



The Georgetown Township Board of Trustees would appreciate your participation in our 2022 Township survey. Your feedback will help the Board develop goals and set priorities for 2023 and beyond. We also hope it will provide valuable insight into our residents' vision and hopes for our community.

You may complete and submit this survey electronically at [gtwp.com/survey](http://gtwp.com/survey) or via the QR code above (preferred), or return this paper copy to the Township Offices. **Responses requested by August 1**, but accepted through September 16, 2022.

**Our Survey Goals:**

- **To serve** the constituents of Georgetown Township through clear representation, honoring the taxpayers' dollars, and leading with responsible stewardship of the budget.
- **To support growth and prosperity** within our community, with residents' engagement in, and foundational support and backing of our bigger initiatives.
- **To earn trust and promote harmony** by providing transparency and inclusion in our decision-making processes.

**About You:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: Both lines above must be completed to have your data included in our survey results.)*

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**Budget**

*The township brings in money to fund projects via property taxes.  
The township's revenue is a portion of your winter tax bill.*

If the township were to achieve what is determined to be a budget surplus, which of these would be your preference? (Check One)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce the rate that township residents pay in winter property taxes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invest the surplus in community improvements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintain the Board's current/recent direction.

If it is decided that the township invests a budget surplus back into community improvements, which projects should be prioritized? (Rank choices by order of importance to you, with 1 as your most preferred.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Make road improvements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make park improvements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make sidewalk/trail improvements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

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**Roads**

*The township pays for the resurfacing of residential subdivision roads. The Ottawa County Road Commission is responsible for all other (primary) roads, such as Baldwin, Cottonwood, 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Port Sheldon.*

Which would you like to be the township's future direction for roads? (Check One)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Spend **more** on roads than is currently being done.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Maintain** the current direction and spending on roads.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spend **less** on roads than is currently being done.

## Sidewalks/Trails

*Currently – in most cases – the developer of a property and/or the individual property owner is responsible for the installation, snow plowing, and maintenance of sidewalks.*

Which would you like to be the township's future direction for sidewalks/trails? (Check One)

- Maintain** the current direction, spending and policy on sidewalks.
- Spend **less** on sidewalks/trails than is currently being done.
- Spend **more** on sidewalks/trails than is currently being done.

If you'd like to see an increase in spending, check which of these you would support:

- A property tax increase.
- Reprioritizing existing funds/budgets.
- Have property owners cover the cost.

## Township Parks

*Georgetown Township owns and operates six parks – Rush Creek, Maplewood, Pioneer, Rosewood, Woodcrest and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.*

Which would you like to be the township's future direction for parks? (Check One)

- Spend **more** on parks than is currently being done.
- Spend **less** on parks than is currently being done.
- Maintain** the current direction and spending on parks.

## Public Library

*In 2019, the Township completed construction of the new Georgetown Township Public Library.*

Which would you like to be the township's future direction for the library?

- Spend **less** on the library than is currently being done.
- Maintain** the current direction and spending on the library.
- Spend **more** on the library than is currently being done.

What would you like to see increased, decreased, or done to improve our public library?

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## General Feedback About Georgetown Township

Describe Georgetown Township in three words:

What are the greatest challenges that Georgetown Township faces?

What have been Georgetown Township's greatest successes?

What would you like to see remain and/or be preserved in Georgetown Township?

What would you like to see changed and/or upgraded in Georgetown Township?