

## ROSS TOWNSHIP OPINION SURVEY

Dear Ross Township Resident; The Township is developing a Master Plan to guide community development over the next 20 years. While change is inevitable, how that change occurs is up to the residents of the Township. What follows is a community questionnaire that asks demographic, economic, social and environmental questions to help determine both present community concerns and future community needs regarding issues which will impact Ross Township. **LET US KNOW YOUR OPINIONS BY ANSWERING THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY.** There are no wrong answers or opinions. All responses will be tabulated anonymously by an independent consulting firm to get a comprehensive overview of how residents feel about these issues.

When mailing, please tri-fold and staple or tape the survey and send it with the attached address visible. We will make the results known as soon as possible. Thank you for participating in this important effort.

- Linda Armintrout, Ross Township Supervisor

- 1 In which quadrant of the Township do you live? (see attached map)
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|----|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| I  | <input type="checkbox"/> | III | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| II | <input type="checkbox"/> | IV  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 2 Do you live in the Village of Augusta?
- |     |                          |    |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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- 3 Where do you work?
- |                            |                          |                               |                          |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Augusta                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Elsewhere in Calhoun County   | <input type="checkbox"/> | At home                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gull Lake area             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kalamazoo                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retired or not employed          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elsewhere in Ross Township | <input type="checkbox"/> | Elsewhere in Kalamazoo County | <input type="checkbox"/> | All around Michigan or the U.S.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Battle Creek               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Barry County                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Elsewhere (not identified above) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 4 Please name the community if you selected "elsewhere"
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- 5 Please indicate your age category.
- |               |                          |       |                          |           |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 25 or younger | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> | no answer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26-44         | <input type="checkbox"/> | 65+   | <input type="checkbox"/> |           |                          |
- 6 Including yourself, how many people live in your household? (Please check one)
- |   |                          |   |                          |           |                          |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 or more | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |           |                          |
- 7 How many persons in your household are currently employed Full Time?
- |   |                          |           |                          |      |                          |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> | None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 or more | <input type="checkbox"/> |      |                          |
- 8 How many persons in your household are currently employed Part Time?
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|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3         | <input type="checkbox"/> | None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 or more | <input type="checkbox"/> |      |                          |
- 9 Do you have any children under 18 living at home?
- |     |                          |    |                          |
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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Motorist speeding on Township roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of single-family homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Density of water uses on lakes (docks and watercraft)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Conditions

20		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
	Quality of drinking water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Drainage/ flood protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Quality of lakes/wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Zoning code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Building code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Recycling services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Communication facilities (cablevision/internet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	General quality of life in Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate how you feel about each of the following Future Issues/Concerns

21	Rank from 1 to 6 the following issues/concerns (1 being most important, 6 being least important):				
	Population growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of open fields pastures farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of wood - lands <input type="checkbox"/>
	Commercial Industrial development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of lakes wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate how you feel about each of the following Future Issues/Concerns (continued)

22		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	Single family housing should be encouraged in the Township.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Apartment housing should be encouraged in the Township.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	More housing is needed for seniors in the Township.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- New retail stores, services businesses, or shopping centers, should be encouraged in the Township.
- Industrial development should be encouraged in the Township.
- Tax abatements should be granted to attract industrial development into the Township.
- Bike trails should be designed along roads in the Township.
- Separate hiking / biking trails should be established in the Township
- Development of more parks and recreation facilities should be encouraged in the Township.
- Natural areas in the Township should be preserved.
- Farmland in the Township should be preserved.
- Open space in the Township should be preserved.
- Sign regulations in the Township should be more strict.
- Public funds should be used to attract new business.
- There should be a limit on the number of domestic animals permitted at a nonfarm residence.
- All existing subdivisions should have street lighting
- New subdivisions should have street lighting.
- Township roads need to be better maintained.
- The Township needs more police protection.
- The Township needs more fire protection.
- The Township needs faster / better ambulance service.
- The Township needs yard waste pickup.
- The Township needs improved recycling service.
- The Township should promote expansion of water mains and sanitary sewers to unserved areas.
- The Township should support development of communication towers.
- I favor keeping the Public Access Channel on cable TV.

23 More traffic lights or stop signs are needed in certain places.  
 Agree  Disagree

24 Please name the intersection (s) if you agree.

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25 Major street intersections should have improved illumination.

Strongly Agree  Neutral  Strongly Disagree   
Agree  Disagree

26 Please name the intersection (s) if you agree or strongly agree.

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27 Which do you think are the MOST important items that should be dealt with in the Township? Please mark only five, 1 being most important, 5 being least important of the five.

Quality of drinking water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Park and recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expanded water/ sewer areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stop signs/lights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public funding for attraction of businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intersection illuminations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax abatements for industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Limits on domestic animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of open space / natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cablevision/internet access	<input type="checkbox"/>	Street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>
New single-family housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	New bike trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soil erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concentration of manufactured home parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>
New apartment housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speeding	<input type="checkbox"/>
New senior housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ambulance service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yard waste pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing costs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recycling services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Groundwater protection	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 Would you be willing to pay additional taxes to address one or all of those five issues?

Yes  No

29 If not all, list ones for which you stated "Yes".

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30 Under existing State law, Ross Township could pay agricultural or open space landowners for the rights to preserve the land as agricultural land or open space. For example, if the Township was to purchase 900 acres of agricultural land (about 25% of all agricultural land in the Township) for continued agricultural land use and preservation, would you be willing to pay an additional:

\$125.00 per year for 10 years for a \$100,000 market value home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$83.00 per year for 15 years for a \$100,000 market value home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not be assessed at all and not purchase the land.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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31 Are there conditions at a particular location in the Township you feel should be improved? If so, what and where?

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32 The estimated 2000 population of Ross Township (excluding the Village of Augusta) is about 4,000. Which of the following population "targets" should the Township (excluding the Village of Augusta) be prepared to accommodate by the year 2020? (check one)

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|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Less than 6,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8,001 - 10,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> | over 12,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6,001 - 8,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10,001 - 12,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |                          |

33 Additional comments on these and or other Ross Township issues.

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