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Dear Resident—

As a property owner within the four townships, Eagles Nest, Fall Lake, Morse and Stony River, we are asking you to help create a township profile by filling out the enclosed survey, or by going to <http://mnstats.morris.umn.edu/4townships/> to complete it online. Our goal is to create an economic profile of the four townships which will define the economic base, show what the needs are of the people who spend time there (full time and seasonal residents) and provide information useful to town boards, other elected officials, people interested in creating businesses, residents themselves, and any other group to which the information might be of value. The information will include data about peak time of residency (when seasonal residents are counted) which will help identify times of peak need for emergency and other services, identify unmet business needs and how people are using recreational, educational, and commercial facilities and areas. The survey should not take longer than 15-20 minutes to complete.

The survey is a cooperative effort between the Center for Small Towns (CST) and Data Services Center at the University of Minnesota, Morris and a committee of citizens with representatives from each of the four townships. During the past year, the committee has contacted and met with town boards to get their input and insight into the survey. Citizen focus groups, the director of the Ely Chamber of Commerce and other individuals in the community were interviewed by University of Minnesota (UMM) statistics professor Engin Sungur (lead faculty member on the project) and student researcher Reid Ronnander. Professor Sungur was responsible for overseeing the survey's creation and administration. Ronnander created the survey and revised it after receiving input from interviewees. Morse Township resident Anne Stewart Uehling chairs the four township committee coordinating the survey efforts.

Instructions

Please complete the enclosed survey and return it by March 31, 2013 in the enclosed, postage paid, addressed envelope. If you would prefer, you can fill out the survey online instead of using the paper form (<http://mnstats.morris.umn.edu/4townships/>). The questions should be answered by the main owner of the four townships property/land. All questions refer to your property/land, unless otherwise noted. By completing the survey you will contribute to the understanding of the needs and assets of your township and enhance future planning. The record kept of your survey response does not contain any identifying information about you. There is no way of matching your identification with your responses on this survey. All data follows strict University of Minnesota data protection policy.

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Your input will help us create a true representation of the residents of your township.

Eagle's Nest, Fall Lake, Morse, and Stony River Townships Survey

I. Housing Information

1. In which township(s) do you reside or own property? Eagles Nest Fall Lake Morse Stony River

2. What type of resident of the Four Township Region are you? Permanent (year-round) resident Seasonal resident Not a resident

If **permanent**, how many years have you been a permanent resident of the Four Township Region? _____ years

If **permanent**, how many years, if any, were you a seasonal resident of the Four Township Region? _____ years

If **seasonal**, how many months of the year do you reside in the Four Township Region? _____ months

If **seasonal**, which months are you typically in the four townships (check all that apply)? Jan - Apr May - Sep Oct - Dec

If **seasonal**, what is the average number of people in the residence during your stay in the Four Townships? _____ residents

3. What type of property do you own within the Four Townships (check all that apply)?

Year-round residence Seasonal residence Rental property Non-residential property

Land – how many acres? _____ acres

Other (please specify)

4. How many years have you been a resident or owned property within the Four Townships? _____ years

5. For Current Seasonal Residents Only. If not currently a seasonal resident please skip down to question 6.

If seasonal, when you are not in residence, do you pay someone to care for your home or cabin? Yes No

If seasonal, how many months of the year, if any, do you rent out your property when not there? _____ months

If seasonal do you allow someone to live in your residence for free when you are not there? Yes No

If seasonal, where is your permanent home located?

Eagles Nest Fall Lake Morse Stony River

Ely City Northeast MN Twin Cities Area

Elsewhere in Minnesota Elsewhere in the Midwest Elsewhere in the United States Outside of the United States

6. Whom is your property occupied by? Yourself Renter Vacant Other No Housing on Property

7. In what type of housing do you reside within the four townships?

Apartment Duplex House or Cabin (single family dwelling)

No Housing on Property Other (please specify)

8. What types of roads do you use on a daily basis? (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Township Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Service Road	<input type="checkbox"/> County Road/ Highway
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Road/ Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)		
9. Do you belong to a lake or road association?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
10. What is the estimated value of your property (based on tax assessments)?	\$			
11. Approximately how much do you spend on household or property maintenance annually?	\$			
II. Values				
1. Do you own a business within the four townships?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Skip to Question 2)		
If yes, do you use public land (boat accesses, county/state trails, state or national timberland, national forest) for your business?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
If you use public land for business, what is the reason for use? (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Client recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel or Sand	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarry
	<input type="checkbox"/> Trapping	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)		
2. Please list the activities in which you use public land in the region.				
3. Do you in any way sustain your family by hunting, fishing, or gathering?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
4. Do you attend museums, libraries, art, or theater events in the region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
5. Do you have a child that is involved in local programs for children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	
6. Do you take part in community programs such as book club, discussion groups, etc. in the region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
7. In which of the following do you or your household attend or participate in the region? (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/> Local or Regional Tours (ex. Mine tours)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camps	<input type="checkbox"/> Lectures	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Centers
8. Where do you obtain your news and information on a daily basis? (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Timberjay Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Ely Echo Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake County News Chronicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Northshore Journal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tower News	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Radio Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Resources	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)			

9. How many hours a week do you volunteer?					hours/week
10. How important is supporting local businesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important	<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat not important	<input type="checkbox"/> Not important	
11. How important is curb-side appeal when characterizing a business?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important	<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat not important	<input type="checkbox"/> Not important	
12. Which of the following characteristics are most important to quality of life? (check up to <u>four</u>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Solitude	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/ Leisure Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Connection	<input type="checkbox"/> Productive Environment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Connections/ Community Involvement		<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoyment of Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Historical and Cultural Value	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom	<input type="checkbox"/> Friendship	<input type="checkbox"/> Spirituality	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Income/ Expenditures (material wealth)		<input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful/Trusting Community		
13. Which of the following characteristics are most important in the region? (check up to <u>four</u>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Solitude	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational/ Leisure Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Connection	<input type="checkbox"/> Productive Environment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Connections/ Community Involvement		<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoyment of Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Historical and Cultural Value	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom	<input type="checkbox"/> Friendship	<input type="checkbox"/> Spirituality	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Income/ Expenditures (material wealth)		<input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful/Trusting Community		
14. What services do you believe should be improved in the area (check all that apply)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Social services	<input type="checkbox"/> Health services	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health services	<input type="checkbox"/> Education services	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural services	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Technological services (internet, cell phone etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance and emergency services	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiber optics and Communication services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
III. Economic					
1. What is your current employment status?	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed, not searching for another job	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed, searching for another job	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed, searching for a job	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed, not searching for a job				

If employed, in what industry do you currently work? Please check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Logging	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Information (journalist, editor, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional and Business Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Health Services
	<input type="checkbox"/> Leisure and Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	
If employed, how many jobs do you currently hold?				
If employed, are you currently looking for a better paying job?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, what would you consider as acceptable pay (per year)?			\$	
If retired, what was your previous job title and industry in which you worked?				
2. What would you consider an acceptable minimum wage for the region (per hour)?			\$ /hour	
3. What types of businesses would you like to see or have expanded in the region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Chain department stores (ex: Target, K-Mart)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Local specialty stores	<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive services		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/> Local foods (co-op, grocery store)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporting goods	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)		
4. What types of jobs would you like to see or have expanded in the region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Logging	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail
	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Information (Publishing, Radio/T.V. Stations)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)			
5. Approximately how much are your household yearly expenditures as a percentage of your household income?			%	
6. Approximately what percentage of your income is spent in the local area?			%	
7. Approximately how much are your household yearly expenditures?			\$	

8. Please list a few reasons why you spend money outside of the Four Township Region?

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9. Approximately what percentage of your income goes to the following categories:

Arts and Entertainment (Including cultural festivals)	%
Automotive and Transportation	%
Food (Groceries and Eating out)	%
Clothing, Childcare, Personal Care Items	%
Medical Expenses	%
Household Maintenance, Lumber, Hardware	%

10. For each of the following categories, of the purchases you make, approximately what percentage of these purchases or dollar amounts spent are in the local four townships area?

Arts and Entertainment (Including cultural festivals)	%
Automotive and Transportation	%
Food (Groceries and Eating out)	%
Clothing, Childcare, Personal Care Items	%
Medical Expenses	%
Household Maintenance, Lumber, Hardware	%

IV. Business Owners in the Four Townships Area (if you do not own a business please skip to section V)

1. If you have your own business in the region, which of the following contribute to your income? (check all that apply)

- Hunting Angling Canoeing Motorcycling Birders
- 4-wheelers or ATV use Motor Boat use Bicycling
- Hiking Kayaking Dogsledding Snowmobile use
- Snowshoeing Skiing (Cross-Country etc.) Other:

2. Do you operate a business from your home?

- Yes No (Skip to #4)

If yes, what kind?

- Artist/Writer/Musician Artisan Agriculture Education
- Lodging Resort Bait/Tackle/Fishing Retail
- Computers/Technology Outfitter (Guide) Other:

3. Do you use internet for business?

- Yes No

4. Does your business sell BWCA permits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
5. Does your business sell other State or National permits (fishing, hunting, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
V. Development				
1. Are you in favor of non-recreational commercial development in the local region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not support	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	
2. Where, in your opinion, is an appropriate area for non-recreational commercial development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously developed area/location; near or in town (Tower, Ely, Isabella)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
3. Are you in favor of recreational commercial development in the local region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not support	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	
4. Where, in your opinion, is an appropriate area for recreational commercial development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously developed area/location; near or in town (Tower, Ely, Isabella)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
5. Are you in favor of industrial (not including mining) development in the local region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not support	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	
6. Where, in your opinion, is an appropriate area for industrial (not including mining) development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously developed area/location; near or in town (Tower, Ely, Isabella)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
7. Are you in favor of mining and extraction development in the local region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not support	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	
8. Where, in your opinion, is an appropriate area for mining and extraction development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously developed area/location; near or in town (Tower, Ely, Isabella)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
9. Are you in favor of residential development in the local region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not support	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	
10. Where, in your opinion, is an appropriate area for residential development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously developed area/location; near or in town (Tower, Ely, Isabella)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-lake shore	<input type="checkbox"/> No opinion
11. When development occurs (whether commercial, industrial, or residential) which of the following environmental impacts should be taken into consideration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/> Water pollution	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil/land pollution	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise pollution
	<input type="checkbox"/> Light pollution	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal habitat	Other (please specify)	

VI. Demographic & Other

1. How many hours per week do you spend outdoors recreationally? _____ hours

2. Why do you choose to live or own land in the four townships area?

3. List a few items you would like to change in your township?

4. What factors would make you leave the four townships area?

5. Please list any additional comments.

6. Gender

Male

Female

7. Age

21 and under

22 to 34

35 to 44

45 to 54

55 to 64

65 and over

8. Race

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

White

Other (please specify)