

Town of Alden Issues and Opportunities as priority ranked by Town of Alden citizens on October 1, 2005
Top ten priorities by each group

Group One – 11 participants

1. High taxes are a problem, especially along lakes and the river
2. Want to maintain rural atmosphere
3. Too much farmland being developed
4. Concern for growth taken place in the last 20 years – doubled
5. Concern for reduction in wildlife due to development
6. Continued growth of government – size and cost
7. Concern for conflicting land use, e.g. commercial next to a farm
7. Concern for property owner rights
9. Out of Township developers are a concern
10. County police protection needed

Group Two – 12 participants

1. What are the rights of neighbors and landowners of proposed subdivisions
2. Adding services, police, fire and ambulance, with added development
3. Fresh air
4. Density
5. Property tax issues, farmland vs. development
6. Rural Atmosphere
7. Monitoring the type of industry coming into the area
8. Need to plan for the future
9. Development rights and how to protect Ag land and wetlands
10. Limited low tech services – cell towers

Group Three – 12 participants

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

Group Four – 11 participants

1. Rural Living and Setting
2. Tax base – affordable
3. Water and air quality – environment
4. Development pace – slow growth
5. Planned, development more restricted
6. Community pride
7. Parks and recreation
8. Preservation – farmland, woodland, wetlands, open land
9. Lot size
10. Local control