uses. (check one)**

8.3% Strongly Support      65.0% Support      11.7% Oppose      5.0% Strongly Oppose      5.0% Don't Know

**GOAL 11: Promote the expansion or stabilization of the current economic base and the creation of a range of employment opportunities at the state, regional and local levels. (check one)**

23.3% Strongly Support      51.7% Support      10.0% Oppose      1.7% Strongly Oppose      11.7% Don't Know

**GOAL 12: Balance individual property rights with community interests and goals. (check one)**

16.7% Strongly Support      55.0% Support      13.3% Oppose      3.3% Strongly Oppose      8.3% Don't Know

**GOAL 13: Engage in planning and development of land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities. (check one)**

15.0% Strongly Support      60.0% Support      10.0% Oppose      1.7% Strongly Oppose      8.3% Don't Know

**GOAL 14: Provide an integrated, efficient and economical transportation system that affords mobility, convenience and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependant and disabled citizens. (check one)**

15.0% Strongly Support      61.7% Support      11.7% Oppose      6.7% Strongly Oppose      3.3% Don't Know

## Town of Hawthorne Quality of Life

**Q10. Please rate the following quality of life attributes which best describe why you choose to live in Douglas County. (rank each in priority: 5-High priority, 1-Low priority)**

	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
Housing	15.0%	6.7%	26.7%	15.0%	25.0%	Natural Beauty	0.0%	1.7%	13.3%	18.3%	63.3%
Taxes	35.0%	3.3%	28.3%	6.7%	16.7%	Clean Air & Water	0.0%	1.7%	8.3%	20.0%	63.3%
Crime Rate	11.7%	1.7%	26.7%	28.3%	25.0%	Recreational Opps	8.3%	8.3%	13.3%	25.0%	41.7%
Employment	25.0%	8.3%	26.7%	15.0%	15.0%	Schools	23.3%	5.0%	23.3%	13.3%	28.3%
Rural Character	5.0%	3.3%	11.7%	20.0%	55.0%	Geographic Isolation	8.3%	8.3%	15.0%	18.3%	45.0%

Other(s) See Attached

**Q11. Please rate the following threats to the quality of life you enjoy in Douglas County? (rank each in priority: 5-High priority, 1-Low priority)**

	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
Housing	13.3%	8.3%	38.3%	13.3%	13.3%	Loss of Natural Beauty	6.7%	5.0%	28.3%	8.3%	46.7%
Taxes	10.0%	1.7%	15.0%	11.7%	58.3%	Pollution	5.0%	10.0%	21.7%	20.0%	36.7%
Crime Rate	6.7%	8.3%	36.7%	13.3%	31.7%	Loss of Nat Resources	5.0%	10.0%	30.0%	10.0%	38.3%
Employment	18.3%	8.3%	23.3%	15.0%	28.3%	Schools	21.7%	5.0%	33.3%	13.3%	18.3%
Undesirable LU	8.3%	13.3%	33.3%	11.7%	28.3%	Geographic Isolation	31.7%	8.3%	23.3%	10.0%	18.3%

Other(s) See Attached

## Town of Hawthorne Land Use

**Q12. What types of growth would you like to see in Douglas County over the next 20 years?(check all that apply)**

50.0% Single-family residential	41.7% Industrial
10.0% Multi-family residential	38.3% Tourism-related (hotels, attractions, recreational)
11.7% Recreational homes and cottages	31.7% Forestry & Logging
40.0% Commercial (retail, restaurants & services)	41.7% Agriculture
10.0% Mining	21.7% No growth
6.7% Other	43.3% Preservation

**Q13. How familiar are you with the following land use regulations currently in place in Douglas County?**

	Familiar	Somewhat Familiar	Unfamiliar
Zoning Regulations	26.7%	46.7%	25.0%
Subdivision Regulations	5.0%	18.3%	75.0%
Shoreland Regulations	16.7%	30.0%	51.7%
Sanitary (POWTS) Regulations	13.3%	38.3%	46.7%

**Q14. Do you believe current regulations are effectively preserving farmland and forestland in rural areas?**

20.0% Yes      25.0% No      48.3% Don't Know

**Q15. What do you feel is an appropriate minimum lot size for single-family residential (non-subdivision) development in the rural areas of Douglas County?**

8.3% 1 acre  
 40.0% 2 to 5 acres  
 30.0% 5 to 10 acres  
 10.0% 10 to 20 acres  
 5.0% 20 to 40 acres  
 5.0% Don't Know

**Q16. Do you support increasing the minimum lot size for residential development in to limit density in shoreland areas?**

53.3% Yes      18.3% No      23.3% Don't Know

**Q17. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
County land use regulations protect private property rights.	8.3%	28.3%	18.3%	15.0%	23.0%
Landowners should have some restrictions on how much of their land they can develop.	18.3%	40.0%	20.0%	18.3%	1.7%
Undesirable land uses next to my property would impact my use and/or enjoyment of my property.	58.3%	30.0%	11.7%	0.0%	0.0%
The County and local Governments should continue to regulate the siting of land uses.	18.3%	43.3%	21.7%	3.3%	10.0%
The County should encourage the preservation of prime farmland.	43.3%	50.0%	3.3%	0.0%	3.3%
It's important to preserve the agricultural industry in Douglas County.	45.0%	45.0%	6.7%	1.7%	1.7%
The rural character of Douglas County should be preserved.	55.0%	38.3%	3.3%	0.0%	3.3%
It's important to maintain Douglas County's population.	16.7%	50.0%	15.0%	8.3%	10.0%
Enforcement of county regulations is adequate.	8.3%	38.3%	6.7%	13.3%	33.3%

**Q18. Please indicate whether YOU strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that the County should place more regulations on the following:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Where residential housing can be built.	15.0%	40.0%	18.3%	15.0%	6.7%
Location of campgrounds and RV Parks.	28.3%	43.3%	13.3%	6.7%	6.7%
Location of Manufacturing Plants.	35.0%	41.7%	8.3%	10.0%	5.0%
Location of retail and commercial enterprises.	28.3%	46.7%	10.0%	8.3%	6.7%
Minimum lot sizes.	30.0%	36.7%	20.0%	6.7%	5.0%
Development of environmentally sensitive areas.	40.0%	30.0%	13.3%	11.7%	5.0%
Development in shoreland areas.	40.0%	31.7%	13.3%	11.7%	1.7%
Signs and Billboards.	38.3%	35.0%	18.3%	5.0%	3.3%
Maintaining or enhancing scenic beauty	43.3%	35.0%	10.0%	6.7%	5.0%
Location of sand and gravel pit operations.	28.3%	36.7%	13.3%	10.0%	10.0%
Location of large animal feedlots.	35.0%	38.3%	15.0%	8.3%	3.3%
Development on wetlands.	38.3%	25.0%	18.3%	15.0%	3.3%
Development on floodplains.	38.3%	25.0%	11.7%	18.3%	6.7%
Development on land with unique natural features.	36.7%	31.7%	13.3%	11.7%	5.0%
Logging practices along streambanks.	46.7%	35.0%	6.7%	8.3%	3.3%
Logging practices along highways	28.3%	31.7%	18.3%	11.7%	8.3%

# Town of Hawthorne Utilities, Community Resources & Facilities

**Q19. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following services and resources:**

	Needs a lot of improvement	Needs a little improvement	Needs no improvement	No Opinion
County Recreation Facilities	13.3%	31.7%	30.0%	20.0%
Town/Village Recreation Facilities	20.0%	26.7%	28.3%	20.0%
Law Enforcement	11.7%	35.0%	38.3%	10.0%
Fire Protection	5.0%	36.7%	38.3%	15.0%
Ambulance	6.7%	28.3%	46.7%	13.3%
Health Care Facilities	16.7%	28.3%	41.7%	8.3%
Town Roads	38.3%	38.3%	16.7%	1.7%
County Roads	46.7%	31.7%	15.0%	3.3%
Cost of Living	45.0%	25.0%	15.0%	10.0%
Job Opportunities	51.7%	28.3%	3.3%	11.7%
Environmental Quality	11.7%	26.7%	50.0%	8.3%
Clean Air	8.3%	18.3%	60.0%	6.7%
Lakeshore Protection	21.7%	31.7%	28.3%	13.3%
Clean Drinking Water	11.7%	23.3%	45.0%	16.7%
Public Schools	8.3%	33.3%	41.7%	11.7%
Town Services	10.0%	38.3%	33.3%	15.0%
Village Services	6.7%	31.7%	33.3%	21.7%
County Services	11.7%	40.0%	30.0%	13.3%
Shopping Facilities	16.7%	15.0%	46.7%	16.7%
Housing	10.0%	36.7%	28.3%	18.3%
Sanitary Sewers	5.0%	26.7%	30.0%	31.7%
Public Land Ownership	5.0%	28.3%	30.0%	30.0%
News Media	28.3%	15.0%	26.7	23.3%

Other(s) See Attached

**Please provide any comments you may have about the services, facilities or resources listed above.**

See Attached

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## Town of Hawthorne Housing

**Q20. In your opinion, what types of housing are currently needed in Douglas County? (select all that apply)**

48.3% Single-family homes (owned-occupied & rentals)	6.7% Condominiums or townhouses
13.3% Duplexes	40.0% Low to moderate income housing of all types
15.0% Apartments (3 or more units)	28.3% Senior housing
5.0% Housing subdivisions	3.3% Seasonal or recreational housing
11.7% Mobile home parks	0.0% Other housing _(See Attached)_____
	28.3% No additional housing is currently needed

**Q21. In your opinion, what types of housing will be needed in Douglas County over the next 20 years? (select all that apply)**

41.7% Single-family homes (owned-occupied & rentals)	8.3% Condominiums or townhouses
10.0% Duplexes	40.0% Low to moderate income housing of all types
15.0% Apartments (3 or more units)	36.7% Senior housing
10.0% Housing subdivisions	5.0% Seasonal or recreational housing
8.3% Mobile home parks	85.0% Other housing _____
	26.7% No additional housing will be needed

**Q22. Do you feel there is a need for more affordable housing in Douglas County?**

46.7% Yes      30.0% No      16.7% Don't Know

## Town of Hawthorne Transportation

A rural transit system increases the mobility of small urban and rural residents through improved public transportation. A rural transit system could provide regularly scheduled or on-demand shuttle services to rural Douglas County.

**Q23. Would you support an initiative to create a countywide transit system linking communities and adjoining counties?**

41.7% Yes      40.0% No      13.3% Don't Know

**Q24. Development of a countywide transit system may require Douglas County to contribute funding towards operation of a transit system. Would you support the use of county funds to supplement the operation of a county transit system?**

30.0% Yes      46.7% No      16.7% Don't Know

**Q25. If a transit system was developed, should all towns and villages also contribute funding to supplement the transit system?**

33.3% Yes      41.7% No      20.0% Don't Know

**Q26. Are you experiencing unmet transportation needs to get to doctor appointments, shopping, etc?**

3.3% Yes      95.0% No

**Q27. Are you aware of others who are experiencing unmet transportation needs to get to doctor appointments, shopping, etc.?**

20.0% Yes      75.0% No

**Q28. How far do you currently commute to work?**

3.3% Less than 1 mile  
1.7% 1 to 5 miles  
0.0% 6 to 10 miles  
30.0% 11 to 25 miles  
30.0% More than 25 miles  
26.7% Not currently in the workforce

**Q29. Do you Carpool?**

3.3% Often    23.3% Sometimes    23.3% Rarely    40.0% Never

**Q30. Do you currently use public roads for walking, biking, jogging, etc.?**

30.0% Often    35.0% Sometimes    20.0% Rarely    13.3% Never

**Q31. If more safety improvements were incorporated into road design would you be more likely to use public roads for walking, biking, jogging, etc.?**

53.3% Yes    31.7% No    10.0% Don't Know

**Town of Hawthorne Economic Development**

**Q32. In your opinion, how important are the following economic development issues to the future of Douglas County?**

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know
Retaining existing business and industry	66.7%	0.0%	25.0%	1.7%	0.0%
Attracting new business	51.7%	31.7%	10.0%	3.3%	0.0%
Creating quality business ownership opportunities	46.7%	33.3%	8.3%	6.7%	1.7%
Promoting a strong and stable local economy	58.3%	31.7%	5.0%	1.7%	0.0%
Expanding tourism and visitor opportunities	26.7%	26.7%	21.7%	18.3%	1.7%
Economic development consistent with rural character	43.3%	36.7%	11.7%	3.3%	1.7%
Other (See Attached)	6.7%	1.7%	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%

**Q33. The County should try to attract more tourists to this area.**

53.3% Agree    28.3% Disagree    13.3% Don't Know