

EMERALD KICKOFF WORKSHOPS -- Combined Results

Utility & Community Facilities	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Expand park and/or other recreational facilities ie, add park, picnic area and town hall.		1	1	2
2. Expand recycling opportunities (additional plastics, etc.) Recycling facilities 24/7.	1	2	1	4
3. Require shared septic systems in subdivision developments.	1	2	1	4
4. Extend natural gas lines to Emerald	1	3	1	5
5. Strive for equal communication to all residents ie. Phone, high-speed internet, TV. Provide adequate transmission lines to serve community	5	1	2	8
6. Improve & maintain quality of all school districts. Strive to provide quality education including post high school and pre-school. Keep school transportation (buses) up to date and available for all children in town.	2	3	5	10
7. Have town hall used for private use for fee. Town Hall community banquet facilities.	1		1	2
8. Electrical wind power gen. study	1		1	2
9. Town park / State wayside maintenance. Public lands – parking facilities.				

Transportation	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Good roads – well maintained. Keep roadways & intersections with stop signs and free of snow and potholes. Finish blacktopping all roads.	5	1	1	7
2. Keep easy access to main highways without using up a lot of land	2	2		4
3. Try to keep freeways from dissecting township	1	2	2	5
4. Provide for some bike and pedestrian paths on state & county roads		1	1	2
5. Commuting to and from work to in Twin City area. Support public transit development.	3	3		6
6. Provide transportation for elderly.	1	1	5	7
7. Allow for improvement of rail system (high speed train)		1	1	2
8. Improve safety of railroad crossings on primary and secondary roads		1	2	3
9. Airports – public, private – right to private strip				
10. Highway 63 – keep informed. Establish easy access G & 63.				

Housing	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Housing OK 2 acres. Allow small plots of land for housing. To save ag land (2 acres)	2	1		3
2. Any new housing should be kept in a rural (20-40 acres) and agricultural setting to maintain the quality of life we have	2			2
3. Discourage new homes being built on small plats of land in order to preserve rural character of Emerald	1	1	1	3
4. Only allow small housing developments 10 or less	2			2
5. Prefer no mobile home park development. Modular homes? Homes in pole sheds?	2	4	1	7

Housing	1st	2nd	3rd	T
6. Promote standards in multi-family unit housing (ie. Apt) & rental properties. Duplexes – townhomes		3	2	5
7. Allow houses to be as small as 800 sq. ft			1	1
8. Work with surrounding communities to establish hospice residential facility. Establish assisted living facility in rural area – possible rest home facility. Senior housing development.	1	2	5	8
9. Shared wells for housing developments?				

Economic Development	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Identify specific areas/locations appropriate for business development sites (non-ag)	4	1	2	7
2. Promote development of non related ag businesses	1	2	4	7
3. Promote small at-home business. Utilize existing facilities = barns, buildings, storage buildings	3	2	1	6
4. Care for our woodland	1	1		2
5. Promote recreational activities for profit. Examples: horse trail rides, sledding teams	1	2	1	4
6. Any known underground storage tanks should be cleaned up and funded by DNR		2	1	3
7. Limit / expand mining in township?			1	1

Agricultural Resources	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Continue to promote ag land use	6		2	8
2. Promote rural atmosphere	1	3		4
3. Allow any type of farming. Promote small farms. Discourage large corporate agribusiness ventures. Limit excessively large multi-head animal raising. Discourage multiple housing facilities for poultry housing.	2	3	4	9
4. Protect ground water		2	2	4
5. Lower taxes on agricultural land				
6. Encourage and promote forestry for profit		1	2	3
7. Support development of CSAs	1	1		2
8. Preserve right to farm	2			2
9. Maintain communications between farmers/non-farmers		1		1
10. Monitor groundwater issues. Monitor manure issues.		1	2	3
11. Exotic pets / zoos?				

Natural Resources	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Safe, clean drinking water. Protect groundwater through safe ag practices, id sinkholes and remedy	3	1	3	7
2. Work to control water runoff. Plant more trees and maintain marshes and swamps for natural water runoff purification. Maintain quality of water and control water runoff. Protect potable water	5	2	3	10
3. Use natural fertilization		1		1
4. Protect and/or return prairies, forests, wetlands		2	2	4

Natural Resources	1st	2nd	3rd	T
5. Plant more trees. Retain our forests. Loss of fence row trees. Plant windbreaks.	1	1	2	4
6. Preserve habitat. Promote wildlife game reserves. Promote wildlife habitat on non-ag land.	2	1	2	5
7. Allow mining in township.		1		1
8. I don't like mining in the township.		1		1
9. More wind power				
10. Hunting / no hunting / public vs private				
11. More public lands?				

Cultural Resources	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Save historic sites. Save original farmhouses and barns.	3	2	2	7
2. Create document of historical structures and community past. Identify and preserve historic buildings/sites.	4	2	2	8
3. Official Town historian?			1	1
4. Town of Emerald history wall in Town hall?		1		1
5. Promote community social events.	1	3	2	6
6. Establish senior citizen centers in township. <i>(Not a cultural issue, move to utilities/comm. facilities?)</i>	2	1	2	5
7. Not allow strip bars <i>(Not a cultural issue, move to economic dev.?)</i>		2	3	5
8. Allow churches to be built <i>(Not a cultural issue, move land use?)</i>	1			1
9. Strive to provide education to everyone – eliminate illiteracy <i>(Not a cultural issue, move to utilities/comm. facilities?)</i>	1	1		2

Intergovernmental Cooperation	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Continue to use county resources available	1	6	3	10
2. Increase traffic patrol to increase highway safety	1	1	1	3
3. Some governmental functions combined with other towns and county		1	1	2
4. Promulgation of higher levels of government resources	1			1
5. Share services & resources with neighboring towns as appropriate (recreational, road)	5	1	2	8
6. Don't duplicate services that are already in place	2	1	3	6
7. Better communication with County supervisor – share info / vision		2		2

Land Use	1st	2nd	3rd	T
1. Retain rural/agricultural nature of Emerald. Preserve rights of land owners/Farmers ability to farm land without unreasonable grievances	5	3		8
2. Don't be too restrictive on farmers who want to use their land as their retirement. It may be their only retirement.	2		1	3
3. Allow controlled expansion of housing on small parcels. Allow land owners freedom to sell small amounts of acreage for housing subdivisions.	3	1	2	6
4. Prohibit small land parcels for new homes. Discourage development of housing.	1	2	1	4
5. I don't like the idea of cluster housing because it doesn't seem equal and			1	1

Land Use	1st	2nd	3rd	T
fair to all.				
6. 20 to 40 acre parcels for new housing.	1			1
7. Restrict use so junkyards can't be created		3	1	4
8. Create wildlife, prairie, wetland, wooded areas for public use/enjoyment		1	4	5
9. Some compromise between large landowners and residential neighbors with small plots of land		1		1