

**TABLE 9.0: Town of Casco SWOT Responses**

	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<b>Group Responses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Farmland (2)</li> <li>▪ Hard working People</li> <li>▪ Safe Honest Community</li> <li>▪ Friendly People</li> <li>▪ Good AG atmosphere</li> <li>▪ Recreation for all ages</li> <li>▪ Good well water</li> <li>▪ Forested woods</li> <li>▪ Variety of animals for hunting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of industry</li> <li>▪ Shortsightedness for community building</li> <li>▪ No hospital</li> <li>▪ Lack of public involvement in local government</li> <li>▪ Not enough affordable housing</li> <li>▪ Distance of fire/police/emergency territory (2)</li> <li>▪ Fire ponds are not designated</li> <li>▪ Rental units substandard no building inspection</li> <li>▪ Tax burden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support agricultural community</li> <li>▪ Ethnic diversity</li> <li>▪ Diverse religion opportunities</li> <li>▪ Employment opportunities</li> <li>▪ Natural trails</li> <li>▪ Communication to taxpayers from local government</li> <li>▪ Wetland preservation</li> <li>▪ New town hall with community center</li> <li>▪ Ahnapee trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alcohol &amp; drugs in schools</li> <li>▪ Water Pollution (2)</li> <li>▪ Urban sprawl (2)</li> <li>▪ Lack of education / involvement</li> <li>▪ Annexations of lands from town</li> <li>▪ Nuclear plant</li> <li>▪ Mega Farms waste management</li> </ul>
<b>Individual Responses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Farms (7)</li> <li>▪ Low taxes</li> <li>▪ Good neighbors (3)</li> <li>▪ Shopping</li> <li>▪ Roads</li> <li>▪ Public Utilities</li> <li>▪ Rivers/Streams</li> <li>▪ Trail system</li> <li>▪ Recreation (5)</li> <li>▪ Good water</li> <li>▪ Low crime rate (4)</li> <li>▪ Quiet</li> <li>▪ Forests (2)</li> <li>▪ Scenic views</li> <li>▪ Buildings well cared for</li> <li>▪ School system (3)</li> <li>▪ Lack of regulations</li> <li>▪ Rural character (3)</li> <li>▪ Wildlife</li> <li>▪ Lack of development</li> <li>▪ Work Ethic (4)</li> <li>▪ Zoning</li> <li>▪ Town Values (2)</li> <li>▪ Business numbers (2)</li> <li>▪ Police/fire/rescue (2)</li> <li>▪ Airport</li> <li>▪ Mining</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Poor police response (2)</li> <li>▪ Long distance from fire department (2)</li> <li>▪ Lack of voter input/apathy</li> <li>▪ Zoning inconsistencies</li> <li>▪ Housing</li> <li>▪ The town board is unproductive, corrupted and needs to be removed (4)</li> <li>▪ Poor road cleaning after 5 pm in the winter</li> <li>▪ Need more fast food</li> <li>▪ Need more grocery stores</li> <li>▪ Need to preserve retired farmers bank accounts by letting them sell parcels</li> <li>▪ Poor rental buildings</li> <li>▪ Weak tax base</li> <li>▪ Lack of business (2)</li> <li>▪ Poor communication utilities (phone, cable, radio)</li> <li>▪ Influence of special interest groups to gain development control</li> <li>▪ Land use Planning</li> <li>▪ Lack of Libraries</li> <li>▪ No hospital in county</li> <li>▪ Lack of trail systems</li> <li>▪ Split school districts (2)</li> <li>▪ Town hall</li> <li>▪ People are too independent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communication with tax payers</li> <li>▪ Consistency with zoning applications</li> <li>▪ Storm water run off pollution</li> <li>▪ Development to help spread tax base (2)</li> <li>▪ Develop old railroad bed into trail system (2)</li> <li>▪ Return the rural character</li> <li>▪ Preserve natural resources (2)</li> <li>▪ Support farming</li> <li>▪ Ethnic diversity</li> <li>▪ Build new town hall</li> <li>▪ More housing</li> <li>▪ More jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mega farms</li> <li>▪ Urban sprawl (8)</li> <li>▪ Terrorist attacks on Nuclear plant</li> <li>▪ Water pollution (3)</li> <li>▪ Storm water run off (2)</li> <li>▪ Unplanned development</li> <li>▪ Polluted air (2)</li> <li>▪ "Good old boy" mentality</li> <li>▪ Apathy</li> <li>▪ Need more jobs</li> <li>▪ Over population</li> <li>▪ Over regulation</li> <li>▪ Dependency on one industry</li> <li>▪ Loss of neighbors trust</li> <li>▪ Weak county government</li> <li>▪ Clyde hill bridge</li> <li>▪ Utilities</li> </ul>