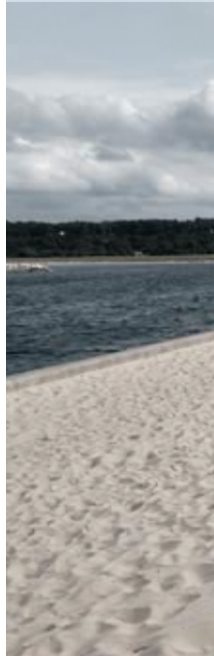


BURT TOWNSHIP

MASTER PLAN

2022



Bringing the future into focus...

BURT TOWNSHIP

SURVEY RESULTS



DEMOGRAPHICS



PEOPLE + COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT +
LAND USE



QUALITY OF LIFE

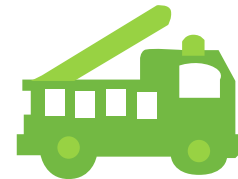
HOUSING



NATURAL RESOURCES



ENERGY + SUSTAINABILITY



INFRASTRUCTURE + FACILITIES



VALUES + GOALS

RECREATION



OUR VISION

(TBD)



	YEAR	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	PERCENT CHANGE 1960-2020
BURT TOWNSHIP:	POPULATION	457	424	539	508	480	522	411	-10%
CITY OF MUNISING:		4,228	3,677	3,083	2,783	2,539	2,355	1,986	-53%
MUNISING TOWNSHIP:		1,408	1,614	1,963	2,193	3,125	2,983	2,865	203%
ALGER COUNTY:		9,250	8,568	9,225	8,972	9,862	9,601	8,842	-4.4%

2020 US CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS



POPULATION



POVERTY RATE



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



411

23.2%

\$27,153



8,842

11.2%

\$45,570

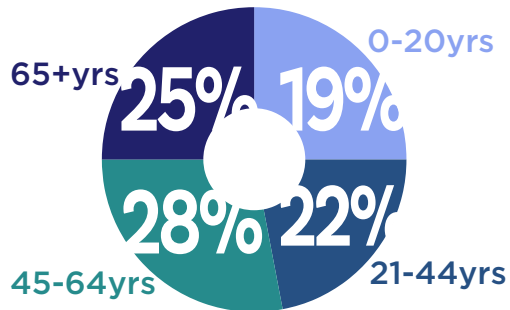


10,077,331

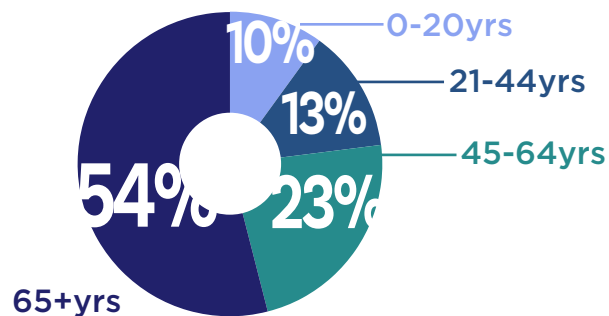
13.0%

\$59,584

AGE | 1980

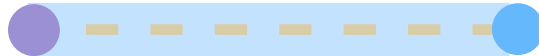


AGE | 2020

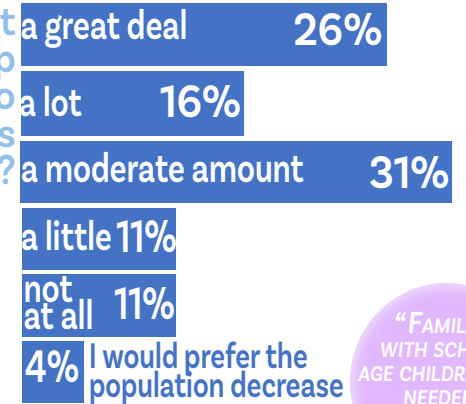




PEOPLE + COMMUNITY



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



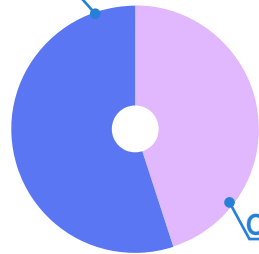
"DEVELOPMENT SHOULD OCCUR SOUTH OFF M77"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"THE DOWNTOWN IS LANDLOCKED + CAN'T AFFORD ANY GROWTH"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ARE NEEDED"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

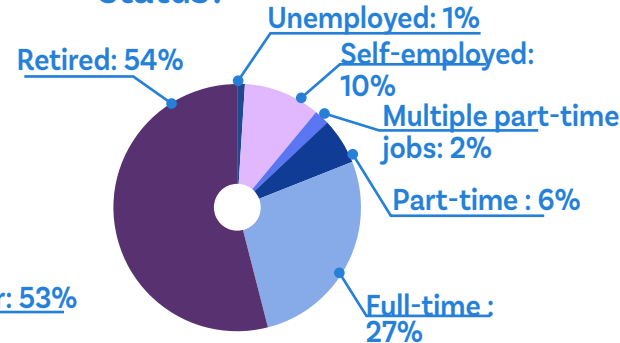
I am a resident of:

Burt Township:
47%



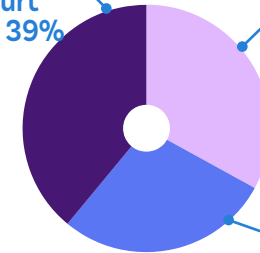
Other: 53%

What is your current employment status?



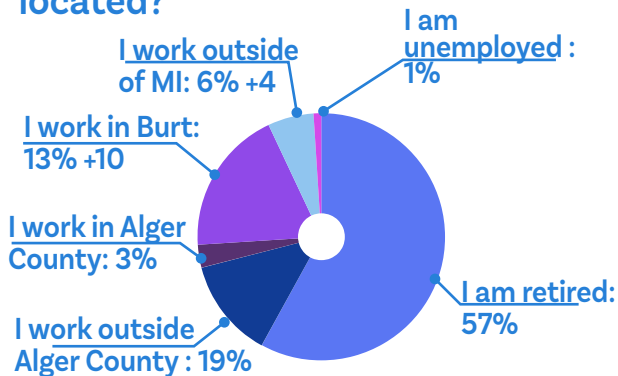
Do you live in Burt Township year round?

No, I spend less than 3 months a year in Burt Township: 39%

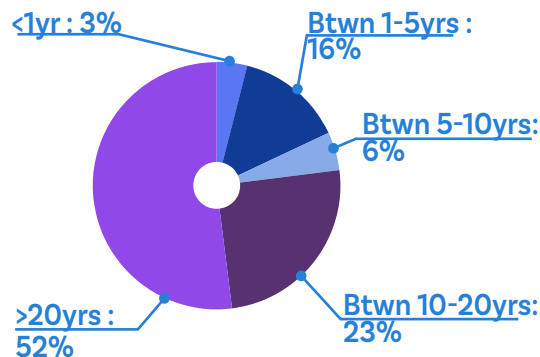


Yes: 36%
No, I leave in the winter: 25%

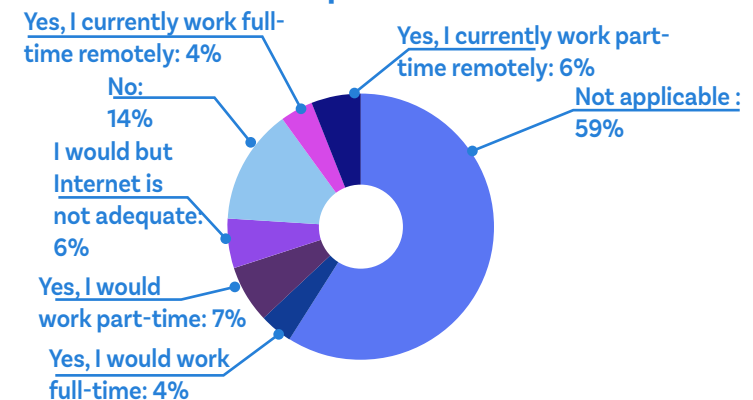
Where is your place of employment located?



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



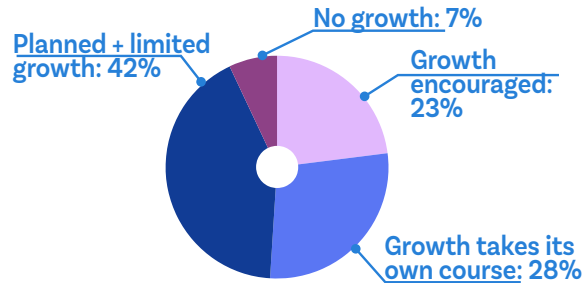
Would you like to work remotely from Burt Township?



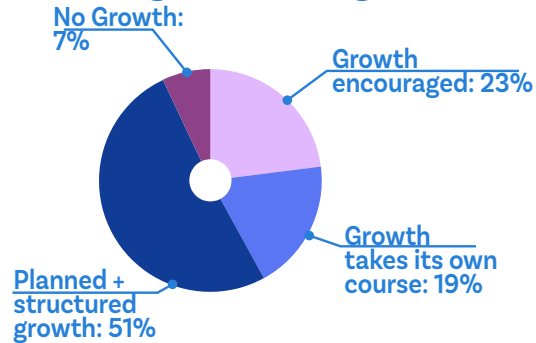


COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT + LAND USE

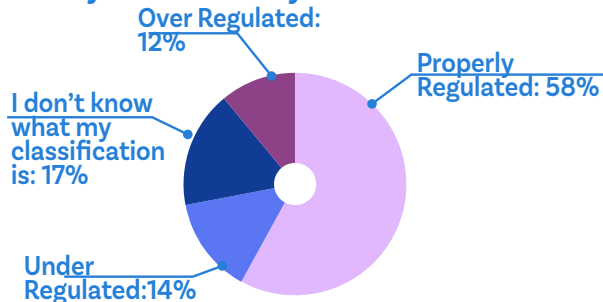
What strategy would you prefer for Residential growth management?



What strategy would you prefer for Commercial growth management?

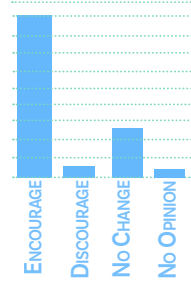


Under the current zoning regulations do you feel that you are...

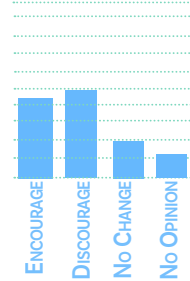


Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in Burt Township...

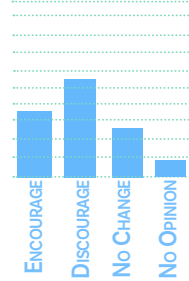
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (SINGLE FAMILY HOMES)



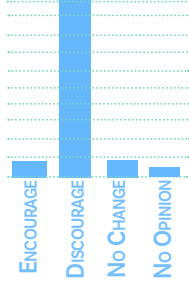
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (MULTIPLE UNITS)



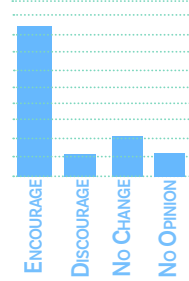
TOWNHOUSES/ CONDOMINIUMS



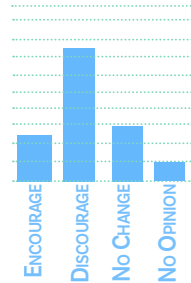
MOBILE HOME PARKS



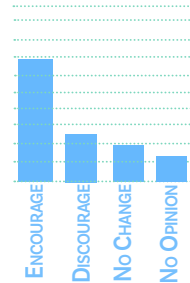
SIDEWALKS



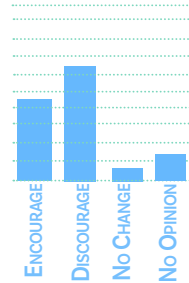
SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS



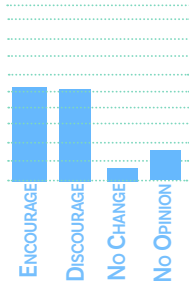
GREEN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



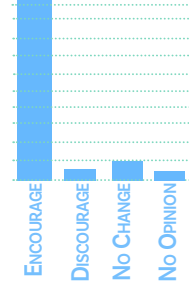
WIND TURBINES OR WIND FARMS



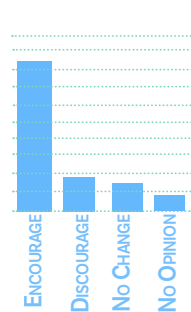
LARGE SCALE SOLAR ARRAYS



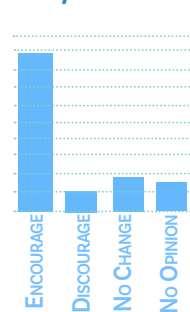
PROTECTION OPEN SPACE/ NATURAL RESOURCES



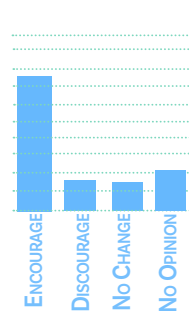
AFFORDABLE HOUSING



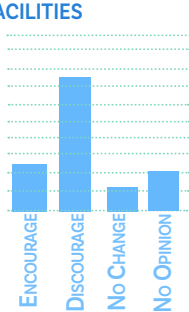
SENIOR/ASSISTED LIVING



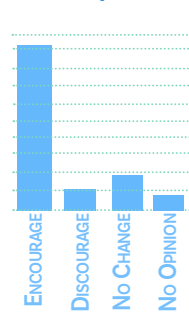
ORGANIC AGRICULTURE



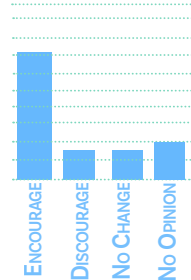
MARIJUANA FACILITIES



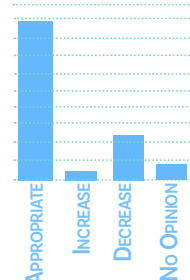
BIKE PATHS/LANES



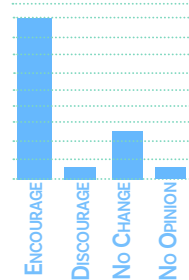
CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE



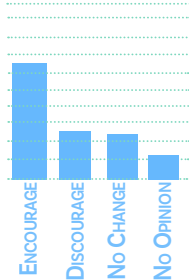
PUBLIC GREEN SPACE



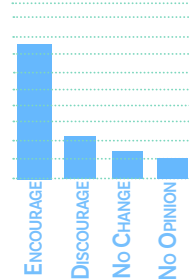
TOWNSHIP PARK



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

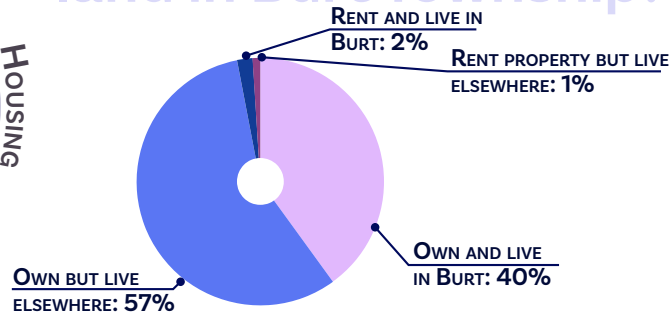


COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION

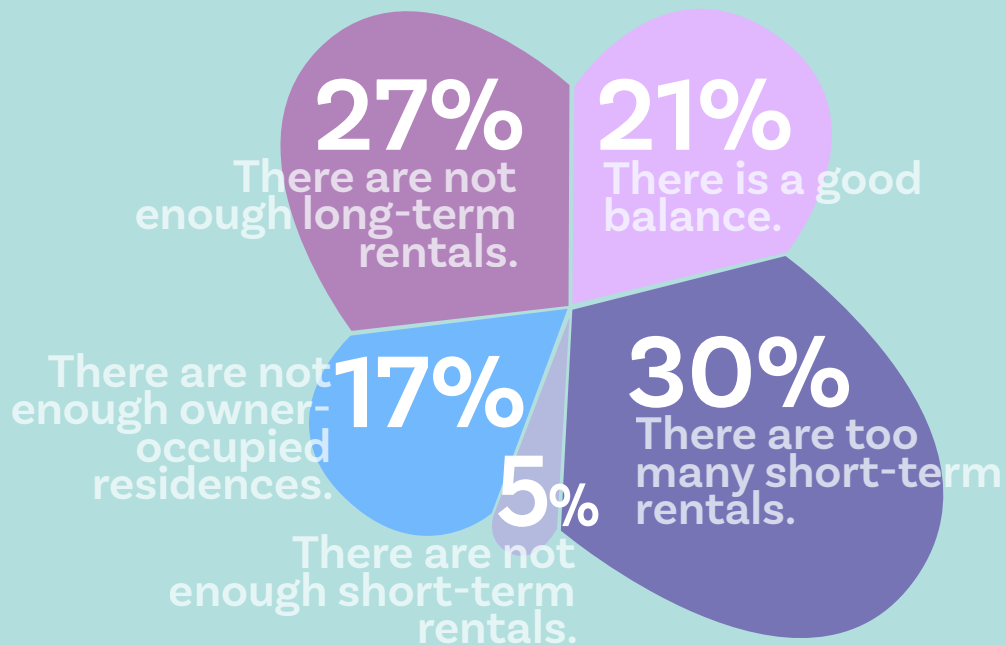




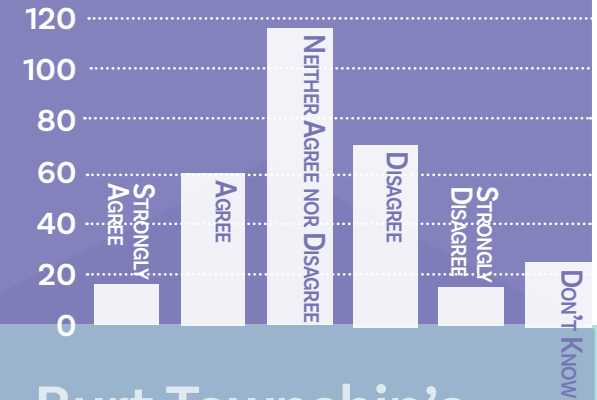
Do you rent or own land in Burt Township?



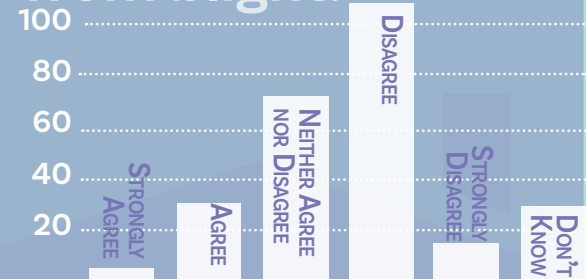
How do you feel about the proportion of short-term rentals to long-term rentals and homeowner occupied residences?



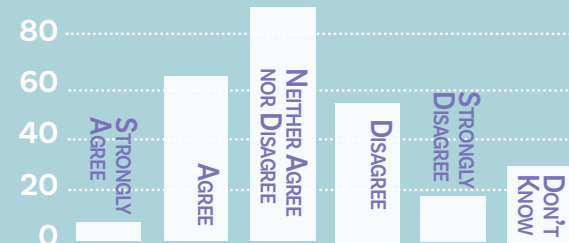
Burt Township's housing is out of date.



Burt Township's housing suffers from blight.



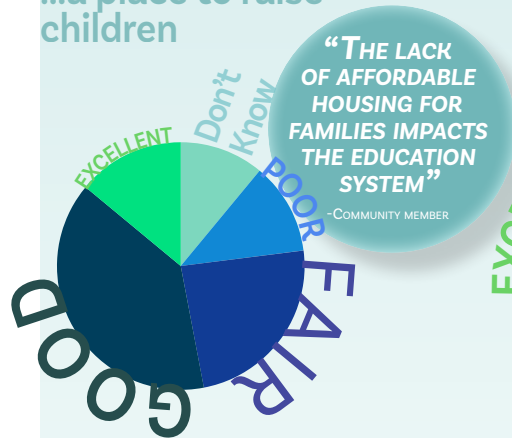
Burt Township's housing is Updated.



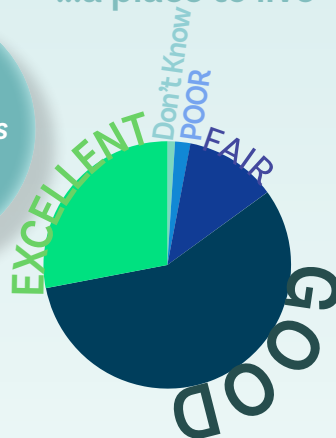


How would you rate Burt Township as...

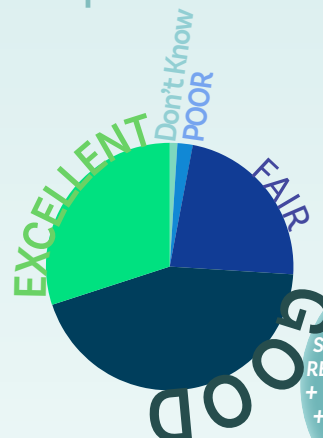
...a place to raise children



...a place to live



...a place to retire



How would you describe the quality of life in Burt Township?

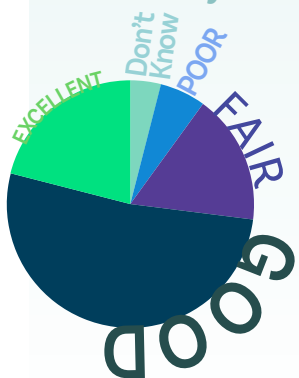


“HAS DECLINED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS”

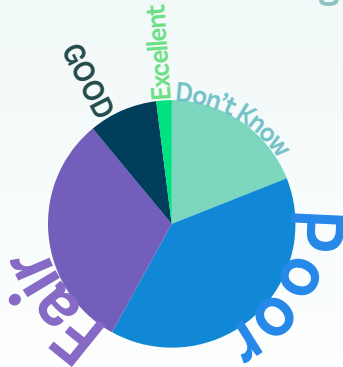
“NEED TO FOCUS ON LOCAL RESIDENTS + NOT SELL OUT TO THE TOURIST DOLLAR.”
-RESIDENT

How would you rate Burt Township's...

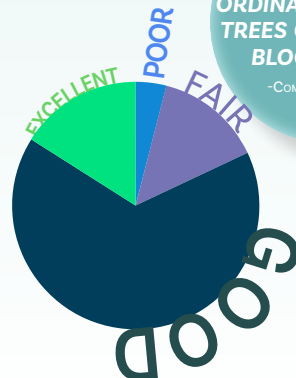
...sense of community



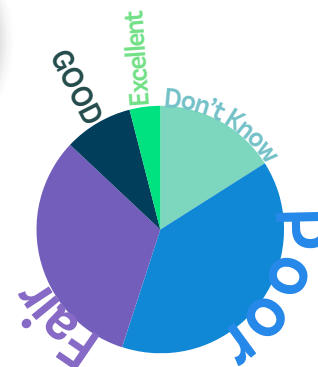
...access to affordable housing



...overall appearance



...job opportunities





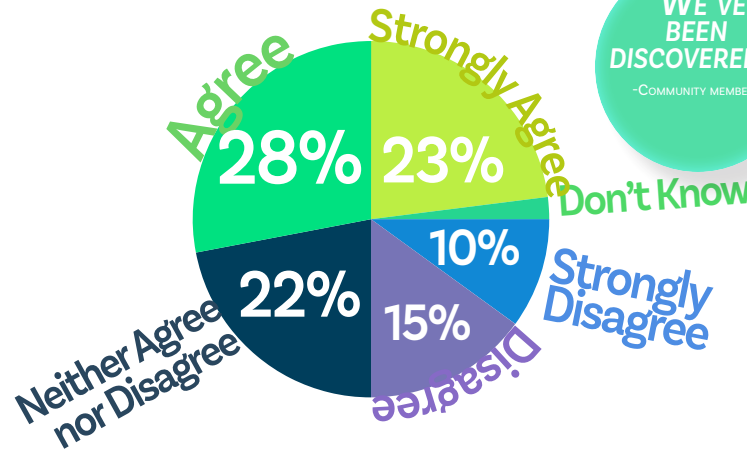
"THE TOWN'S QUAIN, HISTORICAL ATMOSPHERE COUPLED WITH THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE HARBOR."
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

Burt would benefit from focusing more energy into promoting its unique natural assets and local culture to draw more residents and visitors.

"ABUNDANCE IN NATURE FOR GRAND MARAIS IS CENTERED ON PEACEFUL EXPERIENCES OUTDOORS AND QUIET IS PART OF IT."
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"IF YOU WANT TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM AND BRINGING PEOPLE INTO THE AREA, YOU MUST ALSO ADDRESS THE IMPACT."
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER



"FOOD TRUCKS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BLOCK VIEW OF THE BAY, MOVE TO COMMUNITY CENTER."
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

Are there any particularly sensitive areas that need protected? Where?

Bay
Area+Shoreline

Greenspace in Town + the View Trails
School Forest/
Woodlands Beach +
Dunes Scenery
Dark Skies Waters

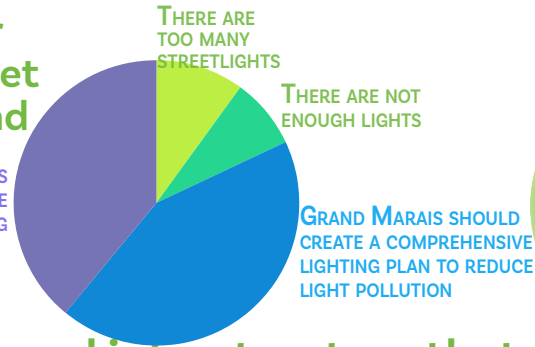
ELEMENTS SURVEY RESPONDENTS MOST FREQUENTLY PARTOOK IN. THE LARGER THE FONT THE MORE RESPONDENTS WHO LISTED THE ITEM.



ENERGY + SUSTAINABILITY

Please provide your perspective on street lighting within Grand Marais.

GRAND MARAIS HAS ADEQUATE LIGHTING



"THERE IS ENOUGH WIND ON EARTH TO MORE THAN POWER THE WORLD. USE IT. GIVE TAX BREAKS FOR INSTALLING IT"

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

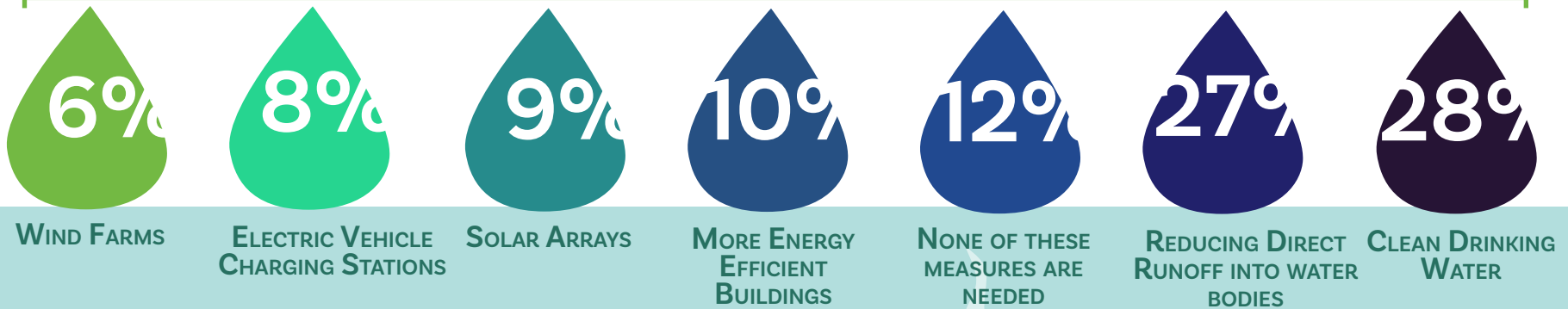
"LEAVE NATURAL AREAS THE WAY THEY ARE."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

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

LOWEST PRIORITY

HIGHEST PRIORITY



A wind turbine installation would be acceptable if...

Never acceptable
42%

Anytime
24%

It was greater than 1/2 mile from my home: 5%

It was more than 2 miles from my home: 29%

Never acceptable
36%

Anytime
29%

It was less than 1/2 mile from my house: 3%

It was greater than 1/2 mile from my home: 6%

It was more than 2 miles from my home: 26%

A large solar array installation would be acceptable if...

Why?

POTENTIAL WILDLIFE IMPACTS

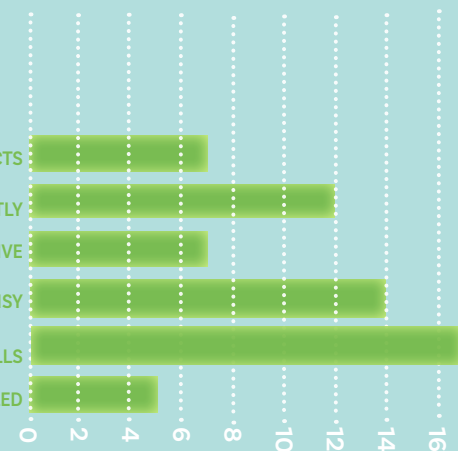
THEY ARE UNSIGHTLY

THEY ARE EXPENSIVE

THEY ARE NOISY

PUT THEM ON THE HILLS

THEY CAN'T BE RECYCLED



"IT TAKES SO MANY RESOURCES AND SO MUCH ENERGY TO BUILD ONE THAT THEY COULD SPIN THEMSELVES INTO OBLIVION AND NEVER GENERATE ENOUGH ENERGY TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN CONSTRUCTION"



INFRASTRUCTURE + FACILITIES

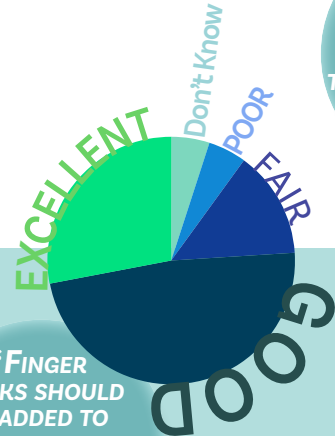
How would you rate community improvements including...

...the breakwall installation

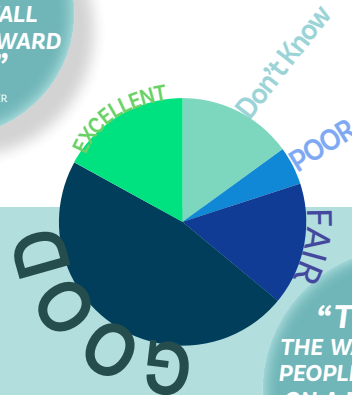
"THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ARM OF THE BREAKWALL THAT WENT TOWARD THE EAST"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

...the public water system

"NOT MANY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE -- MOST HAVE BEEN ORIENTED TO TRANSITIONAL TOURISM"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER



"FINGER DOCKS SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE MARINA TO GENERATE MORE INCOME"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER



"THE SURCHARGE OF \$44 IS WAY TOO MUCH. THE FEE FOR TURNING ON/OFF IS WAY TOO MUCH TOO"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"THE COST OF THE WATER HAS HURT PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN ON A FIXED INCOME."
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE OFFERED COVID VACCINES FOR ALL RESIDENTS AT THE HEALTH CENTER IN GRAND MARAIS."
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"A MEDICAL CLINIC WITH WALK-IN SERVICES OPERATING EVEN AS FEW AS 3 HOURS A DAY, MONDAY - SATURDAY, HEADED BY MAYBE A PA WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY, ALONG WITH A PHARMACY THAT COULD SUPPLY THE CLINIC'S OWN PRESCRIPTIONS."
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

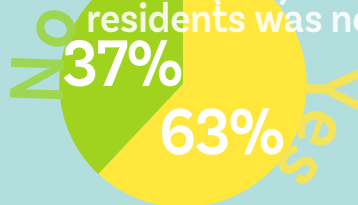
Is parking within Grand Marais well placed allowing for reasonable walking distances to shops and restaurants?



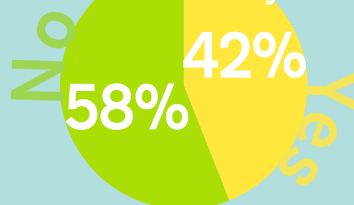
"NEED ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"TOO CONGESTED ON LAKE DRIVE"
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

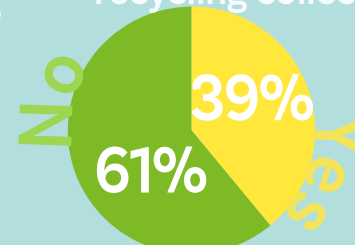
Would you support the installation of a community sewer system within Grand Marais (GM) if a user fee for GM residents was not needed?



Would you support a user fee for Grand Marais (GM) village residents to develop a community sewer system?



Would you be willing to pay a monthly fee for curbside recycling collection services?





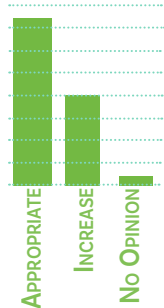
INFRASTRUCTURE + FACILITIES

**"NO PLOWING
INTO THE LAKE;
GAS STATION
POLLUTES!!!"**

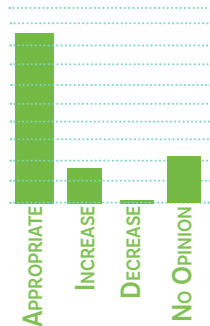
-COMMUNITY MEMBER

For each of the services below please indicate whether you think the level of service is...

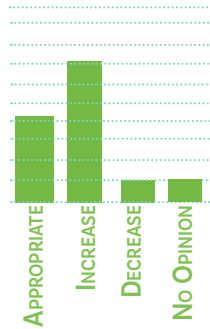
ROAD MAINTENANCE



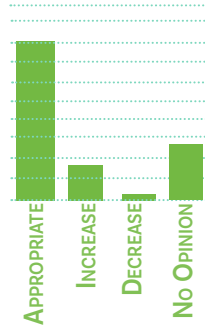
SNOW PLOWING



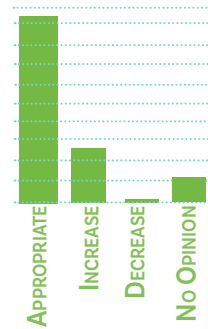
POLICE PROTECTION



BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC USE



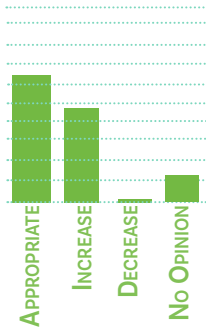
PUBLIC RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



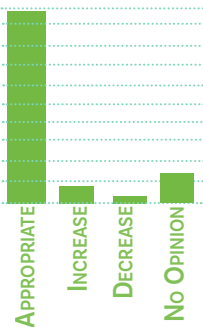
**"USE BIG NEW
BUILDING AS A
WELCOME CENTER/
BATHROOMS; GREAT
JOB FOR A SEASONAL
PARK PERSON IN
WINTER"**

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

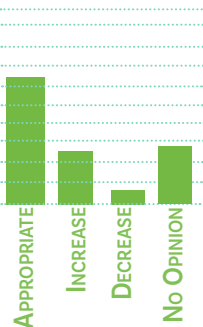
FIRE PROTECTION/ RESCUE



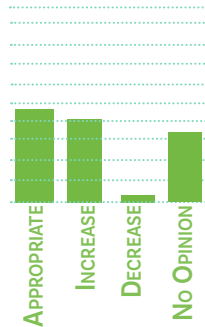
TOWNSHIP OFFICE SERVICES



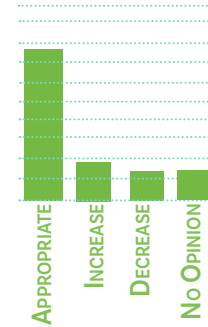
BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT



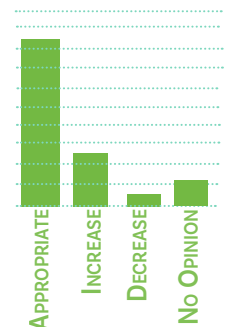
CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR BLIGHT



STREETLIGHTS



COMMUNITY EVENTS



**"NEED
A LIGHT BY
METHODIST
CHURCH AND
M-77"**

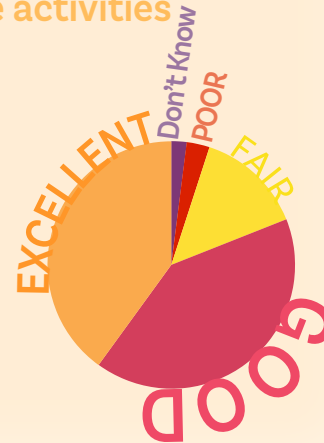
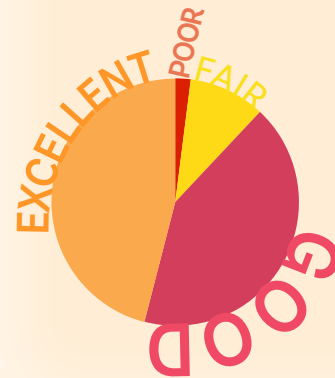
-COMMUNITY MEMBER



How would you rate Burt Township's...

...recreation opportunities

...opportunities for leisure time activities



ACTIVITIES SURVEY RESPONDENTS MOST FREQUENTLY PARTOOK IN. THE LARGER THE FONT THE MORE RESPONDENTS WHO LISTED THE ACTIVITY.

Hiking biking
beach ORV/
snowmobile Music+Events camping
walking
Rock Picking Gardening/
Harvesting boating gardening
kayaking+canoeing

"IN THE 20YRS WE HAVE SPENT TIME THE TOWNSHIP HAS GONE FROM A NICE LITTLE VILLAGE TO WAY TOO MANY ATV'S RACING AROUND TOWN IN SUMMER."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

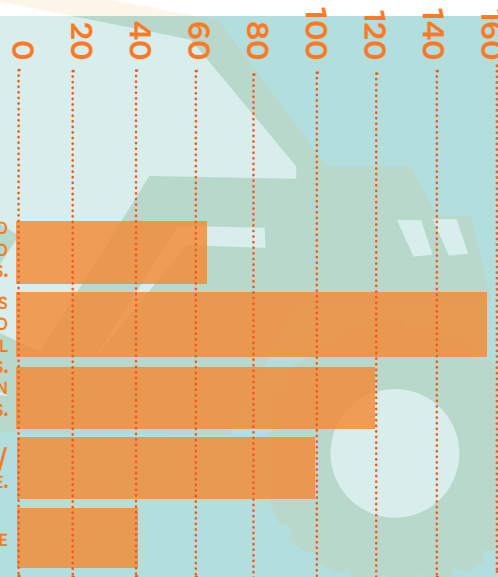
ELIMINATE ORVs AND SNOWMOBILES FROM ALL NATURAL AREAS AND COUNTY/LOCAL STREETS UNLESS ON STATE DESIGNATED MOTORIZED TRAILS.

I WELCOME ORV AND/OR SNOWMOBILE USE ON DESIGNATED STREETS AND TRAILS BUT BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENFORCE RULES AND RESTRICT USE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL AREAS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ORV/SNOWMOBILE USE RESTRICTED IN NEIGHBORHOODS IN GRAND MARAIS.

I SUPPORT AND SEE AN ECONOMIC BENEFIT IN PROMOTING ORV/ SNOWMOBILE USE.

I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT MY ORV/SNOWMOBILE



The prevalence of ORVs and snowmobiles within the Township + its natural areas has seen a steady increase over the past few years. Please indicate your perspective on ORV and snowmobile use within the Township.

fishing sightseeing
hunting x-skiing/
snowshoeing

Single Mentions: sledding, snorkeling, horseback riding, sled dog racing, disk golf

In the last year, what recreational activities have you or a member of your household participated in?

"I KNOW SOME PEOPLE REALLY DON'T LIKE THE ORVs AND 4-WHEELERS BECAUSE OF THE NOISE. THEY ARE A LIFE-BLOOD FOR OUR TOWN, SO WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO BALANCE THE ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE TOWN WITH THE NEEDS OF THE YEAR-ROUND RESIDENTS WHO WANT IT TO BE A PEACEFUL PLACE."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER



VALUES + GOALS

What do you LOVE about Burt Township?

atmosphere
people
nature
beauty
community
clean
shops
beach
nice
little
rustic
history
old
population
sky
air
wildlife
recreation
Balance
peace
local
love
views
open
park
lakes
remoteness
water
friendly
wild
vibe
July
families
skies
still
events

"A QUAIN
VILLAGE WITH
AN AWESOME LAKE
VIEW. BEAUTIFUL
SCENERY."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"I LOVE THAT
WE ARE STILL ABLE
HAVE ONLY MOM AND
POP BUSINESSES - NO
CHAINS ALLOWED. KEEP
THE VILLAGE A VILLAGE -
QUAINT AND QUIET."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"THE BEAUTIFUL
SERENE NATURE THAT EXISTS,
SURROUNDED BY SECLUSION
AND WILDLIFE. THERE ARE ENDLESS
OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES AND BEING
SOMEONE WHO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THESE
YEAR ROUND, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING
TO OCCUPY YOUR TIME WITH IN THE OUT OF
DOORS. I CAN PERSONALLY SAY THAT THE QUIET
THAT GRAND MARAIS USED TO HAVE NO LONGER
EXISTS DUE TO ORVs, SO THE PEACE AND
SERENITY WE ONCE HAD HAS LESSENER. WHILE
TOURISM PLAYS A ROLE IN OUR TOWNSHIP
DUE TO THE BEAUTIFUL NATURE AROUND US,
RESIDENTS FEEL THE CONSTRAINTS THAT
TOURISM PUTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND THE RESOURCES MORESO
THAN ANYONE ELSE."

-RESIDENT

"LOVING IT
LESS AND LESS.
USED TO BE A QUIET
NATURE RETREAT WITH
KIND AND ACCEPTING
COMMUNITY."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER



VALUES + GOALS

"LAKESHORE
AREAS INCLUDING
VIEW TOWARD THE
LAKE AND THE VIEW
BACK FROM SHORE
TOWARD TOWN."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

List three natural attributes or viewsapes that should be preserved within Burt Township.

Access Lakeshore Harbor Lake Superior
The Bay view
School Forest Trails Dunes Sable Lake + Falls
Forest Public Coast Guard Point
Agate Beach River
Beach



VALUES + GOALS

"SHOULD
FOCUS ON
EMERGENCY
SERVICES AND THE
LACK OF YOUNG
FAMILIES LIVING IN
THE AREA."

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

"This town needs a paved path from town east to the School Forest for people to walk or ride bicycle(non-motorized) on. This would include sidewalks from town connecting with the paved path, so people don't have to walk on the road east. This path would NOT be for any motorized vehicles!"

"MORE
RIGOROUS
PLANNING +
ENFORCEMENT
OF CODES AND
RULES"

"In preparing Burt Twp for the future, it is important to keep the needs of the current full-time residents foremost. The master plan should be developed to allow their input, and adopt no plans that would limit their ability to live in their homes, and their town."

-Survey Participant

What CHANGE would you like to see in Burt Township?

More People Need
Affordable Housing

Sewer system

More Jobs
More
Police

Presence More Families

Limit ORV's +
Snowmobiles in
Town
Reduce Short-
Term Rentals
Grow Less

"The pressure associated with short-term rentals versus access to affordable housing. This balloon will pop. - The abuse of natural resources and issues relating to unsustainable tourism practices by business owners and the township - Job creation and opportunity - Aging population"

-Survey Participant

What do you think will be the most important issue facing Burt Township?

Lack
Managing
Growth
clean water

Snowmobiles + ORV's
Aging Population

Young Families School Too
Many People Affordable

Housing Too much
Tourism
Community Health

Development Jobs Exploitation of
Natural Resources Keeping it as is
Fewer Short-Term Rentals + More Long-Term
Housing



VALUES + GOALS

**"A FLOURISHING
ACADEMICALLY
EXCELLENT SCHOOL
HOUSED IN AN ENERGY
EFFICIENT, MULTI-USE
BUILDING."**

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

**"VERY
LITTLE
CHANGE"**

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

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.

Maintain Sense of Community Natural
Beauty Affordable Housing Sewer System Healthcare
Controlled Growth Quiet Families Small Town
Businesses supported Limited Tourism Protect
Natural Resources Nature School
Sustainable Lake Jobs Clean Local Preserved Law Enforcement

**"STILL
A QUIANT,
LAKESIDE
TOWN."**

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

**"SEWER-
THIS IS SO
IMPORTANT FOR
THE ECOLOGICAL AND
SUSTAINABILITY OF THE
AREA"**

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

" We need to stick with our roots - small businesses, small farms, independence, a sense of community, an "it takes a village mentality". We need to embrace, protect and utilize the resources we have at hand - while balancing and educating those who visit this place we call home. If tourism is the driving financial force we need to embrace it, promote it, and have the necessary resources to serve all those who visit here."

-Resident

**"HOSPITAL
OR OUTPATIENT
CLINIC"**

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

**"BETTER
DEVELOPED
PUBLIC SERVICES
INCLUDING SEWER,
HEALTHCARE,
SENIOR LIVING, +
EMERGENCY"**

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

