

Spring 2005

**Housing & Economic Development Work Group Worksheet:
SURVEY RESPONSES on Work Group/Subgroup Recommended Economic Development Policies for Step 3**

Worksheets to survey Housing & Economic Development Work Group members on policy statements were distributed to work group members via e-mail and mail on February 16, 2005; redistributed at the February 23, 2005 Housing & Economic Development Work Group meeting; and due on Friday, March 4, 2005. Two reminders regarding the due date were also sent out. As a result of these efforts, fourteen members completed Workgroup/Subgroup recommended housing policy statements; thirteen members completed Workgroup/Subgroup recommended economic development policy statements; thirteen members completed a review of existing economic development policy statements; and twelve members completed a review of existing housing policy statements. Not all respondents responded to every policy statement; and in instances when a respondent did not clearly select one category per policy statement, the response was not recorded.

#	Work Group Generated Economic Development Policies Considered	Accept, 'As Is'	Accept, 'Needs Work'	Reject
1	Assist communities in planning and developing well designed commercial and industrial areas by creating a database of economic development activities, policies, standards, tools and best practices from other communities.	10	1	1
2	Use County funds to leverage other resources in order to attract, grow, expand, and retain desirable business and industry.	7	4	1
3	The County will provide customer-friendly permitting processes to efficiently assist business and industry without reducing standards, and also encouraging local governments to do so as well.	8	5	0
4	The County will encourage communities to provide adequate public infrastructure to enable businesses to operate successfully	7	5	2
5	Designate economic development assistance priority to companies that pay above average wages and/or are locally owned.	7	4	2
6	Provide incentives for businesses to locate in areas served by existing or future regional transit to make jobs more accessible to workers.	8	3	2
7	Support environmentally friendly and community oriented markets for agricultural products through policies that compliment and leverage state and federal efforts in order to promote and preserve the county's agricultural industry.	8	4	0
8	Promote environmentally friendly agricultural economic development by developing programs and campaigns.	6	5	1
9	Create measures to evaluate economic development incentives to ensure that policies promote economic stability, increased employment, and improved incomes.	8	3	0
10	Create a sensible growth fund to invest in infill development.	6	4	2

Work Group/Subgroup Recommendations

11	Bolster the Dane County Development Fund by promoting private/public partnerships at the micro and macro level.	6	5	4
12	Provide revitalization planning and organizational development assistance to local communities	7	4	1
13	Explore state and county mechanisms for tax-base sharing of manufacturing and mercantile tax base to reduce competition between communities for tax-base.	7	5	1