

Dear Garfield Township Resident:
 Your Township Board and Planning Commission are currently reviewing the Township's Master Plan which was last updated in 2019 Michigan law requires all communities review their Master Plans on a regular basis. Garfield Township has a long and proactive history of concern for the future of this community and its residents. Our Master Plan reflects that concern and it is timely to again look at where our community is headed and what the future might bring. The purpose of this survey is to obtain a better understanding of the current attitudes and thoughts of our residents and taxpayers. We would like to know what you think about the future of Garfield Township. Please complete the following survey and return it by January 1, 2025 to the Garfield Township Hall, 7190 Bingham Avenue, Newaygo, MI. 49337. We look forward to receiving your comments and input. Thank you for your help and interest.
 Additional copies of this survey are available at the Township Hall.

Garfield Township Board
Garfield Township Planning Commission

Dilapidated buildings/junk cars	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic	1	2	3	4	5
Incompatible/unwanted development	1	2	3	4	5
Losing open space	1	2	3	4	5
Overuse of area lakes and river	1	2	3	4	5
Loss of Township's rural character	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

8. Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following:

1 = Strongly agree	2 = Agree	3 = No Opinion	4 = Disagree	5 = Strongly Disagree
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There is too much development on the Muskegon River.	1	2	3	4	5
Our lakes are overcrowded.	1	2	3	4	5
I believe that the Township's rural character should be protected.	1	2	3	4	5
We should promote growth in Garfield Township.	1	2	3	4	5
We should control growth in Garfield Township.	1	2	3	4	5
Junk/blight ordinance enforcement should be a top priority.	1	2	3	4	5
The number and size of signs should be limited.	1	2	3	4	5
A wind turbine or wind farm would be acceptable in Garfield Township	1	2	3	4	5
A large solar project would be acceptable in Garfield Township	1	2	3	4	5
Garfield Township has been fair with their planning/zoning policies.	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

Any additional information you would like Garfield Township officials to know about, or any questions/comments? Thank You

1. I have lived in Garfield Township ____ years? I am not a Township resident. ____
2. Do you live in Garfield Township year-round? ___Yes ___No
3. Please circle the response which most closely describes your feelings or attitudes towards the following statement 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Not Sure/Don't Know
 - a. The active farms or agricultural areas in the Township should be protected from development or non-agricultural uses/activity? 1 2 3
 - b. The undeveloped land adjacent to the Muskegon River should be carefully regulated to protect the River? 1 2 3
 - c. The Township should consider the purchase of open space or natural areas for parks or similar non-developed use? 1 2 3
 - d. The retail stores and other commercial services in Fremont or Newaygo are adequate to meet my needs? 1 2 3
 - e. The Township's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance should encourage the development of small industrial operations in Garfield Township? 1 2 3
 - f. In the 2018 Community Survey, those responding characterized Garfield Township as being "rural, agricultural and (with) low-density development".
 Will the Garfield Township of twenty years from now (2044) still be as "rural, agricultural and low density development as it is in 2024? 1 2 3

Is it important to you to that Garfield Township remain as “rural, agricultural and low-density” into the future? 1 2 3

If this question is a priority for you personally, do you have any suggestions as to what Garfield Township might do to maintain its “rural, agricultural, low-density” character?

Planning for future housing needs is an important part of any Master Plan. Should the Township’s Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance encourage any of the following types of housing?

Single Family Homes 1 2 3

Duplexes 1 2 3

Apartments 1 2 3

Smaller housing options (tiny homes) 1 2 3

Condominiums 1 2 3

Second homes (cottages or cabins) 1 2 3

Senior living complex 1 2 3

Accessory dwelling units for the elderly 1 2 3

Existing housing options are adequate 1 2 3

Other comments _____

4. Please rate the following from 1 through 10 with #1 being the most important reason for living in Garfield Township:

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| _____ Proximity to where I work. | _____ Proximity to Grand Rapids/Muskegon |
| _____ Open spaces and rural atmosphere | _____ Muskegon River |
| _____ Recreational opportunities | _____ Lakes in the area |
| _____ Farms and farming | _____ Housing is affordable |
| _____ Other: _____ | _____ Other: _____ |

5. Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions:

Please Rate:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
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Garfield Township as a place to live?	1	2	3	4	5
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My neighborhood as a place to live?	1	2	3	4	5
Garfield Township as a place to raise children?	1	2	3	4	5
Garfield Township as a place to work?	1	2	3	4	5
Garfield Township as a place to retire?	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Garfield Township?	1	2	3	4	5
Garfield Township officials are responsive to local issues?	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following characteristics of living in Garfield Township:

Please Rate:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Sense of community.	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of the Township.	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of safety in my home/neighborhood	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
Access to affordable/quality housing.	1	2	3	4	5
Access to quality health care.	1	2	3	4	5
Reliable internet and cell phone access.	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of roads in Garfield Township.	1	2	3	4	5
Overall reputation of Garfield Township.	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of new development in the Township.	1	2	3	4	5

7. To what degree, if at all, are the following seen as problems/issues in Garfield Township?

1 = Not a problem 2 = Minor problem 3 = Moderate problem 4 = Major problem 5= Don't know
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Lack of affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5
Short-term rentals	1	2	3	4	5
Too much growth	1	2	3	4	5
Too little growth	1	2	3	4	5
Noise	1	2	3	4	5
Numbers of livestock/fowl in residential areas	1	2	3	4	5