

FINAL COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The following tables contain the data compiled from the Greenwood Township 2015 Comprehensive Plan Community Survey. The survey contained 20 questions regarding planning and community issues identified by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee at open meetings in January, February, March and April of 2015. A blank copy of the survey is included in Appendix A of this report. The 20 questions contained 98 potential community issues and 217 possible responses to the questions.

A total of 1,948 survey forms were mailed to Greenwood property owners and residents on May 18th, 2015, using a master list of tax payers obtained from the St. Louis County Auditor. The list was edited to remove duplicates for property owners with multiple properties, public lands owned by federal, state and county governments. The U.S. Postal Service returned 26 survey forms as “undeliverable”.

A total of 829 surveys were returned by the June 15, 2015 deadline and processed. Seventeen (17) surveys were rejected because they were substantially incomplete or unreadable. Some responders skipped part of a question and others only completed part of the survey form. This accounts for the variation in numbers for total responses to questions. The survey had a 43% response rate (1,905/814) from the community.

QUESTION 1. YOUR STATUS AS A RESIDENT (check all that apply)

YR RD	SEA	OWN BUS	OWN BUS & RES	OWN UNDEV LAND	OTHER DESCRIBE
470	487	12	15	84	5

QUESTION 2. IN WHAT AREA OF GREENWOOD DO YOU LIVE OR OWN PROPERTY? (SEE MAP IN APPENDIX A)

AREA A	AREA B	AREA C	AREA D
100	49	239	404

QUESTION 3. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY LIVED OR OWNED PROPERTY IN GREENWOOD?

Greenwood has many families that have owned property on Lake Vermilion for 20, 30, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 and 100 years or more. The average length of property ownership by survey responders is 34.006 years.

QUESTION 4. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? HOW MANY UNDER 18? HOW MANY OVER 60?

The most prevalent household size in Greenwood is two persons both over 60. Next would be one person households also over 60 years of age.

TOTAL PEOPLE IN HOUSE HOLD	NUMBER UNDER 18	NUMBER OVER 60
1,975	219	960

QUESTION 5. DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE SHORELINE FRONTAGE ON LAKE VERMILION? IF "NO" DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE DEEDED ACCESS RIGHTS TO LAKE VERMILION?

YES HAVE LAKE ACCESS	N O	DEEDED ACCESS YES	DEEDED ACCESS NO
740	55	8	43

QUESTION 6. IS YOUR PROPERTY ON:

COUNTY ROAD	220
U.S. FOREST SERVICE ROAD	6
DNR ROAD	4
TOWNSHIP ROAD	77
PRIVATE ROAD	319
PROPERTY IS WATER ACCESS ISLAND	113
PROPERTY IS ON MAINLAND WATER ACCESS ONLY	54

QUESTION 7. WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BY GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP?

ISSUE	Strong Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strong disagree
Off Lake Housing for young families	27	86	281	203	170
Off Lake Housing for seniors	41	125	266	181	149
Off Lake Summer Recreation	55	174	227	169	127
Light Pollution/dark sky	185	189	147	120	110
Preserving and Protecting Lake Vermilion water quality	549	202	22	12	13
Preserving the visual character of Lake Vermilion	481	214	55	31	18
Public Sewer Systems for problem areas	183	229	203	97	68
New lakeshore development	110	181	196	182	111
Outdoor amplified music and announcements	127	155	156	176	157
Illegal boat motor exhaust systems	275	196	132	94	71

QUESTION #8. LAKE VERMILION IS SUBJECT TO NUTRIENT POLLUTION FROM NATURAL AND MANMADE SOURCES. WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD GREENWOOD TAKE TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY?

POSSIBLE ACTIONS	Strong Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strong Disagree
Require stormwater runoff control & treatment for new development	272	230	151	86	48
Encourage existing development to construct stormwater retention facilities	136	232	220	129	68
Encourage restoration of native shoreland vegetation on developed lots	189	265	128	125	92
Seek alternative wastewater collection and treatment systems for problem areas	176	333	167	49	52
Preserve publically owned undeveloped shoreland areas	336	275	104	42	37

QUESTION 9. SOME LAKE SHORE PROPERTIES HAVE POTENTIAL FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT COULD INVOLVE MULTI-FAMILY OR HIGH DENSITY HOUSING. HOW SHOULD GREENWOOD REGULATE THESE TYPES OF PROPERTIES UNDER ITS ZONING CODE?

POSSIBLE REGULATION CRITERIA	YES	NO	Don't Know	Neutral
Allow redevelopment but maintain existing housing unit density	399	169	159	70
Prohibit variances from height and setback requirements without screening and stormwater runoff mitigation	422	165	133	65
Require restoration of native shoreland vegetation on developed Lots	431	191	88	79
Require new development to have stormwater retention & treatment for the entire property	396	167	165	60
Require redevelopment to maintain the character of existing adjacent developed single family properties	520	116	102	53

QUESTION 10. WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD GREENWOOD TAKE TO ENHANCE OFF LAKE AND WINTER RECREATION FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS?

POSSIBLE ACTIONS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Support Constructing a non-motorized paved trail for hiking and biking between Cook & Tower	191	237	109	159	101
Encourage on or off road hiking and biking paths	204	303	105	106	75
Expand recreational facilities at the Town Hall property	77	134	255	194	129
Expand winter recreation with fat tire and XC ski trails on and off lake, ice skating trails (on lake)	102	215	214	157	101

QUESTION 11. WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD GREENWOOD TAKE TO BETTER SERVE ITS AGING POPULATION?

POSSIBLE ACTIONS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Encourage construction of off lake assisted living facilities in Greenwood	80	224	214	185	106
Rely on in-home services	66	293	292	85	39
Promote alternative transportation options like van pool and dial a ride	72	343	206	111	55
Enhance emergency medical services provided by Greenwood Fire Department 1 st Responders	155	337	174	81	39

QUESTION 12 IS IT IMPORTANT THAT GREENWOOD HAVE A 24 HOUR HOSPITAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AVAILABLE?

YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	NEUTRAL
324	317	26	127

QUESTION 13. SHOULD GREENWOOD JOIN THE COOK HOSPITAL TAX DISTRICT? (FOR EXAMPLE THE 2015 COOK HOSPITAL TAX FOR A GREENWOOD PROPERTY VALUED AT \$300,000 WOULD BE \$297.48 IF GREENWOOD WAS A MEMBER)

YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	NEUTRAL
84	481	152	73

QUESTION 14. ARE YOU AWARE OF THE LAKE VERMILION PLAN PREPARED BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY (ADOPTED BY GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP) AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESERVING WATER QUALITY AND THE CHARACTER OF THE LAKE?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
279	381	121

QUESTION 15. THE LAKE VERMILION PLAN CONTAINS DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TO PRESERVE WATER QUALITY, REGULATE NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF SHORELAND PROPERTIES. SHOULD GREENWOOD IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS AND MITIGATION MEASURES OF THE LAKE VERMILION PLAN REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

POSSIBLE ACTIONS	YES	NO	UNSURE
Standards for redevelopment of resorts and new Planned Unit developments	466	110	195
Requirements for Stormwater retention and treatment	360	171	239
Strict Adherence to wastewater treatment system requirements	462	118	195
Preservation and restoration of native shoreland vegetation	397	190	184
Vegetative screening and the use of colors and materials to preserve the character of the lake	355	200	213

QUESTION 16. SHOULD GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP ADVOCATE STRONGER ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND DNR EFFORTS TO:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Control the introduction of invasive species to Lake Vermilion	539	188	32	22	13
Enforce regulations for boat motor exhaust systems	360	193	127	79	42
Tighten regulations on fishing tournaments	245	168	225	95	51

QUESTION 17. SHOULD GREENWOOD REQUIRE OUTSIDE "DARK SKY" LIGHTING FIXTURES? IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" SHOULD DARK SKY LIGHTING APPLY TO :

APPLY ONLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONS; APPLY TO ALL PROPERTIES

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Should Greenwood require outside dark sky lighting fixtures	299	300	188
Should apply to only new construction and additions	88		

Should apply to all properties	209		
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QUESTION 18. SHOULD PLANNING IN GREENWOOD ADDRESS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES?

	YES	NO	UNSURE	NO OPINION
Publication of a township newsletter	270	303	130	85
Allow conversion of single family homes and resorts to Multiple family housing	138	443	164	29
Allow property owners to rent out their lakeshore properties	448	181	119	35
Enforce ordinances regarding dilapidated buildings and Open outside storage of junk	571	116	90	25
Consider becoming a city	33	542	167	42
Acquire and set aside lands for road extensions and connections	141	359	236	43
Acquire land and develop a cemetery	48	505	132	85

QUESTION 19. WHAT TYPE OF INTERNET ACCESS DO YOU HAVE AT YOUR HOME/BUSINESS IN GREENWOOD?

NONE	299
DIAL UP	68
DSL	0
BROADBAND DSL	179
BROADBAND SATELITE	80
BROADBAND/CELL PROVIDER	150

QUESTION 19A. WHAT TYPE OF INTERNET ACCESS DO YOU WANT AT YOUR HOME/BUSINESS?

NONE	143
DIAL UP	20
BROADBAND DSL	188
BROADBAND/CABLE	106
BROADBAND SATELITE	81
BROADBAND/CELL PHONE PROVIDER	151

QUESTION 20. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE HERE OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER. THANK YOU.

SURVEY FORMS WITH WRITTEN COMMENTS OR LETTERS ATTACHED	295
SURVEY FORMS WITHOUT WRITTEN COMMENTS OF LETTERS	490