

- a. Not applicable to me
- b. Yes, I would work full time remotely
- c. Yes, I would work part time remotely
- d. I would work remotely but internet service is not adequate
- e. No thank you
- f. Yes, I currently work full time remotely
- g. Yes, I currently work part time remotely


**6. What is your Current Employment Status:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time               | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to work             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time               | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time homemaker        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple part-time jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed           | <input type="checkbox"/> College/university student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed/looking      |   |

**7. Do you rent or own your home/land in Burt Township?**

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own and live in Burt Township   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent and live in Burt Township   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own property but live elsewhere | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent property but live elsewhere |

## Housing and Neighborhoods

**8. What strategy would you prefer for Residential growth management in Burt Township?**

(Check one response)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Growth encouraged           | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: No Growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Growth takes its own course |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Planned and limited growth  |   |

**9. What strategy would you prefer for Commercial growth management in Burt Township?**

(Check one response)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Growth Encouraged           | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Planned and limited growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Growth takes its own course | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: No Growth                  |

**10. Thinking about the overall housing stock in your Township, to what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

a. Burt Township's housing stock is out of date.

- ☐
- Strongly agree
- ☐
- Agree
- ☐
- Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐
- Disagree
- ☐
- Strongly disagree
- ☐
- Don't know

b. Burt Township's housing stock suffers from blight.

- ☐
- Strongly agree
- ☐
- Agree
- ☐
- Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐
- Disagree
- ☐
- Strongly disagree
- ☐
- Don't know

c. Burt Township's housing stock is updated and there is an abundance of new/renovation projects within the community.

- ☐
- Strongly agree
- ☐
- Agree
- ☐
- Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐
- Disagree
- ☐
- Strongly disagree
- ☐
- Don't know

**11. How do you feel about the proportion of short-term rentals to long-term rentals and homeowner occupied residences within the community? (Check all that apply)**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> There is a good balance of owner-occupied homes and rental properties | <input type="checkbox"/> There are not enough owner-occupied residences   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> There are too many short-term rental properties                       | <input type="checkbox"/> There are not enough long-term rental properties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> There are not enough short-term rental properties                     | <input type="checkbox"/> There are not enough owner-occupied residences   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> There are too many long-term rental properties                        |   |

Please explain your reasoning:

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**12. Age-restricted (55+) housing is needed to accommodate the aging population in Burt Township.**

\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No

## Quality of Life

*Please check the box that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions:*

**Overall view of Burt Township:**
**13. Overall how would you describe the quality of life in Burt Township?**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**14. How do you rate Burt Township as a place to raise children?**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**15. How do you rate Burt Township as a place to live?**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**16. How do you rate Burt Township as a place to retire?**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**17. How do you rate recent community improvements including the breakwall installation?**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**18. How do you rate recent community improvements including the public water system?**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

Provide additional comments if needed:

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**Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to the Burt Township as a whole:**
**19. Sense of community**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**20. Opportunities for leisure-time activities**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**21. Recreation opportunities**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**22. Job opportunities**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**23. Access to affordable housing**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**24. Overall appearance of the Township**
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good                      ☐ Fair                      ☐ Poor                      ☐ Don't know

**25. How important is it that the Township population continues to grow and maintain its population?**

(Please circle one)

a. A great deal

b. A lot

c. A moderate amount

d. A little

e. Not at all

f. I would prefer the population decrease



## Land Use and Zoning

### 26. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in Burt Township.

(Check one for each service)

| Land Use   | Encourage | Discourage | No Change | No Opinion |
|--|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Residential development (single family homes)    |           |            |           |            |
| Residential development (multiple units)         |           |            |           |            |
| Townhouses/condominiums                          |           |            |           |            |
| Mobile home parks                                |           |            |           |            |
| Short-term property rentals in residential areas |           |            |           |            |
| Green construction projects                      |           |            |           |            |
| Wind Turbines or wind farms                      |           |            |           |            |
| Large scale solar arrays                         |           |            |           |            |
| Affordable housing                               |           |            |           |            |
| Senior/assisted living                           |           |            |           |            |
| Organic agriculture                              |           |            |           |            |
| Marijuana facilities                             |           |            |           |            |
| Conventional agriculture                         |           |            |           |            |
| Public green space                               |           |            |           |            |
| Township park                                    |           |            |           |            |
| Commercial development                           |           |            |           |            |
| Sidewalks  |           |            |           |            |
| Bike Paths/lanes                                 |           |            |           |            |
| Protection of natural areas/open space           |           |            |           |            |
| Commercial communication (cell) towers           |           |            |           |            |

Please list any additional land uses that should be part of the master planning discussion:

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### 27. Under the current zoning regulations do you feel that you are: (Choose one of the following)

☐ Over Regulated

☐ Under Regulated

☐ Properly Regulated

☐ I don't know what my classification is



## Infrastructure and Community Services

**28. For each of the services below please indicate whether you think the level of service is appropriate, should be increased, or should be decreased. (Check one for each service)**

| Service                                      | Appropriate | Increase | Decrease | No Opinion |
|--|-------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Road maintenance                             |             |          |          |            |
| Snow plowing                                 |             |          |          |            |
| Police protection                            |             |          |          |            |
| Fire protection/rescue                       |             |          |          |            |
| Township office services/hours               |             |          |          |            |
| Building code enforcement                    |             |          |          |            |
| Junk code enforcement                        |             |          |          |            |
| Streetlights                                 |             |          |          |            |
| Community events                             |             |          |          |            |
| The availability of buildings for public use |             |          |          |            |
| Public recreational opportunities            |             |          |          |            |
|  |             |          |          |            |

Please list any additional Public Services that should be part of the master planning discussion:

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**29. Is parking within Grand Marais well placed allowing for reasonable walking distances to shops and restaurants?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**30. Would you be willing to pay a monthly fee for curbside recycling collection service?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**31. Would you be willing to serve on the Township Fire Department or Ambulance Corps?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**32. Would you support a millage to develop a community sewer system in Grand Marais?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**33. Would you support the installation of a community sewer system within Grand Marais if a tax increase or millage was not needed?**

☐ Yes ☐ No



## The Environment, Natural Resources, and Recreation

**34. Burt Township would benefit from focusing more energy into promoting its unique natural assets and local culture to draw more residents and visitors. (please check one)**

☐ Strongly agree   ☐ Agree   ☐ Neither agree nor disagree   ☐ Disagree   ☐ Strongly disagree   ☐ Don't know

**35. Are there any particularly sensitive areas that need to be protected? (Where?)**

**36. Rank your priorities for sustainable energy and infrastructure that should be considered in Burt Township.**

(1: highest priority to 7: lowest priority)

\_\_\_ Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

\_\_\_ Clean Drinking Water

\_\_\_ Solar Arrays

\_\_\_ Reducing direct runoff into water bodies

\_\_\_ Wind Farms

\_\_\_ None of these measures are needed

\_\_\_ More Energy Efficient Buildings

**37. A wind turbine installation would be acceptable if... (check all that apply)**

\_\_\_ Anytime, I would love to see renewable energy installations in Burt Township

\_\_\_ it was less than ½ mile from my home

\_\_\_ it was greater than ½ mile from my home

\_\_\_ it was 2 miles or more from my home

\_\_\_ Never acceptable

**Why?**

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\*Some concerns with wind turbine development include safety, sound, property values, shadow flicker (sunlight between moving blades), radar interference, wildlife impacts and viewshed. A resource that addresses each of these is the U.S. Department of Energy website: <https://windexchange.energy.gov/projects/safety>

**38. A large solar array installation would be acceptable if.... (Check all that apply)?**

\_\_\_ Anytime, I would love to see renewable energy installations in Burt Township

\_\_\_ it was less than ½ mile from my home

\_\_\_ it was greater than ½ mile from my home

\_\_\_ it was 2 miles from my home

\_\_\_ Never acceptable

**Why?**

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\*Some concerns with solar array installations include: cost, adequacy of solar resource, economic viability, environmental impact, and glare. A resource that addresses each of these is:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/ground-mounted-pv-guide/download>



**39. What recreational activities did you or a member of your household participate in within the past 2 years?**

**40. The prevalence of ORVs and Snowmobiles within the Township and its natural areas has seen a steady increase over the past few years. Please indicate your perspective on ORVs and Snowmobile use within the Township. (Check all that apply)**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I couldn't live without my ORV and/or Snowmobile.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> I welcome ORV and/or Snowmobile use on designated streets and trails but believe there should be additional measures in place to enforce rules and restrict use on public lands and natural areas. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I support and see an economic benefit in promoting ORV and/or Snowmobile use.           | <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate ORVs and Snowmobiles from all natural areas and county/local streets unless on state designated motorized trails.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to see ORV/snowmobile use restricted in neighborhoods within Grand Marais. |   |

### A Future for Burt Township

**41. What do you LOVE about Burt Township?**

**42. What CHANGE would you like to see within Burt Township?**

**43. What do you think will be the most important issue facing Burt Township over the next 5, 10, 20, or 30 years?**

**44. What would your ideal vision for Burt Township be in the year 2050? Briefly describe three of the most desirable characteristics this future Burt Township in would possess.**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**45. You can view the existing 2013 Burt Township Master Plan online here:**

<https://www.burttownship.com/departments/planning-zoning/master-plan/>

**There is also a paper copy available at the Burt Township Offices at: 21837 Grand Marais Ave. Please provide any comments or suggestions below. (Attach a separate sheet if needed)**



**46. If you would like to be notified to participate in future Master Plan public involvement opportunities and plan reviews, please leave your email or mailing address (depending on your preferred method of contact):**

**Please mail or email any supplemental comments or input to:**

CUPPAD

Burt Township Master Plan

2950 College Avenue

Escanaba, mi 49829

**or send an email to:**

Julia Cogger

[jcogger@cuppadd.org](mailto:jcogger@cuppadd.org)

***Thank You! -The Burt Township Planning Commission***