

Town of Alden Issues and Opportunities as compiled from Town of Alden citizens on October 1, 2005
Issues identified as a value are designated with a “V” and those as a problem with a “P”.

Group One – 11 participants

1. Road limitations – too much speed and traffic P
2. Want small development – far apart V
3. Want to maintain rural atmosphere V
4. Too much farmland being developed P
5. Want to know impact of Supreme Court ruling on eminent domain P
6. Concern for conflicting land use, e.g. commercial next to a farm P
7. Continued growth of government – size and cost P
8. Concern for property owner rights V
9. Concern for parking congestion by Big Lake Store P
10. Concern for reduction in wildlife due to development P
11. Concern for growth taken place in the last 20 years – doubled P
12. We have an excellent Town Board V
13. We have excellent population growth and now have to contain economic growth V/P
14. Litter is a problem P
15. High taxes are a problem, especially along lakes and the river P
16. Wooded property for privacy is a value V
17. Out of Township developers are a concern P
18. Blind intersections, e.g. Church Road to Hwy 65, and other intersection visibility concerns
19. County police protection needed V/P
20. Winter snowplowing in a timely manner P
21. Well maintained roads V
22. Noise pollution from vehicles P
23. Mailbox vandalism P
24. Electric right-of-way concern P
25. Maintain look of rustic roads V
26. Buried electric lines V

Group Two – 12 participants

1. Which lot size is best? P
2. Limited low tech services – cell towers P
3. Fresh air V
4. Septic tank pumping disposal P
5. Adding services, police, fire and ambulance, with added development P
6. Monitoring groundwater pollution P
7. No retail shopping in Alden Township P
8. Need to plan for the future P
9. Density P
10. What are the rights of neighbors and landowners of proposed subdivisions P
11. Rural Atmosphere V
12. Property tax issues, farmland vs. development P
13. Affordable housing P
14. Lack of industrial noise V
15. Monitoring the type of industry coming into the area P
16. Planned growth influence on tax base P
17. Influence of big money on development P
18. Development rights and how to protect Ag land and wetlands P
19. Land Trust to protect property V

20. Guidelines to control junkyards, trashy residences, etc. P
21. Controlling meth problem, education P
22. Not too much government control, ordinances P
23. Having hunting and fishing close V
24. Available farmland V

Group Three – 12 participants

1. Keep residential V
2. Increase in population P
3. Incentive to keep land agricultural V
4. Keep more rural and agricultural V
5. Development will raise values and taxes P
6. Development increases the cost of government P
7. Development increases the value of life P
8. Need impact fees for developers P
9. Keep commercial where appropriate P
10. Save our natural resources V

Group Four – 11 participants

1. Rural Living and Setting V
2. Park and lake access V
3. Lot size V
4. Tax base – affordable V
5. Water and air quality – environment V
6. Development pace – slow V
7. Roads V
8. Homes – control cost P
9. Development Rights V
10. Law enforcement V/P
11. Open Land and Space V
12. Honest people V
13. Local control V
14. Everything remain the same V
15. Small development V
16. Planned, development more restricted V
17. Parks and recreation V
18. Preservation – farmland, woodland, wetlands, open land V
19. Control government spending V
20. Community voice V
21. Community pride V
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