

**EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOCUS GROUP FOR MENOMINEE COUNTY**

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Take advantage of opportunities for entrepreneurship / determine what businesses could flourish in Menominee	1
2	Tourism (pursuit of)	1
3	Need more industry	
4	Technical training should be available locally	3
5	Eco-industrial park in Middle Village (including infrastructure) in conjunction with manufacturing/light industry	1
6	Proper/fair compensation of workforce	
7	Land use policies need to be updated	
8	Gaming compacts (renewal) and its impact on local/regional development	5
9	Improve/expand what we already have	
10	Incentives for development (tax breaks)	
11	Politics of economic development need to be clearly understood	
12	We have to be able to explain our impact in region (tell our story)	
13	Gaming has benefited surrounding communities more than Menominee – no trickle down to the reservation	

**HOUSING ISSUES**

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	High cost of rent in county and reservation	
2	Lack of conservation planning	2
3	Need to provide housing without causing urban sprawl	
4	Lack of affordable housing	
5	Accessing mortgages from commercial lenders	1
6	Families renting and living in Shawano	1
7	Housing for singles (apartments)	
8	Difficulty financing homes on trust land (and appraisals)	
9	Indoor air pollution (mold)	
10	Landscaping and home building affecting shorelines	
11	Educating lake property owners	
12	Remodeling older homes (lack of)	
13	Lack of middle income homes	3
14	Homes not built to building codes	2
15	Absentee landowners	
16	Abandoned homes	
17	Availability of land for residential development	
18	Still planning in present, need to look to the future (average 4 children per family)	
19	Need a total planning scheme for Middle Village	

## TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Build, repair, maintain roadways with attention to invasive species and threatened species	2
2	Railroad availability (lack of)	
3	Scheduled bus stop areas (public)	
4	Keep invasive species out of waterways	3
5	Lack of speeding enforcement (safety)	
6	Poor condition of existing roads	
7	Difficult for families to get to and from work (commute), some are barely making enough money to run a reliable vehicle	
8	Availability of transport to and from work for 3 shifts of workers	
9	Lack of safe walkways and bike ways (lighted)	1
10	Educate bikers	
11	Funding for road maintenance needs to be key	1
12	Use of more eco-planning (lay of land) in road planning	
13	Deteriorating roads with traffic	1
14	Snow removal in town	
15	No sidewalk maintenance	
16	Maintaining roads for repair of utilities (during storms, etc.)	
17	No designated ATV trails or parks	
18	Congestion in downtown Keshena	
19	Excessive use of salt, especially near water bodies	

## UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES ISSUES

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Need commitment to parks and green space	1
2	Facilities concentrated in Keshena	
3	Need larger public meeting place in Keshena	
4	Not enough funds available to run and maintain public buildings properly	
5	Hazard mitigation planning	
6	Look at cost of using existing facilities for public mtgs.	
7	Need tribal beach on both ends of Legend Lake	
8	Need more recreational buildings and sites	
9	Upgrade utilities (for sewer/ water)	1
10	Upgrade including utility extension to Legend Lake	
11	Utility plan for future expansion and growth	
12	Both use of community aspect of CMN (public participation/attendance at events)	
13	Need for retail center (tribal)	
14	How many are too many? (jails, libraries, fire stations, police shops)	
15	Sensible parking accommodations (too small or too far)	
16	Natural gas line installation	1
17	Need tourism/information center	

## AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ISSUES

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Need cultural museum / information center	
2	Identification and protection of natural and cultural (archaeology) areas (including newly discovered areas)	
3	Protect air, water, and habitat of threatened and endangered species ie. karner blue butterfly	2
4	Long range plan to preserve and protect Menominee culture (i.e./language)	2
5	Look at what we have and how it might be used for purposes of sustainable economic development	1
6	Exploitation of tribal natural areas for personal gain	
7	Need integrated resource management plan	1
8	Degradation of roads/areas near falls	1
9	Plans for mill pond (dam)	
10	Introduction of non non-native species	
11	Need better dialogue between people of different cultural backgrounds	1
12	Pollution	1
13	Need for archeological studies on non-tribal land	
14	Need education regarding wise use of natural resources: shoreland development, fertilizer use, and septic system maintenance	1

## LAND USE ISSUES

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Need cemetery	1
2	Natural resource protection through wise conservation	
3	Need better cooperation with surrounding communities (overlapping zoning)	1
4	Need to plan for future development	3
5	Education from grade school on land use plans/practices (forestry)	
6	Loss of natural lands through development	1
7	Outdated policies/zoning ordinances require revision	1
8	Who's responsible for taking care of garbage in woods	
9	Over development in certain areas	
10	Policy should address/dictate highest use of land	
11	Differences in tribal and county zoning	
12	Re-establish forestry acreage in railroad – right – of – way (200 acres)	
13	Too much land used for forestry / lack of developable land	
14	Urban sprawl (at border of tribal lands)	

### INTER GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ISSUES

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Intergovernmental agreements need to be specific and formalized	
2	Ha! Ha! Ha! (problems remain)	
3	Need more cooperation	
4	State and tribal conflicts	
5	Lack of cooperation with BIA (including forest management funding) - \$ doesn't match volume	2
6	Funding for mandated programs/services lacking	
7	Lack of communication among governments	
8	Duplication of services	
9	Duplication of grant applications (people after same \$)	
10	Lack of maintenance of open dialogue	

### IMPLEMENTATION: ISSUES

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Involve the public and decide on a timetable	
2	Funding – lack of tax base in Menominee County	
3	Policy needs to be a reward system, not punitive	
4	Smart growth	

### TOP THREE ISSUES

#	ISSUES	POINTS
1	Gaming compacts (renewal) and its impact on local/regional development	5
2	Technical training should be available locally	3
2	Lack of middle income homes	3
2	Keep invasive species out of waterways	3
2	Need to plan for future development	3