

**Public Survey (3) Question 27  
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*186 responses were classified in the following categories.*

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**1 Sharing**

Comments relating to sharing with DeForest, etc. or shared services.

- 161 A combined police department.
- 1 Always look for partners for shared services as long as the agreements are fair to Windsor residents.
- 117 Anything they can with DeForest to share resources and not duplicate things.
- 22 Become one village
- 136 DeForest needs to recognize that by combining our forces we could be a player to contend with in Dane County. DeForest -Windsor School District, DeForest-Windsor Community Center and DeForest-Windsor Police, to name a few. As long as DeForest chooses to be isolationist we should not bend to their every whim. Really, everyone thinks of Kwik Trip, McDonalds, Pepsi, Roadside Grill as being in Windsor. We should be working to make that happen along with some of the other land in the area. We need some commercial land to develop and we need DeForest to give a little before we give to them. Don't get me wrong, love DeForest but we need to look out for us.
- 62 DF & Windsor need to merge.
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- 36 Have we ever really considered just combining Windsor and DeForest?
- 132 I believe that we should share POLICE services with Deforest. Windsor is already outgrown the coverage that the country provides (that we pay for). Why not pay the village of Deforest for a new policing contract and get round the clock dedicated coverage, quicker response, and more community policing opportunities.
- 183 I believe Windsor and DeForest should combine into a single entity.

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- 18 I have to return to the topic of what things are called. The village refers to the Village Municipal Campus. I am familiar with a school or University Campus. In this context I don't know what the village is referring to. Likewise the reference to Commercial Incubator Space - What is this in reference to - really? In the future the village must every effort to embrace reality based communication - use terms and ideas the village population can understand.
- 83 I like the idea of having our own municipal services but it might not be cost effective at tis time. The more we can separate from DeForest the better.
- 100 I think Deforest and Windsor should Merge to both benefit from shared services.
- 93 I think Windsor should be absorbed into Village of Deforest to increase tax base and better utilize tax dollars.
- 94 If it continues to grow they may need their own police and fire.
- 49 If the Fire/Police and EMS facility located in DeForest can handle the population in the area it serves, then Windsor should not have their own and continue in shared services. If population is a concern then a separate Windsor campus.
- 17 If the village of Windsor decides to continue to share EMS, Fire, etc., then we should choose to share a police force. The fact that we are growing incrementally and we only have 3 county sheriff that cover our area is a large concern. Especially as the school district continues to expand walk zones to further areas and we only have 1 officer to cover multiple exits of our elementary school. With the increase of crimes at schools, we need a larger police presence.
- 180 Let DeForest build the pool, and we can share it.
- 35 Library
- 79 Library
- 138 Library
- 149 Library
- 31 Library
- 3 Merge with De Forest
- 2 Merge with De Forest
- 75 Merge with Deforest
- 81 Merge with DeForest
- 124 Share a youth and swim center with Deforest. that would be awesome and something DeForest does not offer.
- 30 Shared service as now using, until the town has grown to size that supports its own public services.
- 71 Shared services are fine for the next few years. I hope that we plan to have our own by 2038. I believe we should have our own after we attract some light industry similar to DeForest to raise our tax base.
- 126 Shared services are obviously necessary, but independent services would be preferred, when appropriate growth warrants them.
- 171 Sharing resources with neighboring municipalities is a smart thing to do to keep costs down and keep our taxes lower.
- 140 Should not share services with DeForest.
- 55 They both should join as one municipality and stop duplication.

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38 Windsor & DeForest need to decide if they want to grow together as one for the long term and plan accordingly. If they are able to serve the community better and more efficiently together we should welcome that.

150 Work with DASD on a shared INDOOR POOL.

42 Yes, consolidation of all services.

**2 Services** Comments relating to services to residents.

85 AARP TAX SERVICES

134 Additional parks and recreation services.

11 Administration

48 Bicycling

172 Building inspection

80 Center to assist those in need - clothing pantry, food pantry, school supply pantry, showers, laundry - a family resource center.

78 Chamber of Commerce

68 Community garden plots same quality as DeForest with parking.

13 Community Pool

101 Community Space for Events.

60 Connecting Bike Trails/Road to access DeForest/Windsor.

56 Continue library service in DeForest.

109 Continue shared services until growth dictates needed change.

111 Continue Shared services with Dane County Sheriffs office as I see no need to develop our own police force unless costs from DCSO exceed costs to develop own force.

43 Court. Fire. EMS.

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98 DeForest Area Library

120 Deforest Library

66 Depending on Cost effectiveness, continue to keep Dane County on for patrol. I would also eliminate the contracted Building and Zoning and hire Full time employees. The amount of building permit fees would offset the cost instead of GIVING such a large percentage away.

65 Development of Agri. land & River frontage connected to DeForest walking trail.

63 Farmer's Market, street festivals, youth sports.

173 Food pantry

53 Government with DeForest. Police services at a minimum.

28 Historical Center

96 I believe additional funding should be allocated for the community and senior center since there, no doubt, will be expansion in the Windsor/DeForest area. There is land available on the corner of Hwy V and Main St to expand the senior center and provide track and swimming pool in the community center/senior center

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- 41 I believe that public safety in Windsor is lacking. There could be more done to protect the tax payers from crime, fire and EMS emergencies.
- 21 I support any help the Village of Windsor would be in securing a new pool for the community. The HS pool is old and does not support good community events. There are no other pools very close by. So many recreation facilities are coming to our area, a pool would complete that. Something like the Pleasant Prairie rec plex (on a smaller scale) would be an amazing addition to the entire Madison area.
- 9 I think there is a great need for a combined swimming facility that can be used by both communities year round. Neither community can afford it alone.
- 4 Library, Historical Society, Pool (via DeForest School District), any sports complex parks.
- 156 New indoor pool at DeForest high school.
- 186 Outdoor pool, bike paths, parks department, school district.
- 29 Outdoor pool.
- 115 Parks
- 64 Parks and bike paths.
- 177 Parks and rec
- 54 Parks and Recreation
- 139 Parks and Recreation
- 14 Parks and water
- 15 Parks with Tennis, Pickleball and skating rinks.
- 174 Police
- 178 Police
- 163 Police and fire. water utility
- 102 Police Services
- 131 Police, Farmers Market, Retirement home.
- 123 Pool in DeForest
- 23 Pool/Youth Center
- 84 Possibly parks, recreation and conservancy.
- 137 Recreation/swimming pool
- 148 Schools, Food delivery services, TRANSPORTATION
- 103 Swimming Pool
- 25 Swimming pool, parks and recreation, walking/biking paths. Since school districts are already combined, why not incorporate Windsor with DeForest to create a cohesive community?
- 45 Swimming pool; parks; youth activities.
- 108 The DeForest area is in dire need of an indoor pool facility either on its own in addition to a community center or as part of a new school being built
- 6 The library in DeForest is great and seems to serve both communities well without needing another one in Windsor.
- 169 We need our own police and fire.

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99 Windsor should provide the same services as DeForest does but to their own residents.

**3 Access**

Comments relating to access to facilities, bike paths, etc.

142 Connecting bike/walking paths between communities.

5 Continue to integrate pedestrian and bike paths, allow small electric vehicles like golf type, nurture shared service and recreational departments, create a fitness and activity center such as Waunakee.

187 Public transit (commuting to Madison)

**5 Economics**

Comments relating to financial aspects

179 Anything that lowers taxes.

147 Anything that will be economically advantageous.

133 Only if it will lessen the tax burden on property owners

170 Participate until it makes financial sense to go out on our own.

162 Services above are expensive and should be shared until such time one or other think they own them.

74 Services that save money.

58 Water rates have significantly increased while services have not. Don't let that happen with everything else too!

122 We should cease sharing services as we grow and it becomes appropriate to have separate services. Until that occurs, continuing to share services makes financial sense.

157 What saves tax money? If such a state of growth is projected, when does our property tax receive a relief in order to afford these projected changes. I speak on behalf of the elderly: all of these things are highly desired, but how are the elderly able to contribute to any degree when all expenses keep escalating???

144 Whenever we can share services and save money, works for me.

**6 Infrastructure**

Comments relating to roads, trash pickup, Internet access, etc.

50 Fixing of our roads now!!

92 Garbage, if cost beneficial.

141 Internet infrastructure

86 REPAIR HWY DM IN MORRISONVILLE BEFORE SPENDING MONEY TO ADD BIKE PATHS AND REDOING DOWNTOWN WINDSOR!!!!

145 Road construction/maintenance if it isn't already; emergency response (fire/police/EMS) should be something both Windsor and Deforest have as a combined service . . . moving toward the concept of one large community rather than perpetuating a two-community existence that only placed undue financial burdens on the smaller of the two (namely, Windsor). We need to desperately establish one community to share in the expenses of that community that can only thrive and grow.

39 Road repair County Hwy

125 Water.

**7 Planning**

Comments relating to items that should be considered in the future.

105 I prefer the "small town" atmosphere.

146 Keep it small

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185	Long range planning and development via coordinated efforts.
76	Micro Grids for neighborhood solar power. Yahara bike/hike path. Parks.
130	More planned family activities to promote Windsor & the charm that needs to be known.
128	No, less multi-family housing in Windsor please!
16	Number of active officers should be proportionate to the village population.
8	Seems if there is any thought to wastewater treatment plant instead of pumping to Madison it should be a shared facility with DeForest and any other small areas surrounding to make economics work for all. The industrial park areas seem too separated to have any economies of scale.
34	Sun prairie Fire Dept for those living much closer to Sun Prairie
107	We are have a Prime Location to Madison. Let's be a destination place.
<b>8 Unknown</b>	Cannot determine the nature of the comment, (no opinion, none, etc.)
32	?
129	?
10	Do not know at this time
57	Don't know
135	Don't know
82	Get along with DeForest.
110	N/A
90	N/A
106	N/A
151	N/A
95	N/A
12	No
20	No
24	No
33	No
52	No
69	No
70	No
59	No
112	No
121	No
152	No
153	No
154	No
182	No

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88	No
160	No
164	No
166	No
168	No
176	No
181	No
155	No
158	No opinion
167	None
87	None
73	None
72	None
67	None
40	None
127	None that I can think of
26	None that I can think of at this time.
119	None, over taxed now.
37	Not at this time.
7	Not sure
97	Not sure
77	Nothing specific, but if there is money to be saved for both entities then there should be consideration given to share the service.
47	Sun Prairie
175	UNDECIDED
143	Unsure

**9 Senior citizens**                      Related to need for senior citizen housing and services, etc.

46	Multi function building for seniors, youth, and community events.
91	Municipal Court and Fire EMS. Drop the Sr center and chamber.
165	Senior center in DeForest absolutely crazy to have a separate one.

**10 Comment**                              Multiple items discussed and unable to classify the underlying premise.

184	#26 should have been broken out individually.
89	All where it makes sense - living in Morrisonville I don't feel a strong tie to a 'downtown' Windsor.
116	AS MANY AS IT CAN.

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- 159 Continue as is. The areas are too close in proximity not to work together and having separate everything seems like a waste of resources and tax money. As a transplant to the area, it seems the area is too small to have separate services.
- 104 Dementia friendly
- 27 I thought part of the reason we voted to become a village was to protect our rural/agricultural land. Suddenly now I feel like Windsor's vision has changed. As for the current shared services, why would we want to create our own, when the current shared services are working just fine. Do we really have enough residents to support our own senior center, fire dept, etc. Why create this division between the communities and residents?!?!? Is that the responsible thing to do with our tax money?!?!? Why not work together with DeForest and other neighboring communities to a great place to live.... more shops, restaurants, something to attract people to come to Windsor/DeForest. I'm sorry but a Historical Society is not the answer. Also what about the older areas in Windsor, Morrisonville could use some attention.
- 118 I would like some more direct info on the acquisition of property's to be used for the "downtown" plan. What the compensation is for the property owners being moved. I am a resident of old Windsor, and am aware of a few lots currently being held and used for a parking lot of damaged vehicles on depot St. This area is what should be looked at for government downtown districting. The acquirement of the property on that complete side of the road on depot, the multi family unit, two open paved lots and the single family home on the corner. If more space is needed, acquire the multi family unit on the corner of depot and Windsor rd. Another good piece of property that would have an easier time being re-zoned would be the farm house and out lot of the house directly across from the depot st, Windsor rd intersection. I think there are better options than taking over two or three homes abutting fireman's park. If the Windsor rd/depot st area was looked at, I think that property acquirement would be cheaper, more land and give a better option for then acquiring the multi family located next to Windsor breads and the business building next to the railroad tracks and have a nice horseshoe of community buildings, Windsor breads, post office, etc.
- 113 Regarding question 26; short term I think we are fine but as Windsor grows, we need to have own services. I've seen growth in other communities without regard to police, fire, ems and it doesn't work well. I'd support that first before Village Hall. Current hall seems fine but I don't work there every day so don't know limitations.
- 19 The survey seems skewed to the assumption that a municipal campus is desired. Most people don't affiliate themselves with Windsor independently from that of DeForest. Supporting residential growth throughout the village of Windsor by keeping taxes low would benefit Windsor more so than expanded services which duplicate those offered by DeForest.
- 51 Too many of these questions are black and white. Example: some the joint services questions in #26 could remain joint while others should be Windsor-only. Absolutely depends on the case. However, no joint deals just to seem like good neighbors unless the numbers support Windsor participation and at what levels.