

Georgetown Charter Township

Master Plan Community Engagement Report

Fall 2025

Public Participation Process

The public engagement for Georgetown Charter Township’s Master Plan update encompassed a variety of outreach techniques and methods to solicit community feedback.

ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

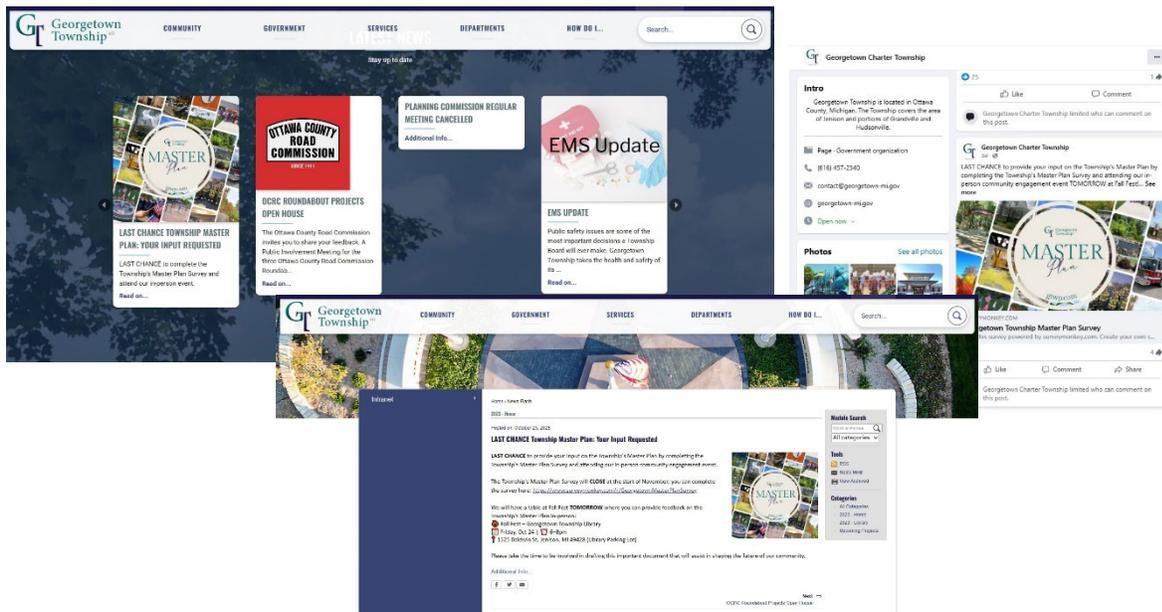
An online survey was available in September and October 2025 for community members to provide detailed feedback about their current perceptions of the Township and goals for the future. The survey asked question on topics like housing and future land use. All comments recorded through the online survey are available in the Community Engagement Report Appendix.

POP-UP PLANNING

Quick and engaging master planning activities were brought to the public at the following local events:

- Jenison High School Football Game (September 26th, 2025)
- Georgetown Township Library Fall Fest (October 24th, 2025)

These events were marketed on various platforms including the Georgetown Township website, Georgetown Township Library website, and various social media posts.



Online Community Survey

INTRODUCTION

From early September through the end of October 2025, Georgetown Township administered a community survey to gather public input on community development, pace of growth, availability of services, and other topics related to the new master plan. The survey responses provided a considerable amount of measurable data to help set long range planning and land use policies

METHODOLOGY

The survey questions were developed with the assistance of the consultant team from Williams & Works. The survey was organized to gather responses from Township residents. A total of 22 questions were asked via the online survey tool Survey Monkey. A total of 1,137 responses were received by the deadline with an 85% completion rate. Typical time spent on the survey was approximately 13 minutes.

The survey was successful as it resulted in objective quantifiable information gathered from a large number of people compared to typical participation in other forms of public input like community open houses or visioning sessions. Some questions allowed the respondents to leave other comments on topics that may not have been covered with the multiple-choice options. Responses were kept as written by the respondent with a few exceptions for capitalization and some minor spelling corrections.

DATA

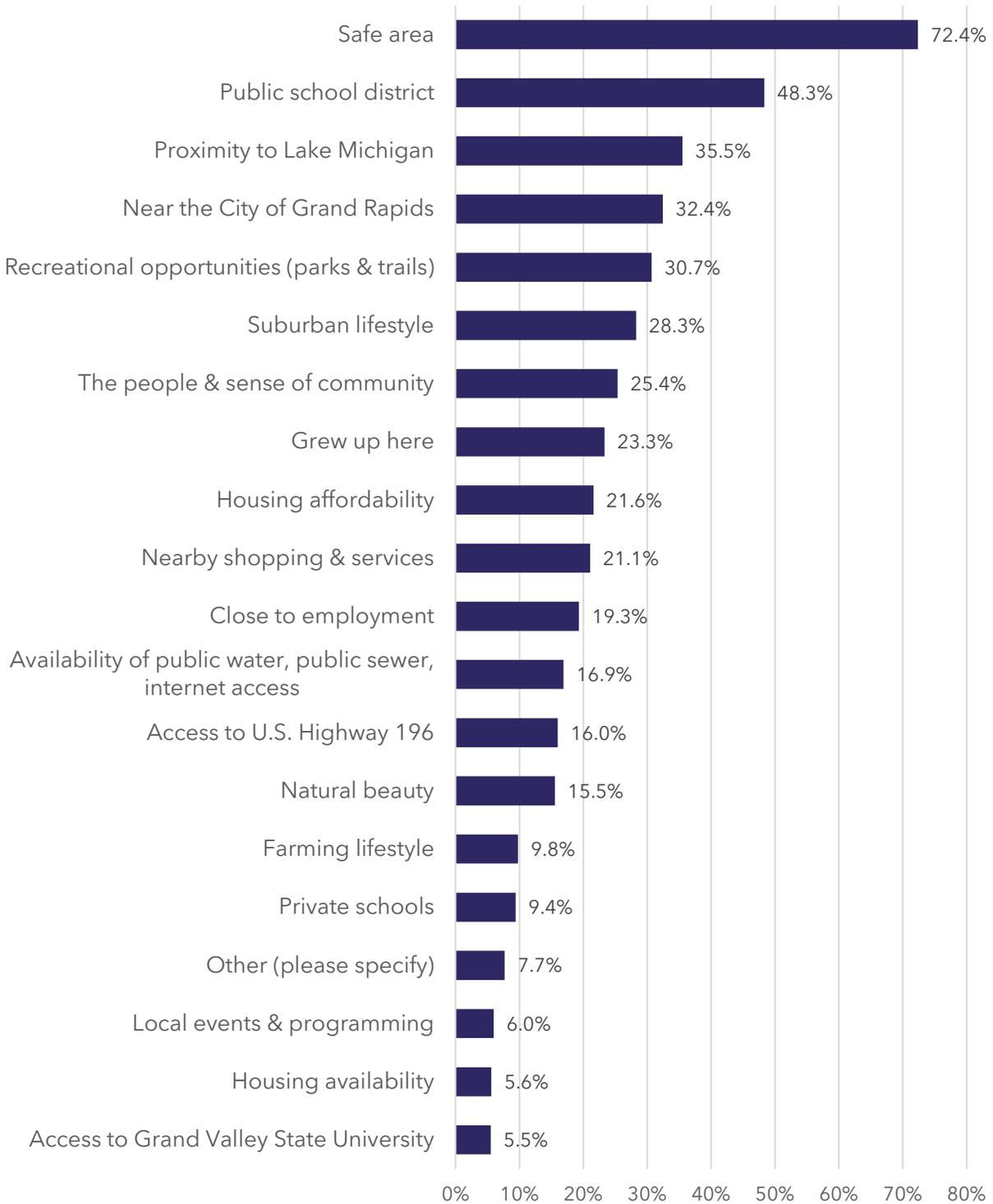
The online survey tool Survey Monkey presented respondents with a standardized set of questions and responses. Some questions only permitted one answer while some permitted multiple-choice answers along with space for individual comments. This method restricted acceptable entries to those required by the survey form, providing a standardized method by which analysis could be conducted.

Three scoring scales were used to report the data received: nominal, ordinal, and ratio scales. A nominal scale merely counts responses by a defined set of classifications (e.g., permanent residents or seasonal residents). This scale is useful to separate responses into working groups or to evaluate the overall sample to determine whether it represents the larger population. Questions 1-6, 8-15, and 18-21 were designed on a nominal scale.

An ordinal scale is more useful in gaining insight into respondent beliefs because it includes the characteristic of rank order. One item is greater or lesser than another item or it has more or less of a particular quality, based on a commonly understood standard. An ordinal scale enables some greater judgment about the relative strength or weakness of a particular response (e.g., "very important," "fair", etc.). However, it does not include a quantifiable or consistent interval between the various points in the scale. Question 7 was designed with an ordinal scale.

A ratio scale was used for questions 16 and 17 as respondents were asked to indicate a range of items that applied to them such as age. Question 22 featured an open-ended, write-in response for participants to list their answers.

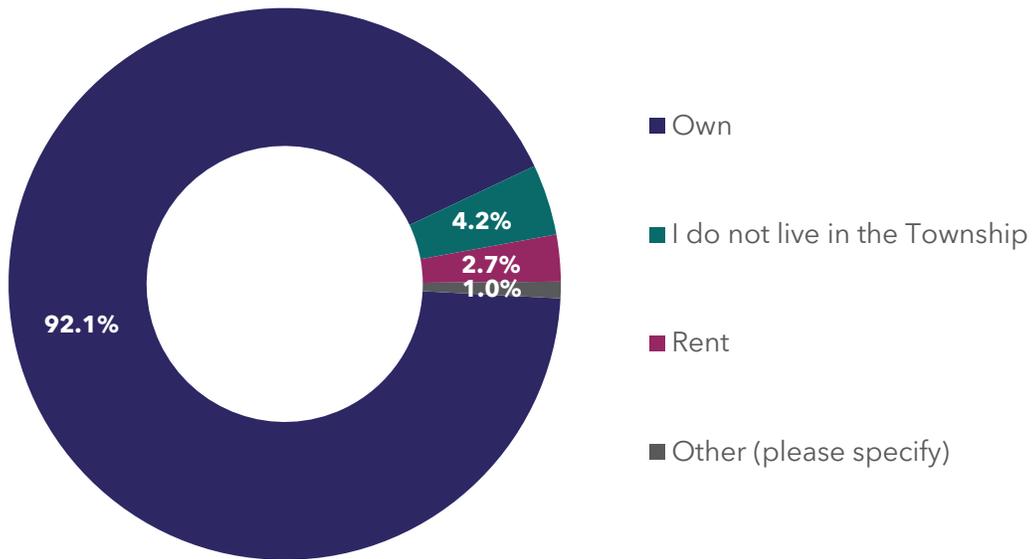
Q1. From the following list, please select the most important reason(s) you live or would consider living in Georgetown Township (Check all that apply):



Answer Choices	Responses	
Safe area	72.4%	801
Public school district	48.3%	535
Proximity to Lake Michigan	35.5%	393
Near the City of Grand Rapids	32.4%	359
Recreational opportunities (parks & trails)	30.7%	340
Suburban lifestyle	28.3%	313
The people & sense of community	25.4%	281
Grew up here	23.3%	258
Housing affordability	21.6%	239
Nearby shopping & services	21.1%	233
Close to employment	19.3%	214
Availability of public water, public sewer, internet access	16.9%	187
Access to U.S. Highway 196	16.0%	177
Natural beauty	15.5%	172
Farming lifestyle	9.8%	108
Private schools	9.4%	104
Other (please specify) *	7.7%	85
Local events & programming	6.0%	66
Housing availability	5.6%	62
Access to Grand Valley State University	5.5%	61
	Answered	1107
	Skipped	30

*Other (please specify) include the following topics: low taxes along with some concerns over increase in taxes, family and social ties, and community character and quality of life. *For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.*

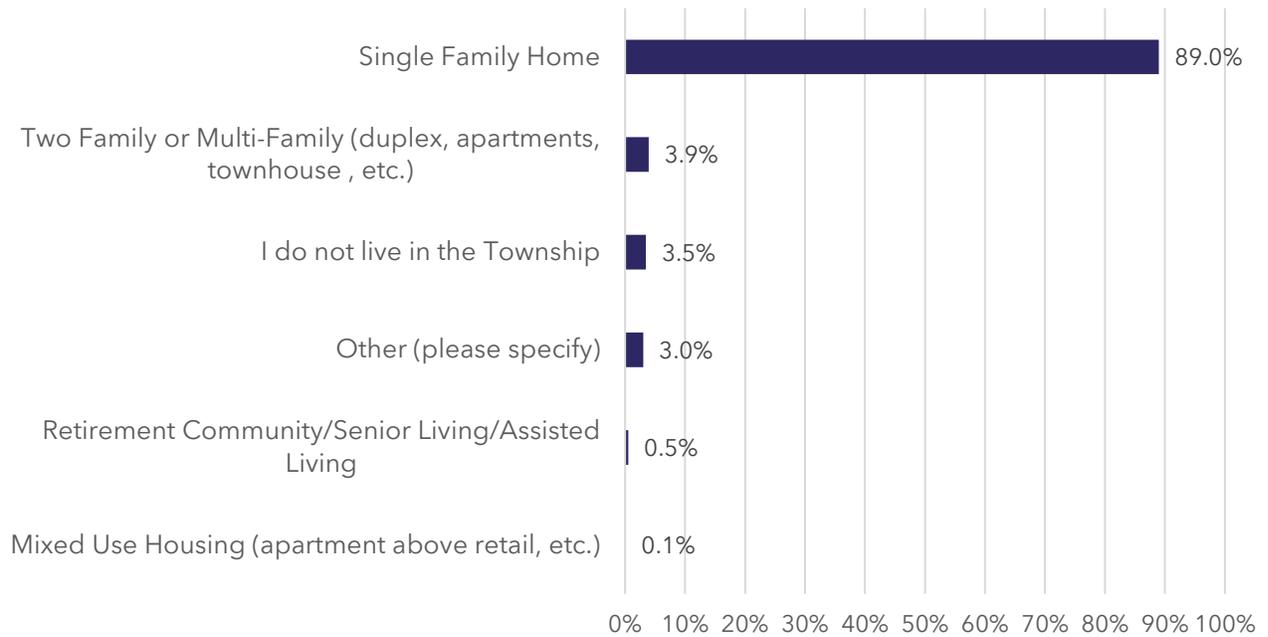
Q2. If you live in the Township, do you own or rent your residence?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Own	92.1%	1044
I do not live in the Township	4.2%	47
Rent	2.7%	31
Other (please specify) *	1.0%	11
Currently own, but will likely sell once the student graduates.	0.0%	0
	Answered	1133
	Skipped	4

*Other (please specify) include the following topics: people living with their family, former residents, potential residents, etc. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

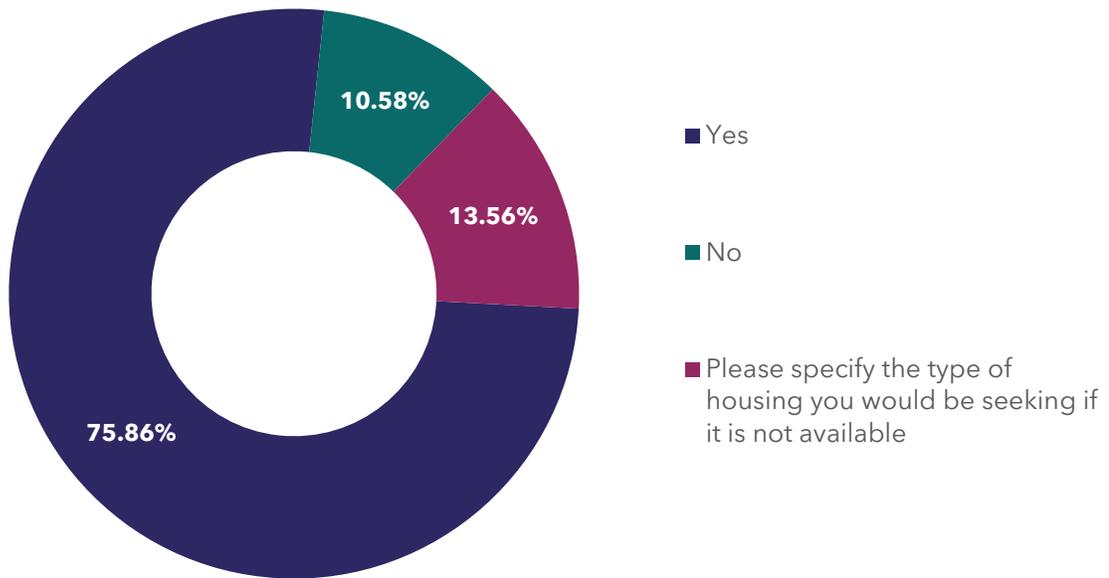
Q3. If you live in the Township, in what type of residence do you live?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Single Family Home	89.0%	1001
Two Family or Multi-Family (duplex, apartments, townhouse, etc.)	3.9%	44
I do not live in the Township	3.5%	39
Other (please specify) *	3.0%	34
Retirement Community/Senior Living/Assisted Living	0.5%	6
Mixed Use Housing (apartment above retail, etc.)	0.1%	1
	Answered	1125
	Skipped	12

*Other (please specify) answers largely included condominiums. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

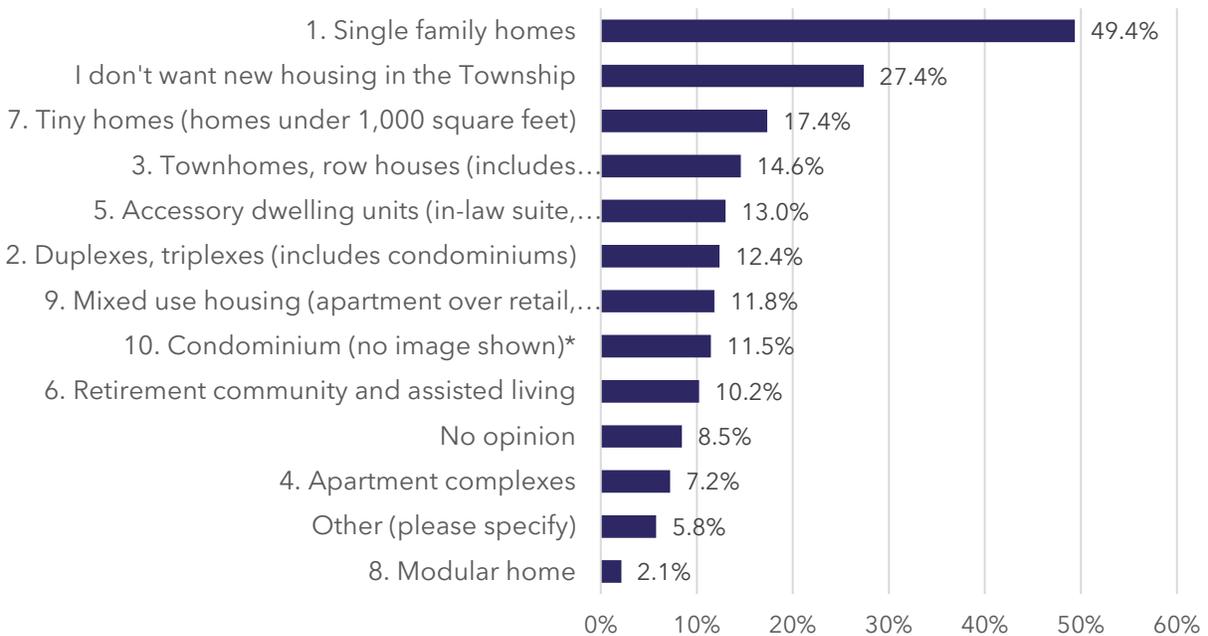
Q4. If you were to relocate within the Township, is the housing type you would be seeking available?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	75.86%	817
No	10.58%	114
Please specify the type of housing you would be seeking if it is not available *	13.56%	146
	Answered	1077
	Skipped	60

*Respondents listed: affordable homes/condos, single family homes on larger lots, tiny homes, newer constructions, and waterfront lots. Participants also expressed concerns regarding high taxes and expensive housing while some showed interest in 55+ communities, mixed use housing, walkable community, etc. *For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.*

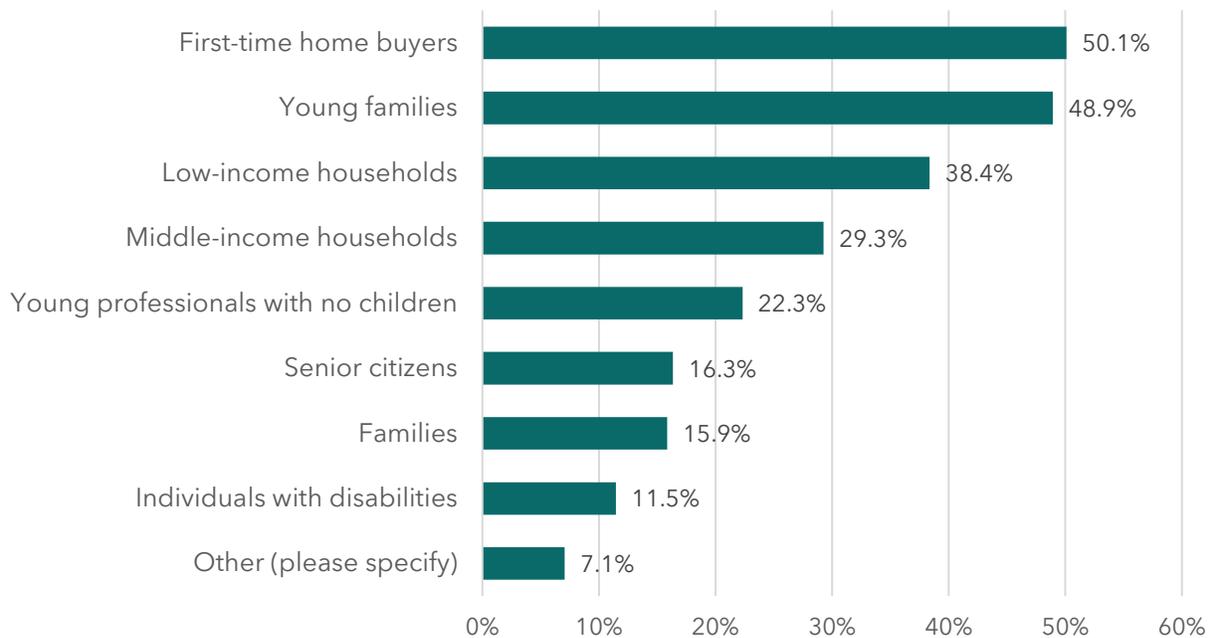
Q5. Looking at the image below, what types of housing are needed in the Township? (Check all that apply):



Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
1. Single family homes	49.4%	555
I don't want new housing in the Township	27.4%	308
7. Tiny homes (homes under 1,000 square feet)	17.4%	195
3. Townhomes, row houses (includes condominiums)	14.6%	164
5. Accessory dwelling units (in-law suite, garage apartment, guest house, etc.)	13.0%	146
2. Duplexes, triplexes (includes condominiums)	12.4%	139
9. Mixed use housing (apartment over retail, etc.)	11.8%	133
10. Condominium (no image shown)	11.5%	129
6. Retirement community and assisted living	10.2%	115
No opinion	8.5%	95
4. Apartment complexes	7.2%	81
Other (please specify) *	5.8%	65
8. Modular home	2.1%	24
	Answered	1124
	Skipped	13

*Other (please specify) include the following topics: affordable housing, smaller single-family homes, no new housing, etc. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

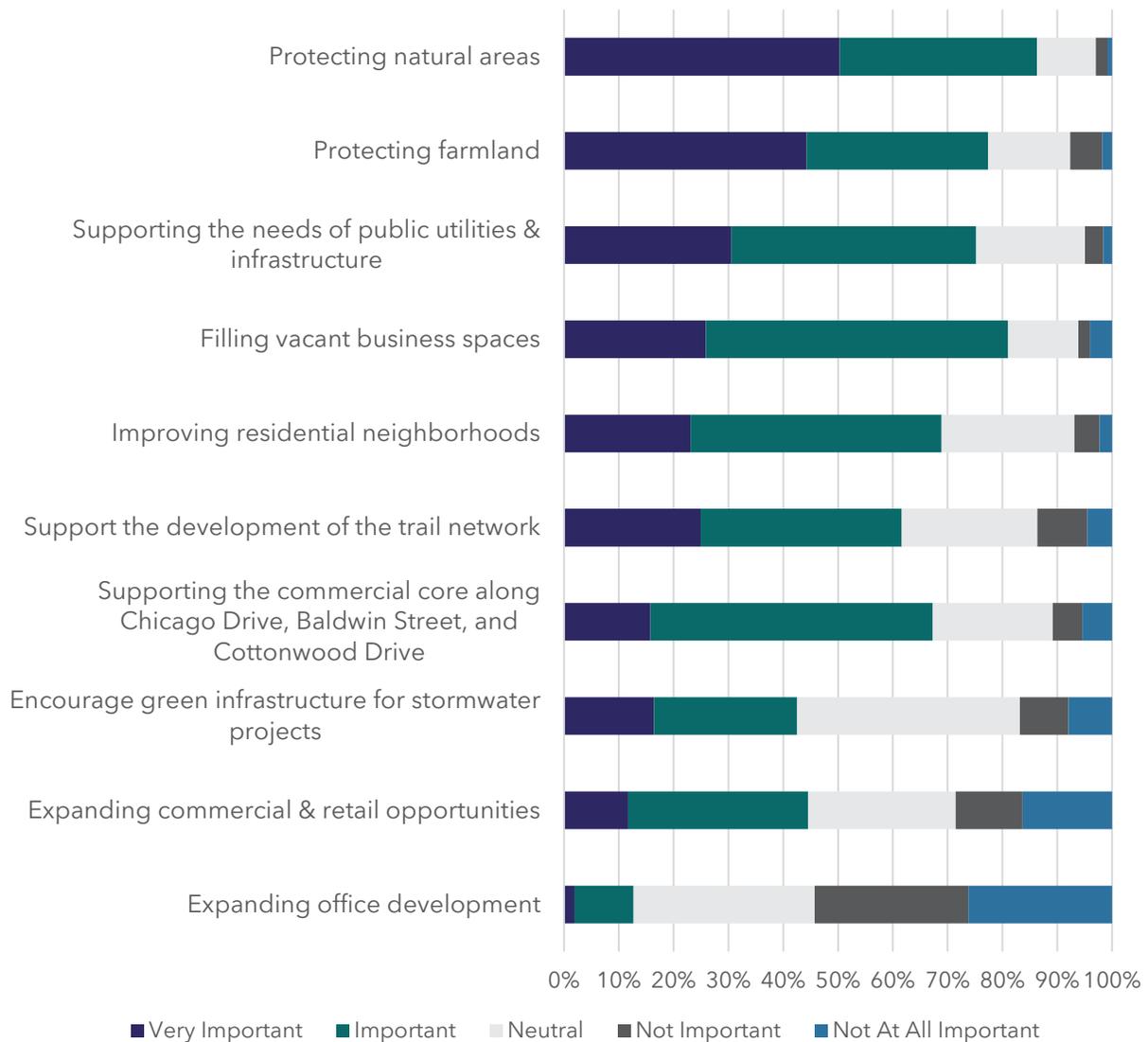
Q6. Which groups do you feel are under-served by the housing stock currently available in Georgetown Township? Check all that apply.



Answer Choices	Responses	
First-time home buyers	50.1%	512
Young families	48.9%	500
Low-income households	38.4%	392
Middle-income households	29.3%	299
Young professionals with no children	22.3%	228
Senior citizens	16.3%	167
Families	15.9%	162
Individuals with disabilities	11.5%	117
Other (please specify)	7.1%	72
	Answered	1022
	Skipped	115

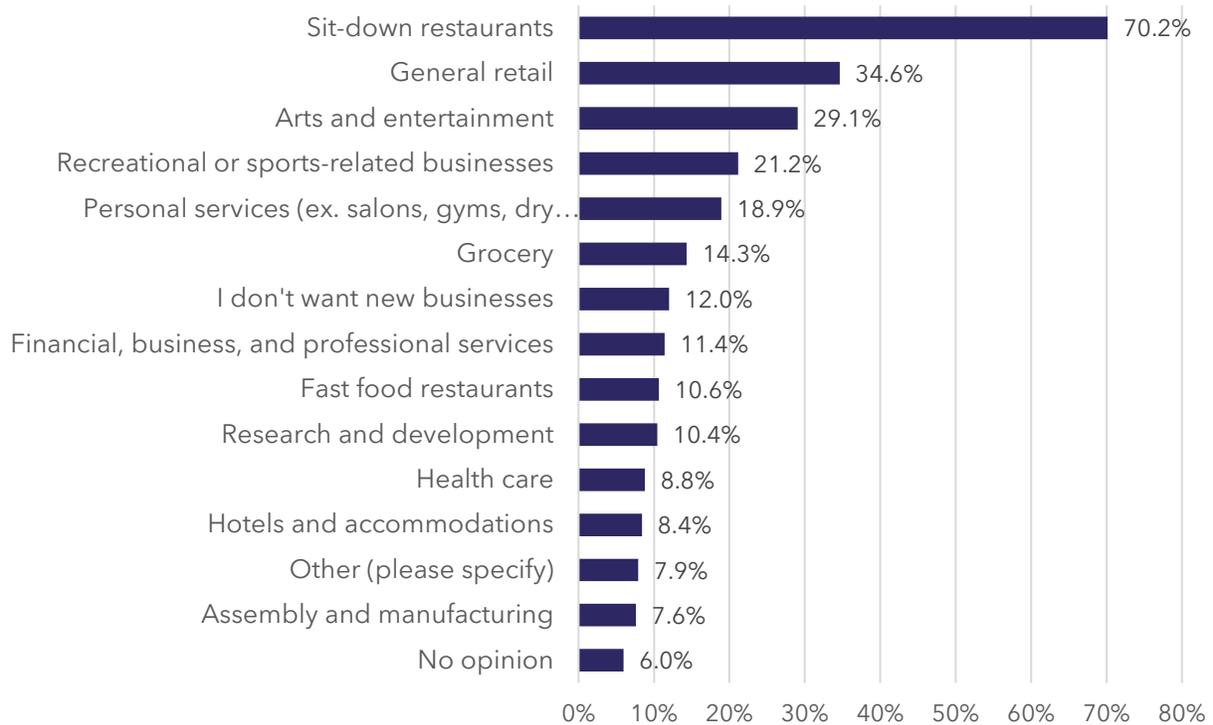
*Other (please specify) include the following topics: satisfaction with housing and no underserved groups, "unknown/none" responses, affordability concerns, etc. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

Q7. In terms of potential Township priorities, how important are the following?



	Very Important		Important		Neutral		Not Important		Not At All Important		Wtd Avg
Expanding office development	2%	19	11%	108	33%	330	28%	280	26%	262	3.66
Expanding commercial & retail opportunities	12%	119	33%	334	27%	274	12%	124	16%	166	2.89
Encourage green infrastructure for stormwater projects	16%	165	26%	262	41%	408	9%	89	8%	80	2.66
Supporting the commercial core	16%	160	51%	522	22%	222	5%	55	5%	55	2.33

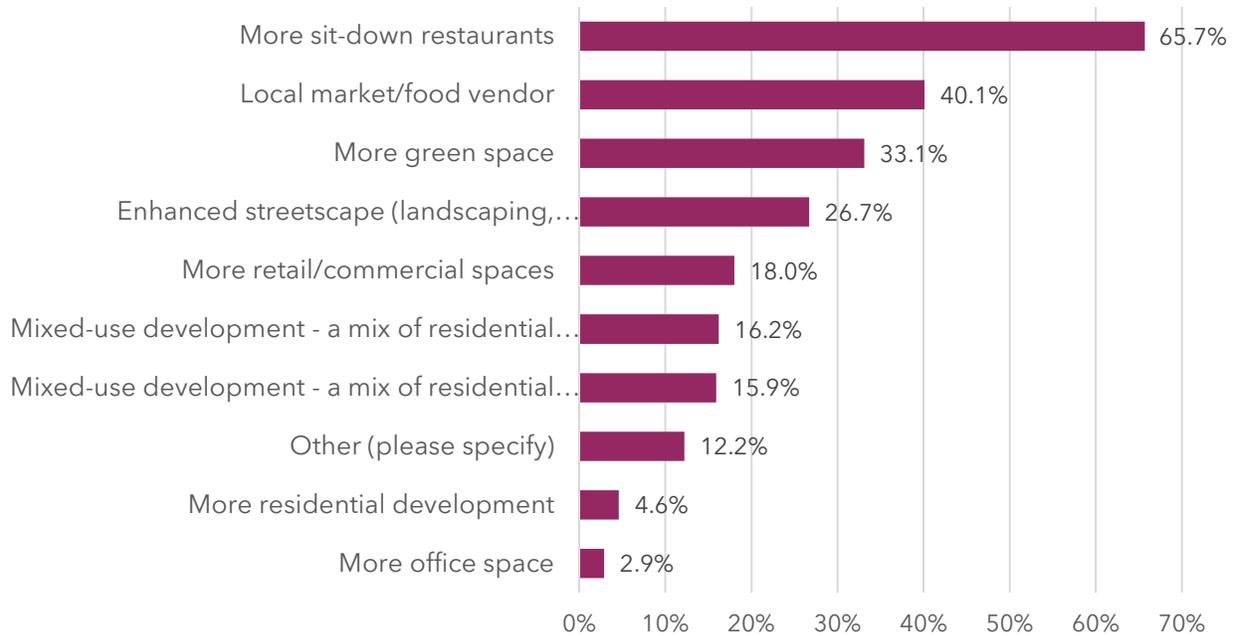
Q8. What types of new businesses would you like to see in the Township boundaries? (Check all that apply.)



Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
Sit-down restaurants	70.2%	719
General retail	34.6%	355
Arts and entertainment	29.1%	298
Recreational or sports-related businesses	21.2%	217
Personal services (ex. salons, gyms, dry cleaning, etc.)	18.9%	194
Grocery	14.3%	147
I don't want new businesses	12.0%	123
Financial, business, and professional services	11.4%	117
Fast food restaurants	10.6%	109
Research and development	10.4%	107
Health care	8.8%	90
Hotels and accommodations	8.4%	86
Other (please specify)*	7.9%	81
Assembly and manufacturing	7.6%	78
No opinion	6.0%	61
	Answered	1025
	Skipped	112

*Other (please specify) include the following topics: grocery and big box retailers stores (Trader Joe's, Horrocks, healthy food stores, Whole Food, etc.), dining restaurants (no chain/fast food), recreation, and community facilities (community center with aquatic infrastructure and sports facilities). Other participants had concerns regarding overdevelopment, traffic issues, specific businesses like marijuana & liquor, etc. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

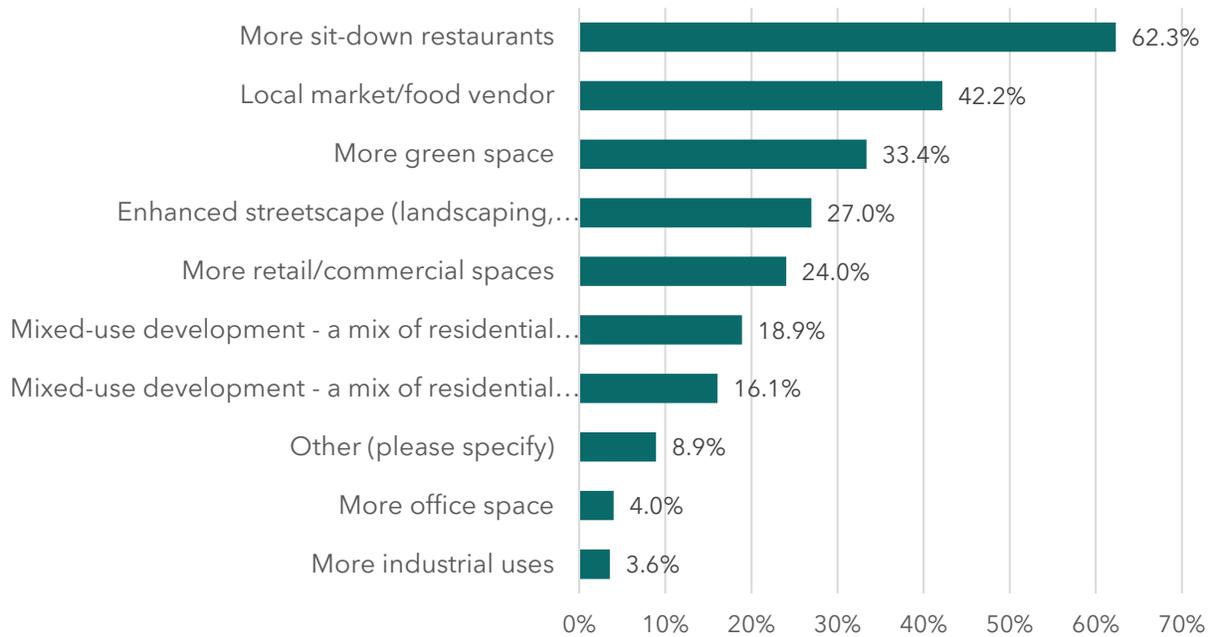
Q9. What potential improvements or additions would you be interested in seeing in the "Jenison Commercial Core" (Chicago Drive/Baldwin Street/Cottonwood Drive) area? (Select all that apply.)



Answer Choices	Responses	
More sit-down restaurants	65.7%	657
Local market/food vendor	40.1%	401
More green space	33.1%	331
Enhanced streetscape (landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, etc.)	26.7%	267
More retail/commercial spaces	18.0%	180
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (2-3 stories)	16.2%	162
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (1-2 stories)	15.9%	159
Other (please specify)	12.2%	122
More residential development	4.6%	46
More office space	2.9%	29
	Answered	1000
	Skipped	137

*Other (please specify) include the following comment topics: traffic flow and public infrastructure (better pedestrian facilities, better intersection at Baldwin & Cottonwood), aesthetics, walkability, and creating a town center/downtown, etc. Concerns included overdevelopment, congestion, and fiscal discontent regarding spending on unnecessary items. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

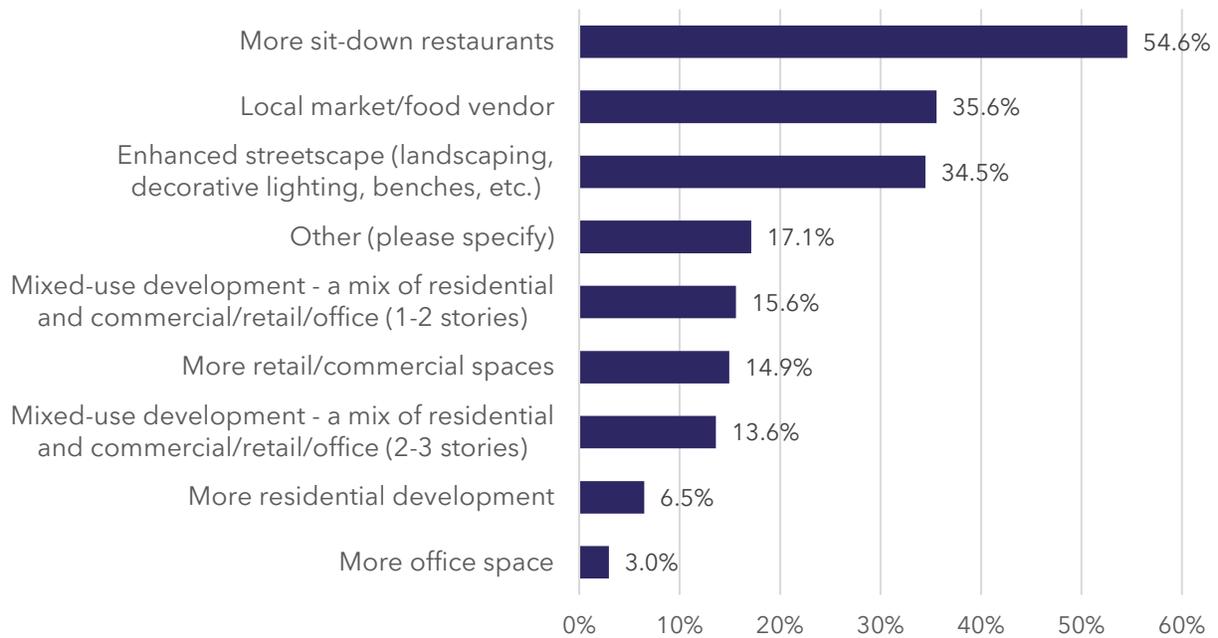
Q10. What potential improvements would you be interested in seeing along the length of Chicago Drive? (Select all that apply.)



Answer Choices	Responses	
More sit-down restaurants	62.3%	594
Local market/food vendor	42.2%	402
More green space	33.4%	318
Enhanced streetscape (landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, etc.)	27.0%	257
More retail/commercial spaces	24.0%	229
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (1-2 stories)	18.9%	180
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (2-3 stories)	16.1%	153
Other (please specify) *	8.9%	85
More office space	4.0%	38
More industrial uses	3.6%	34
	Answered	953
	Skipped	184

*Other (please specify) include the following topics: anti-spending and fiscal discontent comments (no overdevelopment and use existing vacant buildings), specific business and retail, and non-substantive comments (“none,” “nothing,” etc.). For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

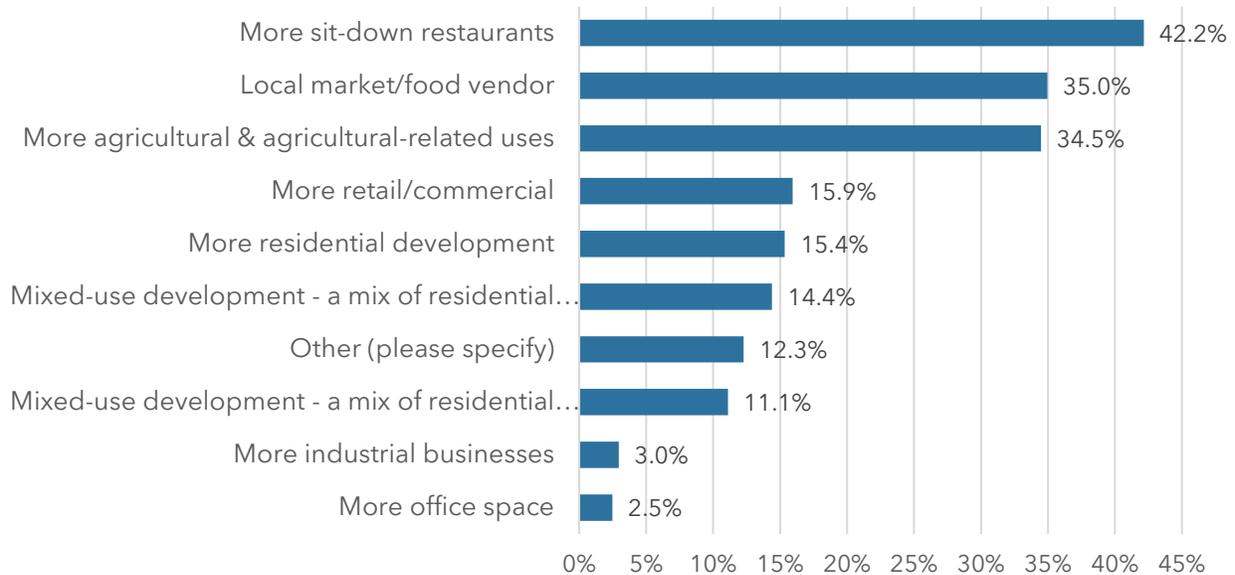
Q11. What potential improvements would you be interested in seeing along Baldwin Street? (Select all that apply.)



Answer Choices	Responses	
More sit-down restaurants	54.6%	497
Local market/food vendor	35.6%	324
Enhanced streetscape (landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, etc.)	34.5%	314
Other (please specify) *	17.1%	156
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (1-2 stories)	15.6%	142
More retail/commercial spaces	14.9%	136
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (2-3 stories)	13.6%	124
More residential development	6.5%	59
More office space	3.0%	27
	Answered	911
	Skipped	226

*Other (please specify) include the following: many non-substantive comments (“none,” “nothing,” etc.), anti-growth and fiscal discontent comments (overdevelopment, overspending, and congestion), concerns regarding increased traffic and lack of safety and pedestrian infrastructure. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

Q12. What potential improvements would you be interested in seeing in the northwest corner of the Township? (Select all that apply.)

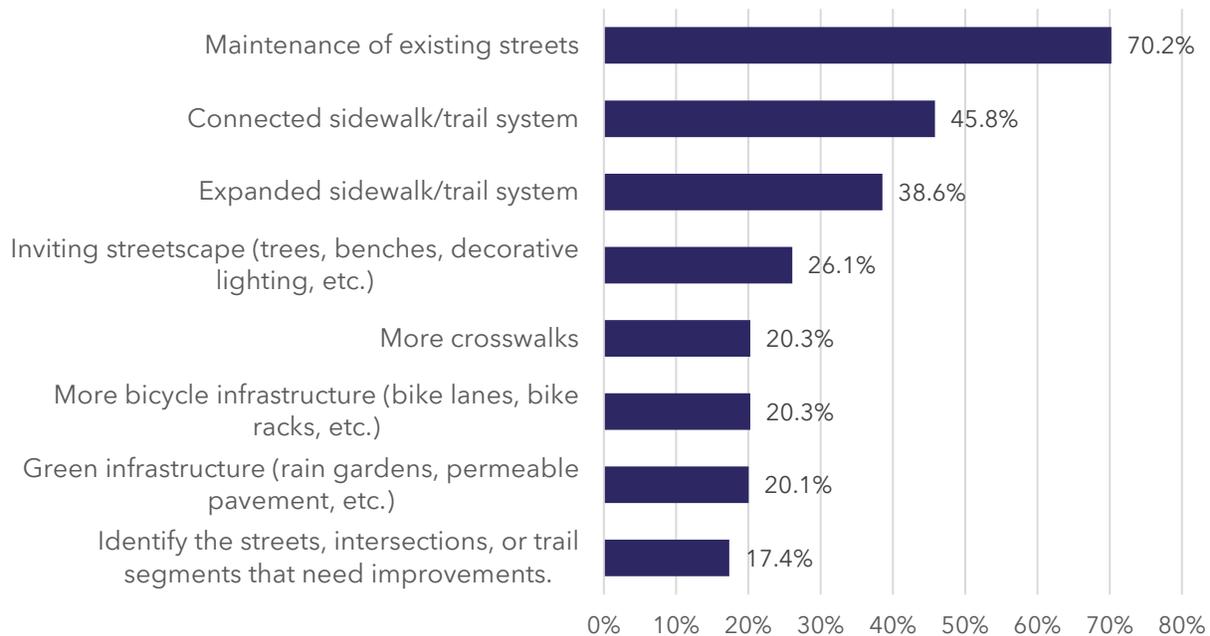


Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
More sit-down restaurants	42.2%	357
Local market/food vendor	35.0%	296
More agricultural & agricultural-related uses	34.5%	292
More retail/commercial	15.9%	135
More residential development	15.4%	130
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (1-2 stories)	14.4%	122
Other (please specify) *	12.3%	104
Mixed-use development - a mix of residential and commercial/retail/office (2-3 stories)	11.1%	94
More industrial businesses	3.0%	25
More office space	2.5%	21
	Answered	847

	Skipped	290
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*Other (please specify) include the following: many non-substantive comments (“none,” “nothing,” etc.), anti-growth and fiscal discontent comments (overdevelopment, overspending, and congestion), preservation of green space, and concerns regarding increased traffic and lack of safety and pedestrian infrastructure. *For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.*

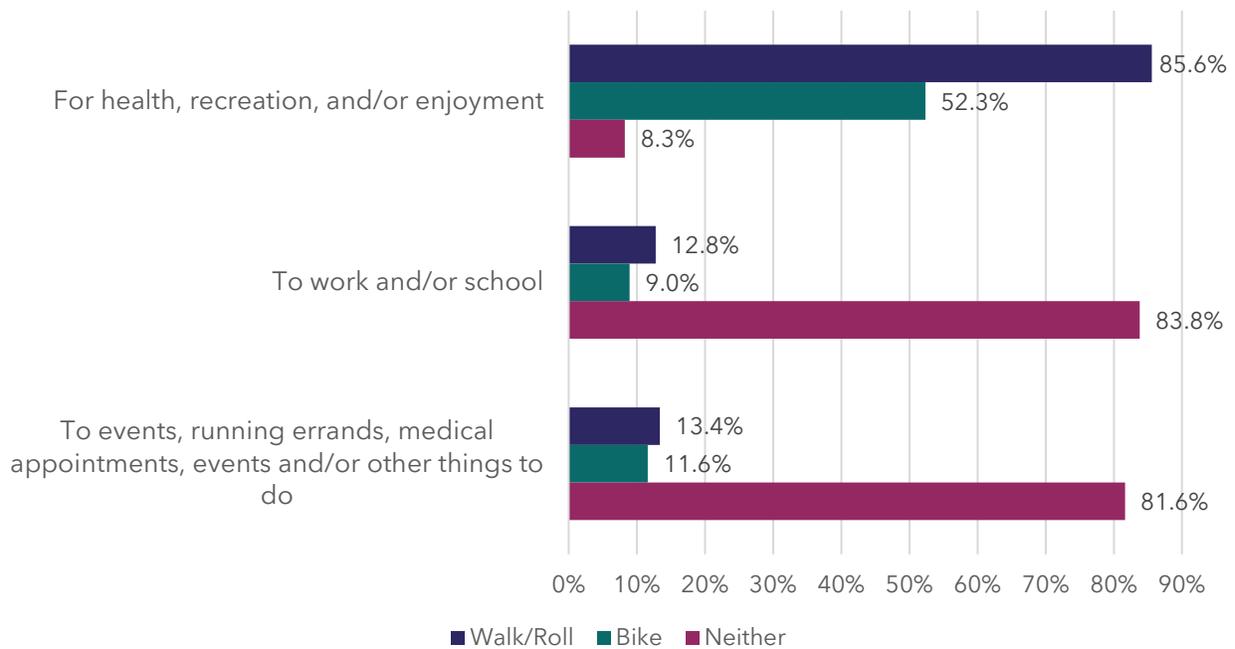
Q13. Generally, what type of street improvements are the most important to you. (Select your Top Three.)



Answer Choices	Responses	
Maintenance of existing streets	70.2%	679
Connected sidewalk/trail system	45.8%	443
Expanded sidewalk/trail system	38.6%	373
Inviting streetscape (trees, benches, decorative lighting, etc.)	26.1%	252
More crosswalks	20.3%	196
More bicycle infrastructure (bike lanes, bike racks, etc.)	20.3%	196
Green infrastructure (rain gardens, permeable pavement, etc.)	20.1%	194
Identify the streets, intersections, or trail segments that need improvements. *	17.4%	168
	Answered	967
	Skipped	170

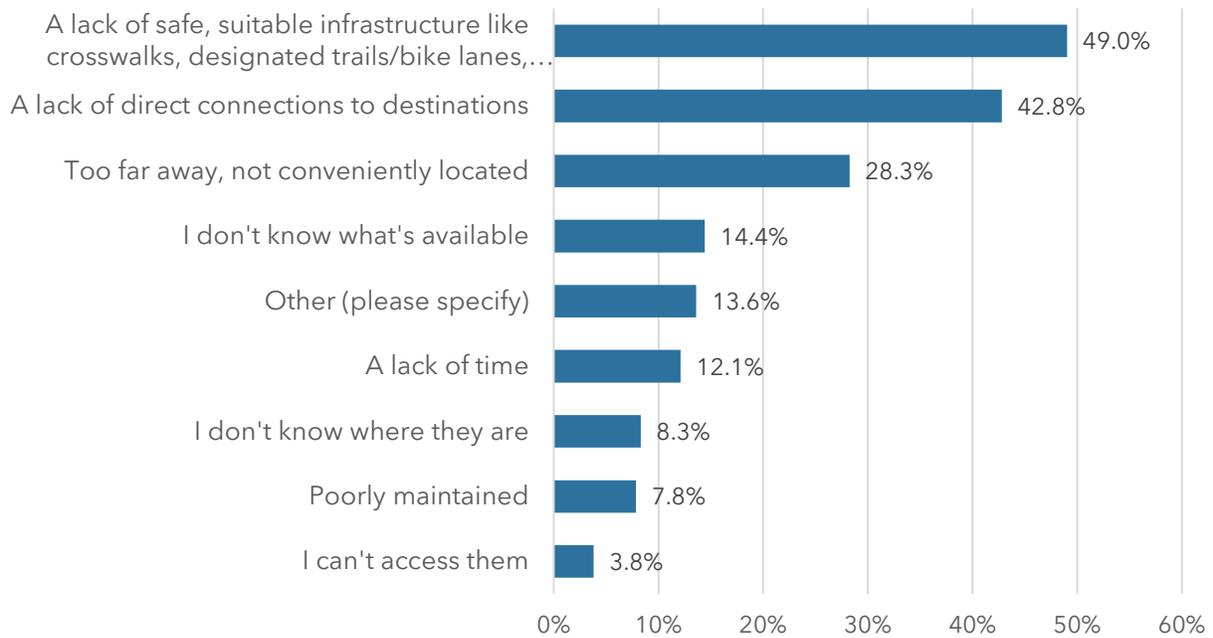
*The following streets were mentioned the most for this category: *Baldwin/Cottonwood* (comments included, lack of pedestrian safety, intersection should be redesigned) *36th Street* (at Bauer, Fillmore, and Port Sheldon) (comments included narrow shoulder, need for wider bike lanes, stop signs at major intersections), *40th Avenue* (near fairgrounds, Chicago Drive, Barry Street), other general concerns regarding, crosswalks at major public destinations such as schools and library, road maintenance, street lights, unsafe painted bike lanes, etc. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

Q14. Which methods of nonmotorized or active transportation do you participate in for the factors listed below? Please select all that apply.



	Walk/Roll		Bike		I neither walk, roll, or bike	
For health, recreation, and/or enjoyment	85.59%	808	52.33%	494	8.26%	78
To work and/or school	12.75%	104	8.95%	73	83.82%	684
To events, running errands, medical appointments, events, and/or other things to do	13.39%	113	11.61%	98	81.64%	689
					Answered	955
					Skipped	182

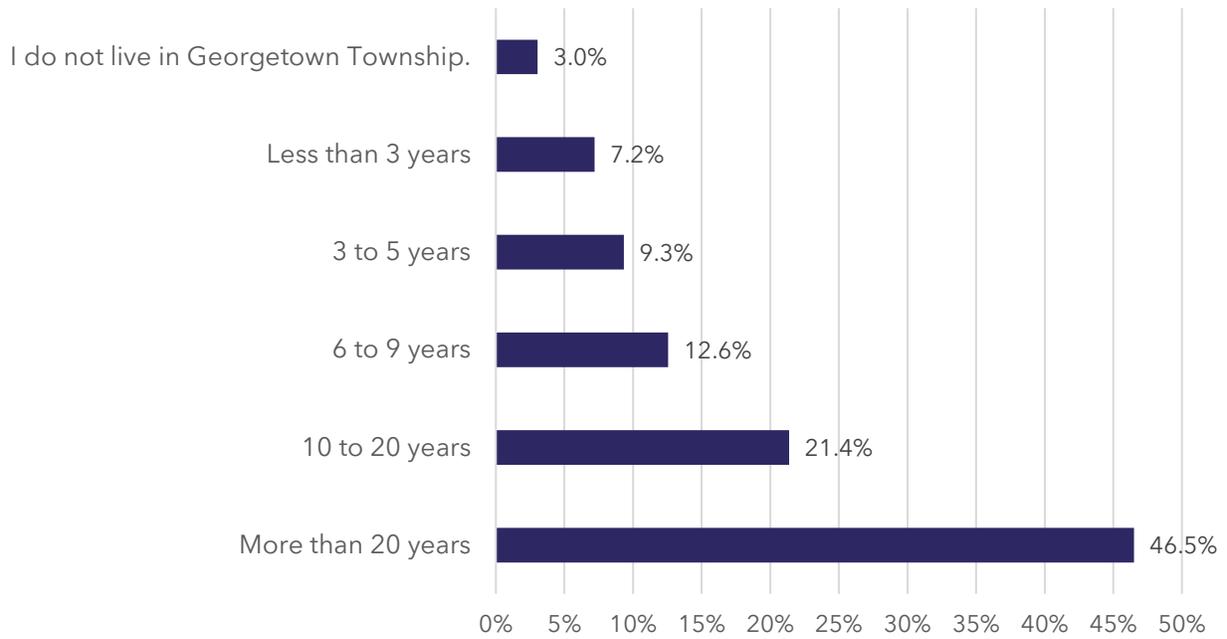
Q15. What are the obstacles to using sidewalks, trails, and/or other nonmotorized infrastructure for you? Check all that apply.



Answer Choices	Responses	
A lack of safe, suitable infrastructure like crosswalks, designated trails/bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.	49.0%	425
A lack of direct connections to destinations	42.8%	371
Too far away, not conveniently located	28.3%	245
I don't know what's available	14.4%	125
Other (please specify) *	13.6%	118
A lack of time	12.1%	105
I don't know where they are	8.3%	72
Poorly maintained	7.8%	68
I can't access them	3.8%	33
	Answered	867
	Skipped	270

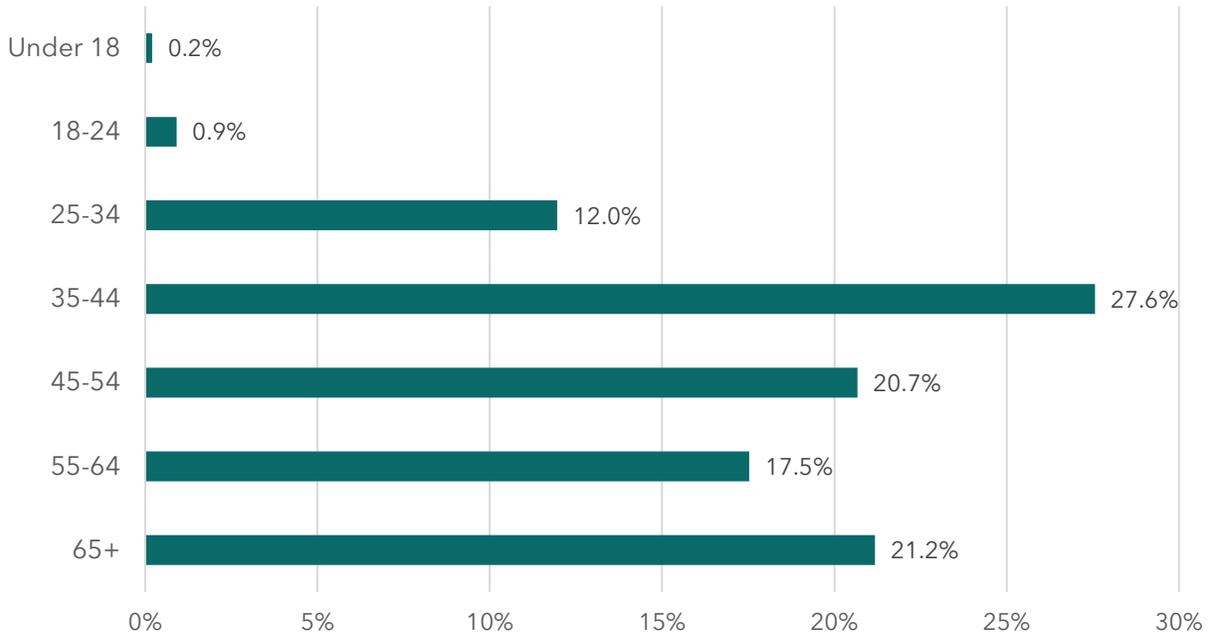
*Other (please specify) include the following topics: need for connected sidewalk network, non-substantive (none or nothing responses), high speed limits and speeding, maintenance/improvements to existing sidewalks and paths, etc. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

Q16. How long have you lived in Georgetown Township?



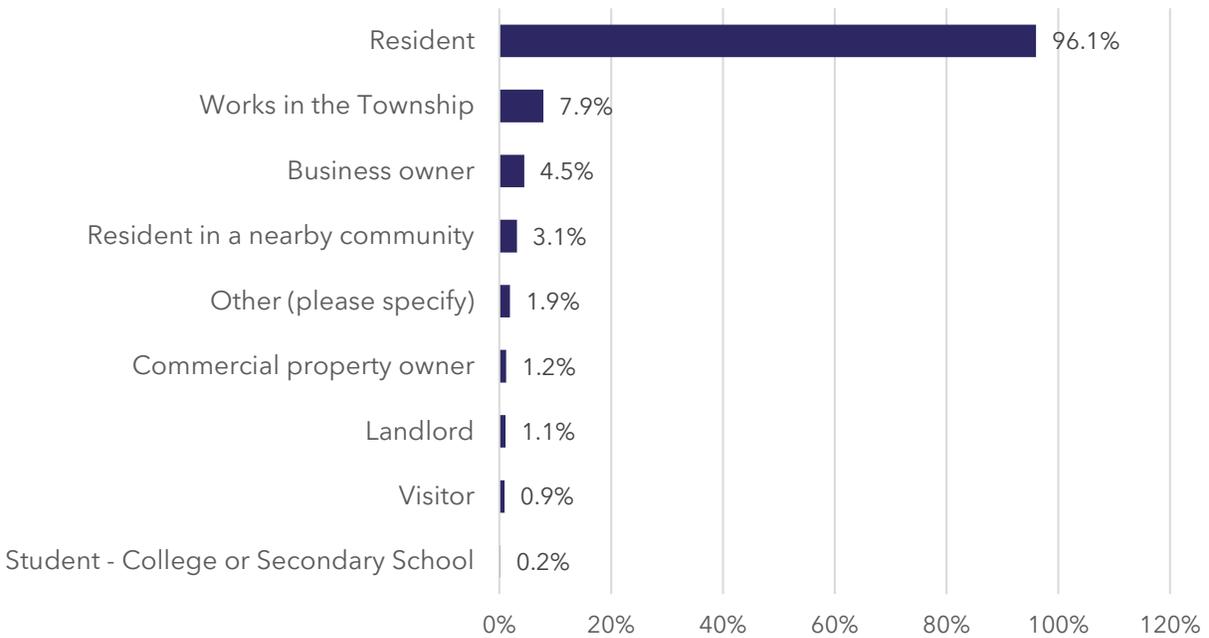
Answer Choices	Responses	
More than 20 years	46.5%	459
10 to 20 years	21.4%	211
6 to 9 years	12.6%	124
3 to 5 years	9.3%	92
Less than 3 years	7.2%	71
I do not live in Georgetown Township.	3.0%	30
	Answered	987
	Skipped	150

Q17. What is your age?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 18	0.2%	2
18-24	0.9%	9
25-34	12.0%	118
35-44	27.6%	272
45-54	20.7%	204
55-64	17.5%	173
65+	21.2%	209
	Answered	987
	Skipped	150

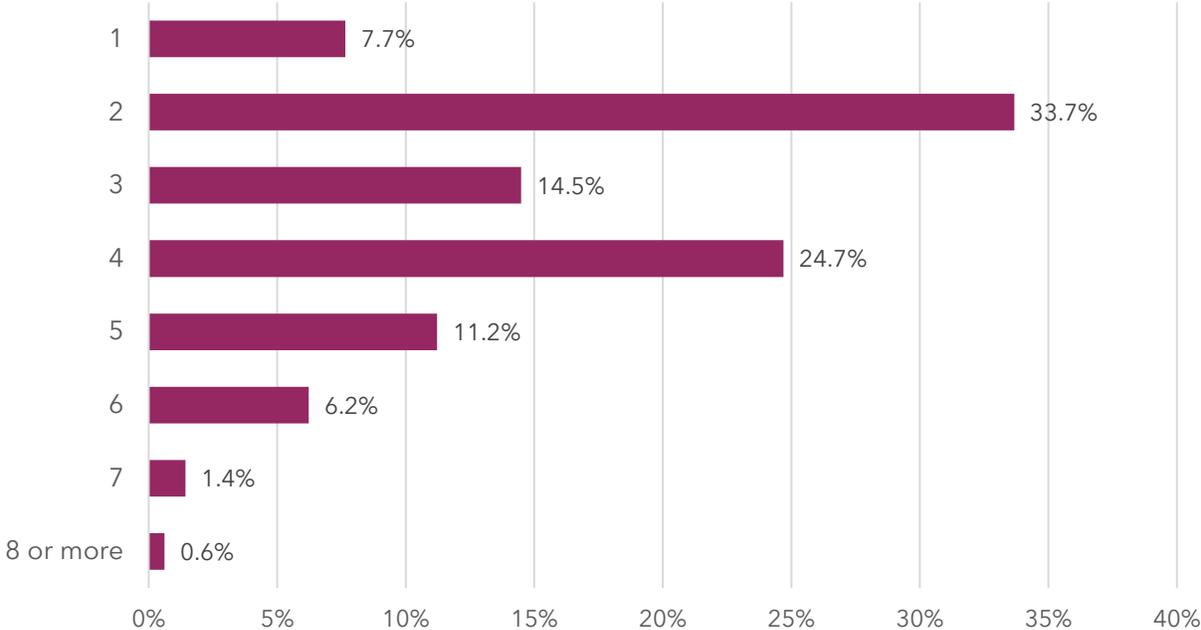
Q18. Which of the following best characterizes your connection to the Township? (Select all that apply)



Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
Resident	96.1%	948
Works in the Township	7.9%	78
Business owner	4.5%	44
Resident in a nearby community	3.1%	31
Other (please specify) *	1.9%	19
Commercial property owner	1.2%	12
Landlord	1.1%	11
Visitor	0.9%	9
Student - College or Secondary School	0.2%	2
	Answered	987
	Skipped	150

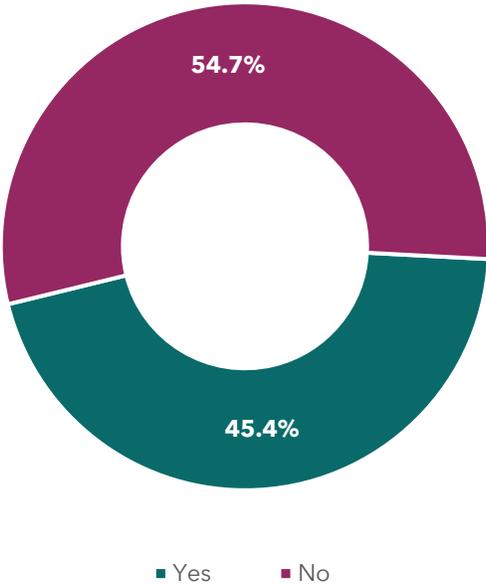
*Other (please specify) include the following categories: grew up here, former residents, farmer, lifetime resident, etc. For a complete list of comments, please see the Appendix.

Q19. Including yourself, how many people live in your household? (Please check one. Household members do not need to be related.)



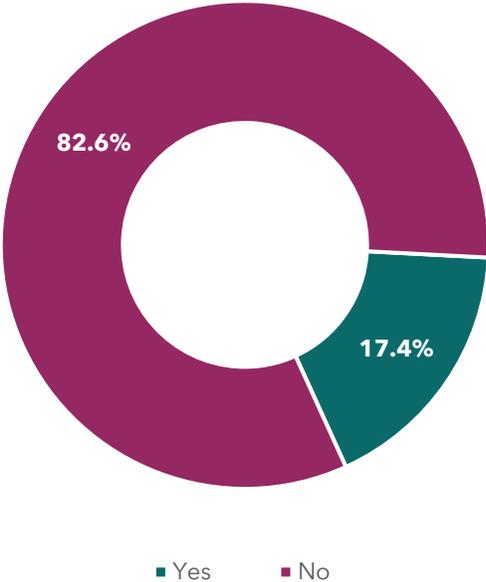
Answer Choices	Responses	
1	7.7%	75
2	33.7%	330
3	14.5%	142
4	24.7%	242
5	11.2%	110
6	6.2%	61
7	1.4%	14
8 or more	0.6%	6
	Answered	980
	Skipped	157

Q20. Do you have any children under 18 living at home?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	45.4%	444
No	54.7%	535
	Answered	979
	Skipped	158

Q21. Are you living in a multigenerational household? (For this question, this would include two or more generations living in a household such as a 19-year-old child with a 50-year-old parent, a couple in their 30s with a 75-year-old aunt, a household with grandparents, parents, and children, etc.)



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	17.4%	170
No	82.6%	808
	Answered	978
	Skipped	159

Q22. If there are other comments related to land use, growth, and development in Georgetown Township, please write them below.

Category	Overarching Theme	Example (original comments)
Anti-growth & farmland preservation	Opposition to development due to loss of rural character, congestion, and lack of open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "We are NOT a city. We are a farming community! Stop trying to change that! People who want city living can live in established cities." • "I grew up in Jenison...It's overpopulated, busy and congested. Lost its appeal. Tired of watching farms get bulldozed in for \$" • "PLEASE preserve open spaces and farmland. The rural life and Mother Nature are the main reason many of us chose to live here."
Traffic Flow & Intersection Safety	Need to fix dangerous intersections and manage increasing vehicle traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "FIX THE INTERSECTION AT BALDWIN AND COTTONWOOD!!!!" (This exact phrase is used multiple times or variations thereof) • "The Baldwin/Cottonwood intersection is unsafe. I don't see how the Township can support any further growth in these areas without major upgrades to accommodate the traffic." • "I really advocate for traffic lights when exiting Meijer onto Baldwin and slowing the speed limit of 12th Avenue (between Chicago drive and Baldwin) to either 25 or 35mph."
Pedestrian & Nonmotorized Connections	Demand for sidewalks and trails, particularly connecting schools and neighborhoods, for safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Need connected sidewalks the entire length from Port Sheldon St all the way out 36th Avenue up until at least the new 5/6 Middle School. So many kids could ride bikes or walk to school if there was a safer route for them." • "I truly hope Georgetown Township can prioritize developing safe pedestrian networks. I think building shared use paths (9-10' wide) over a 5' sidewalk is the way to go..." • "Lack of sidewalks means lack of community. Our children should not have to walk in the street. Our disabled members cannot leave their homes safely."
Commercial Vision & Aesthetics	Desire for a walkable, non-chain "downtown" area and visual improvements like underground utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Although unlikely the main thing missing is a real downtown for Jenison" • "Bury the power lines on Baldwin (top priority) and cottonwood. Invest in native

	<p>plants and incentives for residents having natural and pollinator landscaping."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Bring in new, relevant site-down restaurants. No more fast food, bar food, or pizza. There is little to no options at this time."
<p>Housing Density & Zoning Reform</p>	<p>Mixed opinions on housing, focused on opposing apartments/condos but supporting affordable, nontraditional units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Ability to have tiny houses on private property for aging parents or other family members to live in" • "I do not think any more housing especially apartments developments should be built... The community festivals are held in locations that are too small..." • "We need to encourage multi-generational living - maybe college students or entry level workforce folks living with elderly widows/widowers in exchange for a reasonable rent amount and the understanding of their also helping around the home."
<p>Public Safety & Code Enforcement</p>	<p>Calls for professionalizing essential services and enforcing existing maintenance standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Improve our Fire Department by staffing all stations for fire and medical response. It is overdue! We are not a small rural community any longer." • "The township needs to enforce code without having to be notified" • "I would like to see increased staffing across all departments that serve the township in regards to services provided."
<p>Fiscal Management & Utility Concern</p>	<p>Strong emotions over tax spending, water rate hikes, and lack of transparency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "FIX THE INTERSECTION AT BALDWIN AND COTTONWOOD!!!! Fix the water / sewer bill problems or people will leave they can't afford these hikes!" • "Stop wasting money on dumb things like clock towers and water falls or monuments in areas that aren't easily accessible and spend the money maintaining and repairing things that need it." • "Quit wasting my taxes on frivolous projects. The KMart lot is an eyesore to the community."

SUMMARY

About The Respondents

- Nearly half of participants have lived in Georgetown Township for more than 20 years, and another 21% have lived there for 10 to 20 years.
- The largest age group was 35-44 years old, followed by respondents aged 65+ and 45-64.
- Most respondents identified primarily as residents, with a smaller number reporting that they work in the Township.
- A majority of the respondents are homeowners.
- Most participants live in single-family homes, with some residents in two-family or multifamily housing.
- Household size varied: nearly 34% live in two-person households, while almost half live in households of three to five people.
- About 45% have children under 18, and 17% live in multigenerational households.

Community Desires

Reasons for Living in or Considering Georgetown Township

1. Safe neighborhoods
2. High-quality public school district
3. Proximity to Lake Michigan
4. Access to the City of Grand Rapids
5. Recreational amenities such as parks and trails

Desired Housing Types



1.
**Single Family
Homes**



2.
**No new
housing**



3.
**Tiny
Homes**

Desired Businesses and Uses Township-Wide



1.
**Sit-down
restaurants**



2.
**General
Retail**



3.
**Arts &
Entertainment**

Desired Improvements in Specific Areas

Jennison Commercial Core	Along Chicago Drive	Along Baldwin Street	Northwest Corner
More sit-down restaurants	More sit-down restaurants	More sit-down restaurants	More sit-down restaurants
Local market/food vendor	Local market/food vendor	Local market/food vendor	Local market/food vendor
More green space	More green space	Enhance streetscape (landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, etc.)	More agricultural and agricultural related uses

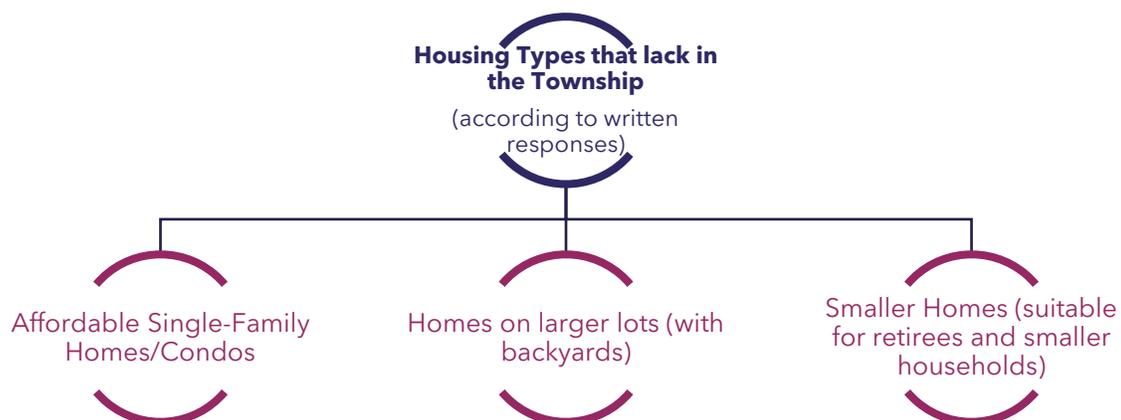
Street, Sidewalk, and Trail Priorities

- Walking and biking are used primarily for health, recreation, and enjoyment, not for commuting or running errands.
- Maintenance of existing streets, connected and expanded sidewalk and trail system were the top three street improvements desired by the participants.

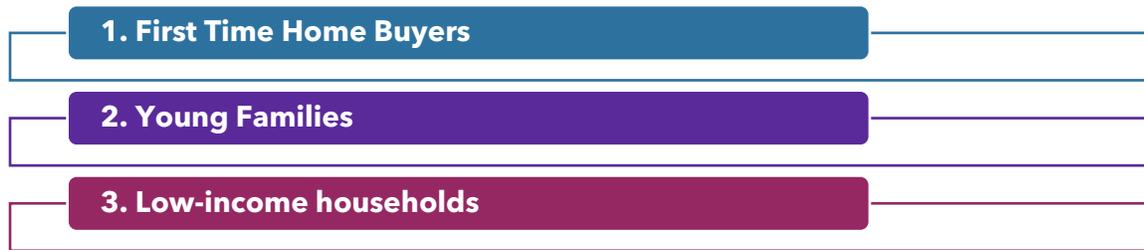
Community Concerns

Housing Availability

- About 75% believe the Township has the housing type they would want if relocating within Georgetown; 10% disagreed.



Groups Underserved by the Current Housing Stock



Challenges to Using Sidewalks and Trails

1. Lack of safe, suitable infrastructure such as crosswalks, designated trails/bike lanes, and sidewalks
2. Lack of direct connections to key destinations
3. Routes being too far away or not conveniently located

Community Priorities

In terms of potential Township priorities, the following were selected as top three:



Pop-Up Planning

EVENTS

In the fall of 2025, Georgetown Charter Township Master Plan project engaged in two pop-up planning events to gather community input. These events featured interactive activities designed to solicit meaningful feedback from community members. The first event was held during a Jenison High School football game, and the second took place at the Fall Fest hosted at the Georgetown Township Public Library. Residents were already convening at these locations, providing an opportunity to reach a broader audience.

Jenison High School Football Game

September 26th 2025 at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Georgetown Township Library Fall Fest

October 24th 2025 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



ACTIVITIES

Welcome Board

The welcome board featured informational text that explained the process of the Master Plan and the importance of community master planning. The board encouraged participants to take part in the available activities and provide their feedback regarding planning topics for the Township.

Community Values

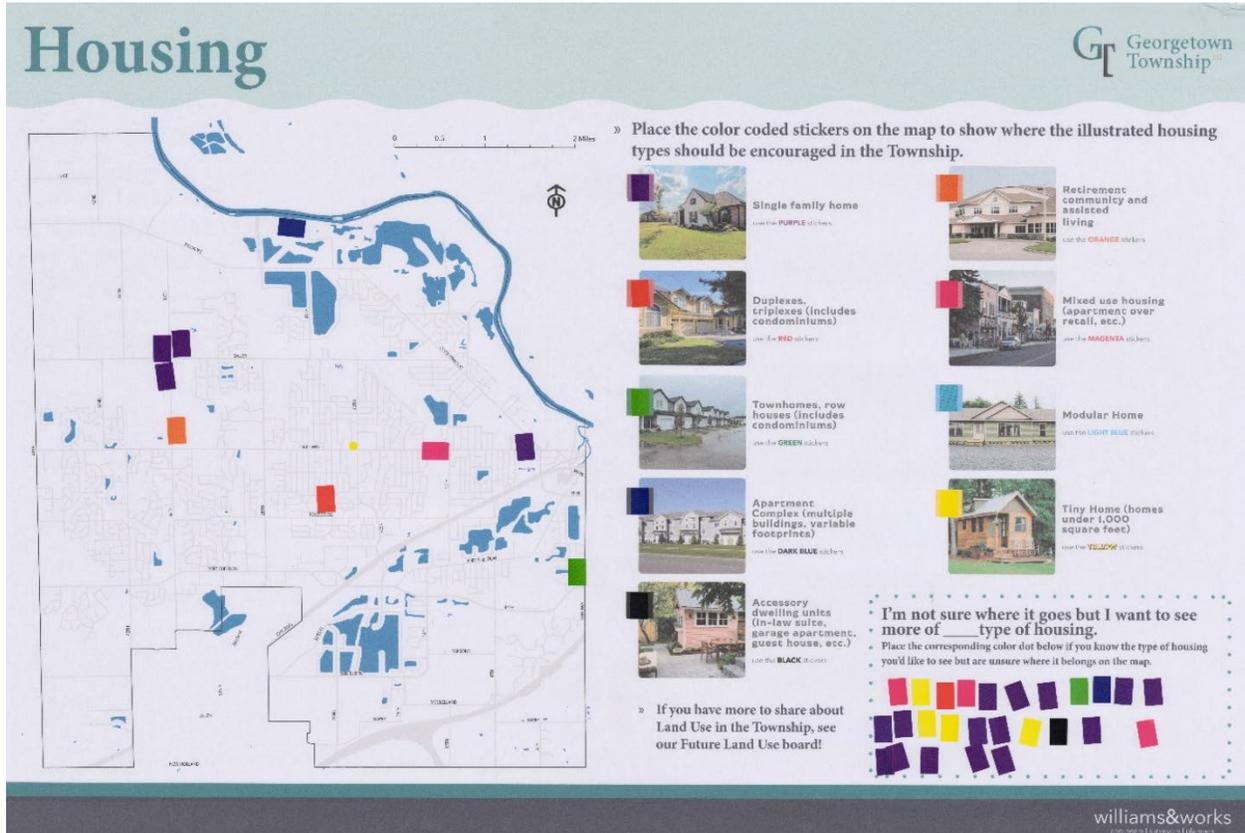
For this activity, participants used sticky notes to respond to two questions: *“What do you LOVE about Georgetown?”* and *“What would you IMPROVE about Georgetown?”* the written response were tallied in Table 1. Responses to *“What do you love about Georgetown?”* highlighted parks, the library, farms, and similar community assets. Responses to *“What would you improve?”* focused mainly on lowering taxes and water bills, adding more businesses and restaurants, improving safety at certain intersections and pedestrian facilities, and creating additional amenities such as a disc golf course, play structures, and others.

Table 1. Community Values

What do you love about Georgetown?	What would you improve about Georgetown?
Always clean the earth	8th street park beach needs an overhaul
Amazing library	Add a disc golf course
Beach clean up	Add a really big disc golf course
Fun activities	Add a stop sign to the corner where Chippewa meets Maplewood Park (the bend)
Keep the town clean	Another play structure at rush creek park to replace the one you took down
Library	Connectivity
Library	Expanding trail system
Parks	I would like the Township build an aquatic center
Parks + library	Less accidents at Cottonwood and Baldwin
Safe	Love to see colored lights back for the GT Christmas tree
Safe, great place to raise a family	Lower taxes
The farms that we still have should be protected. I love the one by Maplewood Park.	Lower taxes
The library	Lower water bill
The library	Lower water rates
The library	Make it even better! But I don't know how that's possible because it is already super great
The library!! The Parks!	More activities for kids/family businesses
Walking trails	More diverse businesses/restaurants
	More local restaurants, no chains!
	More of a downtown destination
	More restaurants
	More street lights on 44th street from 8th avenue to Kenowa, the curvy road
	No rules! The lawless + insane intersection at 32nd and Van Buren Avenue. Please put a no left (or right, actually) turn! So dangerous! By stir it up
	Safe crossing on cottonwood to Maplewood Park from Berger estates
	Secure increased funding for the future
	Sidewalks (x3)
	The water bill in the summer
	Trader joe's, healthy grocery, YMCA, or facility for workout with childcare
	Walkability to local businesses

Housing Activity

For this activity, participants used color-coded stickers to indicate where they would like to see different types of housing. They were provided with a map of Georgetown Township to mark specific locations for each housing type, as well as a blank area to place stickers if they wanted more of a particular housing type but were unsure of the exact location. The results were scanned and are shown in the image below.

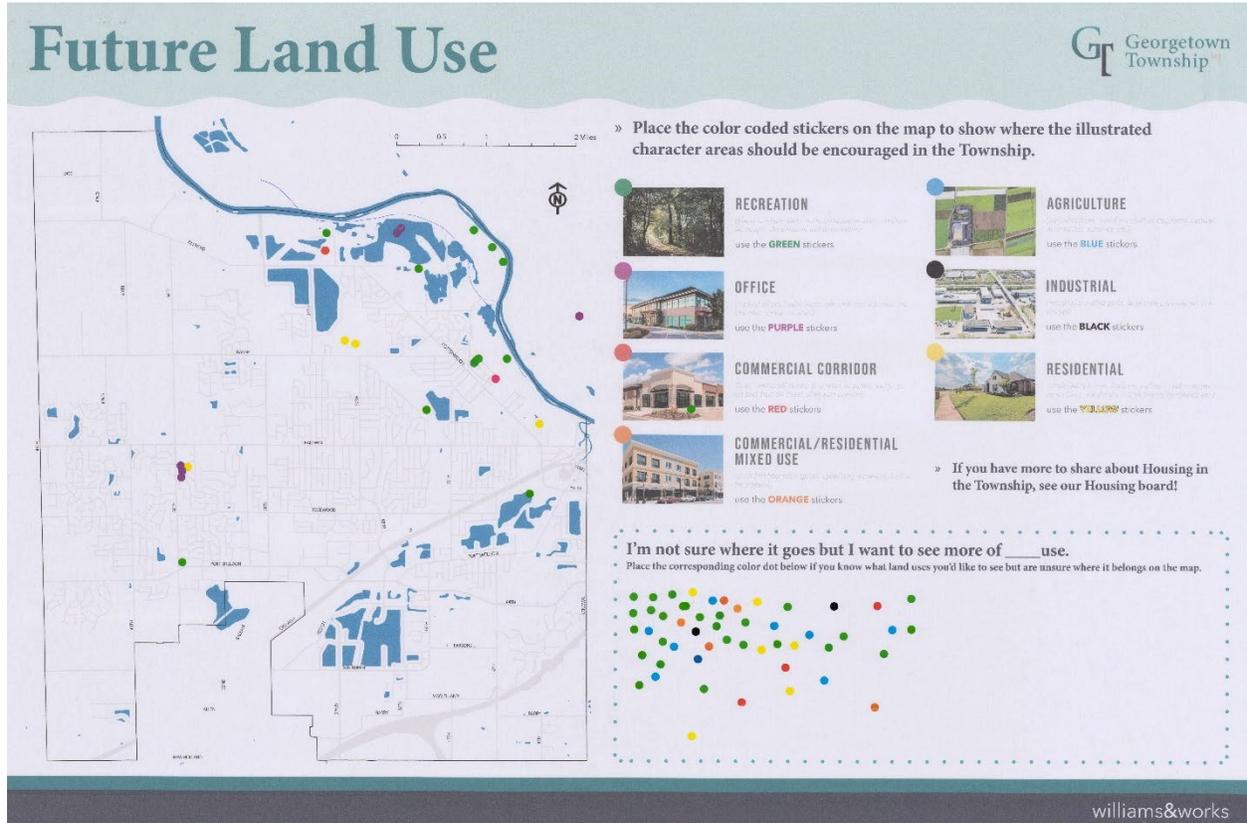


Single-family homes, represented in purple, were the most desired housing type with locations that include undetermined, and near 36th Street, and Bauer Road. Tiny homes were the second most popular choice, followed by mixed-use housing and duplexes/triplexes. Accessory dwelling units, retirement communities and assisted living, and townhomes/row houses were other popular choices.



Future Land Use Activity

For this activity, participants used color-coded stickers to indicate where they would like to see different types of land uses. A map of Georgetown Township was available to mark specific locations for each land use, as well as a blank area to place stickers if they wanted more of a particular land use but were unsure of the exact location. The results were scanned and are shown in the image below.



Recreation, shown in green, was the most desired land use, primarily concentrated near the river in the northeast corner of the township but also in the box to indicate an unsure location. Residential and agricultural uses were the second and third most selected options, respectively. A smaller number of responses also indicated interest in office, commercial/corridor, and mixed-use developments.

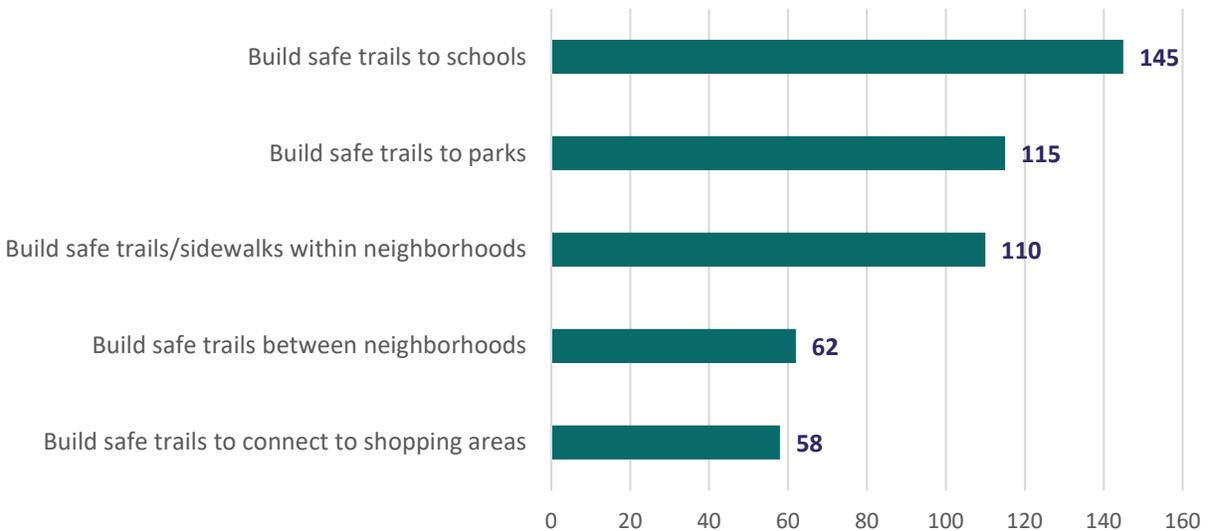


Penny Jar Activity



Participants were given 5 pennies and instructed to distribute them into labeled jars. Each jar contained a few words that described pedestrian related infrastructure and amenities. The 5 pennies given to participants represented their tax dollars and the distribution of their pennies illustrated their desired investments. A total of 490 pennies were collected between the two pop-up events. The voting results are shown in the following graph.

Figure 1. Penny Jar Voting



Participants in the penny jar activity placed the **highest priority** on **building safe trails to schools**, which received the most support with 145 pennies. This was **followed by** strong interest in developing **safe trails to parks** (115) and **creating safe trails or sidewalks within neighborhoods** (110). **Trails connecting neighborhoods received less support** (62), while improved **connections to shopping areas**, though still valued, **ranked lowest** among the options (58).

Appendix

The following is a list of survey questions and the corresponding comments for each question.

Q1. From the following list, please select the most important reason(s) you live or would consider living in Georgetown Township (Check all that apply):

1. (note on housing availability: need for income-based apartments)
2. Affordability
3. Affordability- I originally chose to move to Jenison because the property taxes were lower than surrounding areas.
4. Affordability period
5. Affordable property taxes
6. Amtrak stop on demand
7. Can't wait to vote the current board out!
8. Cheap taxes
9. Church and Property taxes initially
10. Church community, Christian environment
11. Close to family
12. Close to my church and kids schools
13. Closer to Family
14. Conservative politics
15. Conservative School System
16. Excellent library with great programming for all ages.
17. Family
18. Family
19. Family
20. Family
21. For grandparenting only
22. I don't want to live here anymore
23. I get to live amongst other white people.
24. I have a business here
25. I moved here in 1978 so I am stuck here.
26. I purchased a house in Georgetown Township, which was known for lower taxes, only to have my taxes doubled. I'm disabled, so I'm upset and not sure how long I can afford to live here at the rate of water costs and property taxes. Very upsetting!
27. I rent from my very best friend at a very reasonable price!!
28. I think the Jenison planners could take lessons from Grandville and Hudsonville on making our business areas more attractive.
29. I used to love living here until all the prices have gone up and the board is acting like the good old boys, I am going to help them do the recall I'm tired of them spending

all my money it's not cheap to live here anymore not like it's supposed to be shame on the board

30. I work here.
31. Inexpensive
32. It was the only place we found a house that fit our needs in 2013 and we can't beat our current mortgage from back then.
33. It's boring as shit and I actually hate living here
34. It's landlocked and small.
35. It's peaceful and quiet
36. Library
37. Lived here a long time. Doesn't make sense to move with housing being so expensive.
38. Living close to my children and grandchildren
39. Low cost
40. low property tax rate
41. Low Property tax rate
42. Low property taxes
43. Low property taxes
44. Low tax rate
45. Low Taxes
46. Low taxes
47. Low taxes & Low cost of living.
48. Low Taxes and clean township
49. Lower cost of living than Grand Rapids
50. Lower property taxes
51. Lower property taxes
52. Lower taxes
53. Lower taxes
54. Lower taxes previously but not any longer
55. Lower taxes. If you keep raising my taxes, I have no incentive to stay. What the... have you done with our water bills? GTWP should have budgeted this a LOT better and taken the majority of this upgrade / repair.
56. maintain moderate property taxes to sustainable cost of living.
57. Moved here to closer to my son and family
58. Near family
59. Near my church and schools but getting to expensive to live here everyday
60. Near to work
61. Need to vote the current board out!
62. Ottawa County's lower taxes
63. Parents live here
64. Parks - playgrounds
65. Peace and quiet
66. Religious opportunities
67. Senior friendly
68. STOP developing open spaces and farmland!!
69. Strong religious background

70. Taxes
71. the caring people
72. The opportunity to build a new home in an upscale neighborhood.
73. To live close to family
74. Used to be a safe area. Hope it will return to that expectation.
75. Used to be affordability but the taxes are not aligned with affordability.
76. Used to be for lesser taxes but with the increase n water and paying for trash and disposal of leaves. I pay more to live here than in Troy Michigan where I came from
77. Used to be small town not adding apartments and developing unnecessarily
78. WAS the schools and the safety
79. We have lived here fifty years!
80. We moved here for lower taxes
81. We once didn't spend money on useless things. Beautification, clock tower, rock pile fountain, library few use, pickle ball, DPW building
82. We originally moved here for school for our children. Now we are still here to be close to grandkids
83. Well funded and staffed fire department
84. Wonderful library and faith community
85. Would consider moving if there was a town center.

Q2. If you live in the Township, do you own or rent your residence?

1. Broke college student living at home
2. Doesn't matter
3. Former Resident
4. I do not live in the Township but I am looking for an Apartment to move there.
5. I just moved out of the township but had a single family
6. Just outside the township
7. Live in senior housing community now. Jenison since 1954
8. Live with my father. Multi-gen household.
9. Live with parent
10. Live with parents who own
11. Rent by paying property tax on a house I own

Q3. If you live in the Township, in what type of residence do you live?

1. Condo
2. Condo
3. condo
4. condo
5. Condo
6. Condo
7. Condo
8. Condo
9. Condo
10. Condo
11. Condo
12. Condo

13. Condo
14. Condo
15. Condo
16. Condo
17. Condo
18. Condo
19. condo
20. Condo
21. Condo
22. Condo
23. Condo
24. CONDO
25. Condo association
26. Condo house
27. Condominium
28. Condominium
29. Doesn't matter
30. Live with my wife daughter and parents in a large single family home.
31. Manufactured home
32. rent a room from family in single family home
33. Same as above but would like to have mixed use housing with retail below.
34. x

Q4. If you were to relocate within the Township, is the housing type you would be seeking available?

1. + maybe condominium?
2. 1+ acres, pole barn, newer house
3. 3-5 acres with a shop/barn. Private yard
4. 55 and over community
5. 55+ communities
6. A house in Florida to relocate to.
7. Ability to add tiny home to property for mother-in-law
8. Acreage
9. Acreage with waterfront access.
10. Acreage, country
11. Acreage, farming
12. Affordability
13. Affordability
14. Affordable
15. Affordable
16. AFFORDABLE condominium.
17. Affordable and practical condos for seniors
18. Affordable condo
19. Affordable condo for retirement
20. Affordable condo or townhome
21. affordable condos
22. Affordable condos
23. Affordable condos that are up to date and not falling apart
24. Affordable home on a few acres

25. Affordable homes
26. Affordable house
27. Affordable housing
28. Affordable housing
29. Affordable housing
30. Affordable housing
31. Affordable housing
32. Affordable nice condos for over 55
33. Affordable old farm house
34. Affordable options for first time buyers looking to move from renting to owning
35. Affordable ranch home. Your GREEDY ASSESSORS HAVE INFLATED VALUES TO RAPE RESIDENTS BY OVERTAXING US!!!!!!
36. Affordable senior housing
37. Affordable single-family home
38. Affordable single-family homes/homes with some property and farming lifestyle left.
39. All sports Lake front home
40. Alley loading houses with cute walkable fronts that don't take up huge plots of land and grass
41. an affordable condo
42. Cheap housing near stores
43. Cheaper
44. Condo
45. Condo
46. Condo
47. Condo
48. Condo
49. Condo
50. Condominium
51. Condos
52. Condos are not readily available.
53. don't plan to move
54. Far away from dip shit neighbors
55. farmland
56. Generally, we'd move for more private outdoor space. Its hard to come by acreage in GTWP.
57. Have been priced out of being able to afford a slightly larger house for under \$300,000
58. Home on multiple acres, not subdivision.
59. Home with large lot
60. House on at least 5 acres
61. House with a pool and at least 10 acres
62. House with land
63. Houses not affordable
64. Housing has become very expensive in Hudsonville. Very sad. Way too much building going on!!!!
65. Housing is available but no longer affordable
66. Housing is available, but township fees make it unaffordable
67. Housing with acreage that's within my price range
68. I have no plans of moving! I told my children that they could take me out of my home on a gurney!
69. I would build on 2-5 acres

70. I would like a house with at least 2 acres
71. I wouldn't relocate in township.
72. I'd like to be back in the country
73. If we relocate, we would be looking for property with a few acres. This is becoming harder to find in Georgetown Township.
74. Independent and/or assisted living
75. independent living
76. Lake frontage
77. Land no neighbors
78. Large enough land for a 500+ sq ft outbuilding
79. Large lot with space for a barn and home agricultural development
80. Larger lots, larger houses
81. Looking for affordable acres
82. Mixed use apartments, townhomes, tiny homes
83. Mixed use, or front porch traditional neighborhood within walking distance to a neighborhood center is not available.
84. More affordable
85. More land
86. More land
87. more land, bigger home, but not too much \$
88. More property
89. Multi Family Apartments Over Apartments
90. Multi-unit
91. Never thought about relocating
92. New construction, but you'll screw me on the taxes!
93. newer affordable ranch
94. Newer home
95. Next home outside of first-time home purchase
96. No idea, not looking
97. Not affordable. We would make a huge profit off our home, but would be paying more for less.
98. Not available within our price range. Glad we purchased when we did! (2016)
99. Not enough choice
100. not enough entry level housing or developments
101. Not in GT
102. Not sure as I have not pursued choices as of now.
103. Nothing affordable in the township, looking for more acreage than what there is available for a single family home
104. On the water
105. Our house would not longer be affordable if we moved
106. Planned tiny home community housing
107. Prices are too high
108. Private land /wooded lot
109. Probably condo or independent living
110. Property with land
111. Ranch style with 2-3 acres
112. Retirement Community
113. Rural
114. Rural-country

115. Secluded land where you don't have to hear dogs barking at all hours
116. Single family
117. Single family
118. Single family home with a pole barn
119. Single family home with wooded acreage
120. single family with apartment unit
121. Single family, stick built, less than 200k
122. Small home
123. Small home footprint with ADU availability
124. Small neighborhood with large, acre or two acre lots.
125. Smaller affordable homes tiny homes
126. Smaller affordable housing.
127. Smaller home on large parcel of land for a fair price
128. Smaller housing for 2-3 people that is a new build and not huge, like a tiny home but new.
129. Stand alone condo or smaller single family dwelling
130. Taxes are too high and now the water costs are so high
131. There is not enough condos available.
132. too expensive
133. Traffic on FILLMORE is outrageous.... i take my life in my hands just trying to cross the street to get our mail!!
134. Unsure what is available but would be looking for a home to live the rest of my life in now that I'm in my 60s. One level, affordable housing that my 1600 a month ss will be enough and leave me leftover money to pay all my other bills and needs.
135. Upscale highrise condominium
136. Vacant land for building?
137. Want acreage without being farther out and the ability to add additional homes on the acreage if wanted for family
138. Waterfront, natural spring fed lake, not on top of neighbors
139. We tried to find a wooded lot (over an acre) to build on and couldn't so we bought a lot in Jamestown and will be moving there.
140. We will be looking for a more walkable location. Some place where you can walk to amenities.
141. We would need more space, but interest rates and cost of housing for the size we need would double our mortgage
142. Would like a larger lot with nature in Jenison school district. Around 1 acre
143. Would like updated 3 bedroom but can't afford over 2k a month for rent
144. Would not want to stay in the township
145. Would prefer rural woodland
146. x

Q5. Looking at the image below, what types of housing are needed in the Township? (Check all that apply):

1. "Starter Homes" - 1,000 - 1,500 sft
2. AFFORDABLE
3. Affordable
4. Affordable housing for low income families
5. Affordable housing needs to be a priority. New constructions of \$500,000+ houses do not help demand for most families looking to buy a home.

6. affordable housing, including condo's.
7. Affordable Senior-Over 55+
8. Affordable shared common living...like the jubilee project in Holland
9. AFFORDABLE Single family homes
10. Affordable, smaller single family homes.
11. All of them!
12. Both rental homes on our street are the eye sores of the neighborhood also dogs barking at all times of the day are now common for people moving in they do not have a pride of ownership and do not take care of the property
13. Do not need any more apartments
14. High Density Single Family (<.33 acre)
15. Hmm.... Are talking of zoning, because it's not really the government's job to create housing.
16. Homes for developmentally disabled.
17. Housing options available at lower price points
18. I don't really want more apartment complexes. Traffic is getting to be an issue.
19. i think affordable housing is a huge issue for anyone wishing to move here.
20. Issue is the cost is too high regardless of anything that's added for most families
21. It's already too crowded & busy
22. larger high-income single-family homes
23. limited apartment complexes, smaller ones, maybe a mix of tiny homes and townhomes/row houses
24. Lots of opinions. You won't like
25. low income housing
26. More affordable entry priced homes
27. More housing is generally needed, but I do not have strong opinions on type
28. Most starter homes pre-wars were under 1000 SF. I would consider re-branding 1000 SF as not tiny as the term tiny has negative connotations.
29. Need to vote the current board out!
30. NO apartments No modular homes end multigenerational homes end rentals with multiple individuals not related
31. No more 2 3 4 8 or 9. Stop cramming these into ever square inch that can be found. Leave green spaces and some forests... the whole point of being in the burns is to get away from the overcrowded concrete jungles and tight spaces of the city.
32. No more apartments or low income housing
33. No more development. Too busy and losing small town feel
34. No strong opinion, generally options more affordable than single family homes
35. Non luxury new single family homes.
36. Not 5 or 7
37. Only single home, apartment buildings will destroy the our community over time. Look at Hudsonville
38. Please do not move the township even more towards a new Godfrey Lee
39. Preserve farmland
40. Preserve greenspace; redevelop areas for affordable housing
41. Ranch condominium that is affordable for seniors
42. Retirement homes no basements needed
43. Rural Housing options
44. Senior housing for Section 8 - my mom has been on a waiting list for almost 3 years
45. Single family homes on a decent sized plot of land. More than 1 acre.
46. single family mixed value for low to middle income.

47. SMALL single family homes
48. Small single family homes, not McMansions
49. Small single family, under \$200.00
50. Smaller more affordable homes
51. Smaller single family homes. Sub 1400sqft residences to allow for more affordable housing.
52. Something that cuts down on the interactions between people vehicles and encourages walkability and increased density and efficient use of land.
53. The streets are too congested. We do not need more traffic.
54. The Township is growing too fast. The roads aren't moving the traffic . Too much congestion. Truck Routes on residential streets and many schools. Too many four way stops on Bauer causing congestion on roads & backups.
55. THERE IS TOO MUCH HOUSING NOW AND TOO MUCH OBOZO HIGH DENSITY HOUSING!!!!
56. Too busy now
57. Too much traffic and congestion! You're ruining the appeal of Georgetown township...STOP DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN SPACES!!
58. We already have a good mix of housing
59. We already have a water and traffic problem. No new housing of any kind.
60. We have a water shortage in Ottawa county and the infrastructure can't handle anymore!
61. We have enough housing. We need to keep our non-suburban feel. I love feeling of living in the country but with access to GR, the water. We do not need to be any bigger
62. We need to keep farm land and limit development.
63. What ever it may be. Affordable
64. whatever mix of density increases options to met demand while decreasing costs
65. While I appreciate the practicality of apartments I largely believe greenery is an important trait.

Q6. Which groups do you feel are under-served by the housing stock currently available in Georgetown Township? Check all that apply.

1. ?
2. A quick search indicates there is a wide range of available prices for all categories listed above.
3. Affordable housing for big families (5 beds 2 bath)
4. Affordable ranch type condominiums
5. Affordable retirement
6. Average price too high
7. Can't afford to water lawns anymore.
8. Decrease use of land and increasing verticality of policies can increase density and ideally create more affordable housing for the individuals listed.
9. Don't know
10. Don't care
11. empty nesters
12. Enough housing already
13. Everyone
14. High-income households
15. High-income households
16. I dont think this question can be accurately answered w/o statistics of Georgetown
17. I think Georgetown is doing a great job on housing.
18. I think housing needs have been met. Actually, there are very few "nice" neighborhoods. Things are starting to look run-down, tired and old. You should focus on beautification laws

and enforcing them. Very few "nice" neighborhoods in the township or city limits of Hudsonville/Jenison.

19. I think there are plenty of existing houses that meet needs of various demographics
20. If I were a first time homebuyer, I wouldn't be able to afford to move to Georgetown township with the market how it is now. And we are middle class.
21. If you have low income housing- more drugs and crime
22. In-law apartments
23. It's growing to rapidly
24. Kids just graduating from college. Housing too expensive for first time income with first time job
25. Larger homes like in Summerset
26. Let the market decide.
27. LOW income "meaning" I can't afford to move or improve current residence due to increased cost of services and taxes.
28. Maybe STOP INFLARING HOME PRICES BY OVER ASSESSING THEM, YOU GREEDY BASTARDS.
29. Middle income trad families with more than 4 children
30. Na
31. Na
32. NA
33. no comment
34. No more housing needed.
35. No opinion
36. No opinion
37. None
38. None
39. None
40. none
41. None
42. None
43. None
44. None
45. None are under served
46. None! We dont need development!!!
47. None, I feel that Georgetown Township has a good supply of all of the housing options that it needs.
48. None?
49. Not informed enough to answer intelligently
50. Not really sure, just moved here myself, probably homes for individuals with disabilities though since that seems to be an issue most places.
51. People with lower incomes being able to find affordable single family housing
52. Prices and taxes are out of control
53. Professionals with families
54. Renters - at any income level.
55. Satisfied with present availability.
56. Seniors that prefer an ADU
57. Single no partner or kids
58. Small Farm plots for new Farmers
59. Stop developing! Horrible traffic

60. STOP RUINING OUR COUNTRY LIVING LIFESTYLE!! That is the appeal of this area...wake up!!
61. Supervised housing for developmentally disabled.
62. The housing market makes it hard for any group right now
63. The housing stock is fine as is
64. There are too many, we need more land preserved
65. There is enough housing for what our community and roads can handle.
66. There is something for everyone. No one is underserved
67. There's housing for everyone. It's a sought after area and it's not that large of land. No need to cram houses on top of each other
68. This is a stupid question.
69. Unknown
70. Unsure
71. What kind of question is this?
72. Young families based on overall cost - inflated prices and taxes.

Q7. In terms of potential Township priorities, how important are the following?

No comments were provided for this question.

Q8. What types of new businesses would you like to see in the Township boundaries? (Check all that apply.)

1. A downtown established
2. A UPS store!
3. Affordable space for small businesses, art studios, etc.
4. Allowing small commercial places close to neighborhoods-
5. Apothecary, holistic medicine, healthy food stores, allergen friendly restaurants, play cafe
6. Aquatic center
7. Available Airbnb
8. Brewery
9. Brewery/distillery
10. Business that supports a residential community
11. Businesses come and go organically, we don't need a group of township morons trying to manipulate business development, just get out of their way.
12. Cafes, breakfast, deli etc. quick but non-chain
13. Childcare facilities and child centered play businesses
14. Coffee Shop that's outside of the Baldwin, Chicago Drive, Cottonwood hub.
15. Community center for youth. Rec center so you can join and swim, play basketball and sports, walking track in the winter. Work out center (like Zeeland, Byron Center, Spring Lake)
16. Community center like Zeeland. Something accessible for everyone
17. Community Center, manufacturing
18. Community sports center
19. Costco, Target
20. Dispensary
21. doctor offices
22. Farm to table, farm shops

23. Farming/Greenhouses
24. Focus on housing over more business
25. Food options but not along Baldwin!
26. Get rid of Meijer glorified dollar store
27. Grocery like a Horrocks or Whole Foods
28. Grocery stores with Healthy options, like Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Horrocks
29. Gyms
30. Hardware Store
31. health fast food or juice bars
32. I would like new businesses to occupy currently open spaces, as opposed to continue building new commercial spaces. Let's use what we have
33. I'd love a Costco.
34. It's not your job to get new businesses. Let the market decide. Just keep things affordable
35. Jenison is a bedroom community. We have plenty of trails, arts, businesses, and growth. Housing needs to stop until roads keep movement. There are two turn lanes on Cottonwood and with more housing going out Bauer Rd it's backing up again. More accidents also. Moving traffic and water pressure & supply should be #1
36. Light industrial. We are a bedroom community. We don't want at battery type of plant like Blendon
37. Local baker that makes healthy and authentic fresh bread without harsh ingredients (Nantucket Bakery in GR does it best).
38. local coffee; small business support
39. Marijuana retail traveling to grand rapids and giving them the tax money makes 0 sense
40. More sit down restaurants, upscale elegant, non Mexican food. Chick-fil-A and other better fast food
41. Multi Unit Apartments
42. Need to vote the current board out!
43. New fast food
44. no more BEER, WINE, ALCOHOL, stores.. no need for the "convenience"
45. No more chain restaurants (i.e. pizza & taco places)
46. NO MORE CHAINS, those town needs unique mom & pop business with character
47. No more fast food or dollar stores or discount stores. If am retail it needs to be upscale boutiques and specialty shops with coffee shops - no more auto stores quick oil change shop or junky stores
48. No more pot stores or hold selling or pawn shops
49. Non-chain restaurants
50. None keep it small like it is
51. Nothing that brings in 'undesirables'
52. Only fill vacant spaces
53. Places to gather
54. Public transportation to the city of Grand Rapids

55. Sit-down bakery/coffee/deli – anywhere cute for business meetings. Big Apple Bagel is SO dated and tired. I always have to go to Hudsonville or Grandville for these kinds of meetings.
56. Small business; too many chains
57. small, locally owned business. No more oil changes/auto parts!
58. Something besides Meijer, hardware store, real restaurant, not pizza or Mexican or fast food
59. Something for kids like a play cafe
60. Something like Zeeland has (Zeeland rec center) where they have classes that people can take.
61. Something other than pizza and Mexican
62. Something with a liquor license...GT has been stingy with those
63. Sports bar/bars/breweries
64. Stop it !
65. Support what we already have.
66. Target , shopping for clothes for our kids retail that is not a boutique stores that are normally priced , Trader Joe's, Target, Starbucks
67. There are too many "office" type buildings.
68. Too busy now
69. Trader Joe's
70. Trader Joe's
71. Trader Joe's
72. Trader Joe's
73. Trader Joe's where at home is ! Or target.
74. Trader Joes
75. Trader Joes
76. Trader Joes
77. Trader joes, horrocks, type stores not so many discount stores
78. Warehouse stores such as Sams and Costco
79. We have too many chains in GT, not enough small restaurants. I would love to see a cheese & wine shop, pure barre, Pilates, Trader Joe's, small grocery stores.
80. Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, upscale dining, and trendy fast food
81. Would love to have more choices of family sit down restaurants in Jenison. .

Q9. What potential improvements or additions would you be interested in seeing in the "Jenison Commercial Core" (Chicago Drive/Baldwin Street/Cottonwood Drive) area? (Select all that apply.)

1. "Third spaces" for the community to gather.
2. A destination commercial space near the River, similar to Rockford or Grand Haven . This would support shops and markets where people would drive to. Maybe themed like an old milling town (that Jenison used to be)
3. Ability to walk to businesses
4. Another stupid question
5. Anything in the old K-MART lot.

6. Anything that enhances small businesses, "third spaces" for community building, nature, and beautification is great. I really don't want to see us become 28th street
7. Available airbnb's
8. Better roads to get in and out of town
9. Better traffic flow and no more buildings built
10. Better traffic flow, more traffic lights
11. BETTER TRAFFIC MANAGMENT
12. Bike trail plan
13. Brewery
14. Bury electric lines
15. Bury the utilities, invest in natural appearing landscape management
16. Bury the utility lines to make a clean visual appearance
17. Can we demolish the Jenison Family Fare and nearby car wash and redesign that plot of land to be a cute downtown like Ada or Holland's 8th St?? We need places people want to gather instead of just passing through Jenison.
18. Cleaning up power lines and burying them. Decluttering the right of way
19. Connection of bike paths on either side of Chicago drive
20. conserving our water level
21. Cottonwood and Baldwin corner need to be fixed and put the rt turn lane in move the clock and fix the road
22. Don't feel like anything NEEDS to be added.
23. enforce speed limits..no red lite running
24. Filling a main thorough fare up with office space is not a good use of the area. You can find property away from Chicago drive to use for office, storage, etc. Things people use are restaurants.
25. Fine with the way it is now
26. Gyms
27. Hard to support more upscale businesses here
28. Health food store
29. I do NOT want to see anymore dollar stores, we have to many
30. I think there's a good variety and I don't really care what goes in but I'd rather see it go in to a vacant space than build new buildings
31. improve appearance of businesses on Chicago Drive
32. Improve traffic flow
33. Improve traffic flow/structure on Cottonwood and Baldwin.
34. Improved traffic flow
35. increased pedestrian/bicycle safety and access; native plant landscaping
36. Investing in what we already have!
37. It would be nice to have more of a downtown type setting where people can walk around. I think it brings more community to the area.
38. It's already close to saturated
39. It's a boring shit hole so nothing will help
40. Its too congested now!!!
41. Just leave it alone if it will cost the tax payers money. Stop wasting money.

42. Just moved here and will probably be here for the next decade if not more. It would be awesome if Jenison were able to develop something of a downtown similar to areas like Lowell or Ada, that make it feel like its own place more than just an extension of Grand Rapids.
43. Keep up the green space we have.
44. less party-store type signage around and in the windows
45. Less waste of taxpayer money
46. less waste on things like a useless clocktower, more small businesses.
47. Loaded question
48. Lower water bills. Can't wait to vote out the current board!
49. More farmland preserved
50. More right hand turn lanes to improve traffic flow
51. more safe biking/walkability in the baldwin area Cottonwood is mostly residential, 95%
52. More sidewalks
53. More traffic lights. Especially exiting from Meijer, Fazolis, Macatawa Bank, etc from the South onto Baldwin.
54. Most of the "shopping" is on chichago dr which has a mi left turn. It is super inconvenient for shopping etc..
55. Need more sidewalks connecting schools, especially on Bauer!
56. Need to vote the current board out!
57. New opportunities will come by themselves if you make coming here worth their while instead of taxing them out
58. No apartments of any kind. We don't need to be like every other city.
59. No mixed use development - this is a terrible idea. Just lowers property values and makes it like living in a city with everything too congested and mixed up.
60. no more business
61. NO MORE CHAINS RESTAURANTS. This town desperately needs unique character.
62. No more congestion. GVSU puts more traffic on the roads too.
63. No more development, maintain what you have
64. NO MORE streetscape improvements
65. No opinion
66. No opinion
67. None
68. None
69. none
70. None
71. None
72. None its too congested already
73. None of the above
74. None of the above. Nothing is needed.
75. None. Stop wasting taxpayers dollars
76. None. That area is packed with businesses as it is.

77. Not every green space needs to have something on it, this area used to be farmland and now it is all housing and businesses that go out in a couple years due to no support.
78. Not residential development
79. Nothing
80. Nothing
81. Nothing, stop wasting money!
82. Nothing. Stop spending money foolishly
83. Our own water supply system able to meet our need in the future.
84. Pickleball courts
85. Please make entering Jenison a more pleasing experience
86. Public transportation
87. Redirect the railroad tracks
88. returning excess taxes instead of inventing new ways to waste it
89. Safe pedestrian crossing opportunities across Baldwin between 12th and 20th Avenues. There is no simple way for residents south of Baldwin to access Maplewood Park or the library at this time without having to trek down and then up the hill to the 12th Avenue light.
90. Safer driving
91. Satisfied
92. Shoveling snow on sidewalks. More sidewalks in residential areas, especially near schools. 25 mph speed bumps in residential neighborhoods.
93. Sidewalks!
94. Simple Dive Bar concept with dive bar prices and live music, Raising Canes, another local BBQ joint, another Chinese option
95. Slowing down traffic
96. Small local retail spaces like downtown Holland 8th Avenue
97. Some level of a downtown
98. Sports community center
99. Stay away from Mix-use. There is so much open retail commercial already available.
100. Stop the Growth!!!!!!
101. Stop wasting money on clock towers and landscaping
102. Stop wasting money. If you have extra, put it back in the pockets of the residents.
103. STOP WASTING OUR TAX MONEY ON YOUR STUPID IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS!!!!
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT ARE YOUR FAKILY MEMBWRS WHO OWN
LANDSCAPE SERVICES.
104. Street sweepers on roads off said roads.
105. Supporting native insects, animals, and plants. xeriscaping. Less turf grass, more pollinator plants requiring less water use and improving our local ecosystem. Ottawa county parks and recreation are a great resource for this.
106. Take advantage of buck creek that flows right through a commercial area. Make it an outdoor promenade with beautiful landscaping on both sides with bridges and outdoor cafe seating food courts. A space for seasonal vendors... flowers and fresh vegetable markets in the spring and summer, then fall and winter shops. Think small 150 to 300 sq foot buildings that can be fully open to the elements or closed with an

- entry door. Make the spaces available for short term leases to encourage start up businesses.
107. Take the clock tower corner away and make the intersection wider, maybe a right turn lane onto Baldwin where the tower is.
 108. The intersection of Cottonwood and Baldwin is POORLY designed and needs to be redone. You cannot see lights until you are at the intersection and the offset of the lanes is dangerous. We avoid it because of this - others do as well, which leads to reduced business.
 109. The space is fine, just keep it filled.
 110. The street corner at Baldwin and Cottonwood improved for safety
 111. The Township doesn't have a nice, walkable, 'downtown' type area with retail and restaurants.
 112. Things for kids, playground more events
 113. Too busy already. Don't need more businesses or housing there. I'm also against landscaping improvements.
 114. Trader Joe's
 115. Traffic is terrible in this area, it doesn't serve well to add more business, not safe for foot traffic
 116. Trail connections from Hudsonville to the Idema Explorer Trail and Kent Trails
 117. Unique businesses, non-chain.
 118. Utilize empty buildings for business and aesthetic purposes.
 119. We are already grossly overbuilt and overpopulated. It's turning into a cluster.
 120. We do not need decorative projects that waste money. Look at the clock tower. Prime example.
 121. Would love to see a "cute downtown"
 122. You've "beautified" enough. Just stop spending money on this stuff. If it's that important to you then fundraise for it and stop using tax dollars.

Q10. What potential improvements would you be interested in seeing along the length of Chicago Drive? (Select all that apply.)

1. ?
2. A pickleball complex
3. A sidewalk or trail system
4. Anything that enhances small businesses, "third spaces" for community building, nature, and beautification is great. I really don't want to see us become 28th street
5. Available airbnb's
6. Better roadway surfaces
7. Better traffic flow management
8. Bike trail plan
9. Bury electric lines
10. Bury the power lines.
11. Chicago drive needs to be cleaned up. It doesn't look inviting and does not go well with the new Hudsonville downtown area.
12. Current businesses need to be cleaned up
13. Don't copy Hudsonville

14. Don't waste any more money on landscaping which ends up being trashed.
15. Don't care
16. easier way to get across if walking
17. Fewer empty lots and land on Chicago drive, lights along the road.
18. Fill empty buildings
19. filling the empty office/retail spaces on the corridor
20. Gas station
21. Gas station
22. Get rid of the half circle cement slabs in median of Chicago drive. It's unkept and a waste of tax payer money. Should have stayed grass that helps enhance look and absorb rainfall and more green.
23. Holistic medicine, healthy food stores foods, apothecary
24. I'd like to support businesses in the Baldwin, Cottonwood corridors.
25. improved building but not more businesses
26. Improved Businesses (it's the wild West)
27. Improved pedestrian walk ways. Stop adding plants and lights and concrete half moons to the road. You can't see when turning and it's annoying and unnecessary and expensive to water
28. Is there a way to design a "downtown" type of area instead of just a pass-through road design? I know Ada and other cities are using roundabouts to force people off the main roads and into retail areas - just one idea.
29. It's not a very visually appealing corridor.
30. its ok the way it is
31. Just don't spend so much money on unnecessary projects. Let the township rest for a while with spending all this money.
32. Just keep it mowed and stop spending money on this stuff.
33. Keep the bike paths going!
34. Leave the green space, stop developing every available space, leave space for natural water run off.
35. local small businesses and services
36. Lower water bills.
37. Model after LMD in Allendale
38. more pedestrian space - pedestrian bridge over chicago dr
39. More rock pile waterfalls
40. Need to vote the current board out!
41. No mixed use or industrial - very bad idea
42. NO MORE BUILDING!! You're ruining the beautiful landscape for those of us who live here and moved here all in the name of money and greed. So sad and frustrating!!!
43. NO MORE CHAINS RESTAURANTS. This town desperately needs unique character.
44. No more development, maintain what you have
45. NO MORE streetscape improvements
46. No need beyond attracting business in existing spaces. Don't spend money.
47. No opinion
48. No opinion
49. None

50. none
51. None
52. None
53. None
54. None of the above
55. None of the above. Nothing is needed.
56. None save tax payers money
57. NONE. STOP WASTING MY TAX DOLLARS.
58. None. Stop wasting taxpayers dollars
59. Not necessarily any improvement
60. Not needed
61. Nothing
62. Nothing
63. Nothing at all good as it is. Currently safe and roads already around Chicago drive and hudsonville are crazy already. Regarding roundabouts, random merges on 32nd, 1 way then 2 way, it's all very messy and gets worse in the none if improvement
64. Nothing, stop wasting money!
65. Nothing. Stop spending money foolishly
66. Original highway to Chicago, make that the expansion or commercial growth
67. Pickleball courts
68. Restaurants in vacant businesses
69. Sam's Club behind taco bell
70. Satisfied
71. Save the tax money
72. See answer above.
73. seeing home
74. Sidewalks.
75. Stop developing
76. Stop developing open spaces! We don't want "city life" in our rural township.
77. Stop the Growth
78. Supporting native insects, animals, and plants. xeriscaping. Less turf grass, more pollinator plants requiring less water use and improving our local ecosystem. Ottawa county parks and recreation are a great resource for this.
79. Target retail clothing stores not dollar tree or dollar general
80. The road needs fixing; it's very difficult to drive on because of its condition
81. There seem to be plenty on under used spaces. We don't need to make other areas more busy
82. Trader joes
83. Trail connection to Hudsonville to the Idema Explorer Trail and Kent Trails
84. Useable greenspace along the creek
85. Utilize empty buildings for business and aesthetic purposes.

Q11. What potential improvements would you be interested in seeing along Baldwin Street?
(Select all that apply.)

1. ?

2. "Downtown area" similar to 8th Avenue in Holland
3. A better and larger library and sturdier clock tower
4. A downtown started
5. A new board !
6. A safe way to cross Baldwin! A tunnel under or walkway over
7. A stop light for exiting Meijer onto Baldwin
8. A stubby clock tower at all main intersections
9. A traffic signal or some way to access the library without going to 12th Ave or 20th to cross Baldwin st
10. A walkable 'downtown' area at Baldwin and 20th would be swell
11. ability to get to business without a car
12. Anything that enhances small businesses, "third spaces" for community building, nature, and beautification is great. I really don't want to see us become 28th street
13. Available airbnb's
14. Baldwin and cottonwood needs to be reconstructed. Wider intersection
15. Baldwin does not have space for this without displacing home owners
16. Baldwin does not need further development
17. Baldwin is already had an excessive amount of traffic with the existing businesses. We hardly need to make the situation worse by cramming more into the situation. No one is going to sit next to Baldwin or can take their eyes off their driving to even note enhanced streetscape. Wasteful spending
18. Baldwin is fine as is
19. Baldwin is too busy for more commercial development
20. Baldwin is too busy to add more development.
21. Baldwin is waaaay to busy already! No more !
22. Baldwin needs improvements. It doesn't leave the best impression of Jenison.
23. Better movement of traffic
24. Better road flow from highway exit
25. BETTER TRAFFIC MANAGMENT
26. Bike trail plan
27. Bury electric lines
28. Bury the power lines
29. Clean up family fare and surrounding businesses!! Its an eye sore right by the high school
30. Cleaning up power lines and decluttering right of way. Removing surveillance cameras including Flock.
31. Driving improvements; Baldwin is dangerous/too busy more often than not. Baldwin was expanded to a five-lane street around 1980 when our population was half of what it is now. Georgetown's population has outgrown its infrastructure.
32. Empty facilities filled
33. enforce the speed limits
34. Enforce speed limits!
35. Fewer tax exempt churches
36. Fix the corner of cottonwood and Baldwin as should have been done, when the auto shop was bought and relocated with tax payer money. A regular van/truck cannot

make the turn heading south on cottonwood to turn west on Baldwin. So obviously bigger vehicles like school buses, fuel, food, furniture, garbage, sand/gravel and delivery trucks cannot properly and safely take that corner! Instead a clock was put up that no one even looks at for the time.

37. Fix the corner of cottonwood and Bauer
38. Fix the cottonwood Baldwin road where they cross it's a mess not meeting together.
39. FIX THE COTTONWOOD INTERSECTION
40. Fix the intersection at Cottonwood.
41. Fix the manhole covers
42. Fix the manhole covers and more police presence for speeder
43. Get rid of Main Street merging onto Baldwin, too much traffic.
44. Green space or open area
45. Gyms
46. I am not in favor of adding buildings just to add buildings. Let's look at putting some curves on Baldwin street and try to slow traffic down. You should feel calm moving through a city. I feel like I am at the Daytona 500 most days driving down Baldwin and Port Sheldon. Slow the traffic down!
47. Improved corner traffic at Baldwin and Cottonwood
48. improved pedestrian & bicycle safety and access; decreased speeds
49. Is there a way to design a "downtown" type of area instead of just a pass-through road design? I know Ada and other cities are using roundabouts to force people off the main roads and into retail areas - just one idea.
50. It is getting too crowded. No more building.
51. It would be great if there was a safe way to bike down Baldwin to reach Kent Trail.
52. It's full already,, there is no room
53. its busy enough on baldwin st
54. Just let it be. Stop wasting money.
55. Leave it alone. It's beautiful the way it is! Peaceful and lovely. Doesn't need any more businesses to cause more traffic and use the beautiful space that is left!!!!
56. Leave it as it is
57. Lets support those buildings and businesses that are already there and try to bring in more shoppers.
58. Lighting near baldwin and 40th. Maybe even a light.
59. Local businesses need to be cleaned up
60. Lower speed limit to 35 mph and increase safety from Meijer exits
61. Make it easier to turn left out of businesses and residential areas
62. Making Baldwin St cleaner and more appealing to visitors.
63. More cross walks between lights
64. More green space
65. More green space
66. More greenspace
67. More of a small downtown feel like Byron Center or Grandville
68. More sidewalks
69. More traffic lights so you can make a left turn without waiting so long.
70. More traffic lights to slow people down

71. Need to vote the current board out!
72. No improvements until we pay for water and firefighters we just approved
73. No mixed use development ever!
74. No more businesses till traffic pattern is improved. Baldwin is too busy to drive the way it is
75. No more development, maintain what you have
76. No more. Already too busy
77. No new
78. No new business
79. No new improvements
80. No opinion
81. No opinion
82. No restaurants! Baldwin is too busy during the two rush hours
83. No roundabouts!
84. None
85. Non motorized trails! Better pedestrian amenities.
86. None
87. None
88. none
89. None
90. None
91. None
92. None
93. None
94. None
95. None
96. None
97. None
98. None
99. None
100. None of it will cost us more in taxes
101. None of the above
102. None of the above. Nothing is needed
103. none on Baldwin
104. None other than bury utilities. Less spending, lower taxes.
105. none- where is there space? I don't understand.
106. NONE!!! STOP WASTING AND SPENDING TAX DOLLARS LIKE A TEENAGER AT THE MALL!!!!!!
107. None. Baldwin cannot handle any additional traffic.
108. None. Busy enough as it is
109. None. It's crowded enough already.
110. None. There appears to be no room for any of this on Baldwin.
111. not sure

112. Not too thrilled about the constant growth. Most of us live here because we didn't want to live in a large city. We wanted the more rural feel of GT. Not every square inch must be developed.
113. nothing
114. Nothing
115. Nothing
116. Nothing
117. Nothing
118. Nothing leave Baldwin alone
119. Nothing that costs more taxes
120. Nothing, stop wasting money!
121. Nothing.
122. Nothing. Baldwin doesn't have room for more
123. Nothing. Stop spending money foolishly
124. Nothing. Too busy and no need to waste money on street scaping!
125. One stupid question after another.
126. Pickleball courts
127. Please do not spend money unnecessarily
128. Please eliminate manhole covers from the tire lanes
129. Preserve green space
130. Proper turn lanes on 36th and Baldwin along with better times traffic lights.
131. Properties should be purchased to have better opportunities for enhanced greenscapes and/or enhanced traffic flow as well as eliminating properties that are negatively impacting property value
132. Road is already a through street for commuters to homes, limit the expansion
133. Satisfied
134. Separated multi-use path
135. Sidewalks along 36th!
136. Sidewalks from surrounding areas to access this area!
137. Sidewalks/safe bike and walking travel spaces
138. SLOWER SPEED LIMITS
139. Slowing down traffic ie roundabouts
140. Stop building up our beautiful town...this is a farming community not a big city. We live here for a reason.
141. Stop developing
142. Stop the Growth~!!!!
143. Supporting native insects, animals, and plants. xeriscaping. Less turf grass, more pollinator plants requiring less water use and improving our local ecosystem. Ottawa county parks and recreation are a great resource for this.
144. Taking care of and supporting what we already have
145. Target retail clothing that's not a boutique
146. There is nowhere to add anything along Baldwin. If anything, get rid of businesses that don't stay in business and keep changing owners.
147. This is not for you to worry about. Let businesses decide to come on their own without you wasting money. Your history of handling property deals is terrible.

- 148. Too busy already
- 149. Traffic control
- 150. Utilize empty buildings for business and aesthetic purposes.
- 151. Walking bridge over Baldwin
- 152. Way too busy already
- 153. We don't need more development on Baldwin St.
- 154. Where is there room to add anything?
- 155. With the increase in traffic over the last few years, I would love to see the heavy traffic area of Baldwin a boulevard someday.
- 156. Would love a crosswalk close to the Georgetown Township Public Library

Q12. What potential improvements would you be interested in seeing in the northwest corner of the Township? (Select all that apply.)

- 1. ?
- 2. A park/ or greenspace
- 3. a road out to 196 that doesn't go down to the Baldwin/cottonwood intersection. it's too busy w/ traffic already & dangerous
- 4. A whole new board!
- 5. Anything that enhances small businesses, "third spaces" for community building, nature, and beautification is great. I really don't want to see us become 28th street
- 6. Apartments in this area will have too much traffic (multi-lane roads) more cost for infrastructure (water/sewer) higher property taxes to support it for everyone
- 7. Are we talking about Bauer? Perhaps a gas/retail/convenience/restaurant
- 8. Available Airbnb
- 9. Available Airbnb's
- 10. Better choices in stores for groceries
- 11. Bike trail plan
- 12. bike/pedestrian paths along 36th north of Baldwin, shoulder is very narrow, pedestrian/bike traffic is increasing especially with growing retail/school traffic, we have seen significant increase in pedestrian/bike traffic along 36th, students heading to Wesco/ice cream/Jets, heavy traffic during stadium events with vehicles parking in Day Break lot and pedestrians walking along 36ths, situation is very dangerous and urgent to address
- 13. Bury electric lines
- 14. Bury the power lines
- 15. Continue trail system
- 16. Do not overdevelop! Keep some farm/open land
- 17. Farm land and green space!!
- 18. farm stands / dedicated farm market
- 19. Fillmore road improvement
- 20. Gas station and grocery shopping
- 21. Green space park- complex for sports travel
- 22. Green space/Dog Park/Pickleball/etc...
- 23. green spaces & safe walking
- 24. GVSU is causing enough congestion out there as it expands

25. Gym
26. I don't know where this is
27. I don't think that is needed, nor a fire need
28. I would rather see that area used for commercial/mixed-use rather than more single family housing, while also preserving some of the farmland that is there.
29. If you are attempting to expand Georgetown with pop. growth the top 3 listed and residential development would help to do that.
30. If you have extra money, stop spending, spending, spending. PUT IT BACK IN THE TAXPAYERS POCKETS.
31. Improve on what's there, no new business
32. Improvements to 36th Ave between Baldwin and Bauer. Road need to be at minimum 3 lanes
33. Keep it green
34. Keep it green. No more housing developments.
35. Leave it alone and focus on lowering taxes and water bills.
36. Leave it be.
37. Moratorium on new building.
38. More greenbelts
39. More sidewalks
40. More sidewalks
41. More sidewalks and trails
42. Na
43. NA
44. Need to vote the current board out!
45. No additional development. Green space maintenance.
46. no improvements
47. No mixed use development
48. NO MORE CHAINS RESTAURANTS. This town desperately needs unique character.
49. No more development, maintain what you have
50. No more. Too busy and too many empty
51. No new building
52. No new developments
53. No opinion
54. No opinion
55. No opinion
56. none
57. None
58. None
59. None
60. none
61. None
62. None
63. none
64. None
65. None

66. None
67. None
68. None
69. None - like the greenspace there
70. None of the above
71. None of the above. Nothing is needed.
72. None please dont wreck this township
73. NONE!!! STOP WASTING MY TAX MONEY!!!! IT. IS. NOT. YOUR. FUCKING. CASH. COW.
74. None. Less spending, lower taxes.
75. None. Traffic is already terrible
76. Nothing
77. Nothing
78. Nothing
79. Nothing
80. Nothing please!!!
81. Nothing really. Nothing needed
82. Nothing, stop wasting money!
83. Nothing. Stop spending money foolishly
84. Park pace with trails
85. Parks, green space for recreation
86. Related to walking/biking paths
87. Save the farmlands and stop packing in more residential homes without the roads to sustain it! All the roads are getting more narrow instead of widening to two each way with a turn lane, but yet keep adding more housing/people to the roads. So congested!!
88. Seriously, just stop!! The township is fine the way it is. Freezer all spending for a few years and focus on water infrastructure
89. Sidewalks
90. Sidewalks
91. Sidewalks or trails connecting neighborhoods to schools
92. small businesses.
93. Stop building subdivisions. Focus on recreational amenities. This township is built for vehicles, not people!
94. Stop developing
95. Stop expansion of lowing woods development
96. Stop spending money. Just let it rest and let the tax payers get a relief on taxes
97. STOP the GROWTH~!
98. Target clothing shoe stores not pricey boutiques
99. The board needs to look at how much the utility companies are charging and bring other ones in consumers has a monopoly
100. Things to do with kids
101. Toddler and ADA friendly park
102. Trails
103. Unsure

104. We need sidewalks and safe bike/walking spaces, particularly on Bauer and 36th where MANY children walk and are not kept safe by our lack of infrastructure

Q13. Generally, what type of street improvements are the most important to you. (Select your Top Three.)

1. (left blank)
2. (this was left blank)
3. .
4. ?
5. 10th and Cottonwood (7 accidents observed over last year), children cannot access Maplewood park. Also, Bauer @ 20th cannot be accessed from Cottonwood at farm portion due to limited/ unsafe shoulder.
6. 12th avenue, chicago drive
7. 28th ave between Port Sheldon and Rosewood
8. 36 street needs a side walk from 5/6 to Wesco
9. 36 th and Bauer to 5/6 building and GT sidewalks , ppl bike along 36th and it's so DANGEROUS SO MANY NEAR ACCIDENTS OF KIDS AND BIKERS GETTING HIT
10. 36th & Filmore intersection needs traffic control. The Cottonwood & Baldwin intersection is awful
11. 36th + Baldwin
12. 36th and Bauer near the school need sidewalks
13. 36th and Filmore needs to have all way stop signs due to increased traffic and housing. The speed limit on Bauer between 28th and 36th needs to be lowered to 45 mph due to additional housing developed and more traffic. Speed limit on 28th between Baldwin and Bauer needs to be lowered to 45 mph due to increase of residents using the ball fields and hager park.
14. 36th Avenue
15. 36th avenue, Fillmore, Baldwin
16. 36th St sidewalk
17. 36th street from port sheldon to filmore many people walk/run/bike on busy road that has no shoulder
18. 36th street from Fillmore to Port Sheldon
19. 36th, north and south of Baldwin
20. 36th. Do wider bike trails not narrow sidewalks. Connect to Ravines and Medima trail. Safety along Fillmore and connection to trails.
21. 40th
22. 40th (near fairgrounds, highland drive
23. 40th Ave between Chicago Drive and BarrySt
24. 40th ave. water pools in my driveway
25. 40th by fairgrounds, sidewalk for Port Sheldon 40th-48th & for 40th from Georgetown CRC to VanBuren
26. 48th+ Baldwin needs traffic light
27. 8th Ave path needed from Quincy north to 44th
28. A trail needs to be developed on 36th from Bauer to the schools as a START to the Township's abysmal sidewalk/trail system. I grew up in the township and there were

little to no sidewalks or paths. If I were looking to move to a suburb of GR with young children, I would choose Jamestown over Georgetown every time due to their trail system.

29. aaa
30. Also important are traffic light cameras. Too many people pushing through red lights with no consequence
31. Baldwin & 40th needs a traffic light and Meijer needs a safer way to exit onto Baldwin
32. Baldwin /cottonwood intersection
33. Baldwin all the way through Jenison, left lane has sewer on left tire path for miles
34. Baldwin and Cottonwood
35. Baldwin and Cottonwood for traffic safety, Baldwin in general between Cottonwood and 20th for pedestrian safety.
36. Baldwin and Cottonwood intersection is bad the way it is
37. Baldwin and cottonwood is much too tight, it needs to be straightened out more with defined 90° corners
38. Baldwin and cottonwood wood. Speed bumps or traffic circles close to the schools especially by the high school
39. Baldwin and cottonwood....4 way stop at port Sheldon and Tyler
40. Baldwin cottonwood intersection
41. Baldwin has electrical boxes opened and exposed wires on the ground between Woodside and Hidden Forest! This needs immediate attention!!
42. Baldwin near meijer
43. Baldwin needs improvements to make a better impression of Jenison!
44. Baldwin needs safer areas to cross. Specifically by Lamplight, the Library, and Sunset Manor.
45. Baldwin street. It feels like a highway running through a neighborhood
46. Baldwin/Cottonwood intersection and surrounding area
47. Bauer & Baldwin
48. Bauer needs side walk from 36th to the high school - needs to be sidewalk on 28 th to safely access Hager park
49. Bauer Rd should have a crossing light across Cottonwood to get to the trail system along the river, and a larger bike trail from at least Jenison High School to Cottonwood
50. Bauer road needs a wide sidewalk
51. Benches along trails in parks
52. Better access in and out of the township
53. Better lighting by streets
54. BETTER TRAFFIC MANAGMENT / speed enforcement on BALDWIN
55. Bike lanes are ridiculous, but the trails are fabulous.
56. Change the intersection at the clock tower
57. Chicago drive and main, Baldwin and cottonwood
58. Connect the sidewalks on 36th between Baldwin And port Sheldon
59. Connection south of Baldwin on west side of 36th
60. Control speed of traffic
61. Cottonwood & Baldwin, Main st & Chicago Drive

62. Cottonwood and 10th avenue is terrible at peak hours
63. cottonwood and baldwin
64. Cottonwood and baldwin
65. Cottonwood and Baldwin corner
66. Cottonwood and Baldwin intersection
67. Cottonwood and Baldwin intersection is a challenging turn
68. Cottonwood and Baldwin intersection. Needs to be redesigned removed the clock tower and landscape make right turn only right turn straighten lane straight lane and 2 left turn lanes from cottonwood to Baldwin and across
69. Cottonwood and Baldwin is very dangerous and we have the data on many car accidents to prove it. This intersection needs to be redesigned and get rid log that horrible weed shop subway and party shop that makes Jenison look dumpy. Clear out the office building behind this stores and make roads straight or use a round about. Then leave some green space and plant hardwoods and blue spruce (no more Pines or scrub brush) add a garden and some benches. The clock tower proportion/scale is completely wrong so fix it or take it down - good idea but terrible execution.
70. Cottonwood and Baldwin. Dangerous intersection, long wait times causing cars to constantly run red lights and frequent accidents.
71. Cottonwood dr speed limits reduced, reconfigure baldwin intersection, no round abouts
72. Cottonwood needs full integrated street design with a safe biking lane separated by trees or strip of grass
73. Cottonwood/Balawin intersection
74. Cottonwood/Baldwin
75. Cottonwood/Baldwin intersection
76. Crosswalk at library, sidewalks down lamplight
77. Crosswalk on Baldwin Street by the Georgetown library
78. Crosswalk with flashing lights needed at Port Sheldon and Brookfield across from Alward Elementary. Too many children cross there even outside of the crossing guard times. More visibility to that crosswalk is needed when cars are traveling more than 45mph. The temporary cross walk posts they installed have proven to show this is a safety concern. With several of the cross walk posts continuing to be knocked over or completely ripped off the road, proves that it is a dangerous cross walk and more is needed to keep pedestrians safe there. A HAWK signal would be ideal.
79. Don't be cute about it, invest in practically. Burying the power line will improve the appearance much more than adding lights
80. Ex
81. Expanding current roads to meet the need, not taking away lanes.
82. Fix cottonwood and Baldwin pt the rt turn lane in Fix Bauer and cottonwood
83. Fix the intersection on 20th Ave and New Castle/Pinewood. Dangerous intersection with heavy school traffic. Cars ignore the right turn only sign.
84. Fix the pinch point on N/W corner of Cottonwood/Baldwin that was made worst the last time Cottonwood was made wider
85. Flashing lights on the crosswalk signs to slow drivers down

86. Get power lines underground.
87. Hudsonville Middle to Gemmen's area. Farmland strips (36th / 40th / 42nd / 48th) bike or sidewalk solutions running North & South (Connecting Neighborhoods, Soccer Fields, etc)
88. I don't have 3
89. I don't have a comment
90. I wish the right turn lane on Cottonwood (heading west on Baldwin) would've been widened. Such a tricky corner. ALSO - I'd love to see a boardwalk / walking path on the muck fields along Bauer so kids could walk from the JCA to Bauerwood School.
91. Invest in a street sweeper to clean the streets in neighborhoods so we don't have years worth of sand, gravel and dirt along the side of the road.
92. It seems we repave some areas repeatedly while other areas that need it are ignored
93. Jackson St, Angling to 22nd Ave
94. Keep bicycle's OFF THE ROAD... it's DANGEROUS!!!
95. Lamplight needs sidewalks
96. Lamplight. Sidewalks. Expand width by High school
97. Less stop signs on Bauer. It has ruined the flow of traffic and now the Fifth grade will be there making more congestion. Bike path on the north side of Bauer continuing from the muck.
98. Lets try to keep folks from cruising in the middle lanes on Baldwin making it harder and harder to turn left out of side streets. Also maybe do more focused sidewalks rather than the hodgepodge of mandated sidewalk when building going on. look at the waste on Chicago drive, South side going west
99. List of streets needing repair in order of condition & high crash areas that need traffic control / use improvements.
100. Main Street and Baldwin intersection, off-ramp from 196 at rush hour is awful.
101. Maintaining current roads, enough with the "green" crap, you sound like a bunch of left wing socialists like our board
102. Maintenance
103. More pressure on businesses to care for their property and residential properties also.
104. More street lights where there are few or none. Lights on some stop signs letting you know there there a flashing light draws attention to the sign in country settings. This will help traffic accidents in some farm areas and prevent traffic from running them.
105. Need more ways in and out of Jenison, traffic on Baldwin is terrible
106. Need to vote the current board out!
107. No bike lanes!
108. No more bikes
109. Noise reduction
110. None
111. None of these, people don't use them for what costs to property owners.
112. North of Baldwin, anything west of 28th
113. Nothing
114. Paint-only bike lanes are not necessarily safer. I think it could increase the risk of bicycle accidents.

115. Parsons st. Needs to be done 3 years ago. Please put that street on the list to get fixed properly.
116. Port Sheldon
117. Port Sheldon and 40th down to 48th
118. Port Sheldon and Cottonwood needs more than a 4 way stop.
119. Port Sheldon and Walton Heath. Park sidewalk empties out onto Port Sheldon and people cross in 55 mph area. Have seen several near accidents there.
120. Port Sheldon been 40th & 48th for bikers and walkers and there is nice path for about half of 40th but it doesn't go all the way to port Sheldon.
121. Prioritize safety of school children and traffic flows around Jenison Jr/High School. Lamplight needs sidewalks especially in winter. Safe paths from lowing woods to schools (hudsonville and jenison)
122. Put in more sidewalks
123. Really eager for the trail extension that will connect to the Ravines along the river!
124. Replace street signage on all streets. Many are either without signs, old/faded or are obstructed by trees, etc.
125. Rosewood
126. Safer way for crossing Chicago Drive - Pedestrian Bridges! :)
127. Safety of current intersections
128. School Crossings Need SkyWalks
129. Sidewalk from 36th and Baldwin to the 5/6 building
130. Sidewalks 42nd between Bauer and Baldwin
131. sidewalks along 36th between baldwin and port sheldon
132. Sidewalks are needed on Bauer and 36th to connect neighborhoods and schools.
133. Sidewalks down 36th all the way to the 5/6 building.
134. Sidewalks down length of bauer and 36th streets with crosswalks so kids can go to school/parks
135. sidewalks for kids walking to school!
136. Sidewalks for our children to actually be able to ride their bike safely.
137. Sidewalks near the JCA heading towards Cottonwood
138. Sidewalks on at least one side of Port Sheldon east of 8th Avenue
139. Sidewalks!!!
140. Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks and sidewalks
141. Some street signs are back from the intersections and lighting is not good
142. Something important might be a county issue. The snow plows leave a huge triangle of snow at the end of every residential street that dumps into a major street like 20th or baldwin. Cars have a difficult time getting through it..ie. turning left through the pile.
143. Stop using grass that needs mowing. Move to low maintained landscaping
144. STOP WASTING TAX MONEY!!!!!!! NONE OF THIS SHIT IS NECESSARY!!!!!!!
145. That stupid intersection that should have been fixed at Cottonwood/Baldwin! But we have a clock tower there!
146. The Baldwin Cottonwood intersection is very dangerous..no turn on red signs might be helpful
147. The entirety of Baldwin St, Baldwin X Cottonwood, Main St

148. The manhole covers are awful to drive over in the tire lanes on Baldwin Street
149. The manhole lids all over that have settled and become basically potholes.
Cottonwood for a newish road sucked from day one.
150. The speed limit of 12th Avenue from Chicago drive to Baldwin needs to be reduced to 25mph. It's a residential road with a park.
151. The tight turn lane from cottonwood onto Baldwin is a difficult and awkward angle that many thought would be addressed but unfortunately a tiny clock was put there instead
152. The trail segment connecting (12th Ave.) to Grand River Park. Idema Trail
153. The walking trail by the soccer and little league fields/ Apio Lake area
154. Traffic light at Port Sheldon and 40th. Needs a left turn signal. Study that thing
155. Traffic light on 36th and Beauer
156. Trail along 40th street, going south from Baldwin
157. Trees. Nature.
158. Turning left on Cottonwood is atrocious and can be dangerous with high traffic levels
159. Tyler st in front of Rosewood school to accommodate traffic
160. Underground utilities - poles everywhere is ugly
161. urgent need for bike path along 36th north of Baldwin, would be nice to also connect to Fillmore/Grand Ravines
162. VAN BUREN/chicago drive
163. Walkable cities - more focus on bikes and walking and less on parking & driving vehicles.
164. Wesco to the Georgetown 5/6 building.
165. West of 36th Avenue from Baldwin to Port Sheldon doesn't have connecting sidewalks which is not only inconvenient but dangerous
166. Where 24th Ave meets Fillmore, there is no safe way to go between the two for walkers, runners, or bikers
167. Why are we looking for ways to spend money and raise our taxes?
168. Would love some safe bike/trail access from the Lowing Woods area to easily get to Grand River Park and Grand Ravines and eventually connecting to the other trail system that starts at the area near the airport.

Q14. Which methods of nonmotorized or active transportation do you participate in for the factors listed below? Please select all that apply.

1. Automobile
2. Can't walk kids to school because there are NO SIDEWALKS
3. Car
4. Car
5. Car or motorcycle
6. Current infrastructure doesn't support biking for shopping
7. Drive
8. Drive
9. Drive
10. Drive
11. Drive
12. Drive

13. Drive
14. Drive a car
15. Drive bc side walks do not connect
16. Driving required due to distances.
17. Drove
18. ebikes are a great form of transportation and should have more access.
19. Handicap friendly sidewalks trails etc
20. Have to drive, too unsafe to walk or roll
21. Health
22. Hike, bike and run
23. I Drive everywhere. Walk for exercise or pleasure. Not sure what roll is.
24. i drive to most activities outside my neighborhood
25. I generally drive, it's very unsafe to walk/bike from my home to JHS safely. No sidewalks on Lamplight and area streets near the schools.
26. I have to leave Jenison for most opportunities. I can't bike or walk.
27. I like to bike and use my car
28. I run on the trails all the time.
29. I walk to several places in the Baldwin and 20th Avenue area!
30. I will walk and more if there was safe biking access to all local parks
31. I would bike or walk the kids to school if there were a sidewalk or trail
32. I would like more "downtown" area feel where my family could walk/bike to restaurants, farmers markets etc.
33. I would love to bike or walk to places but none are within my local area
34. It's not safe enough to ride bikes or walk along the streets without sidewalk (port Sheldon for example) in northwest part of township
35. Jenison is not walkable & the traffic is so fast & intense & it does not feel safe
36. Lots of running. Love good trails!
37. Many groups of bikes on Bauer in the summer
38. Need to vote the current board out!
39. No more bikes
40. No sidewalks available on 40th, our kids would love option to actually ride their bikes instead of doing laps around the church.
41. Not safe to access any business
42. Port Sheldon needs sidewalks. Stop being cheap with the expanded asphalt lane.
43. Public bus
44. Public transportation extensions
45. START ARRESTING THE BRATS RIDING DOWN ROADS DISREGARDING ALL TRAFFIC RULES!!!!
46. There is next to nothing commercial/recreational close enough to my subdivision to walk/bike to.
47. Too far-drive
48. Use my car
49. Vehicle
50. Vehicle
51. walking to businesses NW corner Baldwin/36th from Eagles Roost Condos/surrounding neighbors between 36th and 28th and Baldwin/Bauer
52. We do not need busing
53. We need lower taxes not bike trails
54. Who's the idiot that came up with these "questions" and "answers"?

- 55. Would LOVE to be able to safely bike with children to school and to grocery store
- 56. Would love to see a protected walking + biking path crossing the muck fields on Bauer road
- 57. Would love to walk to physical therapy but there isn't sidewalks down the west side of 36th south of Baldwin to the connecting neighborhoods

Q15. What are the obstacles to using sidewalks, trails, and/or other nonmotorized infrastructure for you? Check all that apply.

- 1. ?
- 2. 36th between Baldwin and port Sheldon needs a connected sidewalk! 40th has a sidewalk but then ends randomly by alward estates
- 3. 40th and Baldwin needs a cross walk/ligh, 40th doesn't have sidewalks the entire length between port sheldon and baldwin
- 4. 48th st connecting GVSU to Jamestown Meijer 🙌
- 5. A safe way to cross Cottonwood from Bauer to reach the connected trail systems
- 6. Age prohibited
- 7. Baldwin feels very unsafe to navigate as a pedestrian
- 8. Bauer and 28th-36th needs sidewalks ! It's dangerous !! 36th to 5/6 building GT Wesco needs sidewalks ! Kids are riding to Wesco and nearly getting hit from lowing woods
- 9. Bauer between cottonwood and the high school NEEDS a sidewalk. That is such a dangerous stretch.
- 10. Better crossing options at 12th and Chicago Drive to get across Chicago Drive and for Rosewood Park would be nice. More lights around side streets by Rosewood Park would be nice
- 11. Bike lanes would be HUGE! Our town is a perfect size to ride around but you either ride on the sidewalk, which isn't really legal, or risk driving down the road hoping no one runs you over from behind.
- 12. Bike paths are not maintained and have sections to nowhere. Twp should pay to connect the sections with gaps, otherwise they remain unusable and deteriorate
- 13. Bus not available
- 14. Busy roads do not feel safe to cross especially with children
- 15. Can't do much walking
- 16. Crossing Cottonwood Drive as you get closer to Bauer Rd is concerning for those walking or biking. Some kind of pedestrian / bike crossing would improve accessibility to trails and parks.
- 17. Crossing main 5 lane roads with cars at high speed
- 18. Destinations are too far way to to walk/bike
- 19. Distracted drivers make crosswalks hazardous.
- 20. Don't really use them.
- 21. Don't use
- 22. Drivers don't pay enough attention to pedestrians on Cottonwood and Baldwin
- 23. Drivers not looking to their right for pedestrians when making right hand turns
- 24. Everyone drives so sidewalks are not important, we are a township that is spread out, sidewalks are not that important
- 25. I don't have any problems

26. I don't have any sidewalks in my neighborhood and lots of traffic due to the high school and other schools in our section. It can be dangerous to walk with so many teen drivers speeding through
27. I have issues using them for my walks or bike rides.
28. I have no obstacles that prevent me from accessing them
29. I have no obstacles to utilizing these.
30. I love our walking paths and parks! But the muck field is a huge missing element for kids trying to get to and from school and other residents looking to walk.
31. I NEVER SEE ANYONE USING THE OBNOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS BIKE LANES NOW!!!! GET RID OF THEM.
32. I prefer to drive
33. I regularly walk on the walks. They're fine.
34. I sure hope you are not considering road diets anywhere in this Township!!
35. I think they are currently easy to use
36. I use them but it's scary at times crossing Baldwin even at a cross walk
37. I'm 70 and no interest
38. Idiots parked on a sidewalk
39. Issues walking short distances
40. It would be great to have Sidewalks all the way on Port Sheldon, connecting to the trail to the park in Georgetown Forest
41. It's too far to any destination from my house to make anything other than a car practical
42. Lack in side walks surrounding our schools
43. Lack of connectivity between trail network
44. Lets stop with all the hodgepodge sidewalks to nowhere and create some purposeful routes around schools and destinations
45. Lots of sidewalks the go no where.
46. M
47. Many sidewalks are not edged (I know it's the responsibility of home owners, but not being done) and cement that is "popped up" and need to be ground down.
48. Must have sidewalks
49. Na
50. Need improved bike paths from population dense areas out to trail system. Safe designated path on 40th or 36th between Port Sheldon and Van Buren to access Hudsonville safely.
51. need more signs and parking
52. Need to vote the current board out!
53. No issues
54. No more bikes
55. No obstacles
56. No obstacles
57. No obstacles at all
58. No opinion
59. No safe way to ride my bike to the trails.
60. No safe/direct connections yet to existing trails.

61. None
62. None
63. None
64. none
65. None
66. None. I use them all the time.
67. Not all neighborhoods have sidewalks
68. Not enough parking at access points
69. Not feeling safe when alone on the beautiful bike paths
70. Not necessary
71. Not well marked
72. Nothing. Stop spending money foolishly
73. People using E-bikes and E-scooters on walking paths.
74. Physical restrictions
75. Please don't force people to have sidewalks. People already are having problems affording living here.
76. Poor drivers - too many run stop signs. The lack of enforcement is embarrassing.
77. Poorly maintained in winter. I'd say it's 50/50 where residents clear their sidewalks. They should be reminded it's their responsibility to do so. It's should be the township's responsibility to fine them if they don't.
78. River Park to Ravines Park trails too short. Need to extend east along river.
79. Roads are too busy to feel safe on a bike unless they have a very generous bike lane or sidewalk
80. Safety
81. Safety, no safe way to get across township other than by car
82. shoulder along 36th between Baldwin/Bauer is less than 12" in areas with steep drop offs, no room for bikes/pedestrians to move away from traffic, very dangerous, increasing bike/pedestrian traffic along 36th with subdivision growth and school events/activities, very unsafe, please make priority to address
83. Sidewalks to nowhere, chunk areas with no Sidewalks. Huge waste of money, should have just put in wider shoulders on the roads
84. Sidewalks have not been fixed after fiber optics went in, so UNSAFE to ride bikes for ALL AGES. Please fix the sidewalk in front of the Georgetown Cemetery on west side in front of Georgetown maintenance building as there is a severe height difference in sidewalk. We can't bike on that side to soccer or ice cream store anymore.
85. Sidewalks that don't go the length of the roads
86. Snow plowing the sidewalks in the winter would be helpful
87. Snow prevents using lake trail in the winter; no sidewalks in most neighborhoods and it's not safe to walk in the street
88. Speed limit is too high on many of the roads to safely use bike lanes.
89. Speed limits are a bit too fast to confidently ride bikes down main roads. It is very dangerous to ride down Baldwin street around rush hour.
90. Speed limits are too high & drivers too aggressive
91. Speed limits set too high

92. Spend our tax dollars else where , like lowering taxes and utilities instead of trying to create more debit
93. Terribly unsafe drivers
94. The sidewalk along 40th needs to be extended from Baldwin to port Sheldon on the west side of the road
95. The speeds along Cottonwood, Baldwin and Chicago are too high making them unsafe for anyone to cross even with lights. There should be more traffic controls or slower speeds
96. There are few safe ways for pedestrians to cross Baldwin.
97. There are no obstacles, why is that not an "answer" option? Seems like you fishing or trying to justify what you want to hear.
98. There are no sidewalks connecting my neighborhood to ANYWHERE.
99. There are none
100. There are not sidewalks on some of the streets I would need to use
101. There aren't enough sidewalks (particularly 36th/40th)
102. There is no way for any of the kids at Georgetown 5/6 to walk to and from school because there is no sidewalk for them. Super disappointing when we're trying to promote healthy active lifestyles and lots of kids could walk/ride bikes. But 36th is so dangerous for bikers because the lack of connecting sidewalks on a 55mph road!
103. To much money is spent on them. It's a waste. Never see anyone using the ones we have
104. Traffic on cottonwood is unsafe for biking
105. Trail signs would be nice
106. Unsafe crossing
107. Unsafe due to high traffic volume
108. We don't have sidewalks.
109. We don't need more bike lanes
110. We have enough
111. We live off port Sheldon and 40th and there is no safe path to ride bikes due to lack of sidewalks.
112. We need a bike lane on port Sheldon
113. We need a new board!
114. We need to have connected sidewalks to be able to get to commercial areas. West 36th avenue towards Baldwin is not connected
115. We need more sidewalks near the school, (pinewood elementary, kids should not have to walk in the road!)
116. We need sidewalks connecting on the west side of 36th street all the way up to the 5/6th grade building
117. We use them continue to expand please
118. Winter weather

Q16. How long have you lived in Georgetown Township?

No comments were provided for this question.

Q17. What is your age?

No comments were provided for this question.

Q18. Which of the following best characterizes your connection to the Township? (Select all that apply)

1. also, previous business owner in trucking
2. Farmer
3. Former resident
4. Former resident and I now work here.
5. Former resident of 20+ years
6. Frequent customer at businesses in Chicago/Baldwin corridor
7. Grew up here
8. Grew up in GT
9. I grew up in Georgetown Township from ages 0-18. I lived both in a neighborhood off Baldwin and in the country.
10. I have no connection. I raised my family and now I hate living here.
11. Just moved.
12. Lifetime resident of 63 years before me my parents and grandparents
13. Live by Jenison high school
14. Long time fan of the area and work history
15. Loved there for 15 years, my kids love there and I do most of my interactions there as I love just over the line into Blendon
16. My children are asking me if Georgetown is still an affordable place to live
17. Need to vote the current board out!
18. our grand kids live in GT
19. Realtor that sells a lot in the area

Q19. Including yourself, how many people live in your household? (Please check one. Household members do not need to be related.)

No comments were provided for this question.

Q20. Do you have any children under 18 living at home?

No comments were provided for this question.

Q21. Are you living in a multigenerational household? (For this question, this would include two or more generations living in a household such as a 19-year-old child with a 50-year-old parent, a couple in their 30s with a 75-year-old aunt, a household with grandparents, parents, and children, etc.)

No comments were provided for this question.

Q22. If there are other comments related to land use, growth, and development in Georgetown Township, please write them below.

1. 1) we need to have side walks that connect Baldwin and Bauer roads especially around the new 5/6 building

- 2) regarding green space, business owners need to be held accountable for wasting water. Businesses should be fined if they are seen water the grass when it already raining. All businesses should have a system that will not allow a sprinkling system to run if its raining.
2. 42nd between Baldwin and Bauer needs to be resurfaced with a shoulder for a bikers runners. It is currently very dangerous.
Tyler Street in front of Rosewood school needs to be widened with a turn lane and shoulder for parent pick up. After school traffic is atrocious with many close call accidents. Cars have to go into the residents grass to avoid being hit by buses. Cars turning left into the school get passed by other cars on the left because they block the road from cars trying to come out of the school parking lot. This creates a traffic jam unless you pass the cars turning in on the left. Very dangerous situation.
 3. A community ice-rink was proposed in the past but nothing came of it. That would still be really nice! In the summer, it could be an outdoor roller rink! We could use more ways to have fun in the township, like the mini-golf that used to be here. The old K-mart lot has plenty of room. Look how well Rebounders has done here. I think other ideas like this would do really well too.
 4. A master plan is established for a reason! All these towns are "re-doing" and ruining what others have established over the years. We are NOT a city. We are a farming community ! Stop trying to change that ! People who want city living can live in established cities. Stop hurting farming families that have been established for generations!!!! We are Hudsonville !!!! Use our tax dollars in a way that best serves the current residents.
 5. A sidewalk on 36th Avenue between Bauer and Baldwin needs to be a priority. Students are constantly walking or riding their bikes to Wesco. This is a safety concern for our community. With the addition of the 5/6 building sidewalks should have been implemented at that time.
 6. Ability to have tiny houses on private property for aging parents or other family members to live in
 7. ADD SOME LIGHT(S) NEAR THE MEIJER. TOO MANY PEOPLE SPEED ON BALDWIN AND IT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE DANGEROUS TO ENTER AND EXIT THAT COMMERCIAL RETAIL AREA. -- FOR EXAMPLE LOOK AT THE STANDALE / LACMICHIGAN DRIVE AND WILSON AREA
 8. Additional housing needs to stop. Traffic is increasingly congested due to 10 pounds of poop in a 5 pound bag! Also, the housing cost in this area is too high for first-time home buyers to establish themselves.
 9. Although unlikely the main thing missing is a real downtown for Jenison
 10. Any previous or planned studies on traffic flow down Cottonwood? Ever consider a light or crosswalk somewhere closer to Bauer to break up traffic traveling east, and to allow a crosswalk for safely crossing the busy 5 lane road.
 11. As an Architect, I believe Jenison is in desperate need of more character, some kind of pedestrian friendly ""downtown"" hub, with unique shops & restaurants, minimal or no chains, no strip malls. Look at what Hudsonville has been building with their 2030 plan & the effort they are putting into creating a unique downtown. Jenison is overly

- saturated with commercial, chain, strip mall etc sprawl. We do appreciate & love the wonderful parks, the schools, the library & the beautification of some focal points.
12. At one point there was a suggestion to have a traffic lite on the corner of Cottonwood and 10th Avenue.
 13. Baldwin traffic is a nightmare. The Baldwin/Cottonwood intersection is unsafe. I don't see how the Township can support any further growth in these areas without major upgrades to accommodate the traffic.
 14. Be transparent of the budget and development plan in the community. Keep the tax low and not wasteful. More competitive access to services ie. Internet, trash services.
 15. Before we spend more taxpayer money on beautification or sidewalks, parks, ect, we need to pay off the township boards other approvals for 8 full time fire fighters and water system. We cannot afford constant increases in taxes. Already a ton of friends that were going to purchase homes in Georgetown decided not to because of the increasing costs to live here and the board not listening.
 16. Better communication with current residents would be appreciated.
 17. Better use of the Chicago Drive corridor. Properties are under utilized.
 18. Bike path infrastructure similar to the Holland/Zeeland/Grand Haven areas are needed throughout the township. The 36th avenue connector project needs attention ASAP. 36th is becoming too dangerous between Baldwin and Fillmore. No room to walk or ride.
 19. Bring back the junk day or a place to take your yard waste
 20. Bring in new, relevant site-down restuarants. No more fast food, bar food or pizza. There is little to no options at this time. A good portion of metro GR lives in the area and forced to go to travel 15+ miles to find a quality establishment.
 21. Bring sidewalks to the neighborhood!!! AND a bike path down Bauer from highschool to cottonwood
 22. Bury the power lines on Baldwin (top priority) and cottonwood. Invest in native plants and incentives for residents having natural and pollinator landscaping.
 23. Can't think of any
 24. Cheaper housing options for single young adults. Apartment rent is too high to be able to support myself alone even with a degree and full time job
 25. Clean up our areas that have been vacated...make the owner responsible we need to clean up the vacant areas and make them useful. Anyone who owns commercial property needs to be responsible for improving the area that best suits the needs for the township. Tired of seeing overgrown fields. We can do better
 26. Cleaning up the freeway entrance into the township. The off ramp is trash and weeds. See that before the beautiful sign at the end - very low cost improvement that would make a big difference.
 27. Community events all ages can enjoy. We don't even celebrate neighborhood watch night. We have no extra events to draw people in from other communities
 28. Community ice rink which could used as an event center (music) during off season. Seek development of the former K-Mart property (mix use with residential).
 29. Concerned about the rising cost of utilities and communication to the community about issues
 30. Country roads are narrow and challenging, especially in winter.

31. Do not cut down so many trees in Rush Creek park. There is no reason to.
32. Do not forget that the Master Plan should include how government departments must grow with this expansion as well. Fire, Police, Human Resources, Accounting, etc. Thank you for the making the hard decisions in upgrading our water utilities. It is needed! Make the hard decision when it comes to the fire service as well and begin the process of hiring firefighters to respond 24/7/365.
33. Do not want rural woods/farmland being developed into more neighborhoods with overpriced single family houses
34. Do something with old kmart land been vacant for to long
35. Don't expand homes until you fix the water issue
36. Don't screw up traffic by adding bike lanes like Grandville and Hudsonville did. STUPID!!!
37. DONT DO THE PICKLE BALL COURTS. LEAVE THE TREES. cross walks at mid level intersections wuld ve so appreciated (ie, rosewood and 28th. Almost been hit there several times!)
38. Don't follow Blendons example of a battery plant or anything similar. And dont get rid of ag zoning.
39. Don't hit residents with sudden increases such as hiking water rates all at once rather than doing a tiered increase.
40. don't listen to the vocal minority - make educated, data driven decisions on what is best for the township long-term. Don't avoid sacrifices in the short term for what we actually need in the future. We need to master plan for what 2040 will be not a plan to go back to 2000
41. Everything is developing so rapidly, and water use is becoming a huge concern. Perhaps more strategic plans should be put in place before more commercial plans are approved. Also, traffic cams would be a small investment for the amount of people that would be ticketed for abusing traffic laws.
42. Firstly, keep our farm lands and stop adding in more housing developments without the water/sewer/road infrastructure to do so. Build up! Secondly, water is relied heavily on other townships. Tax money should be used to fund their infrastructure so our bills don't triple! On top of taxes we will be paying these bills. This is what township is for! Helping our community. If we have to source out our water, use our money to help pay these townships' upgrades to their infrastructure so we don't get slammed from both sides. Negotiate something. Clean Water is NECESSARY to sustain life.
43. FIX THE INTERSECTION AT BALDWIN AND COTTONWOOD!!!!!!
44. Fix the intersection at Baldwin and cottonwood. Turning radius is to tight making right and left turns
45. Fix the water / sewer bill problems or people will leave they can't afford these hikes!
46. Fix the water bills fix cottonwood and Baldwin corner I'm hoping the people on the board are recalled sick of them and their spending and the snug look on their faces
47. Fix the water issue and stop wasting our money
48. For Georgetown to flourish we need to attract young homeowners (new families) and capture repeat economic value from residents and non-residents by having attractive market options. There are few restaurants, even fewer that serve alcohol. Few retail

options (big or small), which means even local profits are pushed outside the city along with the associated foot traffic. Make it easier or more affordable to buy a home, or homes of a certain type (bigger yards, safer, etc) compared to GR Metro and more welcoming to small, locally owned businesses and Georgetown will grow smartly & sustain itself over the long run. Large corporations and apartment complexes will add to the population quickly but degrade the selling points of the town over time with no guarantee that the economic power of the additional population will benefit Georgetown Township (eg work here but don't live or buy here) and increases the Townships financial dependency on those large businesses.

If you live in GR and head to Holland, why would you ever stop in Georgetown Township? Same for vice versa.

Adding lanes to roads does not solve traffic! <https://smv.org/learn/blog/how-does-roadway-expansion-cause-more-traffic/>.

49. For the love- fix the stupidly scaled clock tower. Functionally unimportant- but visually so embarrassing. It's weirdly small
50. Full time with full staff fire department so fires don't get out of hand and medicals get faster attention
51. Georgetown Township is already growing to fast with respect to housing and commercial development. This is leading to a loss of green space. The township needs to seriously think about how additional development will affect the quality of life for its residents.
52. Georgetown is the true bedroom community: people really only sleep here.

The community is unwelcoming and I say this as someone who, obviously, lives here. There is very little to do in GT, the busiest sit-down restaurant is managed by a man who childishly berates people who leave bad Google reviews about their subpar service, and those who do live here seem to want no one else to move in.

I frequently receive grimaces and apologies when I tell people I live in Georgetown. Living here feels like an exclusive club, but the club has no activities and there's no place to sit and the other members would rather you leave now, thank you very much and have a blessed day. Despite having virtually nothing to do here, GT is also comprised nearly entirely of unaffordable subdivisions and condos. I am a single person, no kids, taking home about \$40k after taxes and putting money toward retirement, and I cannot afford to even rent in Georgetown. I realize inflation and the economy are large factors in unaffordable housing and are outside of Georgetown's control, but it seems unbelievable that someone with no kids and a good job cannot afford to live here. Not only unbelievable, but a poor omen.

As the baby boomers start passing on, Georgetown's sprawling subdivisions will sit empty and the township will collapse in on itself. There's not enough commercial taxable value here to support the roads and utilities infrastructure.

Given that our country operates as a free market, there is only so much the township can do to reverse some of this damage, but by allowing for traditional mixed-use areas, or mother-in-law suites, or tiny homes, more people could live here without the need for more huge

subdivisions, which would free up space for commercial development, which will support Georgetown through rough economies.

As it is currently, I'd rather flee Georgetown than settle in it. Not that I'd have much choice in the matter.

53. Get the water situation under control!!!
54. give back and lower taxes!
55. Great community!
56. Growing too fast
57. Growth should be slowed to ensure infrastructure can keep up. Outgrowing current infrastructure should be the number one priority.
58. GT needs to stop spending money on beautification. Waste of money to put in and then to maintain. Stop paying for crossing guards. Schools should pay the \$105k for that. No full time fire department for Eunits for \$2.5M. Next year it will a \$8M budget line item, you will raise Milligan to 3mils to pay for it. Then we will have a union. The 3rd year it will be \$10M. Use life EMS and AMR to compete for our business \$520K (\$560k year 3)sounds much better for Eunits from a 3rd party. Stop spending on pickle ball - in these times you need to stop spending. But then again you did gave yourself a pay increase. I wonder if this will ever see the light of day, like the last survey done, where we once again told to stop spending money. But you did listen to that either. You're hearing from the taxpayers now, I bet.
59. Hate to see the beauty of our community destroyed due to water rate increases and people not being able to afford to maintain property in ways that ADD to the community and doesn't detract. Don't waste tax dollars in areas that we can't see, appreciate or are wasteful uses of resources such as clocks and intersection improvements which are no better than the original. Saving for or putting money toward infrastructure improvements needed rather than gouging residents with insane price hikes and taxes would go a long way toward showing residents our township wishes to be fiscally responsible in it's spending while seeking to make it a desirable place to live or do business. A balancing act that our township has not been successful in achieving in recent years.
60. Having a few more sit down restaurants that serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. An indoors farmer's market. Widening 20th Ave to two lanes from Pinewood/Newcastle to Bauer Rd. Northbound Drivers ignore the right turn only sign at NewCastle making it a very dangerous intersection. Cars turning left onto Pinewood cause traffic to backup for blocks during peak school hours and sports, marching band and fine arts events. This was poorly planned.
61. Heard about this survey on Facebook!! Please, no more large purchases with our money without prior notice and approval.
62. Hire a new marketing consultant. This survey reads as if you are seeking permission to build a 15 minute city. Ottawa county has reached its capacity and we need to stop building new homes and seeking new residents.
63. "Historically, Georgetown Township has been a place with low taxes and low government involvement. Families have found Georgetown to be an affordable and safe place to raise their children. Families want the freedom to live their lives without a lot of government involvement and regulation or restrictions. Georgetown offers these things and that is why you see families living in the same home for 30-40 years. Please remember why families were attracted to Georgetown and keep doing those things.

I have one suggestion for a service that Goergetown could provide to their residence. I suggest a yard waste disposal site. This will give residence a low/no cost option to care for and keep their property looking beautiful. Currently there are not any good low/no cost options to

dispose of yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, branches/trees, etc. I believe this could be a low cost service to the Township that would provide a highly valuable service to the residence. Other communities around Georgetown provide this service. This is something Georgetown is lacking."

64. Hope to see the space behind Dunkin Donuts developed into a mixed used spaceresidential with access to stores , shops , hair places , spas etc...much like a bigger city
65. How to reduce the increase of water bills is important to citizens. If we are being hit with one time-big dollar infrastructure updates, perhaps a bond should be considered. Also think about those in the county with wells. Maybe they pay a reduced amount on the bond, but also maybe pay the full amount but consider including in the bond something that addresses the aquifer problem. Can we hook up some areas to city water to reduce the aquifer demand. Can we somehow replenish the aquifer with a project...maybe line from lake michigan to aquifer? No idea if that is even possible, but spread out the burden of this current issue, but keep the bond for future problems that will need to be addressed as well.
66. I am against growth just for the sake of growth. There are nothing but office buildings everywhere you look in Hudsonvill/Jension. We need more sit-down restuarants, but we are good on fast-food. We need to keep our country feel. Not every city needs to look like their neighbor. You should focus on improving the look of the neighborhoods. There is a new neighborhood that was built in Hudsonville. Who ever approved that should be fired! Prime real estate in the city limits. Every house is the exactly the same just a different color and cheaply constructed. The yards and homes are not maintained. This was a huge lost opportunity for the city. What a waste. We do not need any more decisions like that. Also, you need to fix the water rate issue. Wyoming said they did not pass on an increase as large as what Georgetown is assessing. Why don't you charge more for all these building permits rather than just increasing the cost to everyone? People cannot keep up with all the increased costs and this will probably put a lot of people under. Remember, anyone can raise taxes (rates), but not everyone can manage. Start managing things instead of just raising costs. Anyone can do that.
67. I am considering moving due to lack of transportation for those with disabilities. No access to the bus or other transportation services for someone under age 55 who can't drive / uses a wheelchair is barrier for our family.
68. I am disappointed in the recent water usage price hikes. It is sad to think of Georgetown gaining a reputation like Wyoming (too costly to live there). I believe its possible to address this issue (additional cost passed from Wyoming to Georgetown to the customer) by other means. I am under the impression, this was Georgetown leaderships most convenient way to cover costs. We need someone in leadership with business skills and experience on how to keep Georgetown affordable for future generations. This cost possibly could have been prevented had Georgetown leadership planned for it, by slowly implementing a new water infrastructure system. Or passing the currents costs onto any new construction or even existing businesses. In the past, Georgetown leaderships default position was not to raise prices/taxes.
69. I am interested in places for social gatherings like bars, restaurants and coffee shops. I also am very interested in green space and natural trails. I would use both of those heavily. I am also a fan of road diets to reduce driver speed in our neighborhood.
70. I am saddened that every available acre of woodland or wetland in the township seems to be sold to developers rather than keeping some of it for greenspace for future generations to enjoy.
71. I am worried about the direction Georgetown Township has been developing. Suburban sprawl is proving to not be a sustainable method of growth and the Township is slowly running

out of areas to develop. With rising infrastructure costs, continued neglect of the commercial core and affordable housing options could lead to community decay.

72. I beg you to be very, very mindful of how you spend our property tax dollars. High property taxes are hindering people from moving and keeping people from moving to a new home, even though our rates are one of the lowest around, the reassessment of values after a sale is a major hinderance when people are considering moving.
How are you using the increase in revenue to benefit our community?
Make it a priority to communicate with your residents...and then communicate again and again so people are informed. We don't need another clock tower--please know that that is a joke around town--who decided that was worth the money spent.
73. I do not like the tiny housing options shown in this survey. I would also like to see improvements to parks. 8th Avenue park needs a lot of repair and updates.
74. I do not think any more housing especially apartments developments should be built. This has exploded in the last decade without any real increase in other development to keep up with an increase in population. The community festivals are held in locations that are too small with too few resources that cannot accommodate the increase in population. Also, there aren't more stores, restaurants or proper road development to adjust.
75. I don't like the "complaint only" way of managing residential and commercial properties. It pits neighbors against each other. I would prefer the township patrol and enforce the codes.
76. I don't like the Cottonwood/Baldwin intersection. There are to many car accidents there, people always run red lights and it's hard to turn there. The beautification with the clock tower is nice however maybe some of the beautification needs to shrink so we can have a better intersection. Also maybe if we would have a cop parked at the Walgreens at random times/days, and ticket all these drivers that are running red lights that behavior would subside. I feel like that intersection is very unsafe.
77. I don't want more condos, town houses or apartments. I would rather have smaller houses available to first time home buyers.
78. I don't want the township getting any bigger. The size of it is one of the reasons why we moved here. The main reason is because of Jenison Public Schools.
79. I feel like all the schools should have sidewalks that go to them for the safety of kids that walk/ride their bikes to and from school.
80. I felt the survey was a waste of time
81. I grew up in Janison as well as my entire extended family. We've continued to put the cart before the horse. It's overpopulated, busy and congested. Lost it's appeal. Tired of watching farms get bulldozed in for \$\$\$\$\$
82. I grew up in Jenison but now live in Blendon and plan on moving back in the next year or so.
83. I hope to see a continuing improvements within the Township. I would like to see more done to build up Chicago Drive & to 'finish' the 'sidewalks to no where' that seemingly start and stop. I'm not for pushing sidewalks into neighborhoods but I'm a fan of the 'stop-start' nature of some areas (28th between Baldwin & Bauer for example. As a walker / runner it's much safer than running on thin road shoulders.
84. I know the master plan and agenda 2025 !! Stop building apartments !!! The roads cannot accommodate that traffic and it's sickening and we the original residents hate this growth of apartments and buying up farmland .. also We the residents of Jackson street do NOT want it paved !! We want our rural country living ! We will get a petition going on this.. who is behind this master plan?? The residents ?? Or someone else
85. I like the small hometown feel, and I feel that Georgetown Township is getting too big and starting to loose that small hometown feel. We need to keep our farmland and undeveloped areas. I also think that Georgetown Township should decrease their spending on unnecessary

things such as the clock tower and water fall structure. I don't like my tax money going to those unnecessary things. I would appreciate a decrease in our taxes, especially now that our water bill has skyrocketed. Thank you.

86. I LOVE all of the beatification projects that have been done but enough is enough with building the high end neighborhoods and storage facilities. Too many LARGE buildings such as the soccer/pickle ball building behind Country Sundae and the TALL apartment complexes near the post office. Has completely ruined the skyscrapers of our beautiful Hudsonville. EVERYBODY complains about them and nobody wanted them built!!! Just doesn't fit in around Hudsonville. Looks soooo out of place. We have so many houses for sale in our neighborhood. People don't like what Hudsonville has become! Ugh! 😞
87. I love Georgetown township
88. I love living in Georgetown Township, but sometimes I think we are pushing too hard to continue adding housing, especially at the expense of farmland and keeping the existing small community feeling
89. I love living on the edge of farmland, just a minute's drive from my home. I love enriching outdoor activities with my children.
90. I personally don't like the box home neighborhoods where the houses are too close together and these huge condo developments.
91. I personally just think traffic is horrible here. We already do not have roads to move the traffic we have and then we are trying to add more. Cottonwood and Baldwin redesign is horrible. Everyone is squeezed in the lanes plus you are trying to turn at the last second so you can see the light. If anyone comes through with a semi or camper you run the risk of getting hit by the trailers. Poor design.
92. I really advocate for traffic lights when exiting Meijer onto Baldwin and slowing the speed limit of 12th Avenue (between Chicago Drive and Baldwin) to either 25 or 35mph.
93. I really want Hudsonville to keep the small town feel and lots of green space. A few necessities of grocery stores, gas, and handful of local shops, but not crowded.
94. I really would like to see sit down restaurants of all price ranges in GTW also it is time to plant flowers, trees etc to beautify the areas approaching the TWP
95. I think it is important to think through the best places to have downtown centers and use the edge boundaries for need services and residences that are not always considered desirable and maximize the land designated for that.
96. I think more sit down, family, non chain restaurants need to be brought to Jenison. We have plenty of fast food and little stores/businesses. At this time spending money that we seem to not have an abundance of should be put in to making the streets pretty. People won't move here because of pretty streets and an added bench. It's time we take a true vote where the tally can be viewed by all residents not a closed monkey survey that's not viewable by all people. Maybe some transparency would go a long way for Georgetown's board.
97. I think the connecting sidewalks is key and important to the development of our community. I have tried to enjoy the nice weather and walk places and because they are not connected close to my place it is impossible to even walk a couple of blocks.
98. I think the large housing developments that keep getting approved need to be responsible/footing the bill for updating the water and sewer to support such massive numbers of homes. The developers should be on the hook for it. Every greenspace and field that isn't a park is turning into a giant development placing excessive pressure on the existing roads and infrastructure in general and they must keep getting built.
99. I think the township would look much better, at least in the downtown commercial area, to get power lines underground. They're a bit of an eyesore.

100. I think there needs to be a real effort to keep farmland-- often hobby Farmers struggle to keep their farms due to taxes.
 An effort to have less rentals from corporations which would allow more home ownership.
 An effort to help people interested in a small agriculture plots to be able to have it - small animals to raise and gardens.
 There needs to be more tiny houses and ordinances to allow them since home prices are outrageous and many young people aren't able to afford homes - that used to be the American dream. GT needs to make that dream a reality once more.
101. I think there should be a sidewalk on 36th Street North of Baldwin connecting the 5/6 Building to Baldwin so kids could walk or ride bikes to/from school to the neighborhoods south of Baldwin.
102. I think we need to consider higher density residential, specifically higher density single-family residential. Current zoning makes it cost prohibitive to build affordable new homes on large property (>.3 acre)
103. I travel down Bauer daily and there are always walkers in the corridor between Bauerwood and the high school. Sidewalks are badly needed there for safety!
104. I truly hope Georgetown Township can prioritize developing safe pedestrian networks. I think building shared use paths (9-10' wide) over a 5' sidewalk is the way to go if you're building a new path. Bauer Road, 36th, 28th, Baldwin, 42nd, etc. could all benefit from a path as neighborhoods and schools have filled in in the past 25 years. Also, I think a priority on preserving green space and farming should be prioritized. The township is becoming one giant neighborhood (ironically with no sidewalks or paths to connect) and it is sad to see.
105. I use to attend MTA meetings in Lansing. Traffic congestion was a big topic in meetings. No Township or City should continue to pass more housing or business without the roads to move the population as it grows. It creates many dilemmas. My husband is a builder so I'm not against expansion. But expansion and growth in GT has gone way too fast here for traffic movement. We have watched it for 50 years. We raised four kids here. Something needs to be done before it gets any worse or before it's too late. A traffic study from the County or Township should take place soon. Fire Trucks, & emergency needs to be able to get through too. We have a beautiful Township that has good schools, fine Arts, parks, and businesses. Let's not ruin it with over building & expansion.
106. I want my kids to grow up and stay local. I would love to see really cute multi development with shops and residential above, and tiny starter homes for them to stay local and grow into the bigger homes in the area.
107. I want pickleball courts so I don't have to go to grandville. Wyoming, or hudsonville.
108. I was going to buy a home 4 years ago on 24th with acreage. We didn't though because we were told we weren't allowed to have any other liveable structures on the property. If they are to code on housing size, it should not matter.
109. I wish owners of existing properties that have been neglected are required to maintain the facility. Example the car wash behind Goodwill and the parking lot adjacent. Would love to see the exit to Jenison be cleaned up, no a very welcoming ramp into Jenison-weeds, trash etc. Thank you for providing us an opportunity to give input.
110. I wish we had services for storm clean ups- rare but there should be tree and debris pick up and removal from the township when bad storms hit...
111. I would like to ask the Township to use the periodic newsletter to ask folks to keep their dogs quiet. We have random barking at all times of the day and night and these are large dogs with large voices.

112. I would like to see increased staffing across all departments that serve the township in regards to services provided. As we grow we should be growing the size of department staffing and maintaining an ability to provide basic services to our residents.
113. I would like to see more non-chain restaurants, coffee shops in GT. I do like the development of the farmer's market at the library and support development of similar ideas for the township.
114. I would like to see more of a positive relationship with your public schools.
115. I would like to see the Township be responsible for caring for what we have already. I would like some fiscal responsibility and not your responsible spending on things that do not benefit the community. New businesses will bring new revenue and ease some of the economic burden on residents. This is what I see as most most important. The roads cannot keep up with more building and expansion.
116. I would love an outdoor park put into the library as well! Or at least outdoor spaces!
117. I would love to see us support small businesses, the arts and community spaces, local farms, and prioritize green space. I really don't want Georgetown Township to become overdeveloped. Baldwin is already super busy (it's hard to make a left turn onto it). I love how the library has become such a community hub and we are so happy with the schools and parks. Those public services make such a huge difference in everyone's lives. I just want us to protect the land and green space we have and think of even more ways we can encourage purchasing local. Thanks!
118. I would prefer a moratorium on building until the township is able to service everyone already here. We need to make sure that our infrastructure including roads, schools and water can handle our own residents and projected growth without increasing taxes before allowing more construction.
119. I would prefer Georgetown Township doesn't go the way of Kentwood, and Grandville to some extent, with low income housing and many apartment complexes. I truly believe that would hurt our community. Would love to see a little more upscale restaurants.
120. I would rather see our water bills decrease rather than further develop our community. Once the water bills are under control I would then be in favor of further community development. Take some of the money set aside for development and repurpose it to subsidize our water bills. Then I bet more residents would be more in favor of the current board members. Put any development on hold for now.
121. I would recommend focusing on infrastructure and being wise with currently available funds. Georgetown is a largely residential area and was meant to be. It already has many parks and trails, and sidewalks nearly everywhere. If the Township found it has a funds surplus to use on projects I would suggest refunding it to the property tax payers, saving it for future needs, or reserving it for emergency services needs.
- Any further industrial or commercial development would detract from the appeal of the Township for residences.
122. I'd like to know why my water bill is double what it normally is.
123. I'd like to see continued beautification efforts along Baldwin. I've hated seeing all the transient businesses within the Baldwin corridor. I realize much of that is out of your control. Having a few sit down restaurants in that area would be great anchors. I very much appreciate all the enhancements that have occurred over the last 10 years. Parks, library, street scape, etc. Keep it up!
124. I'm concerned about citizens' lack of respect for speed limits primarily because there is very little enforcement.
125. I've seen a decline in the appearance of property in Georgetown twp. Residences with abandoned vehicles yards not maintained and a decline in owner occupied homes. We are seriously considering building a new home in Hudsonville.

126. If I wanted to live around low income housing and all that comes with low income families I would have moved to Wyoming or Grand Rapids. I moved to Jenison to live around middle class families. The duplex housing already has a constant police presence....
127. If possible, require some green space in condo developments; control size of new subdivisions to maintain town character as an area of mixed development/farm & park lands, etc.
128. If you don't provide relief from the ridiculous water bills and do a beautification project, you're going to have a mutiny.
129. Important that current facilities are well-maintained before developing new facilities
130. Improve our Fire Department by staffing all stations for fire and medical response. It is overdue! We are not a small rural community any longer.
131. In general, we are over developing this area. 32nd, Balsom, and a lot of the western side of the township. We need to preserve greenspace for nature, etc. It is getting way too busy traffic wise. Can we repurpose vacated or old buildings, homes, etc? Preserve the farmland, etc.
132. In regards to recent water concerns, the township should lead by example using native plant landscaping. This aids in water conservation and reduced maintenance thus saving tax-payer dollars alongside many other benefits which are forward thinking especially with ongoing concerns of drought and increased heat waves. Many potential partners including Ottawa County Parks and the Conservation District. Second concern, many people reporting GT as a safe place to live. Current speed limits and traffic flow do not reflect this value. Our #1 disappointment in moving to the township has been prioritizing car access over people's safety.
133. In summary, I would encourage more verticality in housing, businesses, mixed use, higher density, better walkability, and revitalize the areas where business used to thrive like Chicago drive where K-Mart used to be. Less strip mall sprawl and more modern urban development. Developing large plots that use up so much land will create such sprawl that it limits our growth capabilities. We need significantly more efficient use of land and improved density and walkability.
134. In the 4 years we have lived here, Jenison seems to be getting busier and busier. There is a ton of traffic but not a lot of places to go. We always struggle finding a place nearby to go for dinner. Would love more entertainment nearby. Would love a stoplight outside of JCS.
135. In the growth, please make wise decisions over a longer period of time but with long-term forward thinking. By doing them over a longer period the hope would be to keep the taxes low and other costs down as well like water for instance. I don't want to see my property taxes or other bill go up any more than they are all because we want to do things right now and they have to be done now. Let's take our time and do it affordably and done right please.
136. Increase fees for new residential developments to offset increase in utility bills and other expenses. GT is a desirable place, developers can pay the increased fees for their million+ dollar homes.
137. Industrial areas are almost nonexistent but they provide so many local jobs. Help those types of businesses be able to stay or start up in this community!
138. infrastructure improvement
139. Instead of putting in random things like clock towers or signs welcoming to Georgetown township, please put that money towards improving infrastructure instead of saddling residents. YOU HAD A SURPLUS
140. Invest in your fire department!!!!!!! Increase police staffing to keeping our neighborhoods safe
141. Irene that continue to drive up property taxes take away the best benefit of a township over living in a city proper

142. It is just not a beautiful town. The downtown area is unconnected and requires a car. Festivals are few besides the Memorial Day parade. The water issue increase has to be addressed. Dogs barking all over neighborhoods is out of control. It is constant. Pink out is the best community celebration we have.
143. It makes me sad that I have to leave Georgetown and spend my tax dollars in other places like Grandville because the township is too restrictive and forces larger retailers and restaurants to build somewhere else.
144. It seems quantity has replaced quality of living. There seems to be a push to turn the township into something bigger at the expense of what made it great. Both residents and visitors comment on how over crowded it has become in the last decade. The charm has been prostituted for the lure of bigger and better creating crowded streets, schools, and a lack of community that once made it great.
145. It seems that Georgetown is behind on areas such as Byron Center, Holland, and Grand Rapids for pickleball at the parks.
146. It is time for a full time fire department.
147. It would be great to connect a bridge to Lake Michigan Drive at the end of Cottonwood over the Grand River. I know that's a dream but it would definitely help with the congestion at Baldwin & Cottonwood.
148. It would be great to have sidewalks in the neighborhoods to encourage young families to move here.
149. It would be nice sidewalk expansion incorporated with street resurfacing projects where no sidewalks currently exist.
150. It would be nice to see our parks developed to include activities for all ages to include soccer fields, pickleball and walking paths
151. It would be nice to see the township show an investment into the future. It's disappointing to consistently hear current Board members argue to maintain the status quo or use responses like "because it was like this when I was a kid". At some point there needs to be acknowledgment that the local public school system is the draw on why young families want to be in this area. It would be wise to make an investment to establish a stronger partnership with the public school system that could help plan and provide feedback how the current infrastructure has had a significant impact on residents' activity level and safety as they move about the township.
152. It would be really nice to see 8th ave park improved. More sand, less geese and a cleaner beach. Then I feel charging people to get in is worth it. When we first moved to Jenison the beach was full every weekend, now maybe 15 cars on a hot day.
153. It's nice to grow and improve, but you need a long-term budget for this. Just because you want something doesn't mean you can simply raise fees. We are fee'd and taxed up to our eyeballs. Seniors need to be capped with these fees and taxes and I don't mean strictly at the poverty level. \$5,000 over the annual poverty level is still severe poverty.
154. I've recently been learning what neighboring areas are doing with their economic development planning, and what we're missing is a downtown-type area. We'd need to create this, and this could be done by re-imagining the NE corner of Baldwin/20th Ave by the Family Fare. There's a lot of space there and not many thriving businesses (on the whole). This would be a huge project but would draw people in off Baldwin, provide new restaurants/shopping for kids walking to/from the schools, and encourage families to stop as they drive east through Jenison to the highway. A cute downtown area (e.g. Grandville, Zeeland, Holland, Grand Haven, Rockford, Ada) is KEY to a thriving local economy, and I think this would be an absolute game-changer for Jenison. ... How can I get involved?? Would love to see this become a reality!!

155. Jenison is getting far too busy, the traffic lights near the railroad crossings need re-timing to allow Cotgonwood Dr to flow immediatly after the crossing gate lifts. Traffic backs up so bad whem a train goes through between 3 and 6 P.M. Chicago Dr traffic has a green light the entire time the the gate is down, and it remains green after the gate goes up.
 156. Jenison seems to be bursting at the seams. It can be difficult to get out and onto the highway certain times of day. It is expensive to live here and I think improvements to the area should be minimal and only necessary improvements. The biggest draw to the area is its good school district. We are close enough to other areas for retail and commercial. We don't need more traffic in this area! Lease keep our taxes down and quit spending unnecessary money!
 157. Just have fun getting inundated with all the misplaced water complaints. I'm sure they won't impact the effectiveness of this survey
 158. Keep as much rural as possible. We need the farmers.
 159. Keep Georgetown local. No outside delelopers
 160. Keep Georgetown Township a bedroom community of homeowners. Prevent the rental of residential homes in neighborhoods. Also discourage the use of residential homes as AirBnB type properties.
 161. Keep planting trees!
 162. Lack of sidewalks means lack of community. Our children should not have to walk in the street. Our disabled members cannot leave their homes safely.
 163. Learn how to budget and manage tax dollars!
 164. Less housing and more commercial/retail built in existing zones without sacrificing farmland.
 165. Less restrictions on agricultural land use as far as outbuildings, setbacks and building sizes.
 166. Less restrictions on those with 2 acres or more who want to homestead and farm.
 167. Like neighboring communities, Georgetown should focus on investing in health and recreation opportunities and spaces for its residents. Other than private gyms, residents have minimal options for this, the township has not invested in this at all.
 168. Listen to residents concerns and suggestions regarding the master plan. We are at a breaking point and becoming a big city.
 169. Listen to the people who voted the board in. Stop the waste, fraud and abuse. No more useless clock towers. More affordable and self contained utilities.
 170. Love the township staying small. Chicago dr. could really look nice with businesses and some imagination on landscaping. Very nice community to live in!
 171. Lower our water bills
 172. Lower our water bills! Jenison will not be attractive when residents cannot afford to water their lawns!!!
 173. Lower property taxes
 174. Lower restrictions for residential lots to be built. Building starter homes is impossible due to lot pricing. Drainage pond requirements lower the number of available lots and drive up pricing. We need some development that will allow 1000-2000 sq ft homes to be built.
 175. Lower the water bills and add a sidewalk to 36 street
 176. Main roads and train crossings in our township need addressed. The board should be putting pressure on those who are responsible to repair properly
 177. Make it easier to report/request tree removal in the right of way spaces.
- Adjust budgeting to support current infastructure and minimize the cost impact on the community. Raising rates increases the chance of people leaving the area due to inability to keep with payments.
- Ask residents for input regarding a particular project prior to project start. Some recent constructions have not been widely accepted by the community and waste of money that could have been directed to more acceptable projects.

178. Many people, as am I, are vet upset at the misuse of taxes. Purchasing, building, selling irresponsibly for years. My property taxes and water bills are insane. I'm disabled and on social security. That takes about half my income. I know I'm not the only one in this boat. Infrastructure needs should have been planned for over wants. What's with all these new walls in the median on Chicago Dr. Building a library after the township voted against it. Selling the Ice Arena for a fraction of the cost to build it. The list goes on and on.
179. Many, many golf carts using the streets around 34th ave (North) Rosewood, Nobb hill, CityView areas. Families giving out to their 10+ kids to drive around. Golf carts sitting in driveways (Nobb Hill as a example of misuse). Area started off with 1..now at least 5. No policing in the area. Hey! if it is legal now I will buy one myself. I just don't want to invest and find out it is against the law. If this is not the correct venue..please pass along to the sherrif dept or Georgetown township who ever looks into this..It's crazy and more and more families are doing it in the evening and weekends. Do we no longer care about laws in Georgetown? MASTERPLAN..stop this while you can..send a flyer to all residents? Stop it while you can. Thank-you
180. Maybe also work on lowering utility prices if we are want to expand residential areas, it may be wise to make it affordable...
181. More bike lanes and connecting trails for biking.
182. More biking trails and disc golf
183. More community feel, events and independent businesses/restaurants rather than chain restaurants.
184. More farm preservation
185. More green space. LOWER THE WATER PRICE!
186. More housing available for medium income or 1st time buyers
187. More sidewalks are needed in the residential areas that are lacking sidewalks and landscape development on the major roads along with regular maintenance. Also, consistency in commercial/ retail building design to make the township more inviting and appealing to the township. Jenison needs to compete with Grandville, Hudsonville, and Holland in beautifying the township. Finally, develop a better solution to the Cottonwood/Baldwin intersection to reduce traffic congestion. Remove current retail/commercial businesses to accommodate for new road development at this busy traffic area.
188. More sidewalks between Bauer, 28th and 42nd.
189. More sidewalks especially on 36th ave
190. More sidewalks please!
191. More sidewalks, especially on Bauer.
192. More support for people with disabilities are needed, for example transportation and housing opportunities.
193. More transparency in expenditures. Return excess tax funds. DO not invent ways to waste them
194. Most important concern of all is keeping utilities and taxes down. I moved here primarily for this reason. Would prefer having our own water utility and paying exorbitant prices from Wyoming.
195. My mom grew up in Hudsonville, I grew up in Gdvl, my husband and I have lived in GT for 32 years. We do not need more growth. The traffic is enough of a mess around here. I am not opposed to growth, but there has been enough now. Can we please keep the more rural vibe of the township. If I wanted to live in a busy city, I would have. I work in GR, but I chose to live here to get away from the city after work. It saddens me to see fields, free space and farms being developed. I don't think most people live here because they wanted a busy city/area.
196. n/a

197. Need connected sidewalks the entire length from Port Sheldon St all the way out 36th Avenue up until at least the new 5/6 Middle School. So many kids could ride bikes or walk to school if there was a safer route for them.
198. Need public transportation and connection to other cities
199. Need sidewalks in the residential areas!
200. Need to completely rework the exit ramp from I-96 onto Chicago drive. Terribly designed, and has had MULTIPLE MULTIPLE CRASHES. "
201. Need to focus on the maintenance of the existing infrastructure and roadways, and push for more moderately priced single family housing. Such as lower minimum square footage neighborhoods. As well as updating the walking trails and paths and drawing some new restaurants into the area. Aside from the few we have, the only other options are to venture into Grandville.
202. Need to vote the current board out!
203. new intersection at cottonwood and Baldwin is very screwed up it went to bad know worse
204. NO accessory buildings and no tiny homes
205. No growth if you are raising the water bills. If there is expansion pass the cost onto the developers not the people. I should have a water bill over \$200.
206. No low income or section 8 housing!
207. No more apartments or new building permits. Charge more for new building permits to slow growth and to pay for infrastructure.
208. No more apartments. No room on the streets for the traffic.
209. No more homes being built, stop accepting students who do not live in the district, and stop spending on overpriced township facilities instead of infrastructure.
210. No new business! The roads, ground water, utilities can't handle any more homes/business/traffic. Maintain what we have, stop increasing taxes, protect valuable farm land!
211. No roundabouts!!
212. No round-a-bouts, use street lights. Too many people don't know how to use them safely. Fix Baldwin +Cottonwood corner!
213. NO tiny homes, no accessory residential units
214. Non-homeowners should not be allowed to vote on property tax measures.
215. Nothing, stop wasting money!
216. Nothing. Stop spending money foolishly
217. One thing i would love to see is a walkable business district with shops and restaurants. Something like gaslight village in East Grand Rapids. Making an easily accessible area by with things that people want to visit like coffee shop, restaurants, retail stores, brewery etc. will encourage people to get out and be active and build a sense of community. My first thought, and I'm not a city planner, is the area around the family fair on 20th. There is a large parking lot that's mostly empty all the time, a old rundown carwash, and other spaces that could be turned into a good little business district wit maybe the family fare being the center point (like the D&W in Gaslight Village). Also within 1 mile of that location is a large population of people. Keeping it centrally located so people don't need to drive keeps the need for parking spaces down to give you more area to develop.
218. Our public structures look so dull and plain, ie the Post Office, the Library. We need warm welcoming colors and designs,like Grandville's public center. It is fun to shop in Grandville. They put thought and design to their new projects. Our look rather barren.
219. Our township board could do a better job understanding financial difficulties of its residents due to mismanaging the immediate increase 55% of residents water sewer usage! This was bad planning and should have been projected and increased previously and gradually

- over a 10 year plan! Elderly and families I fear will be struggling! Do your jobs with integrity and have a pulse on your community! I am thankful our income can easily handle this change, however, there is always a price to pay by decent citizens for mismanging this change!
220. Parking areas should be clearly marked for accessing trails.
 221. People with more property should be allowed to build bigger out buildings. 600 sf. is ridiculous on over an acre
 222. Pickleball courts would be great.
 223. Please add a turn lane or some kind of improvement on 20th ave as you approach Jenison junior high.
 224. Please add more sidewalks! We live in lowingwoods and my kids are old enough to bike to school or local businesses but it isn't safe without sidewalks.
 225. Please add sidewalks from lowing woods to the schools and Wesco . Please add Target and retail clothing that's not a boutique and not expensive so we can buy clothes nearby and athletic equipment shoes . More healthy restaurants please
 226. please address urgent need for safe pedestrian pathway along 36th between Baldwin/Bauer, current situation is very unsafe, many youth (pedestrians/bikes/scooters) travel along 36th from nearby housing to reach Wesco/ice cream/Jet's/school facilities, shoulder is very narrow with steep drop offs, we've have several close calls, situation becomes even more dangerous with events at stadium when attendees (including families with strollers and small children) park at Day Break and walk along narrow shoulder of 36th in dark to reach drive to stadium
 227. Please allow for a "mother-in-law" type building on property with 1 acre or more.
 228. Please be wise in making financial decisions. Knowing the water bill would increase dramatically from Wyoming would not be a good time to also improve the water pipes. Nor is it a good time to do anything that would increase or maintain taxes instead of reducing them. So please, at this expensive time, do NOT do any unnecessary improvements. Also, do not talk your self into thinking unnecessary things ARE necessary.
 229. Please bring in a chilis, chick-fil-a or other sit down restaurants.
 230. Please bring in more local restaurants, not chain restaurants.
 231. Please bring trendy things here!
 232. please clean up the entrance on the highway coming into jenison. more effort in keeping up what has been done before adding more. redo the road at intersection og cottonwood and baldwin light. also cottonwood and bauer rd turn by bus garage,
 233. Please connect the sidewalk along 36th to Bryce and Jasper along with sidewalk to the 5/6 building!! This is so important!
 234. Please consider benchmarking other successful communities. Colorado is full of them!
 235. Please design things with safety for walkers and bikers in mind. There is not one trail that is safe to use and even that is questionable with hidden cross streets and heavy road traffic
 236. Please do consider street sweeping on roads off Baldwin. There is much sand/gravel/weeds that obstructs the drains.
 237. Please do not bring a bus line to our community.
 238. Please do not spend our money on making pretty to look at green spaces. With how much you charge for water it is irresponsible to use taxpayers money to water so many places. If we have green spaces let them grow natural grass with lots of diversity.
 239. Please do not waste money on projects just to compete with neighboring communities. We are our own in GT. The utility prices are skyrocketing, consider raising taxes for all to help plan for long term utility investments; this should have been done 10 years ago, but no one on the board had the guts to do so. Think toward the future about all projects, big walls and clock towers don't draw people in. Be business friendly instead of creating so many rules, think high

quality not fast... You can do it, think wisely, be unique, not a copy cat of Hudsonville. Let's create our own Main Street with its own vibe, right now GT is a drive through district.

240. Please do something about the family fare lot!!
241. Please do something about the traffic flow on Baldwin. It is absolutely horrible trying to enter Baldwin
242. Please don't start building a bunch income based apartments and other apartments in general like the City of Hudsonville.
243. Please don't use our hard earned tax dollars for things like pickle ball courts and such that only get used by a very small percentage of residents!!!
244. Please give some extra thought to Baldwin. The crosswalk are very far apart. Vehicles go 55 mph or more. Kids play in yards next to Baldwin and I'm worried there could be a problem. I believe if Baldwin were to be reduced to a two lane road with green space or commercial space the community would grow. I also think if people want to go quickly through the neighborhood they can go to Chicago dr. And lose about 2 minute's doing so.
245. Please increase the green spaces and improve the infrastructure. Many more residents without enough infrastructure improvements.
246. Please install side walk that connects high school down bauer to hager park west and lowing woods neighborhoods with crosswalks
247. Please keep investing in parks, libraries and all of our great schools (private and public).
248. Please maintain nature. Trees mostly. No one wants to sit at a park in the hot sun baking away. Also- play equipment gets too hot without shade most of the summer. Please be mindful of this!
249. Please make our farmland a priority. No more farmland being taken over by housing developments with cheap, poorly built homes. Offer markets for our farmers to sell at, including indoor, year-round markets to support local farmers and give the community healthier options than just supermarkets.
250. Please no more medical office buildings or multi family units. This is a safe community, multi unit / multi family housing just brings rift raft. And fix the damn water problem.
251. Please no more Mexican, Thai eating places, no more credit unions, or auto shops. More variety for consumers/residents. Somewhere to food shop other Harvest Health or Meijer. A Horrocks style establishment would be great. More ethnic variety in food too. Real German or Italian or European??.
252. Please offset the cost of water/sewer for your long time faithful residents. Retention of residents.
253. Please please please add sidewalks and trails! There should absolutely be a sidewalk that connects from Grand Ravines, past the 5/6 building, Baldwin middle school, Georgetown elementary, connects to the bike path on 40th and safely takes you all the way into town. We would visit downtown way more frequently if that were an option. My kids live less than a mile from their school and there is no safe way for them to walk or bike to school because there is no sidewalk! Sidewalks would also significantly improve the bussing transportation challenges Hudsonville experiences because more kids could walk to school.
254. PLEASE preserve open spaces and farmland. The rural life and Mother Nature are the main reason many of us chose to live here. If we wanted to live in an "over-developed", congested, and crowded town, we would move to Wyoming or Grand Rapids.
Please do not change what a lot of people love about Georgetown Township.
255. Please put a fence around each of the playgrounds with one entrance. The playgrounds are fantastic playgrounds but having more than one child at a time at the playground makes it difficult to use the playground because I am afraid that one child will run off. It would be wonderful if you could start first with Maplewood park because of the lake nearby lake, then

- Pioneer park followed by any others. My daughter cannot bring her 2 three year old twins to the playgrounds because there isn't a fence around. Please invest in a fence around Maplewood park playground and pioneer park playground. It would be so helpful for so moms and grandmas who live in Georgetown township that want to bring their children or grandchildren outside to play. Thank you! :)
256. Please put a light at the entrance to Chapel Point! Getting out of that parking lot, even on a week night is dangerous due to the speed limit and lack of sight lines on the hills!
 257. Please put sidewalks in on the west side of 36th street going through Baldwin up to the 5/6th grade building. Thank you.
 258. Please reject progressive ideology
 259. Please remove the Flock cameras. We know the county police want them, but we are sick of being surveillance driving down the road every day. Not the type of community we want to be.
 260. PLEASE STOP RAPING UP WITH YOUR INFLATED ASSESSMENTS AND HORRIBLE TAXATION. AXMITAX!!!!!!!!!!
 261. Please stop spending 'extra' money. Let the taxpayers have some it back for a while. Give us a break. The township land is fine, leave it alone. No more 'beauty' projects that just waste millions of dollars.
 262. Please upgrade infrastructure for population we have before developing more.
 263. Please, no more apartments. The less city busses, the better.
 264. Properly funded and staffed fire department
 265. Protect ALL farmland!!!
 266. Protect farm land, prepare better for needed infrastructure over aesthetic improvements.
 267. Protect farm land. Find ways to ban airbnb and vrbo so families can find homes to live in. Also ban no more than one rental home ownership beyond a primary home along with banning sales of existing homes to banks / investment firms/ hedge funds. Etc.
 268. Provide more services such as garbage collection or tree removal following emergencies, with increased taxes as a result of township growth. We also should grow beyond township definition.
 269. PUBLIC SAFETY SHOULDN'T BE OUT SOURCED!
 270. Quit adding unnecessary things in georgetown township, wasting of tax payers money. Clock tower, pickle ball courts, robbing tax payers adding 54% increase in water/sewer. Excuses are lame, Wyoming even said that increase is outrageous.
 271. Quit building stupid clocks and maintain our parks
 272. Quit looking for ways to spend. Be affordable - taxes are too high and will not attract young families. That will drive more parasitic investment in temporary/rental living that doesn't bud community.
 273. Quit wasting money on clock towers and walls.
 274. Quit wasting my taxes on frivolous projects. The KMart lot is an eyesore to the community.
 275. Quite wasting money on stupid things! We don't need anymore senior services. BE HONEST! BE TRANSPARENT! LISTEN TO RESIDENTS!
 276. Really disappointed with the current updates to rush creek park. Instead of using the existing tennis court spaces, the township cut down all of the shade trees and disc golf course to create new pickle ball courts. The neighborhood does NOT need pickle ball courts. We needed shade, benches to sit on while watching our kids play, and a disc golf course close enough to walk to. So sad that we have NONE of that at rush creek park now.
 277. Really happy to be living here, and really happy with how active the local government seems to be here! One last thing I forgot to mention, when I hear people talk about Wallinwood Springs Golf Course they talk about it as if it is not what it used to be. I know its a private business, but I

do think that the course has a lot of potential, and could be a bigger draw to the area than it already is with the right incentive or encouragement!

278. Reduce or eliminate property taxes for seniors.
279. Reduce the cost of water
280. Require sidewalks or bike paths 36th, Fillmore, 28th, etc...
281. Residents should keep their sidewalks clear of snow & ice. The township needs to repair the sign at Rosewood Park. It's been in need of repair for over four years.
282. Restructuring traffic on Port Sheldon. Single lanes? Speeding is an issue
283. save money for emergency needs
284. Save the woods and open land that we currently have now
285. Serious issues with electric infrastructure in neighborhoods.
286. several nice parks but need to maintain them better.
287. Side walks! Especially along bauer amd 28th connecting the developments to the surrounding parks and to the school properties along 36th
288. Sidewalk connections to the schools is important to me.
289. Sidewalk north of Teton Dr to Baldwin. There is no safe crosswalk to the east side of 36th sidewalk, especially for children. Sunday hours for the library.
290. Sidewalk on Bauer for high school kids from 28th street to 24th street.
291. Sidewalk/bike path from Meadowbrook to JCA
292. Sidewalks and bike trails connecting the community would be incredible! It was the one con to the area when we considered verses other communities in greater Grand Rapids
293. Sidewalks are needed from Baldwin to Bauer on 36th Ave.
294. Sidewalks going to Georgetown elementary and 56G from Hager park west neighborhood connecting through condo area. Don't force these kids to always take a bus. Plus extremely dangerous walking on side of 36th when football games and headed to Costco. It's a hit waiting to happen. Be better.
295. Sidewalks in subdivisions would make health and fitness activities safer for everyone. Top of my list for recommended improvements.
296. Sidewalks on 36th are important, connecting to the school north of Baldwin and neighborhoods south of baldwin
297. Sidewalks please and slow the traffic on Baldwin
298. Sidewalks that connect to each other especially on busy roads like 8 th ave
299. Skateboard park. Swim pads? really? good for pretty little kids only.
300. Slow growth seems nice.
301. Some intersections around schools should have 4 way stop signs. Sandy Hill school should improve its accessibility for students drop off and pick up. I am surprised that more accidents have not occurred there. I avoid using that area around the 8:00 and 3:00 hours.
302. Some sort of public transportation would be helpful for people that cannot drive, walk/roll or bike to areas around the township.
303. Something needs to be done with the Cottonwood/Baldwin Street intersection!
304. Stop adding "features" and start adding function.
305. Stop adding developments that our water system can't support. You are causing the people who live here to not be able to afford the electricity and water to live in their homes. Figure out that situation before you try to overload the systems more.
306. Stop adding residential until you have the water to support it without raising rates again.
307. Stop adding residential, especially high density. We do not have the infrastructure for it! Our streets are over crowded. We cannot support the water/sewer needs. It is changing our community. We're crowded, our schools are over crowded, and not the good schools they once were. It won't be a safe place much longer. Stop spending money on things that look

- fancy but don't actually improve the lives of the people who love here. Stop trying to make this a big city. That's not why anyone moved here.
308. STOP Building apartments!!! Leave Rush Creek Park alone no more projects or developments
 309. Stop building new buildings when there are existing spaces that sit unoccupied. I live in this community because I like the small town feel. Keep the green spaces and use the buildings we have. Most people want single family homes. Stop adding condos and apartment buildings. It seems the Board wants to grow the community into something it's not. Residents want to keep that small town feel.
 310. Stop making everything after the township. It's Jenison.
 311. Stop removing green areas and stop building condominiums/office space
 312. Stop removing travel lanes for bike lanes. Our growing city needs space to maintain traffic flow.
 313. Stop spending money on more useless pickleball courts when the current ones are already not used regularly. Focus spending on needs of the community not wants. Recent spending has made it hard for those on a fixed income to remain in their homes and other residents to have to leave the area. Get community involvement for fire/emergency response staff needs. With the aging population, medical emergencies will continue to rise. Make the township safer, minimize crime (especially kids breaking into vehicles at night), etc.
 314. Stop spending money on wasteful projects like beautification, DPW building we don't need. Having the fire department take over the Eunits, growing government, We need more town halls to actually find out what the people think. Or vote on large spending projects (specific mileages), not just 7 board members, get buy in, better transparency of GT governance
 315. Stop spending our money on things we do not want and do not need. Like clock towers, swamp land, and pickle ball courts. Give us a tax break like we have been asking for.
 316. Stop spending tax payer money on stupid shit!!!! This board is terrible
 317. Stop the development !! Improve the roads for getting in and out of Jenison at the cottonwood/baldwin intersections
 318. Stop the growth and insane traffic in the area from increasing. Also stop raising the costs of your residents (taxes, water etc)
 319. Stop the Growth and STOP SPENDING MONEY ~!!!!!!
 320. Stop the new buildings. There are many vacant buildings in Georgetown that could be used. Ottawa is running out of ground water. We need to protect the natural resources. This used to be a safe, family friendly area. With all the growth, it has lost that feeling. The board is only looking at the money, not the impact of their decisions.
 321. Stop the unnecessary spending and give the extra money back to the residents. For example, use it to pay the astronomical cost of the water hike.
 322. Stop wasting money on dumb things like clock towers and water falls or monuments in areas that aren't easily accessible and spend the money maintaining and repairing things that need it. No more liquor or storage businesses. Entice more retailers and food options with liquor licenses. Grandville and Grand Rapids and even Allendale are pulling money away from our community because you're wasting opportunities to bring it here. We don't need new building facilities, we need to revamp and resurrect the areas that have become an eye sore. (The decrepit car wash on Baldwin, the retail space across the street, the building along Chicago drive)
 323. Stop wasting our money (clock towers) lower our utility bills (water) and open a township dumping facility
 324. Stop wasting our money on stupid "improvements" we don't need or want. We don't need more parks, we don't need more paths, we don't need "green" crap. Just because we all overpay in taxes doesn't mean you all need to piss it away on what you want or what you think

- we want. The dumb things this board does gets worse and worse every year, you are completely out of touch with the community.
325. Stop wasting our tax dollars on stupid poor thought out plans. Like the clock tower. And new office buildings. And for gosh sakes don't start building all those apartments like Hudsonville is doing currently. Keep in mind families are struggling to make ends meet currently don't make things more difficult for them. The townships
- Poor planning is not the residents faults. Be transparent let them know what's coming. You're taxing and the utility charging the elderly out of their homes. Keep that at the for front of all your decisions
326. Stop wasting our tax dollars on frivolous projects and things that just are not needed. I have watched the township lose money on their "investments" for 27 Years. From the K-Mart property to the ice arena. Pickleball courts and clock stands (too small to be called a tower). New township hall and DPW buildings that were not necessary. Give us our excess taxes back and let us decide how to spend our money. Enjoy the brown grass next summer.
327. Stop with the over glorified and useless clock towers, veterans memorial that no one can get to or want to use since it's on the busiest street in the area. The pointless eye sore waterfall, or the way over glorified "green space" when exiting the highway onto Baldwin. We do not need those, those make the township seem more nice than it actually is. We need people to listen to our voices and actually do what we want done in our town. You also spent 12+ mil on a new library when the old one was built to be able to add onto in the future. complete waste of money for how empty that library parking lot always is.
328. sure would like my street to be included in repaving; lived there 24 years. the road is eroding and just gets patched. also, there are no streetlights on our road - seems to be the only one in our neighborhood that doesn't have any
329. Thank you for asking and open to community input.
330. Thank you for asking for input. Having moved here after living in a well planned city and other townships that prioritize recreation and mobility, I feel that Georgetown needs to do a much better job in land planning and use of tax dollars towards infrastructure (don't do everything on the cheap)! And build water infrastructure to keep up with your pace of growth.
331. Thank you for the survey! Love to hear how the township is open to continuous improvement. I bought and renovated my house as a 24 year old in 2023 and have loved Jenison because of its parks and proximity to GR and my needs. That being said I would love to see Jenison and GT continue to push for more mixed use development and land that works harder for us rather than just being so reliant on single family homes funded solely on growth. If we could infill select lots with high performing tax based multi use properties that still serve our community, than we could use that revenue to fund expanding and continued maintenance of our trails and parks (my favorite part of Jenison). It is a great community, but I know I have friends my age (young professional) that have growing incomes but still aren't ready to jump from apartment to single family homes. Townhomes and row houses would be the perfect transition and would be an investment for young people to already be in our Jenison community when they are ready to have families and buy a single family home. Thanks again!
332. Thank you for this survey!
333. The Baldwin/Cottonwood corridor cannot adequately support additional business infrastructure without FIRST reconstructing the intersection of these two roadways.
334. The business plaza near Meijer needs revamping. Most of the businesses there are very oddly positioned for ease of access and to entice patrons. Buildings are all segregated with no real sense of a communal shopping area. The businesses in there could be improved- add in a restaurant or coffee shop, play cafe for Young families.

335. The clock tower was a huge disappointment at that intersection for safety purposes! Very beautiful, but poor location! Not sure who thought that would be helpful for our community!
336. The high traffic volume and speed on the Main Street corridors will eventually lower the residential property values of the core Georgetown homes. These main street corridors are encouraging urban sprawl to the west outside of Georgetown boundaries!
337. The loss of the EMS is troubling. Why are we not talking about transitioning to become a city?
338. The main thing I don't like about this area is that it's impossible to go somewhere without a car. There are too few sidewalks, the crossings are too far apart, it's unsafe to bike on the road, and there's no public transit. If we want people to be healthier, maybe we can focus on that instead of building more gyms.
339. The non-existence of sidewalks on Port Sheldon east of 8th Avenue is VERY troubling!! Port Sheldon is a very busy road!!
340. The township needs to enforce code without having to be notified
341. The water bill raise is outrageous!
342. The water/sewer rates are unaffordable. Please don't spend money on landscaping and extra things until your residents can afford to live here.
343. There are already too many business buildings that are an eyesore on Baldwin/ Chicago Dr, and uninteresting residential facilities. We need more green/trees/beautification.
344. There are currently businesses in Georgetown Township that need to take care of their property better. The 2 outdoor self carwashes look terrible! Speedway on the hill needs to be painted at the very least. The business at the RR tracks that puts in boat docks & winterizes boats. It a mess. The tall sign turned backwards, too many other things to list about it. A disgrace to Georgetown Township.
345. There are many factors that go into all of the decisions made but I strongly feel there should be more of a Police presence for speed as people fly down Baldwin and Cottonwood. We also have so many people do the same through our school zones, running red lights and not stopping at stop signs coming out of neighborhoods. This is nothing new but seems to be getting worse. Thank you for the opportunity to take this survey and for ALL you and the Board are doing!
346. There could be a lot done with the area NE of Baldwin/20th. The car wash is always run down and the family fare is outdated. It would be a great place for sit down restaurants and some green space for walking, potentially some sort of social district to appeal to young working professionals.
347. There is a large section of sidewalk in front of bursley elementary that floods every day (after sprinkler?) that makes it annoying/unsafe to walk little children to school when they have to walk towards the road to get around the puddle.
348. There is too much growth in the Hudsonville area bringing more traffic. We live off Cottonwood & it is busy all day making it hard to get out on Cottonwood. A bridge needs built over the river to direct traffic elsewhere. It's no longer small community but overpopulated in my opinion. There is also little community places to gather. We can go to the mall area for food. Plus we can't afford to eat out anyway. Our mortgage has gone up an additional \$100/mo. along w/ a cost in taxes, insurance, electricity, etc. Please no more development orhousing. Or we could really use affordable housing between 150,000-250,00 single family homes not in an HOA.
349. There needs to be a focus on doing what is NEEDED, not just what is wanted. People are tired of their hard earned money going towards poorly planned improvements.
350. There should be more sidewalks around the back on the high school towards pinewood. Lots of students walk and the number will only increase with the new school building. Sidewalk on lamplight and surrounding area

351. This area is getting way too crowded. There is plenty of open space for people to live in Allegan, Muskegon, etc.
352. This is ridiculous the board wants to develop gwtwnp! Fix what we have. And sustain
353. This Township has been attracting people for decades in part for the low cost living. Stop spending money!! Focus on maintenance of current things and consider dropping the senior center, it's just a money hole. No pickleball courts!! We have other things to focus on right now like maintaining our water infrastructure. Stop planning for new long term projects and start budgeting for long term maintenance expenses.
354. This township will turn brown if you don't bring the water prices down! :(
355. Tired of money being spent on green projects and development while taxes and water are getting to be unaffordable
356. Too much development on Fillmore/cottonwood between 24th and 28th avenues. Fillmore/cottonwood can not handle additional traffic especially at cottonwood and Baldwin one of the worst intersections. Was better before the so-called improvement
357. Too much expansion, housing eating up too much greenspace, too much traffic
358. Traffic is becoming more of an issue in the township. The landscaping coming into the township looks nice with one exception the clock tower does not look good or I should say looks lost. It should have been twice the size. Looks like an after thought!
359. transportation connections to rapid as well as lakeshore options
360. Try to keep a good mix of offices, retail, residential and green
361. Use taxes more effectively so families can afford to live here.
362. Use existing space/brownfield to develop. Traffic is terrible in the area and continuing to add more residential areas by wiping out farm land and green space makes traffic through the area unbearable and degrades the natural beauty and charm of the township.
363. Use tax money more wisely preparing for future infrastructure projects. Stop with the wasted money on signs, clock towers and decorative walls that increase Maintenance costs. Stop purchasing property to develop only to give it away at taxpayer expense. What happened to code enforcement of township rules. This summer our street looked like an RV park and this time of year people burning leaves/yard waste mostly on weekends when they know nobody is checking.
364. "Use the funds to fix what's already there. The pickleball addition and clock tower are a frivolous waste of our tax dollars
365. Utility bills and property taxes are becoming too high to support low to middle class families and the next generation of young home owners. When development is occurring there needs to be more investment by the developers.
366. Utility improvements - water.
367. Utilizing abandoned retail areas to improve options for young and old to relocate in the TWP is a key to growth.
368. very disappointed in how the water is being managed, we pay more with no notices of increase.
369. Water cost is too high, I hope not affecting the selling of house. This would make Jenison less desirable to live.
370. We (and many of our friends) truly appreciate the new parks and trails and splash pads. We frequently enjoy the Georgetown and Ottawa County parks and trails. We moved from Caprice Dr to a condo in Lowing Woods, so we do miss having safe and direct trail access from here. Hoping some connections are in the plan. Thanks!
371. We are a community of 55k people, but have the forward thinking of zero master plan. This is demonstrated by lack of oversight on roads and side walks. Getting from one side of gtown to the other is a nightmare. Gtown needs to stop relying on road commission and instead take

- better ownership. Lack of side walks on main roads is a safety problem. Example is 36th Ave and 14th between 44 and where the trail starts by van buren.
- Start hiring more support staff in the office to better serve employees (human resources) and residents (road oversight, full time fire, public relations).
372. We are considering leaving Georgetown township. The taxes and water bill are hurting so bad we have to decide every month what to pay. We may have to downsize and move away so we can survive. Which is heartbreaking.
373. We are loosing the safe country setting we built here for originally. We are adding to much
374. We are struggling with the poor planning of how to combat water use increases. We understand prices go up but what is GT DOING to offset that? Let's do SOMETHING, rather than react.
375. We could use more sit down restaurants– not fast food or pizza. Thank You
376. We desperately need sidewalks on Bauer and 36th to keep families and children safe who walk on a very small road shoulder. We have a responsibility to provide safe infrastructure for citizens using public spaces in reasonable and expected ways and we shouldn't wait for someone to get hit by a car (again) to justify the expense. We are a community of families with children and safe sidewalks by schools in particularly should be a HIGH priority.
377. We do not need more development
378. We do not want to pay for the splash pads, since we do not use them.
379. We don't need a new library! We do need more parking for the senior center! We could use our own water system for our community. How about doing something with the land behind mc Donald's and kfc. Get some retail and restaurants in that area.
380. We don't need three of everything example pizza places, sub, places, oil, change places
381. We don't need to cram any more houses in our area.
382. We need connected sidewalks on the westside of 36th Ave from Bryce to the 5/6 school building.
383. We need more spaces and activities for children and teenagers. When I was a teenager, we had places like the Underground and other hangout spots. There's nothing like that anymore. A lit-up skate park or similar space would be great–something for kids between 10 and 18 years old. We're a young community, and we need to provide places for our youth to spend time, stay active, and feel connected.
384. We need to bring in a store that pulls in people like a Trader Joe's. There is one on this side of the state. You would bring so much business to our area. The K mart site has been empty for years...use it! Give TJ's an incredible deal to build. The ripple effects would be huge.
385. We need to develop Baldwin and Chicago drive into more downtown atmosphere with shops, restaurants and attractions. Plus a more diverse shopping with Trader Joe's or similar stores. A better variety of fast food, Chick-fil-A or similar like grandville and holland township. Or more stores like sierra trading, tj maxx. No more thrift stores.
386. We need to encourage multi generational living - maybe college students or entry level workforce folks living with elderly widows/widowers in exchange for a reasonable rent amount and the understanding of their also helping around the home.
- Also please consider putting a pickleball complex into your master plan, along with a community center for residents to gather to play and do life together. Maybe look into purchasing a vacant church/building to create a youth center/hangout facility?
387. We need to prioritize funding needed water infrastructure improvements.
388. We need to think about how to make Hudsonville/GT a place people want to be and how it can support businesses. We need to get business and only build commercial that is going to last and that the residents will actually support. We DONT need multilevel or additional apartments, allow this area to be a good town. Think EGR, ADA from a landscaping and

outside decor perspective and think about how we can spend more money inside our area instead of driving 15 mins to gville or others to spend money. Let's think sit down restaurants, gyms, nicer grocers. Let's make GT an actual nice place to be, rather than run down, with lots of homes/people and nothing to do. Thanks!

389. We REALLY need upgrades to our current water system so that we are less dependent on Wyoming water and subject to their fees and rate increases.
390. We should have a licensed dispensary. Currently the cbd store on baldwin illegally sells the products that are not tested. I would rather have someone selling legal tested products. I use their products for pain management.
391. We so appreciate the library. It is one of the best assets we have here.
392. We spend a lot of money on our youth encouraging education, sports, and the arts through our schools. Could we not do a bit more for the adults in our community to enjoy those same things? We are the ones who pay the taxes after all and it would be nice to be thought of as just as an important population.
393. We want a full time fire protection.
394. We want our Parks and green Spaces to be cared for more carefully. The eyesore allowed or created by the township on the NE side of the lake at 8th Av park is tremendously sad...the section of beach and forest was destroyed without care for the space or those who enjoy it. Prioritize replenishing and beautifying this.
395. We're going to lose our green and open spaces. We'll not realize we've done it until it is too late and then we'll regret it. Please be sober minded about the growth of this area and the type of growth we want to allow.
396. What the board did to our water/sewer rates is disgusting. We the people will not forget this in three years. I , along with a lot of other people will be advocating for a new board to be voted in! Good Bye!
397. Where the heck are the results of the last survey we took????
398. While planning growth, let's step up code enforcement and maintain current neighborhoods!
399. Why can't Georgetown provide basic necessities like trash collection, clean up after storms, their own emergency services, sidewalks?
400. With any growth comes with the need for public safety and Georgetown needs to start organizing a full time fire department with the part time program now in place.
401. With the increase in water prices, maybe initiatives for alternatives to lawns could be considered with education for residents and maybe even funding? Low water requirement landscaping perhaps?
402. Work to attract businesses that will remain in the township for years. Pop up retail is not attractive in this community because of how quickly it fails. The township needs to be more welcoming of all businesses rather than attempting to regulate based upon political opinions. If alternative energy firms want to make the township their home, that should be encouraged to the extent as any other business. The hypocrisy is embarrassing when cherry picking occurs to permit some, but not others in terms of manufacturing or other businesses.
403. Would like to revisit and look at creating a cross walk by the Georgetown township library. There are a lot of people who cross baldwin (including children) since crosswalks are far apart
404. Would like to see code enforcement in developed residential areas for snow shoveling, motor home parking, on street parking. Allow larger storage/outbuildings on premises.
405. Would like to see more detail on the water bills. What is rate? Is sewer and water different rates?
406. Would like to see sidewalks built to connect homes on the south side of 36th Avenue to grade 5/6 building.

407. Would love connecting sidewalks from lowing woods neighborhood to Jenison or hudsonville school as well as to local parks, would loveee more allergen friendly restraunts and holistic care/food places
408. Would love for Georgetown Township to offer more options for sit down restaurants with good food and alcohol. Additionally, a Trader Joe's where At Home is would be a HUGE gift to this area. That would bring so many people into the area.
409. Would love sidewalks on 36th Ave for kids at the Hudsonville 5/6 building to have safe options.
410. Would love to see a "downtown" at Baldwin and cottonwood. I'm sure it would take a lot of planning but I know small businesses would have to locate to this proposed "hub"!
411. Would love to see more connected sidewalks and places to go out to eat (non fast food)
412. Would love to see more sidewalk on 36th between Bauer and Port Sheldon.
413. Would really love more sit down restaurants
414. Would really love the sidewalk down 36th street to be connected all the way to Baldwin and to the school for safe routes to the school and no having to cross a busy street!
415. You have developed so much of the farm land in the township and now the commission says they support saving farm land. Hypocrites
416. You all should be fired. Elected and non elected.
417. You are doing great. Prioritize public safety (police, fire) over any other governmental function.
418. You are idiots for your rate increase water sewage
419. You guys should probably do something about the water. People are super mad. Turning off Facebook comments just makes you look guilty.