

DRAFT MEMO

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To: The Vibrant Communities Steering Committee
From: Kyle May, planning NEXT; Logan Stang, planning NEXT
Re: **Summary of the Vibrant Communities – Round 1 Engagement**

This memorandum summarizes the Round 1 Engagement for the Vibrant Communities Initiative held between October and December 2019. The document includes a description of the meeting's agenda, what was learned, and who attended. The memo has been broken into the following structure:

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1. Overview

A. Introduction

In the fall of 2019, the communities of LaPorte County joined together to embark on a momentous effort to develop a new county-wide action agenda for the first time in over 30 years. The Vibrant Communities of LaPorte County Initiative is a community-wide effort to develop a unified vision to guide investment and decision-making in the coming decades. LaPorte County is comprised of 16 diverse communities ranging in character from rural towns to urban cities each with unique and proud amenities that define a high-quality sense of place. Since the "Take Charge" Initiative in 1992, the communities of LaPorte County have seen substantial change making there a need to engage in new discussions on the future direction of the county through a shared vision. The Vibrant Communities Initiative is a transparent and inclusive process aimed at engaging all who are passionate about the future of each LaPorte County community. This conversation series began in October 2019 with the "Vibrant

Communities Community Conversation Workshops”. More than 750+ people participated in the first round of engagement with comments contributed amounting to thousands of ideas, thoughts and comments. This memo summarizes the topics and themes identified from the input, as well as the demographic make-up of the participants. The full database of comments received throughout this phase of engagement is available in the document appendix.

B. Purpose

The Community Conversation Workshops were conducted in various places throughout LaPorte County and included large-scale workshops, small targeted meetings, direct outreach with community stakeholders and online engagement. The first round of engagement was focused on obtaining feedback and input from as many residents, influencers and stakeholders from among the communities of LaPorte County as possible. Over the course of several weeks, the planning team (including the leadership team, steering committee members and the consulting team) collected thousands of individual comments from individuals. These comments, thoughts and ideas were databased, categorized and analyzed for critical topics and themes. The prompts presented throughout the community conversation workshops were general in nature to elicit as many varied responses as possible. These questions focused on the experience of participants including the physical built environment as well as community programming and policy. The results provide a comprehensive understanding of the community viewpoint from firsthand perspectives.

More than 750+ people participated in the first round of engagement for the Vibrant Communities Initiative. These participants differ slightly from the overall demographic profile of the county. A comprehensive profile of these participants and their experience during meetings is included in this memo.

C. Meeting Agenda

The Vibrant Communities Community Conversation workshops began in mid-October of 2019 in locations throughout LaPorte County. These large, in-person workshops were open to all members of the public and represented the start of the public engagement phase. The six meetings drew attendance from more than 350+ people to begin the conversation. Each meeting was led by an identical agenda designed to collect as much feedback from participants as possible. The meetings were held at The Center of LaCrosse in Lacrosse, La Porte Civic Auditorium in La Porte, the Dworkin Center at PNW Westville in Westville, New Prairie High School in Rolling Prairie and two meetings at the Bluechip Casino Hotel in Michigan City. The workshops were two-hour sessions held in the evening to accommodate as many residents as possible.

1. Welcome – Jack Arnett, Executive Director of the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Maggi Spartz, President of the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, began the meeting with a welcome from the co-chairs of the process and a brief background. They thanked the participants of each workshop for their willingness to get involved and help improve LaPorte County.

2. Overview – Following the general welcome, Kyle May, Senior Planner of planning NEXT and lead facilitator of Vibrant Communities, provided a brief overview of the process to come. He highlighted the steps necessary for the communities of LaPorte County to develop their Action Agenda and provided several examples from similar communities. Last, Mr. May outlined the work that would be requested of meeting attendees that evening, stressing that this was the first step in a robust process.

3. Headline Activity – The kick-off activity to the community conversations focused on how residents define indicators of success for the Vibrant Communities Initiative. Participants were asked to consider the potential impact of this plan and how major media would perceive the results 20 years in the future. The result is the major headline of local or regional newspapers which were collected and databased by the planning team. The responses for this prompt ranged from improving quality of place to reflections on growth opportunities to preservation and promotion of unique community amenities, both man-made and natural.

4. Hopes and Concerns – In the first group discussion activity during the community conversation workshops or through the online engagement tool, participants were asked to share their general and specific reactions to an initial prompt focused on their individual community. Based on their experiences living, working or visiting in the community, participants contributed their ideas to the following two prompts:

- When you think about the future of your community... What makes you optimistic? What are your concerns?

During the in-person conversations, groups of eight participants would begin thinking about the prompts individually. A table recorder would then ask each participant to take turns sharing their reactions to the prompt and collecting the information on a recorder form. This prompt generated thousands of responses which are analyzed later in this memo and are available in the appendix.

5. Strong Places and Opportunity Areas – The second group discussion activity and final prompt focused on the specific physical places in each community. The participants were asked to react, individually at first, to the following prompt based on their experiences in their community and communities outside of La Porte County:

- Identify three strong places (places that have a high quality of place, are desirable to visit, or represent what you'd like to see more of in your community).
- Identify three areas of opportunity (places that can be better, places that you'd like to see stay the same, or places from outside your community or the county that you'd like to see in your community).

Like the hopes and concerns activity, participants would begin by thinking individually on the prompts. The table recorder would then ask each participant to share their reactions to the prompts recording the conversation on the recorder form. Additional places would be document based on the group discussion and individual lists of identified locations. If a place did not have a formal name, the participants were asked to describe the location or characteristics that make it an opportunity for the future.

6. Next Steps & Adjourn – At the conclusion of the table conversations, Kyle May of the Planning Team returned to inform the crowd of their ongoing opportunities to stay involved in the process. A final thank you was given to the participants along with announcement of upcoming events.

Following the workshops, the steering committee members and other interested individuals we're provided material to conduct smaller engagement events. These Meetings-in-a-box allowed community members to convene small groups (15 or less) for a short discussion about their community and LaPorte County. Material was translated into Spanish to assist in hosting small meetings within the Hispanic and Latinx communities. Additionally, an online form available on the process website was published for community members to share their feedback digitally. This tool provided the prompts presented at the in-person workshops in a convenient form

allowing participants to provide as much or as little information as they wished. The online tool allowed for continuous engagement opportunities outside of the large, in-person workshops, encouraging participation from all members of the public. This form was also translated into Spanish and made available on “en Espanol” link on the process website. This input was collected and analyzed within the master database.

D. Major Outcomes

- More than 750 people participated in the Round 1 Engagement for Vibrant Communities including representation from each of the County’s communities.
- A total of 15 meetings were held throughout the county including six (6) large workshops and nine (9) small meetings-in-a-box.
- Key themes from the group discussions, as was captured in the group recording forms for Hopes and Concerns and Strong / Opportunity Areas, included:
 - *Hopes and Concerns*
 - **Community Identity & Pride**, supporting neighbors with strong roots, **20 percent** of total hope comments; and,
 - **People**, an aging population with less access to essential human services, **21 percent** of total concern comments.
 - *Strong / Opportunity Areas*
 - **Parks & Recreation**, natural places to enjoy the unique features of Northwest Indiana and maintain an active lifestyle, **19 percent** of strong areas; and,
 - **Amenities / Services**, amenities for all ages with access to restaurants, shopping, activities, etc., with **21 percent** of opportunity areas.
- Participants reported high levels of satisfaction with 99 percent reporting they would continue to be involved in the process.
- All areas of the community were represented during the Round 1 Engagement with the highest percentages coming from Michigan City and central LaPorte County (City of La Porte) with 36 and 31 percent respectively.

2. Results

The remainder of this memo summarizes the input received during the Round 1 Engagement. There is also a summary of the groups we heard from during the process. This section is organized as follows:

- A. What we heard – A summary of individual and group activity results
- B. Who we heard from – A summary of exit questionnaire results
 - i. Outreach
 - ii. Demographics
 - iii. Motivation and satisfaction

A. What we heard

In total, 4,132 comments were collected during the Round 1 Engagement through the group discussion activities and general comment forms. The group discussion yielded 3,854 responses, and the individual activity included 278 comments. Additionally, 17 general comments were collected and processed via individual comment cards.

I. Summary of Headline Cards

In the individual activity, participants were asked to identify measures of success for the initiative in the form of major media headlines. A total of 278 cards were collected and recorded. For the full database of responses please refer to the document appendix. The following selected comments are representative of others received:

- “La Porte Co. named top 10 best quality of life in IN”
- “Little La Porte County makes BIG impact”
- “La Porte County named healthiest, most vibrant county in the United States”
- “The diverse tapestry of La Porte Co's people, places and prosperity rank it as 1 of Top 10 Places to live in the Midwest”
- “La Porte Co. is a thriving, diverse community, providing equal access to excellent quality of life”
- “Jobs, schools, health, safety continue a 20-year streak of improvement in La Porte County”

II. Summary of Group Activities

In the group activities, participants were asked to respond to specific prompts about the community. For Activity A, participants were asked to share their general and specific reactions to an initial prompt focused on their individual community, hopes and concerns. For Activity B, participants were asked to think about specific places either in their community or elsewhere and their reactions for identifying them as strong or opportunity areas. A total of 4,132 comments were collected and recorded. For the full database of responses please refer to the document appendix. The following tables organize the comments into primary themes and provide the percentage of the entire database:

Activity A: Hopes		
Primary Topic	Count	%
Accessibility & Attractability	62	9%
Arts, Culture & Amenities	73	10%
Blank	68	10%
Collaborative Leadership	72	10%
Community Identity & Pride	144	20%
Development & Growth	116	16%
Education	50	7%
Health	25	4%
Location	28	4%
Natural Resources	71	10%
Total	709	100%

Activity A: Concerns		
Primary Topic	Count	%
People	153	21%
Health	72	10%
Attractability & Amenities	94	13%
Infrastructure	79	11%
Economy	104	14%
Housing & Blight	37	5%
Governance	79	11%
Youth & Education	76	11%
Blank	38	5%
Total	732	100%

Activity A: Opportunities		
Primary Topic	Count	%
Health	31	6%
Workforce Development	22	5%
People	94	19%
Redevelopment / Revitalization	82	16%

Activity A: Opportunities		
Cultural Diversity	9	2%
Parks & Recreation	25	5%
Infrastructure	54	11%
Amenities & Services	126	25%
Blank	50	10%
Total	493	100%

Activity B: Strong Places		
Primary Topic	Count	%
Lakes	158	13%
Parks & Recreation	226	19%
Arts & Culture	118	10%
Civic Institutions	211	17%
Entertainment & Eating	187	15%
Agriculture	39	3%
Community Spaces	73	6%
Downtowns	39	3%
Connections	46	4%
Blank	119	10%
Total	1216	100%

Activity B: Opportunity Areas		
Primary Topic	Count	%
Natural Resources & Recreation	75	15%
Infrastructure	47	9%
Civic Institutions	54	11%
Development & Growth	83	17%
Amenities & Services	105	21%
Housing	16	3%
Arts & Culture	19	4%
Revitalization	35	7%
Communication	7	1%
Community Spaces	31	6%
Blanks	30	6%
Total	502	100%

B. Who we heard from

The following summarizes the outreach and publicity tasks conducted for the Round 1 Engagement as well as who attended. Summaries are based on the responses received through the exit questionnaire. A total of 566 questionnaires were filled out and entered by the Planning Team.

I. Outreach

In order to let people, know about the choice to get involved with Vibrant Communities initiative - and attend the Community Conversations - the Planning Team, Steering Committee, and Leadership Team conducted several outreach and publicity tasks:

Press

- Two press releases were published detailing the Vibrant Communities process and upcoming engagement opportunities
- Radio coverage including interviews and public service announcements on WIMS and WEFM
- Interviews with local publishers including the Herald-Argus

Social Media and the Web

- A fully-branded project website was created and updated to include information on the upcoming Community Conversations and other information related to Vibrant Communities
- Posts to Facebook advertised the workshops and encouraged participation
- Two email newsletters were sent to hundreds of opt-in subscribers encouraging ongoing participation in the Vibrant Communities initiative and the community conversation workshops
- Partner organizations and jurisdictions included news posts on the upcoming workshops on their respective webpages

General Publicity

- 1,000 branded rack cards were developed and distributed throughout the county
- 8.5 x 11" fliers were developed for use in email distribution and for posting throughout the county
- 500 project business cards were developed and distributed
- Spanish materials were developed including fliers and rack cards and distributed

Outreach Tasks

The Vibrant Communities Steering Committee developed a list of more than 100 organizations or networks to be contacted for involvement in the public process. Throughout the preparation for the Community Conversations, members took a responsibility for several groups and contacted representatives with information. This network will continue to be energized through the engagement process.

II. Demographics

The exit questionnaires provide insight into the participation throughout the Round 1 Engagement. This information is not intended to offer statistical validation of the process, but to understand the characteristics of the participants. The exit questionnaire data reflects only those who responded, not all participants. Also, since not all participants answered every question, there may be variation in total responses among different topics. For a full summary of questionnaire topics please refer to the appendix.

Age. Participants were older, on average. Just over 50 percent of participants identified as 55 or older. This compares with an estimated 30 percent of residents in LaPorte County. Ages 15 to 24 and 25 to 34 were the most underrepresented groups comprising 13 percent of the attendees, compared to 25 percent of the overall population.

Race and Ethnicity. Participants identified primarily as White/Caucasian, with 82 percent of the total population. Black / African-Americans represented 15 percent of the attendees which exceeds the estimated 11 percent of the entire population. Hispanic / Latinx was slightly underrepresented as three percent of attendees, compared to an expected seven percent in the county.

Educational Attainment. The majority of participants had either a Bachelor's Degree (33%) or Master's Degree or Ph.D. (31%), an extraordinarily higher representation than the county population of 12 percent and six percent respectively. Conversely, citizens having attained a high school education or equivalency were significantly underrepresented with only ten percent of the attendees compared to 39 percent of the population.

Time in the Community. Tenure of participants during the Round 1 Engagement complemented the age of participants with 31 percent having lived in the county for 50+ years. An estimated 14 percent of

participants lived outside of the county and five percent with relatively new to the county, having lived between 0-4 years in LaPorte County.

Place of Residence. Place of residence was generally reflective of the population distribution throughout the county with slightly higher representation from Michigan City and central LaPorte County (City of La Porte). The largest percentage came from Michigan City with 35% of attendees (compared to 28% of the overall population in the County). Approximately 12% of the attendees lived in communities outside of LaPorte County.

III. Motivation and Satisfaction

The exit questionnaires polled participants on their interests and opinions about the meetings. The results indicate overwhelmingly high levels of satisfaction.

How did you hear about the Community Conversation workshops?

- 22 percent heard through word of mouth
- 20 percent heard through an email message
- 15 percent heard about the event through Facebook / Instagram / Twitter
- 22 percent discovered the events through the process website

General Satisfaction

	YES
Were you comfortable completing today's meeting activities?	99%
Did you feel your input was heard and recorded accurately?	98%
Will you continue to participate in the planning process?	98%

Rate the meeting length.

Too long	7%
Too short	2%
About right	91%

3. Appendix

The following pages contain the verbatim responses from the Round 1 Engagement organized into databases and the final participant package and meeting presentation. The appendix is organized into the following structure.

- A. One Word or Phrase Entries
- B. Headline Activity Entries
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A. One Word or Phrase Entries

The following are the verbatim responses from the individual One Word or Phrase Activity provided by the participants.

ID	Source	Comment ID	Describe your community in one word or phrase.
1	Unity Luncheon	1	Activities for teens
2	Unity Luncheon	2	Services for veterans
3	Unity Luncheon	3	Home
4	Unity Luncheon	4	Potential
5	Unity Luncheon	5	Emerging
6	Unity Luncheon	6	Potential
7	Unity Luncheon	7	Resilient
8	Unity Luncheon	8	Caring
9	Unity Luncheon	9	Busy
10	Unity Luncheon	10	Progressive
11	Unity Luncheon	11	Traditional
12	Unity Luncheon	12	Diverse
13	Unity Luncheon	13	I don't live here but I see potential
14	Unity Luncheon	14	Interesting
15	Unity Luncheon	15	Creative
16	Unity Luncheon	16	Supportive
17	Unity Luncheon	17	Needy
18	Unity Luncheon	18	Family
19	Unity Luncheon	19	Evolving
20	Unity Luncheon	20	Potential
21	Unity Luncheon	21	Potential
22	Unity Luncheon	22	Beautiful and surprising

ID	Source	Comment ID	Describe your community in one word or phrase.
23	Unity Luncheon	23	Lakes
24	Unity Luncheon	24	Evolving/transitional
25	Unity Luncheon	25	Evolving
26	Unity Luncheon	26	Transitional
27	Unity Luncheon	27	Friendly
28	Unity Luncheon	28	Refreshed
29	Unity Luncheon	29	Loyal
30	Unity Luncheon	30	Generous
31	Unity Luncheon	31	Evolving
32	Unity Luncheon	32	Emerging
33	Unity Luncheon	33	Caring, resilient, traditional, hardworking recreation
34	Unity Luncheon	34	Potential, resilient, traditional
35	Unity Luncheon	35	Resilient
36	Unity Luncheon	36	Traditional
37	Unity Luncheon	37	Old-fashioned
38	Unity Luncheon	38	Caring
39	Unity Luncheon	39	Resilient
40	Unity Luncheon	40	Old-fashioned
41	Unity Luncheon	41	Traditional
42	Unity Luncheon	42	Diverse
43	Unity Luncheon	43	Large-diverse
44	Unity Luncheon	44	Poised
45	Unity Luncheon	45	home
46	Unity Luncheon	46	Opportunity
47	Unity Luncheon	47	Lakes
48	Unity Luncheon	48	Potential
49	Unity Luncheon	49	Potential
50	Unity Luncheon	50	Country
51	Unity Luncheon	51	Diverse
52	Unity Luncheon	52	Comfortable
53	Unity Luncheon	53	Michigan City- potential
54	Unity Luncheon	54	La Porte- home
55	Unity Luncheon	55	Improving
56	Unity Luncheon	56	Visionless
57	Unity Luncheon	57	changing
58	Unity Luncheon	58	Dynamic
59	Unity Luncheon	59	Behind
60	Unity Luncheon	60	Potential
61	Unity Luncheon	61	Small

ID	Source	Comment ID	Describe your community in one word or phrase.
62	Unity Luncheon	62	Rural
63	Unity Luncheon	63	Potential
64	Unity Luncheon	64	Supporting
65	Unity Luncheon	65	Building
66	Unity Luncheon	66	aged
67	Unity Luncheon	67	Diverse
68	Unity Luncheon	68	Developing potential
69	Unity Luncheon	69	Economically unbalanced- sorry 2 words
70	Unity Luncheon	70	Caring
71	Unity Luncheon	71	Giving
72	Unity Luncheon	72	Home (nature)
73	Unity Luncheon	73	Friendly
74	Unity Luncheon	74	Ambitious, generous
75	Unity Luncheon	75	Waterfall
76	Unity Luncheon	76	Stagnant
77	Unity Luncheon	77	Hopeful
78	Unity Luncheon	78	Friendly
79	Unity Luncheon	79	Potential for growth
80	Unity Luncheon	80	Lakeside
81	Unity Luncheon	81	Hometown
82	Unity Luncheon	82	Character
83	Unity Luncheon	83	Diverse places
84	Unity Luncheon	84	Home
85	Unity Luncheon	85	Home
86	Unity Luncheon	86	Growing
87	Unity Luncheon	87	Location
88	Unity Luncheon	88	Potential
89	Unity Luncheon	89	Welcoming Enthusiastic Giving
90	Unity Luncheon	90	Collaborative
91	Unity Luncheon	91	Beautiful
92	Unity Luncheon	92	Emerging/potential
93	Unity Luncheon	93	Struggling
94	Unity Luncheon	94	great
95	Unity Luncheon	95	Possibilities
96	Online	1	Great
97	Online	2	LaCrosse, Dewey Township
98	Online	3	rural
99	Online	4	Ok
100	Online	5	Stagnant

ID	Source	Comment ID	Describe your community in one word or phrase.
101	Online	6	Diverse
102	Online	7	Michigan City and LaPorte
103	Online	8	Michigan City
104	Online	9	small town with a high quality of life
105	Online	10	A decent place to raise a family
106	Online	11	evolving
107	Online	12	awesome!
108	Online	13	small
109	Online	14	Dis
110	Online	15	home
111	Online	16	Unfocused
112	Online	17	trying to be more forward thinking and social
113	Online	18	trying
114	Online	19	Stagnant but improving in some areas
115	Online	20	Poor
116	Online	21	Going through a period of transition.
117	Online	22	financially hurting.
118	Online	23	My hometown!
119	Online	24	Boring
120	Online	25	a great place to live
121	Online	26	Home town
122	Online	27	A place of beauty
123	Online	28	losing the youth
124	Online	29	Unsafe
125	Online	30	Thriving and growing.
126	Online	31	Diverse
127	Online	32	Diverse
128	Online	33	Great
129	Online	34	in transition.
130	Online	35	Changing, divided.
131	Online	36	changing
132	Online	37	an opportunity.
133	Online	38	Changing
134	Online	39	Changing
135	Online	40	Rural, beautiful,
136	Online	41	where I raised my family.
137	Online	42	full of potential but limited in mindset
138	Online	43	Mixed up
139	Online	44	the HUB of awesome!

ID	Source	Comment ID	Describe your community in one word or phrase.
140	Online	45	special.
141	Online	46	diverse.
142	Online	47	A lake community for recreational/fishing. Hudson Lake (over 400 acres) area has long been a "hidden jewel" in LaPorte County.
143	Online	48	On an upturn
144	Online	49	Depressed
145	Online	50	Stable and behind the times.
146	Online	51	growing
147	Online	52	Exciting
148	Online	53	potential
149	Online	54	diverse.
150	Online	55	Dying
151	Online	56	Boring
152	Online	57	is getting better
153	Online	58	divided

B. Headline Activity Entries

The following are the verbatim responses from the individual Headline Activity forms provided by the participants.

ID	Source	When we reflect on the work of this process in 20 years, what will the headline say? What does success look like? Write the headline below
1	Lacrosse	La Porte County- A place of destination for families, vacations and industry
2	Lacrosse	Another business opening in Wanatah as downtown continues to boom.
3	Lacrosse	Lacrosse gets a family dollar
4	Lacrosse	South County working for progress
5	Lacrosse	Population of Lacrosse hits all-time high.
6	Lacrosse	South La Porte County population growth out paces all other rural Indiana Counties.
7	Lacrosse	La Porte County Voted #1 Destination, within State of Indiana
8	Lacrosse	La Porte County Continues to Secure Record Numbers of Second and Third Home Destinations Follow the Advent of Driverless Heliport Expansion.
9	Lacrosse	Lacrosse increases quality of place through greenways and blueways
10	Lacrosse	Lacrosse ranked best place to live in Northwest Indiana
11	Lacrosse	La Porte County the first 100% sustainable county in USA. Or 1st County to achieve progress all UN Sustainable development goals
12	Lacrosse	Kankakee River becomes center of recreation
13	Lacrosse	Lacrosse prospers with new growth south county
14	Lacrosse	La Porte County named "Best Place to Live" by USA Today

ID	Source	When we reflect on the work of this process in 20 years, what will the headline say? What does success look like? Write the headline below
15	Lacrosse	La Porte County is still part of Indiana!
16	Lacrosse	County receives huge grant to implement programs
17	Lacrosse	La Porte Co. named top 10 best quality of life in IN.
18	Lacrosse	Lacrosse named best small town in Indiana
19	Lacrosse	Little La Porte County makes BIG impact
20	Lacrosse	Lacrosse a generational community
21	Lacrosse	Youngest governor from Lacrosse In. becomes the first independent
22	Lacrosse	Small town Lacrosse makes big contributions!
23	Lacrosse	Unique region triumphs
24	Lacrosse	Hanna is a great place to live.
25	Lacrosse	La Porte County Plan Excels Beyond Expectations
26	Lacrosse	La Porte County awarded "Most walkable Community in Indiana"
27	Lacrosse	La Porte County named healthiest, most vibrant county in the United States
28	Lacrosse	The town of Hanna has become a friendly town, everyone has opened their heart to be friendly and helpful to all.
29	Lacrosse	La Porte County, Indiana is one of the best places in USA for families to raise their children to be great productive citizens.
30	Lacrosse	Majority of railroad tracks now passable
31	Lacrosse	La Porte County population slide trend turned around.
32	Lacrosse	The diverse tapestry of La Porte Co's people, places and prosperity rank it as 1 of top 10 places to live in the Midwest.
33	Lacrosse	Lacrosse finally got better cell phone reception! Just kidding!
34	Westville	100% of 2019 Vibrant Communities of LC completed!
35	Westville	Communities connect shared values to improve quality of life
36	Westville	Golf course open for business!
37	Westville	No smoking in all public places 50% increase in public transportation or 50% reduction in automobile traffic Connected walking/Bike paths in all of Westville
38	Westville	La Porte County now runs on 75% nuclear energy
39	Westville	La Porte County a welcoming place that has celebrate its past, but looking toward the future
40	Westville	La Porte County becomes the #1 Destination in the Midwest
41	Westville	La Porte County named one of nation's best rural counties for quality of life.
42	Westville	LP Co Residents Collaborate to serve each other, The pride of LP Co
43	Westville	US 421 is a four-lane highway
44	Westville	La Porte County votes Best Place in America to Live by US news and world report
45	Westville	Nipsco cooling Tower becomes giant mural
46	Westville	Average Family income reaches new high in LP Co
47	Westville	5 Millionth flying tax; pilotless drone comes off the line at the La Porte County Assembly Plant

ID	Source	When we reflect on the work of this process in 20 years, what will the headline say? What does success look like? Write the headline below
48	Westville	20 Years ago, La Porte County embraced the future, and made it real
49	Westville	I see Westville and surround area growing into a "college town." I see the downtown being revitalized and 421 corridor being developed into mixed use opportunities for students, businesses, and families.
50	Westville	Ariana Grande Headlines to a capacity crowd of 50,000 at the La Porte County Apple Convention Center
51	Westville	La Porte County #10 in Health Indicators! Up from 77 20 years ago
52	Westville	Michigan Lakefront
53	Westville	Nipsco former site welcomes visitors to enjoy the beauty of Lake Michigan
54	Westville	La Porte named nationally innovative and where everyone LP Co innovative and inclusive where you want to live
55	Westville	La Porte County Happier and Healthier than Ever
56	Westville	Best shopping in the Midwest
57	Westville	Community celebrates majority of citizens involved with philanthropic effort
58	Westville	Michigan City's Phenomenal Growth Spurred by community input
59	Westville	La Porte Co. keeps moving forward
60	Westville	Westville hub of two counties
6	La Porte	Have you been in LP lately?
62	La Porte	La Porte County- where property values continue to rise because young families continue to more because of great living conditions
63	La Porte	La Porte Co still on the move
64	La Porte	County ranks as healthiest in state
65	La Porte	La Porte hits an all-time high unemployment rate of 2%
66	La Porte	La Porte discovers cure for cancer
67	La Porte	The only places to be
68	La Porte	La Porte 2039 #1 Destination spot of the United States
69	La Porte	La Porte County Economic Director opens new businesses in MC, LP, and Union Mills as new consortium continues to prosper under new funding mechanisms with, La Porte, MC, LP County gov.
70	La Porte	La Porte ranks in Top 5 Indiana Counties for resident health/La Porte raises healthy families
71	La Porte	La Porte a gem in NW Indiana who shines in: education, workplace growth, a community who cares, who invests in their future of the generations to come
72	La Porte	La Porte celebrates in 5th Annual National robotics competition held on pine lakes new science lab
73	La Porte	La Porte added to list of best places to live
74	La Porte	Welcome to La Porte the Greatest County in the state
75	La Porte	La Porte, Indiana- A great place to visit, work and live
76	La Porte	The Civic is still standing yeah!

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77	La Porte	La Porte- population rising due to improved downtown
78	La Porte	La Porte achieves top 10% healthiest county in Indiana
79	La Porte	La Porte ranked in Top 5 communities to live in Indiana
80	La Porte	A county set on innovation and adaption
81	La Porte	La Porte County sets record for retaining college graduates due to desirable life amenities
82	La Porte	Who were those thinkers that finally changes things (history is good, let's make our history better)
83	La Porte	La Porte County in NWI has a 360!
84	La Porte	La Porte County recognized as the best place to live! In the Mid-west
85	La Porte	La Porte county #1 family vacation spot in state.
86	La Porte	La Porte County Healthy living for all lakes-youth-industry
87	La Porte	La Porte County is a thriving, diverse community, providing equal access to excellent quality of life
88	La Porte	La Porte County home to International arts
89	La Porte	La Porte County Indiana no longer a hidden gem innovators of workforce development poised for prosperity
90	La Porte	La Porte is a place people want to live and work
91	La Porte	La Porte rates high in quality of life
92	La Porte	La Porte County jobless rate is less than 25% of national average
93	La Porte	La Porte County leads region in economic and educational growth
94	La Porte	La Porte County, a gem from the Shores of Lake Michigan to the Kankakee river shore,
94	La Porte	La Porte Co shows how to unite and prosper
95	La Porte	La Porte, a recreational place to live
96	La Porte	Visit the City of La Porte voted #1 in safety for bicycling and walking
97	La Porte	La Porte County is alive and well
98	La Porte	La Porte County is the premiere Chicago land bedroom community
99	La Porte	Citizens celebrate the realization of 20-year plan; set bold goals for the NEXT 20 years
100	La Porte	La Porte, community growth with families and businesses all time high
101	La Porte	La Porte County, Indiana makes the list of top ten fastest growing communities in the Midwest!
102	La Porte	Passionate citizens gather to chart La Porte County's future
103	La Porte	People > cars why it worked in La Porte
104	La Porte	Neighbors working in neighborhoods to spruce the place up!
105	La Porte	La Porte IN: from heroine highway to Innovations capital of the US
106	La Porte	Business is booming in Northern Indiana. Population growth is double did get. Employment opportunities match education

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107	La Porte	La Porte... The door to a community of opportunity, culture and education
108	La Porte	No hungry people in La Porte County residents eat healthy local food
109	La Porte	La Porte County leads communities in internet and technology advancements
110	La Porte	La Porte County ranked "Most Livable" in Midwest
111	La Porte	La Porte County= Healthiest County in the state of Indiana
112	La Porte	La Porte County's 16 communities are all thriving
113	La Porte	La Porte grew from "Hub of Awesome" to Vehicle of Awesome!
114	La Porte	"The most interesting city in the United States"
115	La Porte	La Porte, Indiana: The business' and citizens are thriving!
115	La Porte	La Porte, Indiana: A land of opportunity!
115	La Porte	La Porte, Indiana: Where you can be??? You want to be!
116	La Porte	La Porte County is where families come to play
117	La Porte	The little engine that could La Porte County succeeds!
118	La Porte	Always something going on in La Porte!
118	La Porte	La Porte County Reaches #4 in Indiana for Healthiest Community!
119	La Porte	La Porte, large but healthy community has grown exceedingly
120	La Porte	Accepted change that improves our county
121	La Porte	La Porte rises to the top in the state as one of the best places to raise a family in Indiana, with low crime rate, livable wages, and affordable housing
122	La Porte	Welcome to La Porte a city of opportunity, happiness for all
123	La Porte	Family oriented and welcoming community with job opportunities and resource assistance for families, homeless and veterans
124	La Porte	Schools have prepared their students for a new generation of work force
125	La Porte	La Porte County population increased 10% Why? Great schools!
126	La Porte	City of La Porte chosen for model plan for communities 35,000 or less
126	La Porte	La Porte County is on 10 best counties to live in 2039
127	La Porte	La Porte once again named recognized for outstanding leadership amongst Indiana's 92 counties!
128	La Porte	La Porte Co. named healthiest in state
129	La Porte	Boeing relocates to La Porte Airport
130	La Porte	La Porte County making itself a top-notch tourist destination!
131	La Porte	Beautiful Lake Community thriving into a top-notch (10) destination
132	La Porte	La Porte Population grows 7% in 20 years due to fun activities for kids
133	La Porte	La Porte County ranked #1 for school good.
134	La Porte	La Porte County welcomes next generation of leaders
135	La Porte	La Porte County is the cradle of rich environmental and cultural experiences in the region, in the reach of diverse places: Lake Mich/Lakes, SW Michigan, Amish culture, Chicago, Dunes & more
136	La Porte	La Porte named in top 100 "Best Places to Live" in United States

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137	Mich City	MC has been identified as the "happiest" city in the United State
138	Mich City	Michigan City growing by leaps and bounds
139	Mich City	Area schools ranked among the best in Indiana
140	Mich City	Economic Fairness for everyone
141	Mich City	La Porte County keeps its charm as they navigated tremendous growth: industrial, tourism, double-track, population growth
142	Mich City	La Porte County sees significant population! - Growth over 20 years helping to fill job demand for employers, expand housing needs, and increase median ages
143	Mich City	Created a community of individuals caring more about the whole than themselves
144	Mich City	Michigan City- an exciting and reinvigorated community transformation and success story on the shore of Lake Michigan
145	Mich City	MC voted #1 city to live in the Midwest (A comeback story)
146	Mich City	La Porte County emerges as an economic engine
147	Mich City	Supportive of all communities in Michigan City- Low-income, Tourist, Business, Higher Education, etc.
148	Mich City	Michigan City a Great Place to Live
149	Mich City	Finally all events/venues even private parking have convenient recycling
150	Mich City	Michigan City is voted top spot for recreation in the State of Indiana
151	Mich City	Great Place to Live, Visit and open a business
152	Mich City	La Porte County great place to raise children
153	Mich City	Unity concert and festival hits 20 years
154	Mich City	Michigan city enhanced its urban renewal and created a modern thriving community
155	Mich City	Recognized as Number One Place to Live in NW Indiana
156	Mich City	Community-drive planning results in resilient and sustainable community payoffs
157	Mich City	La Porte County, stagnant to booming
158	Mich City	America's First Back to Back winner of #1 City to Live in America 2038 & 2039
159	Mich City	Michigan City has been named the best place to live and work due to low unemployment rate, high paying salaries, low crime and a A+ rated school system
160	Mich City	La Porte County continues to lead by example
161	Mich City	La Porte County was the first County in the Midwest to raise the minimum wage to \$15 hour in 2020 and what a difference it has made
162	Mich City	2019's 20-year Development plans deemed revived successful: NW Corner In has revived its industrial base with mtg, warehousing and distribution to the nation
163	Mich City	Exercise your right to vote Nov. 5th
164	Mich City	Michigan City has evolved into a great destination
165	Mich City	Engaged community celebrates positive development after non-stop actions to improve
166	Mich City	MC Families continue to lead in health, wealth and opportunity

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167	Mich City	La Porte County rated as one of the top 10 best places to live for jobs, education, retirement, and healthy life styles
168	Mich City	MC leads in developing public greenspace, affordable housing with removal and NIPSCO-plant
169	Mich City	More housing needed as La Porte County Population Climbs
170	Mich City	Michigan city to host summer Olympics
171	Mich City	Michigan City- Boom Town!
172	Mich City	2030! La Porte County- A shining example of growth and opportunity
173	Mich City	Michigan City/La Porte, IN named top 10 vacation destination
174	Mich City	La Porte County Indiana rivals Chicago for quality of life and destination
175	Mich City	Michigan City voted #1 place to live in the USA for young couples with children
176	Mich City	New retail establishment joins vibrant downtown locations shopping area
177	Mich City	La Porte County- the place to be!
178	Mich City	La Porte County Indiana is voted in top 50 communities in US to live
179	Mich City	Crime rate dropped 10% overall in La Porte County for 3rd year in a row
180	Mich City	Record number of La Porte County College graduates choose to come back to work and raise families
181	Mich City	Emerald necklace connects north side parks and neighborhoods with other communities, counties and states
182	Mich City	Homelessness no longer exists. Food insecurity greatly reduced.
183	Mich City	Jobs, schools, health, safety continue a 20-year streak of improvement in La Porte County
184	Mich City	Workforce ready
185	Mich City	La Porte, Indiana Top 10 Lowest Shark attacks in the USA
186	Mich City	Today marks 5th Anniversary of no deaths due to overdose. We are 5 years clean
187	Mich City	Michigan City, La Porte County named among nation's top 10 places to live
188	Mich City	La Porte County students lead nation in Environmental Science Education
189	Mich City	Michigan city voted #1 city in US to raise a family
190	Mich City	La Porte County- An amazing success story of rags to riches
191	Mich City	MC completes its river walk! It exceeds the San Antonio Riverwalk
192	Mich City	La Porte County growth surpasses expectations!
193	Mich City	Marquette Mall celebrates is year reopening
194	Mich City	La Porte County is among the top 10 counties in Indiana in educational attainment/Median Family Income and health measures
195	Mich City	Successful community, with growth and prosperity for all
196	Mich City	Population growth out paces lake and porter counties
196	Mich City	Home values continue to climb to record highs
197	Mich City	Center of Out of Earth
198	Mich City	La Porte County your stay with us remains with you happily where ever you go!

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199	Mich City	20-year process paid off BIG for La Porte County
200	Mich City	Michigan City Area Schools joins remainder of County school systems in 5-star status
201	Mich City	Best Midwest city in NWI- jobs, family activities, and things for them to do
202	Mich City	La Porte county voted #1 place to live in Indiana
203	Mich City	Michigan City: Eco-Friendly, Eco-Development Success
204	Mich City	La Porte Co- A Strong Advocate for the Homeless
205	Mich City	La Porte County ranks 1 in Top Places to Live- Again!
206	Mich City	La Porte County is healthiest community in U.S.
207	Mich City	County achieves affordable housing integration
208	Mich City	The city of opportunity the that works (in the state that works) gateway to the Lake, The door to La Porte, The tip of the Lake of the Top of Prosperity
209	Mich City	Michigan City takes the crown as number 1 place to live in Indiana
210	Mich City	Michigan City rated most improved in LGBTQ+, ethnic, racial, and overall cultural competence. Safe and inclusive places to live and visit
211	Rolling Prairie	Collaboration groups identifying what's not working and work toward solution even if nontraditional
212	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County joins NWI in being younger, more populated and affluent a
213	Rolling Prairie	All 16 La Porte County communities have executed their community plans!
214	Rolling Prairie	Younger Communities connected in a vibrant County
215	Rolling Prairie	La Porte Lakes larger than Life
216	Rolling Prairie	La Porte leads nation in quality of life
217	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County leads the state in creating jobs, homes and recreation
218	Rolling Prairie	Planning takes La Porte County to the "next" level
219	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County incubators successfully help state 100 businesses
220	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County Named Best Place to live in the Midwest
221	Rolling Prairie	"So much to do so little time"
222	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County - A vibrant place to live, work and worship!
223	Rolling Prairie	More students than ever staying in La Porte Co!!
224	Rolling Prairie	Population exceeds expectation for La Porte County
225	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County has become a little more "Vibrant"- follow us as we journey throughout the past 20 years of success
226	Rolling Prairie	Growing communities in La Porte County attract young people and families
227	Rolling Prairie	Rolling Prairie is a caring community that is a hub to area activities!
228	Rolling Prairie	That we can to small town that was growing
229	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County replaces Disney as "Happiest Place on Earth!"
230	Rolling Prairie	La Porte County leads the nation quality of life
231	Mich City 11/18	La Porte Co. Working Together Business Activity has increased 20 times
232	Mich City 11/18	Success! Michigan City! Diverse City! Best Schools, Jobs + fun!

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233	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County would provide opportunities for all. Ex. Better paying jobs, affordable housing, diversity in entertainment.
234	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Leads the Nation in College Grads Returning Home
235	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County's 20 yr place comes to fruition.
236	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County has achieved the best destination spot to visit and live.
237	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County is now thriving as a community of real true inclusion.
238	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Celebrates Double Tracking South Shore
239	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County is moving success on the southern tip of Lake Michigan
240	Mich City 11/18	Vibrant Impact the Communities of La Porte County with their success.
241	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Top of Chart for Places to Visit
242	Mich City 11/18	Look Where They Are Now!! La Porte County Generates A Record Number of Social Entrepreneurs!!
243	Mich City 11/18	More Black business alone / with diversity for all No matter what your color, income is everyone will be able to make it
244	Mich City 11/18	#1 Place to visit in Northwest Indiana
245	Mich City 11/18	The county is drug free!
246	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County - Growing Rapidly + Growing Strong
247	Mich City 11/18	is the premiere melting pot for diverse groups of people
248	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Embraces Change. More percentage of African Americans have better housing and have better jobs. There have been a 30% increase in more activities for children to be involved in.
249	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City, a place where houses become homes & friends become family
250	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City, is a great place to raise your children
251	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City small town with enormous opportunities to thrive successfully!
252	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County, Built on the shoulders of Entrepreneurs!!!
253	Mich City 11/18	Great Support for Youth Activities Education - Sports Use of Senior Citizens Input
254	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Taking Care of the People
255	Mich City 11/18	Lakeland has City Water More Jobs that pays good wages
256	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City - a welcoming community with numerous possibilities
257	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County has affordable college tuition for everyone.
258	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City Police Department hires black Female officer
259	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Poverty Level is Down
260	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Reaches its Milestone!
261	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City, The Best, Diverse Small Town to Live in the Midwest
262	Mich City 11/18	Change Has Come
263	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City Is Up and Coming Focusing on Education + Job Resources.
264	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City: A model Community
265	Mich City 11/18	Westville, IN Voted to Annex Michigan City

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266	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Leading the way in jobs, high school graduation, college acceptance, diversity and ultimate all-inclusiveness for all walks of life!
267	Mich City 11/18	Educational Achievement Exceeds State Averages For IN
268	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County A Place or Starting A Family and Close-Knit City
269	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County the Smart Choice for Growth, Tech and Families
270	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County Community, Family and Thriving! Growth + Family Starts in La Porte County. La Porte County First place you want to stop, shop, live.
271	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County, with its diversity of place and people, named in top 25 places to live in the Midwest!
272	Mich City 11/18	Michigan City HS Ranked #1 in Graduation Rate + College Acceptances with over \$ 10 million awarded in scholarships
273	Mich City 11/18	La Porte Co. Love: from birth to death
274	Mich City 11/18	African American's in La Porte County, Michigan City IN sets the bar for their community
275	Mich City 11/18	La Porte County College Grads Are Coming Back Home
276	Mich City 11/18	A new day, A new City La Porte County a place of respect & inclusion. Safety, Good Education, Healthy, and Equity!
277	Mich City 11/18	Black Owned Businesses Continue to Thrive in La Porte County.
278	Mich City 11/18	More Black owned Business along with diversity throughout the city as to where no matter what your color, degree, or income looks like everyone will be able to thrive. Which in return will also allow more things for the youth.

C. Activity A: Hopes and Concerns

The following are the verbatim responses from Activity A: Hopes and Concerns, recorded by the table leaders during the group discussion.

ID	Source	Table #	Comment ID	When you think about the future of your community, what makes you most optimistic?	Primary Topic
1	Lacrosse	1	1	people coming together	Community Identity & Pride
2	Lacrosse	1	2	great neighbors who look out for each other	Community Identity & Pride
3	Lacrosse	1	3	core values of Midwest people	Community Identity & Pride
4	Lacrosse	1	4	Location	Location
5	Lacrosse	1	5	youthful ignorance	
6	Lacrosse	1	6	clean air- open space	Natural Resources
7	Lacrosse	1	7	history	Arts, Culture & Amenities

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8	Lacrosse	1	8	tight knit community	Community Identity & Pride
9	Lacrosse	1	9	room for growth	Development & Growth
10	Lacrosse	3	1	US 30 to become an Interstate for econ development	Development & Growth
11	Lacrosse	3	2	My kids will grow up in L.C. Hanna- family friendly	Community Identity & Pride
12	Lacrosse	3	3	More people are getting involved in community	Community Identity & Pride
13	Lacrosse	3	4	South County- our kind have work ethic families are close knit, SC schools are great	Education
14	Lacrosse	3	5	Our town won't ?? new people culture will stay (Hanna)	Community Identity & Pride
15	Lacrosse	3	6	Schools- S. Central teaches kids well	Education
16	Lacrosse	3	7	Rebuilding our infrastructure- roads in particular	Development & Growth
17	Lacrosse	3	8	We'll develop more in downtowns than M.C. & L.P. each township	Development & Growth
18	Lacrosse	3	9	Known for something. Dollar general's carrying food	Arts, Culture & Amenities
19	Lacrosse	3	10	Huge improvement in student achievement and attitude	Education
20	Lacrosse	3	11	increase in community activity (sports & Xtra Curr) for school age.	Community Identity & Pride
21	Lacrosse	3	12	Housing is affordable farmers/others take care of each other	Accessibility & Attractability
22	Lacrosse	3	13	We're friendly	Community Identity & Pride
23	Lacrosse	4	1	People in the community strong families	Community Identity & Pride
24	Lacrosse	4	2	Softball training facility helped Amanda's store	Arts, Culture & Amenities
25	Lacrosse	4	3	Regional news, new restaurant	Arts, Culture & Amenities
26	Lacrosse	4	4	Water tower getting painted	
27	Lacrosse	4	5	We have a lot of ideas (need a grant writer for the county)	Development & Growth
28	Lacrosse	4	6	New liquor store in Wanatah	Development & Growth
29	Lacrosse	4	7	We have really fast internet-media com in Lacrosse for businesses.	Arts, Culture & Amenities
30	Lacrosse	4	8	Great library!	Education
31	Lacrosse	5	1	About service-oriented mindset of young people in South County	Community Identity & Pride

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32	Lacrosse	5	2	About never-give up attitude of expanding group of "doers" and in CC S. County	Community Identity & Pride
33	Lacrosse	5	3	Strong roots and family values	Community Identity & Pride
34	Lacrosse	5	4	Conservative state government that manages resources well	Collaborative Leadership
35	Lacrosse	5	5	Nonprofits working together	Collaborative Leadership
36	Lacrosse	5	6	Partnerships to create cohesive county for optimal use of resources	Collaborative Leadership
37	Lacrosse	5	7	Lacrosse- low crime, strong community, affordable housing	Community Identity & Pride
38	Lacrosse	5	8	Many opportunities for growth and improvement in South county	Development & Growth
39	Lacrosse	6	1	Input from whole county	Community Identity & Pride
40	Lacrosse	6	2	KIP and other Economic Dev. Jobs	Development & Growth
41	Lacrosse	6	3	Good elementary, middle, and H.S.	Education
42	Lacrosse	6	4	Good leadership with direction	Collaborative Leadership
43	Lacrosse	6	5	Diverse communities and longtime residents	Community Identity & Pride
44	Lacrosse	6	6	double track	Accessibility & Attractability
45	Lacrosse	6	7	route 30 being limited Accessibility & Attractability highway	Accessibility & Attractability
46	Lacrosse	6	8	Low tax	Development & Growth
47	Lacrosse	6	9	Newport landing becoming destination for youth sports possibly	Development & Growth
48	Lacrosse	6	10	Economic development corridor	Development & Growth
49	Lacrosse	6	11	Good history and arts	Arts, Culture & Amenities
50	Lacrosse	6	12	Good tourist destinations	Development & Growth
51	Lacrosse	6	13	Higher than average county road system (Mitch Bishop)	Accessibility & Attractability
52	Lacrosse	6	14	success in getting federal dollars	Collaborative Leadership
53	Lacrosse	N/A	1	I'm optimistic because there's an election every two years	
54	Lacrosse	N/A	2	I'm optimistic because of small town culture with kind-hearted people	Community Identity & Pride

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55	Lacrosse	N/A	3	I love the small-town lifestyle	Community Identity & Pride
56	Lacrosse	N/A	4	What makes me optimistic is advancement along Lake Michigan	Development & Growth
57	Lacrosse	N/A	5	My promise for the future is the youth	
58	Lacrosse	N/A	6	I'm optimistic about good natural resources, proximity to cities, and room to grow	Natural Resources
59	Lacrosse	N/A	7	Please link with the Erie Trail to bring people to community/healthy exercise	Health
60	Westville	N/A	1	Vicinity/closeness to PNW and branding	Location
61	Westville	N/A	2	Central Hub-crossroads to Valp/La Porte/MC- 421, 300, 80, 94	Location
62	Westville	N/A	3	Closeness to I-80/I-94 South Shore/Chicago	Location
63	Westville	N/A	4	Accessibility & Attractability to Lake Michigan	Location
64	Westville	N/A	5	Adequate infrastructure for growth/room for the growth	Development & Growth
65	Westville	N/A	6	Good schools	Education
66	Westville	N/A	7	Small community atmosphere "know your neighbors" "family values"	Community Identity & Pride
67	Westville	N/A	8	North Point warehouse upgrades and Dollar General	Development & Growth
68	Westville	N/A	9	Community Diversity	Community Identity & Pride
69	Westville	N/A	10	"Quick trips"- grocery store/post office/gas station/Am Track/freight/UPS Accessibility & Attractability to transportation	Accessibility & Attractability
70	Westville	N/A	11	Town Hall and Police Department together	Collaborative Leadership
71	Westville	N/A	1	Leadership	Collaborative Leadership
72	Westville	N/A	2	Working together for common good i.e. saving environment	Collaborative Leadership
73	Westville	N/A	3	The Arts- beautify our downtowns	Arts, Culture & Amenities
74	Westville	N/A	4	Location to natural resources	Natural Resources
75	Westville	N/A	5	Opportunities for many lifestyles	Accessibility & Attractability
76	Westville	N/A	6	Funding resource	Development & Growth
77	Westville	N/A	7	Downtown- revitalization	Development & Growth
78	Westville	N/A	8	Schools- education system	Education

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79	Westville	N/A	9	Healthy initiative	Health
80	Westville	N/A	10	Healthcare foundation	Health
81	Westville	N/A	11	Fairgrounds potential	Development & Growth
82	Westville	N/A	12	Commercial Development- double tracking- south shore	Accessibility & Attractability
83	Westville	N/A	13	National park	Natural Resources
84	Westville	N/A	14	A lot of room to grow	Development & Growth
85	Westville	N/A	15	Agriculture- farms/farmers markets	Arts, Culture & Amenities
86	Westville	7	1	Purdue Northwest want to be involved in everything	Collaborative Leadership
87	Westville	7	2	La Porte Downtown revitalization	Development & Growth
88	Westville	7	3	Library engagement with communities	Education
89	Westville	7	4	Broadband-fiber cables	Arts, Culture & Amenities
90	Westville	7	5	Small town; bedroom communities welcoming!	Community Identity & Pride
91	Westville	7	6	Diverse population with many different opinions and ideas. Geographically	Community Identity & Pride
92	Westville	7	7	Civic engagement organizations and youth engagement in all of county	Community Identity & Pride
93	Westville	7	8	Leadership at the County level	Collaborative Leadership
94	Westville	1	1	Location- can get anywhere!	Location
95	Westville	1	2	Caring individuals who work hard esp. to educate students	Education
96	Westville	1	3	Pride events well attended and growing even on 102-degree day	Community Identity & Pride
97	Westville	1	4	With availability of info so prevalent, we should be able to solve any problems	Collaborative Leadership
98	Westville	1	5	Community leadership more cohesive and knocking down barriers to progress	Collaborative Leadership
99	Westville	1	6	Cohesiveness and sense of pride in towns- Westville, LP and others	Community Identity & Pride
100	Westville	1	7	Innovative creative people, bus or orgs	Development & Growth
101	Westville	1	8	See older businesses and building being reinvigorated and re-created	Development & Growth
102	Westville	1	9	More events for LGBTQ- safer and better sense of place	Arts, Culture & Amenities
103	Westville	1	10	Lots of good infrastructure "ready" in area, WV wastewater; roads, etc.	Development & Growth

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104	Westville	1	11	Can serve more- ready to grow!	Development & Growth
105	Westville	1	12	LP- people using and enjoying our national resources- Lakes, Parks, and trails, etc	Natural Resources
106	Westville	1	13	Energy, construction and compressor Academy	Development & Growth
107	Westville	1	14	Cost of living, very reasonable	Accessibility & Attractability
108	Westville	1	15	Wastewater treatment plant rebuilt and uses only half it could double in size	
109	Westville	1	16	Pulled prison pop out of master plan	
110	Westville	1	17	smoking bans-good	Health
111	Westville	3	1	Green initiatives we have in our community	Natural Resources
112	Westville	3	2	Growth or rebirth of dtmc with arts district a lot of shop local double tracking/South shore	Arts, Culture & Amenities
113	Westville	3	3	Friendly, trustworthy, "Midwest" qualities	Community Identity & Pride
114	Westville	3	4	Creative, live-music, even in the winter	Arts, Culture & Amenities
115	Westville	3	5	Arts- lubeznik, VAD	Arts, Culture & Amenities
116	Westville	3	6	Location in so many different ways; in prime spot	Location
117	Westville	3	7	Feeling people belong to this place	Community Identity & Pride
118	Westville	3	8	Diversity in all aspects- people geo., urban/rural	Community Identity & Pride
119	Westville	3	9	Huge legacy- everything here is old	Arts, Culture & Amenities
120	Westville	3	10	Green spaces, parks, National Park	Natural Resources
121	Westville	3	11	PNW campus strong resources for quality education	Education
122	Westville	3	12	HFL; the \$ and info gathering	Health
123	La Porte	N/A	1	Great future mayor	Collaborative Leadership
124	La Porte	N/A	2	Children	
125	La Porte	N/A	3	Parks and Lakes Stone Lake, Beach Fox Park	Natural Resources
126	La Porte	N/A	4	Chessie Trail	Natural Resources
127	La Porte	N/A	5	Potential growth	Development & Growth
128	La Porte	N/A	6	Tennis courts	Arts, Culture & Amenities

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129	La Porte	N/A	7	Dunes Volleyball Club	Arts, Culture & Amenities
130	La Porte	N/A	8	Great School systems	Education
131	La Porte	N/A	9	Strong manufacturing base	Development & Growth
132	La Porte	N/A	10	Libraries	Education
133	La Porte	7	1	Location- proximity to other communities Chicago- Nappanee	Location
134	La Porte	7	2	Youth- broad thinkers, work ethic, 14-20ish, civically-minded	Community Identity & Pride
135	La Porte	7	3	Recent improvements in city- roadwork, new businesses	Development & Growth
136	La Porte	7	4	Innovative small businesses- bare bones, pink sheep, four seasons	Development & Growth
137	La Porte	7	5	Library engagement with communities	Education
138	La Porte	7	6	Manufacturing	Development & Growth
139	La Porte	7	7	Little Theater	Arts, Culture & Amenities
140	La Porte	7	8	Stone Lake	Natural Resources
141	La Porte	7	9	Environmental diversity, dunes, inland lakes	Natural Resources
142	La Porte	7	10	Live music	Arts, Culture & Amenities
143	La Porte	7	11	New Porte Landing	Development & Growth
144	La Porte	7	12	Trails and healthy Living projects- better connected	Natural Resources
145	La Porte	7	13	New facades downtown	Arts, Culture & Amenities
146	La Porte	7	14	New hospitals	Development & Growth
147	La Porte	7	15	Lakes & Parks	Natural Resources
148	La Porte	7	16	HFL	Health
149	La Porte	N/A	1	Caring community	Community Identity & Pride
150	La Porte	N/A	2	Education focus	Education
151	La Porte	N/A	3	Workplace focus	
152	La Porte	N/A	4	Collaborative nature	Community Identity & Pride
153	La Porte	N/A	5	Pride in athletics (banner/celebrate)	Community Identity & Pride
154	La Porte	N/A	6	Grit and strength	Community Identity & Pride

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155	La Porte	N/A	7	Pride in community	Community Identity & Pride
156	La Porte	N/A	8	dedicated education	Education
157	La Porte	N/A	9	Unique eco-system	Natural Resources
158	La Porte	N/A	10	historical neighborhoods	Arts, Culture & Amenities
159	La Porte	N/A	11	unmatched natural resources	Natural Resources
160	La Porte	N/A	12	physically provides room to grow	Development & Growth
161	La Porte	N/A	13	willingness to volunteer	Community Identity & Pride
162	La Porte	N/A	14	great location	Location
163	La Porte	N/A	15	diverse economy	Development & Growth
164	La Porte	N/A	16	stable neighborly town	Community Identity & Pride
165	La Porte	N/A	17	Active juvenile service system of care	
166	La Porte	N/A	1	Positive/progressive leadership	Collaborative Leadership
167	La Porte	N/A	2	Younger business owners in downtown	Development & Growth
168	La Porte	N/A	3	healthcare foundation funds great projects	Health
169	La Porte	N/A	4	New Park plan	Natural Resources
170	La Porte	N/A	5	Chessie Trail	Natural Resources
171	La Porte	N/A	6	New Porte landing potential	Development & Growth
172	La Porte	N/A	7	Natural features: Lakes, trails	Natural Resources
173	La Porte	N/A	8	Young minds bring great innovative ideas	Community Identity & Pride
174	La Porte	N/A	9	Vocal and Active youth engaged in change	Community Identity & Pride
175	La Porte	N/A	10	location in regard in region	Location
176	La Porte	N/A	11	UEA grant programs	
177	La Porte	N/A	1	The fact we're going through this process	Collaborative Leadership
178	La Porte	N/A	2	The increasing number of things to do (recreation and social)	Arts, Culture & Amenities
179	La Porte	N/A	3	Location- prime spot for good things to happen	Location
180	La Porte	N/A	4	Quality of education and desire of school system to restructure to reflect need of future workforce	Education
181	La Porte	N/A	5	natural beauty of lakes and parks and stewardship	Natural Resources

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182	La Porte	N/A	6	more young people moving back to the area	Accessibility & Attractability
183	La Porte	N/A	7	Seeing more cranes in the area (i.e. building)	Development & Growth
184	La Porte	N/A	8	HFL- \$200 M	Health
185	La Porte	N/A	9	Midwest values	Community Identity & Pride
186	La Porte	N/A	10	the arts and culture growing and attendance is growing	Arts, Culture & Amenities
187	La Porte	N/A	11	eventual double track of south shore	Accessibility & Attractability
188	La Porte	N/A	12	Downtown revitalization and new restaurants	Development & Growth
189	La Porte	N/A	13	Healthcare- new facilities	Health
190	La Porte	N/A	14	Because of our history	Arts, Culture & Amenities
191	La Porte	N/A	15	New Porte landing	Development & Growth
192	La Porte	N/A	1	Refurbishing of downtown, attempting to attract business	Development & Growth
193	La Porte	N/A	2	New Porte landing	Development & Growth
194	La Porte	N/A	3	Lakes and parks	Natural Resources
195	La Porte	N/A	4	Location, close to bigger cities	Location
196	La Porte	N/A	5	Increased community involvement in events	Community Identity & Pride
197	La Porte	N/A	6	Community groups helping low- income people	Community Identity & Pride
198	La Porte	N/A	7	good schools, library system	Education
199	La Porte	N/A	8	enhanced medical facilities	Health
200	La Porte	N/A	9	cultural events, symphony, little theater, museum	Arts, Culture & Amenities
201	La Porte	1	1	Parks and lakes	Natural Resources
202	La Porte	1	2	Development & Growth	Development & Growth
203	La Porte	1	3	Newcomers interested in community	Accessibility & Attractability
204	La Porte	1	4	generosity and foundations	Collaborative Leadership
205	La Porte	1	5	vision/open to new ideas	Community Identity & Pride
206	La Porte	1	6	leadership	Collaborative Leadership
207	La Porte	1	7	unique and beautiful space	Location

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208	La Porte	1	8	affordability	Accessibility & Attractability
209	La Porte	1	9	school pride	Education
210	La Porte	1	10	people helping out/volunteering	Community Identity & Pride
211	La Porte	1	12	façade improvements	Development & Growth
212	La Porte	N/A	1	Leadership	Collaborative Leadership
213	La Porte	N/A	2	Walking trails	Natural Resources
214	La Porte	N/A	3	new happenings in town	Accessibility & Attractability
215	La Porte	N/A	4	Parks and lakes	Natural Resources
216	La Porte	N/A	5	Health care foundation	Health
217	La Porte	N/A	6	schools and students	Education
218	La Porte	6	1	Meetings like this, and people with energy to make change	Community Identity & Pride
219	La Porte	6	2	Considerable investment in LC, 3 new hosp, every lib branch, PNW, new schools, private bus, bridges, redevelopment of New Porte Landing, KOP, MC: All our parks!	Collaborative Leadership
220	La Porte	6	3	Natural resources available not everyone has them!! (lakes!)	Natural Resources
221	La Porte	6	4	Infrastructure- façade building painting	Development & Growth
222	La Porte	6	5	Caring people	Community Identity & Pride
223	La Porte	6	6	Vision to build trails in and around Downtown Chessie Trail and connecting to other bike trails	Natural Resources
224	La Porte	6	7	Double tracking potential	Accessibility & Attractability
225	La Porte	6	8	Fresh water and food and trees	Natural Resources
226	La Porte	6	9	Medical care = close and good	Health
227	La Porte	6	10	Proximity to universities	Location
228	La Porte	N/A	1	Symphony, little theater, library, and civic all stayed intact and invested in	Arts, Culture & Amenities
229	La Porte	N/A	2	Music and parks programs/entertainment golf courses	Arts, Culture & Amenities
230	La Porte	N/A	3	DT revitalization	Development & Growth
231	La Porte	N/A	4	College trade programs/made-in-LP to show kids can come back for work	Education
232	La Porte	N/A	5	YMCA cleanup was a good start	Development & Growth

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233	La Porte	N/A	6	Company expansions/reinvesting in La Porte	Development & Growth
234	La Porte	N/A	7	AK Smith career center	Education
235	La Porte	N/A	8	Physical location- Toll Road/94, near Chicago, near Michigan, near Lake	Location
236	La Porte	N/A	9	Fair/4H programs and well organized	Education
237	La Porte	N/A	10	Healthcare Foundation and their website and investing in health in LP	Health
238	La Porte	N/A	1	great leadership/government	Collaborative Leadership
239	La Porte	N/A	2	caring, committed individuals' natural resources	Natural Resources
240	La Porte	N/A	3	Proximity to cultural activities Art in the Park	Location
241	La Porte	N/A	4	Return of young professionals	Accessibility & Attractability
242	La Porte	N/A	5	Multi-generational-lifestyles stay conservative keeps down rowdy	Community Identity & Pride
243	La Porte	N/A	6	Forward you thinking not stuck in we always done this	Community Identity & Pride
244	La Porte	N/A	7	near major landmarks neighborhood schools in city	Arts, Culture & Amenities
245	La Porte	N/A	8	Cost of living low new housing developments	Accessibility & Attractability
246	La Porte	N/A	9	New store fronts in town	Development & Growth
247	La Porte	N/A	10	More public spaces pedestrian friendly enough parking	Arts, Culture & Amenities
248	La Porte	N/A	11	Desire to create vibrancy in community	Community Identity & Pride
249	La Porte	N/A	12	Desire to more healthy active lifestyles with exercise spaces	Health
250	La Porte	N/A	13	Health care foundation \$180 million sale of local hospital disperse \$5.9 M/year	Health
251	La Porte	N/A	14	Accessibility & Attractability of area 2nd rail faster train service to Chicago public transportation/people moving	Accessibility & Attractability
252	La Porte	N/A	15	Attractive historical houses	Arts, Culture & Amenities
253	La Porte	N/A	16	Jackson St community garden 2nd one cost	Health
254	La Porte	N/A	17	Education center Brighton St at Polaski old Lenicks Lenox dairy	Education
255	La Porte	N/A	18	Great group tonight	Community Identity & Pride
256	La Porte	5	1	Great place to raise a family	Community Identity & Pride

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257	La Porte	5	2	Wealth of natural resources and beauty	Natural Resources
258	La Porte	5	3	Change of leadership	Collaborative Leadership
259	La Porte	5	4	Have increase seen increase in community engagement among 30 yr ish	Community Identity & Pride
260	La Porte	5	5	Watching my kids attend great schools	Education
261	La Porte	5	6	Arts are on the rise	Arts, Culture & Amenities
262	La Porte	5	7	Young people and young families are moving	Accessibility & Attractability
263	La Porte	5	8	More good restaurants make the optimistic	Development & Growth
264	La Porte	5	9	Optimistic at today's youth	Community Identity & Pride
265	Mich City	11	1	Businesses with the proper tools have a desire to help with developing skills	Development & Growth
266	Mich City	11	1	New businesses and new energy	Development & Growth
267	Mich City	11	2	Job creation so there will be decrease in the homeless population	Development & Growth
268	Mich City	11	3	Sustainability and quality of life	Health
269	Mich City	11	4	Increased tax base	Accessibility & Attractability
270	Mich City	11	5	Expansion and making the community more attractive	Development & Growth
271	Mich City	11	6	Will remove stigma of slow pace	Community Identity & Pride
272	Mich City	11	7	Increased social services and mental health providers	Health
273	Mich City	11	8	Triangle Bus- city of La Porte and Michigan City	Accessibility & Attractability
274	Mich City	7	1	Beauty of the lake	Natural Resources
275	Mich City	7	2	Architecture	Arts, Culture & Amenities
276	Mich City	7	3	Nonprofit collaborations/partnerships	Collaborative Leadership
277	Mich City	7	4	Community members are invested into the community	Community Identity & Pride
278	Mich City	7	5	Strong after school programs for youth	Education
279	Mich City	7	6	National Park designation	Natural Resources
280	Mich City	7	7	Persons moving in are environmental friendly	Community Identity & Pride
281	Mich City	7	8	Creation of the Uptown Arts District	Arts, Culture & Amenities
282	Mich City	7	9	The NIPSCO plant being torn down will add to lake aesthetics	Development & Growth

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283	Mich City	7	10	The diversity- cultures, faith groups	Community Identity & Pride
284	Mich City	2	1	Strategic forward motion, local governments coming together	Collaborative Leadership
285	Mich City	2	1	change, new ideas, engage youth	Community Identity & Pride
286	Mich City	2	2	Better public transportation Accessibility & Attractability, understandability, safe roads for bikes and walking	Accessibility & Attractability
287	Mich City	2	3	LGBTQ+ site in future, sober center for youth	Arts, Culture & Amenities
288	Mich City	2	4	Place for non-locals to come and spend money	Development & Growth
289	Mich City	2	5	New condos, new investments, companies coming here and taking risks	Development & Growth
290	Mich City	N/A	1	increasing diversity	Community Identity & Pride
291	Mich City	N/A	2	growing innovation/makes culture	Arts, Culture & Amenities
292	Mich City	N/A	3	young people staying and/or returning	Accessibility & Attractability
293	Mich City	N/A	4	growth of downtown MC # shops	Development & Growth
294	Mich City	N/A	5	So many natural assets and so many that acre for them	Natural Resources
295	Mich City	N/A	6	People are invested in MC/LP Co	Community Identity & Pride
296	Mich City	N/A	7	Beautiful many opportunities	Natural Resources
297	Mich City	N/A	8	People want the investment	Community Identity & Pride
298	Mich City	N/A	9	Bikes/sidewalks, lakefront, parks playground	Natural Resources
299	Mich City	N/A	10	diversity /cultures connectedness	Arts, Culture & Amenities
300	Mich City	N/A	11	tourist town	Community Identity & Pride
301	Mich City	N/A	12	ability to find jobs outside of MC	Accessibility & Attractability
302	Mich City	N/A	13	lots of biracial families	Community Identity & Pride
303	Mich City	N/A	14	NIPSCO plant coming down	Development & Growth
304	Mich City	N/A	15	Young people accepting of differences among other sexual identity, race, health	Community Identity & Pride
305	Mich City	N/A	16	transit- south shore double tracking	Accessibility & Attractability

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306	Mich City	N/A	1	People that he's met that has moved to MC or returned to MC lots of opportunities location	Accessibility & Attractability
307	Mich City	N/A	2	World class natural resources bio diverse region in the world	Natural Resources
308	Mich City	N/A	3	Proud of new national park	Natural Resources
309	Mich City	N/A	4	connection from Blue Chip to Lake- location makes it more walkable	Location
310	Mich City	N/A	5	Very organic community interested in arts and community; natural beauty, transportation options- rail, expansion of airport in future	Community Identity & Pride
311	Mich City	N/A	6	local participation taken to neighborhoods	Community Identity & Pride
312	Mich City	N/A	7	location proximity to Chicago and Michigan	Location
313	Mich City	N/A	8	Outlet and Blue Chip helps us grow as well as the beach. School system gets better, grad rates are getting better	Education
314	Mich City	N/A	9	We don't have a ghetto in Michigan City	Community Identity & Pride
315	Mich City	1	1	The people and diverse population	Community Identity & Pride
316	Mich City	1	2	collaboration between non-profits	Collaborative Leadership
317	Mich City	1	3	Seening youth involved	
318	Mich City	1	4	Rebuilding and redeveloping Michigan City and La Porte	Development & Growth
319	Mich City	1	5	Collaboration and Caring for our neighbors	Community Identity & Pride
320	Mich City	1	6	There are lots of people who care	Community Identity & Pride
321	Mich City	1	7	Proximity to Chicago and tracking project	Accessibility & Attractability
322	Mich City	1	8	Passionate about our lake front natural resources	Natural Resources
323	Mich City	1	9	Expansion and redevelopment of east and west sides of MC	Development & Growth
324	Mich City	9	1	Over Main Street Association and powerful team of volunteers	Community Identity & Pride
325	Mich City	9	2	Safe Harbor- our MCAs after school program and its positive impact	Education
326	Mich City	9	3	Growing value in local natural resources and advocacy around preservation nature resources cherished and taken care of	Natural Resources
327	Mich City	9	4	Proximity to other cities	Location

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328	Mich City	9	5	Appreciation for geographic area-proximity to lake	Location
329	Mich City	9	6	Caring and appreciative community	Community Identity & Pride
330	Mich City	9	7	Potential for diversity	Community Identity & Pride
331	Mich City	9	8	Creative economic development- deeply invested artists and creatives	Arts, Culture & Amenities
332	Mich City	9	9	City's investment in developing AASpace affordable housing and need more creative work space strong non-profit presence and community	Development & Growth
333	Mich City	9	10	Inclusive and tolerant community and values diversity	Community Identity & Pride
334	Mich City	9	11	Double track south shore expansion	Accessibility & Attractability
335	Mich City	9	12	NIPSCO closure	Development & Growth
336	Mich City	9	13	Dedicated local business owners	Development & Growth
337	Mich City	9	14	Strong united way presence and helping community	Collaborative Leadership
338	Mich City	N/A	1	Two rail system to Chicago	Accessibility & Attractability
339	Mich City	N/A	2	Proximity to Lake Michigan	Location
340	Mich City	N/A	3	The Vibrant Communities process - people realizing need to move forward	Community Identity & Pride
341	Mich City	N/A	4	Rich cultural and educational opportunities are increasing	Arts, Culture & Amenities
342	Mich City	N/A	5	Development improvement in our parks	Natural Resources
343	Mich City	N/A	6	New hotels and more events more money to promote area	Development & Growth
344	Mich City	N/A	7	Two new hospitals	Development & Growth
345	Mich City	N/A	8	Downtown structural improvements, grants provided	Development & Growth
346	Mich City	N/A	9	Agri-tourism- up and coming	Development & Growth
347	Mich City	N/A	10	Feel safe in our community/county	Community Identity & Pride
348	Mich City	N/A	11	We are optimistic about a lot	Community Identity & Pride
349	Mich City	5	1	Lake Shore	Natural Resources
350	Mich City	5	2	Good leadership	Collaborative Leadership
351	Mich City	5	3	The variety our towns offer	Accessibility & Attractability

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352	Mich City	5	4	New businesses	Development & Growth
353	Mich City	5	5	longevity	
354	Mich City	5	6	community is growing	Development & Growth
355	Mich City	5	7	art district	Arts, Culture & Amenities
356	Mich City	5	8	education	Education
357	Mich City	5	9	the zoo	Arts, Culture & Amenities
358	Mich City	N/A	1	Improvements in the downtown/NIPSCO area to fill vacant buildings	Development & Growth
359	Mich City	N/A	2	Outlets, beach, Blue Chip using the funds	Arts, Culture & Amenities
360	Mich City	N/A	3	Economic growth, wage increase	Development & Growth
361	Mich City	N/A	4	Community working together, tourism optimistic	Community Identity & Pride
362	Mich City	N/A	5	Lakes, parks	Natural Resources
363	Mich City	N/A	6	Continued success of the Lake front and utilizing the downtown	Development & Growth
364	Mich City	N/A	7	creating new jobs	Development & Growth
365	Mich City	N/A	8	Attracting new construction families apartment buildings for the area	Development & Growth
366	Mich City	N/A	9	Michigan City Schools continued success for building programs	Education
367	Mich City	10	1	Downtown growth in Michigan city	Development & Growth
368	Mich City	10	2	Growing interest in city to have business	Development & Growth
369	Mich City	10	3	Businesses have left and returned to the area	Development & Growth
370	Mich City	10	4	Rise in volunteer interest in community	Community Identity & Pride
371	Mich City	10	5	Location: we are a destination	Location
372	Mich City	10	6	Great prospects: NIPSCO	
373	Mich City	10	7	Higher quality of life living here	Accessibility & Attractability
374	Mich City	10	8	We are a throrfair, everything and everyone passes through there	Location
375	Mich City	10	9	Green Energy	Development & Growth
376	Mich City	10	10	Diversity in leadership	Collaborative Leadership
377	Mich City	10	11	The senior center in MC is state of the art	Health

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378	Mich City	10	12	Recent expansion of manf. growth	Development & Growth
379	Mich City	10	13	Improved health from NIPSCO plant closing	Health
380	Mich City	10	14	In the "cross roads of America" MC is a destination	Location
381	Mich City	10	15	Lake Michigan best beach on the lake- best beach on the lake- best water for drinking	Natural Resources
382	Mich City	10	16	Agriculture farms and farmer's markets	Arts, Culture & Amenities
383	Mich City	10	17	incredibly diverse environment	Community Identity & Pride
384	Mich City	8	1	Natural beauty county/National parks	Natural Resources
385	Mich City	8	2	Revitalization of downtown lake front-crare	Development & Growth
386	Mich City	8	3	Transportation- south shore	Accessibility & Attractability
387	Mich City	8	4	Community building opportunities like this	Collaborative Leadership
388	Mich City	8	5	Trail creek	Natural Resources
389	Mich City	8	6	Project 20/40	
390	Mich City	8	7	Updating of Lake Front	Development & Growth
391	Mich City	8	8	Mid-West Family values	Community Identity & Pride
392	Mich City	8	9	diversity	Community Identity & Pride
393	Mich City	8	10	promise scholarship	
394	Mich City	8	11	Education, improved schools	Education
395	Mich City	8	12	Partnerships like MCHS	Arts, Culture & Amenities
396	Mich City	8	13	Summer events	Arts, Culture & Amenities
397	Mich City	8	14	Local talent/Theatres/music festivals	Arts, Culture & Amenities
398	Mich City	8	15	Destination places- zoo/breweries, etc	Arts, Culture & Amenities
399	Mich City	8	16	Moving Forward- branding	Collaborative Leadership
400	Mich City	8	17	Creative Arts- reasonably priced	Arts, Culture & Amenities
401	Mich City	8	18	Good teachers and students	Education
402	Rolling Prairie	1	1	Good schools, good plans for the future	Education
403	Rolling Prairie	1	2	good library	Education

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404	Rolling Prairie	1	3	good fire department	Collaborative Leadership
405	Rolling Prairie	1	4	Clean water and fresh air	Natural Resources
406	Rolling Prairie	1	5	Easy HWY Accessibility & Attractability	Accessibility & Attractability
407	Rolling Prairie	1	6	Variety of businesses- small business	Development & Growth
408	Rolling Prairie	1	7	Invested in youth- stem program trades program	Education
409	Rolling Prairie	2	1	Schools- newly renovated, quality of education	Education
410	Rolling Prairie	2	2	Great place to raise children	Community Identity & Pride
411	Rolling Prairie	2	3	Extracurricular activities 4-H; Arts; Theatre: Sports	Arts, Culture & Amenities
412	Rolling Prairie	2	4	Dunes, Lakes, Natural Resources	Natural Resources
413	Rolling Prairie	2	5	Tour de La Porte example	Accessibility & Attractability
414	Rolling Prairie	2	6	Collaboration amongst groups for common goals and event	Collaborative Leadership
415	Rolling Prairie	2	7	Getting youth involved	
416	Rolling Prairie	2	8	More opportunities to learn internet; libraries	Education
417	Rolling Prairie	2	9	Technology could create more jobs tele medicine/work from home	Development & Growth
418	Rolling Prairie	2	10	Diverse culture- farms to city	Arts, Culture & Amenities
419	Rolling Prairie	2	11	Strong community foundations	Collaborative Leadership
420	Rolling Prairie	14	1	Decent hardworking people in leadership positions throughout County	Collaborative Leadership
421	Rolling Prairie	14	2	Lakes	Natural Resources
422	Rolling Prairie	14	3	Hometown values	Community Identity & Pride
423	Rolling Prairie	14	4	Community involvement	Community Identity & Pride
424	Rolling Prairie	14	5	Current momentum/things to do	Arts, Culture & Amenities
425	Rolling Prairie	14	6	More people on the thought path to enhance our current assets like the lakes, parks, etc	Natural Resources
426	Rolling Prairie	14	7	The churches/deserve to serve the broader community even beyond their church	Collaborative Leadership
427	Rolling Prairie	14	8	The NP schools is a community to township type school	Education

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428	Rolling Prairie	14	9	County level officials that really care	Collaborative Leadership
429	Rolling Prairie	14	10	HFL/focus on health the number of funders we have	Health
430	Rolling Prairie	14	11	Stability of politics (overall)= team-oriented across the County	Collaborative Leadership
431	Rolling Prairie	14	12	Millennials returning	Accessibility & Attractability
432	Mich City 11/18		1	Growth of MC	Development & Growth
433	Mich City 11/18		2	Direction it's Moving	Development & Growth
434	Mich City 11/18		3	Equal + Better Pay	Development & Growth
435	Mich City 11/18		1	Currently have a black chief of police	Collaborative Leadership
436	Mich City 11/18		2	Community Engagement	Accessibility & Attractability
437	Mich City 11/18		3	Our community is moving towards diversity	Accessibility & Attractability
438	Mich City 11/18		1	MC has grown somewhat	Development & Growth
439	Mich City 11/18		2	Beautification in town good	Community Identity & Pride
440	Mich City 11/18		3	Blacks getting more involved in politics + decision making	Collaborative Leadership
441	Mich City 11/18		4	Got my 1st Black Physician!	Community Identity & Pride
442	Mich City 11/18		5	Black Police Chief can help unity the community	Collaborative Leadership
443	Mich City 11/18		1	More community engagement in AA community	Community Identity & Pride
444	Mich City 11/18		2	Increased of educated + improved local talent	Education
445	Mich City 11/18		3	More representation than ever before - elected leadership	Collaborative Leadership
446	Mich City 11/18		4	School system improvement	Education
447	Mich City 11/18		5	Regional expansion of partnerships - Chicago, Michigan, South Bend	Collaborative Leadership
448	Mich City 11/18		6	Manufacturing expansion	Development & Growth
449	Mich City 11/18		7	Youth Commission	
450	Mich City 11/18		8	Close to Chicago	Location
451	Mich City 11/18		1	New treatment options and providers	Accessibility & Attractability
452	Mich City 11/18		2	New generation of leaders	Collaborative Leadership

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453	Mich City 11/18		3	Resident desire to have a better community.	Community Identity & Pride
454	Mich City 11/18		4	The positive energy & support within African American comm.	Community Identity & Pride
455	Mich City 11/18		5	More small businesses starting.	Development & Growth
456	Mich City 11/18		6	People are hopeful	Community Identity & Pride
457	Mich City 11/18		7	Proper communication creates a brighter future.	Accessibility & Attractability
458	Mich City 11/18		1	Great potential of our people	Community Identity & Pride
459	Mich City 11/18		2	being a good role model	
460	Mich City 11/18		3	Sharing knowledge	Collaborative Leadership
461	Mich City 11/18		4	growth of the family structure	Community Identity & Pride
462	Mich City 11/18		5	Change can and should occur	Development & Growth
463	Mich City 11/18		6	The change in politics / elected leaders & the change in the climate of the culture (people are getting more involved in the community)	Collaborative Leadership
464	Mich City 11/18		7	Together enticing entrepreneur to (move their businesses / start) in La Porte County	Accessibility & Attractability
465	Mich City 11/18		1	Lakefront	Arts, Culture & Amenities
466	Mich City 11/18		2	Casino / Lighthouse Mall	Arts, Culture & Amenities
467	Mich City 11/18		3	Committed leadership	Collaborative Leadership
468	Mich City 11/18		4	Prime location - within city access to train / I-94	Accessibility & Attractability
469	Mich City 11/18		5	Greatness of the children	
470	Mich City 11/18		6	Education	Education
471	Mich City 11/18		7	Marketing and attractiveness of the city	Accessibility & Attractability
472	Mich City 11/18		8	City and rural living options	Accessibility & Attractability
473	Mich City 11/19		1	Inclusive Planning Processes.	Collaborative Leadership
474	Mich City 11/20		2	Economic + Social Mobility for the African American Community that encompasses a strategic plan to improve current + future	Collaborative Leadership
475	Mich City 11/21		3	Educational opportunities	Education

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476	Mich City 11/22		4	Strong cultural community	Arts, Culture & Amenities
477	Mich City 11/23		5	Affordable housing in good areas	Accessibility & Attractability
478	Mich City 11/24		6	good employment history	Accessibility & Attractability
479	Mich City 11/25		7	good paying jobs / exposure to non-traditional careers	Accessibility & Attractability
480	Mich City 11/26		8	Change can + should occur	
481	Mich City 11/27		9	Younger generation showing concern	Arts, Culture & Amenities
482	Mich City 11/28		10	more small business	Development & Growth
483	Mich City 11/29		11	People	
484	Mich City 11/30		12	beach	Development & Growth
485	Mich City 11/31		13	growth	Development & Growth
486	Mich City 11/32		14	Resident desire to have a better community.	Community Identity & Pride
487	Mich City 11/33		15	Change in politics / elected leaders	Collaborative Leadership
488	Mich City 11/34		16	Change in climate of the culture	Natural Resources
489	Mich City 11/35		17	the greatness of our children	Accessibility & Attractability
490	Mich City 11/36		18	Lakefront	Arts, Culture & Amenities
491	Mich City 11/37		19	Casino	Arts, Culture & Amenities
492	Mich City 11/38		20	interested in growth	Development & Growth
493	Mich City 11/39		21	committed growth leader	Collaborative Leadership
494	Mich City 11/40		22	prime location - get within city. 94-train	Location
495	Mich City 11/41		23	diversity	Arts, Culture & Amenities
496	Mich City 11/42		24	children	
497	Mich City 11/43		25	schools	Education
498	Mich City 11/44		26	marketing of city	Accessibility & Attractability
499	Mich City 11/45		27	city vs rural	
500	Union Mills MIB	N/A	1	Park + expansion of County Parks	Natural Resources
501	Union Mills MIB	N/A	2	Schools good	Education
502	Union Mills MIB	N/A	3	Churches good	Arts, Culture & Amenities

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503	Union Mills MIB	N/A	4	Conservation club - young energetic	Natural Resources
504	Union Mills MIB	N/A	5	Kids he coaches will be his neighbor someday	
505	Union Mills MIB	N/A	6	People - Midwest Values	Community Identity & Pride
506	Union Mills MIB	N/A	7	Satisfied	
507	Union Mills MIB	N/A	8	Co-Alliance Coop	Arts, Culture & Amenities
508	Union Mills MIB	N/A	9	Lots of good farmland	Community Identity & Pride
509	Union Mills MIB	N/A	10	Lots of irrigation = specialty crops + growth	Natural Resources
510	Union Mills MIB	N/A	11	Mill Pond Park	Natural Resources
511	Union Mills MIB	N/A	12	Small Town Atmosphere	Community Identity & Pride
512	Union Mills MIB	N/A	13	People Friendly + Welcoming	Community Identity & Pride
513	Union Mills MIB	N/A	14	SAFE	
514	Union Mills MIB	N/A	15	Tourism	Accessibility & Attractability
515	Union Mills MIB	N/A	16	Service orgs - proud of	Community Identity & Pride
516	Union Mills MIB	N/A	17	Projects - Clean ups	
517	Union Mills MIB	N/A	18	Proud of Union Mills	Community Identity & Pride
518	Union Mills MIB	N/A	19	Proximity to PNW - Westville	Location
519	Union Mills MIB	N/A	20	County/City/Town Parks - great	Natural Resources
520	Union Mills MIB	N/A	21	Natural beauty	Natural Resources
521	Union Mills MIB	N/A	22	Near Lake Michigan!	Accessibility & Attractability
522	Union Mills MIB	N/A	23	Strong sense of community - great extended family	Community Identity & Pride
523	Union Mills MIB	N/A	24	Businesses gave a lot.	Development & Growth
524	Union Mills MIB	N/A	25	Golf carts	
525	Union Mills MIB	N/A	26	UPKEEP on lakes + ponds	Natural Resources
526	Union Mills MIB	N/A	27	Festivals + outdoor concerts	Arts, Culture & Amenities
527	Union Mills MIB	N/A	28	Playground areas - Valplayso	Arts, Culture & Amenities
528	Union Mills MIB	N/A	29	People take care of each other	Community Identity & Pride
529	Union Mills MIB	N/A	30	SVC Orgs work together well	Collaborative Leadership

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530	Union Mills MIB	N/A	31	Generosity + caring is heartwarming	Community Identity & Pride
531	Union Mills MIB	N/A	32	Like community to work + coming home to tractor	
532	Union Mills MIB	N/A	33	Time to think	
533	Union Mills MIB	N/A	34	We're close to Chicago + airports - only 1.5 hours + Big name entertainment	Location
534	Union Mills MIB	N/A	35	Our CEOs working side by side; Packed 1001 OPER Xmas Child Boxes!!	Collaborative Leadership
535	NIEF MIB	N/A	1	immurgence of new leaders	Collaborative Leadership
536	NIEF MIB	N/A	2	all spectrum of LPC	
537	NIEF MIB	N/A	3	greater involvement of the LGBTQ community in programs and the community as a whole	Community Identity & Pride
538	NIEF MIB	N/A	4	a large, sizable, diverse community including the LGBTQ population and we're large enough to be represented	Community Identity & Pride
539	NIEF MIB	N/A	5	excited for LGBTQ leadership	Collaborative Leadership
540	NIEF MIB	N/A	6	excellent response to LGBTQ events	Community Identity & Pride
541	NIEF MIB	N/A	7	public support for LGBTQ community; safe and accepted grant access to resources	Community Identity & Pride
542	NIEF MIB	N/A	8	feel very safe	
543	NIEF MIB	N/A	9	we have the privilege of being part of planning	Collaborative Leadership
544	NIEF MIB	N/A	10	people work with and for underprivileged communities	Community Identity & Pride
545	NIEF MIB	N/A	11	IDAI is collecting LGBTQ Youth!	Community Identity & Pride
546	NIEF MIB	N/A	1	Enormous potential for bus growth	Development & Growth
547	NIEF MIB	N/A	2	Uptown Arts District a breath of fresh air! I see the change	Development & Growth
548	NIEF MIB	N/A	3	MC is actively trying to capture the summer/Chicago visitors	Accessibility & Attractability
549	NIEF MIB	N/A	4	We have forward thinkers	
550	NIEF MIB	N/A	5	3 new hospitals in LPC	Development & Growth
551	NIEF MIB	N/A	6	Progress over past 6 years in how we treat juveniles (only 4 sent to DOC vs 19 in past years)	
552	NIEF MIB	N/A	7	The county collaborates!!!	Collaborative Leadership

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553	NIEF MIB	N/A	8	Our specialty counts: problem solving, veterans, re-entry; soon to be family recovery cont.	Community Identity & Pride
554	NIEF MIB	N/A	9	National issues on climate, politics, women are getting young people involved	Community Identity & Pride
555	NIEF MIB	N/A	10	Increased \$ to protect Great Lakes	Natural Resources
556	NIEF MIB	N/A	11	Environmental orgs are amazing!	Natural Resources
557	NIEF MIB	N/A	12	Human rights commission supports PLAG + Pride	Community Identity & Pride
558	NIEF MIB	N/A	13	Pride Parade - from 2000 in 2018 to 10,000 in 2019!	Community Identity & Pride
559	NIEF MIB	N/A	14	Young people running for office in their 20s	
560	NIEF MIB	N/A	15	Have more LGBTQ activities than we used to have	Arts, Culture & Amenities
561	NIEF MIB	N/A	16	LPHS + MCHS has LGBTQ clubs, middle school has "diversity" club, PNW may have a group too	Community Identity & Pride
562	NIEF MIB	N/A	17	PFLAG Group formed	Community Identity & Pride
563	NIEF MIB	N/A	18	MC Updated 23 ordinances protects LGBTQ + others in Codes	Collaborative Leadership
564	NIEF MIB	N/A	19	Headstart stepping up their game all day vs 1/2 day	
565	NIEF MIB	N/A	20	We do have higher paying jobs	
566	NIEF MIB	N/A	21	AK Smith + IVY Tech are doing great w/ career tech	Education
567	NIEF MIB	N/A	22	Nonprofits are well connected	Collaborative Leadership
568	TCWP MIB	N/A	1	Current environ. Initiatives Brownfields, Cheney Run	Development & Growth
569	TCWP MIB	N/A	2	Growing greenspaces + interact in protective environ	Natural Resources
570	TCWP MIB	N/A	3	Continued engagement of key people - ie. TCWP	Collaborative Leadership
571	TCWP MIB	N/A	4	Amazing environmental improvements happening under radar	Natural Resources
572	TCWP MIB	N/A	5	Vibe that Arts District bring to MC.	Arts, Culture & Amenities
573	TCWP MIB	N/A	6	Beautiful NTC Resources	Natural Resources
574	TCWP MIB	N/A	7	Young people involved	Community Identity & Pride
575	TCWP MIB	N/A	8	Competent local govnt official	Collaborative Leadership
576	TCWP MIB	N/A	9	MC's environmental improvements (lots of projects - new trails)	Natural Resources

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577	TCWP MIB	N/A	10	Albano's Pizza	
578	TCWP MIB	N/A	11	LC has immense natural resources	Natural Resources
579	TCWP MIB	N/A	12	People waking up to protect ENV.	Natural Resources
580	TCWP MIB	N/A	13	Activism in region to protect env.	Natural Resources
581	TCWP MIB	N/A	14	Awareness increasing about environments	Natural Resources
582	TCWP MIB	N/A	15	Planning has led to results!	Development & Growth
583	TCWP MIB	N/A	16	Care of people who care	Community Identity & Pride
584	TCWP MIB	N/A	17	Leaders who reach out to the community - hear all voices (way better than Chicago)	Collaborative Leadership
585	TCWP MIB	N/A	18	Situated well for growth + invested in the region	Development & Growth
586	TCWP MIB	N/A	19	Feel we have incredible schools	Education
587	TCWP MIB	N/A	20	Good people who are willing to come together - play well together	Collaborative Leadership
588	TCWP MIB	N/A	21	A lot of potential here	Development & Growth
589	American Legion MIB	N/A	1	That they are putting more resources into public spaces and art.	Arts, Culture & Amenities
590	American Legion MIB	N/A	2	The fact they have Vibrant Communities Project and are taking others' ideas into account.	Collaborative Leadership
591	American Legion MIB	N/A	3	That they are actively seeking ways to get young people involved and active within the community so they will be able to help mold it to what they like in the future.	Community Identity & Pride
592	American Legion MIB	N/A	4	The opportunities to be active with different people.	Health
593	American Legion MIB	N/A	5	That they are putting lots of money into our local schools shows they value the education of our young people.	Education
594	American Legion MIB	N/A	6	That there are so many good people in the community that are trying to make it a better place.	Community Identity & Pride
595	Wanatah	N/A	1	Youth - involved, looking to volunteer	
596	Wanatah	N/A	2	Community (Sustained Growth Opportunity). Consistency new businesses replace old; houses, rentals @ capacity (w/current infrastructure)	Development & Growth
597	Wanatah	N/A	3	Mood group/orgn involvement - Scarecrow Festival just 1 example	Arts, Culture & Amenities
598	Wanatah	N/A	4	Sense of Family / Community pride	Community Identity & Pride

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599	Youth Meeting	N/A	1	The Y - where I can improve basketball	
600	Youth Meeting	N/A	2	Nice people	Community Identity & Pride
601	Youth Meeting	N/A	3	The library people are nice	Community Identity & Pride
602	Youth Meeting	N/A	4	The food the library gives us, so we don't starve	Health
603	Youth Meeting	N/A	5	Computers	
604	Youth Meeting	N/A	6	Optimistic - because I'm in a lot of clubs - build confidence	Education
605	Youth Meeting	N/A	7	Dog parks - people + dogs enjoying life	Natural Resources
606	Meals on Wheels	N/A	1	Knowing my son is going to pay for my meals on wheels. Being close to all my family. Waking up everyday. Being a happy person.	
607	Meals on Wheels	N/A	2	I think I am pessimistic	
608	Meals on Wheels	N/A	3	Things like the Service Meals on Wheels provides to and for people who are homebound.	Health
609	Meals on Wheels	N/A	4	I am 89 years old. My wife & I had six children. My two local sons drive me for groceries etc. My mind is too old to give you good answers.	
610	Meals on Wheels	N/A	5	I think the future looks great for Michigan	
611	Meals on Wheels	N/A	6	I am optimistic about the future and beyond.	
612	Meals on Wheels	N/A	7	Well, we have a new mayor	
613	Meals on Wheels	N/A	8	President Trump	
614	Meals on Wheels	N/A	9	Deinet Dinners I've enjoyed seeing different helpers	Arts, Culture & Amenities
615	Meals on Wheels	N/A	10	The inherent goodness of mankind that is not motivated by logic + self interest	
616	Meals on Wheels	N/A	11	I am able to see that there are many people in this community who are of many races and creeds. They seem so friendly.	Community Identity & Pride
617	Meals on Wheels	N/A	12	Expanding	
618	Meals on Wheels	N/A	13		
619	Meals on Wheels	N/A	14	All you see is restaurants	

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620	Meals on Wheels	N/A	15	Getting new elected officials	Collaborative Leadership
621	Meals on Wheels	N/A	16	Getting an new president I hope!	
622	Meals on Wheels	N/A	17	Politics	
623	Meals on Wheels	N/A	18	Good friends	Community Identity & Pride
624	Meals on Wheels	N/A	19	Meals delivery	Health
625	Youth Meeting	N/A	1	Me	
626	Youth Meeting	N/A	2	Crackhead	
627	Youth Meeting	N/A	3	Sports, Library, Starbucks	Arts, Culture & Amenities
628	Youth Meeting	N/A	4	Nothing	
629	Youth Meeting	N/A	5	Getting to work at McDonalds/library	Accessibility & Attractability
630	Youth Meeting	N/A	6	The library, nothing, the lights, being able to have a job.	Arts, Culture & Amenities
631	Youth Meeting	N/A	7	What does optimistic mean	
632	Youth Meeting	N/A	8	Thinking of what we could do to improve La Porte.	Development & Growth
633	Youth Meeting	N/A	9	Nothing	
634	Youth Meeting	N/A	10	Graduating from school.	Education
635	Youth Meeting	N/A	11	The fair, nice neighborhood	Community Identity & Pride
636	Youth Meeting	N/A	12	The fair cool. Like the area I live in.	Community Identity & Pride
637	Youth Meeting	N/A	13	The fair	Community Identity & Pride
638	Youth Meeting	N/A	14	Working as a vet.	Accessibility & Attractability
639	Youth Meeting	N/A	15	Something I look forward to in La Porte is splash pads/water parks.	Arts, Culture & Amenities
640	Youth Meeting	N/A	16	Local waterpark	Arts, Culture & Amenities
641	Youth Meeting	N/A	17	Roller coaster. I wish there was a history museum.	Arts, Culture & Amenities
642	Youth Meeting	N/A	18	Police. Mom and Dad.	Community Identity & Pride
643	Grace Learning Center	N/A	1	Community, I love the fact that community means being able to be around people who want a change. This community comes together as one.	Community Identity & Pride
644	Grace Learning Center	N/A	2	There are resources available for almost every situation that most residents in the	Accessibility & Attractability

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				community can access given the right information.	
645	Grace Learning Center	N/A	3	It's calm + quiet for the most part.	Community Identity & Pride
646	Grace Learning Center	N/A	4	Everyone knows everyone. Back in the day you were able to leave your door unlock/windows unlock	Community Identity & Pride
647	Grace Learning Center	N/A	5	Somewhere for kids after school. Somewhere people gone shopping on westside get food. Up the old park school kids back to in our hood. Liquor store, gas station	Arts, Culture & Amenities
648	Grace Learning Center	N/A	6	I love the people that's in the office. Very pleasant when you need help	Community Identity & Pride
649	Grace Learning Center	N/A	7	Close connections to each other. There are resources available for us for food when we need it. We have strong church communities. There is a bus stop on our street.	Community Identity & Pride
650	Grace Learning Center	N/A	8	Most people get along and know each other	Community Identity & Pride
651	Online	N/A	1	Environmental efforts	Natural Resources
652	Online	N/A	2	The town board has some forward thinkers. Our school is still aggressively producing college bound leaders.	Collaborative Leadership
653	Online	N/A	3	further isolation with the U.S. 30 freeway plan. Helping to keep unwanted people from our community.	
654	Online	N/A	4	The South Shore train and its projects make me optimistic. The potential for downtown Michigan City to draw more residents and retail/restaurants makes more optimistic.	Development & Growth
655	Online	N/A	5	Exceptional areas for economic development: Cleveland Road/400 N. and I-94/421 interchange; I-94/35 & 20 interchange; Kingsbury Industrial Park; Thomas Rose Industrial Park in La Porte; Millennial Industrial Park in Michigan City; future double tracking of South Shore passenger rail and Michigan City train station.	Development & Growth
656	Online	N/A	6	I feel optimistic for the future as we have a lot we can grow off of.	Development & Growth
657	Online	N/A	7	A common feeling of wanting to improving the community.	Community Identity & Pride

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658	Online	N/A	8	Double tracking the South Shore which will bring some movement of residents from Illinois to La Porte County	Accessibility & Attractability
659	Online	N/A	9	People I know are pretty supportive of their town and committed to making it better.	Community Identity & Pride
660	Online	N/A	10	A different generation is moving into leadership positions in our community. This town is slowly starting to shed its old way of thinking. We have a great place to live, work or start a business. Yet, the old way of thinking in La Porte stunts all three areas of our county. Great opportunities often change their mind about locating here or end up leaving to never return. I.E. - The fireworks shows at the LP County Fairgrounds, several restaurants or shops on Lincolnway, the movie theater, roller rink, etc.	Collaborative Leadership
661	Online	N/A	11	The sense of pride and people working together to make it look nicer and more welcoming. Businesses are taking interest and bringing new jobs to our area.	Community Identity & Pride
662	Online	N/A	12	The landscape is pretty.	Natural Resources
663	Online	N/A	13	I get excited to think about the public activities that are offered	Arts, Culture & Amenities
664	Online	N/A	14	Many of the students I work with each day who are good kids with goals and dreams. However, they are lost in the noise of negative publicity.	Education
665	Online	N/A	15	The increasing diversity, the beauty of our lakes and parkland (and recent improvements to many of those parks), and the improvements happening alone Pine Lake Drive.	Development & Growth
666	Online	N/A	16	In our town: new path by the library, improvements to the park, new sidewalks, Christmas in the park. Our cemetery is the nicest one around. HannaFest is fantastic. In LaPorte County: new trail system, new	Arts, Culture & Amenities

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				sports venue in Newporte Landing, new hospitals	
667	Online	N/A	17	New jobs coming in	Accessibility & Attractability
668	Online	N/A	18	There have been several positive changes, I hope the momentum only continues to gain and the focus is in the necessary areas.	
669	Online	N/A	19	The schools are growing.	Education
670	Online	N/A	20	I'm optimistic when I hear of great things that people or groups of people are doing that are positive.	Community Identity & Pride
671	Online	N/A	21	Hopefully since we have a Great Lake, they'll add more attractions	Accessibility & Attractability
672	Online	N/A	22	Promise Scholarship Lake front	Natural Resources
673	Online	N/A	23	The positive people I come across and interact with	Community Identity & Pride
674	Online	N/A	24	That we continue to focus on taking care of our natural spaces and resources, as well as celebrate and save our historic landmarks from the monkey island at the Zoo to the rock gardens and lighthouses.	Natural Resources
675	Online	N/A	25	That a lot of kids are involved in sports and other things and the coaches play a huge part in there lives	
676	Online	N/A	26	It's going to keep going downhill if someone doesn't take action	
677	Online	N/A	27	The improvements that are slowly being made to Michigan City	Development & Growth
678	Online	N/A	28	We have a diverse group of citizens who are enthusiastic about our community and who truly care about its future growth.	Community Identity & Pride
679	Online	N/A	29	When I think about my community ... I consider the location and realize the potential in that, I understand that there are so many smart and kind people that are trying to move us forward. Optimism creates optimism.	Location

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680	Online	N/A	30	There are people who care.	Community Identity & Pride
681	Online	N/A	31	We have a party change at mayor, chief of police. Hoping for higher paying jobs being brought in to the city, and more consistent police work. Hoping for continued road improvements, additions of sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, police patrol during the night.	Development & Growth
682	Online	N/A	32	New families are moving here.	Accessibility & Attractability
683	Online	N/A	33	Great opportunities just under-utilized.	
684	Online	N/A	34	Kids, leadership, Uptown Arts District, MCAS	
685	Online	N/A	35	We have a lakefront that will always attract visitors and support our economy (Hopefully).	Accessibility & Attractability
686	Online	N/A	36	The people	Community Identity & Pride
687	Online	N/A	37	New leadership to bring new opportunities to this area.	Collaborative Leadership
688	Online	N/A	38	There is always hope when we learn to understand each other and find out what the needs really are	Collaborative Leadership
689	Online	N/A	39	Not sure where it's going.	
690	Online	N/A	40	Having Tom Dermody as Mayor is a giant leap in the right direction for advancement of our community. Possibility to bring in more jobs by bringing new quality industries to LaPorte County, which in turn would result in more new home builds for the flux of needed workers.	Collaborative Leadership
691	Online	N/A	41	As a teacher, I see many of our students already acting like great citizens of our community, looking forward to the future, and ready to make a difference.	Community Identity & Pride
692	Online	N/A	42	The improvements that have been made to the city since I moved here nice years ago are incredible.	Development & Growth
693	Online	N/A	43	I am optimistic as we now have a boat launch to enable non-residents to enjoy the lake for recreational and fishing. We have homeowners who are willing to commit to improving their properties and a lake association to guard our resource - Hudson Lake. We have a train station at	Accessibility & Attractability

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				Hudson Lake (South Shore) giving people access to both South Bend and Chicago.	
694	Online	N/A	44	New businesses, downtown upgrades, new roads, more money coming in to establish grants for business owners. A younger demographic taking interest in our community. Downtown Michigan City is on an upswing with young businesses and interesting restaurants. Downtown La Porte is behind the curve. New hospital in MC & new hospital in LP should draw new docs and professionals to the area. Organizations such as Vibrant Communities.	Development & Growth
695	Online	N/A	45	Seems to be an energy to create more opportunities and make changes.	Collaborative Leadership
696	Online	N/A	46	I am optimistic about the new infrastructure being invested in, such as double track and broadband. My aspirations for the community as a destination place are based on easy commutes, fun things to do and an easy intuitive to areas of interest.	Development & Growth
697	Online	N/A	47	There are dedicated people who truly care about our local citizens.	Community Identity & Pride
698	Online	N/A	48	The double tracking will be a big boon for Michigan City and the surrounding areas. See many help wanted signs! New housing development on Memorial Hospital grounds will open up downtown living to many more people.	Development & Growth
699	Online	N/A	49	Michigan City is located both geographically and organizationally (skill-set) to be able to make contributions to the economy.	Accessibility & Attractability
700	Online	N/A	50	The diversity in our community. The changes I've seen within our community to rebuild, rebrand, and revitalize are great to see and be a part of.	Community Identity & Pride
701	Online	N/A	51	Nothing	
702	Online	N/A	52	Thinking about the potential LaPorte County has to develop into a more inclusive community that offers activities and programs for more broad ranges of	Community Identity & Pride

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				its population specifically for the teenagers and young adults.	
703	Online	N/A	53	when nourished all things grow	
704	Online	N/A	54	the lake and green space improvements	Natural Resources
705	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	1	seeing new business move into area	Development & Growth
706	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	2	Increase job opportunities	Accessibility & Attractability
707	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	3	Large attempt at joining community	Community Identity & Pride
708	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	4	Many caring individuals and groups within the community	Community Identity & Pride
709	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	5	I feel we as a community have great plans with building up out parks and improving our buildings. We have many outlets for healthy living.	Collaborative Leadership

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1	Lacrosse	1	1	people's unwillingness to change	People
2	Lacrosse	1	2	roads/infrastructure	Infrastructure
3	Lacrosse	1	3	degeneration of politicians- law ethic- no empathy- no morals	Governance
4	Lacrosse	1	4	too much bureaucracy too many laws	Governance
5	Lacrosse	1	5	adverse to growth/slow growth	People
6	Lacrosse	1	6	drug epidemic	Health
7	Lacrosse	1	7	momentum of energy will die without result	
8	Lacrosse	1	8	critical but apathetic	
9	Lacrosse	1	9	lack of leadership/lack of accountability	Governance
10	Lacrosse	1	10	bad internet/loss of power	Attractability & Amenities
11	Lacrosse	1	11	keep school in Lacrosse	Youth & Education
12	Lacrosse	1	12	aging population	People
13	Lacrosse	1	13	young generation need to get involved	Youth & Education
14	Lacrosse	3	1	Too many renters in small town who are disengaged and not prideful as homeowners	Housing
15	Lacrosse	3	2	Increased income inequality	Economy
16	Lacrosse	3	3	Too many afraid/uncomfortable with change (i.e. new sidewalks, golf carts)	People

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17	Lacrosse	3	4	Lack of good paying jobs for kids to come home from college to (get grandkids close!) and not living with parents	Attractability & Amenities
18	Lacrosse	3	5	Wish we had a store in Hanna (affordable milk)	Attractability & Amenities
19	Lacrosse	3	6	new residents complaining- not nice many out of town renters	Housing
20	Lacrosse	3	7	social media exacerbates things	
21	Lacrosse	3	8	Stronger PNW- Westville- lost a lot of good jobs when they merged	Economy
22	Lacrosse	3	9	Need better offerings and PNW- Westville	Attractability & Amenities
23	Lacrosse	3	10	M.C. Courthouse renovations way to costly and not benefitting enough people	Governance
24	Lacrosse	3	11	Concerned small town charm threatened, want our own identity "township identity"	People
25	Lacrosse	3	12	Flooding Kankakee River farmers stepped up	
26	Lacrosse	4	1	Where does money come from for projects- only so much support a business will get	Economy
27	Lacrosse	4	2	Not enough going on in town to get people to stay here	Attractability & Amenities
28	Lacrosse	4	3	Our 2 biggest cities are very poor- unless its lake front	People
29	Lacrosse	4	4	New trees- new town signs	Infrastructure
30	Lacrosse	4	5	Want a walking path/trail connecting country to town	Infrastructure
31	Lacrosse	4	6	Need more people to do the work	Attractability & Amenities
32	Lacrosse	4	7	Community garden/farmers market	Attractability & Amenities
33	Lacrosse	4	8	Affordable young people housing/old people housing	Housing
34	Lacrosse	4	9	We want Tiny homes!	Housing
35	Lacrosse	4	10	Kankakee River- everyone goes to the Dunes- need a (county) park Big Flood plain	Attractability & Amenities
36	Lacrosse	4	11	Places to gather- no coffee/breakfast place in Wanatah	Attractability & Amenities
37	Lacrosse	4	12	Decreasing school population	Youth & Education
38	Lacrosse	4	13	Affordable Housing brings in low income families	Housing
39	Lacrosse	5	1	Declining school enrollment (Lacrosse and other S. County schools)	Youth & Education

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40	Lacrosse	5	2	Employment opportunities (Lacrosse and S. County)	Economy
41	Lacrosse	5	3	Maintaining small town feel and sense of community while we grow	People
42	Lacrosse	5	4	Increasing healthcare costs, stagnant wages, increasing divide between national political parties	Health
43	Lacrosse	5	5	Nonprofits don't have resources/capacity to do everything they'd like	Economy
44	Lacrosse	5	6	Reaching common goals/visions county-wide	Governance
45	Lacrosse	5	7	Slow economic development in South County	Economy
46	Lacrosse	5	8	Population decline, and increasingly concentrated tax base and hire taxes	People
47	Lacrosse	5	9	Lack of housing diversity (i.e. homes for families, single people, elderly) in every community	Housing
48	Lacrosse	5	10	Tri-township needs a school resource officer (only school w/o full time SKO)	Youth & Education
49	Lacrosse	6	1	Old housing stock	Housing
50	Lacrosse	6	2	Lack of connections (can only travel by car)	Infrastructure
51	Lacrosse	6	3	People leave after they get their education	Attractability & Amenities
52	Lacrosse	6	4	people leave the county for work	Attractability & Amenities
53	Lacrosse	6	5	Drug use problems in schools	Health
54	Lacrosse	6	6	16 communities acting independently	Governance
55	Lacrosse	6	7	M.C. and La Porte too political to promote small bus	Governance
56	Lacrosse	6	8	Tourist destinations not utilized to full potential	Economy
57	Lacrosse	6	9	Need for broadband	Attractability & Amenities
58	Lacrosse	6	10	Lead issue	Health
59	Lacrosse	6	11	Low birth weight rate	Health
60	Lacrosse	6	12	aging population	People
61	Lacrosse	6	13	youth not involved in community	Youth & Education
62	Lacrosse	6	14	Lack of diversity on council (men/women, ethnic)	Governance
63	Lacrosse	6	15	Lack of lodging facilities with meeting rooms	Attractability & Amenities
64	Lacrosse	6	16	Aren't creating a home	
65	Lacrosse	6	17	Infrastructure	Infrastructure

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66	Lacrosse	6	18	Councilmen	Governance
67	Lacrosse	6	19	Don't know how large it is	
68	Lacrosse	N/A	1	I'm pessimistic because no one cares to vote	People
69	Lacrosse	N/A	2	I'm concerned with ability to maintain economic standard	Economy
70	Lacrosse	N/A	3	I'm concerned infrastructure and increase of co????	Infrastructure
71	Lacrosse	N/A	4	I'm pessimistic the growth along Lake Michigan is not shared along the Southern corridor	Governance
72	Lacrosse	N/A	5	My Concern is for the entrenched attitudes in the communities	People
73	Lacrosse	N/A	6	I'm concerned for lack of outreach and linkage with other communities.	Infrastructure
74	Westville	N/A	1	More industry and job opportunity	Economy
75	Westville	N/A	2	Active Town Center	Attractability & Amenities
76	Westville	N/A	3	More entertainments restaurants and bar 905 smoking	Attractability & Amenities
77	Westville	N/A	4	Passivity of Residents- lack of vision/drive in government agencies- LP govt & DOT no philosophy	People
78	Westville	N/A	5	Opioid epidemic	Health
79	Westville	N/A	6	More funding for "visionary projects"	Governance
80	Westville	N/A	7	lack of business ownership of "community improvement"	Economy
81	Westville	N/A	8	Providing necessary municipal services to support growth	Governance
82	Westville	N/A	9	Keeping young people in our community	Attractability & Amenities
83	Westville	N/A	10	Lack of connected walking/biking paths	Infrastructure
84	Westville	N/A	1	Youth engagement/activities	Youth & Education
85	Westville	N/A	2	Workforce- lack of	Economy
86	Westville	N/A	3	Lack of reg. homes in downtown areas	Housing
87	Westville	N/A	4	Drugs	Health
88	Westville	N/A	5	Housing supply	Housing
89	Westville	N/A	6	Improve Fairgrounds	Attractability & Amenities
90	Westville	N/A	7	Poverty levels/homelessness	People
91	Westville	N/A	8	Infrastructure	Infrastructure
92	Westville	N/A	9	Truck traffic	Infrastructure
93	Westville	N/A	10	Roads	Infrastructure
94	Westville	N/A	11	High infant mortality	Health

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95	Westville	N/A	12	Transportation- not convenient to get to grocery store	Infrastructure
96	Westville	N/A	13	Vacant buildings	Housing
97	Westville	N/A	14	Need more shoe stores!	Attractability & Amenities
98	Westville	N/A	15	Weakened EPA laws/environmental pollution	Attractability & Amenities
99	Westville	N/A	16	Entertainment options	Attractability & Amenities
100	Westville	N/A	17	Food Desserts	Health
101	Westville	7	1	Too involved as a handful of people while others aren't/don't want to participating	People
102	Westville	7	2	Rural poor, leaving people behind	Economy
103	Westville	7	3	Broadband	Attractability & Amenities
104	Westville	7	4	Bedroom communities	Housing
105	Westville	7	5	Soft skill development need for trade skill promotion. Jobs for trades	Economy
106	Westville	7	6	New type of education system, promoting differently	Youth & Education
107	Westville	7	7	change- uncomfortable for some	People
108	Westville	1	1	Not all stakeholders agree on whats important- i.e. education	Governance
109	Westville	1	2	Start younger! Get kids early and be engaged and own their education	Youth & Education
110	Westville	1	3	Concerned if leadership of pride event goes away	Governance
111	Westville	1	4	Wage stagnation; cost of living, high healthcare costs	Economy
112	Westville	1	5	WV superfund site needs more remediation not appealing, could be a solar field and 13 acres	Infrastructure
113	Westville	1	6	Families focused on survival, inhibits their ability to participate	People
114	Westville	1	7	Too many families/children living at poverty	People
115	Westville	1	8	High infant mortality	Health
116	Westville	1	9	Homeless school children and families	People
117	Westville	1	10	Lack of stormwater pies water overflows streets and land	Infrastructure
118	Westville	1	11	Racism is hate	People
119	Westville	3	1	Concerned it won't reduce carbon footprint enough	
120	Westville	3	2	Lack of dtmc parking	Attractability & Amenities

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121	Westville	3	3	safety perception	Health
122	Westville	3	4	Crime rate, drug abuse, mental health	Health
123	Westville	3	5	Homeless population	People
124	Westville	3	6	Resistant to change	People
125	Westville	3	7	Employment- inability to find staff; everybody is now hiring	Economy
126	Westville	3	8	Reliant on staffing in retail, fast food as main income	Economy
127	Westville	3	9	Aging population- young people who leave don't come back	People
128	Westville	3	10	Isolationism, not regional thinkers	People
129	Westville	3	11	apathy, rather sit at the bar	People
130	Westville	3	12	lack of community leadership, not seeing issues before they are problems "see around a corner" leaders need to look ahead	Governance
131	La Porte	N/A	1	Lack of community input for school decisions	Youth & Education
132	La Porte	N/A	2	Waste in schools	Youth & Education
133	La Porte	N/A	3	Dilapidated housing	Housing
134	La Porte	N/A	4	Drugs	Health
135	La Porte	N/A	5	Mental Health	Health
136	La Porte	N/A	6	Poor communication/engagement between elected officials and public	Governance
137	La Porte	N/A	7	Poverty	People
138	La Porte	N/A	8	Too much trash	Governance
139	La Porte	N/A	9	Close to 50% of housing stock	Housing
140	La Porte	7	1	Lack of safe non-motorized connections between communities	Infrastructure
141	La Porte	7	2	Lack of central civic gathering spot	Attractability & Amenities
142	La Porte	7	3	Getting our children back outside- could use activity center for youth in winter	Youth & Education
143	La Porte	7	4	Lack of affordable, convenient public transportation	Infrastructure
144	La Porte	7	5	Civility- lack of it	People
145	La Porte	7	6	Lack of good professional level employment opportunities	Economy
146	La Porte	7	7	Substance abuse	Health
147	La Porte	7	8	Lack of population growth for city of La Porte	Health
148	La Porte	7	9	Lack of healthy dining and shopping	Attractability & Amenities
149	La Porte	7	10	Disaffected or ignored youth	Youth & Education

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150	La Porte	7	11	Truck traffic through downtown	Infrastructure
151	La Porte	N/A	1	No local assistance for veterans	People
152	La Porte	N/A	2	Need to address homelessness	People
153	La Porte	N/A	3	Limited transportation barriers for rural areas	Infrastructure
154	La Porte	N/A	4	Wage stagnation	Economy
155	La Porte	N/A	5	Significant truck traffic	Infrastructure
156	La Porte	N/A	6	Transportation	Infrastructure
157	La Porte	N/A	7	Affordability	Economy
158	La Porte	N/A	8	lack of organized activities	Attractability & Amenities
159	La Porte	N/A	9	concern to grow in orderly fashion	
160	La Porte	N/A	10	lack of timely access to mental health system	Health
161	La Porte	N/A	11	Need for a well-funded police dept.	Governance
162	La Porte	N/A	1	Dislike change/progress	People
163	La Porte	N/A	2	age and quality of housing stock	Housing
164	La Porte	N/A	3	Nay-sayers having loudest voice and steering community perceptions	People
165	La Porte	N/A	4	Workforce quality and pay	Economy
166	La Porte	N/A	5	Clean waterways/storm water system	Infrastructure
167	La Porte	N/A	6	Services (social/civic) relocated outside La Porte (branches closing/downsize)	Governance
168	La Porte	N/A	7	Underrepresented population not being activated in community conversations	People
169	La Porte	N/A	8	Cling to past instead of looking forward	People
170	La Porte	N/A	9	Need role models to create responsible youth/future gen.	Youth & Education
171	La Porte	N/A	10	Very unhealthy community	Health
172	La Porte	N/A	11	Rental vs. homeownership percentages	Housing
173	La Porte	N/A	12	No smoking bans in all public spaces	Health
174	La Porte	N/A	13	Truck traffic in downtown	Infrastructure
175	La Porte	N/A	14	code enforcement needed badly	Governance
176	La Porte	N/A	1	Resistance to change satisfied with status quo	People
177	La Porte	N/A	2	Poverty increasing	People
178	La Porte	N/A	3	Citizen apathy	People
179	La Porte	N/A	4	embracing our diverse population and minority groups	People
180	La Porte	N/A	5	health data- ranking in state	Health
181	La Porte	N/A	6	lack of available workforce	Economy
182	La Porte	N/A	7	drugs	Health

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183	La Porte	N/A	8	anxiety levels of teens	Health
184	La Porte	N/A	9	lack of local community leadership	Governance
185	La Porte	N/A	10	inability of difficulty in annexing for our communities	Governance
186	La Porte	N/A	11	lack of population growth	People
187	La Porte	N/A	12	internet shortcomings in county	Attractability & Amenities
188	La Porte	N/A	13	Still areas of downtown deteriorating and code enforcement	Governance
189	La Porte	N/A	1	Sidewalks, roads, code enforcement on divided homes	Infrastructure
190	La Porte	N/A	2	lack of retail choices	Attractability & Amenities
191	La Porte	N/A	3	some classrooms overcrowded	Youth & Education
192	La Porte	N/A	4	livable-wage jobs	Economy
193	La Porte	N/A	5	lack of practical trade training	Economy
194	La Porte	N/A	6	drug usage	Health
195	La Porte	N/A	7	empty stores and homes	Housing
196	La Porte	N/A	8	lack of taxi service, public transportation	Infrastructure
197	La Porte	N/A	9	lack of safe activities for youth	Youth & Education
198	La Porte	N/A	10	no cinema	Attractability & Amenities
199	La Porte	1	1	Funding for non-profits	
200	La Porte	1	2	Limited tax base	Economy
201	La Porte	1	3	negativity and perception	People
202	La Porte	1	4	quality of housing (low-income)	Housing
203	La Porte	1	5	drugs	Health
204	La Porte	1	6	lack of sidewalks and connection to parks and lakes	Infrastructure
205	La Porte	1	7	small workforce	Economy
206	La Porte	1	8	aging population	People
207	La Porte	1	9	small businesses	Economy
208	La Porte	1	10	lack of entrepreneurial spirit	Economy
209	La Porte	1	11	truck traffic through La Porte	Infrastructure
210	La Porte	1	12	common business goals	Economy
211	La Porte	1	13	Downtown parking	Attractability & Amenities
212	La Porte	N/A	1	Truck traffic	Infrastructure
213	La Porte	N/A	2	Real estate / affordable living	Housing
214	La Porte	N/A	3	negative attitudes	People
215	La Porte	N/A	4	labor pool	Economy

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216	La Porte	N/A	5	code enforcement	Governance
217	La Porte	N/A	6	expand tax base	Economy
218	La Porte	N/A	7	brain drain	People
219	La Porte	N/A	8	drug and mental health	Health
220	La Porte	N/A	6	tax caps	Economy
221	La Porte	6	1	Things going stagnant or get stalled	
222	La Porte	6	2	Fear and defeatism- breeds inaction	People
223	La Porte	6	3	Short-sighted elected officials bow to trolls and squeaky wheels i.e. 400N not a roundabout and should be	Governance
224	La Porte	6	4	Cities and towns not walkable low educational attainment	Youth & Education
225	La Porte	6	5	Finances- how do we pay for things young people who don't see a path to prosperity	Economy
226	La Porte	6	6	brain drain	People
227	La Porte	6	7	Lack of desirable housing	Housing
228	La Porte	6	8	unconcerned landlords	Housing
229	La Porte	6	9	child poverty still increasing in some census tracts	People
230	La Porte	N/A	1	Transportation	Infrastructure
231	La Porte	N/A	2	restaurants	Attractability & Amenities
232	La Porte	N/A	3	poverty and drugs and crime	Health
233	La Porte	N/A	4	dilapidated houses and buildings	Housing
234	La Porte	N/A	5	Younger generation not coming back/loss of talent	Attractability & Amenities
235	La Porte	N/A	6	no niche to bring people back (Allis Chalmers, Biomet out of Warsaw, etc..)	Attractability & Amenities
236	La Porte	N/A	7	Communicate with in whole county or individual communities using schools to communicate?	Youth & Education
237	La Porte	N/A	8	Collaboration between services organizations	Governance
238	La Porte	N/A	1	92/92 County unhealthy lifestyles	Health
239	La Porte	N/A	2	decaying areas	Housing
240	La Porte	N/A	3	drug overdoses land lorde related	Health
241	La Porte	N/A	4	how preserving we treat our natural resources like Lake Michigan protection	
242	La Porte	N/A	5	loud train whistles	
243	La Porte	N/A	6	lack of walking/biking trails	Infrastructure
244	La Porte	N/A	7	poor/low income- jobs (job sharing) part time can't work every day	Economy

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245	La Porte	N/A	8	continued urban sprawl refocus	Governance
246	La Porte	N/A	9	young people will they stay?	Attractability & Amenities
247	La Porte	N/A	10	financial resilience?	Economy
248	La Porte	N/A	11	looking mighty shabby	Housing
249	La Porte	N/A	12	places for kids to hang out	Youth & Education
250	La Porte	N/A	13	heal their food in community schools	Health
251	La Porte	N/A	14	heroin use	Health
252	La Porte	N/A	15	train whistles 50+ trains/24 hours	
253	La Porte	5	1	Difficulty integrated into community due to lack of comm	People
254	La Porte	5	2	Lack of growth in income	Economy
255	La Porte	5	3	Lack of affordable housing	Housing
256	La Porte	5	4	La Porte city is not racially diverse and don't for see it changing	People
257	La Porte	5	5	Disparity between economic classes and the gap between MC & LP	People
258	La Porte	5	6	La Porte County is not very culturally diverse	People
259	La Porte	5	7	Lack of recovery and mental health resources and facilities	Health
260	La Porte	5	8	Transportation between MC & LP	Infrastructure
261	La Porte	5	9	Infrastructure (sidewalks, road improvements)	Infrastructure
262	Mich City	11	1	Lack of resources and basic skill development	Economy
263	Mich City	11	2	Key institutions and offices do not work together which is a block	Governance
264	Mich City	11	3	Too fast of growth will be too hard to sustain	Governance
265	Mich City	11	4	Losing unnatural resources	Attractability & Amenities
266	Mich City	11	5	Lack of mentors	People
267	Mich City	11	6	Loss of everyday living shops ex. Radio, vacuum repair, shoe repair	Attractability & Amenities
268	Mich City	11	7	Commercialized tourism will squeeze out locals	Economy
269	Mich City	11	8	Loss of qualified and educated people for employment	Attractability & Amenities
270	Mich City	11	9	Lack of resources specifically for youth	Attractability & Amenities
271	Mich City	7	1	Nice architecture can easily be damaged	Housing & Blight
272	Mich City	7	2	Seniors are not willing to accept change-like what it used to be	People

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273	Mich City	7	3	some of the community members don't see the positive/diversity of LPCO	People
274	Mich City	7	4	Lack of youth activity-equal opportunities	Attractability & Amenities
275	Mich City	7	5	People in poverty may not engage b/c they may not be able to financially support or invest	People
276	Mich City	7	6	People in Southern counties may not access resources in La Porte/MC	Infrastructure
277	Mich City	7	7	Our identity is connected to Blue Chip and Lighthouse mall	People
278	Mich City	7	8	We don't have inpatient mental health centers	Health
279	Mich City	7	9	Lack of quality school systems	Youth & Education
280	Mich City	7	10	Lack of public transportation throughout the entire county	Infrastructure
281	Mich City	2	1	"Yesterday in the way of tomorrow"	
282	Mich City	2	2	"Communication coordination of authorities" too many boards, commissioners, etc	Governance
283	Mich City	2	3	Economic divide, food deserts and beach houses	People
284	Mich City	2	4	Prioritizing tourism over local needs N,E,S,W sides equally attended to	Economy
285	Mich City	N/A	1	Inactivity	People
286	Mich City	N/A	2	promises that won't go through	Governance
287	Mich City	N/A	3	jobs outside of MC	Economy
288	Mich City	N/A	4	compartmentalization of diversity	People
289	Mich City	N/A	5	lack of diversity of all levels	People
290	Mich City	N/A	6	low education attainment	Youth & Education
291	Mich City	N/A	7	scared of growing and tourism safety, infrastructure	Infrastructure
292	Mich City	N/A	8	income inequalities	Economy
293	Mich City	N/A	9	lack of inclusion	People
294	Mich City	N/A	10	negative thinking- we don't believe that we deserve better	People
295	Mich City	N/A	11	racial and economic disparity	People
296	Mich City	N/A	12	NIPSCO coming down	Economy
297	Mich City	N/A	13	drug and mental health conditions	Attractability & Amenities
298	Mich City	N/A	14	aging infrastructure in schools	Infrastructure
299	Mich City	N/A	15	deterioration it assets	Housing
300	Mich City	N/A	16	blights	Housing
301	Mich City	N/A	17	naysayers, ignorance, disconnection	People

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302	Mich City	N/A	18	"responsible spending" i.e. not spending	Governance
303	Mich City	N/A	19	generational poverty/stagnant wages	People
304	Mich City	N/A	20	affordable housing, safe housing, consistency availability	Housing
305	Mich City	N/A	21	public transit	Infrastructure
306	Mich City	N/A	22	healthcare costs in NW Indiana	Health
307	Mich City	N/A	1	Bring more trade in school system, are available but can't get students to participate	Economy
308	Mich City	N/A	2	Follow up with a vocational technology that was in Pennsylvania	Economy
309	Mich City	N/A	3	Not skilled workforce	Economy
310	Mich City	N/A	4	More mentor ships	Youth & Education
311	Mich City	N/A	5	Low income brings family from Chicago and other areas bring stress to the city, housing problem.	Housing
312	Mich City	N/A	6	We are a risk averse community	People
313	Mich City	N/A	7	Summer youth program, ex: Kankakee Valley	Attractability & Amenities
314	Mich City	N/A	8	Need summer training for maintenance of green initiative. Think thorough financially before we set up the plan	
315	Mich City	N/A	9	Lack of secondary education in city	Youth & Education
316	Mich City	N/A	10	Lack of civility	People
317	Mich City	N/A	11	Southern part of city concrete jungle and not walkable	Infrastructure
318	Mich City	1	1	Poverty increasing	People
319	Mich City	1	2	Growth respect and integrity with balance	
320	Mich City	1	3	Keep the charm after growth and prosperity	
321	Mich City	1	4	Grow without losing our values	People
322	Mich City	1	5	poverty	People
323	Mich City	1	6	Educational achievement	Youth & Education
324	Mich City	1	7	Physical and mental health	Health
325	Mich City	1	8	"Not in my back yard" issue	People
326	Mich City	1	9	community leaders are not addressing working poor	People
327	Mich City	1	10	Homeless population	People
328	Mich City	1	11	Parks are not dog friendly	Attractability & Amenities
329	Mich City	1	12	Lack of continuing education	Youth & Education
330	Mich City	1	13	Low wages	Economy

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331	Mich City	1	14	Lack of skilled labor jobs and higher wages	Economy
332	Mich City	1	15	No Housing strategy in place with planned communities	Housing
333	Mich City	1	16	Providing services to homeless outside of our community	People
334	Mich City	1	17	aging population	People
335	Mich City	9	1	Save voices in conversations every time- need more diversity in representation- including tonight	People
336	Mich City	9	2	Public transportation- routes end at 6pm and isn't for reach enough	Infrastructure
337	Mich City	9	3	Too many guns and access to guns, incident today near Marsh Elem. School particularly vulnerable in our region due to interstate regulation	Youth & Education
338	Mich City	9	4	Need more young families here	Attractability & Amenities
339	Mich City	9	5	Expand /market public transportation- destigmatize	Infrastructure
340	Mich City	9	6	Little success in bridging racial divides	People
341	Mich City	9	7	Aging population- LP average age 55 need to attract young families	People
342	Mich City	9	8	Reputation of public-school system	Youth & Education
343	Mich City	9	9	Drugs and narcotics- Abuse	Health
344	Mich City	9	10	Negative perception of Michigan City as violent	People
345	Mich City	9	11	Not prepared for being 51st National Park- traffic, business, etc	Infrastructure
346	Mich City	9	12	No higher education presence- Ivy Tech dividing	Youth & Education
347	Mich City	9	13	Impact of state prison on community	People
348	Mich City	9	14	Economic schism- need a living wage, builds resentment toward tourist economy and business	Economy
349	Mich City	9	15	Need more manufacturing and distribution employment opportunities/service jobs	Economy
350	Mich City	9	16	MC not perceived as a great place to live- thought of as a "summer town"	People
351	Mich City	9	7	MCAs school system- look beyond IDOE grading system	Youth & Education
352	Mich City	9	18	CVB does not interact with community as leaders or in a supportive role	Governance
353	Mich City	9	19	Neighborhood identity and investment from City for housing and infrastructure	Infrastructure

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354	Mich City	9	20	Lack of quality early childhood education	Youth & Education
355	Mich City	N/A	1	Affordable housing within our county	Housing
356	Mich City	N/A	2	More welcoming to all more diverse	People
357	Mich City	N/A	3	more support of the operating entities (small business)	Economy
358	Mich City	N/A	4	Mall!	Attractability & Amenities
359	Mich City	N/A	5	One political party on city council for over 20+ years	Governance
360	Mich City	N/A	6	workforce development	Economy
361	Mich City	N/A	7	Medium, high end housing offered	Housing
362	Mich City	N/A	8	Leadership- able to move us forward and build a consensus	Governance
363	Mich City	N/A	9	Fear of change- status quo	People
364	Mich City	N/A	10	Getting executives and live in one community not commute to it	Attractability & Amenities
365	Mich City	N/A	11	Lack of planning/zoning considerations	Governance
366	Mich City	N/A	12	Drug issues	Health
367	Mich City	N/A	13	public transportation all the time	Infrastructure
368	Mich City	5	1	Drugs	Health
369	Mich City	5	2	Homeless	People
370	Mich City	5	3	Crime	Governance
371	Mich City	5	4	Layout of downtown	Infrastructure
372	Mich City	5	5	Bad leadership	Governance
373	Mich City	5	6	No activities at the lake front	Attractability & Amenities
374	Mich City	5	7	placement of new businesses	Economy
375	Mich City	5	8	Transportation	Infrastructure
376	Mich City	5	9	Deterioration of old buildings	Housing
377	Mich City	5	10	double track	Infrastructure
378	Mich City	5	11	Park at 7th and Franklin	Attractability & Amenities
379	Mich City	5	12	more business to south east Michigan city	Economy
380	Mich City	5	13	Increase wages	Economy
381	Mich City	5	14	better grocery stores	Attractability & Amenities
382	Mich City	N/A	1	Vacant buildings	Housing
383	Mich City	N/A	2	Using funds wisely	Economy
384	Mich City	N/A	3	Workforce ready to meet the economic growth	Economy

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385	Mich City	N/A	4	lack of jobs, things to do in entertain a younger crowd	Economy
386	Mich City	N/A	5	roads, broadband	Infrastructure
387	Mich City	N/A	6	bigger picture, open minds	People
388	Mich City	N/A	7	after school programs county wide	Youth & Education
389	Mich City	N/A	8	maintaining diverse community	People
390	Mich City	N/A	9	fixing teacher wages	Youth & Education
391	Mich City	N/A	10	quality of affordable housing	Housing
392	Mich City	N/A	11	competitive job market with benefits for a working family	Economy
393	Mich City	N/A	12	Recognition to local businesses when they are expanding or growing	Economy
394	Mich City	10	1	Not enough traffic to support business: urban soles	Economy
395	Mich City	10	2	NIPSCO closing down for green energy. Pollution leftover	Health
396	Mich City	10	3	Jobs leaving area from NIPSCO closing	Economy
397	Mich City	10	4	Drug use as being "cross roads"	Health
398	Mich City	10	5	Homeless and poverty 53% of residents have trouble even living	People
399	Mich City	10	6	Lack of job market to keep young people here	Economy
400	Mich City	10	7	the decay of the vacant houses and businesses not worked with	Housing
401	Mich City	10	8	absent landlords allowing houses/property to decay	Housing
402	Mich City	10	9	Crime rate, gentrification, rising price rates "Chicago priced real estate"	Governance
403	Mich City	10	10	More landlords than renters	Housing
404	Mich City	10	11	youth anchorlessness	People
405	Mich City	10	12	visual appeal. It's improving but the visual appeal is there outskirts of town	Attractability & Amenities
406	Mich City	10	13	Support of families for these incarcerated	People
407	Mich City	10	14	Jobs available w/o trained workers to fill them	Economy
408	Mich City	10	15	Poverty of our students are on free or reduced lunch	Youth & Education
409	Mich City	10	16	Cavers (Citizens against virtually everything) after??? Have been publicly destroyed	
410	Mich City	10	17	Lack of interconnected hiking and biking paths for which	Infrastructure
411	Mich City	10	17	Land is purchased and grants available which need to be written	Governance

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412	Rolling Prairie	1	1	Traffic in town, between towns safety of travel	Infrastructure
413	Rolling Prairie	1	2	Young people are drawn to leave to bigger towns- Chicago	Attractability & Amenities
414	Rolling Prairie	1	3	Street light improved, sidewalks everywhere	Infrastructure
415	Rolling Prairie	1	4	Lack of global awareness- not talked about movement to environmental impact of packaging	
416	Rolling Prairie	1	5	County trash- littering on road, recycling program weekly?	Governance
417	Rolling Prairie	1	6	Troubled people, addiction, hopelessness, homeless	People
418	Rolling Prairie	1	7	Clothing needs for students	Youth & Education
419	Rolling Prairie	1	8	Food for students, more need for donations	Youth & Education
420	Rolling Prairie	1	9	Small business needs to be promoted more	Economy
421	Rolling Prairie	1	10	How do we communicate to those not electronically connected?	People
422	Rolling Prairie	1	11	No local access for veterans to care- Ft Wayne closeout?	People
423	Rolling Prairie	2	1	Stagnation- always do it that way of ideas	
424	Rolling Prairie	2	2	Lack of walkways- need to go on roads safety	Infrastructure
425	Rolling Prairie	2	3	Lower standards of living	Economy
426	Rolling Prairie	2	4	Electing/finding quality leaders	Governance
427	Rolling Prairie	2	5	Code enforcement - clean up communities	Governance
428	Rolling Prairie	2	6	Issues with drugs	Health
429	Rolling Prairie	2	7	Technology not used for good 2016 elections "fake news"	
430	Rolling Prairie	2	8	Health statistics	Health
431	Rolling Prairie	2	9	Disconnect with community to county	People
432	Rolling Prairie	2	10	Transportation between MC & LP	Infrastructure
433	Rolling Prairie	14	1	students leaving after high school or college	Attractability & Amenities
434	Rolling Prairie	14	2	In the middle of growth in South bend and growth near Chicago and we may get left behind on it will draw our residents away	
435	Rolling Prairie	14	3	Flat population growth	People
436	Rolling Prairie	14	4	Living wage jobs	Economy
437	Rolling Prairie	14	5	Need for skilled workers/trades training	Economy

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438	Rolling Prairie	14	6	The smaller communities get left behind/forgotten about- things are focused on La Porte and Michigan City	Governance
439	Rolling Prairie	14	7	Divided groups- groups tend to focus internally and not collaborate enough- duplication of services and projects	People
440	Rolling Prairie	14	8	Poverty especially for families	People
441	Rolling Prairie	14	9	Food desert/food insecurity/lack of fresh food at these places like Dollar general	Attractability & Amenities
442	Rolling Prairie	14	10	Transportation - if you don't have a car very hard to get places	Infrastructure
443	Rolling Prairie	14	11	public transportation	Infrastructure
444	Mich City 11/18		1	Infrastructure (walkability, public safety, accessibility)	Infrastructure
445	Mich City 11/18		2	Food access / insecurity (Food Deserts, ~ 20,000 Food Insecure Residents)	Health
446	Mich City 11/18		3	Public Safety	Infrastructure
447	Mich City 11/18		4	Grocery Store (Eastport)	Health
448	Mich City 11/18		5	Youth Involvement	People
449	Mich City 11/18		1	Need better lighting in the neighborhood	Infrastructure
450	Mich City 11/18		2	Need sidewalks	Infrastructure
451	Mich City 11/18		3	Need neighborhood stores	Attractability & Amenities
452	Mich City 11/18		4	Not enough community initiatives for our youth	Attractability & Amenities
453	Mich City 11/18		5	Negative Impact of "Right to Work" - lowers pay benefits + standard of living	Governance
454	Mich City 11/18		6	Trail creek has well water - not good for future.	Health
455	Mich City 11/18		7	Lack of transportation	Infrastructure
456	Mich City 11/18		8	Lack of education for younger adults.	People
457	Mich City 11/18		9	Lack of uniform policing.	Governance
458	Mich City 11/18		1	Factory polluting our drinking water	Health
459	Mich City 11/18		2	Too many prisons, MC, Westville, Summit (women without men)	Governance
460	Mich City 11/18		3	No corporate jobs - so our kids leave - don't return after college	Attractability & Amenities
461	Mich City 11/18		4	Don't feel things will change	
462	Mich City 11/18		5	Rich white tourists come in every summer, some support MC then they leave + take \$ with them	Attractability & Amenities
463	Mich City 11/18		6	No entertainment for educated black professional -we used to have black bars (now just party at home) Have to go to Chicago for fun	Attractability & Amenities

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464	Mich City 11/18		7	Want the same opportunities as whites	People
465	Mich City 11/18		8	Everyone does not have a seat at the table	Governance
466	Mich City 11/18		9	You can't find a black contractor to fix HVAC, cars, plumbing, etc.	Attractability & Amenities
467	Mich City 11/18		10	Headstart not doing well	Economy
468	Mich City 11/18		1	Progress is slow	
469	Mich City 11/18		2	Reactive Plans	Governance
470	Mich City 11/18		3	Livable wage jobs not fast food - support family	Economy
471	Mich City 11/18		4	No local programs for youth - entertainment / sports	Youth & Education
472	Mich City 11/18		5	No free wifi	Attractability & Amenities
473	Mich City 11/18		6	Gun violence - youth 14-30	Youth & Education
474	Mich City 11/18		7	Parks - need improvement	Attractability & Amenities
475	Mich City 11/18		8	Mental Health	Health
476	Mich City 11/18		9	Too much development of restaurants + stores on southside	Attractability & Amenities
477	Mich City 11/18		10	food deserts - eastside westside	Attractability & Amenities
478	Mich City 11/18		11	Busing 6pm	Attractability & Amenities
479	Mich City 11/18		12	How to get information out to masses - utilizing community business resources	People
480	Mich City 11/18		13	Housing support + opportunities	Housing & Blight
481	Mich City 11/18		14	Homelessness	People
482	Mich City 11/18		15	Affordable homes. Affordable housing - renting Horrible slumlords	Housing & Blight
483	Mich City 11/18		16	Higher Education - Ivy Tech + PNW Programs left	Youth & Education
484	Mich City 11/18		17	Opportunities for Felons	People
485	Mich City 11/18		18	Opportunities for Senior Citizens	People
486	Mich City 11/18		1	Lack of support in the African Communities	People
487	Mich City 11/18		2	Treatment is taboo (Mental Health)	People
488	Mich City 11/18		3	Lack of resources for younger people.	Youth & Education
489	Mich City 11/18		4	Youth aren't exposed to diverse leaders.	Youth & Education
490	Mich City 11/18		5	Disparity of suspensions & expulsions.	Youth & Education
491	Mich City 11/18		6	Lack of opportunities for AA Children.	Youth & Education
492	Mich City 11/18		7	We don't share knowledge there are no coalitions.	Governance

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493	Mich City 11/18		8	Voices aren't being heard; the right people can't hear. Senseless violence in neighborhoods.	People
494	Mich City 11/18		9	Affordable housing.	Housing & Blight
495	Mich City 11/18		10	Investors inflating the cost of housing.	Housing & Blight
496	Mich City 11/18		11	The lack of coming together => unity	Governance
497	Mich City 11/18		1	More police in the Eastport area	Governance
498	Mich City 11/18		2	Repair of rundown properties	Housing & Blight
499	Mich City 11/18		3	City issue written warning for properties that are not up to city code	Governance
500	Mich City 11/18		4	Laxed attitudes, especially concerning our youth	Youth & Education
501	Mich City 11/18		5	Providing activities for the kids & teens	Youth & Education
502	Mich City 11/18		6	Helping our homeless: provide housing & jobs for them	People
503	Mich City 11/18		7	Activities for the youth	Youth & Education
504	Mich City 11/18		8	Employment	Economy
505	Mich City 11/18		9	Resources for adults (trade or lifeskills)	Economy
506	Mich City 11/18		1	Safety - mall falling in "run down properties"	Governance
507	Mich City 11/18		2	Affordable Housing	Housing & Blight
508	Mich City 11/18		3	Quality paying jobs	Economy
509	Mich City 11/18		4	Access to healthcare and mental health "stigma"	Health
510	Mich City 11/18		5	Drug use / drug treatment	Health
511	Mich City 11/18		6	Access to quality food - "too many fast food restaurants"	Health
512	Mich City 11/18		7	Lack of mentorship	People
513	Mich City 11/18		8	Lack of positive / cultural activity / exposure	People
514	Mich City 11/18		1	Infrastructure - walkability, public safety, accessibility.	Infrastructure
515	Mich City 11/18		2	Food Access / Insecurity - food deserts, ~20,000 food insecure La Porte Co. Residents, nutritional based	Health
516	Mich City 11/18		3	Crime rates	Governance
517	Mich City 11/18		4	Continued lack of diversity	People
518	Mich City 11/18		5	Laxed attitudes, especially concerning our youth	Youth & Education
519	Mich City 11/18		6	Lack of diversity	People
520	Mich City 11/18		7	Lack of job resources for younger generations	Youth & Education
521	Mich City 11/18		8	A.A. 4-1 Arrest rate	Governance

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522	Mich City 11/18		9	lack of skilled workforce	Economy
523	Mich City 11/18		10	things for young people to do	Youth & Education
524	Mich City 11/18		11	housing	Housing & Blight
525	Mich City 11/18		12	Youth exposure to successful A-A leaders	Youth & Education
526	Mich City 11/18		13	Activities for the youth	Youth & Education
527	Mich City 11/18		14	Jobs	Economy
528	Mich City 11/18		15	Resources for adults (skills)	Economy
529	Mich City 11/18		16	all of the greatness leaving the area	Attractability & Amenities
530	Mich City 11/18		17	Positive / Cultural Activity / Exposure	Attractability & Amenities
531	Mich City 11/18		18	mall falling in safety	Attractability & Amenities
532	Mich City 11/18		19	quality pay jobs	Economy
533	Mich City 11/18		20	access to health/mental health	Health
534	Mich City 11/18		21	too many fast food (variety of healthy and family oriented)	Health
535	Mich City 11/18		22	Education - lack of parental participation	Youth & Education
536	Mich City 11/18		23	drug use / drug treatment	Health
537	Mich City 11/18		24	Lack of mentorship	People
538	Mich City 11/18		25	Lack of African American role model	People
539	Union Mills MIB	N/A	1	No businesses besides taverns	Economy
540	Union Mills MIB	N/A	2	Hope kids can live here	Youth & Education
541	Union Mills MIB	N/A	3	Make it hospitable - internet, businesses	Infrastructure
542	Union Mills MIB	N/A	4	Wish didn't have to drive so far to go to store	Attractability & Amenities
543	Union Mills MIB	N/A	5	Get businesses here	Economy
544	Union Mills MIB	N/A	6	Young people with young children need to incentives to stay	Youth & Education
545	Union Mills MIB	N/A	7	People with education don't leave	Attractability & Amenities
546	Union Mills MIB	N/A	8	High speed internet can allow young people to work at home	Infrastructure
547	Union Mills MIB	N/A	9	A "co-working" space	Economy
548	Union Mills MIB	N/A	10	Recreational things to do for families	Attractability & Amenities
549	Union Mills MIB	N/A	11	Hist. Museum - be more child friendly	Youth & Education
550	Union Mills MIB	N/A	12	Silting of Mill Pond concern - would become a creek vs a pond	Attractability & Amenities
551	Union Mills MIB	N/A	13	Put Paddleboats + Kayaks	Attractability & Amenities
552	Union Mills MIB	N/A	14	City of La Porte - could be "more vibrant" - stores, restaurants, etc - we go to Valpo	Attractability & Amenities

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553	Union Mills MIB	N/A	15	Septic system issues	Infrastructure
554	Union Mills MIB	N/A	16	Golf Cart ordinance needs passing	Governance
555	Union Mills MIB	N/A	17	As Boomers age, we'll need more help.	People
556	Union Mills MIB	N/A	18	JOBS	Economy
557	NIEF MIB	N/A	1	hard to learn about events - poor communication methods	Attractability & Amenities
558	NIEF MIB	N/A	2	it's hard to include marginalized members of the LGBTQ community	People
559	NIEF MIB	N/A	3	national issues effecting local issues	Governance
560	NIEF MIB	N/A	4	no LGBTQ doctors; hard to access LGBTQ health resources	Health
561	NIEF MIB	N/A	5	the LGBTQ community has terrible health behavior	Health
562	NIEF MIB	N/A	6	how do we reach out to LGBTQ youth	Youth & Education
563	NIEF MIB	N/A	7	a lot of division and tribalism in MC	People
564	NIEF MIB	N/A	8	better sex education	Youth & Education
565	NIEF MIB	N/A	9	lack of public transportation; tough to get transit to LGBTQ event	Infrastructure
566	NIEF MIB	N/A	1	People feel disenfranchised	People
567	NIEF MIB	N/A	2	Political divides here + in US	Governance
568	NIEF MIB	N/A	3	Feels like La Porte is way behind + not appealing to drive into from any direction	Attractability & Amenities
569	NIEF MIB	N/A	4	I moved intentionally from LP to MC because of slow growth	Economy
570	NIEF MIB	N/A	5	Where's the "nice" part of LP	Attractability & Amenities
571	NIEF MIB	N/A	6	Vacant hospital property	Attractability & Amenities
572	NIEF MIB	N/A	7	Mental Health System needs help! (incl drug + alcohol rehab)	Health
573	NIEF MIB	N/A	8	Not enough young people involved.	Youth & Education
574	NIEF MIB	N/A	9	No space, resources, activities for LGBTQ Youth (or adults) want a center here	Attractability & Amenities
575	NIEF MIB	N/A	10	More Liquor Licenses in LP County than other counties	Governance
576	NIEF MIB	N/A	11	PNW => pushing Hammond over Westville	Attractability & Amenities
577	NIEF MIB	N/A	12	LP + LPC residents have no discrimination protections in housing codes.	Housing & Blight
578	NIEF MIB	N/A	13	Limited affordable rentals in MC	Housing & Blight
579	NIEF MIB	N/A	14	Not enough living wages for working moms to cover housing + child care	Economy
580	NIEF MIB	N/A	15	Higher paying jobs require skilling up	Economy

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581	NIEF MIB	N/A	16	If you don't have a car - transport a problem	Infrastructure
582	NIEF MIB	N/A	17	Brain drain - college grads can't find jobs + move away	Economy
583	NIEF MIB	N/A	18	Race issue still present in MC + LP County	People
584	TCWP MIB	N/A	1	Litter - hard to keep up with	Housing & Blight
585	TCWP MIB	N/A	2	Pollution + Chrome Hex6 Cyanide spills directly into Lake Michigan	Health
586	TCWP MIB	N/A	3	Project longevity when leadership changes.	Governance
587	TCWP MIB	N/A	4	Community apathy	People
588	TCWP MIB	N/A	5	Community thinking heavy industry is key to job growth	Economy
589	TCWP MIB	N/A	6	Cost of housing will go up	Housing & Blight
590	TCWP MIB	N/A	7	Divisiveness + lack of trust in community group	People
591	TCWP MIB	N/A	8	Selfish approach + problem solving	People
592	TCWP MIB	N/A	9	Climate changes, incr. Lake levels will challenge M.C.	Infrastructure
593	TCWP MIB	N/A	10	Long John Silvers	
594	TCWP MIB	N/A	11	Income inequality	Economy
595	TCWP MIB	N/A	12	Social equity to lift all boats	Economy
596	TCWP MIB	N/A	13	Quality + quantity of water in Kankakee - taking a step back	Infrastructure
597	TCWP MIB	N/A	14	Weather changes will get harder traffic + over building - HATE it	Infrastructure
598	TCWP MIB	N/A	15	Farm practices - soil + water quality	Health
599	TCWP MIB	N/A	16	Steel Mill spills	
600	TCWP MIB	N/A	17	Infrastructure - won't be able to handle climate change - water	Infrastructure
601	TCWP MIB	N/A	18	Fragmented community	People
602	TCWP MIB	N/A	19	People disengaged from politics + comm engaged	People
603	TCWP MIB	N/A	20	Rising lake levels + mitigation costs	Infrastructure
604	TCWP MIB	N/A	21	How do we keep MC + areas "healthy + Affordable"	Health
605	TCWP MIB	N/A	22	Reputation does not reflect good reality, schools need more support	Youth & Education
606	TCWP MIB	N/A	23	School vouchers student management	Youth & Education
607	TCWP MIB	N/A	24	Good old boy club, not innovative, comfortable w/status quo.	Governance
608	TCWP MIB	N/A	25	People apathetic about stormwater management - don't want to support stormwater fee.	Infrastructure

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609	American Legion MIB	N/A	1	When we have to fight as a community to keep our farmland instead of losing it to an industrial park/brownspace, that makes me concerned.	Governance
610	American Legion MIB	N/A	2	That a lot of teenagers don't want to be involved or seem defeated.	Youth & Education
611	American Legion MIB	N/A	3	When political gain becomes more important than what's needed by our citizens.	Governance
612	American Legion MIB	N/A	4	It seems like many of the youth want to move away from this area for opportunities they think don't exist here.	Youth & Education
613	Wanatah	N/A	1	Wastewater Treatment Plant - aging and @ capacity - limits growth	Infrastructure
614	Wanatah	N/A	2	Hwy 30 upgrade - permanent local closures	Infrastructure
615	Wanatah	N/A	3	Increasing traffic on 30 since toll road rates have gone up.	Infrastructure
616	Wanatah	N/A	4	Mental health treatment availability	Health
617	Wanatah	N/A	5	Lack of things to do for youth.	Youth & Education
618	Wanatah	N/A	6	Lack of work opportunities to keep youth in the community	Economy
619	Youth Meeting	N/A	1	People are racist - ie black football player taunted w/ racist remarks	People
620	Youth Meeting	N/A	2	Need good wifi	Infrastructure
621	Youth Meeting	N/A	3	People stealing from the library - the community	People
622	Youth Meeting	N/A	4	Juul - vaping; drugs	Health
623	Youth Meeting	N/A	5	People are lazy- work ethic	People
624	Youth Meeting	N/A	6	Bullying	People
625	Youth Meeting	N/A	7	Dogs pooping - irresponsible owners	
626	Youth Meeting	N/A	8	Anxiety, stress depression	Health
627	Youth Meeting	N/A	9	Abuse, physical+ alcohol	Health
628	Youth Meeting	N/A	10	People not carrying about environment - littering etc	Attractability & Amenities
629	Meals on Wheels	N/A	1	How small the lunch meal is. A sandwich and 4 cookies. Not healthy.	Health
630	Meals on Wheels	N/A	2	I have arthritis bad and see no future	
631	Meals on Wheels	N/A	3	Some of the passivity in the areas for growth & change	Economy
632	Meals on Wheels	N/A	4	My concerns mostly is the children of Michigan City they need more things to play within the park like over here on	Youth & Education

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				southside of town the park is very good but nothing to play with.	
633	Meals on Wheels	N/A	5	My concern is about the park on the West Side.	Infrastructure
634	Meals on Wheels	N/A	6	Staying well.	Health
635	Meals on Wheels	N/A	7	Drug related crimes.	Governance
636	Meals on Wheels	N/A	8	Nothing at this time	
637	Meals on Wheels	N/A	9	The short-sighted lack of consideration, greed and antipathy of man kind. Indiana has 23 hate groups that surely vote	People
638	Meals on Wheels	N/A	10	I am always hoping for the best. I can only do my part. I am hoping that the groups coming up behind me will have the same opportunities that I have had and not waste them.	People
639	Meals on Wheels	N/A	11	Housing I can afford. Rent is too high where it is safe to live. It's funny how affordable is so very different to different Apartments I can afford aren't safe to live in. I'm upset about not being able to get near the beach because too many people that don't live here.	Housing & Blight
640	Meals on Wheels	N/A	12	Affordable house opportunity for elders. A tall building with elevator + sm porch. Lock safety outer door so not just anyone can come in. 6 or 7 stories with a gameroom + basement for a birthday party. You just have kitchen, living room + bathroom and you have neighbors, so you are never alone!	Housing & Blight
641	Meals on Wheels	N/A	13	Excessive money being spent on encouraging visitors. This town needs jobs that offer insurance and pensions.	Economy
642	Meals on Wheels	N/A	14	Don't really know take one day at a time!	
643	Meals on Wheels	N/A	15	Who will be elected + we don't need a war + get rid of guns.	Governance
644	Meals on Wheels	N/A	16	Felons with guns	Governance
645	Meals on Wheels	N/A	17	Local jobs that pay enough to support young, growing families.	Economy
646	Youth Meeting	N/A	1	drugs	Health
647	Youth Meeting	N/A	2	Glassbottles, Crackhead	
648	Youth Meeting	N/A	3	People fighting	People

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649	Youth Meeting	N/A	4	People with resort to more harm.	People
650	Youth Meeting	N/A	5	We have no places to have fun at ex. Skating rink. The library is taking houses.	Attractability & Amenities
651	Youth Meeting	N/A	6	If the fair goes away there is nowhere fun to hangout.	Attractability & Amenities
652	Youth Meeting	N/A	7	All the fights from the school. The school that won't send kids with lice home or take care of bedbugs at school.	Youth & Education
653	Youth Meeting	N/A	8	That the schools will decrease in care for students.	Health
654	Youth Meeting	N/A	9	Drugs	Health
655	Youth Meeting	N/A	10	The crime.	Governance
656	Youth Meeting	N/A	11	School teachers, staircase	Youth & Education
657	Youth Meeting	N/A	12	Small staircases	
658	Youth Meeting	N/A	13	small staircases	
659	Youth Meeting	N/A	14	There are not a lot of fun things to do.	Attractability & Amenities
660	Youth Meeting	N/A	15	My concerns are kind of about how there aren't many things to do, like skyzones, there are a few parks.	Attractability & Amenities
661	Youth Meeting	N/A	16	There are not a lot of waterparks.	Attractability & Amenities
662	Youth Meeting	N/A	17	the library	Attractability & Amenities
663	Youth Meeting	N/A	18	gang members, murderers	People
664	Grace Learning Center	N/A	1	Bus system, the bus system is very slim when it comes to hours. I think it would be beneficial for the buses to stay open for one more hour at night. This will give the community the outlet of being able to get off of work without walking.	Infrastructure
665	Grace Learning Center	N/A	2	More community events to bring people together. A place for young adults and teenagers to hangout in a drug-free environment.	Attractability & Amenities
666	Grace Learning Center	N/A	3	They could have more resource centers to help people find jobs, housing, food banks, churches, etc.	Attractability & Amenities
667	Grace Learning Center	N/A	4	Better opportunity for our youngsters. Need businesses in our area such as gasoline stations, shopping markets for those that can't get to the southside. All empty houses can be refurbished for those needing housing	Economy
668	Grace Learning Center	N/A	5		

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669	Grace Learning Center	N/A	6	N/A so far.	
670	Grace Learning Center	N/A	7	Better access to the city! The bus schedule stops running so early, we can't work nights. We can't go grocery shopping after work. Busses don't even run on Sundays so we are cut off. More funding to and for childcare so we can work. Affordable housing! A bus stop shelter! For safety and weather. Reliable bus schedules.	Infrastructure
671	Grace Learning Center	N/A	8	If we had a hospital on this end of town, a grocery store or dollar store, more street lamps, and buses run longer.	Attractability & Amenities
672	Online	N/A	1	Crime rates, drugs	Governance
673	Online	N/A	2	The doers in the community are aging and no one is taking their place in the organizations that help out in the community, ie. Lions Club, church organizations, etc. Youth and young adults are not stepping up to do their part. No new economic growth.	Governance
674	Online	N/A	3	over growth, liberal policies	Governance
675	Online	N/A	4	I think Michigan City has turned a corner with its downtown, but it seems stagnant. It needs continued momentum and new life to it.	Attractability & Amenities
676	Online	N/A	5	County government is too slow and too conservative to move and take action to encourage economic development. Many county residents do not want things to change.	Governance
677	Online	N/A	6	We have a lot of corporate influences on our community and making sure that, that doesn't affect the way our communities run is so important.	Governance
678	Online	N/A	7	Violent Crime and Drugs.	Health
679	Online	N/A	8	Drug abuse	Health
680	Online	N/A	9	Not enough businesses that draw people to the area.	Economy
681	Online	N/A	10	That it is too late to bring life back into our town. That the younger generations will not be as proud to call La Porte home as the older generations are.	People
682	Online	N/A	11	Young people leaving the community once they are done with schooling, but they seem to return.	

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683	Online	N/A	12	Attempts at developing the land.	
684	Online	N/A	13	Drug use, lack of local mental health services and education, small business turnover	Health
685	Online	N/A	14	Drug addiction, dying manufacturing and old standard businesses, the schools	Economy
686	Online	N/A	15	I see lack of growth because people are afraid to change. We need to embrace change and growth, or we will become stagnant and die.	People
687	Online	N/A	16	<p>I hope that new businesses will take over places that already exist rather than paving grassed lots (example, the Family Dollar on Pine Lake). I'm not saying that LaPorte shouldn't change, but we have a habit of moving on rather than repairing. Examples: the modern design to the police department on Michigan, the poorly placed Family Express on Indiana, the Family Dollar on Pine Lake, the Rumely Heritage Center, the Value City distribution center way out on Whitehead/150 (which then led to a series of light industrial buildings out in a farmland/wetland/residential area). These places were all built over time, I know, but it seems like we aren't learning from our mistakes. What can we do to salvage the old Maple Lane Mall? The wreck that is Teledyne? The long-troubled strip mall across from Al's? And what on earth are we going to do with the old hospital building?</p> <p>In addition, I'd appreciate more concentrated efforts to improve the LaPorte and Michigan City school systems, which are ranked far lower than the neighboring New Prairie district. More specifically, can we better support the continuity of student learning so to lower knowledge drain that happens over summer vacation? And can we keep the high school students in the classrooms, learning and preparing, rather than reducing their schedules to the point that they are adrift?</p> <p>We need a better, more coherent system for housing our indigent population and</p>	Youth & Education

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				supporting the caregivers of and those with mental illness. Imprisonment is not a solution, nor is a short term stay in the hospital. There needs to be a more coherent, humane support system in place. We cannot depend on churches and nonprofits. This needs to be a priority for the county and city governments, assisted by churches and nonprofits, but not led by them alone. Finally, our police officers need additional training in deescalation and responding to the victims of domestic violence. I acknowledge that domestic violence calls are often the most dangerous for the police when they respond. However, domestic violence should not be dismissed and the victims should never be blamed for not changing their conditions. Such change is not always possible and mental illness is often a factor. These calls are likely exhausting and demoralizing for the officers, so what I'm asking involves not just training, but also care for the officers so they don't become desensitized and feel supported in their efforts.	
688	Online	N/A	17	<p>In our town, there are areas that are really going downhill. Lots of junk vehicles sitting in plain site. Lots of yards with lots of junk. Who wants to drive by that every day?</p> <p>There has been vandalism at the post office. Why does it have to be open 24 hours a day?</p>	Governance
689	Online	N/A	18	The school corporation has poor funding and our kids suffer	Youth & Education
690	Online	N/A	19	While beautifying our community helps to bring visitors and prospective industry to our area, we also need to focus on the community that already resides here. We need to focus more on the children of our community, while maintaining the tourism appeal. The arts district is wonderful, but really does not have much to offer the average citizen of our community. Look at the poverty level	Youth & Education

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				alone, most of our money is being spent in the big box chain stores out of sheer necessity.	
691	Online	N/A	20	There are way too many people barely making it financially, if at all. Many students are on the free lunch program showing that the parents have no or an inadequate means of finances. Too many restaurants are coming to my community but not enough jobs with better income. However, even the better jobs can't be filled for lack of qualified workers or potential workers that can't pass a drug test or refuse to do jobs that involve labor of any kind.	Economy
692	Online	N/A	21	My concerns are for our young people who see Michigan City as a dead end. Their situation allows them no dreams or visions for the future. They may meet the wrong element and discover drugs, and other illegal activities.	Youth & Education
693	Online	N/A	22	That we will end up like SouthBend. More drug problems, more shootings and less jobs available	Health
694	Online	N/A	23	Our school district - the teachers aren't respected and paid adequately, therefore we have unqualified people 'filling' positions.	Youth & Education
695	Online	N/A	24	The disconnect I see in families, children and neighbors	People
696	Online	N/A	25	Dealing with the homeless, crimes and drug problems	Health
697	Online	N/A	26	The next Generation	Youth & Education
698	Online	N/A	27	Cars r getting broken into even when they r locked- they ransack the cars and go steal what they can Strangers r trying to look into ppl's windows at night Shootings happen on the daily Even the schools suck	Governance

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699	Online	N/A	28	Lack of educational funding Lack of better paying jobs so people stay in the city instead of looking elsewhere	Youth & Education
700	Online	N/A	29	I am concerned that we don't have as many young people returning to live and work in this community. It seems that businesses have a difficult time finding skilled and reliable employees who are willing to remain and work here. In addition, there does not seem to be much to do for young people in the immediate area for entertainment. Vandalism and community safety are problems in some areas. Racial division is also evident in some areas.	Youth & Education
701	Online	N/A	30	Jobs and the workforce. I feel like we need to have a trade school co-op with our MCAS . Carpentry, plumbing, electrician and mechanics. All of those not just some. Children need to know that if they don't feel like college is for them that is ok and that they can still be of value and successful through a trade program. If we can teach our young people to how to work that will be helpful.	Economy
702	Online	N/A	31	There are too many people who don't care.	People
703	Online	N/A	32	1.Crime- Our police force needs to be more active about preventing crime. 2.Homelessness- We have an increased presence of homeless people living or seeking shelter in our parks, library, beaches. 3. Lack of high paying jobs- The only employer that pays more then \$12/hr+benefits to start is GAF! Which is hard to get hired in.	People
704	Online	N/A	33	Gang violence, street crime, lack of accountability.	Governance
705	Online	N/A	34	Crime rates, poverty, opportunities for youth.	People
706	Online	N/A	35	Jobs, housing-affordable, crime	People
707	Online	N/A	36	We keep building low income housing, which brings undesirable people into the community.	Housing & Blight

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708	Online	N/A	37	<p>Mental health options, accessibility and affordability</p> <p>Activities for teens</p> <p>Drug and alcohol abuse</p> <p>Traffic on 20</p>	Health
709	Online	N/A	38	the future of the NIPSCO site	Infrastructure
710	Online	N/A	39	Untrue mindsets from leadership	Governance
711	Online	N/A	40	We have so many needs that are ignored, from the schools leaving out large groups of children not in the right classes, young teens and parents, middle agers and seniors left out economically either due to work schedules, pay rates or lack of personal transportation. Leadership seems to recycle the same group of people in every public arena. I guess more high paying jobs and tighter family structures may help.	Youth & Education
712	Online	N/A	41	<p>1.)The drug problem is a concern, but drugs are in every town and is not a unique problem to just our County. We have made ample strides in providing rehab centers on a small scale within our downtown to provide help for those who want it.</p> <p>2.) Lack of entertainment options within the County</p> <p>3.) Frivolous spending of grant funds and tax dollars</p> <p>4.) We don't need to house homeless in LaPorte, but have directives in place to get them to shelters in larger towns that are equipped to handle them and a tax base that can cover the expense.</p> <p>5.) Mental illness has become an issue, which can lead to drug use, which creates mental issues in itself. We need a medical staff equipped to handle mental illness in LaPorte County, which is currently being overlooked. Offices in the county somewhere, but not in the downtown areas of LaPorte or Michigan City.</p>	People

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713	Online	N/A	42	The illegal drug problems, as well as the vaping, concern me. I already watched the aftermath of two kids I once knew who died as a result of an overdose; it's not pretty. I also don't know what to do about it. As a parent, we talk about how stupid and deadly those things are; however, if other parents are not discussing it with their kids from an early age, the kids will be more likely to make these horrific mistakes. Of course, parenting is becoming a problem. Either the parents are too smothering of their kids (lawnmower parents and helicopter parents), too negligent of their kids, or too abusive to their kids.	Youth & Education
714	Online	N/A	43	That the city is not going to provide changes that will help the current community members. Its focus is on the tourism part of the improvements.	Attractability & Amenities
715	Online	N/A	44	We have many older homes with limited lot size. These homes need a municipal sewer system to allow for renovation and expansion of these "cottages" and to protect our water and lake from pollution. There are some residents who do not see this as an improvement hindering the process.	Housing & Blight
716	Online	N/A	45	The amount of low-rent housing that need improvement, and lack of a broad spectrum of jobs to keep graduates here in the community. Still pockets of crime / drugs.	Economy
717	Online	N/A	46	Crime	Governance
718	Online	N/A	47	My main concern is fragmented planning or no planning at all to grow the tourism and positive vibe about Michigan city as a destination. There is room for all to have a voice.	Attractability & Amenities
719	Online	N/A	48	We need better paying jobs, affordable housing and better healthcare.	Economy
720	Online	N/A	49	New mayor who wants to take MC back to the good old days. To stay competitive, we must move forward not back. We need more affordable housing, accessible daycare, and environmental concern.	Governance

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721	Online	N/A	50	We don't have enough people with the appropriate skill set, and executional functioning to be positioned to become a manufacturing center of the future.	Economy
722	Online	N/A	51	I am concerned with the demographics in certain pockets of Michigan City that do not have the means to sustain without assistance (section 8 or other government housing assistance) and the growing numbers for this demographic. I am also concerned about the lack of viable jobs and skilled workers available in the area.	People
723	Online	N/A	52	Too many low-income families	Economy
724	Online	N/A	53	Lack of activities and opportunities that don't reflect the diversity of the area will result in a rise of criminal/ mischievous behaviors. The younger population doesn't have many activities in the LaPorte County area to keep themselves occupied which drives them away from the area or leads to participation in illegal activities.	Attractability & Amenities
725	Online	N/A	54	that we take steps backwards, we need to continue forward and grow.	People
726	Online	N/A	55	the diversity of the community and poor job opportunities	People
727	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	1	that we take steps backwards, we need to continue forward and grow.	People
728	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	2	the diversity of the community and poor job opportunities	People
729	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	3	Large business not here for jobs	Economy
730	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	4	Low wages	Attractability & Amenities
731	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	5	Large groups of children and families needing assistance with food	People
732	Parents Advisory Group	N/A	6	Lack of communication to those needing assistance and how to best reach them	People

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1	Meals on Wheels	1	To make sure the lunch meal is healthier	Health
2	Meals on Wheels	2	God don't want me and the Devil is not through with me yet.	

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3	Meals on Wheels	3	To create an opportunity for real employment for the people that desire to work to build a more progressive community those also being able to provide for their families	Workforce Development
4	Meals on Wheels	4	I see opportunities on the West Side.	
5	Meals on Wheels	5	Medical discoveries	Health
6	Meals on Wheels	6	Not that known of	
7	Meals on Wheels	7	Environmentalism, Drones (2 airports in MC), Legalized Marijuana to offset soybean prices, Education	Amenities & Services
8	Meals on Wheels	8	I cannot specifically state where the opportunities are. However, I would state that the individual should have at least a high school diploma (or GED) and hopefully have some technical training. Also, the person should have the desire to do more learning	Workforce Development
9	Meals on Wheels	9	Some place where it is close to stores + close to ^^illegible^^	Redevelopment / Revitalization
10	Meals on Wheels	10	I'm looking hard abd don't see any.	
11	Meals on Wheels	11	I see this if we get rid of Trump!	
12	Meals on Wheels	12	None really.	
13	Meals on Wheels	13	Fast food	
14	Grace Learning Center	1	Work together, simple. Came up with realistic goals and be able to achieve them.	People
16	Grace Learning Center	2	Have the more resource centers to help drug felons.	Health
17	Grace Learning Center	3	Where there are empty lots, buildings can be built for educational uses for the school children and young teens that need help to improve their learning. Need more adults to help raise these children that needs discipline.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
19	Grace Learning Center	4	It would help if they schedule a few evening classes.	Workforce Development
20	Grace Learning Center	5	We need more access to education and family programs. There is nothing for our kids to do safely. Arms on the railroad tracks! Shelters for our bus stops or at least signs. Rich areas get that, why can't we?	Amenities & Services
21	Grace Learning Center	6	A center for our children to play basketball + eat	Amenities & Services
22	Online	1	The YMCA	Amenities & Services

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23	Online	2	Empty store fronts for business opportunities. New building and remodeling is taking place, shows opportunity of population growth.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
25	Online	3	In and around the downtown. I don't care for sprawl and the big retailers.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
26	Online	4	See answer to #1 above	
27	Online	5	Within our parks and local businesses.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
29	Online	6	Interest in improving the appearance of the community, continuing emphasis, and continued law enforcement.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
30	Online	7	movement of people from the Chicago area to La Porte County.	People
31	Online	8	There are a lot of areas in LaPorte and the county to build and improve. The lakes and parks are a draw, but people have to go to different towns for shopping and entertainment.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
32	Online	9	Business. More effort to bring more than bars, restaurants, banks and Family Dollar to our community.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
33	Online	10	Everywhere, we just need the right idea, hard work and a positive attitude!	People
34	Online	11	Local businesses and schools.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
35	Online	12	More connections between community resources and the public library to get the resources known	Amenities & Services
36	Online	13	Businesses moving in that are more than service industry positions, schools improving	Redevelopment / Revitalization
37	Online	14	BRING IN THE INTERMODAL! We need to look at other business opportunities we can bring into KOP. We have a lot of land, links to transportation, and most importantly LOCATION! We can become a major transportation hub!	Redevelopment / Revitalization

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38	Online	15	<p>There is a growing and vibrant Hispanic community in LaPorte. They are developing a community within our community, from restaurants to grocery stores to churches. I hope that the community embraces them and the change they can bring. For example, the LEAP project invested a great deal in rehabbing the downtown. Can we approach the local Hispanic store owners and offer them similar deals to improve their store fronts? To give them voice in what our town will look like? Can we have signage in both English and Spanish? Can we name parks after leading citizens who are not white as we have after white citizens? (I'm thinking here of the names of our elementary schools, our parks, and our streets).</p> <p>We also have an incredible county park system and active civic organizations like Kiwanis, Jaycees, and the Knights of Columbus.</p> <p>We have the Unity Foundation and the LaPorte Hospital Foundation, both of which have done a great deal to support specific improvements in the county.</p>	Cultural Diversity
39	Online	16	Can grant money be used as an incentive for people to get rid of junk vehicles? Maybe a tow company can come to town and remove multiple vehicles at one time. It's my understanding the tow company pays for vehicles, plus a small amount from grant money might entice people to get rid of them. Maybe the County can persuade people to clean junk out of their yards.	Amenities & Services
40	Online	17	None	
41	Online	18	I think taking care of issues that have been long ignored (the ghost mall in the gateway to the city is a good place to start). More programs for our youth. Boys and Girls club and the YMCA are falling short of the need in this area. We need something to bridge the gap. Anything that can bring several segments of society together can only be a win for all. The homeless population is another issue that has gone ignored. Citizens Concerned for the Homeless are doing their best to provide services, but housing, or a space is desperately needed for these individuals. We can give artists free room in a beautifully renovated building, while people sleep in the elements just outside.	Amenities & Services
42	Online	19	There aren't opportunities. Maybe Arconic and American Licorice.	
43	Online	20	I don't.	
44	Online	21	The mall is an eye sore and took a lot of jobs away. Build a better one with stores that suit our area or for locals to have smaller stores that are affordable for rent!	Redevelopment / Revitalization

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45	Online	22	The training that is available at our AK Smith campus is creating a well-trained work force.	Workforce Development
46	Online	23	Getting more people involved in churches, engaging in more community service, helping and showing caring with our less fortunate	Amenities & Services
47	Online	24	In developing family activities and community throughout the seasons. Bring pride to the citizens that reflects to area visitors.	Amenities & Services
48	Online	25	All over when it comes to these children. Give them something to do !!!!!	Amenities & Services
49	Online	26	I'm sorry I just don't know Maybe a neighborhood watch More police patrolling	Amenities & Services
50	Online	27	Everywhere in the city if they use the money more wisely. Make it more desirable for people to want to stay and hang out. Copy valpo a little. Less pawn shops and tire shops and build cute community shops and keep the money in Michigan City. Skating rings	Redevelopment / Revitalization
51	Online	28	The lakeshore is a particular draw and should continue to be showcased and developed in such a way as to make use of our beautiful area without damaging the environmental aesthetics of this treasured natural setting. The guided boat cruises have become popular and continue to provide educational experiences and promote exposure to visitors. There are opportunities to develop the area and renovate older buildings and homes to preserve the historic areas. Our Marquette Mall and some of the other unused commercial properties have great potential. Opportunities for young people to take part in community service projects and artistic endeavors to beautify, clean, and maintain our neighborhoods are possible. We might consider involving our young people in projects that help seniors as well.	Parks & Recreation
52	Online	29	Our opportunity lies in our location with lower taxes and the south shore line as well as so much potential for growth through the west side corridor and U.S. 212. We have a true gem in our lakefront and we can capitalize on being both a tourist location as well as a place for young people to come and settle down and raise a family. We should invite the companies that line up with what we want to see in our community. Don't wait for them to come to us actively recruit them.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
53	Online	30	tourism outdoor activities	Parks & Recreation

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54	Online	31	We have a lot of foreclosed homes that could be used for those in need! Something needs to be done about Marquette mall. The one way on downtown Franklin St. Is a nightmare!	Redevelopment / Revitalization
55	Online	32	The development that is occurring. I also believe this is a prime opportunity for Ivy Tech to expand and lead LaPorte County into the realm of academic leadership. We need community colleges now more than ever.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
56	Online	33	Lakefront, property where the mall currently is located.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
57	Online	34	Lake MLK	Parks & Recreation
58	Online	35	We need to put more restaurants and shopping at the lakefront (similar to New Buffalo). It could be a goldmine!	Redevelopment / Revitalization
59	Online	36	I am encouraged by this endeavor, by the Healthcare Foundation and Unity.	People
60	Online	37	growth at Purdue Northwest with potential space for dormitories.	People
61	Online	38	With the youth	People
62	Online	39	Continued job growth with living wage jobs- not just retail- child care for ALL -better outreach in the high school- they still cater to the affluent/athletes. Parent/adult groups activities that involve more diverse groups.	Workforce Development
63	Online	40		
64	Online	41	I would love to see more done to include people who speak other languages in events around the community, especially with the Hispanic community. The different cultures can bring much needed diversity to our businesses, our churches, our schools, and our lives in general.	Cultural Diversity
65	Online	42	The lakefront, downtown, and the Marquette Plaza.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
66	Online	43	I believe that the lake community provides affordable living opportunities away from the hustle and bustle of places such as Pine Lake.	Amenities & Services
67	Online	44	Various organizations have been putting money back into the community to help nourish growth.	Amenities & Services
68	Online	45	Double track	Redevelopment / Revitalization
69	Online	46	Tourism and improved commutes to places of interest, like Art district, river, beach. The zoo brings in families traveling through the area. Educational Signage around Washington park about the history, trees, beach, things to do would be of benefit to tourists.	Amenities & Services

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70	Online	47	We have so much opportunity for growth. We have land and transportation accessibility for future enterprises.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
71	Online	48	CIVIC PLAZA would be a great downtown amenity that would stimulate Franklin Street merchants. Make LaPorte County a model for environmental change!!! Greater support for the arts.	Amenities & Services
72	Online	49	manufacturing, making things with our hands, effectively.	
73	Online	50	There are always economic development opportunities all over our County.	
74	Online	51	No where	
75	Online	52	There are many vacant buildings which may be able to be turned into a skating rink, arcade, or other activity center that will provide a healthy and safe source of fun.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
76	Online	53	the painting and upgrading of our downtown has allowed for more new stores and restaurants. I hope it continues.	Redevelopment / Revitalization
77	Online	54	Work training and improving overall health by creating safe walking/biking paths	Health
78	Unity Luncheon	1	Infrastructure	Infrastructure
79	Unity Luncheon	2	Trade shows	Amenities & Services
80	Unity Luncheon	3	Roads	Infrastructure
81	Unity Luncheon	4	Addiction Programs	Health
82	Unity Luncheon	5	Broadband access in the rural areas	Infrastructure
83	Unity Luncheon	6	Wineries	Amenities & Services
84	Unity Luncheon	7	Gen station property development	Redevelopment / Revitalization
85	Unity Luncheon	8	Roads	Infrastructure
86	Unity Luncheon	9	Infrastructure	Infrastructure
87	Unity Luncheon	10	Opportunity	
88	Unity Luncheon	11	Senior parks	Parks & Recreation
89	Unity Luncheon	12	Microbrewery	Amenities & Services
90	Unity Luncheon	13	Tax advantage	
91	Unity Luncheon	14	Trade shows	Amenities & Services
92	Unity Luncheon	15	Blue Chip center	Amenities & Services
93	Unity Luncheon	16	Improve Infrastructure Roadways	Infrastructure

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94	Unity Luncheon	17	Rail-commuter	People
95	Unity Luncheon	18	Build a senior park	Parks & Recreation
96	Unity Luncheon	19	Illinois sucks	
97	Unity Luncheon	20	South Shore Double track	Redevelopment / Revitalization
98	Unity Luncheon	21	MC generating Station removal	Redevelopment / Revitalization
99	Unity Luncheon	22	Trade shows	Amenities & Services
100	Unity Luncheon	23	Bypass in La Porte	Infrastructure
101	Unity Luncheon	24	Kingsbury Industrial	Infrastructure
102	Unity Luncheon	25	Good paying jobs, need to embrace Chicago, need to have larger companies to move into LPCo.	People
103	Unity Luncheon	26	Two track train track (2023/24)	Infrastructure
104	Unity Luncheon	27	Rebranding NWI- ads to promote tourism (similar to pure MI)	Amenities & Services
105	Unity Luncheon	28	New housing developments	People
106	Unity Luncheon	29	Housing developments	People
107	Unity Luncheon	30	easy, quick access to Chicago	Infrastructure
108	Unity Luncheon	31	Continue to improve schools, increase rating	People
109	Unity Luncheon	32	Provide upscale housing	People
110	Unity Luncheon	33	single family and multi-family	People
111	Unity Luncheon	34	High tech training and employment	Workforce Development
112	Unity Luncheon	35	Innovative partnerships, school and work/career	People
113	Unity Luncheon	36	Community collaboration	People
114	Unity Luncheon	37	Unfortunately, I have spent enough time to adequately assess community needs/opportunities	
115	Unity Luncheon	38	Homeless Problem	People
116	Unity Luncheon	39	Drug Problem	Health
117	Unity Luncheon	40	Limited Bus Service	Infrastructure
118	Unity Luncheon	41	Boarded up Buildings Business space for sale due to "newer" building built instead of remodeling what you have	Redevelopment / Revitalization
119	Unity Luncheon	42	Variety of Housing Options	People
120	Unity Luncheon	43	Public transportation	Infrastructure
121	Unity Luncheon	44	Walkable spaces	Amenities & Services
122	Unity Luncheon	45	more entertainment	Amenities & Services
123	Unity Luncheon	46	MCAs community support	

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124	Unity Luncheon	47	New businesses coming in, growth in established business	Redevelopment / Revitalization
125	Unity Luncheon	48	Help for people who need it (in varying ways) and a means to find help, when you need it. It is difficult to know where to go if you need home repair assistance, help paying bills, resources for special needs "kids" ask they enter adulthood, help for single moms, etc.	People
126	Unity Luncheon	49	More truck traffic downtown La Porte	
127	Unity Luncheon	50	Vibrant downtown although currently growing and improving	Redevelopment / Revitalization
128	Unity Luncheon	51	Bike Trails	Infrastructure
129	Unity Luncheon	52	Retaining people	People
130	Unity Luncheon	53	Job creation	People
131	Unity Luncheon	54	Shopping area	Amenities & Services
132	Unity Luncheon	55	Income inequality	People
133	Unity Luncheon	56	Weak workforce	Workforce Development
134	Unity Luncheon	57	Drug addiction	Health
135	Unity Luncheon	58	Lack of healthy behaviors	Health
136	Unity Luncheon	59	As a Lake County resident, I would love to see more marketing to us about La Porte County. So many wonderful things to offer- let us in on the secrets.	Amenities & Services
137	Unity Luncheon	60	Population Growth	People
138	Unity Luncheon	61	Assessed Value	
139	Unity Luncheon	62	Trails connecting communities	Infrastructure
140	Unity Luncheon	63	Healthy Living, eating, moving	Health
141	Unity Luncheon	64	Tourism	Amenities & Services
142	Unity Luncheon	65	Downtown	Redevelopment / Revitalization
143	Unity Luncheon	66	Downtown areas keeping and attracting business and talent	Redevelopment / Revitalization
144	Unity Luncheon	67	Sports venues	Amenities & Services
145	Unity Luncheon	68	Entertainment Venues	Amenities & Services
146	Unity Luncheon	69	Develop Downtown	Redevelopment / Revitalization
147	Unity Luncheon	70	Abilities to keep and attract business and talent	People
148	Unity Luncheon	71	Gentrification- double track/Chicago commuters	Redevelopment / Revitalization
149	Unity Luncheon	72	Older youth opportunities	Amenities & Services
150	Unity Luncheon	73	Strong neighborhood identity	Redevelopment / Revitalization

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151	Unity Luncheon	74	Marquette mall	Redevelopment / Revitalization
152	Unity Luncheon	75	Winter Activities	Amenities & Services
153	Unity Luncheon	76	Pedestrian overpass in LP	Infrastructure
154	Unity Luncheon	77	Destinations throughout the County	Amenities & Services
155	Unity Luncheon	78	Fairgrounds	Amenities & Services
156	Unity Luncheon	79	Marquette mall- indoor water, ice and roller skating	Amenities & Services
157	Unity Luncheon	80	Food Desert outer co	Health
158	Unity Luncheon	81	YMCA Update	Redevelopment / Revitalization
159	Unity Luncheon	82	Downtown areas keeping and attracting business and talent	Redevelopment / Revitalization
160	Unity Luncheon	83	Connect New Port to Downtown	Redevelopment / Revitalization
161	Unity Luncheon	84	Transportation	Infrastructure
162	Unity Luncheon	85	Light rail connect MC and LP	Infrastructure
163	Unity Luncheon	86	Living wage	People
164	Unity Luncheon	87	Winter Recreation destination	Amenities & Services
165	Unity Luncheon	88	Employment outside of retail/service industry	Workforce Development
166	Unity Luncheon	89	MC Marquette mall repurpose	Redevelopment / Revitalization
167	Unity Luncheon	90	Unification of communities	
168	Unity Luncheon	91	Trade education	Workforce Development
169	Unity Luncheon	92	Collaborations	People
170	Unity Luncheon	93	Activities for youth	Amenities & Services
171	Unity Luncheon	94	Marquette Mall	Redevelopment / Revitalization
172	Unity Luncheon	95	Fairgrounds	Amenities & Services
173	Unity Luncheon	96	Transit between MC and La Porte	Infrastructure
174	Unity Luncheon	97	Food centers in small communities (Union Mills and Hanna)	Amenities & Services
175	Unity Luncheon	98	Winter/recreation	Amenities & Services
176	Unity Luncheon	99	Too many abandoned and dilapidated buildings	Redevelopment / Revitalization
177	Unity Luncheon	100	Drug use (meth)	Health
178	Unity Luncheon	101	Tying together total County	

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179	Unity Luncheon	102	Encourage the County to support the county	
180	Unity Luncheon	103	Empty malls big box stores	Redevelopment / Revitalization
181	Unity Luncheon	104	Revitalized downtown areas	Redevelopment / Revitalization
182	Unity Luncheon	105	Transportation	Infrastructure
183	Unity Luncheon	106	City wide festivals i.e. Whiting, IN	Amenities & Services
184	Unity Luncheon	107	Downtowns	Redevelopment / Revitalization
185	Unity Luncheon	108	Restaurants/premier	Amenities & Services
186	Unity Luncheon	109	Bed/Breakfasts	Amenities & Services
187	Unity Luncheon	110	Premier Shopping Trader Joe's, whole foods	Amenities & Services
188	Unity Luncheon	111	Growing downtown West- East, North- South	Redevelopment / Revitalization
189	Unity Luncheon	112	Hotel and Convention Center	Amenities & Services
190	Unity Luncheon	113	More Employers/not just emphasis on manufacturing	
191	Unity Luncheon	114	Development of West and East Sides at some level as New Porte Landing	Redevelopment / Revitalization
192	Unity Luncheon	115	Better Tech infrastructure for rural areas	Infrastructure
193	Unity Luncheon	116	Public transportation to the lake and dunes	Infrastructure
194	Unity Luncheon	117	An opportunity- capitalize on Flora Richardson Foundation Nature Preserve	Parks & Recreation
195	Unity Luncheon	118	Develop NISCO Property for public use	Redevelopment / Revitalization
196	Unity Luncheon	119	Two track south shore	Infrastructure
197	Unity Luncheon	120	Downtown Housing in Michigan city	People
198	Unity Luncheon	121	School System improvement in entire county	People
199	Unity Luncheon	122	South Shore Train expansion	Infrastructure
200	Unity Luncheon	123	additional housing	People
201	Unity Luncheon	124	Are the drug recoveries facilities in our country?	Health
202	Unity Luncheon	125	Do we need to strengthen our abilities to get to and from the better paying jobs which are ways from here?	
203	Unity Luncheon	126	School system	People
204	Unity Luncheon	127	Older vacant buildings in our downtown areas could be better utilized i.e. Maple Lane Mall/Marquette Mall could be places for teens to hang out	Redevelopment / Revitalization
205	Unity Luncheon	128	Better utilities needed in many small and unincorporated towns (sewers)	Infrastructure
206	Unity Luncheon	129	Freshen foods in "food desert" areas	Health

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207	Unity Luncheon	130	Better public transportation opportunities to connect towns and get people to work	Infrastructure
208	Unity Luncheon	131	MC Parks- Dunes National Park	Parks & Recreation
209	Unity Luncheon	132	Fun Plex- 4 season entertainment	Amenities & Services
210	Unity Luncheon	133	Creating-quaint atmosphere	Redevelopment / Revitalization
211	Unity Luncheon	134	Fairgrounds	Amenities & Services
212	Unity Luncheon	135	Expand bike trails	Infrastructure
213	Unity Luncheon	136	Winter recreation options	Amenities & Services
214	Unity Luncheon	137	Downtown development	Redevelopment / Revitalization
215	Unity Luncheon	138	Tourism and conventions	Amenities & Services
216	Unity Luncheon	139	Dunes National park	Parks & Recreation
217	Unity Luncheon	140	Fairgrounds	Amenities & Services
218	Unity Luncheon	141	Agri-Tourism	Amenities & Services
219	Unity Luncheon	142	Quaint Towns	Redevelopment / Revitalization
220	Unity Luncheon	143	Public transportation- easier	Infrastructure
221	Unity Luncheon	144	More activities at the parks and around town	Parks & Recreation
222	Unity Luncheon	145	more things to do in the winter	Amenities & Services
223	Unity Luncheon	146	more reasonable priced art activities- learning pottery, woodworking, sewing	Amenities & Services
224	Unity Luncheon	147	Drug rehab facility- county home?	Health
225	Unity Luncheon	148	Mental Health services	Health
226	Unity Luncheon	149	need better or angled parking downtown to facilitate walking	Redevelopment / Revitalization
227	Unity Luncheon	150	Need a city pool and other things for kids	Amenities & Services
228	Unity Luncheon	151	public transport	Infrastructure
229	Unity Luncheon	152	Elder housing	People
230	Unity Luncheon	153	Better site and city promotion/image	Amenities & Services
231	Unity Luncheon	154	Dog parks	Parks & Recreation
232	Unity Luncheon	155	Signage to tourist and community interest	Amenities & Services

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233	Unity Luncheon	156	Improve community parks	Parks & Recreation
234	Unity Luncheon	157	4 season activities indoor water park	Amenities & Services
235	Unity Luncheon	158	funding for parks and rec/cultural opportunities	Parks & Recreation
236	Unity Luncheon	159	parks in community	Parks & Recreation
237	Unity Luncheon	160	lakeland	Parks & Recreation
238	Unity Luncheon	161	Lack of skill workforce	Workforce Development
239	Unity Luncheon	162	Food desert	Health
240	Unity Luncheon	163	Better transportation	Infrastructure
241	Unity Luncheon	164	Mental Health services	Health
242	Unity Luncheon	165	affordable housing	People
243	Unity Luncheon	166	Skilled work force need more train	Workforce Development
244	Unity Luncheon	167	Green infrastructure, training, maintenance funding, staff	Workforce Development
245	Unity Luncheon	168	Off site parking and shuttle for Washington Park	Parks & Recreation
246	Unity Luncheon	169	Address food deserts with community gardens	Health
247	Unity Luncheon	170	More youth programming	Amenities & Services
248	Unity Luncheon	171	Water trail on TC	Parks & Recreation
249	Unity Luncheon	172	MFCF Subs/skilled workers	Workforce Development
250	Unity Luncheon	173	Stronger governmental support for historic preservation. Saved celebrate the existing building stock	Redevelopment / Revitalization
251	Unity Luncheon	174	Shopping area	Amenities & Services
252	Unity Luncheon	175	Need a place for children and teens	Amenities & Services
253	Unity Luncheon	176	Community pool	Amenities & Services
254	Unity Luncheon	177	Maintaining parks	Parks & Recreation
255	Unity Luncheon	178	Public transportation	Infrastructure
256	Unity Luncheon	179	Lack of shopping in LP	Amenities & Services
257	Unity Luncheon	180	Truck bypass in LP	Infrastructure
258	Unity Luncheon	181	Family play resort- waterpark	Amenities & Services

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259	Unity Luncheon	182	Business filled downtown	Redevelopment / Revitalization
260	Unity Luncheon	183	Tear down and rebuilding of Marquette Mall	Redevelopment / Revitalization
261	Unity Luncheon	184	Gathering place such as plaza	Parks & Recreation
262	Unity Luncheon	185	Live music venue	Amenities & Services
263	Unity Luncheon	186	Children's Museum Fieldhouse (MCHs) and community	Amenities & Services
264	Unity Luncheon	187	Modern YMCA	Amenities & Services
265	Unity Luncheon	188	Homes	People
266	Unity Luncheon	189	Emerging maker culture can be expanded	Cultural Diversity
267	Unity Luncheon	190	Natural resources	Parks & Recreation
268	Unity Luncheon	191	Children's museum	Amenities & Services
269	Unity Luncheon	192	Indoor waterpark	Amenities & Services
270	Unity Luncheon	193	Pickleball venue	Amenities & Services
271	Unity Luncheon	194	Doubletrack/trainstation and surrounding	Infrastructure
272	Unity Luncheon	195	YMCA- A modern facility for both MC & LP	Amenities & Services
273	Unity Luncheon	196	Field House in MC for athletics and community	Amenities & Services
274	Unity Luncheon	197	Aging infrastructure, homes and building = a chance for historic preservation	Redevelopment / Revitalization
275	Unity Luncheon	198	blight (homes, mgt. mall)	Redevelopment / Revitalization
276	Unity Luncheon	199	Emerging maker culture affordable housing	People
277	Unity Luncheon	200	Retention of our youth after college	People
278	Unity Luncheon	201	Rec center	Amenities & Services
279	Unity Luncheon	202	Live music venue	Amenities & Services
280	Unity Luncheon	203	Preserving the downtown	Redevelopment / Revitalization
281	Unity Luncheon	204	Assistance and access for the disadvantaged services	People
282	Unity Luncheon	205	Affordable housing	People
283	Unity Luncheon	206	assistance for elderly	People
284	Unity Luncheon	207	Community centers for elderly kids	Amenities & Services
285	Unity Luncheon	208	Elementary education	People
286	Unity Luncheon	209	Downtown extend to affordable housing	People

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287	Unity Luncheon	210	Community integration	Amenities & Services
288	Unity Luncheon	211	Industry	Workforce Development
289	Unity Luncheon	212	Better infrastructure	Infrastructure
290	Unity Luncheon	213	Inclusive outlets young adults that do not involve alcohol (ex. Classes, sports fun activities)	Amenities & Services
291	Unity Luncheon	214	Public transportation outside of Michigan City	Infrastructure
292	Unity Luncheon	215	Affordable rental housing esp. pet friendly	People
293	Unity Luncheon	216	Services for homeless outside of Michigan city	People
294	Unity Luncheon	217	drug treatment, mental health treatment	Health
295	Unity Luncheon	218	Smokefree workplaces- cover everyone	Health
296	Unity Luncheon	219	Community centers/youth centers (little activities for all youth to access)	Amenities & Services
297	Unity Luncheon	220	Impatient interventions for youth/families- most are serviced outside our communities	Health
298	Unity Luncheon	221	Public school quality	People
299	Unity Luncheon	222	Affordable housing needed	People
300	Unity Luncheon	223	High end housing \$ gong to other communities to meet need	People
301	Unity Luncheon	224	Paid training	Workforce Development
302	Unity Luncheon	225	life skills for youth	Amenities & Services
303	Unity Luncheon	226	more help with housing!	People
304	Unity Luncheon	227	There are too many hardworking families in La Porte County that can barely make rent/bills every month. Landlords are expecting to move for crappy homes	People
305	Unity Luncheon	228	More job training for people who have little or none at all	Workforce Development
306	Unity Luncheon	229	Better develop lakes and parks with kayak rentals, better marked bike and hiking paths. Even the Kankakee River is an underutilized asset.	Parks & Recreation
307	Unity Luncheon	230	Better substance abuse prevention/intervention treatment and mental health treatment	Health
308	Unity Luncheon	231	Paid on the job training that leads to living wage employment	Workforce Development
309	Unity Luncheon	232	Basic financial education for life- success for graduation	People
310	Unity Luncheon	233	More affordable housing- esp. pet friendly	People
311	Unity Luncheon	234	Better more high end housing so high wage earner live in LP instead taking earnings to another country.	People
312	Unity Luncheon	235	Development of South Cleveland Ave	Redevelopment / Revitalization
313	Unity Luncheon	236	Quality roads and infrastructure	Infrastructure

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314	Unity Luncheon	237	More industries good paying jobs	Workforce Development
315	Unity Luncheon	238	Skilled workforce	Workforce Development
316	Unity Luncheon	239	More restaurants- outdoor dining	Amenities & Services
317	Unity Luncheon	240	Marquette Mall	Redevelopment / Revitalization
318	Unity Luncheon	241	Northwest Athletic club	Amenities & Services
319	Unity Luncheon	242	More bike trails	Infrastructure
320	Unity Luncheon	243	Affordable housing support for public schools	People
321	Unity Luncheon	244	Walkability	Infrastructure
322	Unity Luncheon	245	Affordable housing	People
323	Unity Luncheon	246	Things for youth	Amenities & Services
324	Unity Luncheon	247	Support for public schools	People
325	Unity Luncheon	248	Mental Health care	Health
326	Unity Luncheon	249	Homeless shelters	People
327	Unity Luncheon	250	family gathering	Amenities & Services
328	Unity Luncheon	251	Ice skating rink	Amenities & Services
329	Unity Luncheon	252	Homeless shelters	People
330	Unity Luncheon	253	walkability	Infrastructure
331	Unity Luncheon	254	La Porte by pass	Infrastructure
332	Unity Luncheon	255	Need affordable housing	People
333	Unity Luncheon	256	help homeless	People
334	Unity Luncheon	257	Missing places for kids to hang out. Sports center.	Amenities & Services
335	Unity Luncheon	258	Code enforcement! - clean up housing area	Redevelopment / Revitalization
336	Unity Luncheon	259	mental health care lacking	Health
337	Unity Luncheon	260	Sports center	Amenities & Services
338	Unity Luncheon	261	With the beachfront in mind- the MC entrance to the beach lacks inviting entities i.e. shops, restaurants all the way from 9th st. to the bridge. Library is in the way! Beach area needs?? On the beach! Entertainment	Parks & Recreation
339	Unity Luncheon	262	Homeless shelter for men and women	People
340	Unity Luncheon	263	No retail shopping available except for Walmart (La Porte)	Amenities & Services
341	Unity Luncheon	264	Things for young people to go	Amenities & Services

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342	Unity Luncheon	265	Downtown shopping	Amenities & Services
343	Unity Luncheon	266	Better restaurants	Amenities & Services
344	Unity Luncheon	267	No westend hopping for a lot of retired people who leave there	
345	Unity Luncheon	268	Drug problems!	Health
346	Unity Luncheon	269	Better beach area	Parks & Recreation
347	Unity Luncheon	270	A road around downtown (for truck traffic)	Infrastructure
348	Unity Luncheon	271	Have land lords be more responsible for their properties!	People
349	Unity Luncheon	272	More industry like and movie theater	Amenities & Services
350	Unity Luncheon	273	Homeless needs, shelter	People
351	Unity Luncheon	274	Economic Growth	
352	Unity Luncheon	275	For young families	
353	Unity Luncheon	276	Child care/ elder care	People
354	Unity Luncheon	277	Tourism- underdeveloped	Amenities & Services
355	Unity Luncheon	278	Transportation	Infrastructure
356	Unity Luncheon	279	More small business	
357	Unity Luncheon	280	Summer activities	Amenities & Services
358	Unity Luncheon	281	Opportunities for over young adults	Amenities & Services
359	Unity Luncheon	282	Good paying jobs for those who don't go to college	
360	Unity Luncheon	283	Grocery and other stores on West end of La Porte	Amenities & Services
361	Unity Luncheon	284	new affordable housing (single family homes)	People
362	Unity Luncheon	285	Activities for the middle to high school students	Amenities & Services
363	Unity Luncheon	286	An educational program that is geared to building technical skills i.e. college, school	People
364	Unity Luncheon	287	The average home build in MC 1968	
365	Unity Luncheon	288	Our community needs jobs for under educated citizens who are living in poverty. FedEx in Chicago pays \$16.75/hour with HS diploma. A job \$ a wage like this would stimulate economic growth and decrease ALICE population	People
366	Unity Luncheon	289	Kids/ we need to keep them here working after H.S./College	
367	Unity Luncheon	290	Growth in jobs and opportunities for the younger generation to retain and invest in the community	Amenities & Services
368	Unity Luncheon	291	Kids are the future	

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369	Unity Luncheon	292	Drinkable water in Hudson Lake- easier for college graduates to live here with new jobs	Infrastructure
370	Unity Luncheon	293	For opportunities I can't think of any, but there is something missing in our communities today. Giving back to the community is something that people graze over anymore.	
371	Unity Luncheon	294	Constant activity to do not many places to go and enjoy as a student	Amenities & Services
372	Unity Luncheon	295	Missing kids outside and people gains outside in general	
373	Unity Luncheon	296	Lack of community giveback	
374	Unity Luncheon	297	Better apartments- no cheap, safe places to stay	People
375	Unity Luncheon	298	Kids- they are always learning, hostility in drugs, dating really old guys	People
376	Unity Luncheon	299	Environment- companies around here aren't very environmentally friendly	Parks & Recreation
377	Unity Luncheon	300	Littering- especially on road sides	Infrastructure
378	Unity Luncheon	301	Diversity- NPUSC has low ethnic diversity	Cultural Diversity
379	Unity Luncheon	302	Optimism- businesses are growing	
380	Unity Luncheon	303	Sunday transportation	Infrastructure
381	Unity Luncheon	304	Mental health services to supplement	Health
382	Unity Luncheon	305	Unique shopping- arts district	Amenities & Services
383	Unity Luncheon	306	unique eating	Amenities & Services
384	Unity Luncheon	307	Safe walking biking trails connecting: between the following: lakes, parks, trails, shops, restaurants, arts district	Amenities & Services
385	Unity Luncheon	308	Limit bars	
386	Unity Luncheon	309	Variable housing	People
387	Unity Luncheon	310	Traffic through LP	Infrastructure
388	Unity Luncheon	311	plug in to activities	Amenities & Services
389	Unity Luncheon	312	Adequate transportation for those without cars; both in MC, La Porte and between the two.	Infrastructure
390	Unity Luncheon	313	Quality work force, trained for new jobs...technology	Workforce Development
391	Unity Luncheon	314	More high paying jobs- service driven economy	
392	Unity Luncheon	315	Addressing affordable housing needs- change zoning to accommodate smaller homes/community and meet needs of working poor	People
393	Unity Luncheon	316	Growth is missing we are aging too- less of wealth as more economically disadvantaged move in	
394	Unity Luncheon	317	Move prison out of MC, locate into open area of La Porte County	Redevelopment / Revitalization

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395	Unity Luncheon	318	Stronger adult education	People
396	Unity Luncheon	319	Help law enforcement/drug problem	Health
397	Unity Luncheon	320	More help and support for schools.	People
398	Unity Luncheon	321	Good zoning to get good stuff avoid bad	Redevelopment / Revitalization
399	Unity Luncheon	322	Decommissioning NIPSCO Plant	Redevelopment / Revitalization
400	Unity Luncheon	323	Low mid income housing stock- better and more	People
401	Unity Luncheon	324	Negative impact of prisons	
402	Unity Luncheon	325	I-94 Exit 40 interchange toll road ext at US 421, Kingsbury Industrial Park, South Shore Double Track; MC train station	Infrastructure
403	Unity Luncheon	326	Look at us in the room we are pretty monocultural, We should be plan to be multicultural and ethnically diverse.	Cultural Diversity
404	Unity Luncheon	327	Mental Health, access, availability, awareness, # end the stigma, affordability	Health
405	Unity Luncheon	328	Services for Veterans	People
406	Unity Luncheon	329	Activities for teens	Amenities & Services
407	Unity Luncheon	330	Cultural diversity- bridging communication between cultures, services for immigrant families (African Somalia)	Cultural Diversity
408	Unity Luncheon	331	Becoming a trauma-informed community schools, banks, healthcare, etc. employers, etc.	Health
409	Unity Luncheon	332	Prepare for double track and with upward growth keep the charm	Redevelopment / Revitalization
410	Unity Luncheon	333	We need industrial manufacturing for jobs	
411	Unity Luncheon	334	Increase our use natural resources for tourism	Amenities & Services
412	Unity Luncheon	335	More sporting activities	Amenities & Services
413	Unity Luncheon	336	Make sure to empower all non-profits, in order to "short-up", needy citizens, re-organize Marquette Mall	Amenities & Services
414	Unity Luncheon	337	Empty storefronts- opportunity for kids spaces	Redevelopment / Revitalization
415	Unity Luncheon	338	Infrastructure- transportation throughout La Porte Co	Infrastructure
416	Unity Luncheon	339	La Porte Co. Fairgrounds	Amenities & Services
417	Unity Luncheon	340	Youth Sports/service facility	Amenities & Services
418	Unity Luncheon	341	Central directory for county services both funded and charitable with descriptions/ways of access and requirements this may exist	Amenities & Services
419	Unity Luncheon	342	Attracting new business	

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420	Unity Luncheon	343	Local leadership needs to be stronger and smarter	People
421	Unity Luncheon	344	MC needs to move forward with the double track on the south shore line	Infrastructure
422	Unity Luncheon	345	Develop our fairgrounds	Redevelopment / Revitalization
423	Unity Luncheon	346	Potential for Mid-South County families	People
424	Unity Luncheon	347	Develop mid-priced homes	People
425	Unity Luncheon	348	Youth/family sport center with ice rink, roller rink, baseball, batting cages, soccerfields	Amenities & Services
426	Unity Luncheon	349	Need to include all people of color so they feel seen, welcomed	Cultural Diversity
427	Unity Luncheon	350	Keep focusing on being an accepting place for LGBTQ communities	People
428	Unity Luncheon	351	Need lakefront to have more access for folks with disability	People
429	Unity Luncheon	352	Turn Marquette mall into a senior village (housing safe space) community-building	Redevelopment / Revitalization
430	Unity Luncheon	353	An action plan	
431	Unity Luncheon	354	Facility for youth spaces	Amenities & Services
432	Unity Luncheon	355	Fair grounds	Amenities & Services
433	Unity Luncheon	356	Fair grounds are under utilized loss of population	Amenities & Services
434	Unity Luncheon	357	Many empty retail spaces that could be re-purposed	Redevelopment / Revitalization
435	Unity Luncheon	358	Road repair/infrastructure	Infrastructure
436	Unity Luncheon	359	La Porte needs full-service hotel facility	Amenities & Services
437	Unity Luncheon	360	Housing variety- needed	People
438	Unity Luncheon	361	Economic development	
439	Unity Luncheon	362	Conference centers- blue chip	Amenities & Services
440	Unity Luncheon	363	Get young people involved in there	People
441	Unity Luncheon	364	Discussions- from middle school on	People
442	Unity Luncheon	365	Transportation	Infrastructure
443	Unity Luncheon	366	Housing	People
444	Unity Luncheon	367	Shopping area	Amenities & Services
445	Unity Luncheon	368	student	
446	Unity Luncheon	369	Youth involvement	People
447	Unity Luncheon	370	retail	Amenities & Services
448	Unity Luncheon	371	Housing	People
449	Unity Luncheon	372	Employers	

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450	Unity Luncheon	373	family entertainment	Amenities & Services
451	Unity Luncheon	374	higher end housing and rentals	People
452	Unity Luncheon	375	shelter for homeless	People
453	Unity Luncheon	376	Housing affordable	People
454	Unity Luncheon	377	Workforce development career readiness program	Workforce Development
455	Unity Luncheon	378	Food places	Amenities & Services
456	Unity Luncheon	379	Stronger public transportation	Infrastructure
457	Unity Luncheon	380	downtown Plaza	Redevelopment / Revitalization
458	Unity Luncheon	381	Support Small business owners	Redevelopment / Revitalization
459	Unity Luncheon	382	Winter activities, either indoor or outdoor	Amenities & Services
460	Unity Luncheon	383	Countywide collaboration/sense of unity	People
461	Unity Luncheon	384	Early childhood education	People
462	Unity Luncheon	385	more tailored for working parents	People
463	Unity Luncheon	386	Need to increase public transportation	Infrastructure
464	Unity Luncheon	387	Need more shopping with the closing of Carsons, Penny's and sears	Redevelopment / Revitalization
465	Unity Luncheon	388	Possibility for distribution centers close to 94 more potential for jobs	Redevelopment / Revitalization
466	Unity Luncheon	389	More interesting shops, continue with plaza concept, more restaurant	Redevelopment / Revitalization
467	Unity Luncheon	390	Marquette mall area needs to be demolished, what an amazing property to go to waste!	Redevelopment / Revitalization
468	Unity Luncheon	391	More support for youth	People
469	Unity Luncheon	392	Expand public transportation	Infrastructure
470	Unity Luncheon	393	More public art interactive	Cultural Diversity
471	Unity Luncheon	394	Indoor space for affordable family entertainment	Amenities & Services
472	Unity Luncheon	395	Support city and neighborhood parks	Parks & Recreation
473	Unity Luncheon	396	Property tax incentives to revive old homes	Redevelopment / Revitalization
474	Unity Luncheon	397	Retail needed	Redevelopment / Revitalization
475	Unity Luncheon	398	need more recreation for kids sporting events. Baseball, basketball, gymnastics	Parks & Recreation
476	Unity Luncheon	399	Need to tackle drug problems	Health
477	Unity Luncheon	400	need things for young adults to do for teen need job-training	Workforce Development

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478	Unity Luncheon	401	LP Downtown	Redevelopment / Revitalization
479	Unity Luncheon	402	Improve high school	People
480	Unity Luncheon	403	Homelessness problem	People
481	Unity Luncheon	404	Addictions need a facility to help people	Health
482	Unity Luncheon	405	More activities for kids	Amenities & Services
483	Unity Luncheon	406	Not enough for kids to do	Amenities & Services
484	Unity Luncheon	407	Our communities are not connected	
485	Unity Luncheon	408	We have diversity but do not embrace it meaning: in what ways do we reach out to or include the Latino Community, etc.	Cultural Diversity
486	Unity Luncheon	409	Also many nonprofits and services for underserved populations, but are they included? How accessible are family events, what kind of marketing are we using when there are free events sports, teams, \$\$\$	Amenities & Services
487	Parents Advisory Group	1	Not many activities for kids to do	Amenities & Services
488	Parents Advisory Group	2	Family activities are limited also	Amenities & Services
489	Parents Advisory Group	3	Shopping is very limited	Amenities & Services
490	Parents Advisory Group	4	Central place to have community events	Redevelopment / Revitalization
491	Parents Advisory Group	5	Connections to join Downtown and Lake area	Redevelopment / Revitalization
492	Parents Advisory Group	6	Homeless / needy areas close to groups that have no transportation	People
493	Parents Advisory Group	7	More indoor winter activities for the family that will draw other communities to ours. i.e. climbing gym, ice rink	Amenities & Services

D. Activity B: Strong / Opportunity Areas

The following are the verbatim responses from Activity B: Strong / Opportunity Areas, recorded by the table leaders during the group discussion.

ID	Source	Comment ID	Strong places: place name	Strong Places: Why is this place strong?	Primary Topic
1	Lacrosse	1	Hanna Park	Gathering Place (former school)	Parks & Recreation
2	Lacrosse	2	Luhr Park, County Parks Acc		Parks & Recreation
3	Lacrosse	3	Mill Pond- Guest place!		Parks & Recreation
4	Lacrosse	4	All the lakes- Mich, LP, Fish Lake, etc. Rivers		Lakes
5	Lacrosse	5	Fresh water		Lakes
6	Lacrosse	6	Recreation- hunting and fishing, nature preserves- state and fed		Parks & Recreation
7	Lacrosse	7	My humble home		
8	Lacrosse	8	Michigan- Cool places to visit		Downtowns
9	Lacrosse	9	New and improved library branches		Civic Institutions
10	Lacrosse	10	Farmers Markets, orchard, ag resources, Coulteres Pumpkin Farms, Guse Christmas Tree		Arts & Culture
11	Lacrosse	11	Hanna Hub and Rumors Restaurants		Entertainment & Eating
12	Lacrosse	12	LP County Symphony		Arts & Culture
13	Lacrosse	13	Fox Park- music, skate park, ball fields, trails		Parks & Recreation
14	Lacrosse	14	LP Little Theater and atc and Museum (LP County)		Arts & Culture
15	Lacrosse	15	Casino		Entertainment & Eating
16	Lacrosse	16	Lighthouse Place outlet mall		Entertainment & Eating
17	Lacrosse	17	The Lighthouse at Lake Michigan		Civic Institutions
18	Lacrosse	18	K.O.P. Kingsbury Ordinance Plant		Arts & Culture

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19	Lacrosse	19	LP Historic Homes	Candlelight Tour, Barns	Arts & Culture
20	Lacrosse	20	Abandoned Kmart-in LP	Feeding Seagulls	
21	Lacrosse	21	Fair grounds		Civic Institutions
22	Lacrosse	22	4-H Program	positive youth	Civic Institutions
23	Lacrosse	23	Westville Warehouse facility	Provides jobs locally	
24	Lacrosse	24	festivals	galore	Arts & Culture
25	Lacrosse	1	Walking path/Festival Park	People come from other places to use it. Paved	Parks & Recreation
26	Lacrosse	2	Baseball field	really nice	Parks & Recreation
27	Lacrosse	3	Crosse Kutz/Bistro Vault/DeLams	improvements to existing business	Entertainment & Eating
28	Lacrosse	4	Library	Large, summer reading program	Civic Institutions
29	Lacrosse	5	School (Lacrosse/Wanatah) Gym	Old/marketable school, small school appeal	Civic Institutions
30	Lacrosse	6	Intersection	Lots of traffic	Connections
31	Lacrosse	7	Festivals	Brings traffic to towns	Arts & Culture
32	Lacrosse	5	Lacrosse and Wanatah Schools	Pride, community rallying point, community foundation	Civic Institutions
33	Lacrosse	1	Lacrosse public library	new building, public offerings/services	Civic Institutions
34	Lacrosse	2	Traffic on US 421	Opportunity for business on corridor	Connections
35	Lacrosse	3	Lacrosse Parks	Good quality for small towns	Parks & Recreation
36	Lacrosse	4	Lacrosse Community Center	Place of gathering	Community Spaces
37	Lacrosse	5	Bistro Vault (Lacrosse)	Local dinner	Entertainment & Eating
38	Lacrosse	6	LC Fire Dept.	Very organized, high quality	Civic Institutions
39	Lacrosse	7	Scarecrow Festival	Strong community spirit	Arts & Culture
40	Lacrosse	1	Bluechip		Entertainment & Eating
41	Lacrosse	2	Jersey apple	Good stopping place	
42	Lacrosse	3	Lakes, Lake Michigan		Lakes
43	Lacrosse	4	County parks		Parks & Recreation
44	Lacrosse	5	The bag		

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45	Lacrosse	6	Garwood and Coulters		Arts & Culture
46	Lacrosse	7	La Porte theater	Oldest in Indiana	Arts & Culture
47	Lacrosse	8	The art district		Arts & Culture
48	Lacrosse	9	The light house		Civic Institutions
49	Lacrosse	10	Both courthouse		Civic Institutions
50	Lacrosse	11	Hestin		Civic Institutions
51	Lacrosse	12	Friendship gardens		Parks & Recreation
52	Lacrosse	13	Mount baddle		Arts & Culture
53	Lacrosse	14	Southshore railroad		Parks & Recreation
54	Lacrosse	15	Double track		Connections
55	Lacrosse	16	The cross roads of Indiana		Connections
56	Lacrosse	1	North Franklin Street in Michigan City	Great steps in renovation	Entertainment & Eating
57	Lacrosse	2	Lake Michigan shoreline	Improved access and better services	Lakes
58	Lacrosse	3	Lacrosse Library	supported by community	Civic Institutions
59	Lacrosse	1	Red Mill County park	well kept	Parks & Recreation
60	Lacrosse	2	Luhr County Park	Natural	Parks & Recreation
61	Lacrosse	3	Bluhm	pared trails	Parks & Recreation
62	Lacrosse	4	Stone Lake Beach/Memorial Park		Parks & Recreation
63	Lacrosse	5	Clear Lake		Lakes
64	Lacrosse	6	Kankakee River		Lakes
65	Lacrosse	7	KIP		
66	Lacrosse	8	Coulters/Garwood		Agriculture
67	Lacrosse	9	Lacrosse HS		Civic Institutions
68	Lacrosse	10	Dunes North Park/Sand Dunes		Parks & Recreation
69	Lacrosse	11	Lake Michigan		Lakes
70	Lacrosse	12	Lighthouse Mall		Entertainment & Eating

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71	Lacrosse	13	Washington Park Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
72	Lacrosse	14	Farms		Agriculture
73	Lacrosse	15	Town Festivals		Arts & Culture
74	Lacrosse	16	County Fairgrounds		Civic Institutions
75	Lacrosse	17	Kesling Park		Parks & Recreation
76	Lacrosse	18	Civic Institutions Auditorium		Civic Institutions
77	Lacrosse	19	YMCA		Community Spaces
78	Westville	1	Lake MI/Dunes/Kankawnee River	unique, nearby, beauty, accessible	Lakes
79	Westville	2	County Parks	programs (although underutilized)	Parks & Recreation
80	Westville	3	City parks	diverse, something for everyone	Parks & Recreation
81	Westville	4	Festivals Mc Boat race, scarecrow fest, etc	family friendly, cheap, annual to look forward	Arts & Culture
82	Westville	5	Zoo	unique	Entertainment & Eating
83	Westville	6	La Porte historical museum		Civic Institutions
84	Westville	7	Barker Mansion	different activities	Arts & Culture
85	Westville	8	Breweries, winery	lot of local options	Entertainment & Eating
86	Westville	9	Farmer's market		Agriculture
87	Westville	10	orchard	you-pick	Agriculture
88	Westville	11	County Fairgrounds	amazing event, strong place	Civic Institutions
89	Westville	12	Independent Cat Society	helps control cat population, take care of the babies	Community Spaces
90	Westville	13	Doggy daycares	people feel comfortable, second	Community Spaces
91	Westville	14	University campus	beautiful	Community Spaces
92	Westville	15	Emita	get out on the lake	Entertainment & Eating
93	Westville	16	Lighthouse outlets	diverse stores, name brands	Entertainment & Eating
94	Westville	1	Libraries	all of them, a great place to use computer, do homework, hang out	Civic Institutions

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95	Westville	2	NIPSCO gen station future	potential for great use when it closes	
96	Westville	3	Land	sheer amount- potentially available (2nd largest county)	Parks & Recreation
97	Westville	4	Churches	helpers and creates a sense of family	Civic Institutions
98	Westville	5	LC Parks - Bluhm Parks	safe, family friendly	Parks & Recreation
99	Westville	6	Lighthouse, Washington park and beach		Parks & Recreation
100	Westville	7	Casino- blue chip	Entertainment and comm. Support	Entertainment & Eating
101	Westville	8	Uptown Arts District	vibrant, attracts young people	Arts & Culture
102	Westville	9	Friendship Botanical Gardens	Beautiful, wedding	Parks & Recreation
103	Westville	1	Mount Baldy	reflection of Chicago	Parks & Recreation
104	Westville	2	Bog on Wozniak	Endanger species	Parks & Recreation
105	Westville	3	Lake Michigan shoreline	Water, tourism	Lakes
106	Westville	4	County and City: Historical Museums	History of where we have come	Civic Institutions
107	Westville	5	Mural in LP	history	Arts & Culture
108	Westville	6	Food-restaurants	gathering places	Entertainment & Eating
109	Westville	1	Blue Chip casino, hotel and Spa	Traffic , economic development driver	Entertainment & Eating
110	Westville	2	Indiana Dunes National Park	All parks	Parks & Recreation
111	Westville	3	Lake Michigan- Great lakes	all lakes in LP Co.	Lakes
112	Westville	4	PNW/Darokei Center/Odyssey Sculptures		Arts & Culture
113	Westville	5	County/parks/city		Parks & Recreation
114	Westville	6	Friendship Botanical Gardens		Parks & Recreation
115	Westville	7	Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets		Entertainment & Eating
116	Westville	8	Unique dining, winery, breweries		Entertainment & Eating
117	Westville	9	Biking/walking trails		Parks & Recreation

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118	Westville	10	Public art/sculptures		Arts & Culture
119	Westville	11	Museums- LP Co. Banker Museum	old lighthouse	Civic Institutions
120	Westville	12	Schools		Civic Institutions
121	Westville	13	Airports/MC & LP		Connections
122	Westville	14	Connection to other communities		Connections
123	Westville	15	MC Skate Park		Parks & Recreation
124	Westville	16	Washington park Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
125	Westville	17	New hospitals		Civic Institutions
126	Westville	18	Great EDC's in MC, LP and County		
127	Westville	19	Sullor- partnering with school		
128	Westville	20	Drago- boat races		Entertainment & Eating
129	Westville	1	Bluhm County Park	walking/riding trails/dog park	Parks & Recreation
130	Westville	2	Downtown Valparaiso	city scapes	Downtowns
131	Westville	3	Downtown New Carlisle	Quaint restaurants	Downtowns
132	Westville	4	Downtown Chesterton	European Market	Downtowns
133	Westville	5	Fox Park	Music in the Park	Parks & Recreation
134	Westville	6	Tall Tree Arboretum	trails	Parks & Recreation
135	Westville	7	Coffee Creek	Special events/golf course	Parks & Recreation
136	Westville	8	Dunes National/State Parks	beaches/camping/hiking trails	Parks & Recreation
137	Westville	9	Prairie meadow	ball diamonds/playground/pumpkin festival/handicap	Parks & Recreation
138	La Porte	1	Fort La Play Porte	Family friendly	Parks & Recreation
139	La Porte	2	Unity park	foody Tuesdays	Parks & Recreation
140	La Porte	3	Schools	nice teachers and support	Civic Institutions

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141	La Porte	4	Libraries	renovations 21st century programing	Civic Institutions
142	La Porte	5	Restaurants	outdoor seating	Entertainment & Eating
143	La Porte	6	outlet mall	good old fashioned shopping	Entertainment & Eating
144	La Porte	7	Franklin square	arts, shops, restaurants	Entertainment & Eating
145	La Porte	8	Lake Michigan	beautiful	Lakes
146	La Porte	9	local farms	orchards	Agriculture
147	La Porte	10	Fourth of July parade	brings the community together	Arts & Culture
148	La Porte	1	Chessie Trail	smooth, wide, around nature	Parks & Recreation
149	La Porte	2	Stone Lake	safe, good for events, natural beauty, parkland, public access, family friendly	Lakes
150	La Porte	3	Cummings Lodge	beautiful setting, affordable for events	Community Spaces
151	La Porte	4	Plaza 618	Mural, fountain, design, activity	Entertainment & Eating
152	La Porte	5	Fort La Play Porte	grandkids love it	Parks & Recreation
153	La Porte	6	golf course- esp beechwood	hidden gem	Entertainment & Eating
154	La Porte	7	Luhr park and county park system	variety of activities, trails, nature centers programs	Parks & Recreation
155	La Porte	8	Indiana Deli	yummy	Entertainment & Eating
156	La Porte	9	Pinhook Bog	unique natural environment	Parks & Recreation
157	La Porte	10	Kesling Park	variety of activities	Parks & Recreation
158	La Porte	11	Beautiful county roads	tree canopy, rolling terrain, fall color	Connections
159	La Porte	12	Bare bones, enzoes, mucho mas, topp skillet, grandma's, four seasons	yummy	Entertainment & Eating
160	La Porte	13	La Porte Historical society museum	fun with grandkids	Civic Institutions
161	La Porte	14	Civic Institutions Auditorium	iconic, beautiful	Civic Institutions
162	La Porte	15	Courthouse	iconic, beautiful	Civic Institutions
163	La Porte	16	Little theater	quality shows	Arts & Culture

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164	La Porte	17	Library	programming, beautiful historic building	Civic Institutions
165	La Porte	18	Lake Michigan shore and dunes	Duh	Lakes
166	La Porte	19	Soldiers Memorial Park	forest, serene	Parks & Recreation
167	La Porte	1	Performing Arts Center @ LPHS		Civic Institutions
168	La Porte	2	New School building	Intermediate and middle school	Civic Institutions
169	La Porte	3	of Lakes	(water features/parks)	Lakes
170	La Porte	4	Civic Institutions Auditorium	functional/used- has served many purposes over the decades	Civic Institutions
171	La Porte	5	Sahin House	people in song/emerging sound	
172	La Porte	6	Hospital established	building new facilities	Civic Institutions
173	La Porte	7	Historical building	being restored/support by Enterprise zone	Civic Institutions
174	La Porte	8	Purdue Extension	housed in La Porte	Civic Institutions
175	La Porte	9	Dunes Volleyball facilities		Parks & Recreation
176	La Porte	10	Garewood Orchard		Agriculture
177	La Porte	1	Stone and Pine Lake	events and gathering places any age/activity open to public	Lakes
178	La Porte	2	County parks	well maintained, unique focus at each, dog parks, mountain bike, cross country ski	Parks & Recreation
179	La Porte	3	La Porte County Museum	showcase unique history	Civic Institutions
180	La Porte	4	School system campus	invested new facilities	Civic Institutions
181	La Porte	5	public library	technology expanded for youth	Civic Institutions
182	La Porte	6	Lincolnway between Indiana and clay	great restaurant/retail core	Entertainment & Eating
183	La Porte	7	Plaza 618	gathering space for public /adaptable	Entertainment & Eating
184	La Porte	8	La Porte Little Theater	and longest running theater in country supports the arts	Arts & Culture
185	La Porte	9	Dunes Center	generates tourism and economic prosperity	Parks & Recreation
186	La Porte	10	Amphitheatre; Fox Park	great venue for outdoor events	Parks & Recreation
187	La Porte	11	Michigan Ave	great historic homes, slow traffic, walkable	Arts & Culture

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188	La Porte	12	Fair grounds/ Pioneer Land	great event asset/teaches history	Civic Institutions
189	La Porte	13	orchard		Agriculture
190	La Porte	1	Lakes	Opportunities to connect with nature and attracts citizens to use	Lakes
191	La Porte	2	2 strong cities working together	It attracts people to our County	
192	La Porte	3	Pocket parks in city	every child can walk to a park	Parks & Recreation
193	La Porte	4	Dudeck's x-mas tree farm, orchards, county parks	brings joy to families	Parks & Recreation
194	La Porte	5	Heston Steam Show	Bring joy	Civic Institutions
195	La Porte	6	La Porte County Museum	Attractive building, unique to LP County	Civic Institutions
196	La Porte	7	School buildings, auditorium, Handley Middle School	Improves quality of education	Civic Institutions
197	La Porte	8	Dunes National Park	Could be a game changer for us	Parks & Recreation
198	La Porte	9	Churches	gives people a place to congregate and worship	Civic Institutions
199	La Porte	10	The Civic Institutions Auditorium	well cared for such history and multi-use	Civic Institutions
200	La Porte	11	Golf courses	Recreational opportunities	Entertainment & Eating
201	La Porte	12	Libraries	Cutting educate and gives people places to go (maker space, computers)	Civic Institutions
202	La Porte	13	Unity park		Parks & Recreation
203	La Porte	1	Pine Lake	Watersports	Lakes
204	La Porte	2	Fox Park	Arts in the Park	Parks & Recreation
205	La Porte	3	Unity Park	Great sunsets	Parks & Recreation
206	La Porte	4	Kesling Park	Walking trail, Fort La Play Porte	Parks & Recreation
207	La Porte	5	LP County Courthouse	Beautiful, center of downtown	Civic Institutions
208	La Porte	6	Lake Michigan	Beach, activities, zoo	Lakes
209	La Porte	7	Library system	innovative, educational activities	Civic Institutions

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210	La Porte	8	Local amateur theaters	promotes local talent	Arts & Culture
211	La Porte	9	Civic Institutions Auditorium	many concerts, etc.	Civic Institutions
212	La Porte	10	Golf courses	many opportunities to play	Entertainment & Eating
213	La Porte	11	School corp	well regarded, good facilities	Civic Institutions
214	La Porte	12	LP Co. Museum	great history, world-renowned gun collection	Civic Institutions
215	La Porte	13	Pinhook Bog	preserving natural surroundings	Parks & Recreation
216	La Porte	1	Airport	It can help us grow	Connections
217	La Porte	2	Fox memorial park	so much to do	Parks & Recreation
218	La Porte	3	Kesling park	beautiful	Parks & Recreation
219	La Porte	4	Stone Lake Beach	Fun	Lakes
220	La Porte	5	Modern- looking schools		Civic Institutions
221	La Porte	6	Churches	brings people together	Civic Institutions
222	La Porte	7	Pine Lake and parks		Parks & Recreation
223	La Porte	8	Chessie Trail		Parks & Recreation
224	La Porte	9	Golf courses		Entertainment & Eating
225	La Porte	10	Civic Institutions Auditorium		Civic Institutions
226	La Porte	11	Little Theatre		Arts & Culture
227	La Porte	12	Assisted living (Brentwood)		Community Spaces
228	La Porte	13	Medical facilities		Civic Institutions
229	La Porte	14	Double track		Connections
230	La Porte	1	The Civic Institutions	historic and bring citizen together	Civic Institutions
231	La Porte	2	Parks and lakes	Quality of life	Lakes
232	La Porte	3	The County Fair	The eldest fair in the state	Civic Institutions
233	La Porte	4	Neighborhoods	because of walkability	Community Spaces
234	La Porte	5	Downtown	Large potential	Downtowns
235	La Porte	6	Kingsbury industrial park		Parks & Recreation

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236	La Porte	7	community involvement and fundraising		
237	La Porte	1	Dennis Smith Amphitheater	Every W and Thur Nights- live free music, 100 benches lots of people enjoy it- now building bathroom	Parks & Recreation
238	La Porte	2	Washington park Zoo	Amphitheater, 200, beach, pavilion	Entertainment & Eating
239	La Porte	3	La Porte Lakes- beauty and fun	boating, ice fishing, swimming, dragonboat races, cement canoes	Lakes
240	La Porte	4	Mt Baldy & National Park	Cool to visit and now more visitors	Parks & Recreation
241	La Porte	5	Lighthouse place		Civic Institutions
242	La Porte	6	Lake Michigan	Fresh water; economy-shipping	Lakes
243	La Porte	7	Trains	Electric interurban Amtrak to Chicago	Connections
244	La Porte	8	Golf courses	beautiful, challenging, cheap, attracts visitors	Entertainment & Eating
245	La Porte	9	Outdoor recreation areas	fishing, hunting, state, local federal, cross country skiing, softball, birdwatching	Parks & Recreation
246	La Porte	10	Arts and EMT	Lubeznik, theaters, festivals	Arts & Culture
247	La Porte	11	LC Fairgrounds		Civic Institutions
248	La Porte	12	Opportunity Zones		Downtowns
249	La Porte	13	Parks and lakes	Free and accessible	Parks & Recreation
250	La Porte	1	La Porte Civic Institutions	Vast history and still holds major events	Civic Institutions
251	La Porte	2	Pine Lake/All lakes	opportunity for tourism	Lakes
252	La Porte	3	Fox Park	availability/centrally located. Access to arts	Parks & Recreation
253	La Porte	4	Historical museum	large and well-kept exhibits	Civic Institutions
254	La Porte	5	LP County Fair Pioneerland	used year-round for education	Civic Institutions
255	La Porte	6	Dunes volleyball	Brings in lots of visitors	Parks & Recreation
256	La Porte	7	Library	wonderful programs/workshops and well kept facility	Civic Institutions
257	La Porte	8	Garwood Orchard	people visit from all-around the area	Agriculture
258	La Porte	1	Jackson St Community Garden	vandalism	Agriculture

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259	La Porte	2	Brighton St Community Garden	education center, green space, fruit trees	Agriculture
260	La Porte	3	Downtown Michigan City	Pine/12th, looks undeveloped but skating rink	Downtowns
261	La Porte	4	Valparaiso skating rinks	farmers market, concerts	Entertainment & Eating
262	La Porte	5	Michigan City Arts District	theaters/art galleries	Arts & Culture
263	La Porte	6	Plaza 18 Lincolnway & Monroe	mural La Porte City history splash pad picnic tables have menus, need traffic control or a fence	Entertainment & Eating
264	La Porte	7	safe, well light healthy easily accessible, way finder	would like rental bikes in La Porte	
265	La Porte	8	Up to 4 chickens/no roosters allowed		
266	La Porte	9	Opportunities	neighbors cooperate to gather	
267	La Porte	10	with grant makers, retired people, volunteers to clean up neighborhoods		
268	La Porte	11	During spring/fall garbage cleanup	month-clean up fix up dilapidated	
269	La Porte	12	Houses/lawns/paint		
270	La Porte	1	LP: The La Porte Lakes	Natural Phenomenon, diversity of topography	Lakes
271	La Porte	2	County: County parks, Luhr- Redmill, Bluhm and Creekridge	exceptionally good hiking and its free	Parks & Recreation
272	La Porte	3	MC: Striebel Pond	beautiful/accessible walking path	Lakes
273	La Porte	4	LP: La Porte City Parks	well maintained and utilized	Parks & Recreation
274	La Porte	5	LP: Lots of sports fields, athletics	they exist and they're free	Parks & Recreation
275	La Porte	6	MC/County: Dunes National Lakeshore	unique and will help with economic development due to tourism	Lakes
276	La Porte	7	LP: La Porte County Library	added social services support, lib services has added STEM, more routes on book mobile	Civic Institutions
277	La Porte	8	LP: The Civic Institutions Auditorium	brings a lot of community and cultural events	Civic Institutions

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278	La Porte	9	LP: La Porte County Museum	World club collections	Civic Institutions
279	La Porte	10	LP: Historic homes	because of fours/walks	Arts & Culture
280	La Porte	11	MC: Lubeznik Center for the Arts	welcoming free, lots of family activities	Arts & Culture
281	La Porte	12	MC: Michigan City Library	"ditto @LCA"	Civic Institutions
282	La Porte	13	MC: Washington park Zoo	scaled properly, approp. Animals, great location	Entertainment & Eating
283	La Porte	14	MC: Friendship Gardens	history, good venue, diverse botany	Parks & Recreation
284	La Porte	15	MC: Washington park Zoo/Lake Michigan	gorgeous and draws the Grand Prix and lots of tourism	Entertainment & Eating
285	La Porte	16	MC: Barker Mansion	unique, historical	Civic Institutions
286	Mich City	1	WorkOnce	workforce development	
287	Mich City	2	Ak Smith Career Center	Career development training	Community Spaces
288	Mich City	3	Ivy Tech	Opportunity to learn	Community Spaces
289	Mich City	4	YMCA	pool and dove club	Community Spaces
290	Mich City	5	Unity Foundation	Support for community and grants	Community Spaces
291	Mich City	6	Sanitation dept	Conference on the environment 1st Friday in June every year	Civic Institutions
292	Mich City	7	Lake front	festivals/clean and pretty	Lakes
293	Mich City	8	Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
294	Mich City	9	FM Radio	every 1/2 hour between 5:30-10 local news	Community Spaces
295	Mich City	10	The Beacher (On Franklin)	provides activities (local)	Community Spaces
296	Mich City	11	Senior Center	fitness, artistry	Community Spaces
297	Mich City	1	Lakefront and County Parks	Community attractions	Parks & Recreation
298	Mich City	2	Downtown	inviting, events, passionate about	Downtowns
299	Mich City	3	Lubezniak	educational; classes	Arts & Culture
300	Mich City	4	Breweries	b/c it is delicious	Entertainment & Eating
301	Mich City	5	Restaurants	again yum	Entertainment & Eating
302	Mich City	6	Non-profits (too many to name)	address needs and provide opportunities	Community Spaces

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303	Mich City	7	Foundations	invested into our community	Community Spaces
304	Mich City	1	"You are beautiful" sign	such a positive uplifting message, art heavy area	Arts & Culture
305	Mich City	2	Newport Landing	potential to transform La Porte	
306	Mich City	3	Downtown La Porte	restoration of buildings, heart of town, local connections	Downtowns
307	Mich City	4	Lighthouse Mall	internally famous, fun	Entertainment & Eating
308	Mich City	5	Ames Field	Visitors to area for games	Entertainment & Eating
309	Mich City	6	Small local businesses, Uptown arts district	valuable, unique, community of creators	Arts & Culture
310	Mich City	7	Bridges, Fiddlehead	veterans hired first @ Fiddlehead, drag shows, outside dining	Entertainment & Eating
311	Mich City	8	Lakefront and County Parks		Lakes
312	Mich City	9	Farmer's Market		Arts & Culture
313	Mich City	1	Blue Chip Casino	brings people in and supports the community	Entertainment & Eating
314	Mich City	2	Lakefront and County Parks	lighthouse, unique recreation, boating, fishing	Parks & Recreation
315	Mich City	3	Washington Park	cheap if not free, family friendly gathering place views	Parks & Recreation
316	Mich City	4	Stricbel pond	nature, peaceful	Parks & Recreation
317	Mich City	5	Neighborhood schools		Civic Institutions
318	Mich City	6	Kessling Park	connected to school	Parks & Recreation
319	Mich City	7	Police and Fire Department programs		Civic Institutions
320	Mich City	8	Patriot Park	baseball, softball, soccer	Parks & Recreation
321	Mich City	9	County	beautiful setting, affordable for events	
322	Mich City	10	Ames Field	underutilized but beautiful	Entertainment & Eating
323	Mich City	11	Theater opportunities	low cost free many opportunities	Arts & Culture
324	Mich City	12	Lubeznik Center	low or no cost to new or participate	Arts & Culture

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325	Mich City	13	Michigan City HS and area schools		Civic Institutions
326	Mich City	14	Arts space/ Uptown Arts District		Arts & Culture
327	Mich City	15	Golf courses		Entertainment & Eating
328	Mich City	1	Lakefront	everyone agrees	Lakes
329	Mich City	2	Outlet Mall		Entertainment & Eating
330	Mich City	3	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
331	Mich City	4	Downtown Arts District		Arts & Culture
332	Mich City	5	Farmer's Market		Agriculture
333	Mich City	6	Midtown Restaurants		Entertainment & Eating
334	Mich City	7	Garwood Farms Hesston Steam Museum		Civic Institutions
335	Mich City	1	Lake Michigan	unsalted/no sharks	Lakes
336	Mich City	2	Country rural areas		Agriculture
337	Mich City	3	Downtown Michigan City	The lights on Franklin St	Downtowns
338	Mich City	4	You are Beautiful sign		Arts & Culture
339	Mich City	5	Ind. Dunes National Park		Parks & Recreation
340	Mich City	6	Hesston Steam Museum	family activities	Civic Institutions
341	Mich City	7	Food and festival		Arts & Culture
342	Mich City	8	Fort La Play Porte		Parks & Recreation
343	Mich City	9	Utility park		Parks & Recreation
344	Mich City	10	Michigan City 200		
345	Mich City	11	Albanos Pizza	good restaurants	Entertainment & Eating
346	Mich City	12	Good classic downtowns		Downtowns
347	Mich City	13	Arts District and Lubznik center for arts		Arts & Culture
348	Mich City	1	Uptown Arts District	dedicated vibrant and main street assoc programming	Arts & Culture
349	Mich City	2	Lubeznik Center for the Arts	educational outreach, rich offerings and well developed	Arts & Culture

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350	Mich City	3	Washington Park Zoo	well developed, family friendly	Entertainment & Eating
351	Mich City	4	YMCA	provides quality programming for all ages	Community Spaces
352	Mich City	5	First Presbyterian Church	deeply committed and to community free concerts	Civic Institutions
353	Mich City	6	Michigan City Public Library	staff is amazing	Civic Institutions
354	Mich City	7	Friendship Gardens		Parks & Recreation
355	Mich City	8	5 community theaters in La Porte County and 3 acres here		Arts & Culture
356	Mich City	9	Blue Chip	grants to community, drive visitors, large employer	Entertainment & Eating
357	Mich City	10	Lighthouse Outlet Mall		Entertainment & Eating
358	Mich City	11	The Nest	active community involvement	
359	Mich City	12	Breweries	attract younger visitors	Entertainment & Eating
360	Mich City	1	Lubeznik Center for the Arts	leadership, financial support culture to community	Arts & Culture
361	Mich City	2	Libraries- all	programming	Civic Institutions
362	Mich City	3	Blue Chip casino, hotel and Spa	Entertainment, conferences, visitors, economic impact	Entertainment & Eating
363	Mich City	4	Indiana Dunes National Park		Parks & Recreation
364	Mich City	5	Lakes Lake MI	entertainment for family	Lakes
365	Mich City	6	Washington Park Zoo	Affordable/for families	Entertainment & Eating
366	Mich City	7	Festival of Lights	family- exciting for all ages	Arts & Culture
367	Mich City	8	Bethany Lutheran Church	playground for all/leadership for communities	Civic Institutions
368	Mich City	9	Garwood Orchard		Agriculture
369	Mich City	10	Museums, LP County, Barker mansion, Hessian Steam Museum, Old Lighthouse		Civic Institutions
370	Mich City	11	NIPSCO gen station future	sponsor events/activities in our community	
371	Mich City	12	Breweries/Winery		Entertainment & Eating

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372	Mich City	13	La Porte Healthcare Foundation	dollars given to better on community	Community Spaces
373	Mich City	14	Lighthouse Place	outlets	Civic Institutions
374	Mich City	15	Friendship Botanical Gardens		Parks & Recreation
375	Mich City	16	Community theater		Arts & Culture
376	Mich City	17	La Porte Courthouse	beauty, history, fights	Civic Institutions
377	Mich City	18	Unity Foundation	building non profit, workspace	Community Spaces
378	Mich City	1	New Buffalo has a beautiful downtown area and architectural designing		Downtowns
379	Mich City	2	Lakeshore	beautiful shore	Lakes
380	Mich City	3	Panera	healthy option	Entertainment & Eating
381	Mich City	4	Blue chip	main attractions	Entertainment & Eating
382	Mich City	5	Franciscan hospital	soothing strong community	Civic Institutions
383	Mich City	6	Barker Mansion	Historical value	Civic Institutions
384	Mich City	7	Washington Park (general area)	amazing sights, lighthouse, zoo	Entertainment & Eating
385	Mich City	1	Lakefront	just became a National Park brings in tourism	Lakes
386	Mich City	2	Parks and rec marina		Parks & Recreation
387	Mich City	3	South Short Train/Amtrak		Connections
388	Mich City	4	New walking trails		Parks & Recreation
389	Mich City	1	MC Restaurants and breweries bridges/shoreline	unique places to eat and visit	Entertainment & Eating
390	Mich City	2	Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
391	Mich City	3	Emita Boat	lake recreation	Entertainment & Eating
392	Mich City	4	County and National parks		Parks & Recreation
393	Mich City	5	Bike Trail		Parks & Recreation
394	Mich City	6	YMCA		Community Spaces

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395	Mich City	7	Community theater	dunes summer theatre, main street theater, La Porte Little Theater	Arts & Culture
396	Mich City	8	Open Door Center in the HS	free health center	Civic Institutions
397	Mich City	9	Playgrounds	Gardenia	Parks & Recreation
398	Mich City	10	Friendship Gardens		Parks & Recreation
399	Mich City	11	Dig the Dunes	save the dunes, nonprofit community groups	Community Spaces
400	Mich City	12	Striebl pond walking trail		Parks & Recreation
401	Mich City	13	Safe Harbor Program		Community Spaces
402	Mich City	14	JROTC/Robics/Air Compressor Academy		Civic Institutions
403	Mich City	15	Keys to Hope	But why is it on Franklin Street?	Community Spaces
404	Mich City	16	Home Team	Nonprofits supporting this endeavor	Community Spaces
405	Mich City	17	Dedicated Local business owners		Entertainment & Eating
406	Mich City	1	Senior Center	well run	Community Spaces
407	Mich City	2	Washington Park Zoo	small but large variety, great for kids	Entertainment & Eating
408	Mich City	3	Washington park Beach	Foreman Amphitheatre, free movies and concerts	Parks & Recreation
409	Mich City	4	Lubeznik Art Center	works with students, adult programs	Arts & Culture
410	Mich City	5	County library	great resources	Civic Institutions
411	Mich City	6	Indiana Dunes National Park		Parks & Recreation
412	Mich City	7	Mt. Baldie	West Bench Access	Parks & Recreation
413	Mich City	8	Southshore	great transportation either direction	Connections
414	Mich City	9	Double-track	commute-time less than hour	Connections
415	Mich City	10	County parks		Parks & Recreation
416	Mich City	11	STEM Elementary School	Students are engaged	Civic Institutions
417	Mich City	12	Trail Creek water system	ADA Kayak launch	Parks & Recreation

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418	Mich City	13	Neighborhood parks	a lot of them	Parks & Recreation
419	Mich City	14	part of Park, skate park		Parks & Recreation
420	Mich City	15	PNW	transit triangle	Connections
421	Mich City	16	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
422	Rolling Prairie	1	Spicer lake/Bendix woods	sledding/Maple Syrup Festival	Arts & Culture
423	Rolling Prairie	2	Hudson Lake, Pine and Stone lake	public boat launch, fishing	Lakes
424	Rolling Prairie	3	Drive from 80/94 exit on Hwy 20 on Hwy 35 to La Porte	beautiful drive	Connections
425	Rolling Prairie	4	The Emta II in Michigan City	Access to lake Michigan for those without a boat	Entertainment & Eating
426	Rolling Prairie	5	Lake Michigan		Lakes
427	Rolling Prairie	6	Locally owned restaurants and shops, especially in MC		Entertainment & Eating
428	Rolling Prairie	7	Hwy 2 access to south bend	easy access	Connections
429	Rolling Prairie	8	Location of county	access to South Bend, Chicago, National Lake Shore, Michigan, the lakes, Wisconsin	Connections
430	Rolling Prairie	9	Kankakee River	The potential	Lakes
431	Rolling Prairie	10	Our salmon population is one of the top 3 in the world, people come from all over the Country to fish here		Agriculture
432	Rolling Prairie	11	Agriculture/specifically crops	we have Bayer, Monsanto, major companies have satellite offices in south county	Agriculture
433	Rolling Prairie	12	County Parks	the number, access, the grounds keep improving at our parks, red hill, Bluhm, State wildlife areas down by KOP/Kankakee	Parks & Recreation
434	Rolling Prairie	13	Strong school systems	good facilities; gathering places; safe	Civic Institutions
435	Rolling Prairie	14	Library systems	Programming, facilities, stable, strong, makerspace	Civic Institutions
436	Rolling Prairie	15	YMCA	the programming	Community Spaces

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437	Rolling Prairie	16	Leadership LP County	growing leaders; knowledge of community	
438	Rolling Prairie	17	Service clubs	Jaycees, rotary, Kiwanis, Lions	Community Spaces
439	Rolling Prairie	18	County Museum/history and tradition is good but getting stronger		Civic Institutions
440	Rolling Prairie	19	Baker mansion	new leadership offering more	Civic Institutions
441	Rolling Prairie	1	Community Health center a tea garden run by HealthLink	less barriers to get health care	Community Spaces
442	Rolling Prairie	2	La Porte County Library	Programs/facilities	Civic Institutions
443	Rolling Prairie	3	Lighthouse Museum		Civic Institutions
444	Rolling Prairie	4	La Porte County History Museum		Civic Institutions
445	Rolling Prairie	5	Lubeznick Center		Arts & Culture
446	Rolling Prairie	6	Enzo's	mucho mas	Entertainment & Eating
447	Rolling Prairie	7	Community Theater		Arts & Culture
448	Rolling Prairie	8	Farmer's market		Agriculture
449	Rolling Prairie	9	Stone Lake/Fox Park		Lakes
450	Rolling Prairie	10	Community gardens- state street church		Civic Institutions
451	Rolling Prairie	11	Purdue Extension		Civic Institutions
452	Rolling Prairie	12	Unique architecture		
453	Rolling Prairie	13	Restaurants in MC		Entertainment & Eating
454	Rolling Prairie	14	Multiple grocery stores		Entertainment & Eating
455	Rolling Prairie	15	Wineries and Breweries		Entertainment & Eating
456	Rolling Prairie	16	Proximity to Chicago/nortre dame		Connections
457	Rolling Prairie	17	Connecting of lakes		Lakes
458	Rolling Prairie	18	Communities with sewer system		Lakes
459	Rolling Prairie	19	Orchards		Agriculture
460	Rolling Prairie	1	La Porte Co Libraries	programs	Civic Institutions

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461	Rolling Prairie	2	Washington Park and Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
462	Rolling Prairie	3	Sangany Lake	purest lake in Indiana	Lakes
463	Rolling Prairie	4	Smaller towns	feeling of safety	Downtowns
464	Rolling Prairie	5	Lighthouse mall	different shops	Entertainment & Eating
465	Rolling Prairie	6	LP Co museum	interesting	Civic Institutions
466	Rolling Prairie	7	Uptown Michigan City area	shops and different restaurants	Entertainment & Eating
467	Rolling Prairie	8	4th of July Parade	sense of pride in community	Arts & Culture
468	Rolling Prairie	9	LP Co Fair	good events, still focus on agriculture	Civic Institutions
469	Rolling Prairie	10	Stateline Stables	connects kids with animals	Entertainment & Eating
470	Rolling Prairie	11	Heston Steam show	interesting history	Civic Institutions
471	Rolling Prairie	12	LP little theater	summer program shows are interesting	Arts & Culture
472	Mich City 11/18	1	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
473	Mich City 11/18	2	NAC	youth entertainment	
474	Mich City 11/18	3	Brownfields on Holiday St. in Eastport	Mixed use development that benefits the community	
475	Mich City 11/18	4	Old YMCA on Coolspring		Community Spaces
476	Mich City 11/18	1	Washington Park Beach	You can cook out & enjoy your family	Parks & Recreation
477	Mich City 11/18	2	Various Black Churches	Faith based commitment	Community Spaces
478	Mich City 11/18	3	Gardena Park	Is where Eastport residents go to. We do not have a decent park in our own neighborhood. Gardena Park is ideal park for little children	Parks & Recreation
479	Mich City 11/18	4	NAACP	Community Involvement	
480	Mich City 11/18	5	Taste of Michigan City		Arts & Culture
481	Mich City 11/18	6	Farmer's Market	Diversity	Arts & Culture
482	Mich City 11/18	7	Blue Chip Casino		Entertainment & Eating
483	Mich City 11/18	8	Silver Birch	For Senior Citizens	Community Spaces
484	Mich City 11/18	1	Church	social, family	Civic Institutions

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485	Mich City 11/18	2	Lighthouse Place		Entertainment & Eating
486	Mich City 11/18	3	Washington Park	Beautiful	Parks & Recreation
487	Mich City 11/18	4	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
488	Mich City 11/18	1	Lubeznick Center	Equal opportunity for children to participate regardless of funds/creative side	Arts & Culture
489	Mich City 11/18	2	Lakefront / Washing Park Area	View, Bring visitors \$	Lakes
490	Mich City 11/18	3	Zoo	Tourism \$	Entertainment & Eating
491	Mich City 11/18	4	AK Smith	Exposure to option outside of college track. Serves all of La Porte County	
492	Mich City 11/18	5	National Park Trails, Farms, Gardens	Ability to be in nature; exposure	Parks & Recreation
493	Mich City 11/18	6	Bistro on Green (La Porte City)	Live entertainment/Fine Dining Diverse	Entertainment & Eating
494	Mich City 11/18	7	MCAS - Michigan City Area Schools	Dual Credits	Civic Institutions
495	Mich City 11/18	8	Promise Scholarship (M.C.)	Funds for College / trade schools	
496	Mich City 11/18	9	Mentorship programs (Safe Harbor New Hope MBC)	Exposure, self-empowerment, self improvement	
497	Mich City 11/18	10	La Porte County Visitors Center	Marketing "what's going on" \$, Coach USA pickup, Data Gathering	Arts & Culture
498	Mich City 11/18	1	Washington Park Beach	Community Involvement Tourist attraction	Parks & Recreation
499	Mich City 11/18	2	Lighthouse Museum	Community knowledge	Arts & Culture
500	Mich City 11/18	3	International Friendship Garden	Beautiful site for gatherings (weddings, meetings, etc)	Arts & Culture
501	Mich City 11/18	1	The Lakefront	It's beautiful and a lot of places don't have it.	Lakes
502	Mich City 11/18	2	The Lakes in La Porte	They are beautiful.	Lakes
503	Mich City 11/18	3	The Fairgrounds	The buildings.	Community Spaces
504	Mich City 11/18	4	Purdue Northwest	Strong School.	Civic Institutions
505	Mich City 11/18	1	Michigan City, IN		
506	Mich City 11/18	2	Lighthouse Place Outlet Mall		Entertainment & Eating

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507	Mich City 11/18	3	Lake Michigan		Lakes
508	Mich City 11/18	4	Casino - Blue Chip	Slot Machines	Entertainment & Eating
509	Mich City 11/18	5	Grocery Stores	ALDIs, Sav A Lot, Meijer + Al's - got to have Provisions + competition is good for prices	Entertainment & Eating
510	Mich City 11/18	6	Churches		Civic Institutions
511	Mich City 11/18	7	Relatives + Friends Houses		
512	Mich City 11/18	8	Shopping Places		Entertainment & Eating
513	Mich City 11/18	9	"This is Home"		
514	Mich City 11/18	10	Affordable Housing		
515	Mich City 11/18	11	Trail Creek	Fishing!	Parks & Recreation
516	Union Mills MIB	1	Notre Dame		Civic Institutions
517	Union Mills MIB	2	Dunes + Lake Mi		Lakes
518	Union Mills MIB	3	Legion		
519	Union Mills MIB	4	Park		Parks & Recreation
520	Union Mills MIB	5	Casino		Entertainment & Eating
521	Union Mills MIB	6	Red Arrpw Hwy		Connections
522	Union Mills MIB	7	School House Shop		Entertainment & Eating
523	Union Mills MIB	8	Lighthouse Place		Entertainment & Eating
524	Union Mills MIB	9	Amish Country		Arts & Culture
525	Union Mills MIB	10	V.D. + Chapel		Community Spaces
526	NIEF MIB	1	Fiddlehead	provides a safe hangout and work	Community Spaces
527	NIEF MIB	2	MC Starkbucks; outlet mall	Is a friendly place for LGBTQ people to work	Entertainment & Eating
528	NIEF MIB	3	Uptown Arts District	comfortable business to be in	Arts & Culture
529	NIEF MIB	4	excellent libraries	equitable access; provides reference	Civic Institutions
530	NIEF MIB	5	Lakeshore / beach	LP and MC	Lakes
531	NIEF MIB	6	La Porte is very pretty		
532	NIEF MIB	7	Visitor Center	made a lot of great improvements	Arts & Culture
533	NIEF MIB	8	social services	stepping stones and keys to hope are great	Community Spaces

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534	NIEF MIB	1	Pine Lake		Lakes
535	NIEF MIB	2	Washington Park Beach		Lakes
536	NIEF MIB	3	Zoo!		Entertainment & Eating
537	NIEF MIB	4	All Parks (Striebel Pond, Winding Creek Cove)	All are different!	Parks & Recreation
538	NIEF MIB	5	Blue Chip Great!	Conf Center, Adult Entertainment, Drives visitors	Entertainment & Eating
539	NIEF MIB	6	Uptown Arts District		Arts & Culture
540	NIEF MIB	7	Lubeznik Arts Center	Free low cost activity	Arts & Culture
541	NIEF MIB	8	Plaza 618 in LP		Community Spaces
542	NIEF MIB	9	STAR Center	unique! Free meeting space, Collab of NP's + Funders working together, free parking	Community Spaces
543	NIEF MIB	10	College / IVY Tech; PNW; AK Smith	All right here	Civic Institutions
544	NIEF MIB	11	Libraries	strong safe places for kids + LGBTQ Youth	Civic Institutions
545	NIEF MIB	12	MCAS	Safe Harbor After School programs, kids strengthened!	Community Spaces
546	TCWP MIB	1	Lake Michigan		Lakes
547	TCWP MIB	2	Trail Creek Watershed		Parks & Recreation
548	American Legion MIB	1	Japanese Garden in Mishawaka	Well kept and very serene.	Parks & Recreation
549	American Legion MIB	2	La Porte Library	Because everyone is welcome and they have activities for all ages. It's a safe place for teens to hangout.	Civic Institutions
550	American Legion MIB	3	Zoo - Potawatom	Because it's clean and it keeps the animals safe. And it keeps you safe while there too.	Entertainment & Eating
551	American Legion MIB	4	Chik-Fil-A	They have the best chicken sandwich I've ever had.	Entertainment & Eating
552	American Legion MIB	5	Pine Lake	My family likes to go tubing and swimming there.	Lakes
553	American Legion MIB	6	Bourissa Hills Park in New Carlisle	It's a hidden gem in the community - Disk Golf, trails, etc.	Parks & Recreation

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554	American Legion MIB	7	Merrifield Park	They have diverse activities for all ages that keep the park alive all year round. Water park and ice skating.	Parks & Recreation
555	American Legion MIB	8	Luhr Park	Hiking trails, great learning programs, peaceful land.	Parks & Recreation
556	American Legion MIB	9	Freids Cat Shelter	Likes to go see cats and it gives lots of cats homes that wouldn't have them otherwise.	Community Spaces
557	American Legion MIB	10	Spicer Lake	Paths to walk and a great place to get away from the world.	Lakes
558	American Legion MIB	11	Co-op Choppes	It brings together small businesses in the county.	Entertainment & Eating
559	American Legion MIB	12	New Carlisle Memorial Park	Fun for kids. They have music in the summer and festivals	Parks & Recreation
560	American Legion MIB	13	Friendship Garden	A great place to visit and leave the world behind.	Arts & Culture
561	American Legion MIB	14	Barker Mansion	So much history to be shaped.	Arts & Culture
562	American Legion MIB	15	La Porte Museum	So much history to share.	Arts & Culture
563	Wanatah	1	Lake Michigan		Lakes
564	Wanatah	2	Local Churches / Faith-based origins		Community Spaces
565	Wanatah	3	Scarecrow Festival		Entertainment & Eating
566	Wanatah	4	School System (Tri Township School w/ Lacrosse, S. Central)		Civic Institutions
567	Wanatah	5	Small community meeting basic needs		
568	Wanatah	6	Access to larger communities		Connections
569	Wanatah	7	Parks close by		Parks & Recreation
570	Wanatah	8	Lighthouse Mall nearby		Entertainment & Eating
571	Wanatah	9	Farm land	Appreciate nature	Agriculture
572	Wanatah	10	Many fruit farms		Agriculture
573	Wanatah	11	The Shed (Guse family)	Offer great gathering space for weddings, meetings, etc	Community Spaces
574	Youth Meeting	1	Places to run	Soldiers Park	Connections
575	Youth Meeting	2	The library	because librarians are nice	Civic Institutions

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576	Youth Meeting	3	The Y		Community Spaces
577	Youth Meeting	4	McDonalds		Entertainment & Eating
578	Youth Meeting	5	I feel safe @ library + my apt + play place		Civic Institutions
579	Youth Meeting	6	Parks in LP. Fox	Playground, basketball, grass	Parks & Recreation
580	Youth Meeting	7	Luhr Park	Calming	Parks & Recreation
581	Youth Meeting	8	Bowling	Casey	Entertainment & Eating
582	Youth Meeting	9	Lighthouse Mall		Entertainment & Eating
583	Youth Meeting	10	LPHS School Sports programs		Parks & Recreation
584	Youth Meeting	11	Sports facilities	Clean, fresh	Parks & Recreation
585	Youth Meeting	12	LP County	Fair	Entertainment & Eating
586	Youth Meeting	13	Lakes + Trails		Lakes
587	Youth Meeting	14	Dunes Park to Run		Parks & Recreation
588	Youth Meeting	15	Pumpkin Patch / Orchards		Parks & Recreation
589	Youth Meeting	16	Schools		Civic Institutions
590	Youth Meeting	17	Churches		Civic Institutions
591	Youth Meeting	18	Food Pantry		Community Spaces
592	Youth Meeting	19	Sidewalks		Connections
593	Youth Meeting	20	Mall (shopping)		Entertainment & Eating
594	Youth Meeting	1	Castles stonewalls, my house family make it strong		
595	Youth Meeting	2	Library, Skatepark, Papa Shawnee's		Civic Institutions
596	Youth Meeting	3	Library		Civic Institutions
597	Youth Meeting	4	Library, Greg		Civic Institutions
598	Youth Meeting	5	Greg		
599	Youth Meeting	6	Skatepark because my boyfriend goes there! The library		Community Spaces

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			because it's peaceful! Greg.		
600	Youth Meeting	7	Starbucks		Entertainment & Eating
601	Youth Meeting	8	Library, Downtown La Porte, Starbucks		Civic Institutions
602	Youth Meeting	9	Library helps you read		Civic Institutions
603	Youth Meeting	10	The library. The people who work there. Friends. Downtown La Porte.		Civic Institutions
604	Youth Meeting	11	Make school staircases bigger		
605	Youth Meeting	12	Library because I can hangout in a friendly environment and my house cause my family live there.		Civic Institutions
606	Youth Meeting	13	Some of my favorite spots in La Porte is the library and Kelsing Park.		Civic Institutions
607	Youth Meeting	14	Library, Middle school		Civic Institutions
608	Youth Meeting	15	the library, the ymca		Civic Institutions
609	Online	1	The library and YMCA. They are safe, clean, and push people to be them best selves.		Civic Institutions
610	Online	2	Our public library is a community strength. It offers a variety of programs for children through our senior age groups. It is not single focused. Our community center for large gathering of multiple types, from community potlucks to holiday bazaars.		Civic Institutions

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611	Online	3	Hanna is the strong community for this area. Rumors and the Hub are social outlets for the area. The fact that this is a small community. People knowing each other creating a safer environment for the citizens.		Community Spaces
612	Online	4	I like authentic places - places where there's a feel and vibe. A place the community gathers and can run into one another.		Community Spaces
613	Online	5	La Porte Civic Auditorium - excellent venue for large events, concerts, meetings, etc. Blue Chip Casino - popular entertainment venue also great for events and concerts Lake Michigan, Washington Park, Pine Lake and Stone Lake - great recreational areas		Entertainment & Eating
614	Online	6	Our city halls and government buildings are well maintained and are deserving of recognition for that.		Civic Institutions
615	Online	7	Retail areas.		Entertainment & Eating
616	Online	8	Lake Michigan and the city parks in La Porte		Lakes
617	Online	9	Small businesses, YMCA, fitness		Community Spaces

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			centers, lakes, and local events make the town of LaPorte pleasant.		
618	Online	10	The tighter knit communities that surround the city of La Porte that are much smaller.		Community Spaces
619	Online	11	I love the lakes and parks. They are a great place to have fun, relax and see the beauty of our area.		Parks & Recreation
620	Online	12	Schools -- one, united goal.		Civic Institutions
621	Online	13	Parks dept, Little theater, Jaycees - they all have good turn outs for events. They are supported by the community. They have good variety		Parks & Recreation
622	Online	14	Parks, civic auditorium, and churches - civic and community involvement and the use of the parks and Civic auditorium		Civic Institutions

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623	Online	15	<p>The library: it has done its best to meet the needs of the citizens, changing its identity even though that was likely uncomfortable for many who were accustomed to the traditional vision of what a library is and should do.</p> <p>LAKE MICHIGAN. Honestly. And the new building in Washington Park is a great step forward to improving the overall park. And the zoo is such a great space for families there.</p> <p>Also, Kesling Park is likely the best municipal park in the county and should be a model for how we revive our other major parks, such as Soldiers and Washington.</p>		Civic Institutions
624	Online	16	The new library, the park, our churches		Civic Institutions
625	Online	17	Unfortunately the places with the most funding are usually the strongest.		

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626	Online	18	The library seems like a strong place. They involve families of all backgrounds. Finances aren't a part of being involved in the library. It's a safe gathering place for many people, including kids.		Civic Institutions
627	Online	19	Retail seems strong! Restaurants are strong! They're strong because everyone needs to shop and eat. JOBS!		Entertainment & Eating
628	Online	20	There are no strong places		
629	Online	21	Beaches, parks, zoo. Inexpensive, interactive, inclusive family fun		Parks & Recreation
630	Online	22	<p>Lakeshore</p> <p>Parks</p> <p>Zoo</p> <p>Museum</p> <p>Trails</p> <p>Culture</p> <p>All add to a tranquil release from the modern world of technology where the community joins together of all ages, color and backgrounds.</p>		Parks & Recreation

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631	Online	23	I see the pop warner, I see sports, I see and deal with coaches who takes these children under their wings and talk, walk, inspire, lead, and just that overall outlet to a lot of these children who does not have that.		
632	Online	24	The local businesses- a place where people can go and feel safe, although they r getting robbed also YWCA Gyms		Entertainment & Eating
633	Online	25	The old downtown area		Downtowns
634	Online	26	The Lake Michigan Lighthouse, beach front, Washington Park Marina, National Lakeshore, National Park, the Zoo, Barker Mansion, Outlet Mall, and South Shore, as well as the Uptown Arts District are all popular attractions. They give our community a unique charm and character. There are so many different attractions with activities that have the potential to bring the community and its citizens together.		Parks & Recreation

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635	Online	27	parks- nature		Parks & Recreation
636	Online	28	<p>The sugar bowl! Kids eat free from 5pm-8pm.</p> <p>Meijer- Most friendly atmosphere and convenient place to shop.</p> <p>Niemann School- The best early learning school that does not cost a fortune for kids to attend!</p>		Entertainment & Eating
637	Online	29	The lake front region.		Lakes
638	Online	30	<p>City of Laporte- great parks, pine lake, stone lake</p> <p>Red Mill, Zoo, Lakefront, Outlet Mall</p>		Lakes
639	Online	31	Community involvement, funding to make ideas happen, common goals		
640	Online	32	The outlet mall, the lakefront, Uptown Arts district, Washington Park Zoo. All things for people to see and do.		Entertainment & Eating
641	Online	33	The new prairie schools are fantastic, the public parks, 4H		Civic Institutions
642	Online	34	Our lakefront, easy access, zoo, splash pad, and beach.		Lakes

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643	Online	35	<p>Lubeznik Center for the Arts - grass-roots offerings of fantastic art</p> <p>Skate Park - a place for the youth to be and to have fun</p> <p>Lighthouse Place - a vibrant place for shopping, unfortunately for most everyone else and not MC residents</p> <p>The school where I teach - hopefully a place of refuge with caring people and important interactions</p>		Arts & Culture
644	Online	36	<p>Weird question. I can't define a strong place. Still need to figure out how to draw large numbers of people to places where they will regularly spend time and money. If that's downtown, need to fix parking, finish development and have more than antiques and bars. If it's new Porte then plenty to do there- chemicals? If its parks- weather- indoor buildings? Winter is forever here.</p>		Downtowns

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645	Online	37	City buys Herald Argus Building and take control of the parking lots they own plus tear down 80% of the building and turn that into parking as well. Utilize the old hospital as a family center like the Salvation Army Croc Center in South Bend to promote healthy families, provide parenting skills classes, leave the church so people know it's a faith based (non-denominational) place, fitness classes, computer labs, mother's of toddlers groups, basketball courts, indoor tennis courts, swimming pool, trampoline park. Make this a family oriented hub to improve the quality of life of families and nurture community togetherness. This center should NOT be for the homeless or drug rehab as it is located in a central place of the community and should be called the HUB of Awesome!		Downtowns
646	Online	38	Uptown district. Most buildings have a business. Nice variety of		Arts & Culture

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			restaurants, easy to get to.		
647	Online	39	Hudson Lake has an RV Park - Lakeside RV and an adjacent historic restaurant and event location - Monroe's Crossing.		Lakes
648	Online	40	<p>LP Civic auditorium: Draws all types of people, recent expansion of various events for broader demographic.</p> <p>The Lakes: Areas around the lakes have been cleaned up, and new spaces created for people to enjoy them.</p> <p>Lake Michigan: Washington Park & Zoo and area on the lake have seen a resurgence of new restaurants and culture.</p> <p>Outlet Mall: draws people from outside of our community.</p>		Lakes
649	Online	41	The church communities.		Community Spaces
650	Online	42	We are located in a bio diverse environment that can generate more interest in recreation, sand and water activities.		Lakes
651	Online	43	LaPorte and Michigan City's downtowns are strong. They are growing. They are getting attention.		Downtowns

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652	Online	44	<p>Lake Michigan, the National Park, Washington Park, the Outlet Mall</p> <p>Great variety of restaurants, Lubeznik Center for the Arts</p>		Lakes
653	Online	45	Trade-crafts. Well skilled, well trained folks who are thoughtful about their work.		Entertainment & Eating
654	Online	46	<p>Our parks are wonderful--well maintained, very visible, used throughout the year in various ways.</p> <p>Even smaller towns, like Trail Creek, are adding new feature to their parks (they just added a dog park that will re-open in the spring of 2020).</p> <p>Blue Chip Casino is another stronghold. They have the means to advertise to maintain their business, but also give a significant amount back to the community.</p>		Parks & Recreation
655	Online	47	The Lakefront. It has great potential.		Lakes
656	Online	48	Our potential is our strength. LaPorte County has the potential to become a more prosperous community. The diversity we have provides outlooks		

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			from many different prospective which would in turn draw attention from other diverse persons outside of this area.		
657	Online	49	our lakes, people like water.		Lakes
658	Online	50	Washington Park-free if you are an MC resident, beautiful and safe place to walk.		Entertainment & Eating
659	Unity Luncheon	1	Lake Michigan		Lakes
660	Unity Luncheon	2	La Porte County Lakes		Lakes
661	Unity Luncheon	3	South Shore Rail road		Connections
662	Unity Luncheon	4	The Arts (Community theaters, community orchestras, art districts)		Arts & Culture
663	Unity Luncheon	5	MC Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
664	Unity Luncheon	6	Dunes		Parks & Recreation
665	Unity Luncheon	7	Parks		Parks & Recreation
666	Unity Luncheon	8	Schools		Civic Institutions
667	Unity Luncheon	9	Art District		Arts & Culture
668	Unity Luncheon	10	MC Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
669	Unity Luncheon	11	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
670	Unity Luncheon	12	MicroBrewery		Entertainment & Eating
671	Unity Luncheon	13	Civic		Civic Institutions
672	Unity Luncheon	14	Museums		Civic Institutions
673	Unity Luncheon	15	Schools- families support common goals pride		Civic Institutions
674	Unity Luncheon	16	Bike Trails		Connections

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675	Unity Luncheon	17	Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
676	Unity Luncheon	18	Parks- educational centers		Parks & Recreation
677	Unity Luncheon	19	Lakes		Lakes
678	Unity Luncheon	20	Downtown		Downtowns
679	Unity Luncheon	21	Museums La Porte/MC		Civic Institutions
680	Unity Luncheon	22	Arts		Entertainment & Eating
681	Unity Luncheon	23	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
682	Unity Luncheon	24	MicroBrewery		Entertainment & Eating
683	Unity Luncheon	25	Dunes Volleyball		Parks & Recreation
684	Unity Luncheon	26	Patriot Park		Parks & Recreation
685	Unity Luncheon	27	South Shore		Connections
686	Unity Luncheon	28	Civic		Civic Institutions
687	Unity Luncheon	29	Parks		Parks & Recreation
688	Unity Luncheon	30	Schools		Parks & Recreation
689	Unity Luncheon	31	Arts community-symphony, Art District MC- cultural		Arts & Culture
690	Unity Luncheon	32	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
691	Unity Luncheon	33	MicroBrewery		Entertainment & Eating
692	Unity Luncheon	34	Hesston Steam Museum		Civic Institutions
693	Unity Luncheon	35	Civic- history		Civic Institutions
694	Unity Luncheon	36	Lakes in La Porte		Lakes
695	Unity Luncheon	37	Dunes		Parks & Recreation
696	Unity Luncheon	38	Downtown La Porte		Downtowns
697	Unity Luncheon	39	Parks- Splash Pads/Education		Parks & Recreation
698	Unity Luncheon	40	Museums		Civic Institutions
699	Unity Luncheon	41	Schools-activities for kids		Civic Institutions
700	Unity Luncheon	42	Arts community		Arts & Culture

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701	Unity Luncheon	43	Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
702	Unity Luncheon	44	Blue Chip-entertainment		Entertainment & Eating
703	Unity Luncheon	45	Hesston Steam Museum		Civic Institutions
704	Unity Luncheon	46	MC Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
705	Unity Luncheon	47	Civic		Civic Institutions
706	Unity Luncheon	48	Fox Park		Parks & Recreation
707	Unity Luncheon	49	La Porte Lakes		Lakes
708	Unity Luncheon	50	Lake Michigan		Lakes
709	Unity Luncheon	51	Dunes		Parks & Recreation
710	Unity Luncheon	52	La Porte Downtown Improvements		Downtowns
711	Unity Luncheon	53	Park education centers		Parks & Recreation
712	Unity Luncheon	54	La Porte County Museum		Civic Institutions
713	Unity Luncheon	55	Community Support for Schools		Civic Institutions
714	Unity Luncheon	56	Arts community		Arts & Culture
715	Unity Luncheon	57	Blue Chip (events, spa, etc)		Entertainment & Eating
716	Unity Luncheon	58	MicroBrewery		Entertainment & Eating
717	Unity Luncheon	59	Dunes Volleyball Center		Parks & Recreation
718	Unity Luncheon	60	Orchards		Agriculture
719	Unity Luncheon	61	Environment (dunes, wetlands, farmland, etc.)		Parks & Recreation
720	Unity Luncheon	62	Architecture of buildings in downtown cities		Downtowns
721	Unity Luncheon	63	Economic development- Chicago is our friend		
722	Unity Luncheon	64	population is flat in the county		
723	Unity Luncheon	65	Natural resources (e.g., Lakeshore, parks, etc.)		Parks & Recreation

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724	Unity Luncheon	66	Destinations (e.g., Blue Chip, outlet mall)		Entertainment & Eating
725	Unity Luncheon	67	Lake Michigan- beauty, vacation		Lakes
726	Unity Luncheon	68	Pine Lake		Lakes
727	Unity Luncheon	69	Parks- continue to be improved		Parks & Recreation
728	Unity Luncheon	70	MC Beach- awesome, nature, unique, fun picturesque		Lakes
729	Unity Luncheon	71	County Parks- fun, healthy activities, variety of activities, clean, functional		Parks & Recreation
730	Unity Luncheon	72	Schools, innovative, caring		Civic Institutions
731	Unity Luncheon	73	Faith based community		Community Spaces
732	Unity Luncheon	74	Lakefront- fun, inviting, shopping, variety of restaurants- variety of local		Lakes
733	Unity Luncheon	75	La Porte has inviting feeling		
734	Unity Luncheon	76	Collaboration among agencies		
735	Unity Luncheon	77	Lubeznik Center for the Arts		Arts & Culture
736	Unity Luncheon	78	Uptown Arts District M City		Arts & Culture
737	Unity Luncheon	79	The Beach		Lakes
738	Unity Luncheon	80	Marina		Lakes
739	Unity Luncheon	81	Manjushree Buddhist Retreat		Arts & Culture
740	Unity Luncheon	82	Garwood Orchard		Agriculture
741	Unity Luncheon	83	Pinhook Bog		Parks & Recreation
742	Unity Luncheon	84	Tryan Farms		Agriculture
743	Unity Luncheon	85	Purdue Westville		Civic Institutions
744	Unity Luncheon	86	Hesston Supper Club		Entertainment & Eating
745	Unity Luncheon	87	Shoreline Brewery		Entertainment & Eating

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746	Unity Luncheon	88	Parks		Parks & Recreation
747	Unity Luncheon	89	Lakefront		Lakes
748	Unity Luncheon	90	Lubeznik Center for the Arts		Arts & Culture
749	Unity Luncheon	91	Casino/Theater's		Entertainment & Eating
750	Unity Luncheon	92	Arts District		Arts & Culture
751	Unity Luncheon	93	Kesling Park- strong gathering place		Parks & Recreation
752	Unity Luncheon	94	Lubeznik Center for the Arts		Arts & Culture
753	Unity Luncheon	95	All the Lakes (MC and LP)- provides recreational opportunities		Lakes
754	Unity Luncheon	96	Michigan City Downtown- Entertaining and unique		Downtowns
755	Unity Luncheon	97	Washington Park		Parks & Recreation
756	Unity Luncheon	98	Striebel Pond		Lakes
757	Unity Luncheon	99	MCHs/MCAs		
758	Unity Luncheon	100	Theaters		Entertainment & Eating
759	Unity Luncheon	101	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
760	Unity Luncheon	102	MCAs- strong, rigorous, education		
761	Unity Luncheon	103	Home and churches		Community Spaces
762	Unity Luncheon	104	Common beliefs, common goals love		
763	Unity Luncheon	105	Lakes, pine, restaurants on water between parks		Lakes
764	Unity Luncheon	106	Pioneer hand		
765	Unity Luncheon	107	Schools		Civic Institutions
766	Unity Luncheon	108	Parks		Parks & Recreation
767	Unity Luncheon	109	Rec Center		Community Spaces
768	Unity Luncheon	110	Play area		Parks & Recreation

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769	Unity Luncheon	111	Arts= strong arts offerings but opportunity to further promote and support, and grow		Arts & Culture
770	Unity Luncheon	112	Parks= great parks		Parks & Recreation
771	Unity Luncheon	113	Libraries= offer wonderful programming		Civic Institutions
772	Unity Luncheon	114	Lakefronts= Michigan, Pine etc. Maximize use and potential		Lakes
773	Unity Luncheon	115	Opportunities to engage young families to encourage community growth and kids to return and live		
774	Unity Luncheon	116	More outside rec. for students. Basketball court, community pool tennis		Parks & Recreation
775	Unity Luncheon	117	Parks, health and recreation		Parks & Recreation
776	Unity Luncheon	118	Lakes, recreation and beauty		Lakes
777	Unity Luncheon	119	Schools teachers, kids		Civic Institutions
778	Unity Luncheon	120	Neighborhoods, esp, around grade schools		
779	Unity Luncheon	121	Lakes- Michigan, Pine, Stone, Clear, etc.		Lakes
780	Unity Luncheon	122	Dunes- National Park sites		Parks & Recreation
781	Unity Luncheon	123	Orchards		Agriculture
782	Unity Luncheon	124	Hesston Steam Museum		Civic Institutions
783	Unity Luncheon	125	Trails and parks		Parks & Recreation
784	Unity Luncheon	126	Restaurants using local foods		Entertainment & Eating

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785	Unity Luncheon	127	Pioneer village and fairgrounds		Arts & Culture
786	Unity Luncheon	128	Downtown		Downtowns
787	Unity Luncheon	129	The Lakes- bring community together and beauty		Lakes
788	Unity Luncheon	130	The Parks		Parks & Recreation
789	Unity Luncheon	131	Lakes/parks/beach		Lakes
790	Unity Luncheon	132	Schools		Civic Institutions
791	Unity Luncheon	133	Elston YMCA (city)		Community Spaces
792	Unity Luncheon	134	MC High School/career center		Civic Institutions
793	Unity Luncheon	135	MC Police Station Park		Civic Institutions
794	Unity Luncheon	136	Washington Park		Parks & Recreation
795	Unity Luncheon	137	Washington Park		Parks & Recreation
796	Unity Luncheon	138	First Fridays		
797	Unity Luncheon	139	Hometown values		
798	Unity Luncheon	140	Community feel		
799	Unity Luncheon	141	Lakes and lots of them		Lakes
800	Unity Luncheon	142	Natural beauty		
801	Unity Luncheon	143	County and National Parks		Parks & Recreation
802	Unity Luncheon	144	PNW		Civic Institutions
803	Unity Luncheon	145	Summer events		Community Spaces
804	Unity Luncheon	146	YMCA		Community Spaces
805	Unity Luncheon	147	Outdoor Spaces- bike trails, walking trails		Connections
806	Unity Luncheon	148	Downtown		Downtowns
807	Unity Luncheon	149	Emita		
808	Unity Luncheon	150	Fishing		Lakes
809	Unity Luncheon	151	lakes, parks, natural areas		Lakes
810	Unity Luncheon	152	Higher education opportunities		Civic Institutions

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811	Unity Luncheon	153	Schools		Civic Institutions
812	Unity Luncheon	154	Natural Resources; parks, lakes- big and small, protected lands and habitats, gathering and conservation opportunities		Parks & Recreation
813	Unity Luncheon	155	Higher education: PNW Ivy Tech		Civic Institutions
814	Unity Luncheon	156	Agriculture		Agriculture
815	Unity Luncheon	157	Buy local opportunities		Entertainment & Eating
816	Unity Luncheon	158	Arts district/downtown renovation		Downtowns
817	Unity Luncheon	159	Southshore double track		Connections
818	Unity Luncheon	160	Lakes/parks/beach		Lakes
819	Unity Luncheon	161	La Porte Co Sym Orch		Arts & Culture
820	Unity Luncheon	162	Arts in the park		Arts & Culture
821	Unity Luncheon	163	Dudeck Farm		Agriculture
822	Unity Luncheon	164	Hesston Steam Museum		Arts & Culture
823	Unity Luncheon	165	Schools		Civic Institutions
824	Unity Luncheon	166	libraries		Civic Institutions
825	Unity Luncheon	167	Kesling Park (new play area)		Parks & Recreation
826	Unity Luncheon	168	First Fridays		
827	Unity Luncheon	169	New Restaurants, Leeds, Fiddlehead		Entertainment & Eating
828	Unity Luncheon	170	Lubeznik Center		Arts & Culture
829	Unity Luncheon	171	Washington Park and Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
830	Unity Luncheon	172	7 1/2 Chesie Trail		Connections
831	Unity Luncheon	173	Splash Pads		Parks & Recreation
832	Unity Luncheon	174	MC YMCA		Community Spaces
833	Unity Luncheon	175	The Lakes- Small to large		Lakes
834	Unity Luncheon	176	The Rivers		

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835	Unity Luncheon	177	Good restaurants, affordable e		Entertainment & Eating
836	Unity Luncheon	178	Chessie Trail		Connections
837	Unity Luncheon	179	Casinos		Entertainment & Eating
838	Unity Luncheon	180	Outlet Mall		Entertainment & Eating
839	Unity Luncheon	181	The lakes, parks and paths		Lakes
840	Unity Luncheon	182	Philanthropic attitude		
841	Unity Luncheon	183	County Parks		Parks & Recreation
842	Unity Luncheon	184	Proximity to both Chicago and South Bend		Connections
843	Unity Luncheon	185	School systems		Civic Institutions
844	Unity Luncheon	186	Area agency on Aging		Community Spaces
845	Unity Luncheon	187	Our strongest partners for feeding the hunger and assisting those in need, Salvation Army, Pax Center, Citizens Concerned, Center twp		Community Spaces
846	Unity Luncheon	188	Lakes, beaches		Lakes
847	Unity Luncheon	189	Parks- City and County		Parks & Recreation
848	Unity Luncheon	190	Libraries		Civic Institutions
849	Unity Luncheon	191	Schools		Civic Institutions
850	Unity Luncheon	192	Trails and parks		Parks & Recreation
851	Unity Luncheon	193	Orchards		Agriculture
852	Unity Luncheon	194	Farms		Agriculture
853	Unity Luncheon	195	Proximity to other cities		Connections
854	Unity Luncheon	196	Lake Michigan		Lakes
855	Unity Luncheon	197	Indiana Dunes		Parks & Recreation
856	Unity Luncheon	198	Historic Downtown		Downtowns
857	Unity Luncheon	199	Lakes		Lakes
858	Unity Luncheon	200	Festivals		Arts & Culture

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859	Unity Luncheon	201	Salvation Army of La Porte, Salvation Army of Michigan City, Center Townships Trustee Office, Citizen's Concerned for the Homeless, Pax Center, these organizations are focused on serving people in need, feeding the hungry and provide a variety of services for people who need it most		Community Spaces
860	Unity Luncheon	202	Supportive environment, collaboration		
861	Unity Luncheon	203	Beauty of county		
862	Unity Luncheon	204	quaint downtowns		Downtowns
863	Unity Luncheon	205	Small town charm		
864	Unity Luncheon	206	Hoosier Hospitality		
865	Unity Luncheon	207	Lake Michigan		Lakes
866	Unity Luncheon	208	MC Lakefront-beauty		Lakes
867	Unity Luncheon	209	Inland lakes- beauty		Lakes
868	Unity Luncheon	210	Inland lakes- beauty		Lakes
869	Unity Luncheon	211	Friendship botanical gardens		Arts & Culture
870	Unity Luncheon	212	Blue Chip entertainment		Entertainment & Eating
871	Unity Luncheon	213	PNW-Education		Civic Institutions
872	Unity Luncheon	214	Parks and lakes		Lakes
873	Unity Luncheon	215	accessibility		Connections
874	Unity Luncheon	216	beauty		
875	Unity Luncheon	217	family friendly		
876	Unity Luncheon	218	Location (lakes, etc)		Lakes
877	Unity Luncheon	219	Parks, recreation, opportunities		Parks & Recreation
878	Unity Luncheon	220	Close to larger cities, i.e. Chicago, South Bend with museums, etc.		Connections

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879	Unity Luncheon	221	Seems like La Porte has a good education system and takes care of its building properties as well		Civic Institutions
880	Unity Luncheon	222	the lakes, stone, pine scenery especially in the fall the great Lake Michigan		Lakes
881	Unity Luncheon	223	Restaurants		Entertainment & Eating
882	Unity Luncheon	224	Parks		Parks & Recreation
883	Unity Luncheon	225	Lakes and Rivers- attractive for tourists fisherman and families		Lakes
884	Unity Luncheon	226	Washington Park/Lake Michigan waterfront		Parks & Recreation
885	Unity Luncheon	227	County parks		Parks & Recreation
886	Unity Luncheon	228	Lakefront		Lakes
887	Unity Luncheon	229	Parks		Parks & Recreation
888	Unity Luncheon	230	Lakes		Lakes
889	Unity Luncheon	231	Dunes		Parks & Recreation
890	Unity Luncheon	232	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
891	Unity Luncheon	233	Parks- varied and family friendly		Parks & Recreation
892	Unity Luncheon	234	Dunes- unique		Parks & Recreation
893	Unity Luncheon	235	Local communities- lots of them festivals		Arts & Culture
894	Unity Luncheon	236	Fairgrounds- bring people together		Arts & Culture
895	Unity Luncheon	237	Greenspace- farms open areas		Agriculture
896	Unity Luncheon	238	The Parks- activities		Parks & Recreation
897	Unity Luncheon	239	WP Zoo- family entertainment		Entertainment & Eating

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898	Unity Luncheon	240	Blue Chip Casino-entertainment-conventions		Entertainment & Eating
899	Unity Luncheon	241	Downtown MC		Downtowns
900	Unity Luncheon	242	Singing Sands Trail!		Parks & Recreation
901	Unity Luncheon	243	Mountain Bike trail in La Porte		Connections
902	Unity Luncheon	244	Dis Golf courses		Parks & Recreation
903	Unity Luncheon	245	All the restaurants and shops further down Franklin-more growth is great!		Entertainment & Eating
904	Unity Luncheon	246	lakes, beaches-keep open access		Lakes
905	Unity Luncheon	247	Historic buildings/homes		Community Spaces
906	Unity Luncheon	248	Orr Lake mansion-save it!		Arts & Culture
907	Unity Luncheon	249	Washington Park in MC		Parks & Recreation
908	Unity Luncheon	250	Zoo in MC		Entertainment & Eating
909	Unity Luncheon	251	Historic WPA		
910	Unity Luncheon	252	4-H Fairgrounds		Arts & Culture
911	Unity Luncheon	253	Green spaces		Parks & Recreation
912	Unity Luncheon	254	Lake front		Lakes
913	Unity Luncheon	255	Lighthouse mall		Entertainment & Eating
914	Unity Luncheon	256	Downtown area		Downtowns
915	Unity Luncheon	257	School system making major strides		Civic Institutions
916	Unity Luncheon	258	Uptown Arts District M City		Arts & Culture
917	Unity Luncheon	259	Farm Markets		Agriculture
918	Unity Luncheon	260	Orchards/Farms		Agriculture
919	Unity Luncheon	261	Washington park and Beach		Parks & Recreation
920	Unity Luncheon	262	Singing Sands Trail!		Connections
921	Unity Luncheon	263	Unique shops, public art, quaint restaurants		Entertainment & Eating

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922	Unity Luncheon	264	Fresh food, entertainment, family and pet friendly		Entertainment & Eating
923	Unity Luncheon	265	Fresh food, family friendly, fun outdoor activity		Entertainment & Eating
924	Unity Luncheon	266	Beach playgrounds, zoo, fishing, world class sporting events, festivals, marina, tour boat		Parks & Recreation
925	Unity Luncheon	267	Tri-State Marquette Greenway		Parks & Recreation
926	Unity Luncheon	268	Secondary Education Universities/college in the area		Civic Institutions
927	Unity Luncheon	269	Washington Park/Lake		Parks & Recreation
928	Unity Luncheon	270	Parks/Nature		Parks & Recreation
929	Unity Luncheon	271	Downtown LP (Lincoln way) existing buildings		Downtowns
930	Unity Luncheon	272	Downtown MC (Franklin) existing buildings		Downtowns
931	Unity Luncheon	273	Lakefront/beach		Lakes
932	Unity Luncheon	274	Church/fellowship		Community Spaces
933	Unity Luncheon	275	yacht club		Entertainment & Eating
934	Unity Luncheon	276	Lakes- family activity		Lakes
935	Unity Luncheon	277	parks- beautiful natural environment		Parks & Recreation
936	Unity Luncheon	278	The arts on Franklin		Arts & Culture
937	Unity Luncheon	279	The Civic		Civic Institutions
938	Unity Luncheon	280	Lake/Beach area beautiful		Lakes
939	Unity Luncheon	281	Zoo- intriguing		Entertainment & Eating
940	Unity Luncheon	282	Variety of restaurants- great food		Entertainment & Eating

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941	Unity Luncheon	283	Outlet Mall- good shopping deals		Entertainment & Eating
942	Unity Luncheon	284	Blue Chip- great venue		Entertainment & Eating
943	Unity Luncheon	285	Lubeznik- beautiful source of great art exhibits and opportunities for students		Arts & Culture
944	Unity Luncheon	286	Library system		Civic Institutions
945	Unity Luncheon	287	Uptown arts		Arts & Culture
946	Unity Luncheon	288	Lakefront		Lakes
947	Unity Luncheon	289	Beach		Lakes
948	Unity Luncheon	290	Striebel Pond		Lakes
949	Unity Luncheon	291	LP Lakes		Lakes
950	Unity Luncheon	292	Lubeznik Center- Place and programs!		Arts & Culture
951	Unity Luncheon	293	Uptown Arts (MC)		Arts & Culture
952	Unity Luncheon	294	Libraries		Civic Institutions
953	Unity Luncheon	295	Downtown (LP)		Downtowns
954	Unity Luncheon	296	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
955	Unity Luncheon	297	Kesling Park		Parks & Recreation
956	Unity Luncheon	298	Lakefront/dunes/zo		Lakes
957	Unity Luncheon	299	arts district		Arts & Culture
958	Unity Luncheon	300	Funding available for improvement and growth		
959	Unity Luncheon	301	New/updating infrastructure		
960	Unity Luncheon	302	College funding available		
961	Unity Luncheon	303	Lake Michigan and beaches		Lakes
962	Unity Luncheon	304	National Parks and the outdoors		Parks & Recreation
963	Unity Luncheon	305	Arts center Lubeznik- variety		Arts & Culture
964	Unity Luncheon	306	Senior High Schools Library Services		Civic Institutions
965	Unity Luncheon	307	Downtown commerce		Downtowns

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966	Unity Luncheon	308	Vibrant communities		
967	Unity Luncheon	309	Historical district		
968	Unity Luncheon	310	Casino and breweries		Entertainment & Eating
969	Unity Luncheon	311	lakes and parks		Lakes
970	Unity Luncheon	312	Farming community		Agriculture
971	Unity Luncheon	313	hospitals		Civic Institutions
972	Unity Luncheon	314	Parks systems- variety pet friendly activities		Parks & Recreation
973	Unity Luncheon	315	nonprofits- HFL leadership connected many of us in a real, tangible way		
974	Unity Luncheon	316	Michigan City Police Department community engagement important		Civic Institutions
975	Unity Luncheon	317	La Porte School system- work to provide students access to prevention and education outside of educ.		Civic Institutions
976	Unity Luncheon	318	New Prairie- important- tight-knit community		
977	Unity Luncheon	319	Lakefront and lakes		Lakes
978	Unity Luncheon	320	Uptown District in MC inviting		Arts & Culture
979	Unity Luncheon	321	Collaborative social support resources- (work together to provide strong network of support)		
980	Unity Luncheon	322	Strong summer tourism lots to do in summer		
981	Unity Luncheon	323	Cost of living		
982	Unity Luncheon	324	Hi-tech hospitals		Civic Institutions
983	Unity Luncheon	325	Eatery's- leisure activities		Entertainment & Eating

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984	Unity Luncheon	326	Proximity to other bigger cities/towns		Connections
985	Unity Luncheon	327	Downtown arts district- the community itself!		Downtowns
986	Unity Luncheon	328	YMCA- all the support from our community. The fact that it is a safe place for our children to play and feel welcome and safe		Community Spaces
987	Unity Luncheon	329	close to big cities!		Connections
988	Unity Luncheon	330	winery's/craft brewery		Entertainment & Eating
989	Unity Luncheon	331	Lakes- LP way has many inland lakes as well as Lake Michigan. These provide great opportunities for local residents and also draw thousands for mother areas.		Lakes
990	Unity Luncheon	332	Parks- La Porte has many great parks that in some ways are underutilized. The trails in soldiers park are a good example of that		Parks & Recreation
991	Unity Luncheon	333	Lake Michigan (zoo, water, splash park)		Lakes
992	Unity Luncheon	334	La Porte Lakes and parks		Lakes
993	Unity Luncheon	335	Breweries		Entertainment & Eating
994	Unity Luncheon	336	Lubeznik Center		Arts & Culture
995	Unity Luncheon	337	Winery		Entertainment & Eating
996	Unity Luncheon	338	Restaurants		Entertainment & Eating
997	Unity Luncheon	339	Lighthouse place		Entertainment & Eating
998	Unity Luncheon	340	4 seasons		

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999	Unity Luncheon	341	Festivals and boat race		Arts & Culture
1000	Unity Luncheon	342	Walking trails		Connections
1001	Unity Luncheon	343	Collaborative organizations		
1002	Unity Luncheon	344	Center township Trustee		
1003	Unity Luncheon	345	Outward focus/inclusive (give citizens a voice)		
1004	Unity Luncheon	346	Cost of living is low		
1005	Unity Luncheon	347	2 new hospitals and reason build		Civic Institutions
1006	Unity Luncheon	348	Healthcare Foundation		Community Spaces
1007	Unity Luncheon	349	Blue Chip Casino funds		Entertainment & Eating
1008	Unity Luncheon	350	Proximity to Chicago		Connections
1009	Unity Luncheon	351	Lakes in La Porte and Michigan		Lakes
1010	Unity Luncheon	352	Recreational opportunities		Parks & Recreation
1011	Unity Luncheon	353	Access to fresh water		
1012	Unity Luncheon	354	great neighborhoods		
1013	Unity Luncheon	355	Farming community		Agriculture
1014	Unity Luncheon	356	PNW		Civic Institutions
1015	Unity Luncheon	357	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1016	Unity Luncheon	358	La Porte County symphony		Arts & Culture
1017	Unity Luncheon	359	Fine arts (Lubeznik) La Porte City Museum		Civic Institutions
1018	Unity Luncheon	360	Barker mansion		Arts & Culture
1019	Unity Luncheon	361	YMCA		Community Spaces
1020	Unity Luncheon	362	Access to Chicago and or South Bend		Connections
1021	Unity Luncheon	363	Southshore railroad		Connections
1022	Unity Luncheon	364	Uptown Arts District		Arts & Culture
1023	Unity Luncheon	365	Washington Park (and zoon)		Entertainment & Eating

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1024	Unity Luncheon	366	Lighthouse Place		Entertainment & Eating
1025	Unity Luncheon	367	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
1026	Unity Luncheon	368	Friendship Gardens		Arts & Culture
1027	Unity Luncheon	369	Washington Park		Parks & Recreation
1028	Unity Luncheon	370	Pine Lake		Lakes
1029	Unity Luncheon	371	Franklin Street		Entertainment & Eating
1030	Unity Luncheon	372	Mucho Mas		Entertainment & Eating
1031	Unity Luncheon	373	Other great restaurants		Entertainment & Eating
1032	Unity Luncheon	374	The Zoo		Entertainment & Eating
1033	Unity Luncheon	375	Lighthouse place		Entertainment & Eating
1034	Unity Luncheon	376	Blue Chip		Entertainment & Eating
1035	Unity Luncheon	377	Stone Lake		Lakes
1036	Unity Luncheon	378	Museums		Civic Institutions
1037	Unity Luncheon	379	Brink Cross		
1038	Unity Luncheon	380	La Porte Little theatre- family oriented		Arts & Culture
1039	Unity Luncheon	381	Community gardens		Community Spaces
1040	Unity Luncheon	382	Lakefront		Lakes
1041	Unity Luncheon	383	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1042	Unity Luncheon	384	Museums		Civic Institutions
1043	Unity Luncheon	385	Good hospitals		Civic Institutions
1044	Unity Luncheon	386	Lakes- family		Lakes
1045	Unity Luncheon	387	Parks- family		Parks & Recreation
1046	Unity Luncheon	388	LP Historic museum		Civic Institutions
1047	Unity Luncheon	389	Gardena Park/neighborhood parks: places to gather with neighborhood		Parks & Recreation

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1048	Unity Luncheon	390	Washington Park zoo: unique opportunity for residents		Entertainment & Eating
1049	Unity Luncheon	391	Beach		Lakes
1050	Unity Luncheon	392	Washington park Beach, best beachfront and accessibility		Parks & Recreation
1051	Unity Luncheon	393	Food Pantry- serving all of La Porte County		Community Spaces
1052	Unity Luncheon	394	Lakefront- Parks		Lakes
1053	Unity Luncheon	395	Churches- bring people together		Civic Institutions
1054	Unity Luncheon	396	Parks and rec		Parks & Recreation
1055	Unity Luncheon	397	Schools		Civic Institutions
1056	Unity Luncheon	398	Arts, music, band concerts		Arts & Culture
1057	Unity Luncheon	399	Church communities		Civic Institutions
1058	Unity Luncheon	400	4-H County Extension		
1059	Unity Luncheon	401	Historic Preservation		
1060	Unity Luncheon	402	Lake Michigan		Lakes
1061	Unity Luncheon	403	South Shore Rail		Connections
1062	Unity Luncheon	404	Churches positive experiences fellowship		Community Spaces
1063	Unity Luncheon	405	Beach, great exposure		Lakes
1064	Unity Luncheon	406	Schools people come together to support our future		Civic Institutions
1065	Unity Luncheon	407	Libraries/strong center of the community		Civic Institutions
1066	Unity Luncheon	408	Churches positive experiences fellowship		Civic Institutions
1067	Unity Luncheon	409	Learning center		Community Spaces
1068	Unity Luncheon	410	Safe environment, the community has invested in these		

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			organizations and understand what they offer		
1069	Unity Luncheon	411	Schools- learning center		Civic Institutions
1070	Unity Luncheon	412	Churches: comfortable environment		Civic Institutions
1071	Unity Luncheon	413	Library: a place to recollect and share ideas with others in your community		Civic Institutions
1072	Unity Luncheon	414	Parks/nature reserves: places where one can get out and observe there community they live in		Parks & Recreation
1073	Unity Luncheon	415	Library - absolutely amazing, all of them are really nice and comfortable and useful		Civic Institutions
1074	Unity Luncheon	416	parks safe, natural, enjoyable and controlled		Parks & Recreation
1075	Unity Luncheon	417	My school, teachers generally care and work to better my future		Civic Institutions
1076	Unity Luncheon	418	New Carlisle Library- Quiet while active and overwhelmingly friendly		Civic Institutions
1077	Unity Luncheon	419	The libraries- good places to be (environment) involved /active		Civic Institutions
1078	Unity Luncheon	420	Schools- people come together to support our future		Civic Institutions
1079	Unity Luncheon	421	Graveyards- very well kept and organized		Community Spaces
1080	Unity Luncheon	422	Close and good colleges		Civic Institutions
1081	Unity Luncheon	423	Lakefront		Lakes

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1082	Unity Luncheon	424	Franklin Square		
1083	Unity Luncheon	425	Lighthouse place		Entertainment & Eating
1084	Unity Luncheon	426	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1085	Unity Luncheon	427	Schools		Civic Institutions
1086	Unity Luncheon	428	Lakes		Lakes
1087	Unity Luncheon	429	People/leaders		
1088	Unity Luncheon	430	Churches		Civic Institutions
1089	Unity Luncheon	431	Activity Access		
1090	Unity Luncheon	432	The nice neighborhoods in each city		
1091	Unity Luncheon	433	They are strong when residents (cities) afford to maintain themes.		
1092	Unity Luncheon	434	Manufacturing-improving past, higher paying positions		
1093	Unity Luncheon	435	Recreation lakefront and community parks		Lakes
1094	Unity Luncheon	436	Community is a loving caring society, while somewhat economically challenged most would help others in any way		
1095	Unity Luncheon	437	Diversity		
1096	Unity Luncheon	438	Lakes		Lakes
1097	Unity Luncheon	439	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1098	Unity Luncheon	440	Museum- LP. CO		Civic Institutions
1099	Unity Luncheon	441	Ruth Sabin-emerging sound		
1100	Unity Luncheon	442	In agriculture, water available, provide many opportunities		Agriculture
1101	Unity Luncheon	443	Civic auditorium		Civic Institutions

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1102	Unity Luncheon	444	LP Parks- so many so diverse		Parks & Recreation
1103	Unity Luncheon	445	The Channel between Pine and stone		
1104	Unity Luncheon	446	Wild game processing facilities		
1105	Unity Luncheon	447	Mill Pond and park		Lakes
1106	Unity Luncheon	448	Land and ag		Agriculture
1107	Unity Luncheon	449	Sabin home and people and song good influence		
1108	Unity Luncheon	450	Unity park- keep view open and gathering place		Parks & Recreation
1109	Unity Luncheon	451	Indiana Dunes National Park		Parks & Recreation
1110	Unity Luncheon	452	Washington park, Pine lake- recreational		Parks & Recreation
1111	Unity Luncheon	453	Orchestra, Art Center, Several local, theatre clubs- cultural		Arts & Culture
1112	Unity Luncheon	454	To me, I love the diversity here both culturally and geographically. We need to let people know how much diversity we have. The Lake (MI) is a huge asset and draw to MC. Only 3 counties in Indiana "have" Lake Michigan.		
1113	Unity Luncheon	455	Our local town of Wanatah has a built in advantage to being close to Valparaiso in Porter Co. This should be promoted as an asset to Wanatah.		
1114	Unity Luncheon	456	Neighborly- community		Community Spaces
1115	Unity Luncheon	457	Friendly		

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1116	Unity Luncheon	458	Richness		
1117	Unity Luncheon	459	Nature		Agriculture
1118	Unity Luncheon	460	Seasons; colors		
1119	Unity Luncheon	461	Lakes		Lakes
1120	Unity Luncheon	462	Lake MI		Lakes
1121	Unity Luncheon	463	Dunes		Parks & Recreation
1122	Unity Luncheon	464	Quiet		
1123	Unity Luncheon	465	Cultural diversity		
1124	Unity Luncheon	466	Beach		Lakes
1125	Unity Luncheon	467	Country		
1126	Unity Luncheon	468	quaint shops		Entertainment & Eating
1127	Unity Luncheon	469	Sporting activities, kayaking, sailing, organized runs		Parks & Recreation
1128	Unity Luncheon	470	Lake Michigan		Lakes
1129	Unity Luncheon	471	Small lakes throughout county		Lakes
1130	Unity Luncheon	472	Dunes National park		Parks & Recreation
1131	Unity Luncheon	473	Community parks		Parks & Recreation
1132	Unity Luncheon	474	Festivals		Arts & Culture
1133	Unity Luncheon	475	Lake		Lakes
1134	Unity Luncheon	476	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1135	Unity Luncheon	477	Orchards		Agriculture
1136	Unity Luncheon	478	Our lakefront-beauty/and accessible		Lakes
1137	Unity Luncheon	479	Lighthouse place		Entertainment & Eating
1138	Unity Luncheon	480	Downtowns		Downtowns
1139	Unity Luncheon	481	Lake Michigan		Lakes
1140	Unity Luncheon	482	Fishing		Parks & Recreation
1141	Unity Luncheon	483	Variety of Parks-county parks, national park		Parks & Recreation
1142	Unity Luncheon	484	Orchards		Agriculture
1143	Unity Luncheon	485	Social Service Infrastructure		

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1144	Unity Luncheon	486	Blue Chip-community involvement		Entertainment & Eating
1145	Unity Luncheon	487	Lake Michigan		Lakes
1146	Unity Luncheon	488	Double Tracking		Connections
1147	Unity Luncheon	489	Boat race		Arts & Culture
1148	Unity Luncheon	490	Lake Michigan		Lakes
1149	Unity Luncheon	491	Parks- Co/City and National		Parks & Recreation
1150	Unity Luncheon	492	Community Service Structure		Community Spaces
1151	Unity Luncheon	493	Double Track South Shore		Connections
1152	Unity Luncheon	494	Labor Trades		
1153	Unity Luncheon	495	Great Lakes and Grand Prix		Lakes
1154	Unity Luncheon	496	Zoo- intriguing		Parks & Recreation
1155	Unity Luncheon	497	Lake Michigan		Lakes
1156	Unity Luncheon	498	Lakes		Lakes
1157	Unity Luncheon	499	Lake Michigan		Lakes
1158	Unity Luncheon	500	La Porte Lake		Lakes
1159	Unity Luncheon	501	Location (lakes, etc)		Connections
1160	Unity Luncheon	502	Recreation		Parks & Recreation
1161	Unity Luncheon	503	Parks Department		Parks & Recreation
1162	Unity Luncheon	504	Manufacturing		
1163	Unity Luncheon	505	Lakes		Lakes
1164	Unity Luncheon	506	Golf courses		Parks & Recreation
1165	Unity Luncheon	507	Schools		Civic Institutions
1166	Unity Luncheon	508	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1167	Unity Luncheon	509	Symphony		Arts & Culture
1168	Unity Luncheon	510	Lakes		Lakes
1169	Unity Luncheon	511	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1170	Unity Luncheon	512	Orchards		Agriculture
1171	Unity Luncheon	513	Schools		Civic Institutions
1172	Unity Luncheon	514	Golf Courses		Parks & Recreation

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1173	Unity Luncheon	515	Non-profit organization		Community Spaces
1174	Unity Luncheon	516	Lake front view location		Lakes
1175	Unity Luncheon	517	Downtown area		Downtowns
1176	Unity Luncheon	518	business support		Entertainment & Eating
1177	Unity Luncheon	519	Beach- natural beauty free rec		Lakes
1178	Unity Luncheon	520	UAD- MC Mainstreet Association, local business		Entertainment & Eating
1179	Unity Luncheon	521	LCA- Art education		Arts & Culture
1180	Unity Luncheon	522	National Park		Parks & Recreation
1181	Unity Luncheon	523	City, county, state, national parks-unique, diverse and well-maintained- infrastructure continues to be improved		Parks & Recreation
1182	Unity Luncheon	524	Lubeznik center for the arts inclusive and welcoming, offers and experience more typically found in big cities		Arts & Culture
1183	Unity Luncheon	525	All county libraries- intentionally accessible and truly community focused		Civic Institutions
1184	Unity Luncheon	526	The natural environment forests, lakes, prairies, so many natural areas		Parks & Recreation
1185	Unity Luncheon	527	Formerly businesses/small businesses: however we need job training for youth		Entertainment & Eating
1186	Unity Luncheon	528	Lubeznik Art center is the center of		Arts & Culture

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			activity for Michigan City		
1187	Unity Luncheon	529	We have a good selection of restaurants		Entertainment & Eating
1188	Unity Luncheon	530	Lakefront/beach-place people love to go and relax		Lakes
1189	Unity Luncheon	531	Open county areas-great potential for growth		Agriculture
1190	Unity Luncheon	532	Downtown- another place with more growth potential and underused		Downtowns
1191	Unity Luncheon	533	Southtown- lots of restaurants, movie theater, retail		Entertainment & Eating
1192	Unity Luncheon	534	lakeshore/natural resources-cherished		Lakes
1193	Unity Luncheon	535	Lubeznik center for the arts, provides outstanding outreach and education programs		Arts & Culture
1194	Unity Luncheon	536	Public libraries		Civic Institutions
1195	Unity Luncheon	537	Diversity in the environment we have city, country, small-town.		
1196	Unity Luncheon	538	Having the lake/beach		Lakes
1197	Unity Luncheon	539	Lots of parks		Parks & Recreation
1198	Unity Luncheon	540	Small community, closeness to big city		Connections
1199	Unity Luncheon	541	Lots of restaurants		Entertainment & Eating
1200	Unity Luncheon	542	Have an awesome library!		Civic Institutions
1201	Unity Luncheon	543	Lakes		Lakes
1202	Unity Luncheon	544	Cultures- arts and music		Arts & Culture
1203	Unity Luncheon	545	Diversity of environment		
1204	Unity Luncheon	546	Beach		Lakes

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1205	Unity Luncheon	547	Parks		Parks & Recreation
1206	Unity Luncheon	548	Downtown MC		Downtowns
1207	Unity Luncheon	549	Tourism		
1208	Unity Luncheon	550	Downtown Michigan city, aesthetically appealing lots of event		Downtowns
1209	Unity Luncheon	551	Lake Michigan, clean, large, accessible		Lakes
1210	Unity Luncheon	552	parks		Parks & Recreation
1211	Parents Advisory Group	1	YMCA and Church		Civic Institutions
1212	Parents Advisory Group	2	Walmart - try to have somewhere to go		Entertainment & Eating
1213	Parents Advisory Group	3	Library - Main, Coolspring		Civic Institutions
1214	Parents Advisory Group	4	Splash Pad		Parks & Recreation
1215	Parents Advisory Group	5	Farmers Market - love to expand!		Entertainment & Eating
1216	Parents Advisory Group	6	Our schools are offering many levels of classes		Civic Institutions

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1	Lacrosse	1	Hanna Park	improvements	Natural Resources & Recreation
2	Lacrosse	2	More trails		Natural Resources & Recreation
3	Lacrosse	3	Connect the LP Lakes for recreation and water quality		Natural Resources & Recreation
4	Lacrosse	4	LP Lakes vulnerable to threats		Natural Resources & Recreation
5	Lacrosse	5	Need sewers or better wastewater treatment		Infrastructure

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6	Lacrosse	6	Build on the haunted house and Halloween assets- lots of them		Amenities & Services
7	Lacrosse	7	Build on our transportation assets- intermodals, rails, etc		Infrastructure
8	Lacrosse	8	Build KOP industrial park and multi-modal		Development & Growth
9	Lacrosse	9	Develop Deercroft Landfill for year round recreation		Development & Growth
10	Lacrosse	1	School - High School	Needs TLC, not ADA accessible	Civic Institutions
11	Lacrosse	2	Bike trail Lacrosse	want to go in country but have to go on highway	Natural Resources & Recreation
12	Lacrosse	3	Intersection	Looks bad-empty lot (soil contamination), traffic is underutilized	Infrastructure
13	Lacrosse	4	Landlocked-surrounded by farms needs subdivisions		Development & Growth
14	Lacrosse	5	Streets/Intersection Beautification	Opportunity for partnership with the school	Infrastructure
15	Lacrosse	1	Kankakee River	Could use more parks and tourism? Flood control	Natural Resources & Recreation
16	Lacrosse	2	Lack of housing in Lacrosse Development & Growth Opportunities	Room for growth	Housing
17	Lacrosse	3	Lacrosse Downtown Improvement	Downtown has "holes" and needs more businesses	Development & Growth
18	Lacrosse	4	Trails (particularly to North Judson)	Connect into large regional trail system	Natural Resources & Recreation
19	Lacrosse	5	Local/affordable grocer or dollar store	People can get food locally	Amenities & Services
20	Lacrosse	6	No County Parks in S. County	New parks could be built here	Natural Resources & Recreation

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21	Lacrosse	7	Lacrosse Christmas Festival	Could grow this event into true festival	Arts & Culture
22	Lacrosse	1	Kankakee River		Natural Resources & Recreation
23	Lacrosse	2	East side La Porte	rentals, don't care	Housing
24	Lacrosse	3	County parks	can be used more	Natural Resources & Recreation
25	Lacrosse	4	English Lake		Natural Resources & Recreation
26	Lacrosse	5	KIP		
27	Lacrosse	6	North Point		
28	Lacrosse	7	Tiff districts		Development & Growth
29	Lacrosse	8	Assorted brownfield sites		Development & Growth
30	Lacrosse	9	Underdeveloped subdivisions		Development & Growth
31	Lacrosse	1	Trail opportunity North Judson - Lacrosse - Kouts	Great American Rail Trail and American Discovery Trail	Natural Resources & Recreation
32	Lacrosse	2	Link with Erie Trail	Trans-continental Trail; brings visitors	Natural Resources & Recreation
33	Lacrosse	3		Develop Kankakee access	Natural Resources & Recreation
34	Lacrosse	1	Empty storefronts		Development & Growth
35	Lacrosse	2	Expanding bike trails		Natural Resources & Recreation
36	Lacrosse	3	Inside Activity Center	Skateboarder/Hockey rink	Natural Resources & Recreation
37	Lacrosse	4	Agri Tourism		Development & Growth
38	Lacrosse	5	Small Houses		Housing
39	Lacrosse	6	Winter Recreational Opportunities		Natural Resources & Recreation
40	Lacrosse	7	Cross Country Ski Trails		Natural Resources & Recreation
41	Lacrosse	8	National Park on our doorstep		Natural Resources & Recreation
42	Lacrosse	9	Bed and Breakfasts		Amenities & Services

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43	Lacrosse	10	Hotel		Amenities & Services
44	Lacrosse	11	Lodges		Amenities & Services
45	Westville	1	General area	Curb appeal is lacking in Westville	Revitalization
46	Westville	2	Downtowns	empty buildings, dtlp hard to park, scary to walk	Revitalization
47	Westville	3		green space "reverse capping"	Revitalization
48	Westville	4	Small communities	infrastructure, plumbing, etc.	Infrastructure
49	Westville	5	Fairgrounds	Needs updates to become year-round i.e. expo center	Civic Institutions
50	Westville	6		winter recreation, ice skating rink toboggan	Natural Resources & Recreation
51	Westville	7	Marquette Mall	sports complex, indoor water park	Amenities & Services
52	Westville	8	National Park	get on a bus tour	Natural Resources & Recreation
53	Westville	9	Agri Tourism	add more, do a b&b style	Development & Growth
54	Westville	1	WV Superfood and Brownfield	Solar field	Development & Growth
55	Westville	2	Attainable housing		Housing
56	Westville	3	Churches	shrinking, building for sale	Civic Institutions
57	Westville	4	Telephone bldg in La Porte	Cool new tech and shared spaces	Development & Growth
58	Westville	5	Develop a riverwalk-Trail Creek		Natural Resources & Recreation
59	Westville	6	Friendship Gardens	Make stronger	Natural Resources & Recreation
60	Westville	7	Clear Lake	Could be cleaner and nicer	Natural Resources & Recreation
61	Westville	8	Dog friendly places!!		Amenities & Services
62	Westville	1	County Park in Southern LP Co.	tourism	Natural Resources & Recreation
63	Westville	2	Creating awareness of what are out there		Communication
64	Westville	3	Kingsford Heights Parks	School, library partnership area	Natural Resources & Recreation
65	Westville	1	Downtowns	revitalize	Revitalization

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66	Westville	2	LP Co Fairgrounds Expo Center		Civic Institutions
67	Westville	3	Local Entertainment		Amenities & Services
68	Westville	4	Rolling rink/skating park		Amenities & Services
69	Westville	5	Sports Complex and Sports Team		Amenities & Services
70	Westville	6	School systems	all levels	Civic Institutions
71	Westville	7	Keep PNW in own County and Ivy Tech		Civic Institutions
72	Westville	8	Civic auditorium	more events	Civic Institutions
73	Westville	9	NW Porte Landing	La Porte	Development & Growth
74	Westville	10	Industrial Parks	throughout county	Development & Growth
75	Westville	11	Michigan City Plaza		Amenities & Services
76	Westville	12	Marquette Mall	Prime location	Amenities & Services
77	Westville	13	Water park		Amenities & Services
78	Westville	14	Children's Museum		Civic Institutions
79	Westville	15	New La Porte County	YMCA	
80	Westville	16	Bypass		Infrastructure
81	Westville	17	Doubletracking		Infrastructure
82	Westville	18	Lakes- more events		Natural Resources & Recreation
83	Westville	1	National Park		Natural Resources & Recreation
84	Westville	2	Downtown/Main st. Westville		Revitalization
85	Westville	3	Corridor- 2/421/6		Infrastructure
86	Westville	4	Westville Correctional Facility	vocational training/community	Community Spaces
87	Westville	5	Westville Library/Lawn	Carnegie library	Civic Institutions
88	La Porte	1	New Porte Landing	something big could be put there	Development & Growth

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89	La Porte	2	Where thunderbird's was	lakeside	
90	La Porte	3	Malls	large empty spaces	Development & Growth
91	La Porte	4	Prisons	concerned	Civic Institutions
92	La Porte	5	lake Michigan	we can do more with this	Natural Resources & Recreation
93	La Porte	1	Stone Lake	clean up park areas, public launch	Natural Resources & Recreation
94	La Porte	2	a common civic place	we don't have a central gathering place	Community Spaces
95	La Porte	3	neighborhood gathering spaces		Community Spaces
96	La Porte	4	linking place between NPL & downtown	see Dallas park over interstate	Infrastructure
97	La Porte	5	shopping on W side	dilapidated	Revitalization
98	La Porte	6	Gateways on W side	streetscape is depressing, see SB	Revitalization
99	La Porte	7	Fairgrounds	Underutilized land	Civic Institutions
100	La Porte	8	County museum	could be better used	Civic Institutions
101	La Porte	9	Fairground campground	septic issues	Civic Institutions
102	La Porte	10	Downtown	empty storefronts, quality of parking	Development & Growth
103	La Porte	11	Walking trail @ Fox Park		Natural Resources & Recreation
104	La Porte	12	Fox Park Amphitheatre	needs parking, better facility	Natural Resources & Recreation
105	La Porte	13	LED message board with activities	notify public of community events	Communication
106	La Porte	14	Access points to lakes for non-boaters		Natural Resources & Recreation
107	La Porte	1	Boys and Girls Club Youth Center/Athletic complex		Amenities & Services
108	La Porte	2	New Porte Landing		Development & Growth
109	La Porte	3	Connecting existing lakes (restoring water features)		Natural Resources & Recreation

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110	La Porte	4	Moraine Forrest		Natural Resources & Recreation
111	La Porte	5	Establish County wide bike route through La Porte- Ped, Peddle, Paddle		Natural Resources & Recreation
112	La Porte	1	Maple Lane Mall	Westside underserved food/dessert	Amenities & Services
113	La Porte	2	Jefferson and Maple Street	historic character homes neglected rentals	Housing
114	La Porte	3	Fair grounds	neglected infrastructure/underutilized	Civic Institutions
115	La Porte	4	Downtown core		Revitalization
116	La Porte	5	La Porte Hospital campus	about to be abandoned	Civic Institutions
117	La Porte	6	Washington street	state street	
118	La Porte	7	Courthouse	stay same	Civic Institutions
119	La Porte	8	Brewery/winery	great trade	Amenities & Services
120	La Porte	9	Civic	more events	Civic Institutions
121	La Porte	10	schools	great campus; needs more focus on teachers and education quality	Civic Institutions
122	La Porte	11	New Porte	residential/retail hub	Housing
123	La Porte	12	Multi-modal transportation		Infrastructure
124	La Porte	13	Locked/gated playground/parks	unlock for community in urban residential areas	Natural Resources & Recreation
125	La Porte	14	City landfill		Development & Growth
126	La Porte	1	Downtown Opportunities	Detiorating	Revitalization
127	La Porte	2	Best Western Hotel	It's the biggest hotel and is not operating at its potential	Amenities & Services
128	La Porte	3	YMCA/Healthcare Facilities	Facility concerns	Community Spaces
129	La Porte	4	West Side	Empty and owners are ignoring property	Housing
130	La Porte	5	LP Co Fairgrounds	Could provide multiuse facility	Civic Institutions
131	La Porte	6	Upscale Housing	Brings people into our community	Housing
132	La Porte	7	Affordable workforce housing	Allows people to live and work here	Housing

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133	La Porte	8	Increase Winter Recreational Activities	Economic opportunities attracts people to area	Amenities & Services
134	La Porte	9	Connecting bike trails	to connect communities	Natural Resources & Recreation
135	La Porte	10	Community gardens		Community Spaces
136	La Porte	11	New business/industrial park		Development & Growth
137	La Porte	12	Higher end rental opportunities	To attract people to live and work here	Housing
138	La Porte	13	Places for youth to socialize families		Community Spaces
139	La Porte	1	Need a cinema	So you didn't have to travel	Amenities & Services
140	La Porte	2	Licensed restaurants	could take your family	Amenities & Services
141	La Porte	3	Taxi service	new business	Amenities & Services
142	La Porte	4	more senior activities	more than playing cards	Amenities & Services
143	La Porte	5	more youth opportunities	keep them off the streets	Community Spaces
144	La Porte	1	Maple Lane Mall		Amenities & Services
145	La Porte	2	East side housing		Housing
146	La Porte	3	Downtown	empty storefronts	Development & Growth
147	La Porte	4	Empty industrial parks		Development & Growth
148	La Porte	5	New Housing stock		Housing
149	La Porte	6	Fairgrounds		Civic Institutions
150	La Porte	7	Civic auditorium	air conditioning	Civic Institutions
151	La Porte	1	Many highways that divide city		Infrastructure
152	La Porte	2	West side of town		
153	La Porte	3	Code enforcement		Revitalization
154	La Porte	4	Old city landfill		Development & Growth
155	La Porte	1	Dilapidated housing	Turn it into better housing for families	Housing

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156	La Porte	2	Trails	Need more and better	Natural Resources & Recreation
157	La Porte	3	Lake buffer	Buy land on the lakes to control it	Natural Resources & Recreation
158	La Porte	4	Neighborhoods	need safe places to live and raise families	Housing
159	La Porte	5	landfills	clean up and develop	Development & Growth
160	La Porte	6	Brownfields	protect health, environment and redevelop	Development & Growth
161	La Porte	7	Transportation	help poorer people get around	Infrastructure
162	La Porte	8	Make our roads safer for cars and peds and bikes		Infrastructure
163	La Porte	9	Broadband	economic Development & Growth	Development & Growth
164	La Porte	10	Fairground "real" year-round facility		Civic Institutions
165	La Porte	11	Places to gather Townsquare	Like PLZ 618	Community Spaces
166	La Porte	1	Fox Park	needs revitalization and re-planned and bigger	Natural Resources & Recreation
167	La Porte	2	Chessie Trail	Not done yet but has chance to connect community and lakes	Natural Resources & Recreation
168	La Porte	3	Build a senior park	something unique for seniors	Amenities & Services
169	La Porte	4	County home	un-used beautiful property	Housing
170	La Porte	5	Cummins Lodge	Needs repair and a little nicer facility	Revitalization
171	La Porte	6	Quality and variety of dining	restaurants that attract outsiders and keep us in the county	Amenities & Services
172	La Porte	7	parking	only 2 hour public parking- can't stop and eat	Infrastructure
173	La Porte	8	New Porte Landing	potential to add restaurants and retail	Development & Growth
174	La Porte	9	Childcare	not much quality childcare	Amenities & Services
175	La Porte	10	La Porte Little Theater	puts on great shows and events but needs cleaned and remodeled	Arts & Culture
176	La Porte	11	Nice men's and women's clothing stores	We have to leave the county to shop	Amenities & Services

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177	La Porte	12	East-end of town	Lots of abandoned factories	Development & Growth
178	La Porte	13	Sidewalks	To move us safely! Either none or horrible condition throughout city	Infrastructure
179	La Porte	1	Safe bike lanes	healthy lifestyle, accessibility to shops	Infrastructure
180	La Porte	2	More community gardens	more plots	Community Spaces
181	La Porte	3	Balance between hunger programs/self reliance	would like to see more employment opportunities for young families	
182	La Porte	4		preservation of natural resources	Natural Resources & Recreation
183	La Porte	5	Pollinator friendly yards	less grass	Natural Resources & Recreation
184	La Porte	6	Downtown more parking spaces	than room for people/pedestrians	Infrastructure
185	La Porte	7	Too much truck traffic in La Porte		Infrastructure
186	La Porte	1	LP & MC: More public art in all the parks and art to link the 2 cities		Arts & Culture
187	La Porte	2	LP: First Fridays for La Porte city	draw traffic- increase spending here	Arts & Culture
188	La Porte	3	MC: Would love to see a plaza	in MC (central gathering place)	Community Spaces
189	La Porte	4	LP & MC: Better quality retail	To keep dollars have in LP	Amenities & Services
190	La Porte	5	MC: More Green city parks	more child friendly	Natural Resources & Recreation
191	Mich City	1	Activities for teens/pre-teens	things for youth to do	Amenities & Services
192	Mich City	2	Transportation (ex: Valpo-vline)	getting to needed services	Infrastructure
193	Mich City	3	Transportation for seniors	nursing home residents get to services	Infrastructure
194	Mich City	4	Boating tours	Learn more about the area, interest in staying	Amenities & Services
195	Mich City	5	True Recycling		

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196	Mich City	6	Teen Venues/events skate park, no activities	Engage youth Nature park	Amenities & Services
197	Mich City	1	Housing downtown, quality	want to engage the businesses; downtown	Housing
198	Mich City	2	Youth Opportunities	investment and youth Development & Growth= community sustain. - people stay	Amenities & Services
199	Mich City	3	School investment	move for schools= invested community members	Civic Institutions
200	Mich City	4	Investment in disability services	County support to help sustain quality programming and employment opportunities	Amenities & Services
201	Mich City	5	Inpatient mental health facilities	mental health epidemic along with addictions	Amenities & Services
202	Mich City	6	Marquette-Costco/Sams Club/Target	quality products and bulk opportunities	Amenities & Services
203	Mich City	1	First class economic properties	holding us back	Development & Growth
204	Mich City	2	Depressed areas with buildings that need renovation	businesses want clean slate sites	Revitalization
205	Mich City	3	Repurpose, recycling, clothing shops and the line		Revitalization
206	Mich City	4	Everywhere-general cleanup	nobody wants to be in a litter filled, dirty place	Revitalization
207	Mich City	5	move library, not close it	"transportation blood clot"	Civic Institutions
208	Mich City	6	Marquette mall	What will it be?	Development & Growth
209	Mich City	7	Area around Kohls	no safe bike/walking paths, but is a Central hub for businesses	Development & Growth
210	Mich City	8	Businesses	need higher code enforcement for aesthetics	Revitalization
211	Mich City	9	No recreational zones for youth	youth find illegal ways to entertain selves	Amenities & Services
212	Mich City	1	County wide neighborhood	builds a safe neighborhood	Revitalization
213	Mich City	2	NIPSCO	to save the lakefront	Development & Growth

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214	Mich City	3	YMCA Michigan City	could be great!!	Community Spaces
215	Mich City	4	The Lighthouse place	room to improve	Civic Institutions
216	Mich City	5	Marquette Mall	blight space, could be something great	Development & Growth
217	Mich City	6	Orak Temple	Underutilized land	Development & Growth
218	Mich City	7	The NAC		
219	Mich City	8	Music	need more opportunities to see large live bands	Arts & Culture
220	Mich City	9	Foreman Amphitheater	underutilized	Natural Resources & Recreation
221	Mich City	10	Hold craft theater	underutilized	Arts & Culture
222	Mich City	11	Gardena Park	inclusive, well-kept, peaceful, nature	Natural Resources & Recreation
223	Mich City	12	Michigan City Library	lots of programming could be more	Civic Institutions
224	Mich City	13	La Porte County libraries		Civic Institutions
225	Mich City	14	Uptown Arts District		Arts & Culture
226	Mich City	15	Paks Rd	sidewalks, street lamps, lines	Infrastructure
227	Mich City	16	Ivy Tech	Access to education	Civic Institutions
228	Mich City	1	Opportunities for additional events	parking	Amenities & Services
229	Mich City	2	under utilized amphitheater		Natural Resources & Recreation
230	Mich City	3	Marquette Mall	NIPSCO	Development & Growth
231	Mich City	4	Trunk or Treat	parking	Arts & Culture
232	Mich City	5	421 near Hospital		Infrastructure
233	Mich City	6	North and US 12		Infrastructure
234	Mich City	7	Eastgate Plaza		Community Spaces
235	Mich City	1	No Rec center		Community Spaces
236	Mich City	2	Old YMCA Rec Center	site for outdoor rec center 212	Community Spaces
237	Mich City	3	Ive Tech opportunity		Civic Institutions

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238	Mich City	4	Parks		Natural Resources & Recreation
239	Mich City	5	Skating rink		Amenities & Services
240	Mich City	6	incentive for small businesses owners for downtown area		Development & Growth
241	Mich City	1	11st South to HWY 20		Infrastructure
242	Mich City	2	Landfill I94/421	develop for recreation	Development & Growth
243	Mich City	3	NIPSCO Gen Station	redevelopment & Growth	Development & Growth
244	Mich City	4	Indiana State Prison	relocate	Civic Institutions
245	Mich City	5	Mental health	funding and community education	Amenities & Services
246	Mich City	6	Washington Park Beach	Development & Growth and better planning	Natural Resources & Recreation
247	Mich City	1	City parks	need to allow dogs	Amenities & Services
248	Mich City	2	Public transportation	can't get to Westcott Park or Hanson Park	Infrastructure
249	Mich City	3	Safe crossing across 12 to connect downtown of Lakeshore		Infrastructure
250	Mich City	4	Michigan City Public Library	could ex panel community servers	Civic Institutions
251	Mich City	5	Festivals and events	more investment in non-profits that create events that draw visitors	Arts & Culture
252	Mich City	6	coworking spaces		Community Spaces
253	Mich City	7	Art theater like Vickers		Arts & Culture
254	Mich City	8	Marquette Mall	protentional Development & Growth opportunity	Development & Growth
255	Mich City	9	Old Hospital	potential Development & Growth	Civic Institutions
256	Mich City	10	Abandoned properties with high unpaid taxes	Go to tax sale (unpaid taxes affect schools negatively)	Revitalization

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257	Mich City	11	Opportunity zones/brown fields	ready for redevelopment & Growth	Development & Growth
258	Mich City	12	Old school buildings	ready for repurposing	Revitalization
259	Mich City	13	Artspace	could play larger roll with arts community	Community Spaces
260	Mich City	14	NAC		
261	Mich City	15	Plaza	year-round free activities	Community Spaces
262	Mich City	1	Washington park Zoo	update monkey island, events more indigenous to Indiana animals	Amenities & Services
263	Mich City	2	Theaters more programming	more variety, better promotion	Arts & Culture
264	Mich City	3	Salsa dancing on Friday		Arts & Culture
265	Mich City	4	Michigan City Plaza	Residents/visitors- more to do	Community Spaces
266	Mich City	5	Sports Complex	multi-year round	Amenities & Services
267	Mich City	6	La Porte County YMCA	LP & MC	Amenities & Services
268	Mich City	7	Marquette mall	update, remove/ prime location	Development & Growth
269	Mich City	8	Another conference		Community Spaces
270	Mich City	9	Empty storefronts	LP & MC = Tax incentives, support from small bus	Development & Growth
271	Mich City	10	Improving our trail system	bike/walking healthier community	Natural Resources & Recreation
272	Mich City	11	Cracker Barrel	everyone loves it	Amenities & Services
273	Mich City	12	Children's Museum	family friendly year-round	Civic Institutions
274	Mich City	13	La Porte YMCA System	continue to improve Development & Growth	Community Spaces
275	Mich City	14	Summer Park Program	for kids with paid leaders	Amenities & Services
276	Mich City	1	Unique shops/restaurants	we need more different and historic shops	Amenities & Services
277	Mich City	2	Outlet mall	need more well known (popular shops)	Development & Growth
278	Mich City	3	Lakeshore	need more activities	Amenities & Services

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279	Mich City	4	Franklin Street	It could be a tourist attraction	Amenities & Services
280	Mich City	5	Marquette Mall	needs torn down or re-used or restored	Development & Growth
281	Mich City	6	Indoor Sport Facility	bring more opportunity for getting into better shape and bringing people to our place	Amenities & Services
282	Mich City	7	Downtown Shops (stop opening resale shops)		Revitalization
283	Mich City	1	Parts of City	not enough grocery stores/pharmacy	Amenities & Services
284	Mich City	2	landfill		Development & Growth
285	Mich City	3	Nightlife- to attract people		Amenities & Services
286	Mich City	4	Businesses closed most Sundays	losing business	Amenities & Services
287	Mich City	5	Arts District/downtown	advertising, restaurants, shops, farmers	Arts & Culture
288	Mich City	6	Indoor Sport Facility		Amenities & Services
289	Mich City	1	Parking in Downtown	get trolley system going	Infrastructure
290	Mich City	2	Vacant MC Blvd building	like Chrysler dealership	Development & Growth
291	Mich City	3	Hospital	old what's going to happen to it	Civic Institutions
292	Mich City	4	Prisons		Civic Institutions
293	Mich City	5	Marquette Mall Building		Development & Growth
294	Mich City	6	Larger playground like Fort La Play Porte		Amenities & Services
295	Mich City	7	Connecting New Porte to Downtown in La Porte		Infrastructure
296	Mich City	8	Hotel near Lake Michigan		Amenities & Services
297	Mich City	9	Turn Market Mall into a Makerspace		Development & Growth
298	Mich City	10	More adult education classes	flower arranging, upholstery, cooking	Civic Institutions

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299	Mich City	11	Grants for creative endeavors		Development & Growth
300	Mich City	12	Deliberately engaging the 55% that have no voice here		
301	Mich City	13	Homeless on Franklin Street		Amenities & Services
302	Mich City	14	Growth of the community		
303	Mich City	15	Community that puts others before themselves		
304	Mich City	16	Community Service for the high schoolers		Civic Institutions
305	Mich City	17	Fix-up neighbors places by caring teams		Revitalization
306	Mich City	18	we spaces		Community Spaces
307	Mich City	1	Washington Park Beach Amphitheater	not used enough	Natural Resources & Recreation
308	Mich City	2	No city community center		Community Spaces
309	Mich City	3	Lighthouse mall	not safe at night, no light exposed	Revitalization
310	Mich City	4	Marquette Mall	almost empty	Development & Growth
311	Mich City	5	Local airport	Jumpers are deterring commercial flying	Infrastructure
312	Mich City	6	AKSmith	could do more	
313	Mich City	7	Ivy Tech	seems to be declining, involvement on both ends	Civic Institutions
314	Mich City	8	hiking, biking pathway land purchased	needs to be created	Natural Resources & Recreation
315	Mich City	9	Northwest athletic club closing the Y could be an improved place		Amenities & Services
316	Mich City	10	Franscian hospital	hard to access	Civic Institutions

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317	Mich City	11	St. Anthony's building	can be transformed into a lot	Civic Institutions
318	Mich City	12	neighborhood parks	no link between them to make a destination	Natural Resources & Recreation
319	Mich City	13	Entertainment zone	Valpo zone, spaces downtown	Development & Growth
320	Mich City	14	vacant lots made into places that belong to the people (community gardens)		Revitalization
321	Mich City	15	PNW forum	bring more people through area	Civic Institutions
322	Mich City	16	Auditorium old building	underused	Civic Institutions
323	Mich City	17	Michigan city municipal band	could be talk about more	Arts & Culture
324	Mich City	18	Utilize more the Performing Arts Center former Elston Middle School Center		Arts & Culture
325	Mich City	19	Costco/whole foods/wegman's need to be attracted to La Porte		Amenities & Services
326	Mich City	20	Kids play area like "Valplayso" in Valparaiso		Amenities & Services
327	Rolling Prairie	1	Lilly Lake	wish it had a little boat ramp	Natural Resources & Recreation
328	Rolling Prairie	2	Clear Lake is improving	fish tramp lake needs public access	Natural Resources & Recreation
329	Rolling Prairie	3	Wish to connect New Porte landing to downtown - Texas	There is a park over the expressway	Infrastructure
330	Rolling Prairie	4	Best Western in La Porte	It is not functioning	Amenities & Services
331	Rolling Prairie	5	Kingsbury Industrial Park	could be more than it is	Development & Growth

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332	Rolling Prairie	6	Kankakee River	was overdeveloped and we lost marshland and reservoirs and kings and queens from other countries would come to fish it is the everglades of the north	Natural Resources & Recreation
333	Rolling Prairie	7	Fair grounds	Great, large space to do more with	Civic Institutions
334	Rolling Prairie	8	Marquette and Maple Lane Mall	could be an indoor water park; skate rink	Development & Growth
335	Rolling Prairie	9	Place for teenagers	Like Zao Island in Valpo	Community Spaces
336	Rolling Prairie	10	Communication mechanisms	people still don't hear about things even via social media, etc. For example people didn't know about Vibrant Comm.	Communication
337	Rolling Prairie	11	YMCA	La Porte Facility needs improved	Community Spaces
338	Rolling Prairie	1	Dive bars		Amenities & Services
339	Rolling Prairie	2	LP Civic Center	needs A/C	Civic Institutions
340	Rolling Prairie	3	Safer roads	more sidewalks	Infrastructure
341	Rolling Prairie	4	Youth Community Center not just sports		Community Spaces
342	Rolling Prairie	5	Outreach from hospitals		Communication
343	Rolling Prairie	6	Dark Sky lighting	light pollution	
344	Rolling Prairie	7	Trains	noise pollution	Infrastructure
345	Rolling Prairie	8	Food deserts	different parts of community	Amenities & Services
346	Rolling Prairie	9	Restaurants on lakes		Amenities & Services
347	Rolling Prairie	10	People to be more welcoming		
348	Rolling Prairie	11	Same time zone		
349	Rolling Prairie	12	Rural band		Arts & Culture

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350	Rolling Prairie	1	Art in the streets	like St. Joe MI or Elkhart interest	Arts & Culture
351	Rolling Prairie	2	La Porte downtown	parking & stay open longer	Infrastructure
352	Rolling Prairie	3	New Porte Landing	bring in the business	Development & Growth
353	Rolling Prairie	4	Cuming lodge	update, parking improvement	Amenities & Services
354	Rolling Prairie	5	Event spaces needed for smaller crowds	weddings, craft shows	Community Spaces
355	Rolling Prairie	6	Fox Park Amphitheatre	keep improving, parking	Natural Resources & Recreation
356	Rolling Prairie	7	Emergency shelter	throughout the county where if there are?	Infrastructure
357	Rolling Prairie	8	Connection issues	so many areas have no service	Communication
358	Rolling Prairie	9	More youth programs available to rural areas		Amenities & Services
359	Rolling Prairie	10	Help with programs-recycling, green space		Amenities & Services
360	Mich City 11/18	1	Michigan Blvd.		Revitalization
361	Mich City 11/18	2	Black Owned Businesses	To give the youth HOPE	Development & Growth
362	Mich City 11/18	3	Long term Homeless Shelter		Amenities & Services
363	Mich City 11/18	4	Skating Rink-Inside	youth + adults	Community Spaces
364	Mich City 11/18	5	More fishing spots		Natural Resources & Recreation
365	Mich City 11/18	1	Roller Skating - RLL		Community Spaces
366	Mich City 11/18	2	Nipsco Plant		Development & Growth
367	Mich City 11/18	3	Washington Park		Natural Resources & Recreation
368	Mich City 11/18	4	Marquette Mall		Development & Growth

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369	Mich City 11/18	5	Parks		Natural Resources & Recreation
370	Mich City 11/18	6	MLK Center	Lakeland Area	Community Spaces
371	Mich City 11/18	7	Hope Center	Westside Area	Community Spaces
372	Mich City 11/18	8	Community Pool		Natural Resources & Recreation
373	Mich City 11/18	9	Banquet Centers		Amenities & Services
374	Mich City 11/18	10	Bar + Lounges		Amenities & Services
375	Mich City 11/18	11	NAC		
376	Mich City 11/18	1	Education & Mentorship	Hiring more people of color	
377	Mich City 11/18	2	Activities		Amenities & Services
378	Mich City 11/18	1	Marquette Mall	Space	Development & Growth
379	Mich City 11/18	2	Marquette Theatre	Youth events (potential)	Development & Growth
380	Mich City 11/18	3	The Brewery	Main vibrant area to allow gatherings	Development & Growth
381	Mich City 11/18	4	NAC	Space & endless opportunities for youth	
382	Mich City 11/18	1	The Lakefront	Enhancement of the Area.	Natural Resources & Recreation
383	Mich City 11/18	2	The Fairgrounds	Buildings could be used year round.	Civic Institutions
384	Mich City 11/18	3	Youth Entertainment	Keep them out of trouble.	Amenities & Services
385	Mich City 11/18	4	A Cultural Void	There are no unique cultures.	Arts & Culture
386	Mich City 11/18	5	Adult activities for Black people.	We don't like traveling all the time to have a good time	Amenities & Services
387	Mich City 11/18	6	Marquette Mall	It's empty. Potential skating rink.	Development & Growth
388	Mich City 11/18	7	Skating Rink	This would be an ideal place for kids	Development & Growth
389	Mich City 11/18	8	Lighthouse Place	People still go to Southlake Mall in Merrillville	Development & Growth

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390	Mich City 11/18	9	Bowling Alley	Updated with arcades like Dave & Busters.	Development & Growth
391	Mich City 11/18	10	Sweatpea's Rink => Patricia Bush	Skating rink.	Development & Growth
392	Mich City 11/18	11	Inspiring Creativity.	People need help to pull out their creativity.	Arts & Culture
393	Mich City 11/18	12	Better paying Jobs.	People will stay un county.	
394	Mich City 11/18	13	Recreational Center		Natural Resources & Recreation
395	Mich City 11/18	14	KROC Center	It's better than the YMCA!!!	Amenities & Services
396	Mich City 11/18	1	Need Training Schools	For black youth to get trained in repairs, etc	Amenities & Services
397	Mich City 11/18	2	Houses that can be Rehabbed		Revitalization
398	Mich City 11/18	3	Grocery Stores in Neighborhoods		Development & Growth
399	Union Mills MIB	1	Union Mills - Downtown or a Dollar General		Development & Growth
400	Union Mills MIB	2	People being able to age in place		Amenities & Services
401	Union Mills MIB	3	A small town Dr + Dentist		Amenities & Services
402	Union Mills MIB	4	Need Septic / Sewer System for Union Mills		Infrastructure
403	NIEF MIB	1	central LGBTQ resource center	places to have meeting; STAR or a ^^illegible^^ for that	Amenities & Services
404	NIEF MIB	2	shelters for homeless women		Amenities & Services
405	NIEF MIB	3	teen center	somewhere safe for a night	Amenities & Services
406	NIEF MIB	4	indoor recreation	sober environment to ^^illegible^^	Development & Growth
407	NIEF MIB	5	creating a comfortable safe space for LGBTQ people	ie a coffee shop	Amenities & Services

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408	American Legion MIB	1	La Port Museum	I feel not a lot of people know about it.	Civic Institutions
409	American Legion MIB	2	Bendix Woods + all other parks	We wish there were more programs/opportunities in the parks after school and on weekends for teenagers.	Natural Resources & Recreation
410	American Legion MIB	3	Teenage activities	Not much in the community for teenagers - especially in the summer.	Amenities & Services
411	American Legion MIB	4	More theatre opportunities		Development & Growth
412	American Legion MIB	5	We need more ways to hear about public events.	Many teens don't use facebook. Or if we aren't on fb all the time we don't know about a lot of opportunities. What replaces the newspaper to help us see everything in one area?	Communication
413	Wanatah	1	Add'l wrk / employment Op's		
414	Wanatah	2	Grocery store in town		Development & Growth
415	Wanatah	3	New /updated waste water treatment plant		Infrastructure
416	Wanatah	4	Hwy 30 infrastructure change	(negative) closure of some roads	Infrastructure
417	Wanatah	5	Development of available land	for added employment op's increase tax base; new homes	Development & Growth
418	Wanatah	6	Turn river area in La Crosse into "destination" park		Natural Resources & Recreation
419	Wanatah	7	Draw new young families to area		
420	Wanatah	8	Double Track of MC Southshore	Northern part of county will benefit with business, all of Co with increased transportation options	Infrastructure
421	Wanatah	9	Small towns near larger towns		Community Spaces

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422	Wanatah	10	New Nat'l Park (engage conservation clubs)	Integration into community needed.	Natural Resources & Recreation
423	Wanatah	11	Re-open water ways to connect communities (around Kankakee River)		Natural Resources & Recreation
424	Wanatah	12	Kingsbury Industrial Park		Development & Growth
425	Wanatah	13	Downtown development in MC + LP		Development & Growth
426	Wanatah	14	Empty storefronts	eyesore, crime	Development & Growth
427	Wanatah	15	Public transit from south to north	marketing, collaborate w/private sector, gov't sector; better management	Infrastructure
428	Wanatah	16	Co is 2nd largest geographic land space in state		
429	Wanatah	17	Coordination of all Co's /Communities' activities, "Places", etc to be more cohesive		
430	Wanatah	18	Broadband needed		Infrastructure
431	Youth Meeting	1	Need a skating rink - indoor		Development & Growth
432	Youth Meeting	2	Baseball fields could be better		Natural Resources & Recreation
433	Youth Meeting	3	VALPO has better sports facilities for youth	Ice skating rink too, football, basketball, baseball	Amenities & Services
434	Youth Meeting	4	Clean up lakes		Natural Resources & Recreation
435	Youth Meeting	5	Need a "Top Golf"		Amenities & Services
436	Youth Meeting	6	Wifi!		Infrastructure
437	Youth Meeting	1	A mall with a skate park		Amenities & Services

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438	Youth Meeting	2	Movie Theater		Amenities & Services
439	Youth Meeting	3	Hang out areas for teens. Skyzone.		Amenities & Services
440	Youth Meeting	4	Roller rink, Skyzone, less petty kids		Amenities & Services
441	Youth Meeting	5	Roller Rink, Skyzone		Amenities & Services
442	Youth Meeting	6	Library, skatepark, splash pad, Starbucks. (Make a new skyzone) (rehab)		Civic Institutions
443	Youth Meeting	7	nice people		
444	Youth Meeting	8	Activities to do!		Amenities & Services
445	Youth Meeting	9	Boxing		
446	Youth Meeting	10	The jobs that are opening. A mall. Rehab facility.		Amenities & Services
447	Youth Meeting	11	Bring back Boston Middle School, Skyzone, Arcade		Civic Institutions
448	Youth Meeting	12	Bring Boston Middle School back. Skyzone.		Civic Institutions
449	Youth Meeting	13	Bring Boston back. An arcade. Skyzone.		Civic Institutions
450	Youth Meeting	14	The hospital or vets office. I miss the skating rink.		Amenities & Services
451	Youth Meeting	15	Some opportunities in La Porte are some new jobs at the hospital.		Civic Institutions
452	Youth Meeting	16	Candy fall from sky		
453	Youth Meeting	17	chuck-e-cheese, Disney world		Amenities & Services

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454	Online	1		Better cell and internet services. County elected officials could do a quarterly meet and greet day in our community center or public library.	Infrastructure
455	Online	2		I think for this area people do not want change to make this area more populated. A closer full service grocery store maybe in Wanatah would make this area better.	Amenities & Services
456	Online	3		We need better housing (high quality, higher end apartments), restaurants and shops.	Revitalization
457	Online	4		<p>Housing is largely substandard in both Michigan City and La Porte. Gated communities would attract higher paid professionals such as doctors, corporate executives, lawyers, accountants. Cities need good, clean middle income housing in the \$250K to \$500K range.</p> <p>Demolition of the NIPSCO power plant will provide tremendous recreational opportunities on the lakeshore if planning and zoning is done properly.</p>	Development & Growth
458	Online	5		Attracting businesses that put people above all else. This will make the community grow.	Development & Growth
459	Online	6		Retail and recreational areas.	Natural Resources & Recreation
460	Online	7		We can develop our parks.	Natural Resources & Recreation
461	Online	8		I would love to see the old Maple Lane mall area be developed again. A movie theater or a large popular store and restaurants there would be awesome!	Development & Growth

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462	Online	9		<p>Give residents a reason to stay. Continue to empower and improve our communities. Bring a wider variety of businesses to our area. Bring back entertainment opportunities in the largest community, La Porte.</p> <p>There are several areas that could just be cleaned up. Junk cars, garbage, things wasting away in yards. Houses and lawns that need some TLC.</p>	Amenities & Services
463	Online	10		The upgrades/plan for Soldier's Park area is very promising. I would love to see our main roads into LP cleaned up and more welcoming.	Natural Resources & Recreation
464	Online	11		"Downtown" areas.	Revitalization
465	Online	12		Small businesses don't seem to stick around long	Amenities & Services
466	Online	13		<p>Places that could be better: downtown and west side</p> <p>Opportunities: community involvement in the schools, show LaPorte and LaPorte county in better light rather than in the news for negative reasons</p>	Revitalization
467	Online	14		BRING IN THE INTERMODAL! We need to look at other business opportunities we can bring into KOP. We have a lot of land, links to transportation, and most importantly LOCATION! We can become a major transportation hub!	Development & Growth

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468	Online	15		<p>The City of Laporte is what I know best, and the area along Lincolnway from Rose to Oberreich needs some attention.</p> <p>Our smaller towns in the county feel disconnected. We need to find ways to bring the county together around events that are shared.</p>	Revitalization
469	Online	16		More home ownership programs, teaching the children about credit, taxes, things they need to understand before they leave school.	Revitalization
470	Online	17		I don't see opportunities for the future. We really don't have much to offer incoming businesses financially, logistically, or in work force. If some big businesses would come into the LaPorte mall or around the Kroger Plaza, that would help. But the mall needs a lot of work which pushes businesses away.	Amenities & Services
471	Online	18		JOB! Not minimum wage jobs either. Jobs where a single parent can take care of their family. Let the 15 to 18 year olds get the minimum wage entry level job.	Amenities & Services
472	Online	19		Open Franklin St up to more affordable shops and business.	Revitalization
473	Online	20		Roller skating, ice skating, bicycle rental, bicycle and hiking trails?	Amenities & Services

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474	Online	21		<p>Washington park Add more bathrooms, events, adult swings.</p> <p>Zoo update: island and big cats</p> <p>Renovate mall area both of them</p> <p>Better partnerships in the community for events</p> <p>Octoberfest was always great</p> <p>Better concerts in Washington Park the band stand area is wasted so many times in the year</p>	Natural Resources & Recreation
475	Online	22		We need more mentors, more Tutor help we need places for the children to be children.	Amenities & Services
476	Online	23		<p>More things to do for kids</p> <p>More police</p> <p>Tear down abandoned buildings</p> <p>Make things more affordable for single parents who r working hard</p>	Amenities & Services
477	Online	24		The area from old downtown to the mall that could be used to be improved. Improve the look and the feel.	Revitalization
478	Online	25		We need to continue to develop the lakefront tastefully and the downtown area, bringing more businesses in and repurposing existing buildings to incorporate the historic with more contemporary structures.	Development & Growth
479	Online	26		There are so many opportunities here. It is the focus that needs to take place. We don't need to put limits on what it is we think we can be. We could be a place where industry comes to grow	Development & Growth

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				because we have rail, main highways and are close to water or we can be a place for movies to be filmed. We have the lake, the dunes, every season all of which could be used for background in films and bring money in that way. We could present to tech companies with our location being close to Indianapolis, South Bend and Chicago. We could host athletic competitions, we could aim for a huge athletic complex. As a parent I have watched people travel far away for a variety of athletic competitions. There is so much money to be made in that alone. It makes me sad that we live in a community that will open two different fast food restaurants while simultaneously allowing our only athletic complex to close. We need to strive for a healthy community as well. Good health whether physical or mental changes the entire dynamic of your people.	
480	Online	27		There is a suspicion between community members.	
481	Online	28		Marquette mall needs to be bought out and either demolished or used for other businesses. We need a skating rink, fun things for kids to do! We need more sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Increased police in the neighborhoods at night.	Development & Growth
482	Online	29		Our academics and learning centers.	Civic Institutions
483	Online	30		Downtown Michigan City, Michigan Boulevard, Area North	Revitalization

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				of Prison, Area North of Ames Field on Franklin to 11th street.	
484	Online	31		MC doesn't advertise its events very well, people don't know all the amazing things happening.	Communication
485	Online	32		Too many rundown, abandoned buildings. Tear them down or fix them up.	Revitalization
486	Online	33		Hwy 20 is dangerous Increased communication throughout the community helping new residents fit in feel accepted, develop friendships	Infrastructure
487	Online	34		using the Marquette mall building for a indoor farmer's market year round.	Development & Growth
488	Online	35		MLK Center in MC - couldn't the building be used for a healthy and safe place for youth to "be" Government subsidized housing - where is the hope, where are the positive influences, why do they need to be a cesspool for gang activity	Revitalization
489	Online	36		Newport's landing- chemicals? Is that real- who has the money? Parks- need something huge indoors for winter- hockey? Water park-concert hall-something.	Amenities & Services

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490	Online	37		Remove truck traffic off of Lincolnway and provide angle parking on both sides of Lincolnway like in Valpo and Franklin St in Michigan City. New Porte Landing offers a lot of opportunity for development, but apparently Jeff Miller is the next Erin Brockovich and is portraying this as an environmental mess. The truth needs to be found and either get it cleaned up or shut Jeff Miller down. If he isn't proved wrong, then fix what is wrong and move on. Make a fun center in New Porte Landing with outdoor putt putt, go karts and batting cages, arcade like Zao Island in Valpo. Perhaps we could build our town up by coming up with an attraction that would draw visitors to our town. Something like Chip and Joanna Gaines have done with Magnolia Market. We need a big idea!!!	Infrastructure
491	Online	38		More diverse restaurants, fewer chains.	Amenities & Services
492	Online	39		I believe strongly that the resolution of a municipal sewer system for lake communities such as Hudson, Saugany, and Fish Lake will afford economic development in these aging areas and rejuvenate those areas to bolster tourism to LaPorte County.	Infrastructure

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493	Online	40		There are still downtown areas that are "downtrodden", with closed businesses. The types of businesses could be better to draw more people to visit downtown LP. Need more restaurants besides "fast food". Maple Lane Mall is mostly empty and looks deserted. No big anchor stores to draw people to shop here. Still need to go to Valpo or South Bend for better restaurants / shopping.	Revitalization
494	Online	41		<p>Washington park and trail Creek area are easier to find. Families still ask what's there to do around here? They've been to the zoo and the Washington park playground, but there's nothing within walking distance that well marked. Traffic flow showing walking distances to different attractions would be helpful. Like from the zoo to lighthouse place.</p> <p>The water park was a good idea, but it's underutilized. Cumbersome hours, parking, rules and lack of fun function for different age groups keep locals away.</p>	Natural Resources & Recreation
495	Online	42		Our smaller, outlying communities need better internet access and cultural activities.	Infrastructure
496	Online	43		Civic Plaza, more affordable housing, Franklin Street is beautiful my night but could use an update by day. More downtown parking will happen when double tracking goes in.	Civic Institutions
497	Online	44		If we had more skilled trade-crafts, we could employ them all.	Amenities & Services

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498	Online	45		Unified efforts for economic development, celebrating positive occurrences between communities (rather than keeping things so separate between towns), and reinvesting in our community overall rather than allowing investment to go elsewhere. Let's build our own County.	Amenities & Services
499	Online	46		Very few. Downtown Lakefront, Schools could ALL be better	Civic Institutions
500	Online	47		Our opportunities depend on the leadership and cooperation of the community. I feel like the lower-economic neighborhood could use improvements. By pouring good into these areas, hopefully the deed will be reciprocated. If all of the citizens of LaPorte County feel included in its plans, the following results will be promising.	
501	Online	48		The Kmart plaza we need more shopping places for clothes.	Amenities & Services
502	Online	49		Sidewalks are needed on Woodland and Pahs road- hard to believe a school does not have sidewalk access for kids walking.	Infrastructure

E. What's missing in LaPorte County today?

The following are the verbatim responses to the “what’s missing” prompt submitted by participants throughout the Round 1 Engagement.

ID	Source	Comment ID	What's missing in LaPorte County Today?
1	Online	1	County wide park system that offers an outreach program where physical parks are not available. County wide health services with outreach potential.
2	Online	2	common sense just like everywhere in this country.
3	Online	3	I think LaPorte county is missing young people and vibrant community. Vibrancy to me means people gathering and interacting. A place to go. I don't think we have that in LaPorte County. By a place to go, I don't mean a one-off. I mean the density of places to walk around with a purpose.
4	Online	4	<p>Quality of La Porte and Michigan City school systems need to be improved. Both are working to do so, but it is a long-term project.</p> <p>Opioid addiction is a serious problem that needs to be rectified. This must be done in tandem with reducing poverty in the communities and providing more opportunities for teens to become engaged in wholesome activities; a new YMCA facility would be a big boost.</p>
5	Online	5	Parks and access to nature, although we have some nice parks for a lot of people gaining access to them isn't very easy.
6	Online	6	Renewed emphasis on education - particularly in education after high school.
7	Online	7	retail in La Porte City
8	Online	8	More places for entertainment, shopping, and cultural centers.
9	Online	9	Affordable entertainment. Small communities have libraries, larger communities like La Porte city has a bowling alley. Michigan City is our mecca of things to do and even then, not much there other than movies, shopping and eating.
10	Online	10	Indoor activities for kids/teens in the winter
11	Online	11	Sense of community
12	Online	12	A feeling of community, belonging, we are separate little towns around a couple cities. We need to get together and think together and work together to bring real change. Heck most residents cannot name County leadership, or tell how it works. We need to get the word out, and not just during elections! Bring county meetings to the people! Have them in parks, on the Lake Shore or any place people gather. Let's get the discussion started.
13	Online	13	A sense of a cohesive county mission and identity. What do we want our future to look like?

ID	Source	Comment ID	What's missing in LaPorte County Today?
14	Online	14	Besides a TARGET, higher paying jobs. Bus routes where they are needed, Tall Timbers, Modular communities, on WEEKENDS and evenings.
15	Online	15	Jobs with better pay.
16	Online	16	Activities for all ages...we travel out of county for the gun range. Skyzone, etc. Ramp that extends into the lake for disabled.
17	Online	17	Activities for our young people - maybe a roller rink
18	Online	18	Cross generational mixing. Learning from and communicating with elderly
19	Online	19	A United marketing mission and vision that says who we are and what we offer... brown county covered bridge type identity but for our city.
20	Online	20	Everything that consist of helping our children become great. We have nothing for these kids to do but get in trouble or run the streets. kids who really don't want to be out there are sometimes forced to because they are peer pressured and they have no other outlet.
21	Online	21	More police
22	Online	22	Community pride Jobs to make people stay in the area Desirable education.
23	Online	23	We need a better variety of higher quality eating establishments. A health food co-op would be a good addition to our community with an expanded community garden. More age appropriate activities or social venues for teens are needed.
24	Online	24	The right type of exposure. We need to tell people how great we are.
25	Online	25	connections
26	Online	26	Affordable fun things for kids to do! Higher paying jobs. Roundabouts. Faster road construction, no job should take months!
27	Online	27	Higher Educational opportunities.
28	Online	28	Careers for youth, tourist opportunities, unified downtown in Michigan City,
29	Online	29	Skilled jobs, affordable housing, community togetherness
30	Online	30	Lakefront dining, Target, newer middle/upper class homes and neighborhoods
31	Online	31	Mental health, public transportation
32	Online	32	Sam's Club or Costco
33	Online	33	Strong moral foundation, attitude of service

ID	Source	Comment ID	What's missing in LaPorte County Today?
34	Online	34	Good high paying long term family raising jobs with benefits. Medical based like those that manufacture medical devices or provide the latest in medical services.
35	Online	35	The demographics needed to support all the nice things that people want in our community. I hear talk that people would like a Target, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, but the facts are we don't have the demographics of enough population to support these places. Now if we had new industry move in then we could possibly begin to get larger retail establishments as the work force would increase, but until then, we will only draw in what we can support population wise. Big Box retailers are struggling and shuddering their doors in smaller geo markets like ours. Why? Because they simply aren't profitable, especially when we are already conditioned to drive to Mishawaka or Merrillville for a larger selection or why not shop online and have it delivered directly to your door. A lot of what we are missing really can't be supported by our population, so we should focus more on what we can support.
36	Online	36	We need more for the youth to do to keep them out of trouble. This has always been a problem (pretty much everywhere), but we need to figure out ways to engage our youth in positive situations.
37	Online	37	No comment at this time.
38	Online	38	The county needs to implement a county-wide ordinance for property Maintenance. There was consideration of such an ordinance a couple of years ago and the planning commission tabled it due to opposition. However, if you drive around the county and see eyesores, there is currently nothing the county can do about them until they become a health issue. This detracts from the perceived value of the county in visitors' eyes. They will consider this area declining.
39	Online	39	Not really sure I can put my finger on it... I do think overall it is on an upturn, and more and more people are invested in making La Porte County a great place to live, thrive, and succeed.
40	Online	40	Jobs
41	Online	41	Basic housing for all, veteran care and easier connections to services.
42	Online	42	Cohesion.
43	Online	43	Strong downtown area in Michigan City Strong environmental concern Raise minimum wages
44	Online	44	A strong sense of education and training. No drive to prepare our youth for the future.

ID	Source	Comment ID	What's missing in LaPorte County Today?
45	Online	45	-Youth mentorship programs lack volunteers -Involved individuals. Seems like the same group of people are making the majority of decisions for the area; how can we get more energy going?
46	Online	46	Good paying jobs
47	Online	47	LaPorte County is missing unity. It's one of the most diverse areas in Indiana, and as such it should be reflected throughout the community. All should feel included and considered in the decisions of the area's leaders.
48	Online	48	again a place to buy clothes.
49	Online	49	safe biking trails (not with the traffic). Sledding hills, ice skating rink, waterpark, healthy food options.

F. Additional Comments Received

The following are the verbatim responses from the general comment cards submitted by participants throughout the Round 1 Engagement.

ID	Source	Please let us know your questions, comments or concerns.
1	Lacrosse	We need more things for kids to do in the towns. Things to keep them busy. Skateboarding, roller skating, ice skating... to get kids busy and away from drugs
2	Lacrosse	Farmers Home Admin is something that helps with affordable housing in small communities that began with helping farmers and changed to help communities near farms, incorporated and unincorporated
3	La Porte	Optimistic; leadership, recreational
4	La Porte	library
5	Mich City	Michigan City has a serious program with NIMBY need housing for low income folks, need a bipartisan City Council
6	Rolling Prairie	School aged/high school-we want these kids to return to the community to settle/raise families
7	Rolling Prairie	Change the system of County government following the Kernan-Shepard guidelines
8	Rolling Prairie	Consolidate township, libraries, fire departments, and some schools
9	Rolling Prairie	Expand the county sewer system to include Hanna, Union Mills, Fish Lake/Mill Creek, and Hudson Lake
10	Rolling Prairie	Incorporate the communities of Hanna, Union Mills, Fish Lake/Mill Creek, and Rolling Prairie
11	Rolling Prairie	Institute voting centers in the county
12	Mich City 11/18	Build a shelter for the homeless
13	Mich City 11/18	Need a V.A. Clinic in our area
14	Mich City 11/18	Pay homeless to clean around the community

ID	Source	Please let us know your questions, comments or concerns.
15	Mich City 11/18	Build a space for our kids and teens
16	Mich City 11/18	Affordable housing (buy and rent)
17	Mich City 11/18	Together enticing entrepreneurs to more than their business or start there in La Porte County

G. Full Exit Questionnaire Results

The following table represents the full summary of results from the exit questionnaires filled out and turned in to the Planning Team.

I. Summary Statistics

1	How did you hear about the Vibrant Community Conversation Workshops?	Responses	Percent
	Word of mouth	83	22%
	Newspaper Article	15	4%
	Ad	5	1%
	Poster / Flyer	9	2%
	Radio/TV	3	1%
	Email	84	22%
	Vibrant Communities website	12	3%
	Facebook / Insta / Twitter	57	15%
	Nextdoor	0	0%
	Community Event	4	1%
	Online News	2	1%
	Organization	75	20%
	Other	28	7%
	Total	377	100%

2	Were you comfortable completing today's meeting activities? If not, explain why.		
	Yes	253	99%
	No	3	1%
	Total	256	100%

3	Did you feel your input was heard and recorded accurately? If not, explain why.	Responses	Percent
	Yes	249	98%
	No	4	2%
	Total	253	100%

4	Was the meeting...	Responses	Percent
	Too long	16	7%
	Too short	4	2%
	About right	214	91%
	Total	234	100%

5	Will you continue to participate in the planning process? If not, explain why.	Responses	Percent
	Yes	240	98%
	No	4	2%
	Total	244	100%

6	Reflecting on the program, is there anything we've missed? If yes, please explain.	Responses	Percent
	Yes	27	12%
	No	191	88%
	Total	218	100%

8	Gender	Responses	Participation	ACS 2017	Difference
	Female	355	65%	50%	15%
	Male	190	35%	50%	-15%
	Prefer not to say	1	0%		
	Total	545	100%	100%	

9	Which racial group do you most closely identify with?	Responses	Participation	ACS 2017	Difference
	Asian	2	0%	1%	0%
	Black/ African- American	73	14%	11%	3%
	Native American	1	0%	0%	0%
	White / Caucasian	436	81%	83%	-2%
	Two or more races	9	2%	3%	-1%
	Other	20	4%	2%	2%
	Total	541	100%	100%	

10	Are you Hispanic or Latino?	Responses	Participation	ACS 2017	Difference
	Yes	32	7%	6%	0%
	No	449	93%	94%	-1%
	Total	481	100%	100%	

11	What is your age?	Responses	Participation	ACS 2017	Difference
	Under 15	6	1%	18%	-17%
	15-24	23	4%	12%	-8%
	25-34	48	9%	13%	-4%
	35-44	88	16%	13%	3%
	45-54	114	21%	14%	7%
	55-64	131	24%	14%	10%
	65 or over	138	25%	16%	9%
	Total	548	100%	100%	

12	What is your highest level of education?	Responses	Participation (25+)*	ACS 2017*	Difference
	Less than a high school diploma	26	5%	12%	-7%

	High school diploma or equivalency	54	10%	39%	-29%
	Some college, no degree	77	14%	22%	-8%
	Associate's Degree	43	8%	9%	-1%
	Bachelor's Degree	176	33%	12%	21%
	Masters Degree / Ph.D.	165	31%	6%	24%
	Total	541	100%	100%	

14	If you live in La Porte County, how long have you lived here?	Responses	Percent
	0-4 years	28	5%
	5-9 years	34	6%
	10-19 years	56	11%
	20-29 years	69	13%
	30-39 years	75	14%
	40-49 years	59	11%
	50+ years	146	28%
	Live outside County	63	12%
	Total	530	100%

16	Please tell us about your annual household income:	Responses	Participation	ACS 2017	Difference
	Less than \$35,000	76	16%	35%	-19%
	\$35,000 to \$49,999	59	12%	15%	-2%
	\$50,000 to \$74,999	88	19%	19%	0%
	\$75,000 to \$99,999	82	17%	14%	4%
	\$100,000 to \$199,999	137	29%	15%	14%
	\$200,000+	31	7%	3%	4%
	Total	473	100%	100%	

17	Did you attend a large Vibrant Communities workshop?	Responses	Percent
	Yes	56	22%
	No	196	78%
	Total	248	100%

II. Expository Answers

ID	Source	Answer
2. Were you comfortable today's meeting activities? If not, explain why.		
7	La Crosse	Lack of coherent direction in table group. Broader perspective needed.
36	La Crosse	Yes. It was a great opportunity to share my ideas.
41	Westville	I think about these things all the time
64	La Porte	Not too ambitious
144	Michigan City	My work involves a lot of community conversations. A lot of the same faces.
152	Michigan City	Kinda, where's the end game?
166	Michigan City	Yes, very much so!
168	Michigan City	Talking in the small group made things comfortable
174	Michigan City	Group dynamics were pleasant + productive
210	Rolling Prairie	Yes + no, wasn't expecting this
221	Rolling Prairie	The group talk was better than I thought it would be
395	Michigan City 11/18	Not my first
402		Open communication with either agency to discuss the future of La Porte County
3. Did you feel your input was heard and recorded accurately? If not, explain why.		
19	La Crosse	Katie (Table 4) good at picking up ideas from all
41	Westville	I knew the folks at my table
42	Westville	Relatively
144	Michigan City	We only spoke to one small group of people
152	Michigan City	Yes, in the group
166	Michigan City	Yes
174	Michigan City	Totally satisfied
392	Michigan City 11/18	I don't know until something happens that we talked about.

ID	Source	Answer
395		Everyone welcomed comments
398		In order to appropriately hear from the community, it would take longer than 2 hours.
5. Will you continue to participate in the planning process? If not, explain why.		
1	La Crosse	Not sure, work
2	La Crosse	Maybe?
5	La Crosse	Really I was a guest - asked here to discuss the connection
7	La Crosse	Unlikely. Does not seem likely to impact our interests
41	Westville	It's a great idea
50	Westville	Unsure due to length of meeting.
58	Westville	Maybe
63	Westville	Westville needs as many residents involved as possible
75	La Porte	On vacation
84	La Porte	But I'll be out of the country Dec. 4
128	La Porte	Maybe
144	Michigan City	I think everyone should
152	Michigan City	If I'm available
172	Michigan City	Haven't decided yet
221	Rolling Prairie	Maybe
378	Michigan City 11/18	Time constraints / maybe
390		Maybe
395		I have a lot to contribute
6. Reflecting on the program, is there anything we've missed?		
4	La Crosse	Focus
5	La Crosse	Neighboring Counties
9	La Crosse	Offering community members' input during a time frame other than evening
16	La Crosse	An open 5 minute ranking of the #1 desired outcome of this entire process?? Not sure if I'm saying correctly.
42	Westville	Competitiveness of La Porte & Michigan City
74	La Porte	Might be nice to be asked what you would like to see added...brought to the community
77	La Porte	Good start
98	La Porte	10-12% of LP population - Latino
100	La Porte	Can't *illegible* anything
118	La Porte	Identify key stakeholders in community
126	La Porte	More full room conversation rather than just a table - rotating seats for different views

ID	Source	Answer
130	La Porte	Yes, bringing more diverse group together to discuss
136	Michigan City	Maybe lower income folks
144	Michigan City	I would have liked to see more diversity
145	Michigan City	How can you engage a more diverse group?
146	Michigan City	Need more diversity in the room - lots of community voices missing including youth voices
152	Michigan City	Endgame!
153	Michigan City	More about the education system
154	Michigan City	Low income families. Need to offer childcare, transportation, and a meal.
157	Michigan City	Some serious issues not addressed
159	Michigan City	Nonprofits, service community
161	Michigan City	Need to figure out how to bring African American + Latino community together into process
174	Michigan City	Economic + social disparity
186	Michigan City	It would be interesting to read about the discussions + ideas of other groups
214	Rolling Prairie	Hold this meeting in every High School
215	Rolling Prairie	May be helpful to break it up into places, people, programs
220	Rolling Prairie	How to itemize businesses in existence
221	Rolling Prairie	Think that the group *illegible* went too long
396	Michigan City 11/18	Questions were broad; focus should have been on Michigan City.
397	Michigan City 11/18	Reviewing Action Plans Proposals - that did or did not happen
401	Michigan City 11/18	I think more emphasis should be placed on inclusion
406	Michigan City 11/18	Explanation of the underlying groups that are sponsoring the meeting(s).
7. What was your strongest takeaway from what you heard tonight?		
1	La Crosse	Everyone has similar problems with people not trying to help out
6	La Crosse	Opened an opportunity to meet new neighbors from the region + discuss areas of common interest + concern
8	La Crosse	Opportunities to improve
9	La Crosse	Better does not necessarily mean bigger
10	La Crosse	All the questions on optimistic + concerns on the whole county. Also all the people that care about La Porte County
11	La Crosse	Folks want to be part of the process
12	La Crosse	Sharing of idea/ strengths & weaknesses of LP County
13	La Crosse	Good vision in place for task at hand
14	La Crosse	Not to learn about La Porte Co.
16	La Crosse	The desire exists to participate!!
17	La Crosse	Strong minds working together
18	La Crosse	People care about their county and community.
19	La Crosse	Interested in what various people found positive and negative in county & in La Crosse.

ID	Source	Answer
20	La Crosse	People are willing to try to improve the towns + Co
21	La Crosse	Sense of community + hopefully some great change
22	La Crosse	This is an optimistic group
23	La Crosse	Will be interested to see how this goes
24	La Crosse	There are many people that care about our community
25	La Crosse	Difficulty engaging younger generation and lack of community connection by renters/outsideers
26	La Crosse	Desire for development of Kankakee River and county park on it
28	La Crosse	Everyone fears for and is excited for the same things
29	La Crosse	Continue to be involved
32	La Crosse	Similar ideas
33	La Crosse	Dynamic people with great ideas
34	La Crosse	There were many
35	La Crosse	Just how many people want to improve their county
36	La Crosse	It was great to see so many people show up and get involved. I was surprised how 2 hours really was barely enough time to touch on everything.
39	Westville	The amount of differing opinions on opportunities
40	Westville	All communities face many of the same issues.
41	Westville	I think it would be better because it's a great group of people
42	Westville	Bring together the entire county in a plan for the future
45	Westville	All different opinions + ideas from around LP County
47	Westville	People want more places to go and better housing opportunities
48	Westville	People not used to this thinking
49	Westville	Overall goals to how we can continue to improve our community
50	Westville	Awareness of possible opportunities to improve the community. I will do networking and thinking about other opportunities.
52	Westville	Positive energy
53	Westville	Build park under Nury Bridge in LP. Take meetings where people are ... Restaurant/bar?
54	Westville	Opportunities exist!
55	Westville	There are many things and opportunities in La Porte County
56	Westville	There are a lot of people engaging with LPC
59	Westville	Hearing the ideas from a diverse group
60	Westville	How our visions are much the same, no matter where we live
63	Westville	Future vision
64	La Porte	The new gardens in La Porte are huge & adding to the quality of life
65	La Porte	I have an idea of what tws is & why it's needed!
66	La Porte	How much I don't know about my community. If I don't know, how will others know?
68	La Porte	This is a planning process
69	La Porte	A lot of interest and support for positive change in LP Co.
70	La Porte	Committed people

ID	Source	Answer
71	La Porte	Chance to think about the future of my town
74	La Porte	Lots of positivity from the group. Pleasantly surprised
75	La Porte	Strengths of the community
76	La Porte	Lots of positive attitudes
77	La Porte	Positivity
78	La Porte	Strong leadership that is open to change
80	La Porte	Change is coming!
83	La Porte	This opportunity was a great way of considering what could be done in the community
84	La Porte	We have a lot of positives in La Porte
85	La Porte	Hopeful for the direction of La Porte
86	La Porte	There's a lot of great ideas shared
87	La Porte	Be active
89	La Porte	Not being a native, I learned a lot about La Porte, IN and I like what I heard
90	La Porte	I was very encouraged with the common themes from the tables. Wonderful to see a few young children attending!
91	La Porte	Passion for progress evident
92	La Porte	They all have similar concerns and thoughts about OPTIMISM!
93	La Porte	Hope - innovative ideas
94	La Porte	That a lot of us are looking for the same things to improve our great city
95	La Porte	Investment in the community
96	La Porte	Action agenda working living creating
97	La Porte	Lots of great ideas...so important to hone in on priorities that can be implemented!
98	La Porte	I <3 LP!
99	La Porte	Our community has a lot of strengths and opportunities to grow
100	La Porte	A lot of people are optimistic about our future
101	La Porte	Nice people at table! New ideas
102	La Porte	Others feel as passionate as I do about recreating vibrancy in the downtown areas, and are willing to help it happen. We need more people, space for healthy recreation, and safe bike trails.
103	La Porte	The enthusiasm
104	La Porte	Best ideas come from the community, collaboration is a must
106	La Porte	This needs to be done
107	La Porte	That there will be follow up! Exciting!
108	La Porte	My strongest takeaway was having my eyes opened to more positives in LP
109	La Porte	Lots of opportunities for growth and progress!
110	La Porte	Good collaboration!
111	La Porte	I felt like there was consensus on our strengths + weaknesses as a community
112	La Porte	There are strong points in La Porte
113	La Porte	Respect for each other's ideas. Very positive!
114	La Porte	I enjoyed the civility of our table in the midst of opinionated individuals

ID	Source	Answer
115	La Porte	Unity of concern. Positive aspect toward this community.
116	La Porte	Take a long range look at the community
117	La Porte	Other folks in community care about the future of LP County & City of LP & MC
119	La Porte	seeing new people getting involved
120	La Porte	The opportunities we have to move our community forward
126	La Porte	Others opinions on changes and the optimism to change
127	La Porte	The explanation of the vision
128	La Porte	Engaging conversations
130	La Porte	That many of us agree on what makes a great place - welcoming, well-utilized, free, vibrant
131	La Porte	Most ideas discussed related to quality of life
132	La Porte	Exciting to see people so passionate about their communities
133	La Porte	Working for the good of the community
134	La Porte	Communication
135	Michigan City	Optimism
136	Michigan City	Being optimistic about our future
137	Michigan City	We need to care about each other
140	Michigan City	Excited about the future work of this initiative
142	Michigan City	People care!
143	Michigan City	MC is *illegible*
144	Michigan City	A women at our table spoke about the distribution centers and the opportunity for them in MC.
145	Michigan City	We have a lot of possibilities of people who love & care for MC
146	Michigan City	Lots of people care deeply about this community + have many visions for opportunities
147	Michigan City	Everyone listened and contributed
148	Michigan City	It was great to hear the perspective of those around our table
149	Michigan City	We need realistic goals + investment
150	Michigan City	Good to see a lot of people participating
151	Michigan City	So many positive voices!
152	Michigan City	Collaboration amongst different peoples
153	Michigan City	So many people wanting to be involved & the diversity of the group
155	Michigan City	Hearing all of the positive ideas
156	Michigan City	Many had the same answers. Indicates a cohesive thought process.
157	Michigan City	Discussion
158	Michigan City	We live in a great community
159	Michigan City	Focus on opportunity and strengths - our community needs to do that more of the forward looking, positive conversation about our future
160	Michigan City	We are a community that can do so much to make us one of America's top cities
162	Michigan City	Lots of issues with many barriers to solutions - but, hope for growth and improvement
164	Michigan City	There are a lot of leaders in the community that really care for La Porte County

ID	Source	Answer
166	Michigan City	Excitement!
168	Michigan City	There are great things but there are also areas that growth is needed
169	Michigan City	Very well organized and attended
170	Michigan City	Great turnout, similar ideas in large group
172	Michigan City	Wanting to make changes for the good
173	Michigan City	There were some people I don't typically see at meetings
174	Michigan City	A more focused sense of how others feel similarly to myself
176	Michigan City	Many informed and knowledgeable people
177	Michigan City	People are very aware of the strengths + weaknesses in our community
178	Michigan City	This event was top-heavy. I know it's difficult, but it would be great if we could involve poor people.
179	Michigan City	Excellent start
180	Michigan City	Lots of thought put into the responses - great turnout - less diversity in participants
181	Michigan City	Ability provided to have discussions with peers, associates
183	Michigan City	Everyone has the same concerns! We need a city planner type plan that appropriately plans for all social economic needs.
184	Michigan City	The richness of our natural resources
185	Michigan City	Youth / Being Positive
186	Michigan City	Good to share ideas!
188	Michigan City	Involvement
190	Michigan City	That we filled out these answer sheets for a reason. Someone will sit down + read each of our thoughts. Nothing more valuable than being heard.
192	Michigan City	We are taking the first steps in developing our community action plan. I'm so glad to be a part of this momentous motion
193	Michigan City	Consistent perspectives across both strengths + weakness of community / county issues.
195	Michigan City	Be engaged
196	Michigan City	Lots to think about regarding La Porte City
197	Michigan City	We as a community are handed in the right direction!!!
198	Michigan City	There are many invested community members dedicated to improving their community
199	Michigan City	Optimism, hope, community
200	Michigan City	Information was great & participation was awesome and can see myself attending the next conference.
201	Michigan City	Growth is scary for many residents for multiple reasons
202	Michigan City	Great ideas to have community visions and goals
204	Michigan City	People care!
205	Michigan City	Teamwork
207	Michigan City	Optimistic & positive attitude of participants
208	Michigan City	Optimistic
210	Rolling Prairie	Made me think about bigger things

ID	Source	Answer
211	Rolling Prairie	Appreciate that an experienced consulting group is assisting
212	Rolling Prairie	Our community of youth needs to be more involved
213	Rolling Prairie	Great specific conversation
214	Rolling Prairie	Great ideas from other participants
215	Rolling Prairie	Hopeful for the future of the community / county
216	Rolling Prairie	The fact that people want to get involved and improve the quality of life for the residents
217	Rolling Prairie	Learned a lot about area lakes
218	Rolling Prairie	Great backstory of strengths + opportunities
219	Rolling Prairie	Many share my attitude + optimism
220	Rolling Prairie	More ideas from teens and 20 year olds to find out what they are looking for
221	Rolling Prairie	That we need a plan for the future
368	Michigan City 11/18	Being able to state the pros & cons of the city / county
369	Michigan City 11/18	Hope! Empowerment!
372	Michigan City 11/18	Great brainstorming from people!
375	Michigan City 11/18	In order to solve the problem you must face the problem
376	Michigan City 11/18	Ideas by participants were very similar
377	Michigan City 11/18	Great leaders - great idea if the community work together Michigan City will be great
378	Michigan City 11/18	Leadership: => build community
380	Michigan City 11/18	Unity
382	Michigan City 11/18	Schools Churches
383	Michigan City 11/18	Coming together and working together.
384	Michigan City 11/18	not just being a voice but coming together and taking action
387	Michigan City 11/18	Unity
388	Michigan City 11/18	The collective conversation
389	Michigan City 11/18	The African American Community is becoming more engaged!
391	Michigan City 11/18	Has to get information out to the community
392	Michigan City 11/18	Better things to come hopefully
393	Michigan City 11/18	Most groups had very similar thoughts on needs + wants
394	Michigan City 11/18	great conversations
395	Michigan City 11/18	African-American coalition
396	Michigan City 11/18	the open dialogue. Hearing other people views.
397	Michigan City 11/18	We keep repeating the data gathering process.
398	Michigan City 11/18	Lack of community coordination
400	Michigan City 11/18	That the lakefront is a strong point.
401	Michigan City 11/18	Community organization
405	Michigan City 11/18	Info
406	Michigan City 11/18	Being informed of thoughts of other persons in the community.
13. What is your occupation?		
1	La Crosse	Cosmetologist / Rev / Self-employed

ID	Source	Answer
2	La Crosse	Retired
3	La Crosse	Retired
4	La Crosse	Management Consultant
5	La Crosse	Retired Attorney
6	La Crosse	Retired transportation engineering tech + medical social worker
7	La Crosse	Attorney
8	La Crosse	Community Development
9	La Crosse	Accountant / Adm.
10	La Crosse	Retired
11	La Crosse	Multiple / Retired
12	La Crosse	Government
13	La Crosse	School Superintendent
14	La Crosse	Exec Air Nonprofit
15	La Crosse	Community Development
16	La Crosse	Community / Econ Dev
17	La Crosse	Material Handler
18	La Crosse	Publisher
19	La Crosse	Retired / sub teacher
21	La Crosse	Radiologic Technologist
25	La Crosse	Manager
27	La Crosse	LPC VR Co-Director
30	La Crosse	Retired
32	La Crosse	Retired
33	La Crosse	Business Development
34	La Crosse	Clerk-Treasurer
35	La Crosse	Owner of Automotive Shop
37	La Crosse	Self-employed - property owner
39	Westville	Chamber President
40	Westville	State Legislator
42	Westville	Retired Physician
43	Westville	Retired
44	Westville	Librarian
45	Westville	Educator
46	Westville	Retired
47	Westville	Librarian
48	Westville	CEO
49	Westville	School Administrator
50	Westville	Teacher
51	Westville	Business owner - manufactured housing / hardware store
53	Westville	Ex Die
54	Westville	Non-profit Executive Director
55	Westville	Retiree

ID	Source	Answer
56	Westville	Marketing Coordinator
57	Westville	Economic Development
58	Westville	Librarian
60	Westville	Maintenance Foreman
61	Westville	Investor
62	Westville	Self employed
63	Westville	Retired
65	La Porte	Banker
66	La Porte	Development Officer
67	La Porte	Attorney
68	La Porte	Consultant
69	La Porte	USPS / Retired
70	La Porte	Director of Public Transportation, City of La Porte
71	La Porte	Retired
72	La Porte	Human Resources
74	La Porte	Director / Civic Aod. LP Events Coordinator
75	La Porte	Builder / Developer
77	La Porte	CPA
78	La Porte	Business Owner
79	La Porte	Distribution Manager
80	La Porte	Executive Director
82	La Porte	Attorney
83	La Porte	Social Work
84	La Porte	Retired Journalist
85	La Porte	Retired
87	La Porte	User Experience Professional / Trainer
88	La Porte	Nonprofit Manager
89	La Porte	Executive Director / La Porte Co - Sym, Orch
90	La Porte	Retired + Community Volunteer
91	La Porte	Mayor
92	La Porte	Retired Teacher
93	La Porte	Librarian
94	La Porte	Certified Medical Auditor
95	La Porte	Retired
96	La Porte	Ex Dir
97	La Porte	Landscape Architect
98	La Porte	City Planner
99	La Porte	Strategy (healthcare)
100	La Porte	Real Estate
101	La Porte	Soon to be retired
102	La Porte	Dental Hygiene
103	La Porte	Retired

ID	Source	Answer
104	La Porte	Process Manager, Steel
105	La Porte	Healthcare (Hospital Administrator)
106	La Porte	Compliance Director
107	La Porte	School Principal
108	La Porte	Student
109	La Porte	Superintendent
110	La Porte	Principal
111	La Porte	Not for profit
112	La Porte	Sales / Marketing
113	La Porte	Health + Life Insurance Agent
114	La Porte	Student
115	La Porte	Retired business woman
116	La Porte	Real Estate Management
117	La Porte	LPECVB
118	La Porte	Downtown Director / Planner
119	La Porte	Government
120	La Porte	Website Manager
121	La Porte	Ready Mix Dispatch
123	La Porte	Student
124	La Porte	Office Manager
125	La Porte	Student
126	La Porte	Visitors Bureau
127	La Porte	Engineering MGR
128	La Porte	Educator
129	La Porte	Daycare Owner
130	La Porte	Executive Director of a nonprofit
131	La Porte	Nonprofit Admin
132	La Porte	Interior Designer
133	La Porte	Center Township Trustee
134	La Porte	Landscape Architect
135	Michigan City	Bailiff
136	Michigan City	CPA
137	Michigan City	Realtor
138	Michigan City	Steel Worker
140	Michigan City	Social Worker
141	Michigan City	Retired
142	Michigan City	Counselor
143	Michigan City	Ex Air
144	Michigan City	Education
145	Michigan City	Artist
146	Michigan City	Education Director
147	Michigan City	Economic Development

ID	Source	Answer
148	Michigan City	Clergy / Social Work
150	Michigan City	Retired
151	Michigan City	Nonprofit Management
152	Michigan City	Retired Teacher
153	Michigan City	Retired - previously Director of Marketing
154	Michigan City	Consultant
155	Michigan City	Community Relations
156	Michigan City	Retired
157	Michigan City	Architect
159	Michigan City	Planning / Redevelopment Director
160	Michigan City	Retired
161	Michigan City	Project Manager
162	Michigan City	Associate City Planner
163	Michigan City	Finance / Banking
164	Michigan City	Manager
165	Michigan City	Assistant Bank Manager
166	Michigan City	Retired
167	Michigan City	Marketing
168	Michigan City	Retired Principal
169	Michigan City	Owner Laundromat
173	Michigan City	Assistant City Planner
174	Michigan City	Clinical Social Worker
175	Michigan City	E.D.
176	Michigan City	Retired
177	Michigan City	Librarian
178	Michigan City	Retired
179	Michigan City	Retired Manager (Corporate)
180	Michigan City	State Rep
181	Michigan City	Retired
182	Michigan City	Construction Management
183	Michigan City	Executive Director
184	Michigan City	Management
185	Michigan City	VP Operations Construction
186	Michigan City	Small Business Owner / Retired
187	Michigan City	Cook
188	Michigan City	Consultant
189	Michigan City	Sales Consultant
190	Michigan City	Certified Nurse Aide
192	Michigan City	Program Director
194	Michigan City	Exec. Director Habitat for Humanity
195	Michigan City	Retired Administrator
196	Michigan City	Executive

ID	Source	Answer
197	Michigan City	Shop Owner - Downtown Michigan City
198	Michigan City	Development & Marketing
199	Michigan City	DCS Coordinator
200	Michigan City	Case Work
201	Michigan City	Director for Community Mental Health Center
202	Michigan City	Social Worker
203	Michigan City	Clinical Therapist
204	Michigan City	Administrator
207	Michigan City	Workforce Development
208	Michigan City	Physician
209	Michigan City	Business Banker
210	Rolling Prairie	Customer Service
211	Rolling Prairie	Small Business Advisor
212	Rolling Prairie	Student
213	Rolling Prairie	Educator
214	Rolling Prairie	CPA
215	Rolling Prairie	Physician
216	Rolling Prairie	Teacher
217	Rolling Prairie	Ex Air
218	Rolling Prairie	Financial Services + Pastoral
219	Rolling Prairie	Business Owner / Exterminator
220	Rolling Prairie	Retired
221	Rolling Prairie	Electrician
222	UF Luncheon	Engineer
223	UF Luncheon	Child Advocate
224	UF Luncheon	Executive Director
225	UF Luncheon	Operations Director
226	UF Luncheon	Public Sector
227	UF Luncheon	Retired
228	UF Luncheon	Retired
229	UF Luncheon	Speech Lang. Pathologist
230	UF Luncheon	Education Director @ nonprofit art center
231	UF Luncheon	Nonprofit Manager
232	UF Luncheon	Fundraiser
233	UF Luncheon	Nonprofit Admin
234	UF Luncheon	Nonprofit Management
235	UF Luncheon	Workforce Development
236	UF Luncheon	Retired
238	UF Luncheon	Attorney
239	UF Luncheon	Retired
240	UF Luncheon	Employment Specialist
241	UF Luncheon	Adm Accountant

ID	Source	Answer
242	UF Luncheon	Director
243	UF Luncheon	Management / Education
244	UF Luncheon	Business Owner Accounting
245	UF Luncheon	RN
246	UF Luncheon	Training Specialist
247	UF Luncheon	Business Development
248	UF Luncheon	Exec. Dir.
249	UF Luncheon	Therapist
250	UF Luncheon	Retired
251	UF Luncheon	Farmer
252	UF Luncheon	Retired from Banking
254	UF Luncheon	Housewife, teacher
255	UF Luncheon	Farmer retired
256	UF Luncheon	Retired
257	UF Luncheon	Retired Business Owner
258	UF Luncheon	Pastor
259	UF Luncheon	Pharmacist Retired
260	UF Luncheon	Retired - Heavy volunteer in community
261	UF Luncheon	Retired
262	UF Luncheon	ED Arts in the Park
263	UF Luncheon	Social Work
264	UF Luncheon	Student
265	UF Luncheon	Student
266	UF Luncheon	Student
267	UF Luncheon	Student
268	UF Luncheon	Student
269	UF Luncheon	Teacher
270	UF Luncheon	Teacher
271	UF Luncheon	Director, Headstart & Imagination Station
272	UF Luncheon	Pastor
273	UF Luncheon	Retired
275	UF Luncheon	Retired Minister
276	UF Luncheon	Retired
277	UF Luncheon	Retired Volunteer
278	UF Luncheon	Social Worker
279	UF Luncheon	Economic Development
280	UF Luncheon	Center Twp Trustee
281	UF Luncheon	Planner
282	UF Luncheon	Paramedic - Education Coordinator
283	UF Luncheon	Economic Development
284	UF Luncheon	Development Director
285	UF Luncheon	Various

ID	Source	Answer
286	UF Luncheon	Exec Dir NFP
287	UF Luncheon	Nonprofit Management
288	UF Luncheon	Human Services - nonprofit
289	UF Luncheon	Program Director
290	UF Luncheon	Executive Director
291	UF Luncheon	Retired
292	UF Luncheon	Exec Dir
294	UF Luncheon	Communications Director
296	UF Luncheon	CEO
297	UF Luncheon	Volunteer
298	UF Luncheon	Professional
301	UF Luncheon	Retired Educator
302	UF Luncheon	Director
303	UF Luncheon	Mentor Program
304	UF Luncheon	Manager
305	UF Luncheon	Retired
306	UF Luncheon	Project Manager
307	UF Luncheon	Business Owner
308	UF Luncheon	Retired -Volunteer at Food Pantry (Director)
309	UF Luncheon	Retired
310	UF Luncheon	Community Outreach Manager
311	UF Luncheon	Retired Physician
312	UF Luncheon	Electrical Eng.
313	UF Luncheon	Executive Director / CEO
314	UF Luncheon	Nonprofit Fundraiser
315	UF Luncheon	Development Director
317	UF Luncheon	Nonprofit
318	UF Luncheon	Homemaker
319	UF Luncheon	Professional White Collar
320	UF Luncheon	Retired Operations Mgr
321	UF Luncheon	Principal
322	UF Luncheon	Retired / Ex. Dir. LCSO
323	UF Luncheon	Nonprofit Executive Director
324	UF Luncheon	Retired / Lawyer
325	UF Luncheon	Ex Dir
326	UF Luncheon	Teacher
327	UF Luncheon	Teacher
328	UF Luncheon	Founder / Executive Director
329	UF Luncheon	Manager
331	UF Luncheon	City Planner
332	UF Luncheon	Executive Director
333	UF Luncheon	City Employee

ID	Source	Answer
334	UF Luncheon	RN
335	UF Luncheon	Retired
336	UF Luncheon	Retired
337	UF Luncheon	Housewife
338	UF Luncheon	Manager
339	UF Luncheon	Sales
340	UF Luncheon	Retired from Bethlehem Steel
343	UF Luncheon	Secretary
344	UF Luncheon	Organizational Management
345	UF Luncheon	Bank Manager
346	UF Luncheon	Marketing Consultant
347	UF Luncheon	Fundraising
348	UF Luncheon	Executive Director
350	UF Luncheon	Retired Route Salesman
351	UF Luncheon	Management
352	UF Luncheon	Retired
353	UF Luncheon	Social Work
354	UF Luncheon	Administration
355	UF Luncheon	Compliance
356	UF Luncheon	Communications Director
357	UF Luncheon	Business Executive
361	UF Luncheon	Banking
362	UF Luncheon	Banker
364	UF Luncheon	Sales Manager
365	UF Luncheon	Supervisor
367	UF Luncheon	CPA
368	Michigan City 11/18	Clerical Supervisor
369	Michigan City 11/18	Retired
372	Michigan City 11/18	Assistant Director
373	Michigan City 11/18	Realtor
374	Michigan City 11/18	Retired, part time housekeeper
375	Michigan City 11/18	Retired
376	Michigan City 11/18	Retired
377	Michigan City 11/18	Preschool Teacher
378	Michigan City 11/18	Law Enforcement
380	Michigan City 11/18	Pastor
381	Michigan City 11/18	Child Care
382	Michigan City 11/18	Instructional Assistant
383	Michigan City 11/18	Senior Pastor / New Hope Church
384	Michigan City 11/18	Wig Maker / Cosmetologist
385	Michigan City 11/18	Entrepreneur (BBQ & Catering)
386	Michigan City 11/18	Nurse Practitioner

ID	Source	Answer
387	Michigan City 11/18	Business Owner
388	Michigan City 11/18	Police Officer
389	Michigan City 11/18	Law Enforcement
390	Michigan City 11/18	Retired (Book keeper)
391	Michigan City 11/18	Teacher
392	Michigan City 11/18	Education
393	Michigan City 11/18	Project Mgr
394	Michigan City 11/18	Skills coach
395	Michigan City 11/18	Retired - Volunteer
397	Michigan City 11/18	Engineer
398	Michigan City 11/18	Urban Planner
399	Michigan City 11/18	Retired
401	Michigan City 11/18	Corrections
404	Michigan City 11/18	Retired
405	Michigan City 11/18	Mill Worker
406	Michigan City 11/18	Lawyer
407	Michigan City 11/18	Retired - Fire Fighter / Steel Worker
408	Meals on Wheels	Retired
409	Meals on Wheels	Disability
410	Meals on Wheels	Caretaker
411	Meals on Wheels	Retired from USX Gary Works 1987
413	Meals on Wheels	N/A
414	Meals on Wheels	Retired
418	Meals on Wheels	Retired
420	Meals on Wheels	Retired
421	Meals on Wheels	Retired
423	Meals on Wheels	Retired
424	Meals on Wheels	Retired
425	Meals on Wheels	Secretary to Lawyer
426	Meals on Wheels	Retired
427	Meals on Wheels	Retired
429	Meals on Wheels	Retired
430	Meals on Wheels	Retired
431	Meals on Wheels	Retired
432	Meals on Wheels	Retired
433	Union Mills MIB	Business Owner
434	Union Mills MIB	Victim Advocate
435	Union Mills MIB	Fertilizer Applicator
436	Union Mills MIB	Retired
437	Union Mills MIB	doorologist
438	Union Mills MIB	mail carrier
439	Union Mills MIB	Retired Teacher - Farmer Present

ID	Source	Answer
440	Union Mills MIB	accounting
441	Union Mills MIB	Retired Farmer
442	Union Mills MIB	Public School Employee
443	Union Mills MIB	Retired Computer Analyst
444	Union Mills MIB	Etsy Store Owner
445	Union Mills MIB	Retired
446	NIEF MIB	Volunteer community advocate
447	NIEF MIB	United Way
448	NIEF MIB	nonprofit
449	NIEF MIB	Social Work
450	NIEF MIB	Librarian
451	NIEF MIB	Local Gov't
452	NIEF MIB	Restaurant Owner
453	NIEF MIB	Director
454	TCWP MIB	Water Reclamation Superintendent
455	TCWP MIB	Scientist
456	TCWP MIB	Planner
458	TCWP MIB	Retired
459	TCWP MIB	Warehouse Mgr.
460	TCWP MIB	Environmental nonprofit
462	TCWP MIB	program coordinator
463	TCWP MIB	Biologist
464	TCWP MIB	Geologist
475	American Legion MIB	Student
476	American Legion MIB	Secretary
477	American Legion MIB	Office / Sales
478	American Legion MIB	Student
479	American Legion MIB	Student
480	American Legion MIB	N/A
481	American Legion MIB	Student
482	American Legion MIB	None
17. Additional comments, thoughts or ideas?		

ID	Source	Answer
1	La Crosse	If we can raise money by fundraising instead of raising taxes, it would be more profitable to growth amongst growth in individuals and community
4	La Crosse	Another series of meetings with no results
9	La Crosse	Would love to see more youth pulled into discussions
42	Westville	Need input of age groups under 30 years of age
47	Westville	I'd like to see greater recognition of the contribution to La Porte County
70	Westville	Grad of LP County Leadership, Former City Councilman, Former Board of Works Member
101	La Porte	Code enforcement!
103	La Porte	Hurray for this event!
104	La Porte	People > Cars
108	La Porte	I love having a voice in my community
112	La Porte	Activity B fell apart at our table
125	La Porte	Amazing input this was put together well and had an amazing presentation (I think Kyle did not talk too much at all, if anything he talked just the right amount!)
148	Michigan City	Thanks!
154	Michigan City	Same people who are always at these planning events here tonight. How about having an event @ one of the larger churches in the AA community or @ PARC or @ Public Housing community center.
169	Michigan City	Curious why more current leaders were not in attendance. Election soon. Saw no mayoral candidates?
173	Michigan City	Thank you for staying on topic. Did a great job of moving us through the activities.
179	Michigan City	Great initiative
183	Michigan City	Thank you! Makes me proud of La Porte County!
190	Michigan City	Include LGBTQ+ identity in this demographic survey
194	Michigan City	Great ideas looking forward to Dec 4th. Thank you.
196	Michigan City	Kyle is excellent
199	Michigan City	Thank you so much for making this available!
204	Michigan City	Thank you!
212	Rolling Prairie	Students should be invited to be more involved so we are invested in our community
219	Rolling Prairie	Thank you!
259	UF Luncheon	Maru Larue
260	UF Luncheon	Treasurer of Homeward Bound, Inc.
261	UF Luncheon	Keep going
275	UF Luncheon	Great program. Keep up the good work!
279	UF Luncheon	I love Michigan City, I grew up here. I would love for the residents of MC + LP Co to have pride or see how amazing this community is!!
287	UF Luncheon	Vibrant Communities workshops were hard to attend due to after school activities of our kids
302	UF Luncheon	Community involvement is key to the success for all programs and projects

ID	Source	Answer
303	UF Luncheon	Will attend Summit!
304	UF Luncheon	This is great, any improvement is appreciated and thanks for getting the conversation going
307	UF Luncheon	Thank you!
311	UF Luncheon	Need input of disadvantage / young
397	Michigan City 11/18	1) With high rates of crime, transitions back into the community 2) Lack of entertainment - Diverse 3) Food deserts
406	Michigan City 11/18	Good meeting
411	Meals on Wheels	My wife died in April 2019 - in earlier years I made more than \$35000
425	Meals on Wheels	Nice helpful neighbor
427	Meals on Wheels	Too much focus and money spent on the arts district and catering to visitors.
434	Union Mills MIB	Very informative
442	Union Mills MIB	La Porte County is an interesting place. Farmers & farms don't get enough credit for supporting a large portion of the La Porte County economy.
446	NIEF MIB	Loved my group! Learned a lot of the positive things and future opportunities for our community.
449	NIEF MIB	Thank you!
460	TCWP MIB	Thank you!
463	TCWP MIB	I'm not the best person at these kind of things
470	American Legion MIB	I definitely like this workshopping idea that seems it will be effective in involving and improving more of what is generally desired by the community

H. Participant Package



AGENDA

Vibrant Communities Initiative Community Conversation Workshops

OCTOBER 2019 | LOCATIONS AROUND LA PORTE COUNTY

1. Welcome	5 min
2. What is the Vibrant Initiative?	10 min
3. Individual Activity: <i>Write the Headline</i>	10 min
4. Group Discussion	60 min
Activity A: Thinking about the Future	
Activity B: Strong & Opportunity Places	
5. Next Steps & Adjourn	5 min

Materials:

- ☐ Agenda and Frequently Asked Questions
- ☐ Exit Questionnaire (yellow sheet attached)
- ☐ Blank 3x5 Index Card
- ☐ General Comment Card
- ☐ Pencil or Pen
- ☐ Name Tag

Reminders:

- ✓ Don't forget to fill out the table sign in sheet (green), and your exit questionnaire (yellow). This helps the planning team understand who was in the room.
- ✓ Are there any groups you know that were unable to attend tonight's meeting? Let us know on your Comment Card or Exit Questionnaire, and we'll find the best way to engage them.
- ✓ If someone was unable to attend a Vibrant Communities Community Conversation Workshop, the activities will be available online immediately following the meeting on the Vibrant Communities website: www.VibrantLPCounty.org/what-do-you-think.

TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE PROCESS, VISIT:

www.VibrantLPCounty.org

Notes, questions, ideas:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are answers to common questions about the Vibrant Communities Initiative.

1. What is the Vibrant Communities Initiative?

The Vibrant Communities initiative is our opportunity to ensure our special communities remain strong, diverse and prosperous. We'll develop an agenda of actions based on where we are today, where we'd like to be and how we intend to get there. We've been improving and investing in our physical and natural environment to get us where we are today. This process will evaluate those initiatives, engage the communities in a thoughtful discussion of new ideas, and build positive momentum with a new set of projects, policies and programs.

2. What is an Action Agenda?

The Vibrant Communities Initiative is a chance for our communities to assess our strengths and weaknesses, identify areas of growth, and collaborate on a vision for our future. This process will include robust public engagement to ensure every resident, employee, or visitor has a chance to provide their thoughts on what makes our communities unique. The collected input along with technical analysis will help shape an Action Agenda containing specific programs, policies, or projects that can help build strong, vibrant communities. This action agenda will include an implementation plan to continuously shape our unique communities into prosperous places to live, work, and play.

3. Why is this being done?

We all have a stake in the success of our individual communities and can influence how we will thrive in the future. To ensure our future is strong, we need to focus investment in key areas and champion efforts to enhance the overall quality of place. This can only be accomplished by establishing a unified vision for our communities that satisfies the needs of residents to live comfortably, enjoy free time with family and friends, and develop a strong workforce to support the community.

4. Who is taking the lead in this process?

The process is being led by a 25-member Steering Committee representing a wide range of interests from across our county. The group is made up of community leaders, elected officials, and residents. It was formed to be a representative body to provide a voice to the county's many diverse interests. The Steering Committee is charged with guiding the process and the substance of the recommendations. They'll meet throughout the process and provide guidance and direction to the county as it puts together its plan. The process is being coordinated by the Michigan City-La Porte County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Unity Foundation of La Porte County and is funded by those embracing the potential of our diverse communities.

5. Why now?

Our past and current residents have already laid the foundation for defining great places in each one of La Porte County's communities. These places will continue to experience change in many ways and through defining a vision with clear goals, outcomes, and expectations, we will ensure that our legacy prospers well into the future. Our communities have never been stronger making this the perfect opportunity for all of us to pause, take pride in what's been accomplished, and define a plan for our future.

6. What do we hope to accomplish?

Through this process we hope to understand how you experience life in your La Porte County community. We want to know everything from what places you enjoy visiting, to what programs or activities you take part in, to what's missing in the community today. All this input will lead to the creation of a final Action Agenda which will list out specific recommendations that support the public input and the parties or organizations who can make those happen. This agenda will guide our communities toward achieving a higher quality of place and quality of life for all.

7. What are the Community Conversation Workshops?

As a kick-off to the process, several Community Conversation Workshops will be held in various communities across the county. These workshops are intended to get the conversation started on La Porte County's future, our individual community's future and get us thinking about how we can achieve more vibrant and prosperous communities. Participation is encouraged early-on to see how public comment helps shape the recommendations of the final Action Agenda. These workshops will be large format events so be sure to spread the word for a workshop in a community near you!

8. How does this process affect me?

Whether you work, visit, or live in one of La Porte County's communities, you help influence how our county thrives. If you are passionate about the future of the county and its communities, this process needs your input. It's critical that you get involved to ensure your thoughts become part of the discussion for shaping our future. Several meetings will be held throughout the county to ensure that you can share your voice, thoughts, and concerns. This input will directly shape the final Action Agenda, and through its implementation, help guide the communities of La Porte County into the future.

9. How can I get involved in the process?

Throughout the process, several large- and small-scale meetings will be held where we'll ask hard questions about our future and make important recommendations about the best course of action. By attending these meetings, you'll be able to share your opinions and know that your views will be incorporated into the final Action Agenda. As the plan is implemented, you'll have helped shape more vibrant La Porte County communities for yourself and future generations. Through our website, www.VibrantLPCounty.org, you will be able to follow the progress of the Vibrant Communities Action Agenda process, learn about important facts and upcoming events, and share further views.

10. What is the Summit on the Future?

Following our Listening & Learning Sessions the Planning Team will work to distill the input received from the public and develop the draft Action Agenda. During the Summit in mid-November you'll be asked to attend and provide your feedback on the direction of recommendations. We'll celebrate how far we've come and begin shaping our strategies for achieving our community vision!

11. Where can I learn more about the process?

The website www.VibrantLPCounty.org will serve as a communications and engagement resource throughout the process. Here you'll find information on the process, upcoming events, and tools where you can get involved and share your perspective. Be sure to visit this website often to ensure you are up-to-date on all information!

12. How long will the process take?

The process will take place over a seven-month period starting in August 2019 and concluding in late January 2020.

13. How do we realize our vision?

The final Action Agenda will include numerous programs, policies, and projects that strive towards the goals and objectives revealed through this process. Some of the actions identified may be easier to implement in one of La Porte County's communities while others may take some time for various reasons. Based on these implementation factors, the final actions would fall into either short-term actions (within 1-3 years) or long-term actions (beyond 3 years). Through pursuit of the final action agenda, the community vision will begin to take shape in each community and over time develop a more vibrant La Porte County.

TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE PROCESS, VISIT:

www.VibrantLPCounty.org

Exit Questionnaire

Before you leave, please take a minute to answer the following questions. Your feedback is crucial to documenting participation in the Vibrant Communities Initiative process.

1. How did you hear about the Vibrant Communities Community Conversation Workshops?

☐ Word of Mouth

☐ Email

☐ Organization

☐ Newspaper Article

☐ Vibrant Communities website

Name?

☐ Ad

☐ Facebook/Instagram/Twitter

☐ Other

☐ Poster / Flyer

☐ Nextdoor

Name?

☐ Radio / TV

☐ Community Event

☐ Online News

2. Were you comfortable completing today's meeting activities? If not, explain why. ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Did you feel your input was heard and recorded accurately? If not, explain why. ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Was the meeting ☐ too long, ☐ too short, ☐ about right?

5. Will you continue to participate in the planning process? If not, explain why. ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Reflecting on the program, is there anything we missed? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. What was your strongest take-away from what you heard tonight?

Questionnaire continues on the back of this page →

Please tell us about yourself

This information helps us know if participation was representative of the diversity in each community and the county overall. Please answer as many or as few questions as you like. **Your responses are completely anonymous.**

1. You are ☐ Female ☐ Male
2. Which racial group do you most closely identify with?
☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native American ☐ White ☐ Two or more races
☐ Other: _____
3. Are you Hispanic or Latinx? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. What is your age?
☐ <15 ☐ 25-34 years ☐ 45-54 years ☐ 65 or over
☐ 15-24 years ☐ 35-44 years ☐ 55-64 years
5. What is your highest level of education?
☐ Less than a high school diploma ☐ Some college ☐ Bachelor's Degree
☐ High school diploma or equivalent ☐ Associate's Degree ☐ Master's Degree / Ph.D.
6. What is your occupation? _____
7. If you live in La Porte County, how long have you lived here?
☐ 0-4 years ☐ 10-19 years ☐ 30-39 years ☐ 50+ years
☐ 5-9 years ☐ 20-29 years ☐ 40-49 years ☐ Live outside the County
8. What is your zip code? _____ Community / Neighborhood: _____
9. Please tell us about your annual household income:
(This information will be cross referenced with census data to ensure input is representative of each community and the county. All answers are anonymous.)
☐ Less than \$35,000 ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999 ☐ \$100,000 to \$199,999
☐ \$35,000 to \$49,999 ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999 ☐ \$200,000 +

10. Additional comments, thoughts or ideas:

I. PowerPoint Presentation



Agenda

PRESENTATION

1. Welcome
2. What is an action agenda?

ACTIVITIES & GROUP DISCUSSION

3. Write the Headline
4. Discussion A: *Thinking about the Future*
5. Discussion B: *Strong & Opportunity Places*
6. Adjourn



Why are we here?

- The Vibrant Communities Initiative is an engagement program that begins the process to develop an action agenda
- Includes all types of conversations and is open to everyone who cares about the future of La Porte County and its communities
- This meeting represents the starting point
- Ask big questions → Make critical choices → Assign our priorities → Celebrate our launch



Why are you here?

- You care about the future of your community
- You know your community through direct experiences, living, working and raising a family in La Porte County
- You have ideas...both big and small
- The vision requires your input
- You can (and should) be part of the realization of the plan



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Why Plan?

Good planning...

- Commits to community participation and engagement, and a fully inclusive and transparent process
- Focuses on the impact to people and the quality of their lives
- Emphasizes the quality of place and the character of the community as an outcome
- Integrates economics and fiscal implications
- Focuses on implementation from the beginning



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What is an Action Agenda?

- An opportunity to pause, take stock and define what to be in the future
- Memorializes a vision, values, goals and objectives of the county
- Based on robust community engagement and input
- Aligns all aspects of community life and identify specific actions to implement



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La Porte County Today

- People – characteristics of our residents
 - Slow to no population growth
 - A diverse community and increasingly so
- Prosperity – characteristics of our economy
 - Personal income stagnation
 - Strong manufacturing base
- Place – characteristics of our built community
 - Legacy City transition
 - Diversity of environments (natural and manmade)



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What will we do today?

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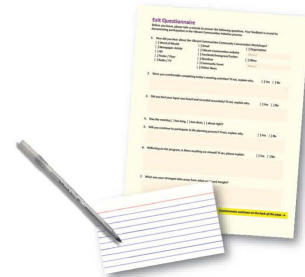


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Supplies Check

- Agenda Package
 - Exit Questionnaire (yellow)
- Note Card
- Pen
- General Comment Card
- Stay Informed Card



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Write the Headline

1. Grab your headline card
2. Consider the conversation we're beginning today...



When we reflect on the work and this process in 20 years, what will the headline say?

What does success look like?

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DISCUSSION A: Thinking about the Future

Electing a Table Leader!

- If your group is without a facilitator, please take a moment to nominate a table recorder
- Table recorders will...
 - Read the instructions aloud
 - Record the conversation
 - Gather feedback and forms for table members
 - Turn in results to the Planning Team



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Group Discussion

1. Share questions from the podium

- All the prompts are also repeated on the group recording form

2. Silently consider your responses

- Jot down ideas on your 3x5 note card

3. Share your responses

- The table recorder will collect and record comments
- Round robin, one at a time



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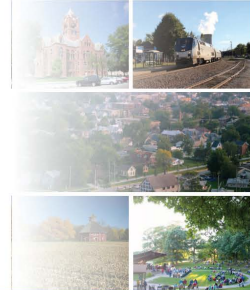


Discussion A: Thinking about the Future

• Let's think about the future of your community and La Porte County

• Consider

- Where you live and your neighborhood
- How you move about
- What you do for fun with family and friends
- How you would describe your community to those who aren't familiar



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CONSIDER...

When you think about the future of your community...

What makes you optimistic?

What are your concerns?



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Individual Idea Generation
3-Minutes



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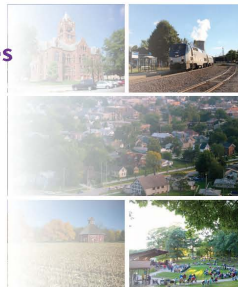
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Discussion B: Strong & Opportunity Places

- Let's think about the future of La Porte County, now considering its places and spaces
- Consider
 - What places are strong?
 - What places should improve?
 - What are opportunities or missing elements?

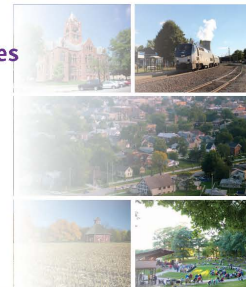


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Discussion B: Strong & Opportunity Places

1. Check your supplies
2. Generate individually
3. Use the map book at your table for reference
4. Table Recorders:
 1. Record the name of the place on form "B"
 2. Record the characteristics



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Discussion B: Strong & Opportunity Places

1. Strong Places
 - Exhibit a strong quality of place
 - Are desirable to visit
 - Represent conditions you'd like to see more of in your community
2. Opportunity Areas
 - Places that can be better
 - Places you'd like to stay the same
 - From other communities, even outside the county, that you'd like to see here

* If a place doesn't have a name, then provide a general idea of the location or characteristics that represent the place.



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CONSIDER...

When you think about your community today...

Where are the strong places and what makes them that way?

Where are our opportunities that should improve or remain the same?

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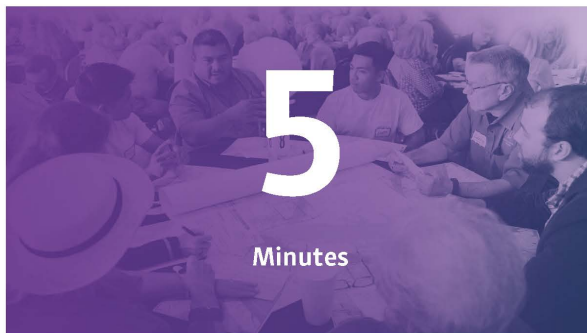


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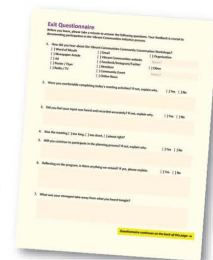
Next Steps

Kyle May, AICP
Senior Planner, Planning NEXT




Don't Forget!

- **Exit questionnaires**
 - Look for the yellow sheet on the back of the agenda package
 - Critical for the team to know who was in the room
- **Comment Cards: Share your thoughts!**
 - More ideas come up?
 - Add bigger ideas or late ideas to your comment card
- **Know someone who missed the workshop?**
 - Send them to the website for the online engagement option



Summit on the Future

• Purpose

- Pull the community together for a major event where we will make critical decisions about the future of our communities

- Single event to represent an important moment-in-time for our communities

• Date: Wednesday, December 4th

• Location: La Porte Civic Auditorium

• Stay engaged by visiting the website



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Remaining Sessions:

Tuesday, October 22

La Porte Civic Auditorium
6 – 8PM CST

Monday, October 28

Blue Chip Casino Hotel
6 – 8PM CST

Wednesday, October 23

Dworkin Center at PNW Westville
6 – 8PM CST

Tuesday, October 29

New Prairie High School
6 – 8PM CST

Mobile Engagement events throughout the fall!

Don't forget to visit the website:

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Thank you!