

4. If you were in charge and had unlimited resources what would you do to improve the Koochiching County area?

Town	Responses	Category	THEME
AEOA	decorate more around town to feel welcoming	Aesthetics	
AEOA	decorate the schools for holidays	Aesthetics	
AEOA LIT	City take care of city to keep it clean	Aesthetics	
AEOA LIT	update the water tower and put our school colors on it	Aesthetics	
Birchdale	beautify Birchdale	Aesthetics	
Birchdale	plant lady slippers along the entire length of Highway 11 west between I. Falls and Baudette to replace all of the plants that were wiped out with the road construction project	Aesthetics	80 responses People felt a need for improved aesthetics and general appearance throughout the county. Cleanup of blight, beautification of Hwy 53, and by adding plantings, benches, signage etc. Overall, a more welcoming, pleasant appearance.
Falls	beautify the downtown with a unique look	Aesthetics	
Falls	flower garden	Aesthetics	
Falls	beautify the corridor coming into town	Aesthetics	
Falls	benches	Aesthetics	
Falls	change from working against blight to working for beauty	Aesthetics	
Falls	change to look of our corridor entries	Aesthetics	
Falls	make highway 53 approach to I Falls and Main Street into I Falls much more attractive to visitors with better resorts and businesses	Aesthetics	
Falls	no more aluminum or pole building permits	Aesthetics	
Falls	put something in the open spots downtown playground	Aesthetics	

I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	beautify Highway 53	Aesthetics	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	plant more trees	Aesthetics	
International Falls	clean up and improve appearance of homes & businesses especially along main roads.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	clean up blight on Highway 53 driving north into I Falls and make it look more appealing	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Clean up blight, especially along the major corridors	Aesthetics	
International Falls	clean up the town and entry into town	Aesthetics	
International Falls	get rid of other junk properties on the way in and out of town	Aesthetics	
International Falls	get rid of the Northern Lumber disaster on the old Holiday property across the street	Aesthetics	
International Falls	make Hwy 53 buildings look nice - improve look of entrance to town from south east	Aesthetics	
International Falls	make the entry into town pleasant like in other small towns such as Ely, Grand Marais and Lanesboro	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Add boardwalk	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Blight	Aesthetics	
International Falls	clean streets	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Clean up the region	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Parks/benches, flowers, banners, lights, etc. through the community to make it more inviting.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	We need to spiff up our storefronts	Aesthetics	
International Falls	I would force the business owners on Highway 53 to clean up their act so we can put our best foot forward so we have pride in our community and visitors are left with a good impression.	Aesthetics	

International Falls	energize the community to make parks, businesses, and homes more appealing to the eye	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Need to dress up the downtown area and have a theme.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	fight blight.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Highway 53 to downtown Int'l. Falls	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Improve aesthetics of the community.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	improve curb appeal to businesses, especially along Hwy 53 coming into Int'l Falls	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Improve Highway 53 appearance	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Improve the entry corridors into the city.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Is there any way to make the mill more attractive looking? We don't have the prettiest skyline	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Make a SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT in Highway 53 beautification	Aesthetics	
International Falls	Make area an attractive place for families.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	make garbage clean up mandatory	Aesthetics	
International Falls	No more metal buildings along major highway entrances.	Aesthetics	
International Falls	take down old buildings and put up new businesses	Aesthetics	
International Falls	eliminate semi-trailer parking lot along route to lake and Canada	Aesthetics	
International Falls	improve corridors into town appearance	Aesthetics	
International Falls and at the lake	Avoid the building of buildings that don't fit, e.g. water treatment plant	Aesthetics	
International Falls and at the lake	Improve the looks of the town while preserving historic neighborhoods	Aesthetics	
International Falls and at the lake	imprve the looks of the town while preserving historic neighborhoods and buildings	Aesthetics	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	give town a face lift, paint, get garbage off roads	Aesthetics	
Littlefork	Beautify Hwy. 53.	Aesthetics	
Littlefork	enforce landscaping rules	Aesthetics	

Littlefork	I would make Smokey Bear Park more interesting with water fountains, statues, etc.	Aesthetics	
Littlefork	No run-down buildings	Aesthetics	
Littlefork	Beautify Highway 53 city corridor	Aesthetics	
Littlefork	Enforce a bi-annual clean-up day for every homeowner. Other cities look more kept up, several areas are severely neglected. Hwy. 53, entrance into Int'l. Falls has tipped over signs, median between frontage rd. & Chocolate Moose. Need beautification on Hwy. 53, need to get funding for that like Mainstreet, paper mill should focus on that.	Aesthetics	
Littlefork	Appearance of Falls needs improvement	Aesthetics	
Littlefork	stricter rules for county clean-up	Aesthetics	
Littlefork and International Falls	have clean-up crews	Aesthetics	
Littlefork and International Falls	No littering	Aesthetics	
Loman	I would work on improving design in existing communities	Aesthetics	
Loman	Improve the downtown area of International Falls	Aesthetics	
Minneapolis (From l'Falls)	Finally, it would be great to see Hwy 53 get a facelift. It is not inspiring to stay for a visit when you come into town past a bunch of pole barn style buildings and motels. My husband, who grew up here in the Twin Cities, always says "it's a lot nicer than you first think; it's too bad that this is the road in!"	Aesthetics	
northome	clean up the appearance of our community	Aesthetics	
Rainy Lake	Add a grand entrance to Rainy River Community College with digital signage like BSU has	Aesthetics	
Rainy Lake	beautify down-town	Aesthetics	
Rainy Lake	bury power lines	Aesthetics	
Rainy Lake	clean up the blight	Aesthetics	
Rainy Lake	Enforce or tighten up building codes so business owners would at least repaint or repair what they have	Aesthetics	

Rainy Lake	make area more inviting to people from other areas by improving appearance of the communities, beautifying	Aesthetics	
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Rainy Lake	put more money into our infrastructure so we look beautiful to companies deciding if they should move here or not	Aesthetics	
Rainy Lake	Beautify the river like Fort Frances did - trade the land that has semis parked on so the riverfront could be used and appreciated by all	Aesthetics	
Rainy Lake	SPEND MONEY TO IMPROVE 53 coming into down by PLANTING TREES, it has been talked to death so many times over the years, that little saplings would be gorgeous now "	Aesthetics	
Ranier	improve entrances into the city on Highways 53 and 71	Aesthetics	
Ranier	improve main street	Aesthetics	
Ranier	better entrance to Ranier, and updated park and playground equipment	Aesthetics	
Ray	when logging - leave a buffer zone of trees along the highway	Aesthetics	
Falls	help our community center	Arts & Culture	30 responses People really value Backus and arts in general and would like to see more attention and funding provided to area arts and culture. Such as music, theater, artists' colony, sculpture and area-focused museums
Falls	more public art and cultural opportunities	Arts & Culture	
Falls	promote arts and music	Arts & Culture	
Falls	sculpture	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	advertise the museum more	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	Artist colony	Arts & Culture	

International Falls	Culture and fine arts	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	historical museum showcasing the area	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	Celebrate beauty and significance of Rainy River, art, music and culture	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	Enhance Backus Community Center	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	Fix the rest of Backus	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	Get more foundation grants for Backus Community Center	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	highlight talent in the area	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	improve use of historic sites and museum	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	increase funding and participation in arts and education	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	more live theater, plays, dinner theater	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	preservation of historic buildings	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	We need a bigger music community	Arts & Culture	
International Falls	Feature artists, musicians, etc. in our town! Create a sculpture contest or something like that and have the winners displayed around town.	Arts & Culture	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	improve Backus AB 3rd floor floors are wavy, utilize buildings we already have,	Arts & Culture	
Island Lake	connect artists in area to exhibit art	Arts & Culture	
Island Lake	involve community members and children with art	Arts & Culture	
Koochiching	Children plays	Arts & Culture	
Koochiching	Art and Craft center	Arts & Culture	
Littlefork	Art structures	Arts & Culture	
Littlefork	music stage	Arts & Culture	
Littlefork	Subsidize cultural, historical, arts events	Arts & Culture	
Minneapolis	Thank you for your time, I look forward to see where this program will be able to influence and affect our community. Sadly if things cannot change and improve, creatives like myself will not be able to stay here and help to impact the culture and artistic preservation of our community. We are in a full blown artistic and cultural crisis! Bring the arts and culture back to our businesses and storefronts in I Falls and the people will follow.	Arts & Culture	

northome	marketing person for locally made crafts	Arts & Culture	
Ranier	Have musical festivals, film festivals at Backus - it's the best auditorium in Northern MN!	Arts & Culture	
(blank)	I would make Canada loosen up there non-resident fishing, hunting, camping, driving a vehicle on their gravel roads regulations. By doing that right there you would bring possibly hundreds of thousands more people through Koochiching County helping the economy and still keeping the small town.	Border issues	13 responses. Streamline border crossing process and ease regulations. Advocate for the inclusion and cooperation of cross border activities. Pursue a new port of entry.
International Falls	easier border crossing for athletic teams	Border issues	
International Falls	provide an express lane for local residents to cross the border	Border issues	
International Falls	Also, why does the border crossing area look like a factory bathroom!? Not the most welcoming to people passing through!	Border issues	
International Falls	I would open the border once a month or so to let people go across for free and easy	Border issues	
International Falls	Local lane at International Bridge	Border issues	
International Falls	Make a community between Canada and International Falls so we could work together because people are what makes a community good	Border issues	
International Falls	Need new Customs and Immigration port of entry	Border issues	
International Falls	never forget to include Fort Frances and the surrounding area	Border issues	
International Falls	Work with the MNR, Ontario, on Rainy Lake regs	Border issues	
Littlefork	encourage cross-border events	Border issues	
Littlefork	encourage more tourism from Canada	Border issues	
Rainy Lake	add a passenger train from Canada to International Falls	Border issues	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	rerouting the bridge line	Border issues	

AEOA LIT	More Laundromats	Business	148 responses. Overall we would really like to see diversification and more innovative businesses for the county. Some suggestions included brewery, outfitters, water bottling, Internet cafes for outlying areas, aquaponics, cold weather businesses, data entry centers, and spa. A need was also expressed for improved customer service and general business and employee training.
AEOA LIT	More Ma and Pa stores to give growth to the people and less big name companies overruling our small town	Business	
AEOA LIT	More options of businesses	Business	
AEOA LIT	Negotiate or incentives for businesses to come here	Business	
Ardenhurst Township - Island Lake Area - Northome	Small businesses offer the most potential for growth and a program for nurturing small business startups might bear fruit and a mentoring program combined with carefully administered startup grants might result in one or two businesses that grow to be significant employers.	Business	
Big Falls	later business hours	Business	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	open a reindeer business with carriage rides	Business	
Birchdale	solar farm	Business	
Blackduck	Encourage green industries to start up or relocate here.	Business	

Clementson	sales barn for bull sales in area	Business	
Falls	open a micro brewery in Woodys in Ranier	Business	
Falls	bottle Falls water	Business	
Falls	bring in more business	Business	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	bring another major business in	Business	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	encourage small diverse businesses	Business	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	expand cold weather testing	Business	
indus school	sow operation	Business	
indus school	winery using local ingredients: rhubarb, honey, blueberries	Business	
indus school	try to make the area more appealing to businesses	Business	
indus school	microbrewery using water from Loman flowing well of I. Falls award-winning water	Business	
Internation Falls	business expansions	Business	
International Falls	a local press that is going demand answers as to new business suppression	Business	
International Falls	attract more businesses to Koochiching county	Business	
International Falls	better radio stations	Business	
International Falls	bigger business	Business	
International Falls	Bring in ice fishing business	Business	
International Falls	community businesses	Business	
International Falls	encourage out-of-the-box thinking for new business, business expansion and tourism	Business	
International Falls	help promote the local businesses more	Business	
International Falls	I would work hard to try and bring new large innovative businesses into the community - we need a means to bring our youth back to the area.	Business	

International Falls	invite more business whether they are union or not	Business	
International Falls	more business on the lake	Business	
International Falls	more businesses	Business	
International Falls	more interesting companies	Business	
International Falls	more local businesses	Business	
International Falls	More new business to attract young families	Business	
International Falls	more variety in professional services;	Business	
International Falls	start a micro-brewing company with our excellent water	Business	
International Falls	would like to see the area as medium sized with more business opportunity	Business	
International Falls	add Gamestop.	Business	
International Falls	attract new businesses	Business	
International Falls	Brewery and live music scene like Ely.	Business	
International Falls	bring in more business	Business	
International Falls	Build businesses	Business	
International Falls	business owners who want to improve	Business	
International Falls	businesses should make it easier for people to know what products and services are available in the area because yellow pages are insufficient and not all business have websites - Chamber?	Business	
International Falls	Convert Woody's old building into better lodging and revive the pub	Business	
International Falls	Create aquaculture project	Business	
International Falls	Encourage businesses that entail educated and professional staff	Business	
International Falls	encourage more business to locate here	Business	
International Falls	encourage small business growth	Business	
International Falls	Encourage young entrepreneurs and new business.	Business	
International Falls	Get some outfitters, a brewery, live music, etc.	Business	
International Falls	Hopefully attract several smaller businesses rather than one large employer	Business	

International Falls	I would like to see 3-4 different businesses develop roots here. I would like to see that many so that we have several options and can weather changes to the economy.	Business	
International Falls	I would like to see more businesses allowed to come into the community	Business	
International Falls	I would seek out more businesses to locate in Kooch Co.	Business	
International Falls	improve shopping, restaurants, theaters to attract professionals to the area	Business	
International Falls	invest in bringing in business	Business	
International Falls	look for more business opportunities other than tourism	Business	
International Falls	More amenities for locals and tourists	Business	
International Falls	More business (can't be a retirement community)	Business	
International Falls	more business opportunities	Business	
International Falls	Need to attract more business	Business	
International Falls	Outfitter that rents outdoor gear like kyaks and bikes.	Business	
International Falls	promote cold weather testing	Business	
International Falls	Seek out companies that can have headquarters anywhere like United Healthcare	Business	
International Falls	Seek out companies that utilize cold temperatures or other natural resources	Business	
International Falls	Strengthen shopping, restaurants	Business	
International Falls	They could be on the smaller side - but they would pay well and offer benefits.	Business	
International Falls	We need to be innovative in our thinking and pursuing businesses that would be a good fit for our area - Can we use our colder weather to attract certain businesses other than Cold Weather Testing, for example businesses that pay high cooling costs (computer operations, etc.)?	Business	
International Falls	biggest drawback is that we are in a one-way situation unless it's a wood product/then your supply has to be shipped into the area/high freight cost of shipping raw materials/Example- car dealership - you have one shot then customer goes south/residents of other communities don't drive up here to shop	Business	
International Falls	more cold weather business opportunities such as training for police or firemen	Business	

International Falls & Big Falls	have a place to rent kayaks, canoes, bikes, jet skis, boats, tubes, snowmobiles, four-wheelers with marked trails	Business	
International Falls (2)	spa near or on the lake--something for women.	Business	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	"There are trucks leaving with loads of Boise Paper, they need to be full of something else when returning or put it on the train to return"	Business	
International Falls and at the lake	improve customer service in businesses	Business	
International Falls, Rainy Lake	Aesthetic multi-use development on riverfront	Business	
International Falls, Rainy Lake	provide a commercial kitchen available to rent, maybe in a community center with gym and banquet hall.	Business	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	try to attract an emerging young company and give them our full backing and help to succeed	Business	
International Falls/at the lake	improve customer service so that everyone who works in local business becomes an ambassador for the community	Business	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	build businesses for more occupational opportunities for people to move here	Business	
Island Lake	publish real newspaper at northome	Business	
International Falls	more small businesses like Starbucks	Business	
International Falls	Local business owners need direction and consulting on how to properly run a business	Business	
International Falls	There is currently a HUGE lack of customer service skills in this area.	Business	
Kabetogama	rent empty downtown window space to other businesses to promote their business that's not in the downtown.	Business	
Koochiching	Better business climate for new companies to merge	Business	
Koochiching	Bring more businesses to town	Business	
Koochiching	Improve the Newspaper	Business	
Koochiching	More businesses	Business	
Koochiching	More businesses	Business	

Koochiching	Price food lower	Business	
Koochiching	I would support small and local businesses	Business	
Koochiching	more businesses	Business	
Littlefork	a sports center to buy & rent equipment	Business	
Littlefork	Have employers set higher standards for employees at businesses.	Business	
Littlefork	internet caf� in Littlefork	Business	
Littlefork	spa on the lake	Business	
Littlefork	allow businesses to come into county such as Polaris, Marvin Windows, 3M, etc rather than turn them down for the "bettering of Boise"	Business	
Littlefork	Allow other big business to come to the area, rather than pushing them away.	Business	
Littlefork	Bring businesses and industries into the area	Business	
Littlefork	Bring in more businesses	Business	
Littlefork	Bring in more businesses	Business	
Littlefork	Bring more businesses to the area	Business	
Littlefork	Encourage more small businesses	Business	
Littlefork	Get some new businesses to generate excitement	Business	
Littlefork	Help keep businesses up & running	Business	
Littlefork	high end salon	Business	
Littlefork	I would bring in better businesses, not necessarily more, but different.	Business	
Littlefork	I'm not really sure. It would be nice to see more business competition to lower some of the prices in the area.	Business	
Littlefork	kayak tube canoe rentals	Business	
Littlefork	more businesses	Business	
Littlefork	more businesses - NOT DOLLAR STORES	Business	
Littlefork	More businesses.	Business	
Littlefork	motorized & non-motorized boat rentals.	Business	
Littlefork	new businesses	Business	
Littlefork	Promote businesses to move into our area.	Business	

Littlefork	Promote more business to move into the area & make sure they are financially sound	Business	
Littlefork	rental water toys. Add technical business to the area with living-wage jobs	Business	
Littlefork	Update what we have for example Menards	Business	
Littlefork	Add more businesses	Business	
Loman	business that pulls money in not just from locals but from 30 states	Business	
Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	I could be off base, but it really seems like there is an aversion to competition with current businesses; especially with anyone new moving in to start a business, and I think that is going to keep the town firmly where it is. I'm so glad to see this effort going -- hopefully it represents a shift in mindset. Competition is good; it makes you get better.	Business	
northome	create business opportunities	Business	
northome	create more businesses so young people remain	Business	
northome	creation of opportunities for small business	Business	
northome	expand angel investor and business incubator programs	Business	
northome	improve economics by growing business opportunities	Business	
northome	not big businesses	Business	
northome	satellite companies	Business	
northome	signs advertising existing businesses	Business	
northome	small business ownership	Business	
northome	try to attract businesses that can provide employment for residents	Business	
Northome	Northome IS a bedroom community to Bemidji. I would not only explore how to enhance that but also work on some of the industries to see Northome as a viable area for satellite offices.	Business	
Northome	I would work on a steady basis on pulling business into the area, especially in the Northome area.	Business	
Northome	I would work steady on finding a use for the Nursing Home building before it is too late.	Business	

Northome	Work on computer, internet business and marketing. I would promote home based businesses in the area (which I am in the process of doing already)	Business	
Northome	I would host meetings in the area for business owners even on training on "HOW to increase your business and maintain an edge in marketing" There are a couple business owners who "get it" but some who do not... For example the local grocery store. If they had training on improving their marketing and responding to the needs of their customers..and encouragement in that area, - People of the area may be able to go in there and be able to get EVERYTHING on their grocery list because it is there and in decent shape... instead of only being able to get half of the ingredients for a meal and go to Blackduck to get the rest. It is not location problem... it is a marketing problem.	Business	
Rainy Lake	add a lake boat casino and park it at different resorts each week	Business	
Rainy Lake	get 10 to 15 smaller businesses employing 10 to 30 people each	Business	
Rainy Lake	make sure trucks leaving with loads of Boise paper return full of something else or have the truck return on the train to save fuel	Business	
Rainy Lake	MLS Realtors	Business	
Rainy Lake	more small businesses	Business	
Rainy Lake	have a technical business come here	Business	
Ranier	Improve communications. We have a newspaper that publishes twice weekly and one radio station that does very little to inform the community of what is going on. Unfortunately, neither one is well respected within the community.	Business	
Ranier	get more small companys to open shops in area	Business	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	more businesses	Business	
Rural - Outside of I Falls	Economic development needs to focus on the small business end.	Business	
	get new businesses to locate here that would work within the needs of the people here	Business	

Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	lower gas prices	Economy	36 responses. Diversify economic base by being open to innovative business ideas as well as supporting existing local businesses. Desire for competitive pricing for goods and services.
Birchdale	Bring in industries jobs people and families	Economy	
Blackduck	Try to diversify the economy	Economy	
Falls	change and diversify the economy from a one industry town to a more diversified one	Economy	
Falls	Change the unwillingness of people to be open to new ideas for economic development	Economy	
Falls	Diversify business base	Economy	
Falls	healthy downtown	Economy	
Falls	Strive for economic development	Economy	
Falls	support what we have	Economy	
indus school	try to fix lower incomes	Economy	
indus school	try to improve the economy	Economy	
International Falls	buy locally in our county to support our businesses	Economy	
International Falls	foster loyalty and spending locally such as a loyalty card or program for buying locally	Economy	
International Falls	more self-sufficiency in the county other than the mill	Economy	
International Falls	Remove the anti-change attitude which chills new businesses	Economy	
International Falls	the economic development team need to change and re-stradegize	Economy	
International Falls	The paper mill is gradually closing. We need something that will provide jobs â€” something that will be successful over time.	Economy	

International Falls	add more businesses to fit community needs (the "shop locally" statement should mean shopping locally can be done affordably)	Economy	
International Falls	Bill Gates comes here to help.	Economy	
International Falls	bring wealth to the community	Economy	
International Falls	diversify our community's economic base	Economy	
International Falls	Diversify the economy creating less dependency upon Boise	Economy	
International Falls	Economy and growth. Ware are we one third the size we used to be?	Economy	
International Falls	everybody and organization should think in terms of promoting economic development and healthy community	Economy	
International Falls	Falls has a lack of diversity to its economic base and opportunities for employment	Economy	
International Falls	increase economic opportunities	Economy	
Littlefork	economic diversity	Economy	
Littlefork	I would try to bring more economic diversity.	Economy	
Littlefork	lower electric & propane prices	Economy	
Littlefork	more competitive choices so they are lower priced utilities	Economy	
Loman	support and work for reasonable costs in energy (electricity) because it runs everything	Economy	
northome	keep the dollars generated here spent here	Economy	
northome	try new ideas to grow	Economy	
AEOA	Daycare at College	Education	

AEOA	More Higher Education opportunities More Language options in High school	Education	124 responses. Increase programs at RRCC, especially Vo-Tech, such as law enforcement, cosmetology, and welding and explore the possibility of four year programs. Improve facilities and explore addition of daycare. Encourage better collaboration between school districts and RRCC.
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	University	Education	
Birchdale	Build an environmental learning center	Education	Expand and improve educational/extra-curricular opportunities for k-12 learning particularly in ISD 361. Improve and update facilities especially Bronco Arena. Increase expectations and standards for graduates.
Birchdale	use Birchdale hall for day camps, folk school	Education	
Clementson	Buy large riverside home in Birchdale and use it as a religious retreat	Education	
Falls	museum rooms	Education	
Falls	improve schools with updated class selections and technology	Education	
Falls	Increase school funding to focus on the arts	Education	

Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	Beef-up schools	Education	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	campaign for better reading class	Education	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	offer AP classes - calculus, English	Education	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	class standards up	Education	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	add tech programs at RRCC	Education	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	expand vocational training	Education	
Internatioanal Falls	We must collaborate - ISD 361 needs to stop bashing RRCC	Education	
Internation Falls	high school schooling	Education	
International Fall	invest in local public school system.	Education	
International Falls	have a four year college	Education	
International Falls	increase educational opportunities	Education	
International Falls	increase enrollment in schools	Education	
International Falls	local school districts offer more Advanced Placement and college courses	Education	
International Falls	make education more friendly to Christianity	Education	
International Falls	Make sure our school system is one of the best, especially Senior High	Education	
International Falls	more schooling options	Education	
International Falls	More teaching of trades	Education	
International Falls	school improvements;	Education	
International Falls	add a vocational school	Education	

International Falls	add more classes and programs to Rainy River Community College	Education	
International Falls	continually invest in our schools, teachers and education as a whole	Education	
International Falls	expand educational opportunities at RRCC	Education	
International Falls	expand Rainy River Community College	Education	
International Falls	Improve access to and quality of special education services	Education	
International Falls	improve school district	Education	
International Falls	improve schools	Education	
International Falls	Increase education options for younger residents (i.e. more technical programs)	Education	
International Falls	K-12 education system doesn't know how to execute ideas or plans	Education	
International Falls	More fun and educational programs for youth	Education	
International Falls	Also I would bring schools together like Littlefork and the Falls etc.	Education	
International Falls	better college with more variety of career training	Education	
International Falls	electives and programs	Education	
International Falls	encourage the business community to partner with the college to train workers	Education	
International Falls	expand the college's tech programs	Education	
International Falls	Fund more school opportunities for the Arts, i.e. Art, Band, Choir, Theater and Dance so students appreciate the value and importance in their lives.	Education	
International Falls	Greater utilization of Rainy River Community College	Education	
International Falls	Improvements to the College	Education	
International Falls	more pressure on the school district to turn out well-educated graduates	Education	
International Falls	more sports options like soccer	Education	
International Falls	more support for our schools and programs that support self worth respect and what is right and wrong because if we don't the alternative will be scary	Education	
International Falls	offer training to meet industry needs - need a skilled labor force	Education	
International Falls	Provide more areas of study at RRCC	Education	
International Falls	Set up an initiative to get everyone their licenses	Education	
International Falls	start a scholarship program for individuals to retrain regardless of age the criteria being from Koochiching and want to continue living here	Education	

International Falls	start a Vo-tech here because our kids in this county are going to Wadena to train as lineman for Northstar Electric and MP&L	Education	
International Falls	Stop in-fighting amongst city and county, high school and college	Education	
International Falls	they are going to Alexandria for carpentry and heavy machinery	Education	
International Falls	We also need to capitalize on RRCC and bring unique programs that attract people from all over the United States (drone technology, etc.?). If we attracted football players from Florida, they will come for unique opportunities.	Education	
International Falls	continue to advocate for RRCC as an economic engine	Education	
International Falls	demolish all school systems and start over	Education	
International Falls	Education and life long global understanding	Education	
International Falls	everyone would have the opportunity to read what they want at an early age to develop the love of reading.	Education	
International Falls	Fix the broken school district 361.	Education	
International Falls	have a middle school or junior high	Education	
International Falls	Hibbing is doing diesel mechanics	Education	
International Falls	Improve Bronco Arena	Education	
International Falls	Increase size of RRCC	Education	
International Falls	lack of diversity in school hinders youth who move outside the area	Education	
International Falls	look at ourselves as the middle of the county not the end a 360 radius to attract votech	Education	
International Falls	more technical programs at RRCC like cosmetology, carpentry, heating & cooling, diesel mechanics, law enforcement.	Education	
International Falls	Pass a school referendum to build a new school that would house Preschool through 12th grade	Education	

International Falls	too many kids are coming out of school with no idea of what they want to do except stay in this area but they have no concept of what kinds jobs will keep them here and what education they need to pursue stay in this county that said we need to feed that information to them and start at an early age then continue to offer ongoing guidance mentoring and shadowing of jobs in our area	Education	
International Falls	we need to begin building a diversified skill set of workers now	Education	
International Falls	Improve school district. Looking at recent data other rural districts e.g. Ely was ranked in the top 20, they are no closer to a metro area and they are able to attract quality teachers. It will be impossible for business owners to grow and expand their businesses if they are unable to recruit young families.	Education	
International Falls	" The reality is that the current local labor pool lacks the necessary skills for business to compete in a technology based world."	Education	
International Falls	college baseball field	Education	
International Falls & Big Falls	more course options at RRCC	Education	
International Falls (2)	Expand RRCC's job prep programs and retraining options other than nursing; options for older generations to go back to school	Education	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Improve schools: figure out a healthy relationship between high school and RRCC to benefit all; offer languages, music, arts, etc.; use volunteer talent for creative classroom enrichment; strengthen academic core! better serve both high and low-end students.	Education	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Restore RRCC theater facility.	Education	
International Falls and at the lake	schools should be as good as metro schools	Education	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	Vo-tech education	Education	
International Falls/at the lake	provide more money to the schools	Education	

Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	improvements to RRCC to attract more students	Education	
Koochiching	More Educational options	Education	
Koochiching	Cheaper School activities	Education	
Koochiching	Expand the College	Education	
Koochiching	Expand Community College	Education	
Koochiching	Add a Charter school	Education	
Littlefork	a 4-year college	Education	
Littlefork	expand Rainy River Community College courses or start a VoTech	Education	
Littlefork	I would add a few more programs at RRCC, such as cosmetology	Education	
Littlefork	cosmetology	Education	
Littlefork	criminal justice	Education	
Littlefork	diesel mechanics program.	Education	
Littlefork	more careers in RRCC	Education	
Littlefork	more technical programs at RRCC	Education	
Littlefork	more technical programs at RRCC such as criminal justice	Education	
Littlefork	more organizations at RRCC for activities	Education	
Littlefork	engineering	Education	
Littlefork	expand community college programs & activities	Education	
Littlefork	fix the "hangman" post at the arena.	Education	
Littlefork	foreign studies	Education	
Littlefork	heating & cooling	Education	
Littlefork	psychology	Education	
Littlefork	welding.	Education	
Littlefork and International Falls	have daycare at RRCC	Education	
Loman	more tech offerings at RRCC	Education	
Loman	4 year tech college offering a forestry degree	Education	
Loman	educate students as to the native people and their history	Education	

Minneapolis	Another thing that I've noticed is that we expect our youngsters to grasp the future and build upon it, when our schools do not offer any education on how to live when you graduate. What about those students that cannot rely on their parents after they graduate to help them through college, or taxes, or purchasing their first vehicle? We need to incorporate more "lifestyle management" classes at our schools. I think a large reason why so many Americans are in debt and have trouble finding work is in part because the fact that we are not taught these things in school! Let's learn how to do taxes, to set goals, to fend for ourselves and know where to ask for help when we need it!	Education	
northome	cultural education opportunities for children	Education	
northome	decrease brain drain of youth moving out of area for better jobs	Education	
northome	apprenticeships	Education	
northome	enhance educational opportunities	Education	
northome	skills and trade educational opportunities	Education	
northome	workforce educational program	Education	
Pelland Junction	Make the College what it can become and what the State starves it from becoming. The College is an essential part of growth to making this county what we can be.	Education	
Rainy Lake	I would set the bar much higher at the educational level. My son left high school in 11th grade to obtain his AA degree at the community college. He stated," high school is for the kids who need baby sat. The teachers don't teach well anyhow." Again, with the lack of professional careers opportunity the bar is set very low for most children.	Education	
Rainy Lake	Upgrade RRCC and FHS buildings and Bronco Arena	Education	
Rainy Lake	work with RRCC to provide education to new businesses' new employees	Education	
Ranier	assign every City Council member a student to be at their side to instill community work	Education	
Ranier	internships for youth	Education	

Ray	I think that another thing that would improve the county as a whole would be to combine all of our school districts into one and have a central campus for all of our students and school activities. This would provide equal access to education and activities for all of our youth regardless of where they live in the county.	Education	
International Falls	"We limit our ability to progress and innovate when we fail to capitalize on opportunists to build strong, productive alliances (FHS & RRCC)"	Education	
AEOA	better paying jobs	Employment	195 responses. Overwhelming need for more good living wage jobs with benefits, especially for young and families. Diversification of jobs, skill levels and union/non-union jobs. Suggestions included casino and prisons. There is also a need for job skills training.
AEOA	More employment opportunities	Employment	
AEOA LIT	Increase jobs and employment opportunities	Employment	
AEOA LIT	More job opportunities	Employment	
AEOA LIT	Union and nonunion jobs	Employment	
Big Falls	jobs	Employment	
Big Falls	Create more jobs	Employment	
Big Falls	Good paying jobs	Employment	
Birchdale	build a federal prison due to remoteness of area and access to good paying jobs	Employment	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	better jobs	Employment	

College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	good jobs	Employment	
East Rainy Lake	more professional job opportunities for the younger people, / grocery store.	Employment	
Falls	bring in more business	Employment	
Falls	provide infrastructure jobs	Employment	
Falls	train employees, wait staff, clerks, etc so tourists are wowed with their service and appearance	Employment	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	create more jobs	Employment	
Indus	try to find jobs to bring in new families	Employment	
International Falls	need jobs that pay benefits	Employment	
International Falls	Try to attract more living wage jobs and industry	Employment	
International Falls	Bring in additional industry that would contribute to additional and higher paying job opportunities	Employment	
International Falls	Bring in additional retail that would provide jobs and a variety of shopping opportunities	Employment	
International Falls	" Start an initiative to encourage businesses to train their employees on customer service"	Employment	
International Falls	"enable people to get jobs and off welfare"	Employment	
International Falls	good paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	more jobs to keep younger people coming back	Employment	
International Falls	more jobs, better 'store' signage esp. downtown	Employment	
International Falls	More manufacturing jobs.	Employment	
International Falls	stronger business possibilities where all people have an opportunity to be trained and hold good jobs	Employment	
International Falls	sustainable long-term jobs	Employment	
International Falls	allow bigger business to come in to be able to have more job opportunities	Employment	

International Falls	attract better paying jobs because I have to work two jobs and average 72 hours a week working to make what a Boise job pays and I have a college education	Employment	
International Falls	be open to non-union jobs with benefits	Employment	
International Falls	better paying jobs with benefits	Employment	
International Falls	Build a base of good paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	continue to work on job creation	Employment	
International Falls	create good paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	create good paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	create jobs	Employment	
International Falls	Create more good paying jobs to bring young families back.	Employment	
International Falls	Create more jobs	Employment	
International Falls	Create more jobs for area by bringing in a Casino or prison	Employment	
International Falls	create well paying jobs so families would move here	Employment	
International Falls	Diversify our economy with living wage jobs	Employment	
International Falls	Expand and diversity living wage jobs	Employment	
International Falls	families with life-sustaining jobs	Employment	
International Falls	higher paying job	Employment	
International Falls	higher paying jobs rather than seasonal jobs	Employment	
International Falls	I would try to get new businesses in town that had better paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	Increase employment and job training	Employment	
International Falls	jobs	Employment	
International Falls	jobs that pay enough to get people in our county off welfare	Employment	
International Falls	jobs to double the population so that the area would resemble the 1980's.	Employment	
International Falls	living wage jobs	Employment	
International Falls	more hard working jobs	Employment	
International Falls	more job opportunities	Employment	
International Falls	More jobs	Employment	

International Falls	more jobs	Employment	
International Falls	More jobs	Employment	
International Falls	More jobs	Employment	
International Falls	pay youth \$9 per hour hiring 12 to 15 yr olds to pick up garbage for 6 weeks, then hire another group for 6 weeks to pick up trash on highways and playgrounds"	Employment	
International Falls	provide good paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	Provide living wage jobs for the area.	Employment	
International Falls	Secure high paying jobs with benefits	Employment	
International Falls	There are not enough jobs in the county paying decent wages to support families	Employment	
International Falls	as people retire justify why the job needs to be filled	Employment	
International Falls	attract young people here	Employment	
International Falls	better paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	Bigger - more people	Employment	
International Falls	bring young people back	Employment	
International Falls	continue to retrain people in our county to get the skills needed for available jobs	Employment	
International Falls	create 500 new jobs in environmentally-friendly industry	Employment	
International Falls	create diverse high paying (well paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	Encourage Boise to once again offer apprentice programs	Employment	
International Falls	get rid of the all or nothing approach regarding unions	Employment	
International Falls	have living wages for entry level positions	Employment	
International Falls	Keep the people who already live here	Employment	
International Falls	More people	Employment	
International Falls	need for baby boomers to return to I Falls	Employment	
International Falls	not much here to keep young people in the town	Employment	
International Falls	opportunities for more jobs	Employment	

International Falls	Promote moving here with families	Employment	
International Falls	attractions that will draw people up	Employment	
International Falls	bring home young people with families	Employment	
International Falls	bring in more people from area such as alumni	Employment	
International Falls	bring more families back to town	Employment	
International Falls	Build and promote an educated workforce	Employment	
International Falls	companies with good wages	Employment	
International Falls	draw more people to the area.	Employment	
International Falls	I know they are trying to get more jobs around here-but that is the negative part of living here-our kids and grandkids have to move away!	Employment	
International Falls	insure people who want to live here can survive here.	Employment	
International Falls	It's always jobs in rural areas and Koochiching County is no different. More middle class jobs would bring more variety of amenities.	Employment	
International Falls	losing too many people as businesses are closing.	Employment	
International Falls	More employment opportunity	Employment	
International Falls	more opportunities for volunteer and interning jobs	Employment	
International Falls	need good paying jobs	Employment	
International Falls	outside jobs into the community	Employment	
International Falls	We need more job opportunities for our young people.	Employment	
International Falls	we need to create another 500 jobs here over the next ten years to maintain the amenities that are here now	Employment	
International Falls	with the need for office paper declining - the Mill has a longevity of only 10 to 20 years	Employment	
International Falls	Focus on long-term solutions to employment of Kooch County residents/Short-term projects are OK to help the current stressed economy but a longer view needs to be embraced	Employment	
International Falls	higher base pay for all workers	Employment	
International Falls	work to bring lasting jobs to rural areas and towns	Employment	

International Falls	"Business owners need the basic tools (school and healthcare) to be able to attract knowledge workers."	Employment	
International Falls (2)	More and better job opportunities, better paid and with benefits	Employment	
International Falls (2)	"provide a future here so you can stay here and not always be poor."	Employment	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	We need more for young people - jobs and careers	Employment	
International Falls and at the lake	concern for growing unemployment among 20-40 year old males	Employment	
International Falls and at the lake	same for the broader population	Employment	
International Falls and at the lake	also the broader population	Employment	
International Falls and at the lake	attract, foster, and retain young people and young families	Employment	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	keep high paying jobs and keep the mill going	Employment	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	provide opportunity for youth to find jobs here	Employment	
International Falls/at the lake	better paying jobs so both parents don't have to work	Employment	
International Falls/at the lake	create more jobs	Employment	
International Falls/at the lake	add females to law enforcement	Employment	
International Falls	attract more jobs and make certain they are diversified	Employment	
Int'l. Falls	Find jobs	Employment	
Int'l. Falls	More jobs	Employment	
Island Lake	create jobs that would benefit community	Employment	
Island Lake	create small businesses that pay a living wage	Employment	
International Falls	Create more jobs that will draw people here to work and live	Employment	

Koochiching	Higher paying jobs	Employment	
Koochiching	more jobs	Employment	
Koochiching	Make the job and career day more fun to go to	Employment	
Koochiching	More Manufacturing jobs	Employment	
Koochiching	Bring in more jobs	Employment	
Koochiching	More available jobs	Employment	
Koochiching AEOA LIT	Create jobs	Employment	
Koochiching County	while I understand when we think of our future we are always thinking about ways to keep or entice the younger generation to remain here	Employment	
Koochiching IFalls	Try to capitalize on what we have here / Brings jobs and opportunities to our area/Every town is flourishing around us except us/Bring job opportunities to our community	Employment	
Littlefork	Factory for jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	I would also bring a data entry center of some sort to offer computer jobs, as well as management positions.	Employment	
Littlefork	This would create jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	add factory-based business with skilled & unskilled labor jobs.	Employment	
Littlefork	attract more jobs that pay more than minimum wage	Employment	
Littlefork	better paying jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	Bring more jobs to our area for our younger (high school & college-age) kids. We really do not have a lot of job opportunities for them. Increase well-paying jobs for everyone.	Employment	
Littlefork	carpentry	Employment	
Littlefork	Create more employment	Employment	
Littlefork	Create more industry & jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	creating more jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	diesel mechanic	Employment	
Littlefork	Get a few more industries in the area so there are more job opportunities.	Employment	

Littlefork	I would bring to the area a manufacturing company of some sort so that there would be both professional and labor jobs offered. It would be good wages and offer insurance benefits.	Employment	
Littlefork	I would change the fact that there is a lack of good paying jobs which is a major factor in our population of young people not returning to our area.	Employment	
Littlefork	Medical Jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	more diverse jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	more jobs	Employment	
Littlefork	The area is desperate need of more businesses and jobs. I own a newspaper and in the last 10 years have seen many businesses close and not be replaced. This is a tough area to do business in. We have owned & operated ours for 24 years and we still must do significant business out of the county in order to make a living.	Employment	
Littlefork	anything else that would bring more jobs & people to the area.	Employment	
Littlefork	Bring in businesses for new employment opportunities	Employment	
Littlefork	Build a prison	Employment	
Littlefork	Draw varied employment opportunities to the county	Employment	
Littlefork	encourage young families to remain here or move here	Employment	
Littlefork	I would improve the lack of jobs in the community.	Employment	
Littlefork	look into more opportunities for people of all ages.	Employment	
Littlefork	make room to expand businesses to be able to hire more people.	Employment	
Littlefork	Retain young people in the area. Create things that offer opportunities for young people to stay here, create an appealing atmosphere for younger people.	Employment	
Littlefork	I would like to bring in some form of employment for the young adults, who currently are forced to leave our area to make a go of it.	Employment	
Littlefork and International Falls	jobs	Employment	
Littlefork and International Falls	have jobs with onsite childcare	Employment	

Littlefork and International Falls	more opportunities for younger people	Employment	
Loman	bring in a industry that could employ current population with living wage jobs, but not increase the area's population by 10,000	Employment	
Loman	Bring in jobs so young people have a reason to stay and raise families	Employment	
Mizpah	Develop more jobs to employ young people	Employment	
northome	attract industry to create jobs	Employment	
northome	better paying jobs	Employment	
northome	job creation	Employment	
northome	jobs	Employment	
northome	More job opportunities	Employment	
northome	more jobs	Employment	
northome	more jobs	Employment	
northome	provide job training	Employment	
northome	try to attract a company that would provide a lot of jobs	Employment	
northome	we need to try to at least find a way to bring viable jobs to our area so we don't have to commute an hour to make a living	Employment	
northome	draw people to area with job development	Employment	
northome	Persuade high tech companies to locate in southern part of county to increase employment	Employment	
northome	retain youth through job creation	Employment	
Northome	I would create a paid position in Northome for ME so I could get a paycheck working at what I'm skilled and have a passion to do.... I could write a book on my thoughts, plans and ideas for the southern part of Koochiching County. But if I can't put food on my table with working so hard in that respect. (I did for 30 years doing this for no pay) I am up against a brick wall.	Employment	
Northome, MN	bigger variety of jobs	Employment	
Rainy Lake	more jobs and careers	Employment	
Rainy Lake	more opportunity for a living wage	Employment	

Rainy Lake	more permanent positions	Employment	
Rainy Lake	If I were in charge I would try to improve the community by basing sometype of business which employee 500 positions. These positions would be filled by EDUCATED people. I'm talking jobs that require a 4 yr degree. This community needs new familys from outside the area with new idea's. Young people who are driven. Those who able to raise the bar and have new ideas.	Employment	
Rainy Lake	supplement the 500 jobs left in Boise	Employment	
Ranier	Bring in more jobs and retail opportunities	Employment	
Ranier	get businesses here that pay a living wage	Employment	
Ranier	There would be jobs for young people	Employment	
Ranier	more opportunities for the new family's that are starting out	Employment	
Ranier	just more jobs and maybe a grocery store with better prices than the two gas stations . They are way to high ! cheaper to drive to the falls.	Employment	
Ranier/International Falls	better job opportunities for youth so they don't have to move away	Employment	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	more jobs	Employment	
Rural	Job creation for younger people and families will always be at the forefront.	Employment	
Littlefork	good paying, non-union jobs with benefits	Employment	
Littlefork	good jobs, not minimum wage.	Employments	

AEOA	Broadway type theater	Entertainment	104 responses. A need for increased entertainment options for all ages, including youth, families, young adults and seniors. Specific requests included: casino, amusement park, splashpark, waterpark, music and theater, nightclub.
AEOA	Larger 4th of July should have vendors and activities throughout the town	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	Casino	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	Casino	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	Casino	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	Concerts	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	Conferences	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	Entertainment centers not only the outside one	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	increase entertainment opportunities	Entertainment	
AEOA LIT	Larger Community event center to hold concerts	Entertainment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	get a NBA team	Entertainment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	get a NHL team	Entertainment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	more radio stations	Entertainment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Valley Fair	Entertainment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Wedding Hall	Entertainment	

College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	amusement park	Entertainment	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	have beach parties	Entertainment	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	more community activities	Entertainment	
Falls and County	Redevelop river and lakefronts for public use, including festivals	Entertainment	
indus school	Black River Casino on native american property south of Loman	Entertainment	
International Falls	Also, more entertainment, in general, that keeps travelers in northern Minnesota vs. going to Canada.	Entertainment	
International Falls	Alternate forms of entertainment to drugs and alcohol	Entertainment	
International Falls	attractions	Entertainment	
International Falls	concerts for younger people	Entertainment	
International Falls	Curling Rink with Bar	Entertainment	
International Falls	event center	Entertainment	
International Falls	festivals	Entertainment	
International Falls	larger conference center with a resort on the water	Entertainment	
International Falls	more activities like the Bass Fishing Tournament and crazy days	Entertainment	
International Falls	more community activities	Entertainment	
International Falls	more regular musical events and concerts	Entertainment	
International Falls	more stuff for families to do	Entertainment	
International Falls	more to do	Entertainment	
International Falls	need more than a beer stand at the Bass Fishing Tournament	Entertainment	
International Falls	NHL Team	Entertainment	
International Falls	smaller, less popular musical groups would give us something to do	Entertainment	
International Falls	street dances	Entertainment	
International Falls	Water Amusement Park	Entertainment	

International Falls	we need more things for people to do so they'll come for big hockey tournaments (there isn't enough for the families or parents to do when their teams aren't on the ice)	Entertainment	
International Falls	winter activities at Smokey Bear Park	Entertainment	
International Falls	add a conference center to the area	Entertainment	
International Falls	Amusement park	Entertainment	
International Falls	Amusement Parks	Entertainment	
International Falls	an all-ages club	Entertainment	
International Falls	arcade	Entertainment	
International Falls	bring more entertainment to the area	Entertainment	
International Falls	build a big huge play zone	Entertainment	
International Falls	build a play park with slides and towers and parachute games	Entertainment	
International Falls	build a three day concert event like they have in Walker and Detroit Lakes	Entertainment	
International Falls	Casino	Entertainment	
International Falls	concert outdoors	Entertainment	
International Falls	consistent entertainment	Entertainment	
International Falls	create a two or three day musical festival on the riverfront like they do in Duluth and Detroit Lakes	Entertainment	
International Falls	draw more people to the lake events	Entertainment	
International Falls	get a casino	Entertainment	
International Falls	have more community activities	Entertainment	
International Falls	Have more things to do for family and kids besides fishing and hunting	Entertainment	
International Falls	Have more things to do for family and kids besides fishing and hunting	Entertainment	
International Falls	I would have a waterpark built in the college	Entertainment	
International Falls	more community activities so people have more things to do besides cause trouble	Entertainment	
International Falls	more events here	Entertainment	
International Falls	more movie theatres and variety	Entertainment	

International Falls	more quality entertainment opportunities	Entertainment	
International Falls	small town functions and gatherings	Entertainment	
International Falls	special events	Entertainment	
International Falls	tap into the broad community partners to create special events.	Entertainment	
International Falls	theater	Entertainment	
International Falls	truck shows	Entertainment	
International Falls & Big Falls	extended hours at the movie theater	Entertainment	
International Falls & Big Falls	more radio stations with variety of music	Entertainment	
International Falls (2)	Festival in summer and other seasons, especially winter--"promote what we have."	Entertainment	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	more entertainment, community center with swimming and rec center, YMCA	Entertainment	
Koochiching	Adventure Zone	Entertainment	
Koochiching	Bigger concerts inside	Entertainment	
Koochiching	Family fun activities	Entertainment	
Koochiching	More entertainment	Entertainment	
Koochiching	any kind of party	Entertainment	
Koochiching	arcade	Entertainment	
Koochiching	Cheaper place to have parties like reunions	Entertainment	
Koochiching	More activities in the Park	Entertainment	
Koochiching	More bands at the Band shell	Entertainment	
Koochiching	Picnic	Entertainment	
Littlefork	a better fair.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	Add a casino.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	amusement park	Entertainment	
Littlefork	Arena like the DECC or Sanford Center.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	community get-togethers	Entertainment	

Littlefork	concerts with better performers	Entertainment	
Littlefork	cultural food fair.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	Drive-in theater	Entertainment	
Littlefork	rodeo.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	Add entertainment	Entertainment	
Littlefork	better fair.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	better summer fair	Entertainment	
Littlefork	bring back the rodeo	Entertainment	
Littlefork	build a casino	Entertainment	
Littlefork	clubs	Entertainment	
Littlefork	continue to keep up the public outdoor family activities.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	Do NOT believe that casinos would benefit our area,	Entertainment	
Littlefork	drive-in movie theater.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	get something fun in Littlefork like a movie theater or bowling alley.	Entertainment	
Littlefork	I'd have more entertainment for people	Entertainment	
Littlefork	more activites for 20 somethings	Entertainment	
Littlefork	more community get-togethers like picnics, sledding	Entertainment	
Littlefork	more entertainment	Entertainment	
Littlefork	more entertainment in Littlefork like bowling	Entertainment	
Littlefork	More indoor things to do	Entertainment	
Littlefork	night-life to suit 20-30 year old age range.	Entertainment	
Littlefork and International Falls	bring in a nightclub	Entertainment	
London, Ontario	Family attractions	Entertainment	
Rainy Lake	build a huge complex with water park, indoor basketball, racquetball, tennis courts, and more and have it attached by walkways or tunnels to hotel, restaurants, shopping, wedding hall, and convention center - maybe even have some kind of concert hall	Entertainment	

Rainy Lake	Put in a casino	Entertainment	
Ranier	big convention center	Entertainment	
Ranier	develop more entertainment such as paintball club and music festivals that are youth oriented	Entertainment	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	get a casino	Entertainment	
(blank)	I would make the town of I. Falls smell better.	Environment	
Big Falls	accelerate Global warming to make a friendly climate	Environment	
Big Falls	Find ways to use more of our natural resources.	Environment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	add more solar panels	Environment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	change the cold weather	Environment	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Air fresheners or deodorizers	Environment	
Birchdale	create a mystique centered around clean air and water	Environment	
Falls	trees	Environment	
Falls and County	Sustainable planning and development - "balance of people, profit, and planet;" need more respect for air and water quality here	Environment	
Falls and County	Power town by renewable energy	Environment	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	improve recycling and add composting	Environment	

International Falls	encourage "greener" living	Environment	38 responses. Definite concern about eliminating the mill smell. Wetlands are an issue, with varied views. Strong desire to preserve and protect the natural resources we have and utilize them in a sustainable manner.
International Falls	fix Boise smell	Environment	
International Falls	Get rid of the mill smell! There are bacteria that can do that.	Environment	
International Falls	Get rid of the mill smell!! Our town shouldn't have to smell like farts!!! There's bacteria that can get rid of the smell.	Environment	
International Falls	more education for everyone to live environmentally friendly	Environment	
International Falls	put strict parameters on lake shore development by limiting size, and having buffer zones on lake shore development, and prohibit shoreline alteration	Environment	
International Falls	sustainable (environmentally) economic ventures	Environment	
International Falls	The would not do anything to harm the natural beauty of the area and will stay for the long haul.	Environment	
International Falls	Use the river to our advantage - it's pretty!	Environment	
International Falls	green energy	Environment	
International Falls	keep our lake clean and pure	Environment	
International Falls	be more environmentally friendly	Environment	
International Falls	accelerate invasive species protection of lakes and waterways	Environment	
International Falls	more wetland flexibility	Environment	
Koochiching	Renewable resources	Environment	
Littlefork	Fix the bad smell in Int'l. Falls.	Environment	
Littlefork	clean up Littlefork River.	Environment	
Littlefork	Discourage city people from depleting our natural resources.	Environment	

Littlefork	Get rid of "wetlands" legislation	Environment	
Littlefork	Protect the outdoors.	Environment	
Loman	deal with the impending hurdles coming in the future regarding natural resources laws (wetlands)	Environment	
northome	clean environment	Environment	
northome	provide and do a better job of recycling garbage	Environment	
Pelland	promote and support for alternative energy usage	Environment	
Rainy Lake	change the weather	Environment	
Rainy Lake	deodorize the Mill smell	Environment	
Ray	let people clean up firewood after contractors have cut the wood and left smaller pieces of wood	Environment	
Twin Cities Resident - Frequent Kooch Visitor	continue to preserve the natural habitat of both the superior forest and border waters	Environment	

Falls	City-wide and county-wide cooperation is difficult perhaps because there is no consensus on either method or goal in this area	Government	186 responses. Citizens expect governmental entities and officials at all levels to cooperate, be transparent and work together for the benefit of our county. A broad dissatisfaction was specifically expressed with International Falls city council and mayor. Citizens expressed their awareness and dissatisfaction with the continuing conflict and disfunction. Zoning and regulations are an issue. Government at all levels need to support and encourage collaborations between existing economic development organizations.
Falls	civic leaders need to to develop a unified vision of what economic diversity should look like for our area	Government	
Falls	eliminate dysfunction	Government	
Falls	identify those who are constipating the process with ego and misplaced agendas and remove them	Government	
Falls	make political process more transparent	Government	
Falls	many government entities put protecting turf instead of cooperation	Government	
Falls	reduce cronyism	Government	

I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	elect an all female county board	Government	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	increase zoning enforcement	Government	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	look at Three Rivers, Or. where strict building codes were enforced to keep the character of the Main St. etc.	Government	
International Falls	Support all of our economic development organizations	Government	
International Falls	We need the enthusiasm of Backus Community Center to be replicated on the economic development side in our community	Government	
International Falls	"Break up the judicial system and the county board - cut out the political crap"	Government	
International Falls	can positions be combined	Government	
International Falls	Do away with the City Economic Development Director position and encourage KEDA to step up work on economic development	Government	
International Falls	good communication within decision making groups	Government	
International Falls	high MN state taxes are stagnating job growth and is not business friendly	Government	
International Falls	hire the brightest and best qualified for economic development and change the good old boy's club hiring mentality hold this County back	Government	
International Falls	hold heads of departments to proper budgets and make cost saving recommendations	Government	
International Falls	I would also make the City workers provide services according to need - clean the snow promptly like they used to so older citizens are not homebound. Again restore pride in our community.	Government	
International Falls	I would work to get taxes lowered and seek ways to attract business with grants and business incentives to locate here	Government	
International Falls	improve area's image (lack of synergy among public officials, climate, etc.)	Government	
International Falls	it isn't "Bob Anderson" - it's "International Falls"	Government	
International Falls	less disharmony within government.	Government	

International Falls	let you have a horse no matter where you live - horses are not livestock	Government	
International Falls	limit barriers to start or expand a business (local politics, funding, permit barriers etc.)	Government	
International Falls	more accountability for those tasked with economic development and salaried with tax dollars	Government	
International Falls	more involved people in our politics	Government	
International Falls	more snowplows	Government	
International Falls	Our county board, etc., do all they can to support new business	Government	
International Falls	reduce number of government jobs	Government	
International Falls	Straighten out what separation between church and state means: state does not interfere with freedom of religion, but religion can be discussed in public arena	Government	
International Falls	streamline all expenditures	Government	
International Falls	the political environment to get along better than they have the past 3-4 years	Government	
International Falls	Throw out the Wetlands Act	Government	
International Falls	Work very hard at bringing county and city government together.	Government	
International Falls	Address Crony-capitalism of Boise Cascade and the City - current mayor is former Boise big-wig	Government	
International Falls	all of our elected officials are not looking out for the betterment of all of our community members	Government	
International Falls	Ask the Blandin Leadership Alum to come forward and publicly share what they learned at council meetings and at a county board meeting	Government	
International Falls	attitude of our elected officials to work together and achieve common goals	Government	
International Falls	Better use of taxes	Government	
International Falls	Blandin Community Leadership groups all need to go to meetings in full force	Government	
International Falls	bring more training in with local businesses Need to change the fact that the mayor and certain city and county officials are stifling economic development by their votes and behind the scenes maneuvering	Government	

International Falls	cancel Drug Court - it doesn't work. they all start using again once probation is over. Send them to like Beyond Scared""	Government	
International Falls	change the way the City and County government work with each other	Government	
International Falls	City and County government need to cooperate	Government	
International Falls	City and County must learn to grow up and get along	Government	
International Falls	City and County must work together	Government	
International Falls	City Council dysfunction currently	Government	
International Falls	Create long term planning and development guidelines that all agree on.	Government	
International Falls	Demand current elected officials lead without hidden agendas and vendettas	Government	
International Falls	demand transparency of economic development people including regular reports to tax payers with concrete goals for bringing in new businesses and creating jobs	Government	
International Falls	Drinking age	Government	
International Falls	egos need to go away in local government	Government	
International Falls	Either our community leaders would get along and set aside their agendas or they would all be out of a job! Egos are getting in the way of paving a bright future for our community. How things stand today if the survey doesn't align to the vision of certain leaders then it will probably not go anywhere. "	Government	
International Falls	eliminate negativity between officials, medical facilities, school and college	Government	
International Falls	Eliminate the "turf wars", speed up actions focused on development.	Government	
International Falls	eliminate the international Border - no Border	Government	
International Falls	Eliminate the personal agendas, politics, cronyism in local government.	Government	
International Falls	end the back-stabbing by government officials - mayor	Government	
International Falls	end the vindictiveness in local government	Government	
International Falls	expect progressive shared county investment in communities	Government	
International Falls	Focus on city and county working together for the betterment of the entire area.	Government	
International Falls	get rid of past personal prejudices and personal agendas in local government	Government	
International Falls	Get rid of political posturing and competition between groups.	Government	

International Falls	Reduce the amount of us versus them conflict. There are a lot of people making decisions behind the scenes about resource use and that needs to come out in the open.	Government	
International Falls	I would give the county lots of money to enforce its zoning and ordinance.	Government	
International Falls	give property tax incentives and favorable leases	Government	
International Falls	governed by Robert's Rules of Order - "Robert (Bob) Anderson's Rules of Order"	Government	
International Falls	Have a city council that works as a team and is inclusive of all members	Government	
International Falls	Have a Mayor who is progressive	Government	
International Falls	Have more fairness and equity in who pays for services enjoyed by all, example is Airport.	Government	
International Falls	Have only one marketing or economic development group	Government	
International Falls	high speed limits	Government	
International Falls	hire public sector jobs by qualification not popularity and who knows who	Government	
International Falls	If they fail, they have to give up their position	Government	
International Falls	improve communications between city and county officials who should be working together	Government	
International Falls	improve the court system by hiring more court staff to handle the hire volume of paper filing or instead go to electronic court filing	Government	
International Falls	Improve the social services programs (i.e. communications between organizations and the general public so that they are seen as a helpful resource rather than a "danger zone."	Government	
International Falls	Inspire and encourage more young people to run for local elected positions	Government	
International Falls	KEDA and Falls EDA collaborate on a regular basis to help grow the area	Government	
International Falls	less animosity between City and County	Government	
International Falls	less animosity within the City Council	Government	
International Falls	local government act for the betterment of the entire area not personal agendas or themselves	Government	
International Falls	local government needs to work for the common good	Government	

International Falls	maintain EDA ownership of VNP headquarters for future generations to benefit from lease revenues	Government	
International Falls	mandate a culture of respect and inclusion among elected officials and those who work with and for them	Government	
International Falls	Mandate that KEDA and the City EDA work together on economic development.	Government	
International Falls	Mayor needs to change attitude and behavior	Government	
International Falls	more street helpers	Government	
International Falls	No more BS, game playing and negative energy (city of i.falls)	Government	
International Falls	Put "community" above self interests when making development decisions.	Government	
International Falls	Put one-tenth of 1 cent tax on all purchases in the area except lodging that gets split equally between Falls CVB and Destination VNP for the sole purpose of marketing our area to visitors.	Government	
International Falls	representation from legislators;	Government	
International Falls	Sign contracts for KEDA to respect, value and work together with EDA (City) as strongly as the city EDA is collaborating with KEDA.	Government	
International Falls	Sign contracts for Mayor and City Council members to leave personal witch hunts behind and work together	Government	
International Falls	Sign contracts for the city leadership and county leadership to work together	Government	
International Falls	the City and County need to focus on common goals	Government	
International Falls	The perception (or reality) that the City and the County are always 'at odds' about something	Government	
International Falls	there is a lot of work to do both in city and the rural areas and communities	Government	
International Falls	too many personal agendas getting in the way	Government	
International Falls	too much political gamesmanship going on	Government	
International Falls	Unite and recruit effective leaders	Government	
International Falls	very unprofessional functioning local governments	Government	
International Falls	we are too small of a community or county to allow this to keep happening	Government	

International Falls	Work toward eliminating the insane amount of local politics and realize we are all in this together and that if the City of I Falls, County, Economic Development Agencies and all of the smaller communities worked together we would all benefit. If one of our communities succeeds all will benefit. We don't do anyone any favors by the constant fighting, grandstanding and stroking egos. Multiple business opportunities have slipped away because of politics and how many have not even bothered to contact community leaders after reading about all of the politics. We have continued to see our communities shrink, poverty increase, young families leave the community, and our schools suffer and because of this have seen an increase in drugs, theft and general crime.	Government	
International Falls	zoning controls to protect	Government	
International Falls	Zoning for development so that in the long term future everyone knows where a cell tower or a pellet plant, or a new business should be placed to create a professional "front porch" welcome to our visitors.	Government	
International Falls	stop all petty politics between local government officials/if we are to succeed at any of these issues we need to work together, not in competition with one another	Government	
International Falls	offer more services where the need arises	Government	
International Falls	Those that are in leadership roles need to represent all that live in their respective areas/listen to residents recommendations and needs	Government	
International Falls	taxes seem high compared to other cities	Government	

International Falls	We have a bloated infrastructure within the county and International Falls. We need to trim the fat. Case in point we have the most deluxe fire department in MN/ The pensions that police and fire retire on is more than their regular job and by age 50/ the benefits amount to more than a private for profit Boise at age 62 and the other benefits are more than most counties in MN or other for profit companies/ all this on the back of the taxpayer/ I would do a lot of investigation and put together a plan whereby charge people are held accountable for reasonable budgets and streamline jobs goods and services/ get benefits under control/ make sure the city council is not controlling voting to upgrade their own benefits such as reimbursement and medical premiums/ this needs to be handled by an unbiased HR group not a councilman appointed Human Resorces when they lack the education to function as such/ there are a lot of irregularities	Government	
International Falls	Have a contingency go down to the capitol and lobby for our county.	Government	
International Falls	eliminate city and county fighting	Government	
International Falls	remove 50 mile emission ban from VNP	Government	
International Falls (2)	change Boise's "keep other big businesses out practices."	Government	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Broaden views of city council, county board, school board.	Government	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Improve political climate; end one negative man trying to run everything.	Government	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Market the little known services the library provides, e. g. high end software for learning a language.	Government	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	I would have the City and the County work together and not fight	Government	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	I want the legislature to value and recognize the challenges of small, geographically isolated, rural communities.	Government	
International Falls and at the lake	consider non-profits as part of economic development	Government	

International Falls and at the lake	Broadly educate elected officials in progressive thinking	Government	
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International Falls, Rainy Lake	Get rid of old grudges in moving forward-get more people involved in politics and government, both elected and appointed; change the environment of constant conflict.	Government	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	less bickering among area leaders	Government	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	work together for the good of the county	Government	
International Falls/at the lake	break up the good old boy network that seems to run everything	Government	
International Falls/at the lake	create a more diverse community and leadership structure	Government	
International Falls/at the lake	elect people who listen to their constituents	Government	
International Falls/at the lake	get our own weather station	Government	
International Falls/at the lake	increase our voice at the state level	Government	
International Falls/at the lake	transparency in the assessment process so that taxes don't drive people out of their homes	Government	
Interntational Falls	drug testing for welfare	Government	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	better use of taxes, parks need improvements	Government	
Int'l. Falls	stop the political bickering between the city and county	Government	
Koochiching	Get things done	Government	
Koochiching	More women in Local government	Government	
Koochiching	More women on council	Government	
Littlefork	businesses work with the fair board.	Government	

Littlefork	concession stand at City Beach.	Government	
Littlefork	I would elect a new mayor. This leadership cares more about a personal agenda than moving our community forward.	Government	
Littlefork	improve our court system	Government	
Littlefork	Improving Kooch. Co. involves a "Good Neighbor" philosophy	Government	
Littlefork	add more people to help move snow off of roads	Government	
Littlefork	Fire everyone in charge and hire new. They are killing this area!!!	Government	
Littlefork	Get a new mayor, evaluate the leadership in decision-makers who are stalling progress. Need new fresh leadership for a fresh approach.	Government	
Littlefork	I would charge people from other counties extra to hunt or fish our area to keep wildlife populations more stable for us.	Government	
Littlefork	I would move the county seat to a more central location like Big Falls. Our county is huge & much of it is often overlooked. Many residents of Int'l. Falls couldn't even name the cities in our county. Others in our county should have access to great county jobs too. County services should be more accessible.	Government	
Littlefork	law enforcement	Government	
Littlefork	Law Enforcement	Government	
Littlefork	lower tax rates	Government	
Littlefork	The biggest issue for me leads me to point out that Koochiching County is really perceived by the majority of residents as "International Falls." As our physical county seat, Int'l. Falls does represent Kooch. Co., but it is not "Koochiching County." This mentality is embedded andinders growth. Overcoming this would be a great achievement. Our county needs to know all cities within the county matter.	Government	
Littlefork and International Falls	get rid of "Good 'Ol Boy system	Government	
Loman	revisit tax-forfeited land policies	Government	
northome	Need economic development to sustain and grow the population	Government	
northome	base social workers "out county" to reduce travel & time costs	Government	

northome	cut costs by not paying board per diems for public events	Government	
northome	Don't give, trade, sell anymore land to governments (wetlands, forests, etc)	Government	
northome	lower taxes	Government	
northome	Move county seat to Big Falls	Government	
northome	move county seat to central county location	Government	
northome	People in area need to have local access to the same services provided to larger areas	Government	
northome	provide county services equally throughout county - access without phone or transportation inequities	Government	
Pelland	less zoning restrictions	Government	
Rainy Lake	Change lack of transparency, nastiness behind scenes. The Falls is "like an alcoholic family."	Government	
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Rainy Lake	do something with tax fee zones	Government	
Rainy Lake	End conflict and friction-not conducive to progress	Government	
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Rainy Lake	If I could wave my magic wand, I would wish for seamless collaboration and cooperation between and among Economic development agencies (i.e. - IFEDA, KEDA, KDA). The breakdown in communication has hurt us and will continue to hurt us. Furthermore, it is embarrassing that in an area with so much need, and now money thrown at it, that the economic development systems" in place are not working optimally."	Government	
Rainy Lake	Politics - stop the in-fighting	Government	
Ranier	Active training program for new politicians	Government	
Ranier	End the bickering between elected officials	Government	
Ranier	Term limits for politicians	Government	

Ranier	The constant negativity and arguing among County Commissioners and International Falls City Council. It makes us look like we are backwoods and prevents us from making this community a better place	Government	
Ray	have city and county employees pay part of their insurances	Government	
Ray	lower taxes	Government	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	give Boise less control	Government	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	quit spending money foolishly	Government	
Rural	Along with attitude the messaging has to change from our leaders.	Government	
Rural - Outside of I Falls	Elected officials need to stop bickering and work together.	Government	
The Lake (East)	Image of protect and preserve doesn't seem to be, law enforcement	Government	
The Lake (East)	Improve Law Enforcement and VN Park relationships with citizens	Government	
The Lake (East)	Park has to build a trusting relationship with the community.	Government	
Twin Cities Resident - Frequent Kooch Visitor	I would like to see lakefront land taken care of by the park system	Government	

Littlefork	dental & orthodontics	Healthcare	80 responses. Improvement is needed in facilities and availability of services such as orthodontics, dialysis, dermatology, mental health, obstetrics, radiation and cardiology. Nursing home/dementia care is needed throughout the county, with specific concerns expressed about the closing of Northome's facility. Cooperation is needed among all healthcare institutions.
Littlefork	dental.	Healthcare	
AEOA LIT	More doctors	Healthcare	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	improve everything medical	Healthcare	
East of International Falls	Improve medical facilities	Healthcare	
Falls	have solid good friendly medical services	Healthcare	
Falls	settle the dispute between the Clinic and the Hospital	Healthcare	
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Falls and County	community support (childcare) for parents needing retraining	Healthcare	
Falls and County	inpatient mental health capability	Healthcare	
Falls and County	provide more crisis beds in town	Healthcare	
Falls and County	teen services for chemical dependency, including Alanon for teens who have parents with addiction.	Healthcare	

International Fall	Enhance local healthcare especially at public health level	Healthcare	
International Falls	Better health care	Healthcare	
International Falls	build a hospital	Healthcare	
International Falls	expand access to health-medical services - providers	Healthcare	
International Falls	Make our healthcare system is more than a stop-gap	Healthcare	
International Falls	More Community Activities	Healthcare	
International Falls	more doctors and surgeons	Healthcare	
International Falls	Build a new hospital between the nursing home and clinic	Healthcare	
International Falls	clinic	Healthcare	
International Falls	continue to improve hospital.	Healthcare	
International Falls	Healthcare improvements	Healthcare	
International Falls	hospital	Healthcare	
International Falls	Improve Health Care Facilities	Healthcare	
International Falls	Improve health facilities to rival other nearby facilities	Healthcare	
International Falls	improve medical care	Healthcare	
International Falls	Improved and more convenient health care	Healthcare	
International Falls	increase mental health services	Healthcare	
International Falls	more facilities like the Good Samaritan Center	Healthcare	
International Falls	new hospital	Healthcare	
International Falls	new hospital	Healthcare	
International Falls	Strengthen healthcare with tools, equipment and staff	Healthcare	
International Falls	the medical technology up here	Healthcare	
International Falls	an updates hospital, being so far from any higher care puts people at risk during long transfers	Healthcare	
International Falls	easier border relations for people to cross over to Fort Frances to use their dialysis equipment	Healthcare	
International Falls	improve the Koochiching County to be a regional medical center	Healthcare	
International Falls	especially a better BIRTHING center & experience.	Healthcare	

International Falls	Medical facilities need to cooperate	Healthcare	
International Falls	more types of care offered	Healthcare	
International Falls	" Improve healthcare. As Boomers (the largest population) age, they will be looking to be close to quality healthcare. Currently families in Kooch County need to travel even for the most basic care. When families travel for medical dollars are lost from our community not only on healthcare but, on everyday purchases when people visit Target, Wal-Mart, etc."	Healthcare	
International Falls	"Healthcare has the potential to create new jobs but, organizations will still be unable to attract new, young, educated families unless there are improvements in the schools."	Healthcare	
International Falls & Big Falls	improved healthcare options, provide more services locally	Healthcare	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Improve mental health services, especially for youth; not enough choice.	Healthcare	
International Falls and at the lake	more help for people who need it for navigating medical bills, etc.	Healthcare	
International Falls, Rainy Lake	Upgrade hospital, better coordination of services, more transparency in planning, ONE CAMPUS with services in proximity to each other	Healthcare	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	dialysis	Healthcare	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	hospital needs to increase their ability to care for people instead of sending them other places, build up health care so we don't send people to Virginia or Duluth	Healthcare	
Littlefork	Add better health-care facilities with specialized services - dialysis, dermatology, pediatrics, radiation, OB-GYN.	Healthcare	
Littlefork	cardiology	Healthcare	
Littlefork	dermatology	Healthcare	
Littlefork	Have high quality emergency & obstetric services available at all times.	Healthcare	
Littlefork	Higher range medical facilities	Healthcare	

Littlefork	I would either expand our medical care to include much more specialized medicine, or incorporate the hospital and clinic, as well as nursing home, under one operation.	Healthcare	
Littlefork	orthodontist.	Healthcare	
Littlefork	orthopedics	Healthcare	
Littlefork	With an aging population, I believe that a MEMORY CARE UNIT or "behavioral center" would be an asset to Kooch. Co., so that families do not have to experience their loved one being sent to a facility 150 miles away for long-term care. This would be an asset, not only as fulfilling a need, but as an investment with jobs, etc. We have an area which campaigns to "shop local", but we also need a campaign to "Live Local."	Healthcare	
Littlefork	advanced health care	Healthcare	
Littlefork	better medical places	Healthcare	
Littlefork	cardiology	Healthcare	
Littlefork	continue to improve hospital, healthcare	Healthcare	
Littlefork	expand medical services	Healthcare	
Littlefork	Improve medical services, bring doctors to the area	Healthcare	
Littlefork	modernize elderly healthcare	Healthcare	
Littlefork	more hospitals services and care centers	Healthcare	
Littlefork	more specialized health care physicians	Healthcare	
Littlefork	more specialized medical treatments	Healthcare	
Littlefork	new hospital	Healthcare	
Littlefork	orthopedics	Healthcare	
Littlefork	physical therapy	Healthcare	
Littlefork	Reality check: we send our expecting parents away to deliver their babies, and we send our aging population away to die.	Healthcare	
Littlefork	Having access to high quality medical care is a major concern of potential community members.	Healthcare	

Littlefork	I was disappointed in the Northome Nursing Home closure, and feel that if this would have been presented within Int'l. Falls, more attention, support & investment would have been provided.	Healthcare	
Littlefork	I would see that the Good Samaritan nursing home was under new management, as it is being grossly mismanaged and cannot retain its employees.	Healthcare	
Littlefork	Northome needs their nursing home back! What a disservice to our elderly population!	Healthcare	
Littlefork	better cancer treatments locally so don't have to drive an hour & half away.	Healthcare	
Littlefork and International Falls	more options for veteran's health services	Healthcare	
northome	establish small transitional health care systems in each Koochiching County community	Healthcare	
Ranier	Improve medical facilities	Healthcare	
Greater International Falls	Bring in more stores/medical staff to do chemo and radiation in International Falls/more local medical and surgical care/bring in celebrity type shows to bring more people in	Healthcare	
Clementson	senior housing	Housing	24 responses. Countywide there is a need for more quality and affordable housing choices for all. Convert AB into housing. Add waterfront and golf course options such as condos.
Falls	apartments	Housing	
Falls	rental space	Housing	
Falls	summer resident condos on golf course and water areas	Housing	

I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	improve affordable housing	Housing	
International Falls	additional reasonable rental units	Housing	
International Falls	address housing and consider the need to redevelop the inner-core of the city of International Falls	Housing	
International Falls	bring in the MLS	Housing	
International Falls	clean up surrounding downtown areas - bulldoze 3rd and 4th Street and build duplexes - get rid of slums areas	Housing	
International Falls	convert AB into a historic housing complex	Housing	
International Falls	create more housing for professionals, temporary and long-term.	Housing	
International Falls	develop a housing facility in the Alexander Baker AB Building	Housing	
International Falls	modern, high-end rentals	Housing	
International Falls	need better housing choices and availability	Housing	
International Falls	Renovate AB into a moderate income living spaces	Housing	
International Falls	upgrade and modernize housing	Housing	
International Falls	waterfront condos	Housing	
International Falls	get rid of the slumlords some of the apartments and rentals are just disgusting and can't possibly meet any safety and fire code	Housing	
International Falls (2)	more decent middle class housing affordable for families; upgrade rental options to keep families here.	Housing	
International Falls, Rainy Lake	homeless and transitional housing	Housing	
Littlefork	better low income housing	Housing	
northome	housing	Housing	

Northome	They have Ita- Bel-Koo and other organizations such as the NE Entrepreneur Fund and Business Development and input and help from North Itasca Electric... I would like to enhance those connections and explore new ones. / Center more meetings, events and programs IN Northome. (It is a a crossroads of three major highways.) I would work on getting housing in Northome.. I am contacted often with people looking for housing. I would organize a board to explore the answers to housing problems in the Northome area. Work with property owners to maybe create more rental units not only for the elderly but for low income and just "regular" housing.	Housing	
Northome, MN	more housing	Housing	
International Falls	The first item that needs to be decided is what type of community do we want to be. If not known for being a resort community, then what?	Identity	31 responses. Some feel our area is not viewed as very welcoming to outsiders. We need to learn to embrace both union and non-union employers. We need to promote, capitalize upon and be proud of what we have and can offer. We need to embrace the future and be open-minded to change. We need to better support our communities within our county.
International Falls	Follow through with the Voyage Forward initiative - develop a realistic vision for the future of our area focused on economic and community development.	Identity	
International Falls	If I were in charge, I would instill pride in the people who live here	Identity	
International Falls	people are not inviting	Identity	
International Falls	this community is the least welcoming place I've lived	Identity	

International Falls	many people not born and raised here don't feel welcome that needs to be addressed	Identity	
International Falls	Promote Smokey the Bear. Put memorabilia of Smokey in the museum, celebrate his birthdays, use him to draw people downtown	Identity	
International Falls (2)	Eliminate conflict between medical providers, county and city, union and non-union and provide a "more open culture for job opportunities whether union or not."	Identity	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	End company town mentality.	Identity	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Fix the fear of change; get rid of "this is the way we do it; this is the way we've always done it."	Identity	
Int'l. Falls	take advantage of what the area has	Identity	
Littlefork	welcome people into community	Identity	
Loman	develop a Voyageur theme	Identity	
Loman	Preserve what is uniquely ours in the built environment, history and natural areas.	Identity	
Loman	Promote that which embodies the spirit of this special place.	Identity	
northome	develop entire county, not just Int'l. Falls	Identity	
northome	Have it work as a whole county and not as an International Falls county	Identity	
northome	Maintain what we have	Identity	
northome	more effort to improve all communities not just the biggest ones	Identity	
Northome	I would work aggressively to promote what our area has to offer.	Identity	
Northome	I would somehow bridge the gap between International Falls and Northome. Northome has more in common with Itasca and Beltrami Counties than their own county because of the distance. I would work to form a closer relationship with those counties.	Identity	
Rainy Lake	Acknowledge that as a community we have lost our sex appeal. But that doesn't mean we can't still be rustic and rough around the edges!!!	Identity	

Rainy Lake	I would encourage this current tight knit community to open it's doors to change and new comers. I have been here 18 yrs. International Falls residents in my opinion are very unwelcoming. Though I only lived in Littlefork for 3 yrs, I feel they have a very welcoming and strong community.	Identity	
Rainy Lake	building and marketing tourism as a way of attracting new residents and new businesses. Change local attitude of keeping it to themselves, not welcoming and friendly. Transform like Traverse City did.	Identity	
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Rainy Lake	get rid of unions - the union mentality scares businesses from coming to town	Identity	
Rainy Lake	Get rid of unions so other businesses won't be so afraid to come here	Identity	
Ranier	get people to accept the fact that VNP is here to stay	Identity	
Ranier	Get the rights to Rocky and Bullwinkle!	Identity	
Ray	If we could all put our entire county first and our communities second in our planning for the future I feel that the majority of us would have a more enjoyable life in rural northern Minnesota.	Identity	
Ray	I would like to see the people and government of International Falls accept the fact that they are a city in Koochiching County and not the only place in the county where development should take place. It usually seems, to me, that they are against almost anything that can benefit the rural parts of the county if it isn't under their direct jurisdiction and control.	Identity	
Birchdale	give every student who graduates from a school in Koochiching county 10 acres of county land in order to give them roots and ties to the area and a reason to stay here or come back here	Incentive	37 responses. Incentives need to be provided to attract and retain businesses and young people.
Falls	a tax break for small businesses	Incentive	
Falls	Assist small business	Incentive	

International Falls	"provide a student loan repayment plan that would encourage employers to hire and recruit well trained people while helping the new employee repay their student loans."	Incentive	
International Falls	Assist existing businesses to succeed (i.e., Loon's Nest is really struggling due to Snowmobile Club change in trail route)	Incentive	
International Falls	encourage and incentivize small businesses	Incentive	
International Falls	make it an encouraging place for people to come to attract new employers	Incentive	
International Falls	provide an incentive for businesses to expand	Incentive	
International Falls	when I bought my car ;locally I got chamber bucks it was great	Incentive	
International Falls	attract businesses by using incentives	Incentive	
International Falls	Be sure we are ready to welcome new business to the area and move promptly, sites are ready for new business, offer incentives.	Incentive	
International Falls	create a multi million dollar Angel Investment Fund for job creation	Incentive	
International Falls	expect, promote, and reward strong work ethic	Incentive	
International Falls	have something to offer those who want to relocate here	Incentive	
International Falls	Help Boise stay viable and grow	Incentive	
International Falls	I would offer incentives to attract and keep businesses open downtown.	Incentive	
International Falls	recruit businesses to expand	Incentive	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Infuse funding and energy into arts and creative small businesses.	Incentive	
International Falls, Rainy Lake	Make it easier, provide support for starting small businesses with the strong entrepreneurial spirit here	Incentive	
Kabetogama	Fill up empty store fronts downtown either with businesses offers, deals or create an ad to put in the window	Incentive	
Kabetogama	Give grants to local small businesses to freshen up their look with paint, new signs, things to look nice especially on the Main Street.	Incentive	
Kabetogama	I think Duluth did this at Christmastime	Incentive	

Littlefork	I would offer monetary assistance and-or rewards for small business retention. Those who have offered goods and services over extended periods of time should be allowed financial assistance of some sort at various intervals.	Incentive	
Littlefork	instead add manufacturing & industrial businesses and we need to offer incentives for them to locate in our area.	Incentive	
Littlefork	Make a bigger effort to get larger businesses & attractions to the area.	Incentive	
Loman	get people to move here	Incentive	
northome	incentives for businesses	Incentive	
northome	offer incentives for businesses to locate here	Incentive	
northome	small business incentives	Incentive	
northome	tax cuts for new business'	Incentive	
Northome, MN	make it easier for businesses to locate here	Incentive	
Pelland	energy credits	Incentive	
Rainy Lake	supply start-up costs or services for new businesses	Incentive	
Rainy Lake	Give money to improve resorts to add swimming pools and upgrade units	Incentive	
Rainy Lake on an island	encourage the development of businesses that don't depend on location for success	Incentive	
Ranier	I would like to see more incentives to get business here, whether small or large.	Incentive	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	encourage large and small businesses by giving deals like land for \$1.00	Incentive	

(blank)	I would bring more industry (not to much) to keep the town thriving but not lose the small town feel.	Industry	87 responses. Explore all potential industries to diversify and increase our area's job base. We need to work at changing the perception among both residents and industries that the area will only support unionized industry. Industries suggested include plasma gasification, skidoo, greenhouses, Polaris, fisheries and water bottling. FTZ or Tax-free zone needs to be ready for development. Establish a fair and transparent process for new business opportunities that avoids local protectionism.
Birchdale	80 acre gold mine in Birchdale	Industry	
Falls	build a plasma gassification facility	Industry	
Falls	build greenhouses to grow produce to sell locally and ship out	Industry	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	build a toilet paper factory	Industry	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	stop hauling trash to another county	Industry	
International Falls	Another industry, like Boise, to bring in more families and new ideas.	Industry	

International Falls	better industry	Industry	
International Falls	Bring in a business that makes things the area needs like canoes	Industry	
International Falls	Bring in at least one additional major manufacturer	Industry	
International Falls	get companies to expand up here	Industry	
International Falls	get skidoo to build tundras again as there is enormous demand for them as they are small and great for use in Canada northern US and Alaska for fishing hunting and trapping	Industry	
International Falls	have a fact finding process for why big employers such as Marvin, Polaris and others did not set up here	Industry	
International Falls	investigation into chilling effect on new businesses and the causes i.e. why did Marvin and Polaris not set up here	Industry	
International Falls	Minimize hurdles for new small industry	Industry	
International Falls	ongoing public awareness of why new businesses are not encouraged	Industry	
International Falls	open up fishery to raise fish and sell them	Industry	
International Falls	prevent Boise from keeping other employers from coming to town	Industry	
International Falls	start a water bottling company using glass instead of plastic so the water doesn't take on the plastic taste	Industry	
International Falls	tap into the rails coming back and forth across the border - is there a way to develop something in the free trade zone?	Industry	
International Falls	try to attract emerging young companies	Industry	
International Falls	what happened to the Pharma gasification plant	Industry	
International Falls	Would open another factory.	Industry	
International Falls	Add industry	Industry	
International Falls	Bring a big business like "Marvin Windows" to town that would create 200+ jobs	Industry	
International Falls	Bring a boat and water sport manufacturing or testing to area	Industry	
International Falls	Bring another factory in the southern part	Industry	
International Falls	Bring in a satellite plant (Polaris or Marvin Windows)	Industry	
International Falls	bring in businesses like Polaris, Marvin Windows	Industry	

International Falls	build bush planes	Industry	
International Falls	build the RECAP facility	Industry	
International Falls	Need to have a plan that we align on and then start building on that. If it is a manufacturing community then what type of manufacturing could we support and what assets do we have to draw interest.	Industry	
International Falls	get another big industry	Industry	
International Falls	Get the FTZ shovel ready so it can be promoted like the City's Intermodal District	Industry	
International Falls	get the rock out of the FTZ and put utilities in so it can be shovel ready like the Multi Modal District	Industry	
International Falls	Get wood pellet plant	Industry	
International Falls	have more industry	Industry	
International Falls	Need to jump on wagon producing organic as Ely (Two Harbors) indoors	Industry	
International Falls	market labor market to employers	Industry	
International Falls	More industry, production;	Industry	
International Falls	new factory	Industry	
International Falls	new industries	Industry	
International Falls	Peat bog plant	Industry	
International Falls	Search of innovative industries to bring into the community	Industry	
International Falls	seek wood based plant to locate here	Industry	
International Falls	start a micro-brewery	Industry	
International Falls	start businesses that would create jobs and utilize the wood products and resources we have here	Industry	
International Falls	the Mill isn't going to get any bigger	Industry	
International Falls	tourism is a dead horse but not manufacture for sports	Industry	
International Falls	tourism is not the best hook to hang our hat on - because we're so isolated	Industry	
International Falls	use the tax free zone to become a mining industry distribution center for Fort France and Emo	Industry	

International Falls	Utilize wood resources (i.e. wood pelletiaing production)	Industry	
International Falls	we need to attract another major employer so that what happened to Fort Frances doesn't happen to I Falls	Industry	
International Falls	We need to quit chasing away opportunities such as RECAP that have huge potential to put us on the map for green and innovative technology, while creating good paying jobs. Before listening to people complain and say not in my backyard", make sure they really understand what they are complaining about rather than making assumptions based on rumors. If we continue to chase away opportunities we will have nothing left but an gaining poverty stricken population, with more dollar stores and consignment shops than we already have."	Industry	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Make IFalls a diverse economy; no more one industry town.	Industry	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	"One idea would be a repackaging business where things in bulk are repackaged to display packaging for store shelves."	Industry	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	Do something with tax free zones	Industry	
International Falls MN	make our area a pilot project for environmentally friendly industry"	Industry	
Koochiching	Operate Trade zone not influenced by dominate businesses	Industry	
Koochiching	Pellet plant	Industry	
Littlefork	Companies such as 3M, Polaris, Marvin Windows have tried to enter the area but get turned down - why??	Industry	
Littlefork	Get a manufacturer to move in and I wouldn't expect them to pay union wages.	Industry	
Littlefork	I also think it will be beneficial for the community to start allowing big businesses in because the only real jobs are Boise and other jobs connected with Boise & the education system.	Industry	
Littlefork	manufacturing such as automotive.	Industry	
Littlefork	There is no longer any benefit for Boise since the paper machine shut down and many people lost jobs & left the area.	Industry	

Littlefork	bring in new and more manufacturing even if it means stepping on Boise's toes.	Industry	
Littlefork	Invest in setting up manufacturing factories	Industry	
Littlefork	market renewable wood resources to other countries	Industry	
Littlefork	Marvin Windows	Industry	
Littlefork	More industries	Industry	
Littlefork	more industry so that our children have more opportunity to remain in the area after college	Industry	
Littlefork	Polaris	Industry	
Littlefork	Polaris	Industry	
Littlefork	utilize forest industry renewable resources	Industry	
Littlefork	Look at the projects that we have started and try to finish them by getting rid of the hurdles that are preventing us from moving forward, such as peat processing in Big Falls & gasification plant in Northome.	Industry	
Littlefork and International Falls	fish breeding	Industry	
Loman	Build a brick and mortar business that through technology could actually be located anywhere yet could virtually reach out to people everywhere and ship product nation- or worldwide (e.g. Digi-Key)	Industry	
Loman	start up a "Green Jobs" business dealing with wind power, solar, renewables	Industry	
northome	better markets for timber	Industry	
northome	industries	Industry	
Rainy Lake	bring in a business to manufacture something other than paper	Industry	
Rainy Lake	start a bottled water company	Industry	
Rainy Lake	start a repackaging company where things are shipped in bulk, repackage ready to display on store shelves	Industry	
Rainy Lake	Have another major employer not in manufacturing	Industry	
Ranier	Bring another big employer into the area like Anderson Windows	Industry	
Ranier	New form of industry	Industry	

Ranier/International Falls	More industry	Industry	
AEOA LIT	Fix the roads	Infrastructure	80 responses. Fix, improve and maintain roads, highways, sidewalks throughout county. Highway 53 should become 4 lanes. Sewer should be extended. A boardwalk should be created along the riverfront.
Big Falls	road conditions	Infrastructure	
East of International Falls	Make sure that all county roads were tared. Not just the ones on the lake but all county roads	Infrastructure	
Falls	Highway 53 to be all four lane	Infrastructure	
Falls	improve sidewalks	Infrastructure	
Falls	lamps	Infrastructure	
Falls	sidewalks	Infrastructure	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	pave some roads	Infrastructure	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	consider using an architect to plan the 2 highways into town and Main St.	Infrastructure	
indus school	address road problems	Infrastructure	
indus school	keep the roads clean both on back roads and on the highway	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Improve Highway 53 to a 4-lane from Cook to IFalls	Infrastructure	
International Falls	4-lane HWY	Infrastructure	
International Falls	better roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	extend four lane highway to International Falls	Infrastructure	

International Falls	fix up our streets, like 6th Street and the surrounding neighborhoods	Infrastructure	
International Falls	heated roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	improve roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	improved transportation;	Infrastructure	
International Falls	new roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	underground, heated tunnels	Infrastructure	
International Falls	utilized thermo heat like Lake LaCroix	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Add highway rest stops	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Better access to street information for sewers.	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Boise for Power for city generator water	Infrastructure	
International Falls	city roads need to be in much better condition.	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Complete Highway 53 all the way to I Falls	Infrastructure	
International Falls	fix the potholes and streets that are in poor condition	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Four lanes on Highway 53 all the way up to the Falls	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Four-lane highway to International Falls	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Get sewer service all the way up the lake and long the river where it hasn't been done yet.	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Get the new airport terminal project done	Infrastructure	
International Falls	get utilities into the Donahue property and market it to developers	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Heated Roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	keep roads in good condition and improve other modes of transportation	Infrastructure	
International Falls	more sewer and water	Infrastructure	
International Falls	natural gas line extensions	Infrastructure	
International Falls	roads paved	Infrastructure	
International Falls	roads plowed more	Infrastructure	
International Falls	streets	Infrastructure	
International Falls	The roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	Fix all roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	improve highway infrastructure	Infrastructure	

International Falls (2)	Improve streets and intersection management	Infrastructure	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	heated roads	Infrastructure	
Koochiching	Fix the Roads	Infrastructure	
Koochiching	Improve the Streets	Infrastructure	
Koochiching	Improve the streets	Infrastructure	
Koochiching	More street repair	Infrastructure	
Koochiching	Sidewalks need improvement	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	a boardwalk	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	fix the highway from the Junction to Int'l. Falls.	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	offer choices and utilities	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	The roads need lots of repair work done too.	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	A boardwalk area like Ft. Frances.	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	better road maintenance	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	better roads	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	build a boardwalk by water	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	condition of highways 217, 71, 6 are not good.	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	fix the road from the junction to Int'l. Falls	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	Improve 53 from Cook North, if not 4 lane then add passing lanes.	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	improve roads	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	Improvements in roads	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	pave my road.	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	Repave main highways	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	road improvements	Infrastructure	
Littlefork	upgrade and repair roads	Infrastructure	
Loman	fiber optics going farther	Infrastructure	
Loman	redundancy regarding fiber optics	Infrastructure	
northome	equal road services - private contractor in south not doing a good job.	Infrastructure	
northome	improve cell phone coverage	Infrastructure	

Rainy Lake	bring city water and sewer all the way out Sha Sha so all the resorts can upgrade which makes it more attractive to locals and tourists	Infrastructure	
Rainy Lake	improve roads	Infrastructure	
Rainy Lake	Bring city sewer all the way up the lake - especially to the resorts / bring City water all the way up the lake / clean up the areas not taken care of by owners / clean up Koochiching County -there's too much junk laying around - it's awful	Infrastructure	
Ranier	increase broadband spectrum to attract big businesses	Infrastructure	
Ranier	Sewer will be going to Sha Sha's but we need to get water to the East end also! It's crazy we can't provide the basic necessities for survival to our citizens!	Infrastructure	
Ranier	better roads and jobs	Infrastructure	
Ranier	maintain roads and streets better	Infrastructure	
Ray	Relocate the Boise Railway station	Infrastructure	
Ray	better roads	Infrastructure	
International Falls	stop the exodus	Population	30 responses. We need to stop the decline in population. We need to initiate growth by attracting the younger generation with jobs and opportunities, as well as making the area a desirable place to live. The senior population need to be kept by providing additional services.
International Falls	the community cannot afford to get any smaller or its ability to buy goods and services will diminish	Population	
International Falls	Would like people to stay in the community instead of leaving	Population	

International Falls	At present, we are an elderly community (mean age is high) - we need to continue to grow services that are affordable (housing, therapy, home health care, support groups) and support our aging population.	Population	
International Falls	develop the area as a retirement area	Population	
International Falls	stop brain drain	Population	
International Falls and at the lake	find chore, handy man services for elderly and disabled	Population	
International Falls and at the lake	keep seniors from leaving the community	Population	
Int'l. Falls	keep the young people in the area	Population	
Int'l. Falls	we need to recruit and retain young people	Population	
Koochiching	Senior housing	Population	
Koochiching	New People	Population	
Koochiching County	if we don't create more programs and services and more senior housing options to keep our seniors active and healthy in our community they will have to move to find those services and their children who may be their caregivers will move with them	Population	
Koochiching County	our aging population should be looked at and consider as economic development	Population	
Koochiching County	they are a stable and secure source of income in our area	Population	
Littlefork	make older generation more comfortable	Population	
Littlefork	I would get younger people ages 18-40 more involved in community growth, leadership and activities.	Population	
Littlefork	efforts to sustain population	Population	
Littlefork	increase population & economy.	Population	
Littlefork and International Falls	Market the area as a retirement area that's served by an airport so you can leave in the winter	Population	
Littlefork and International Falls	more retirement communities like Good Sam	Population	

Loman	find someone who left to come back	Population	
northome	more housing and support for handicapped and elderly	Population	
northome	provide transportation for elderly in southern part of county - not income based, but need based	Population	
northome	attract younger people	Population	
northome	make it economically feasible for people to continue living there.	Population	
northome	more familys	Population	
northome	we need a good mix of young and older people	Population	
Rainy Lake	Need more for young people	Population	
Ranier	Bring more full-time residents to the area	Population	
Ranier	Rethink our future based on population changes.	Population	
(blank)	If I were in charge and had the resources to do so I would start big and with another country.	Question	
AEOA LIT	large weddings	Question	
Big Falls	no response	Question	
East of International Falls	Good building for the humane society	Question	
indus school	I like how it is now!	Question	
International Falls	ask people who live other places (including in Canada) what has worked for them	Question	
International Falls	Ideally the developers would be from here or deeply invested in al that is International Falls.	Question	
International Falls	inspire those who are less fortunate in our community - partner to find employment opportunities, education, counseling, affordable housing and loans. I feel there is a distinct line between the haves and have not's in the county. "	Question	
International Falls	make it a retirement community	Question	
International Falls	more attention	Question	
International Falls	open to public	Question	

International Falls	this Voyage forward team seems of to a good start	Question	
International Falls	blank	Question	
International Falls	blank	Question	
International Falls	Capitalize more on our "international" location: trade, transportation, medical facilities.	Question	
International Falls	Develop the Alexander Baker - AB Building into a fitness and arts complex that includes: first floor - swimming pool, second floor - fitness center, third floor - studio and long-term stay suites for tourists and artists, roof-top glassed and screened-in area for artists to paint, tourists to relax, restaurant, open year-round, using solar energy	Question	
International Falls	expansion	Question	
International Falls	Fill needs of families with jobs, schools, culture, shopping, Main Street.	Question	
International Falls	Get rid of Voyageur's National Park.	Question	
International Falls	I don't want to be in charge	Question	
International Falls	I wouldn't do anything to change it	Question	
International Falls	is there something that we have that other areas don't have? - No	Question	
International Falls	Make it somewhere people want to live.	Question	
International Falls	not hotels or bars	Question	
International Falls	not much	Question	
International Falls	nothing	Question	
International Falls	off-putting	Question	
International Falls	Pay real attention and not just lip service to the study, conclusions and suggestions coming from Newmark consultants and use these to truly move the area forward.	Question	
International Falls	protect private investment	Question	
International Falls	Rule out trying to compete with internet.	Question	
International Falls	this would be an extra draw for the area	Question	
International Falls	we need to overcome this type of thing before we can move forward with a united front	Question	

International Falls	we're all in this together	Question	
International Falls	Get a lake or riverview in town/more programs at RRCC to make populations gains like Bemidji has/bring in some new industries/ add new shops/ add new restaurants/ get a Target or Walmart	Question	
International Falls	If I were the King of Koochiching, I would first gather input from as many residents as I possibly could – face-to-face, door-to-door, surveys, mailings, lunch breaks, etc. Then, with a group of my most trusted elected appointees (not prearranged appointees), we would sort out the fluff from reality and start to rank what we feel is most important to our community and most urgent. Then, we would formulate a plan, make announcements on the radio, in the newspaper, and by mail to let everyone know what the plan is and who specifically we need to assist (workers and volunteers). Lastly, we would execute the plan to the best of our abilities and enjoy as our community evolves!	Question	
International Falls	idealy I would look into it and get it cleaned up	Question	
International Falls and at the lake	ask folks what they want	Question	
International Falls and at the lake	ask people what they want	Question	
Koochiching	Look at renovating the AM building	Question	
Koochiching	.birthday	Question	
Koochiching County	but with that comes the other side of the coin	Question	
Littlefork	Don't know	Question	
Littlefork	especially for services and products that families need to get out of town for	Question	
Littlefork	I don't know	Question	
Littlefork	no response	Question	
Littlefork and International Falls	keep upgrading	Question	

Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	Anyway. That's my two cents. Er, 50 cents. I would love to see the Falls become a super cool place and not peter out at the whim of Boise.	Question	
Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	www.facebook.com	Question	
northome	I have several ideas for community development that may be workable	Question	
northome	no response	Question	
northome	outreach facilities	Question	
Rainy Lake	After living here for 18 yrs, I feel like the life has been sucked out of me. My wife has also expressed these feelings. I have guilt for staying here to raise a family. I wish this was offered 18 yrs ago when I had energy. I really hope change can happen here. My wife and I won't retire here, despite Rainy lake. We have missed out on many great things by not living in Hermantown, Grand Rapids, Duluth, Grand Forks simply because our jobs don't allow us to move at this point in our life.	Question	
Rainy Lake	I feel change must come from the outside.	Question	
Ranier	The area would be vibrant.	Question	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	get businesses off Hwy 53 and over to Hwy 71	Question	

AEOA	Dirt bike trail	Recreation	236 responses. MORE!!!! Both variety and choices indoor and outdoor throughout the county. Most desired included trails, campgrounds, rock wall, water access, YMCA/recreation center, community pool. We need to better promote, support and expand opportunities already in place e.g. expand offerings (concessions) at City Beach.
AEOA	More and better ATV trails	Recreation	
AEOA	More hunting areas	Recreation	
AEOA LIT	climbing rock wall	Recreation	
AEOA LIT	Community Pool	Recreation	
AEOA LIT	Dance Hall to teaching different dances	Recreation	
AEOA LIT	Lazer tag	Recreation	
AEOA LIT	more camping sites without having to own a boat	Recreation	
AEOA LIT	skiing	Recreation	
AEOA LIT	YMCA	Recreation	
Ardenhurst Township - Island Lake Area - Northome	Campsites are poorly maintained and ill-spaced	Recreation	
Ardenhurst Township - Island Lake Area - Northome	The full potential of the Bigfork River for recreational canoeing and kayaking is not adequately maintained or developed	Recreation	
Big Falls	hunting wolves to bring back deer population	Recreation	

Big Falls	Add fitness center in Big Falls	Recreation	
Big Falls	indoor batting cage	Recreation	
Big Falls	ski resort in the area	Recreation	
Big Falls	YMCA	Recreation	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	big Rec Center with tennis and racquetball courts	Recreation	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Big swimming pool	Recreation	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	indoor, heated swimming pool	Recreation	
Birchdale	promote current trail system(snowmobile, ATV)	Recreation	
Blank	hiking, promote more biking-skiing, single parent support groups	Recreation	
Cambridge	YMCA	Recreation	
Falls	build a mini-golf amusement part	Recreation	
Falls	better bike trails	Recreation	
Falls	develop a recreation course for ATVs	Recreation	
Falls	expand bicycle trails and ATV trails	Recreation	
Falls	recreational possibilities should be more strongly marketed	Recreation	
Falls and County	indoor activity center for kids and adults-a discovery center, rock climbing, swimming pool, etc.	Recreation	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	build a campground on Rainy Lake	Recreation	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	build bike trails	Recreation	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	create a community center with a sports center, pool	Recreation	

Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	increase camping areas	Recreation	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	like a YMCA	Recreation	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	more bike trails	Recreation	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	more places to get out and see nature	Recreation	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	ski trails	Recreation	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	add a rec center	Recreation	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	add another skating rink	Recreation	
indus school	Allow more freedom for utility vehicles(ATVs, snowmobiles)	Recreation	
indus school	bring in wolf hunters	Recreation	
International Falls	24 hour gym	Recreation	
International Falls	Increase recreational and leisure opportunities, such as creating a sports complex with ice rink, pool, tennis, racquetball, soccer field, climbing wall, obstacle course that is usable in winter and summer.	Recreation	
International Falls	access to lands	Recreation	
International Falls	Affordable ways to access nature.	Recreation	
International Falls	Baseball field and hockey rink for the college	Recreation	
International Falls	basketball courts	Recreation	
International Falls	boat rentals to give more people access to the lake	Recreation	

International Falls	Camping available on the mainland on the lake so that a boat is not required	Recreation	
International Falls	change policy for VNP campsite issues - less red tape	Recreation	
International Falls	I think a splash park open in the summer months would be a great addition to the county	Recreation	
International Falls	Improve access to the park and other recreational areas for folks with mobility issues.	Recreation	
International Falls	improve parks	Recreation	
International Falls	Make access to the water available	Recreation	
International Falls	Make the lake more accessible	Recreation	
International Falls	mini put golf course - a good one	Recreation	
International Falls	More affordable simple campgrounds	Recreation	
International Falls	more bike paths and hiking trails	Recreation	
International Falls	more lake activates	Recreation	
International Falls	More mapped biking	Recreation	
International Falls	more outdoor recreation places	Recreation	
International Falls	More recreational outfitters-rental of kayaks, canoes, etc or better advertising of those who do this	Recreation	
International Falls	more recreational venues; RV camping areas in the Falls near water;	Recreation	
International Falls	more workout facilities	Recreation	
International Falls	Park area on lakefront Like Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis	Recreation	
International Falls	Pavilion on the lake	Recreation	
International Falls	racquetball	Recreation	
International Falls	rec center	Recreation	
International Falls	rest stop with walking trail	Recreation	
International Falls	rock wall	Recreation	
International Falls	Running, walking and bike trails along the lake	Recreation	
International Falls	Someplace to launch and rent kayaks and canoes	Recreation	
International Falls	Walking and biking paths along the river " next to the water	Recreation	

International Falls	add more camping for RVs, campers and tenters on the lake and river	Recreation	
International Falls	Add more walking and hiking trails around town	Recreation	
International Falls	Add on to Kerry Park Arena	Recreation	
International Falls	advertise the disc golf at RRCC	Recreation	
International Falls	bike paths	Recreation	
International Falls	Build a YMCA	Recreation	
International Falls	Build more hiking and walking trails.	Recreation	
International Falls	develop bike trails	Recreation	
International Falls	develop designated ATV trails or combination ATV and snowmobile trails	Recreation	
International Falls	Develop our waterfront to be accessible to the community	Recreation	
International Falls	Begin a bike borrowing program where people can take bikes and return them.	Recreation	
International Falls	expand and improve multi use trail system	Recreation	
International Falls	WE need great access to water	Recreation	
International Falls	Explore ways to capitalize on our natural resources such as camping sites, hiking areas and trails	Recreation	
International Falls	Get a sledding hill like Ranier has	Recreation	
International Falls	Gym Facilities	Recreation	
International Falls	hiking trails	Recreation	
International Falls	I think we could benefit from an indoor recreation area which could include activities such as mini golf, a splash pad, or indoor track. We could benefit from another paved bike trail within city limits while maintaining the lake bike trail.	Recreation	
International Falls	I would develop more activities and arenas for locals or foreigners to explore and have fun.	Recreation	
International Falls	Icefishing is getting popular again just look at what Brainerd is doing with it	Recreation	
International Falls	increase outdoor activity opportunities	Recreation	
International Falls	keep tennis and basketball courts at Smokey Bear and Kerry Parks	Recreation	
International Falls	Make a mud run area	Recreation	

International Falls	more activities to do	Recreation	
International Falls	more recreational activites	Recreation	
International Falls	Need a nice campground near Int'l Falls.	Recreation	
International Falls	need community bases sports center like a YMCA	Recreation	
International Falls	Need more hiking trails (Xcounty ski trails aren't good for walking)	Recreation	
International Falls	promote the golf course more	Recreation	
International Falls	Provide Parks	Recreation	
International Falls	Ranier should buy out Finstad's RV Park and develop it as a first class, well kept RV Park for Ranier	Recreation	
International Falls	rec center	Recreation	
International Falls	rec center	Recreation	
International Falls	Recreation access	Recreation	
International Falls	recreation center or YMCA	Recreation	
International Falls	snowmobiling paths and interconnection to entire county, International Falls to Virginia, Bemidji, & Baudette. Use these resources to draw people to the area by having rentals and guided tours.	Recreation	
International Falls	Strengthen recreation pursuits including finish biking and walking path or lengthen more skiing and biking trails.	Recreation	
International Falls	swimming pool	Recreation	
International Falls	walleye tournament	Recreation	
International Falls	water park	Recreation	
International Falls	We need a place like a play center - like a YMCA	Recreation	
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International Falls	" Invest more in parks and recreation and trail systems to attract tourists."	Recreation	
International Falls	"Improved sports and recreation facilities. The sports facilities (esp. the skating facilities) are outdated. They do not allow the city	Recreation	
International Falls	"There is a need for a public pool - the high school pool does not serve as a community pool. I would suggest contacting the YMCA which assists with funding and grants in rural communities e.g. Ely and Grand Rapids."	Recreation	

International Falls	recreational facility	Recreation	
International Falls	Add horse trails	Recreation	
International Falls	improve services and product selection as it relates to water recreation	Recreation	
International Falls	more public camping sites that can be driven to	Recreation	
International Falls	promote Big Falls camping	Recreation	
International Falls	promote other recreational opportunities canoeing, biking, trail riding (4 wheelers)	Recreation	
International Falls	stronger promotion of hunting and fishing opportunities	Recreation	
International Falls & Big Falls	build a recreation center including indoor pool, water slides,gym space	Recreation	
International Falls (2)	summer parks and rec programs in the playgrounds--we used to have them! light up Smokey Bear Park and flood for skating in the winter.	Recreation	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Provide more indoor winter opportunities, e.g. Lookout Ridge and spa.	Recreation	
International Falls/at the lake	campsites for people visiting VNP	Recreation	
Koochiching	bigger Parks	Recreation	
Koochiching	Community center for hockey swimming basketball	Recreation	
Koochiching	Community Swimming Pool	Recreation	
Koochiching	Gymnastics	Recreation	
Koochiching	Improve the Parks	Recreation	
Koochiching	More outdoor programs to educate on survival and canoeing	Recreation	
Koochiching	More recreation things to do	Recreation	
Koochiching	More recreational activities	Recreation	
Koochiching	Roller rink	Recreation	
Koochiching	Water Park	Recreation	
Koochiching	Water Parks in Motel	Recreation	
Koochiching	YMCA	Recreation	
Koochiching	Ropes course	Recreation	

Koochiching	Batting cages	Recreation	
Koochiching	Laser tag	Recreation	
Koochiching	Activity Center with Basketball	Recreation	
Koochiching	boating	Recreation	
Koochiching	Dog Park	Recreation	
Koochiching	fishing	Recreation	
Koochiching	pool table	Recreation	
Koochiching	Roller Rinks	Recreation	
Koochiching	swimming pool	Recreation	
Littlefork	Make City Beach a more utilized summer spot - concession stand	Recreation	
Littlefork	and a splash pad, all centrally located. I would make the splash pad at the old "3rd Street playground" location where the community garden is. This would be great for parents and young children.	Recreation	
Littlefork	golf	Recreation	
Littlefork	hiking trail,	Recreation	
Littlefork	I would add a lot of recreation to the area, other than hunting and fishing.	Recreation	
Littlefork	I would add a mini golf adjacent to Falls Country Club,	Recreation	
Littlefork	I would make City Beach a more fun & active location with paddle boat & Kayak rentals, concession stand, water slide, beach volleyball.	Recreation	
Littlefork	mudding area	Recreation	
Littlefork	rock climbing wall,	Recreation	
Littlefork	Rock-climbing wall	Recreation	
Littlefork	Ski hill & snowboarding like Buena Vista	Recreation	
Littlefork	terrain park for snowboarders & skiers	Recreation	
Littlefork	water park & batting cages	Recreation	
Littlefork	waterslide park,	Recreation	
Littlefork	We need more centrally located things to do for people who don't have a boat or cabin.	Recreation	

Littlefork	winter sliding hill,	Recreation	
Littlefork	add a ski resort.	Recreation	
Littlefork	Add ski resort	Recreation	
Littlefork	Add some bicycle & walking trails.	Recreation	
Littlefork	better beach access other than city beach	Recreation	
Littlefork	BMX track.	Recreation	
Littlefork	boat rentals	Recreation	
Littlefork	Bring additional recreational opportunities for youngsters & families	Recreation	
Littlefork	Build a rec center	Recreation	
Littlefork	Build RV park	Recreation	
Littlefork	Build YMCA	Recreation	
Littlefork	cross country ski and snowshoe rentals	Recreation	
Littlefork	disc golf.	Recreation	
Littlefork	fitness center	Recreation	
Littlefork	YMCA	Recreation	
Littlefork	pool	Recreation	
Littlefork	hiking trails	Recreation	
Littlefork	I would have more family friendly activities outdoors	Recreation	
Littlefork	inside mini golf & batting cage	Recreation	
Littlefork	intramurals	Recreation	
Littlefork	laser tag	Recreation	
Littlefork	make more recreational trails ATV snowmobile walking trails in greater Koochiching County	Recreation	
Littlefork	mini golf	Recreation	
Littlefork	more activities for people to do on Rainy Lake	Recreation	
Littlefork	more campgrounds	Recreation	
Littlefork	more recreational trails	Recreation	
Littlefork	more trails for walking, biking in Littlefork	Recreation	

Littlefork	open more outdoor activities such as ski areas	Recreation	
Littlefork	paintball court	Recreation	
Littlefork	pool	Recreation	
Littlefork	racquetball courts	Recreation	
Littlefork	rec center	Recreation	
Littlefork	recreation center	Recreation	
Littlefork	Recreation Centers	Recreation	
Littlefork	river rafting	Recreation	
Littlefork	rock climbing wall	Recreation	
Littlefork	rock climbing walls	Recreation	
Littlefork	slide	Recreation	
Littlefork	sliding hill	Recreation	
Littlefork	use rivers for recreation	Recreation	
Littlefork	walking & hiking trails	Recreation	
Littlefork	water park resorts	Recreation	
Littlefork	water slide	Recreation	
Littlefork	waterpark	Recreation	
Littlefork	waterslide	Recreation	
Littlefork	winterslide	Recreation	
Littlefork	open a community center with a pool and gym	Recreation	
Littlefork	add recreation center	Recreation	
Loman	develop more RV campgrounds with lake access	Recreation	
Loman	recreation and trail development	Recreation	
London, Ontario	newer arena	Recreation	
Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	I would LOVE to be able to tell them that there are great campgrounds and cute bed and breakfasts on the lake. It would be great to see a place that easily (and with moderate pricing) rents canoes and kayaks (like Wheel Of Fun).	Recreation	
northome	expand maintain and promote recreational trail system	Recreation	

northome	improve biking	Recreation	
northome	main reason people come here is outdoor recreation and the wilderness experience	Recreation	
Northome	I would make more efforts to raise money for more nature things. / there is not much at the county fair that really focuses on the area and what they have to offer, like the 4 wheeling trails, snowmobile trials, fishing lakes, and state owned hunting areas	Recreation	
Rainy Lake	improve area parks to make them more appealing to young families	Recreation	
Rainy Lake	Increase organized activities at City Beach so more people use it	Recreation	
Rainy Lake	more campsites and houseboat sites	Recreation	
Rainy Lake	more water accessible	Recreation	
Rainy Lake	upgrade Kerry Park Arena	Recreation	
Ranier	add ice rink and snow terrain park	Recreation	
Ranier	better beaches	Recreation	
Ranier	have a BMX dirtbike terrain park with jumps, rails & foam pits.	Recreation	
Ranier	more biking trails	Recreation	
Ranier	more hiking trails	Recreation	
Ranier	Promote area for recreational opportunities	Recreation	
Ranier	water park	Recreation	
Ray	better snowmobile trails	Recreation	
Ray	Build a community center in I Falls with recreation opportunities	Recreation	
(blank)	I would bring one larger name higher quality restaurant to town, (applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc), I care about the local family owned restaurants so allowing one in town would please the locals and visitors as well as keep the family owned in business.	Restaurants	91 responses. There is a desire for more and varied dining opportunities, many franchise restaurants were named.
AEOA LIT	Country Buffet	Restaurants	
AEOA LIT	Red Lobster	Restaurants	
Big Falls	Cherry Berry	Restaurants	

Big Falls	Olive Garden	Restaurants	
Big Falls	Starbucks	Restaurants	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Starbucks	Restaurants	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	have a better variety of restaurants	Restaurants	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	bring in soul food	Restaurants	
Falls	coffee bar	Restaurants	
Falls	open ICE International Chocolate Emporium in the Jim's Cafe building	Restaurants	
Falls	refurbish the ICO building to sell food beverages and have a water-filling station	Restaurants	
Falls	Restore the Alexander Baker Building to house a variety of things roof-top cafe	Restaurants	
Falls	build an ice cream parlor	Restaurants	
Falls	build upscale restraurants	Restaurants	
Falls	build a wine bar downtown	Restaurants	
Falls and County	restaurants with wholesome, healthy food; more organic choices in supermarkets	Restaurants	
International Falls	Buffalo Wild Wings	Restaurants	
International Falls	Buffalo Wild Wings	Restaurants	
International Falls	chipotle	Restaurants	
International Falls	Chipotle	Restaurants	
International Falls	I also think a larger variety of restaurants such as Jimmy Johns or Arby's would benefit the community	Restaurants	
International Falls	more food options	Restaurants	
International Falls	more food options (restaurants)	Restaurants	
International Falls	more food places	Restaurants	
International Falls	more restaurants	Restaurants	

International Falls	more restaurants	Restaurants	
International Falls	Pizza HUt	Restaurants	
International Falls	restaurant choices	Restaurants	
International Falls	Taco Bell	Restaurants	
International Falls	Taco John's	Restaurants	
International Falls	Taco Johns	Restaurants	
International Falls	add Olive Garden	Restaurants	
International Falls	add restaurants with more sophisticated menus	Restaurants	
International Falls	bring in more restaurants	Restaurants	
International Falls	Buffalo Wild Wings	Restaurants	
International Falls	Cafe Rio	Restaurants	
International Falls	Have a floating restaurant on Rainy Lake that's open summer and winter	Restaurants	
International Falls	more restaurants	Restaurants	
International Falls	Taco Bell	Restaurants	
International Falls	food options	Restaurants	
International Falls	Mexican Food	Restaurants	
International Falls	more eating options	Restaurants	
International Falls	Qdoba	Restaurants	
International Falls	distinct eating opportunities	Restaurants	
International Falls	We need nice restaurants	Restaurants	
International Falls	Good restaurants serving good food and providing good service	Restaurants	
International Falls	great restaurant and pub at Woody's in Ranier, maximize the view and the deck, offer shuttle boat rides, resort packages	Restaurants	
International Falls	highlight the food of our area	Restaurants	
International Falls	more eating places	Restaurants	
International Falls	need a really good sports bar	Restaurants	
International Falls	Chipotle	Restaurants	
Koochiching	Chinese Buffet	Restaurants	

Koochiching	Arbys	Restaurants	
Koochiching	Burger King	Restaurants	
Littlefork	chain restaurant such as Olive Garden	Restaurants	
Littlefork	healthy fast food options like Jimmy Johns or Qdoba	Restaurants	
Littlefork	I would add a couple good chain restaurants	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Open A&W in Littlefork again.	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Add a chain restaurant like Olive Garden or Applebees	Restaurants	
Littlefork	add restaurants	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Applebees.	Restaurants	
Littlefork	better restaurants	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Buffalo Wild Wings	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Buffalo Wild Wings	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Caribout Coffee	Restaurants	
Littlefork	chain restaurant	Restaurants	
Littlefork	chain restaurant	Restaurants	
Littlefork	chain restaurant for Falls like Applebees, Olive Garden, Texas Roadhouse	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Coldstone	Restaurants	
Littlefork	fast food restaurant in Littlefork	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Get more places to eat	Restaurants	
Littlefork	more restaurants	Restaurants	
Littlefork	more restaurants	Restaurants	
Littlefork	more restaurants	Restaurants	
Littlefork	restaurants need to grow, but think that these would if the above were added.	Restaurants	
Littlefork	We have restaurants that have little customer service & mediocre cuisine.	Restaurants	
Littlefork	Cherry Berry	Restaurants	
Littlefork	I would turn the old Jim's Caf� into a smoothie, ice cream shop.	Restaurants	
Littlefork	restaurant open for sports teams later in Littlefork.	Restaurants	
Littlefork	add coffee shop	Restaurants	

Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	Then, once there are places to stay, a couple of nice restaurants would be a great addition. I just visited Bemidji and ate at Tutu Bene -- SO great. They also seem to have their branding down, what with Paul Bunyan and the general plaid theme. I would love to see the Falls update their image and come up with some cool North themed items that are not camouflage, washed out neon, frayed in any way, or just generally fit for a shack. This store in Bemidji is a great example of what would be a cool addition if tourism picks up: https:	Restaurants	
northome	small cafe or restaurant	Restaurants	
northome	more places to eat and have coffee	Restaurants	
Rainy Lake	more retaurants	Restaurants	
Ranier	Applebee's	Restaurants	
Ranier	Taco Bell	Restaurants	
Ranier	better variety of eating establishment	Restaurants	
Ranier	lunch wagons	Restaurants	
Ray	more restaurants	Restaurants	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	more restaurants like Taco Bell	Restaurants	
AEOA	Cabela's hunting and fishing store	Retail	192 responses. There is a strong desire for better local shopping opportunities. This includes national retailers such as Target, Kohl's, Sam's Club, Walmart and Cabela's. There was also mention of a wide variety of specialty shops/mom and pop stores. People do not want any more dollar stores.
AEOA	Gander Mountain Store	Retail	

AEOA	Mall with Teen clothes	Retail	
AEOA	Target Store	Retail	
AEOA	Target Store	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Would like to shop locally more	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Businesses	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Clothing stores so we don't have to travel 3 hours	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Kohls	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Kohls	Retail	
AEOA LIT	More clothing stores	Retail	
AEOA LIT	more teen clothing stores	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Sam's Club	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Target	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Target	Retail	
AEOA LIT	Walmart	Retail	
Big Falls	Gander Mountain	Retail	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	add a mall	Retail	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Big Outdoor Store	Retail	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Cub Foods	Retail	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	destination shopping connecting a rec center, hotel and shopping with walkways or tunnels to avoid the cold weather	Retail	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Sam's Club	Retail	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	Target Store	Retail	
Birchdale	make Birchdale a destination by building a stronger retail business	Retail	

College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	more stores	Retail	
Falls	no more dollar stores	Retail	
Falls and County	better retail offerings	Retail	
indus school	build better stores	Retail	
indus school	walmart	Retail	
indus school	try to get a mall with some real cool stores	Retail	
Internatioanl Falls	Get rid of Kmart and put in Walmart or Target	Retail	
International Falls	Add a Walmart	Retail	
International Falls	Aldi's	Retail	
International Falls	become a regional shopping destination	Retail	
International Falls	Better Shopping	Retail	
International Falls	better stores	Retail	
International Falls	better stores	Retail	
International Falls	big-name stores like Target	Retail	
International Falls	create more of a shopping district	Retail	
International Falls	department stores	Retail	
International Falls	Gander Mountain	Retail	
International Falls	I love what Grand Rapids did with their old high school - they turned it into shops	Retail	
International Falls	lower grocery prices	Retail	
International Falls	mall	Retail	
International Falls	more shopping and business;	Retail	
International Falls	more stores	Retail	
International Falls	more stuff to do - like a mall	Retail	
International Falls	no more Dollar Stores	Retail	
International Falls	Replace KMart with a rival store	Retail	
International Falls	shopping options	Retail	

International Falls	Target	Retail	
International Falls	Target	Retail	
International Falls	Target not Kmart	Retail	
International Falls	Target store	Retail	
International Falls	Walmart	Retail	
International Falls	Walmart	Retail	
International Falls	a mall	Retail	
International Falls	Add a Target store so people shop local	Retail	
International Falls	add some shopping locations.	Retail	
International Falls	add Target	Retail	
International Falls	bring a Target store here	Retail	
International Falls	bring in more shopping areas so that it would not need to be a whole day wasted driving and planning it out just to go to a few stores	Retail	
International Falls	bring in more stores that relate to our community like Cabelas, Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods	Retail	
International Falls	Bring in new stores and restaurants like Target, Taco Bell, Dick's Sporting Goods, Plato's Closet	Retail	
International Falls	build a mall	Retail	
International Falls	Build a Target or Walmart	Retail	
International Falls	build more interesting businesses downtown	Retail	
International Falls	build more stores, malls, etc.	Retail	
International Falls	Discourage thrift and dollar stores.	Retail	
International Falls	Local merchants for shopping	Retail	
International Falls	Get a mall	Retail	
International Falls	Get rid of K-Mart	Retail	
International Falls	Hobby Lobby	Retail	
International Falls	I would enjoy a Target in International Falls	Retail	
International Falls	I would improve the shopping	Retail	

International Falls	increase retail business	Retail	
International Falls	more local businesses downtown - stores (not office space i.e. lawyers, dentist, but fun, cool places to buy things)	Retail	
International Falls	more shopping	Retail	
International Falls	more shopping like Target and little shops	Retail	
International Falls	more stores	Retail	
International Falls	more stores	Retail	
International Falls	more stores	Retail	
International Falls	More Stores	Retail	
International Falls	put in a few more department stores like Target or Walmart	Retail	
International Falls	replace the k-mart with a target	Retail	
International Falls	shopping downtown	Retail	
International Falls	shopping in general	Retail	
International Falls	Starbucks	Retail	
International Falls	Stop another Dollar Store from going up	Retail	
International Falls	target	Retail	
International Falls	Target	Retail	
International Falls	Target	Retail	
International Falls	Target Store	Retail	
International Falls	Target store	Retail	
International Falls	Target Store	Retail	
International Falls	Target Store	Retail	
International Falls	trade Kmart for Walmart	Retail	
International Falls	Wal-mart	Retail	
International Falls	Start a downtown development authority and try to get something different in our downtown areas. Since we don't have a mall any longer, we need people to go downtown. People want different home-good items, check out 218 Gift Store in Bemidji	Retail	

International Falls	say goodbye to K-Mart	Retail	
International Falls	get a Target store	Retail	
International Falls	promote 2nd largest Menards	Retail	
International Falls & Big Falls	outdoor store like Cabellas	Retail	
International Falls & Big Falls	shopping mall with clothing stores	Retail	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Provide more shopping opportunities; limited items available to shop local.	Retail	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Better quality department store.	Retail	
International Falls and at the lake	improve diversity of shopping available (improves the image of the community)	Retail	
International Falls	Target store to replace Kmart	Retail	
Koochiching	Bath and Body shop	Retail	
Koochiching	Best Buy	Retail	
Koochiching	Better shopping	Retail	
Koochiching	Book stores	Retail	
Koochiching	Expand Mall	Retail	
Koochiching	Limited too clothing store	Retail	
Koochiching	More clothing stores	Retail	
Koochiching	More shopping for kids	Retail	
Koochiching	more variety stores	Retail	
Koochiching	No Consignment or Dollar stores	Retail	
Koochiching	Outdoor stores to buy canoes and other outdoor activity items	Retail	
Koochiching	Target store	Retail	
Koochiching	Toys r us	Retail	
Koochiching	Walmart	Retail	
Koochiching	Better Shopping Centers	Retail	

Koochiching	Better Stores	Retail	
Koochiching	Hobby Lobby	Retail	
Koochiching	More shopping	Retail	
Koochiching	Target	Retail	
Koochiching	Walmart	Retail	
Koochiching	Bring in better stores	Retail	
Koochiching	Bring in Target	Retail	
Koochiching	Get rid of Kmart and Dollar stores	Retail	
Koochiching IFalls	Get more shopping for retail so we can shop in our home town/More jobs so your young people stay here/Target/Kohls/Applebees	Retail	
Littlefork	and retail stores.	Retail	
Littlefork	Cabela's	Retail	
Littlefork	Gander Mountain	Retail	
Littlefork	Get a Target Store	Retail	
Littlefork	I don't like K-Mart, would prefer a Target.	Retail	
Littlefork	Larger retail.	Retail	
Littlefork	new boutiques	Retail	
Littlefork	Retail	Retail	
Littlefork	shopping	Retail	
Littlefork	shopping mall.	Retail	
Littlefork	Starbucks	Retail	
Littlefork	Target	Retail	
Littlefork	a mall	Retail	
Littlefork	Add more stores	Retail	
Littlefork	Add more stores	Retail	
Littlefork	Add more stores like Target	Retail	
Littlefork	Add Target	Retail	
Littlefork	Add Walmart	Retail	

Littlefork	better shopping choices.	Retail	
Littlefork	bring in more shopping opportunities	Retail	
Littlefork	bring in Target	Retail	
Littlefork	Target over K-Mart	Retail	
Littlefork	get a Target instead of K-Mart	Retail	
Littlefork	good shopping mall	Retail	
Littlefork	I would change Kmart into a Target	Retail	
Littlefork	more businesses for shopping	Retail	
Littlefork	More shopping	Retail	
Littlefork	more shopping areas like K-mart, but better	Retail	
Littlefork	put in good shopping mall.	Retail	
Littlefork	set up a big outdoors-sports center store.	Retail	
Littlefork	shopping opportunities	Retail	
Littlefork	shops	Retail	
Littlefork	Target	Retail	
Littlefork	Target	Retail	
Littlefork	Target	Retail	
Littlefork	target	Retail	
Littlefork	Target	Retail	
Littlefork	Target or WalMart	Retail	
Littlefork	Wal-mart	Retail	
Littlefork	Walmart	Retail	
Littlefork	We need better shopping	Retail	
Littlefork and International Falls	get rid of all the dollar stores	Retail	
Littlefork and International Falls	open a hunting store	Retail	
Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	218gift	Retail	

northome	get rid of K-Mart and get a Target instead	Retail	
northome	shop local	Retail	
Rainy Lake	get rid of Kmart and replace with Target	Retail	
Ranier	make mores shops in Ranier	Retail	
Ranier	a big mall	Retail	
Ranier	Add Walmart	Retail	
Ranier	don't need three dollar stores	Retail	
Ranier	Dump Kmart and bring in Target	Retail	
Ranier	Get more businesses like Target	Retail	
Ranier	more shopping opportunities like a mall	Retail	
Ranier	more unique shops	Retail	
Ranier	Wal-mart	Retail	
Ranier	more shopping	Retail	
Ray	Improve I Falls area by adding more shopping and entertainment opportunities.	Retail	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	bring in Bass Pro Shop	Retail	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	bring in Gander Mountain	Retail	
AEOA	Kick out bad people	Safety	35 responses. Better snow removal on streets and sidewalks. Stricter enforcement of drug and alcohol issues in public areas. Better outdoor lighting throughout the county.
AEOA	Mandatory drug tests weekly for people on assistance	Safety	
AEOA	Micro chips in all people	Safety	
AEOA LIT	Keep streets and side walks shoveled	Safety	

Big Falls	clear ditches	Safety	
I. Falls, Ray, at the lake, visitor (frequent)	do something to stop current vandalism and help young people	Safety	
International Falls	"crack down on city parks and get the druggies out"	Safety	
International Falls	Guard Rail on roadways	Safety	
International Falls	Have better snow removal	Safety	
International Falls	have safety measures in place	Safety	
International Falls	More Caution Road Signs	Safety	
International Falls	sidewalk plowing	Safety	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	Guard rails on every road possible	Safety	
Int'l Falls, Lake area, Avon MN	need yellow signs that identify the edge of road corners, better infrastructure	Safety	
Koochiching	Lights because have a hard time crossing streets	Safety	
Koochiching	Better snow removal in public areas and streets	Safety	
Koochiching	Care in the Winter	Safety	
Koochiching	Lighted Backus	Safety	
Koochiching	Lighted churches	Safety	
Koochiching	Lighted crosswalks	Safety	
Koochiching	Lighted Grocery Stores	Safety	
Koochiching	Lower snowbanks on corners	Safety	
Koochiching	Program to prepare people for a Fall out shelter	Safety	
Koochiching	Street lights back on main street	Safety	
Koochiching	take the snow banks down on corners	Safety	
Littlefork	Better snow removal in International Falls.	Safety	
Littlefork	put up more stop signs in Int'l. Falls	Safety	
Littlefork	Better clearing of ice & snow on these rodad	Safety	
Littlefork	Better plowing and salting of roads in winter	Safety	

Littlefork	better snow removal	Safety	
Littlefork	find new ways to get rid of the snow on the roads.	Safety	
Littlefork	Improve law enforcement division, by getting stricter on drug and alcohol problems in county.	Safety	
Littlefork	more controlled intersections	Safety	
Littlefork	more help with snow removal in towns	Safety	
Littlefork and International Falls	better snow management	Safety	
AEOA	After hour day care	Social Issues	146 responses. A need was expressed for more social programs that would help with childcare including after hour care, drug/alcohol abuse and welfare. The communities need to involve more members, promote open-mindedness and inclusiveness.
AEOA	Night time daycare	Social Issues	
AEOA	People to understand and not be judgmental if a person is on assistance	Social Issues	
AEOA LIT	Better Public services for the homeless	Social Issues	
AEOA LIT	Don't want our community to grow too big as we would like	Social Issues	
AEOA LIT	Hire more committees for input so everyone can be heard	Social Issues	
AEOA LIT	More resources to stay more than 2 days when homeless	Social Issues	
AEOA LIT	want the small town attitude so we don't loose what's important in life and end up in a rush for this and that	Social Issues	
Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	get rid of negative attitudes	Social Issues	

Bigfork, Littlefork, International Falls	open people's minds to new things	Social Issues	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	more open mindedness about bringing new jobs and businesses in	Social Issues	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	more people involved	Social Issues	
Falls	change from working against bullying to working for kindness and respect	Social Issues	
Falls	change the attitude of animosity and distrust toward non-native residents	Social Issues	
Falls	Change the impetus for our core values	Social Issues	
Falls	open communication so that locals would be more receptive to other perspectives	Social Issues	
Falls	people want things to be like they were 30-40 years ago	Social Issues	
Falls	reduce generational retention	Social Issues	
Falls	reduce the fear of change	Social Issues	
Falls	reduce the stubborn resistance to change	Social Issues	
Falls	reduce the widely accepted level of mediocrity	Social Issues	
Falls	stay upbeat with no negativity	Social Issues	
Falls	unity comes from what we work for not against	Social Issues	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	make others better	Social Issues	
International Falls	"get rid of the smokers who live off welfare and live in bad houses"	Social Issues	
International Falls	Be more inclusive and open instead of isolationist.	Social Issues	
International Falls	because unfortunately newcomers to this town don't have a voice, someone with the credibility of being born and raised here needs to champion any change	Social Issues	
International Falls	Being open to change	Social Issues	
International Falls	Businesses, churches, and schools work together for the common good	Social Issues	

International Falls	Change mentalities that we are so far away from everywhere else, that no one wants to live here, that it is so cold and miserable	Social Issues	
International Falls	change the short-sighted mentality of just getting a job at Boise, getting a house on the lake, getting your hunting shack and getting your toys	Social Issues	
International Falls	Clean up drug and alcohol problems, including an economy that glorifies alcohol consumption	Social Issues	
International Falls	confront spiritual darkness	Social Issues	
International Falls	eradicate selfishness	Social Issues	
International Falls	Family-friendly, senior-friendly	Social Issues	
International Falls	get people involved more	Social Issues	
International Falls	get rid of complaining	Social Issues	
International Falls	get rid of mentality that international falls belongs only to those who were born and raised here	Social Issues	
International Falls	get the Church (local believers) to follow Jesus and love people	Social Issues	
International Falls	give the community a sense of the possibilities	Social Issues	
International Falls	Greater cooperation between churches and school	Social Issues	
International Falls	Local people should participate in the great opportunities we have around here	Social Issues	
International Falls	look toward being more welcoming	Social Issues	
International Falls	make us a more welcoming community	Social Issues	
International Falls	mandate an attitude that welcomes outside talent and technological innovation	Social Issues	
International Falls	More family togetherness, especially at meal times	Social Issues	
International Falls	More help for parents	Social Issues	
International Falls	More senior services	Social Issues	
International Falls	More welcoming of newcomers and new ideas	Social Issues	
International Falls	new ideas	Social Issues	
International Falls	Reunite and help broken families	Social Issues	
International Falls	Spiritual revival	Social Issues	

International Falls	stop the gossip of the middle-age group (high school teachers) - it needs to stop	Social Issues	
International Falls	support our mill	Social Issues	
International Falls	Third Great Awakening, which would lead to decreased demand for drugs, empty bars and jails and reunited families	Social Issues	
International Falls	try to change the perception that the grass is greener elsewhere	Social Issues	
International Falls	we need to brag about this town	Social Issues	
International Falls	work to change attitudes that we can't improve	Social Issues	
International Falls	acceptance of diversity within the community	Social Issues	
International Falls	act like adults	Social Issues	
International Falls	as Herb Brooks said - "It's not the name on the back of the jersey - it's the name on the front of the jersey"	Social Issues	
International Falls	be more intentional about inviting newcomers to the table and listen to what they have to say about our issues and opportunities	Social Issues	
International Falls	bring outside ideas here	Social Issues	
International Falls	Build a "we're special" feel	Social Issues	
International Falls	build a culture of quality and improvement.	Social Issues	
International Falls	Change a lot of attitudes	Social Issues	
International Falls	Change our thinking from "being at the end of the road" to the "beginning of the road."	Social Issues	
International Falls	connect communities more	Social Issues	
International Falls	eliminate the feel of a "ghost town"	Social Issues	
International Falls	get rid of union mentality	Social Issues	
International Falls	Give back parents and teachers right to discipline.	Social Issues	
International Falls	hard to break into the community	Social Issues	
International Falls	have people realize that the purpose of unions is to protect vulnerable and mistreated workers, not to choke out healthy competition	Social Issues	
International Falls	Have people talk kindly about Boise	Social Issues	

International Falls	help control drugs and drinking	Social Issues	
International Falls	Help people become long-sighted	Social Issues	
International Falls	I think that everyone should open their minds to more than just what's in Koochiching County. Broaden your horizons, think outside of small-town.	Social Issues	
International Falls	I would develop a means to better support	Social Issues	
International Falls	I would try to have better drug control	Social Issues	
International Falls	Improve customer service at all local businesses through actual "customer service" training that all employees take part in. Wear "welcome" name tags. Make sure all employees go through the "friendliness" course and practice that.	Social Issues	
International Falls	International Falls needs to get out of its own way	Social Issues	
International Falls	keep Summer Lunch Program for kids and Community Cafe every night of week, perhaps open up a Community Cafe in Littlefork and Northome	Social Issues	
International Falls	keep up and improve our standard of living for all members of the population	Social Issues	
International Falls	lack of diversity in thought process	Social Issues	
International Falls	limit drug/alcohol use	Social Issues	
International Falls	Locals need to do a better job of reaching out to welcome and include new people.	Social Issues	
International Falls	people who live here must give up their tunnel vision	Social Issues	
International Falls	Promote youth to travel out of the area for education and jobs.	Social Issues	
International Falls	Quit looking backwards and build for the future	Social Issues	
International Falls	reduce illegal drug use	Social Issues	
International Falls	respect for one another	Social Issues	
International Falls	Stop the union from running the town	Social Issues	
International Falls	Surround myself with positive people who are willing to work together. We will not get anywhere until people work together	Social Issues	
International Falls	team building	Social Issues	
International Falls	vandals being held accountable	Social Issues	

International Falls	We are good at coming together in a crisis. Would find a way to keep that togetherness going so it would become a way of life. It wouldn't change policy just change our hearts and redirect our spirit.	Social Issues	
International Falls	more support for the elderly	Social Issues	
International Falls	Do a full scale attack on culture	Social Issues	
International Falls	instill ambition.	Social Issues	
International Falls	need more motivation to change	Social Issues	
International Falls	too much passiveness	Social Issues	
International Falls	use ambition	Social Issues	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	"We need to get rid of unions. The union mentality scares businesses from coming to town."	Social Issues	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	I would look for more opportunities to collaborate.	Social Issues	
International Falls and at the lake	Deal with the large influx of homeless people in the 20 - 30 age range	Social Issues	
International Falls and at the lake	insure access to food, transportation and health care for the underclass	Social Issues	
International Falls MN	make everyone be honest with themselves	Social Issues	
International Falls/ Rainy Lake	ambassadors for anyone moving to our area	Social Issues	
International Falls/at the lake	accountability for abuse of substances and of people	Social Issues	
International Falls/at the lake	welcome minority people and give them participation in all parts of the community	Social Issues	
International Falls	be more friendly to newcomers	Social Issues	
International Falls	make certain they feel welcome and are aware of what is available to them	Social Issues	
International Falls	smiles and a caring nurturing attitude where you go out of your way do not COST anything but is very attractive.	Social Issues	

International Falls	Case in point I have live here 20 years and have yet to be asked to join a social group like the Elk's	Social Issues	
International Falls	If this is a surprise to you any transplant to your area can tell you how hard it is to feel accepted by the locals or be hired for a local job even if you have superior qualifications	Social Issues	
International Falls	the community especially a small one wanting to attract visitors needs to bend over backwards to be welcoming	Social Issues	
International Falls	the hardest part about moving to the Falls was people had a closed attitude to a newcomer	Social Issues	
International Falls	this is the first place I came to where the first criteria to be included was you needed to be attached to a Falls High School class or from here	Social Issues	
Int'l. Falls	pull together not apart	Social Issues	
Int'l. Falls	work towards a common goal	Social Issues	
Kabetogama	I would like to make mutual respect and collaboration truly happen. Individuals, businesses, politicians, and institutions must take off the 'battle armor' and come to the 'innovation table' in good faith.	Social Issues	
Koochiching	Drug Free environment	Social Issues	
Koochiching	Drug Testing	Social Issues	
Koochiching	Less drinking and drugs	Social Issues	
Koochiching	Programs for Drug knowledge	Social Issues	
Koochiching	See more people out more for free events	Social Issues	
Koochiching	Stop pushing people and businesses away	Social Issues	
Koochiching	More activities for the disabled	Social Issues	
Littlefork	& residents need to feel that they matter for their county to survive and thrive.	Social Issues	
Littlefork	abolish welfare cases not needed.	Social Issues	
Littlefork	Address the stranglehold on new businesses and the local economy that the union mentality has - an example is what happened at the Spot Restaurant	Social Issues	
Littlefork	educate people to welcome change	Social Issues	
Littlefork	I would do what I can to help families who need help.	Social Issues	

Littlefork and International Falls	more diversity	Social Issues	
Littlefork and International Falls	more open minded feel to make new-comers feel welcome	Social Issues	
northome	Embrace change	Social Issues	
northome	need people to step up and help in this effort	Social Issues	
northome	people need to be open minded to change	Social Issues	
northome	we are doing great things but we need to be open minded to change and how we can cooperatively improve our community	Social Issues	
Rainy Lake	Offer free meals in Backus every day.	Social Issues	
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Ranier	"have the community have diversity committees - more ethnic groups	Social Issues	
Ranier	treat younger people more like adults	Social Issues	
Ranier	stop the "woe is me" attitude	Social Issues	
Rural	In my opinion people who have lived here their whole life really don't see it or get the big picture	Social Issues	
Rural	Also community attitude which I consider poor.	Social Issues	
Birchdale	build a center in Birchdale that has moveable offices and high speed technology	Technology	25 responses. High speed Internet and cell phone service need to be improved and expanded throughout the county. Technology related business opportunities should be encouraged.
Birchdale	Google server farm	Technology	
Birchdale	increase technology and communication capabilities in Birchdale	Technology	
Clementson	quality high speed internet to enable telecommuting, college on line, options to connect with other countries, cities and jobs	Technology	

Clementson	internet capabilities to allow forward thinking for next generation and to open up possibilities-people could stay here if they had better access	Technology	
Falls	better internet & cell services	Technology	
Falls and County	expand internet capabilities	Technology	
International Falls	better high tech stuff	Technology	
International Falls	high speed internet	Technology	
International Falls	lift restrictions on towers only going to 200' so more people can have internet access	Technology	
International Falls	better broadband and internet connections	Technology	
International Falls	better cell phone reception and higher speed internet like Bemidji did	Technology	
International Falls	Capitalize on internet for specialists and products.	Technology	
International Falls	Internet and Wi-Fi availability across the entire county	Technology	
International Falls	upgrade TV services	Technology	
International Falls	with the internet we should be able to attract some business that will provide employment for a good number of people	Technology	
International Falls (3) Ranier (2)	Promote telecommuting like Telluride, CO has done; upgrade Internet.	Technology	
International Falls (on Rainy Lake)	Software related jobs. Litten developed the first microwave and moved to South Dakota on Minnesota Avenue. Minnesota lost lots of business to North Dakota - so many they named an Avenue 'Minnesota'"	Technology	
International Falls MN	research and development of electromagnetic technology	Technology	
International Falls/at the lake	better internet connections for everyone	Technology	
Littlefork	Better cell service & prices	Technology	
Loman	better high-speed communication in homes	Technology	
Pelland	high speed internet to all rural area at a reasonable price	Technology	
Rainy Lake	bring in software related businesses	Technology	
Rainy Lake on an island	expand high speed communication	Technology	

(blank)	I would market the area more as a gateway to the only National Park in Minnesota and also as a border town (once the regulations were loosened).	Tourism	120 responses. Better and increased promotion of VNP and the other great resources already available, summer and winter. Lodging with amenities is needed and waterside RV/camping. There is a desire for high-end lodging as well as a hotel with a waterpark/pool. Expand water access, provide family vacation opportunities. Re-open Grand Mound.
Ardenhurst Township - Island Lake Area - Northome	A comprehensive plan for adding and improving campsites providing for consistent maintenance and marketing could increase tourism in the county	Tourism	
Ardenhurst Township - Island Lake Area - Northome	Tourism is a fundamental pillar of Koochiching County	Tourism	
Birchdale	paddlewheel riverboat cruises along Rainy River	Tourism	
Birchdale	promote Voyageurs National Park more	Tourism	
College group of 4 - I-F, Louisiana, Miami	make Koochiching a destination to see Native history	Tourism	
Falls	Post great photos of area on public and media sites	Tourism	
Falls	a bridge port at the airport	Tourism	
Falls	advertise condos in the south	Tourism	
Falls	advertise the area	Tourism	
Falls	make this area a destination rather than a through-point to Canada	Tourism	
Falls	new full sized motel	Tourism	

Falls	promote VNP	Tourism	
Falls	take advantage of recreational opportunities to promote tourism for winter and summer	Tourism	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	change concept of the national park	Tourism	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	encourage more people to us	Tourism	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	more access into VNP	Tourism	
indus school	reopen the Grand Mound and operate it as a full interpretive center with guided tours on the history of the Laurel Indians, plus offer classes for local schools to bring students to the center for a day	Tourism	
indus school	find an investor to buy a riverboat and offer tours on the Rainy River between Int'l Falls and Baudette. There are areas of history all along the river: Grand Mound center, Loman where the West Fork River joins the Black River and dumps into the Rainy River, Nelson Landing in Birchdale, Frontier Landing, all areas of early settlers. We have a beautiful resource in this river that divides two countries	Tourism	
International Falls	advertisement	Tourism	
International Falls	and tourist recreation	Tourism	
International Falls	become a tourist destination	Tourism	
International Falls	Better hospitality	Tourism	
International Falls	Billboards at all entrances to International Falls showing where International Falls is on Rainy Lake.	Tourism	
International Falls	build a high-end lodge on the lake	Tourism	
International Falls	Edgewater Hotel like the one in Duluth	Tourism	
International Falls	hotel and waterpark to draw tourists	Tourism	

International Falls	hotel- adventure park	Tourism	
International Falls	info centers along Hwy 71	Tourism	
International Falls	Make it a recreation destination	Tourism	
International Falls	Marketing the area.	Tourism	
International Falls	more access for visitors to use Rainy Lake;	Tourism	
International Falls	More business-friendly: improving to draw people here and make them want to stay	Tourism	
International Falls	More lodging and campgrounds	Tourism	
International Falls	more marketing for tourism & other area attributes;	Tourism	
International Falls	more tourist attraction	Tourism	
International Falls	promote the uniqueness of voyageur's national park such as at the info stations at the Mall of America	Tourism	
International Falls	Public access to Voyageur National Park by greater use of the tour boat such as more day trips	Tourism	
International Falls	restrooms	Tourism	
International Falls	simplify voyageur's national park's reservation system and other other use restrictions - the mindset should be that the park is as much for the enjoyment and use of this generation as it is for future generations	Tourism	
International Falls	Year round Conservatory as a respite from winter and tourist attraction	Tourism	
International Falls	advertise, advertise advertise that we are living in God's country	Tourism	
International Falls	better tourist attritions	Tourism	
International Falls	bring back The Musket Inn	Tourism	
International Falls	build an upscale hotel with a great restaurant and waterpark	Tourism	
International Falls	develop east river front with a new hotel with full amenities and vacation condos and a marina	Tourism	
International Falls	Develop riverfront to appeal to tourists and locals, similar to Ft. Frances	Tourism	
International Falls	I would capture on tourism opportunities and on the Park.	Tourism	
International Falls	We need nice hotels	Tourism	

International Falls	Emphasize VNP more	Tourism	
International Falls	engage tourists and local people for more entertainment options	Tourism	
International Falls	Exploit our greatest resources, the lake and river plus our proximity to Canada.	Tourism	
International Falls	Need to understand what draws people to resort areas. I wouldn't try and reinvent the wheel but copy a growth plan that has already been proven to increase the livelihood of a community.	Tourism	
International Falls	Granted we have fisherman that come to the area because of Rainy Lake and Rainy River but how do we get their entire family and several families here. We need places for them to stay	Tourism	
International Falls	I have seen this work before for small communities that have lost their biggest employer and they survived and thrived. We also need to exploit Voyageurs National Park	Tourism	
International Falls	Need to increase the number of summer activities that draw people from a distance to supplement the water stuff. Concerts, horseback riding, canoe races, etc.	Tourism	
International Falls	get a hotel with water park	Tourism	
International Falls	have more year round resorts	Tourism	
International Falls	hotel by river near park headquarters	Tourism	
International Falls	Improve marketing of region to increase tourism	Tourism	
International Falls	improve or build new hotel and resorts	Tourism	
International Falls	improve tourism, but not so much we're fighting for fishing spots	Tourism	
International Falls	Increase tourism.	Tourism	
International Falls	Make Kooch County the destination for tourists rather than passing through to Canada	Tourism	
International Falls	Market VNP	Tourism	
International Falls	more advertising	Tourism	
International Falls	more hotels.	Tourism	
International Falls	more places for visitors to stay and activities for them to explore Rainy Lake & VNP	Tourism	

International Falls	need another hotel in town that has a pool so we can attract more organized activities like tournaments for various sports	Tourism	
International Falls	Need large and scenic RV park at the Rainy Lake Visitors Center, on Rainy Lake, that could be owned by the Park Service and operated by a business	Tourism	
International Falls	Need more higher end lodging facilities in the area.	Tourism	
International Falls	Promote tourism	Tourism	
International Falls	Promote tourism	Tourism	
International Falls	Lodging. There needs to be decent places for FAMILIES to stay. Not just business people, hunters and fishermen, but families. They want to stay somewhere luxurious and fancy, with a lot to offer	Tourism	
International Falls	-Jump on the new MN "North" campaign and promote us as "Way up North!"	Tourism	
International Falls	Something to promote us as the Ice Box of the Nation. There should be a Facebook or Instagram account where updates can be given on the cold and photos/stories of the area can be shared. Use hashtags to promote different events, etc. And I would bring back some sort of thermometer!	Tourism	
International Falls	"Sell the outdoors and what is unique to our area."	Tourism	
International Falls	organizations to properly host tournaments which would bring dollars into the community (and there is no where to families to stay that participate in tournaments - addressed above in tourism)."	Tourism	
International Falls, Rainy Lake	A beautiful building on riverfront for visitors--hotel, etc. Easier access to Fort Frances. Campground near park.	Tourism	
Koochiching	Advertise more for tourism	Tourism	
Koochiching	Create an attraction that would be unique and alluring to tourists	Tourism	
Koochiching	Enable us to keep more of the tourist trade on this side of the border	Tourism	
Koochiching	Improve Tourism	Tourism	
Koochiching	Reopen the Mound Center	Tourism	
Koochiching	Use our recourse as a National Park to improve tourism	Tourism	
Koochiching	Tourist Attraction	Tourism	
Littlefork	One big nice hotel on the lake	Tourism	

Littlefork	add better hotels	Tourism	
Littlefork	Development of tourism -make this area the Wisconsin Dells of the North	Tourism	
Littlefork	highlight area for tourism	Tourism	
Littlefork	more hotels & resorts	Tourism	
Littlefork	new attractions to bring in tourists	Tourism	
Littlefork	open Grand Mound to public	Tourism	
Littlefork	Re-open the Grand Mound Center	Tourism	
Littlefork	tours	Tourism	
Littlefork	souvenir shops for tourists	Tourism	
Loman	reopen the Grand Mound Center at Laurel	Tourism	
Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	It seems that when people from the Falls talk about Ely they always say, "Oh, but they have a casino." Nobody from the metro area visits Ely for the casino. They go there go get away and be in nature. They visit (and buy!) cabins, talk about the great outfitter shops, and apparently like the food. The Falls could totally be that!	Tourism	
Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	When people find out where I'm from (I live in the Twin Cities, so it's generally people from here) they often ask if they should visit and what they should do if they do. I say, "well, you could rent a houseboat!"	Tourism	
Minneapolis (From I'Falls)	I would focus on utilizing the lake and Voyageur's as tourism draws and increasing the general quality of what is available to visitors. The hotel situation is not good. I can no longer recommend the AmericInn after what happened with the carbon monoxide, and the rest isn't appealing to a wide cross section of potential visitors. A nice, family friendly hotel is needed.	Tourism	
northome	better signage for visitors to area	Tourism	
northome	create a series of events in each community and one large event of national prominence within the county to attract tourism	Tourism	
northome	emphasize tourism	Tourism	
northome	put more emphasis on tourism and the service industry	Tourism	
northome	tourism	Tourism	

northome	tourism advertising	Tourism	
Rainy Lake	Improve Tourism	Tourism	
Rainy Lake	make it easy for tourists to get on the water	Tourism	
Ranier	advertise what is here like the golf course, lake, river and VNP	Tourism	
Ranier	Also, we are sitting right on a national park, we need to expand tourism, it is an untapped resource.	Tourism	
Ranier	embrace tourism	Tourism	
Ranier	Identify business to support tourism, especially within VNP	Tourism	
Ranier	make it a destination	Tourism	
Ranier	Make it a family area vacation point.	Tourism	
Ranier	stops for tourists and families with playgrounds	Tourism	
Ranier	There would be more tourism amenities	Tourism	
Ranier	TOURISM!	Tourism	
Roaseau, Alabama, International Falls	make Koochiching a destination	Tourism	
	Take our history and use it to our advantage. Have a canoe race on the river or lake (this is actually my dad's idea from years back). Have people canoe the waters that the voyageurs canoed! I know everyone is jumping on the Dragonboat bandwagon, however this can be something that is unique to our area!	Tourism	
	Participate in Home/Travel/Sports shows in neighboring cities.	Tourism	
Falls Rotary Club Strive group & mentors	a train from I Falls to Twin Cities	Transportation	15 responses. Develop a transportation system county-wide and to surrounding areas.
International Falls	add public transportation like a bus to go to the Cities	Transportation	
International Falls	passenger train to get people up here	Transportation	
International Falls	a bullet train to Mpls.	Transportation	
International Falls	complete Airport project	Transportation	

International Falls	farmer's market getting a bus to get people downtown	Transportation	
International Falls	invest in the airport	Transportation	
International Falls	passenger train on existing rail	Transportation	
International Falls	rides to City Beach in summer	Transportation	
International Falls	tap into Railway system and trains	Transportation	
International Falls	offer shuttle or transportation to river fishing in nearby areas	Transportation	
International Falls (2)	improve transit system for people who don't drive--extend to Ranier and up the lake--could serve visitors as well.	Transportation	
International Falls and at the lake	develop a transportation system, both county-wide and to Virginia and Bemidji	Transportation	
Rainy Lake	more of a transit system for older people to go out of town to visit family	Transportation	
Ranier/International Falls	provide transportation for better access to health care that can't be provided locally	Transportation	
AEOA	Kids Center for all ages	Youth	66 responses. Provide teen centers, under 21 club, Boys & Girls clubs, additional programs for teens and kids. Provide more opportunities for youth and young people to participate in the community, give youth a voice.
AEOA	Reasonable and nice rental places for youth	Youth	
AEOA LIT	Big Brother	Youth	
AEOA LIT	Inside kid zone	Youth	
AEOA LIT	More recreation for kids youth 12-18	Youth	
AEOA LIT	Playgrounds	Youth	
Big Falls	somewhere to hang out for teens.	Youth	
Big Falls	youth centers	Youth	

Blank	Youth activities, expand and promote MANKA, ski	Youth	
Falls	large wooden playground	Youth	
Falls	better playgrounds	Youth	
International Falls	kid hangouts to keep them out of trouble	Youth	
International Falls	more available things for younger people	Youth	
International Falls	more hangout spots for teens	Youth	
International Falls	more to do for younger people - like concerts	Youth	
International Falls	add a free recreation club for kids	Youth	
International Falls	better playgrounds	Youth	
International Falls	bring in a Boys & Girls Club	Youth	
International Falls	build a Boys and Girls Club	Youth	
International Falls	create more youth programs	Youth	
International Falls	develop programs to keep kids and teens off the streets	Youth	
International Falls	Engage our youth	Youth	
International Falls	finding more for younger adults to do	Youth	
International Falls	get a Boys & Girls' Club or YMCA	Youth	
International Falls	Get more sports and if your school doesn't have your sport, allow kids to play for another school that does for a fee	Youth	
International Falls	I would bring more activities and places for older kids to go. 14-18 year olds don't have things to do.	Youth	
International Falls	I would create more activities for children to do	Youth	
International Falls	improve activities offered to younger people - a club, group, or farm related activity	Youth	
International Falls	Make it more youth friendly	Youth	
International Falls	maybe more things to keep children occupied	Youth	
International Falls	more activities for young people	Youth	
International Falls	more after school and summer activities for kids	Youth	
International Falls	We need more for kids to do - McDonald's is not big enough	Youth	

International Falls	younger people a stronger voice in the community	Youth	
International Falls	to keep people here - have things for kids of all ages to do/put in a kids zone for long winter days	Youth	
International Falls & Big Falls	more kid activities	Youth	
International Falls (2)	provide youth center with free arts and education services	Youth	
International Falls, Rainy Lake	Provide more funds for social programs, especially youth--provide something like the Bemidji Boys and Girls Club. Make all school programs free for all kids--restore music, theater and other programs that build self-esteem.	Youth	
International Falls/at the lake	create a youth center with paid staff	Youth	
International Falls/at the lake	provide more substance free activities for teens after school and weekends	Youth	
Koochiching	More things to do for kids	Youth	
Koochiching	More things to do for our kids	Youth	
Koochiching	More youth group activities	Youth	
Koochiching	Recreation for kids Indoors and outdoors	Youth	
Koochiching	Add Teen Center	Youth	
Koochiching	Have boys and girls club	Youth	
Koochiching	More opportunities for kids	Youth	
Koochiching	Kids indoor activities like a bouncy house	Youth	
Koochiching	Better hangout for Teenagers	Youth	
Koochiching	Keep younger kids	Youth	
Littlefork	under 21 club	Youth	
Littlefork	add places for teenagers to go to do things in the winter	Youth	
Littlefork	country bands & rock popular artists where under 21 can get in.	Youth	
Littlefork	more activities for youth	Youth	
Littlefork	place for youth to "hang out"	Youth	
Littlefork	Start a Boys and Girls Club or something similar	Youth	

Littlefork	would also like to see more recreational things for children to do in town (Littlefork) outside of school functions.	Youth	
Littlefork	YMCA	Youth	
Littlefork	youth center	Youth	
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Littlefork/International Falls	opportunity for youth activities with the elderly to experience new things or things that people used to do	Youth	
London, Ontario	Rec centers for kids	Youth	
Minneapolis	I would highly recommend offering more programs for our youth. Artistic and Cultural Education. Museums.	Youth	
northome	activities for youth	Youth	
Ranier	More youth oriented roles	Youth	
Ranier	Recruit leaders for the future. Start a leadership program to identify and recruit new leaders. Something like the Jaycees but actively recruit young people to be leaders	Youth	