

Sauk County 2021 Budget Public Input

February/March 2020

	<u>2/20/2020</u>	<u>2/27/2020</u>	<u>3/4/2020</u>	<u>3/5/2020</u>	<u>All Four Sessions</u>
	<u>Reedsburg</u>	<u>Spring Green</u>	<u>Prairie du Sac</u>	<u>Baraboo</u>	<u>Unduplicated</u>
County Board Members	6	5	5	7	11
Staff	5	4	4	6	8
Public	26	4	1	9	37
Totals	37	13	10	22	56

What do you think are the most important trends, challenges, and opportunities facing you, your family, and your community in the next five years?

Baraboo

- Housing – challenge
 - Affordable housing, especially Sauk City
 - What is available for families
 - Finding places as pet owners
 - Places get filled
 - Quantity of rentals
 - Cost, income-based housing
 - Shelters for homeless
- Economic/cultural vitality; Placemaking – challenge and opportunity
 - Depopulation and brain drain
 - Close to Madison
 - Tremendous natural resources
 - Way to promote entrepreneurship
 - Local food systems
 - Shared commercial kitchen to become food entrepreneurs
 - Enhance livability
 - Great Sauk State Trail
 - National water trail
 - Not fully utilizing proximity to Madison and Dells
- Urban/rural divide – challenge and opportunity
 - Need to be mutually respectful of values
 - State parks and city parks
 - Bike trail
 - Need to find things to link urban and rural people
- Entertainment options (Reedsburg) – challenge
- Economy – Ag/Industrial
 - Small businesses, creative economy, vibrant community
 - Improve quality of life
- Art community brings tourists – art funding
- Affordable land for habitat – promote land donation
- Address streets/highway
- Mental health

Reedsburg

- People having wages that can pay their bills
- Affordable healthcare
- Addiction and substance abuse
 - Can't arrest our way out of this problem
 - Recidivism
- Invest in education and youth
- Mental health
- Treatment court
- Infrastructure – roads, bridges
- Clean drinking water
- Affordable housing
- Family farm bankruptcy
 - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)
 - Well contamination with nitrates
- Other bodies of water in the County
- Flooding/dams
- Ground water contamination from farmers
- Amount spent on Sheriff's Department
- How salary dollars recirculate around the county
- Drug addiction – courts
 - Mental health – channel to public health
- Physical health
- Not in a positive light
 - Goose killing
 - Drug addiction
 - Committee members
 - Lawsuits and outside counsel
 - Baraboo students photo
 - Ban Spring Green research puppy mill – calls, petitions, protests
- Old Badger Army Ammunition Plant to draw people
 - Restoration work
 - Species returning
- “Research puppy mill” not USDA-approved licensed breeding facility
 - As facility is discussed, don't consider private breeders for show/pets as being the same
 - Licensing and monitoring of research facilities
 - Financial impacts of permits and monitoring
 - Question applications why they are raising dogs
 - Homes in area resale value

What does Sauk County address well and should continue to address?

Baraboo

- So much culture; it's good to celebrate it
- Reedsburg – livable community, Wormfarm Institute brings people – so many things going well – cultural aspects
- Only rural county supporting arts and culture and historic preservation. The grants from Sauk County are used to grow dollars and economy. Investment is huge.
- Large music industry
- Ho-Chunk Nation relationship and collaboration
- Natural resources
- Friendly people live here
- Theater – Al Ringling
- Wonderful programs for Birth to 3, Nurse Family Partnership, oral hygiene
- Badger Army Ammunition Plant
- Crane Foundation, Aldo Leopold
- Connected to Dells and Madison
- SC rapid housing 93%. Last year served all referrals
- Homeless shelter help
- Public safety of citizens
 - Continue to support
 - Public Health
 - Human Services
 - Public Health and Safety
- Sauk County Institute of Leadership – leadership level
- Working on placemaking

Reedsburg

- Aging & Disability Resource Center, Dementia Friendly designations
- Health Care Center
- Young Mothers Program (Nurse Family Partnership), Birth to 3
- Funding Boys and Girls Club
- Arts
- Children's museum in Baraboo
- Historical Society
- Sauk County Development Corporation working with businesses
- Supporting libraries
- Great Sauk State Trail
- Placemaking
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville - Baraboo Sauk County; Madison Area Technical College campus
- Recreation – tourism – economics
- Baraboo river, cranes, trails
- Health care, hospitals growing and doing well, Sauk City – orthopedic
- Continue pushing public relations of the area through Facebook events, ads
- Badger Army Ammunition Plant

What does Sauk County not address or need to address better?

Baraboo

- Public health – underfunded
- Early childcare
- Highway
- Parks
- Mental health/addiction
- Schools
 - Big drug problem and addiction issues
 - Baraboo School District issues
 - Damages reputation of community
 - Preparing students for diversity and welcoming new people
- Celebrating other cultures more and making public aware
 - Bridging communities more because young people are more open-minded
- County government and national government
 - Lots of county board members
 - Need to play nice
- Research puppy mill in Spring Green
 - Opens the county to them being opened anywhere
 - Devalues property

Reedsburg

- Supporting adult daycare programs
- Public relations – making sure people know about the good things that we do
- Transportation – especially for elderly living out to town and those without cars
- Road conditions
- Broadband all over county
- Child protective services and social workers stretched too thin
 - Too many cases
 - Support children and families
 - Proper caseload to caseworker ratio
- Dog kennel negative impact on Spring Green
- Spend more on rehabilitation of people
- Education of children – foster children
 - Job training
- Need for respite care
- Remove roadblocks to becoming foster care parents
- Reduce cost of the jail – staffing levels
- Consider changing jail building
- Consider economics of rentals
- Not listening to the public – i.e. petitions