

Quality-Delivery of Services

10. Rate the following on a sliding scale of 1 to 5 with 1 = "Very Poor", 5 = "Very Good", and U = "Unknown." Mark only one response for each service.

	Very Poor		Very Good			U
	1	2	3	4	5	
Street maintenance						
Fire protection						
Police and law enforcement services						
Sewer and water utilities						
Garbage collection						
Medical facilities						
Schools and educational opportunities						
Community education programming						
Library services						
Internet service						
Cable television						
Phone service						
Recreational opportunities (i.e. ball fields, etc.)						
Parks and open-spaces						
Overall quality of life						

Community Assessment

11. What are the major challenges currently facing Clara City?

12. Please describe what you like or what you believe are the most positive aspects about Clara City.

13. What two or three words best describe Clara City?

Looking Ahead

14. Looking ahead 20 years, what things do you hope will happen in Clara City?

15. Name any specific retail stores or businesses that you feel are needed within the community.

16. What services and/or recreational facilities would most add to the quality of life in Clara City?

Please feel free to make any additional comments:

Clara City Community Survey 2011

The City of Clara City Planning Commission is working on a Comprehensive Plan for Clara City. This survey is an opportunity for citizens to give input on how the community should guide development over the next 10 to 20 years.

Your survey answers will be kept completely confidential! The surveys will be tabulated by the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC). No one from the City will see individual survey results. Only total results of the survey will be used in the comprehensive plan.

You can return this survey by mail to: **UMVRDC, 323 W. Schlieman Ave., Appleton, MN 56208** or to the drop box at the City Hall in Clara City. Additional copies of this survey are also available at City Hall, the library in Clara City or by going to www.claracity.org.

The survey can also be filled out online via: www.surveymonkey.com/claracitysurvey2011

Return completed survey by: September 1, 2011

1. Are you currently a homeowner, renter and/or business owner in the City of Clara City? If so, for how long?

	No	0-1 year	2-5 years	6-10 years	10+ years
Home-owner					
Renter					
Business-owner					
Other(describe):					



2. In what community is your primary job located?

- Clara City Raymond Unemployed
 Benson Renville Retired
 Maynard Sacred Heart Other (please specify)
 Montevideo Willmar _____

3. What age group are you in? (Mark your response)

- under age 19 35-44 55-64 70-74 80-85
 19-34 45-54 65-69 75-79 85+

Please answer questions 4-9 on a sliding scale of 1 to 5 with 1 = "No, not at all", 5= "Yes, definitely", and U="Unknown." Mark one response for each question.

Housing

4. Does Clara City currently have a sufficient amount and/or choices of:

	No					Yes				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
High income housing										
Moderate income housing										
Low income housing										
Elderly housing										
Rental housing units										

5. Does Clara City have a need for:

	No					Yes				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Promoting both residential and commercial building rehabilitation?										
Enforcing the Minnesota State Building Code?										
Enforcing the Clara City Zoning Code?										

Economic Development

6. Should the community focus its energy, talents and dollars on the following economic development outcomes in the next 5 years?

	No					Yes				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Developing new and/or expanded job opportunities?										
Developing new manufacturing businesses?										
Rehabilitation of the downtown business district?										
Marketing of the community to a regional audience?										
Other economic development outcomes:										

Transportation

7. How would you answer the following:

	No					Yes				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Are the quality of streets and roads a concern?										
Is Clara City a pedestrian friendly town?										
Is Clara City a bike-friendly town?										
Does the public bus system provide adequate service to the citizens of Clara City?										

Values

Please rate the following question on a sliding scale of 1 to 5 with 1="Not at all important", 5="Very important", and U="Unknown"

8. How important is it for Clara City to:

	No					Yes				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Retain a rural character?										
Preserve its history?										
Project an attractive image?										
Promote residential and commercial building rehabilitation?										
Grow in population?										
Maintain a strong central business district?										
Attract new business, industry, and job growth?										
Provide good to excellent educational facilities?										
Add additional private rooms and a medical clinic to the Clara City Care Center?										

Community Image

9. Please answer the following questions on a sliding scale of 1 to 5 with 1 = "No, not at all", 5= "Yes, definitely", and U="Unknown." Mark only one response for each question.

	No					Yes				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Overall, does Clara City have a positive image?										
Is the Clara City downtown attractive?										
Are the highway entrances into Clara City appealing?										
Overall, is housing in Clara City reasonably well-kept?										
Is Clara City a safe community to live in?										
Does the Prairie Park Place fulfill the long-term care needs of the elderly?										
Does the Clara City Care Center fulfill the long-term care needs of the elderly?										