

<u>Element</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Score</u>
Agricultural, Cultural and Natural Resources Element	Not changing laws that would affect a land owners property values or rights	24 points
	Identify and direct growth away from sensitive areas	20 points
	(Maintain) viability of rural enterprises	19 points
	Lack of integration of sustainable wildlife, forests, water resources, recreation and wetlands	12 points
	Manage terrestrial and aquatic invasive species	12 points
	(Protect) water quality – streams and lakes – slow water runoff and flooding to streams, lakes and wetlands	9 points
	(Amend) Zoning (ordinance to be) consistent with Comprehensive Plan	7 points
	Lack of emphasis on regional sustainability	6 points
	Comprehensive Plan (should) address global markets and changing climate patterns	5 points
	Shortage of well-planned, well-funded pre-school, K-12 and adult education in (the areas of) cultural, natural and agricultural resources	5 points
	Biofuels as a new market/carbon credits	2 points
	Maintain and protect public access to natural resources	2 points
	(Reverse the) low level of training and cooperation with relevant agencies such as University of Wisconsin Superior, US Geological Survey, etc.	1 point

Lack of close cooperation with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission 1 point

A need to protect habitat and biodiversity 1 point

Loss of family farms 0 points

Provide leadership to the State – notably to respond to changing markets and climate 0 points

Lack of cooperation for recreational, art and cultural heritage programs 0 points

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Transportation Element	Need roads that support multiple uses and multi-modal options	38 points
	Reduce fossil fuel demand	18 points
	Continue to maintain and upgrade transportation infrastructure (for) multiple uses (such as) bike-trail access	14 points
	Need to (develop) rideshare program	13 points
	Return to rail transport, passenger and freight	11 points
	Culverts are undersized and raised on important streams causing flooding, erosion, habitat degradation and fish passage problems	9 points
	Assure mobility for all	8 points
	Expand Port (of Superior) for cargo	6 points
	Lack of public marina facilities	1 point
	Access across rail lines	0 points
Lack of planning for rail transport to southern Wisconsin	0 points	

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Land Use Element	Need to protect private property rights	24 points
	Lack of understanding and use of new land use tools and technology such as low-impact development, conservation design and other alternative growth scenarios	23 points
	Lack of enforcement of existing land use laws that promote clean lakes, rivers and groundwater	21 points
	(Encourage) responsible and reasonable use of land	17 points
	Keep industrial development in proper areas	13 points
	Respect for local governments needs	10 points
	Need to control light and noise pollution	10 points
	Potential loss of existing public access – hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, etc - from the sale of industrial forests and other lands	6 points
	Need to preserve paper company forests for public use	2 points
	Local say on lot size to preserve rural integrity	2 points

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Utilities and Community Facilities Element	Lack of affordable sewage/septic (system) options	51 points
	Lack of development of local renewable energy opportunities	21 points
	Coordinate resources and facilities between municipalities	14 points
	Lack of storm water ordinance and education	10 points
	Lack of county multi-use cultural auditorium	8 points
	Lack of incentives for conservation of utilities	7 points
	Lack of pro-active, forward-thinking, educated, comprehensive plan for coordinating telecommunication needs	6 points
	On-site waste handling – septic – not meeting state standards	6 points
	Lack of funding for oversight of county parks	5 points
	Lack of awareness of incentives for conservation of utilities	1 point
Lack of recreational and educational opportunities	0 points	

Poor location of land fills 0 points

Neighboring city/state filling local land fill 0 points

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Demographics	Age - slowly aging Population (older people moving back)	42 points
	Diversity of Culture (Growing, lack of now, Develop housing economy, Community adjustment)	22 points
	Education & Stable Student Population (Transient population, some come back after being trained elsewhere)	25 points
	Income (Shipping & Rail jobs, low income service jobs)	13 points
	Property - Steady demand (High land prices negatively affecting rural economy, buy for various recreation needs, need property use planning, Aging population)	12 points
	Rural - Stable Ag Population	11 points
	Movement (Superior to County) (County to City because of cost of transportation/energy/medical)	11 points

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Housing Element	Need to improve/rehab/remodel/reuse existing homes	23 points
	Existing septic laws do not include acceptable, affordable alternatives, which in turn influences purchases and sales of homes	21 points
	Lack of incentives and training for contractors to use "green" and energy efficient building methods and materials	19 points
	Lack of diversity in Senior Housing choices	18 points
	Loss of homes through increasing taxation	17 points
	Increasing issues with low income housing. Retrofit, upgrades, insulation, codes, heating efficient systems	15 points
	Loss of homes through increasing heating & utility costs	14 points
	Capability of Government to de-value home sites through zoning?	7 points
	Loss of homes through increasing transportation costs	6 points
	Senior assistance programs not able to meet the needs of the aging population	5 points
Lack of building material reclamation business within the County	4 points	

Intrusion on individual homeowner rights,
through too many mandates and regulations 2 points

Lack of financial planning assistance for
current and potential homeowners 0 points

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Intergovernmental Cooperation Element	Keep County Board at the same number - better representation	55 points
	Lack of cooperation between jurisdictions (re: shared services - roads, grant-writing, machinery purchases, workers)	33 points
	Lack of communication between towns, counties, state, feds, inter-state	29 points
	Lack of joint planning on cross-jurisdictional development issues	27 points
	No forum for conflict resolution	25 points
	Opportunities for bi-state coordination (Opportunity for inter-nation cooperation with tribes, one unit for highway/road of government)	7 points
	Maintenance vehicles to lessen costs/duplication	6 points

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General Planning	Intergovernmental coordination promotion of local & County	34 points
	Natural resources desirable maintenance for econdve protecting & complimented	28 points
	Education	26 points
	Lack of planning by "Topdown" & "Bottom up"	13 points
	Communication with the rest of State of WI	6 points
	Look beyond local - be better educated of potential	2 points

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Economic Development Element	Transportation & 4 lane hwy and public hwy 2	37 points
	Arts & Cultural	27 points
	Business Center for shared services coordinating education with WITC, UWS, government agencies	27 points
	Education	20 points
	Identifying location of different types of businesses, industry, mfg. & residential changing workforce available	18 points
	Permitting process	11 points

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A) Strengths for Attracting Business and Industry	A reliable workforce for potential businesses	32 points
	Lake Superior - Natural Resources	29 points
	Educational opportunities	26 points
	Readily available utilities & affordable	20 points
	Rails & shipping	13 points
	TIF districts - in local areas	8 points
	Adjacent to major hub (Duluth)	8 points

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B) Types of Business & Industry desired by the County	Rural occupations - forestry, agriculture, aquaculture	46 points
	Small mfg	27 points
	Incubator - green technology	27 points
	Support services for Arts & Culture	23 points
	Make better use of local educators	20 points
	Technology	14 points
	Support services for University	6 points
	Marine research	5 points
	Recreation can create jobs (B & B's, Trails, sale of products)	0 points