



Burt Township | Citizen Survey

Your Voice Matters! Burt Township has begun the process of updating their Master Plan. Citizen input is an integral part of the Burt Township Master Plan. Please complete the following questionnaire. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only. Please return your completed survey to Burt Township Offices, 21837 Grand Marais Ave, Grand Marais, MI 49839 or to the location where you picked up the survey. Thank you!

What is a Master Plan?

According to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended) a Master Plan addresses land use and infrastructure issues and may project 20-years into the future. It includes maps, plats, charts, a land use plan, and other descriptive material. The Master Plan will illustrate the planning commission's recommendations for the physical development of the planning jurisdiction. For a local unit of government that has adopted a zoning ordinance, the master plan will also include a zoning plan for various zoning districts controlling height, area, bulk, location and use of buildings. This is paired with an explanation of how the land use categories on the future land use map relate to districts on the zoning map.

The survey can also be completed online here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XT8LCMC>



About You

Please circle one of the answers below.

1. I am a resident of:

- a. Burt Township
- b. Other

2. How long have you lived and/or owned property in Burt Township?

- a. Less than one year
- b. Between 1 and 5 years
- c. Between 5 and 10 years
- d. Between 10 and 20 years
- e. More than 20 years

3. Do you live in Burt Township year-round?

- a. Yes
- b. No, I leave town for the winter months.
- c. No, I spend less than three months of the year in Burt Township.

4. Where is your place of employment located?

- a. I'm retired
- b. I work in Burt Township.
- c. I work in the City of Munising.
- d. I work in Alger County.
- e. I work outside of Alger County.
- f. I work outside of Michigan.
- g. I am unemployed.

5. Would you like to work remotely from Burt Township?

- 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:

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Multiple part-time jobs
- Self-employed
- Unemployed/looking
- Unable to work
- Full-time homemaker
- Retired
- Student

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

(Check all that apply)

- Own and live in Burt Township
- Rent and live in Burt Township
- Own property but live elsewhere
- Rent property but live elsewhere

Housing and Neighborhoods

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

(Check one response)

- Residential: Growth encouraged
- Residential: Growth takes its own course
- Residential: Planned and limited growth
- Residential: No Growth

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

(Check one response)

- Commercial: Growth Encouraged
- Commercial: Growth takes its own course
- Commercial: Planned and structured growth
- 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 is out of date.
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don’t know
- b. Burt Township’s housing suffers from blight.
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don’t know
- c. Burt Township’s housing 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)

- There is a good balance of owner-occupied homes and rental properties
- There are too many short-term rental properties
- There are not enough short-term rental properties
- There are too many long-term rental properties
- There are not enough owner-occupied residences
- There are not enough long-term rental properties

Please explain you reasoning:

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:

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

d. A little

b. A lot

e. Not at all

c. A moderate amount

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:

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				
Code enforcement for blight				
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:

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 user fee for Grand Marais village residents 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 user fee for Grand Marais village residents 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?

*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?

*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)

- I couldn't live without my ORV and/or Snowmobile.
- I support and see an economic benefit in promoting ORV and/or Snowmobile use.
- I would like to see ORV/Snowmobile use restricted in neighborhoods within Grand Marais.
- 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.
- Eliminate ORVs and Snowmobiles from all natural areas and county/local streets unless on state designated motorized trails.

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 would possess.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

45. List the 3 natural attributes or viewsapes that should be preserved within Burt Township.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



46. Please provide your perspective on street lighting within Grand Marais. (check all that apply)

- There are too many streetlights and they are too bright, producing excess light pollution
- Grand Marais needs better lighting, there are not enough lights
- Grand Marais should create a comprehensive lighting inventory paired with a plan to reduce light pollution while minimizing electric bills and maintaining a comfortable level of light within the community
- Grand Marais has adequate lighting

47. 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)

48. 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):

49. Is there anything else you would like to add that was not addressed by the questions? If you would like to expand upon any of your responses in the previous questions, please do so here as well.

Please mail or email any supplemental comments or input to:

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Thank You! -The Burt Township Planning Commission