



## Most Important Topics By **ALL** Jurisdictions

- 1. **Planning to Retain and Increase Childcare**
- 2. **Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities**
- 3. **Develop Local Financial Support Solutions for Childcare**
- 4. **Increase Road/Bridge Funding**
- 5. **Development of new Rental Housing**
- 6. **Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce.**
- 7. **Development of new Single Family Housing**
- 8. **Fixing up Commercial/Retail/Industrial Property**
- 9. **Demolition of Dilapidated Housing**
- 10. **Fixing up Homes/Apartments**

- 11. Improving Broadband Infrastructure
- 12. Developing a more Welcoming Community to Diverse Populations
- 13. Developing Ideas for Vacant Lots
- 14. Develop Succession Planning for Local Businesses
- 15. Development of new Senior Housing
- 16. Demolition of Commercial/Retail/Industrial Property
- 17. Programming to Grow and Develop New Leaders
- 18. Planning to Improve or Preserve Water Quality
- 19. Planning or Funding for Trails and Parks
- 20. Increase Access to Capital for Business Development
- 21. Planning or Implementation for Safe Routes to School
- 22. Increase Technical Assistance for Business Owners/New Entrepreneurs
- 23. Planning or Funding for Water/Sewer Infrastructure
- 24. Increase Training for Community Leaders
- 25. Creating or Updating our Strategic Plan
- 26. Creating or Updating a Comprehensive Plan
- 27. Planning for Solid Waste Management and Recycling Systems
- 28. Creating or Updating a Capital Improvement Plan
- 29. Increase Efficiency & Develop Renewable Energy for Public Buildings
- 30. Increase Digital Literacy of our Residents
- 31. Reviewing and Updating Zoning and/or Ordinances
- 32. Enforcement of Zoning and/or Ordinances
- 33. Increase Transit Options
- 34. Implementation of Community Beautification
- 35. Protecting Historical & Cultural Assets
- 36. Develop Policies and Resources for Renewable Energy for Residents and Business Owners
- 37. Planning and Implementation of Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Response
- 38. Planning or Funding for Industrial Park Infrastructure
- 39. Planning and Policies for Sidewalk Infrastructure
- 40. Planning or Funding for Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure
- 41. Planning for Climate Change Adaptation
- 42. Planning and Development of new Public Art



### CHILD CARE

Ranked in the top 3 for the last 4 years in a row!



89 respondents

Cities who responded:

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Benson        | Hanley Falls |
| Clara City    | Madison      |
| Clarkfield    | Marietta     |
| Dawson        | Maynard      |
| Graceville    | Milan        |
| Granite Falls | Montevideo   |

All five counties responded

## Most Important Topics By **EACH** Jurisdictions

### Cities - 29 respondents

- 1. Planning to Retain and Increase Childcare
- 2. Develop Local Financial Support Solutions for Childcare
- 3. Development of new Rental Housing
- 4. Fixing up Commercial/Retail/Industrial Property
- 5. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce

### Counties - 14 respondents

- 1. Planning to Retain and Increase Childcare
- 2. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce
- 3. Development of new Single Family Housing
- 4. Development of new Rental Housing
- 5. Planning or Funding for Trails and Parks

### Townships - 34 respondents

- 1. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
- 2. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
- 3. Planning to Retain and Increase Childcare
- 4. Improving Broadband Infrastructure
- 5. Planning to Improve or Preserve Water Quality

### Schools - 12 respondents

- 1. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
- 2. Planning to Retain and Increase Childcare
- 3. Develop Local Financial Support Solutions for Childcare
- 4. Development of new Single Family Housing
- 5. Developing Ideas for Vacant Lots



### Identify the top 3 priorities for your jurisdiction for the upcoming year:

1. Planning to Retain and Increase Childcare
2. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
3. Development of new Single-Family Housing
4. Development of new Rental Housing
5. Enforcement of Zoning and/or Ordinances
6. Planning to Improve or Preserve Water Quality
7. Improving Broadband Infrastructure
8. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area
9. Develop Local Financial Support Solutions for Childcare
10. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing

### How often do you view the www.umvrdc.org website?

- 1% Once a week
- 24% Once a month
- 33% Quarterly
- 16% Once a year
- 26% Never



### What case study topics would you like to see?

- Community Development
- Business Development
- Single-family housing
- Senior Housing
- Low-income housing
- Ben Winchester
- Broadband
- Child care
- In-home child care as business



### What information is valuable to you?

- 22% Information on grants that might be relevant for my jurisdiction
- 17% Ex. of what other jurisdictions are addressing critical topics in the region
- 15% UMRDC programs and services available
- 14% New economic, social or demographic data available for the region
- 13% Information on trainings, conferences or workshops
- 11% Information about projects the UMRDC is working on
- 8% New research on critical topics

### Do you follow the UMRDC on Facebook?

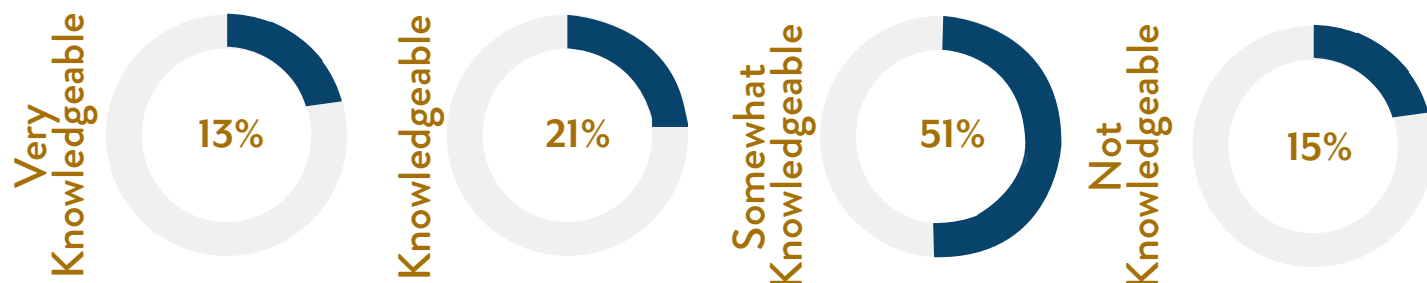
- ✓ Yes 18%
- ✗ No 50%
- 👍 Plan to! 32%



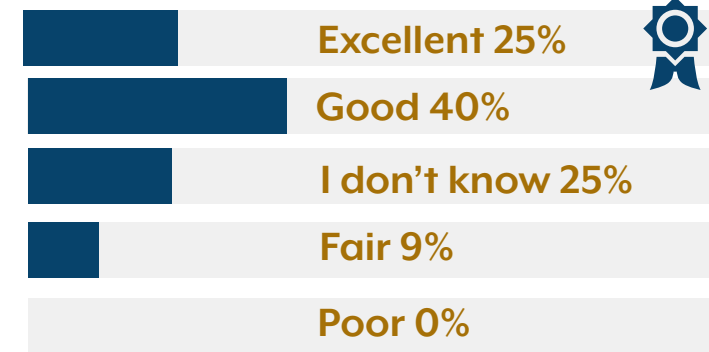
76% Yes

### Do you receive UMRDC newsletters and emails via Constant Contact?

### How knowledgeable are you on the UMRDC and its programs and services?



### How would you rate the overall quality of services the UMRDC provides?



### How responsive has the UMRDC been to your questions, needs or calls?

- 28% Very Responsive
- 31% Responsive
- 0% Unresponsive
- 0% Very Unresponsive
- 41% I don't know

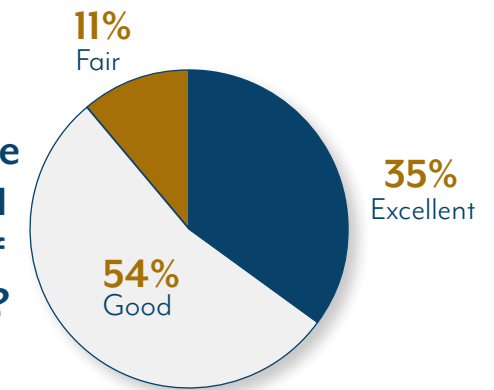


### Has your jurisdiction chosen to hire a consultant, engineer or outside contractor to assist you with any of the projects from the list on page 1, and why?

- 0% Yes, the UMRDC is too expensive
- 14% Yes, the UMRDC does not provide the service we were looking for
- 0% Yes, because the UMRDC has provided poor service in the past
- 17% I do not think to call the UMRDC
- 64% No
- 5% Other (please specify)



### How would you rate the effectiveness and professional capabilities of the UMRDC staff?



### What is the UMRDC best at?

- “Information”
- “Seeking and informing of grant availability”
- “Searching out and presenting grant opportunities”
- “The knowledge base and support on various topics ranging from grants to connections with other programs”
- “Raising awareness of upcoming issues”
- “Grant assistance”
- “Uniting the region”
- “The RDC is probably the best at grant writing”