

Burt Township | Written Responses

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Question #9

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

- No dollar stores;
- Mom + pop shops only;
- Hairdresser, nail salon, take-out food, health services and massage services needed

Question #11

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

- No place for people to buy and live; too many short term rentals;
- I believe short term rentals are close to what is currently sustainable given the availability of the appropriate quantity and quality of labor to provide maintenance and management of these properties. The area appears overwhelmed with transient occupants who fall between regular seasonal residents and tourists.;
- Keep a cap on the rental units;
- We need long term residents and people to fill employment positions and for organization membership;
- Blooming visitors in July, August unpoliced drunken. Attacking my granddaughter for relations in broad daylight 4th of July 1920.
- Too much housing is bought and used for short term rentals. People who come to work can't find long term rental of affordable housing to buy;
- People who want to move to Grand Marais have no place to rent;
- Workers and young families cannot find a place to live(4);
- Need affordable, housing for younger families and people who want to live and work here;
- The increased number of rental (short term) and non-owner-occupied properties leaves the population during the summer and fall with too many people who don't care or respect the community making it less desirable to be a resident. It has gotten much worse in the last 5 years or so.;
- short term renters are not really concerned about Burt Twp's problems or future;
- Short term rentals are a commercial business and should NOT be allowed in residential zoned areas as per township zoning ordinance. There are not enough reasonably priced long-term rentals for gig workers that allow the Grand Marais tourist season to thrive.;
- The excessive # of short-term rentals take housing away from 'working' families both on the # of long-term rentals available + due to the high cost of renting short-term units. The short-term units contribute greatly to an excessive 'transitional' community;
- The short-term rental 'problem' is blown out of proportion and hard to support with a campground in the middle of the residential area. It would be extremely unfair to support the

township profiting from the campground then take away the right of homeowners to short term rentals is not a pathway to long term rentals are needed;

- People who snatch up all available housing as a financial opportunity neither care about or add to the demographics of a community, in a good way other than taxes! Young families are discouraged by overpriced or unavailable housing. If you want growth one needs to promote business. This brings in people;
- Rental properties bring kids and money to town;
- Not enough options for low-income families;
- Add local government controlled condos;
- Woodland park is fine for short term rentals;
- Percent of short-term properties is still low compared to full time residents. It is a good and necessary income for many that live in and out of the area;
- Having to buy a home before living here for any length of time can be a real burden. Also need rooms to rent for summer workers;
- People who want to move to GM have no place to rent; Workers and young families cannot find a place to live;
- Need affordable housing for younger families and people who want to live and work here;
- More affordable housing for workers and families; If property is maintained who cares?;
- Grand Marais is a tourist town. Owners should be allowed to rent their properties when not there to keep family cottage;
- Not enough affordable worker housing
- Need long term rentals for summer workers and young families, Need short term rentals due to lack of family restaurants open daily. Can't cook in a motel room! Owners of rental properties are mostly absentee landlords and are precluding locals from affording and purchasing homes, therefore we are losing young residents, and children.;
- 2 calls in the past year from people wishing to buy our place. Don't restrict vrbo by tax like FL does.;
- Too many people;
- Finding affordable short-term houses to rent can be challenging;
- Many people want to come for a week or two. There aren't enough available properties to choose from for short-term rentals. I also think there are too many unoccupied residences;
- Common discussion point among residents;
- We need workers to provide for all the incoming traffic these rentals create;
- There should be a limit to how many short-term rentals and a limit on how many short term rentals can be owned by the same person/family/company;
- Seasonal/entry level employees cannot find a place to live; People should be able to rent or do what they want as long as things are up to code;
- Desire higher % of owner-occupied houses for permanent community stability;
- Depletes availability of housing for new full-time residents and causes problems for the communities because rentals are often not supervised;
- Grand Marais is a tourist town, and the rentals are what bring money into the town. Yes, many may be owned by those who don't live in GM, but the food, cleaning, renovation supplies, and any other money is mostly spent in GM.;
- People who come to work here need affordable places to rent long term.;
- Too many vacation rentals;
- I have not searched or needed a long term rental;
- No affordable rentals for seasonal workers, or renters in general;

- Seasonal workers need place to stay;
- Short term rental properties have driven up the housing costs. People who want to live here permanently can't afford to do so.;
- Look at the availability on the net!;
- Educated guess;
- The worst thing that can happen to any small entity is to have fewer permanent residents than transient vacationers. The vacationers have no skin in the game and will turn a village/township into a cesspool in short order. The Michigan Township Association has been fighting bills that would strip townships of the authority to manage short term rentals for several years now. You would be well to follow and aid their efforts!;
- We need affordable long term rentals in GM.;
- I believe personal property rights should be respected. My opinion on what someone else does with their property is irrelevant.;
- We have been able to rent short term prior to owning property but also have met many long term residents.;
- This question is poorly framed. Burt Township needs affordable short term rentals for seasonal workers, but not so many for weekend rentals.;
- There is a serious lack of affordable housing in GM.;
- Not enough affordable housing.;
- I worry about where locals and workers (e.g. young teachers) can afford to live.;
- We need residents who are invested in the community.;
- Investment in community.;
- Rental properties vs. traditional motels seems unfair for motels to compete against people renting out their houses- "absentee landlords".;
- Seasonal residents do not support the community in winter months;
- There is a good balance as long as the people who are visiting behave.;
- It is difficult to increase residential population without additional long-term rental properties.;
- More rental properties might drive rental prices down, while causing more stress on roads infrastructure. More new construction of rental or owner occupied could subtract from the beauty and wildlife of the area and so negatively impact existing property.;
- The community cannot thrive if families, teachers, retail workers, etc. cannot even find affordable housing, whether to rent or to own.;
- Affordable housing for local workers and families is at crisis stage.;
- I feel the Burt Township is right at a decision point. There is currently an ok balance of rental properties and year-round residential properties however the tipping point is coming where more nonresident owner properties are there that are rented to vacationers which will price out people who want to live full time and/or need housing while working in important service industry/retail jobs that support the local economy.;
- There are not enough long term rentals for families that actually want to live here.;
- Not enough affordable long term and short term rentals for the work force.;
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- I think there is a good balance but not enough housing for staff needed to run the businesses with the lower income level especially in winter;

Question #12

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

- It's available and not used;
- Young and old need affordable housing

Question #13

Quality of Life

- Life is "good" for those retired with adequate means and those employed with good income; However life is poor for those who constitute the "working class" and indigent
- Stop raising my taxes when you give employees a raise. Take it from excess of water department
- I personally love GM and hope to own my house here forever. I know though that for a place to live full time and raise kids it could be difficult for many people;

Question #14

Place to Raise Children

- The lack of affordable housing for families impacts the education system

Question #15

Place to live

- Road improvements needed outside of Grand Marais

Question #16

Place to Retire

- Retirement could be a challenge shopping and lack of sidewalks need a sewage system especially for businesses. Need a growth plan.
- Only reason we hesitate to retire in Burt T. is the distance to a hospital (should an emergency arise)
- Not a good place to retire. All the doctors are in Marquette.
- No commercially supported system for retired and aging seniors and certainly NO medical and emergency support for the aged;
- Monthly visits for nails and toes.;

Question #17

Recent community improvements: Breakwall

- Recent improvements appear haphazard and poorly planned when examined closely. There is a lack of "vision" for what Burt T. is trying to become.
- It would be nice to have access to a better grocery store;
- The awful building at the marina is an eye sore-destroyed the view. Also, the fish station should be "pay for water use" coin operated like a pay shower. I have to pay for my water;
- Run electric to the people who don't have it;
- Not many improvements for the community as a whole- most have been oriented to transitional tourism;

- I don't think the breakwall was well thought out;
- There should have been an arm of the breakwall that went toward the east;
- Finger docks should be added in the marina to generate more income;

Question #18

Recent community improvements: Public water system

- The surcharge of \$44 is way too much- the fee for turning on and off is too much;
- Still lacking downtown visible public bathroom.
- Outhouses placed in scenic areas are ugly.
- Food trucks should not be allowed to block view of the bay, move to community center.
- New diesel bank at marina is awful looking on waterfront.;
- The water system is okay but far too expensive;
- The cost of the water has hurt people in this town on fixed income;

Question #19

Sense of Community

- Has declined in the past few years;
- Need to focus on local residents and not sell out to the tourist dollar;

Question #20

Leisure time activities

- In the 20 years we have spent time the Township has gone a nice little village to way too many ATVs racing around town in summer;

Question #21

Recreation Opportunities

- More places for people to sit and relax

Question #24

Overall appearance

- Outhouses violate town ordinance-need trees or fence to block view.

Question #25

Township Population

- Growth must be managed to be an asset to the overall quality of life; continued growth in the current fashion will eventually become unsustainable as the cost to live in Burt drives out the folks who work to keep the lights on. (i.e. those who are not the retired and remote workers)
- Families with school age children are needed;
- Growth isn't that important. The downtown is land locked and can't afford any more growth.
- The park should move some of its spaces to the hilltop.
- Development should occur south off M 77.;
- We need to get young families in here to keep these businesses going;
- More growth is coming it would be nice to see the Township embrace that idea and put forth some attention to what is needed to handle that growth with forward thinking instead of reacting to those who oppose growth.;
- I am up for anything to help grow this town...we need to encourage young people to move here.

Question #32

User Fee Community Sewer System

- Yes, But not until there is strong zoning prohibiting condos, multi-family, large commercial, high rise, franchises from Old Town.

Question #33

Community Sewer System

- Lack of sewer is the only thing holding back large-scale high-density development, which would destroy the present, attractive character of Old town G.M.
- Sewer system is a must if you want good growth;
- At the very least the Township should require inspection of all septic systems every 3-5 years. I am surprised the EPA doesn't require this since we border one of the Great Lakes. Town could hire inspections of all septic systems and mandate repair/replacement of non-compliant leaching systems. Residents polluting the groundwater might suddenly support sewers versus paying for a new septic system!;
- Why was this not done with water?;
- Teach more on septic care;
- The fee should be fair and based on actual usage, with a base fee for the infrastructure

Question #34

Promoting natural assets

- Too many visitors already!;
- Tourist population is growing on its own;
- Nature focused assets not ATVs and Motor Vehicles;
- We've been discovered!

Question #35

Sensitive Natural Areas

- Rivers, Federal Lands that are being timbered (overly clear cut), and subject to fires from debris
- Lakeshore, green space corridors along H58 (east and west) and M77
- Federal lands that are being timbered (overly clear cut) and subject to fires from debris;
- School forest, lonesome point, eastern dune lakeshore
- Re-route atv trails away from homes (x4);
- The entire village and surroundings (x4);
- Coast Guard Point, PRNL, Kingston Plains, atmosphere, noise pollution,
- Trails in the woods (x9),
- Traffic on H58,
- Private property from 4-wheelers and snowmobiles;
- Sable lake;
- The Bay; Food truck should not be at the bay;
- Wildlife areas;
- Downtown (x2);
- Parks trails and fishing spots;
- Lakefront area from Agate beach to First Creek. Actually, the entire area around Agate Beach needs to be kept green space as long as there is adequate parking. The breakwall needs to be kept up and the parking area graded.;

- Coast Guard Point should not be developed to the point of detracting from the beauty. No large buildings.;
- Area around town park. Township should have purchased the available beach front and added to the park.;
- All public access points to beaches;
- All rules should be the same for everyone!!! Yes the pier area and agate beach should be protected and limited for emergency situations. Example July 4th is so overcrowded should an emergency happen there is not proper security for the amount of people attending. Busiest times have no apparent emergency plans. Side by sides and ATVs rule the road instead of the road edge.;
- Abundance in nature for GM is centered on peaceful experiences outdoors and quiet is part of it. Protecting the NOISE LEVEL is equally important to other protections.;
- I would hope older structures can be preserved to keep the feel of Grand Marais. Maintaining public access to waterways including the lakeshore is important, too.;
- Protect your landscape from intrusive wind and solar farms;
- Dunes and beach particularly at and around the deck at N Lake Ave and below the campground. Beach and Sucker River Access at Cemetery Road.
- Woodland Park: It has far too many campsites (raise the fee; reduce the number of sites); Protect the School Forest from overuse by ATVs;
- The town's quaint, historical atmosphere coupled with the natural beauty of the harbor. Under no circumstances should windmills be visible. The paving of H58 will ruin the essential character of Grand Marais unless there are extensive (and expensive) efforts-initiated ASAP to mitigate the impact of huge increases in traffic and the types of vehicles that will be coming through town.;
- School Forest must be off limits to motorized vehicles. Off-road vehicles are travelling along the North Country trail to the beach and destroying both the paths, the environment, and the ability of hikers to enjoy the natural beauty and feel safe. ORV and ATVs need to be prohibited from School Forest and from off roading anywhere that is not formally approved and maintained. Also, Agate Beach is full of trash, including cigarette butts, food containers, and dog waste. The additional parking area was installed with no environmental review--it is probably illegal and has resulted in significant sand erosion, drifting, and damage to adjacent properties;
- Lake Superior, roadways. There has been a marked increase in trash on the Lakeshore and along H58. Putting a dumpster at the Adam's Trail staging area would be extremely helpful. Our neighborhood continually picks up trash that we in turn dispose of at a cost to us personally. If you want to encourage tourism and bringing people into the area, you must also address the impact. The harbor/freshwater sources need to be protected from breeches in private septic systems and therefore a community sewer system needs to be implemented;
- The community center/recreational center;
- N/A
- Grand Marais Bay, the Sucker River, the Dunes and beaches, and our lakes. Surrounding state land that is overrun by off road motor vehicles;
- Understanding that the Grand Marais economy exists entirely dependent on tourism and such tourism is directly contingent upon the bounty of recreational public lands it is without question that any and all growth within Burt Township should be very limited and planned, and all surrounding pristine lands should be protected extensively.;
- The ground water, harbor and rivers;
- Greenspace, bay hill, national park, beaches, forestry outside national park;

- School forest and the green space behind the Tavern;
- Beach/waterfront;
- Remove mobile home trailers from beach areas;
- Protect your landscape from intrusive wind and solar farms. Both make no sense in the North, when snow, ice, and clouds are abundant. Many of these projects are funded by our government (we the people) and then sold to foreign entities. In the end, we the people have a ruined landscape, and higher energy prices that are now owned by foreign entities. Don't be fooled with the dollars they promise!
- The falls, green space, water access. Not selling land on beach for building homes. Both the bay and Superior;
- School Forest;
- Water + Lakefront
- The beach; We need to be thoughtful with all of the surrounding wilderness
- All
- Beaches, Parks, Trails, Fishing spots;
- Lake Superior Shoreline;
- Beaches, Sable Falls (people climbing over fences, destroying rocks/sand dunes out there)
- The bay, shoreline
- Beaches, downtown strip, hiking trails, and wild areas surrounding town
- Beaches, areas around the town park. Township should have purchased the available beach front and added to the park.
- Protection of all public access points to beaches;
- School forest; east bay area;
- School forest needs to be carefully monitored to make sure it remains an important asset for local passive recreation;
- Be sure to focus on the needs of the residents more than the tourists;
- Just think that in general, a limitation on noise (i.e. SxS's snowmobiles) within the village limits should be addressed.
- Lake Superior shoreline and vast tracts of public lands;
- The beach, dunes, Lake Superior
- Beaches, river/stream systems
- All waterways and adjacent lands need to be protected. The current dark skies need to be maintained and all lighting needs to be downcast to support dark skies;
- Some of the smaller inland lakes and wetland areas- like Nawakwa Lake
- ATV/Off road vehicle restriction to designated roads and trails. Enforcement of rules with penalties;
- Keep township non-motorized except designated trails;
- It should all be protected;
- Streets in Grand Marais from recreational vehicles;

Question #37

Wind

- Alternative energy resources are needed in the energy equation.;
- Burt Twp + surrounding areas are beautiful with abundant nature including bald eagles, moose, bear. The amount of land for turbines is too large. Leave us the tall trees please.;
- They are environmentally insensitive and will never generate enough electricity to offset the amount of energy it takes to build one. I am against!;

- Ugly, noisy, disturb wildlife, land encroachment;
- NIMBE
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- Didn't need it before; why now?;
- They are large and loud. I like the idea of providing alternative energy sources to the region but I'd hope a decision like this would be made very carefully;
- They are an eyesore and don't really make a difference;
- Kills birds. Ugly. Not needed here;
- Costly and very unreliable. Requires too much maintenance. Short life compared to cost;
- Burt Township and surrounding areas are beautiful with abundant nature including bald eagles, moose, bear. The amount of land for turbines is too large. Leave all the tall trees please.
- Wind turbines kill birds and disturb other wildlife;
- Does it make sense financially?
- They are inefficient; a money pit! They are contrary to providing a natural scenic landscape and an eyesore!;
- They are supposed to be noisy! Keep away from residential areas;
- Located so no residences are immediately affected;
- They are not attractive and noisy and a menace to wildlife.
- Never acceptable, however could be accommodated in outlying areas that are state owned forest land if adequately planned. Viewshed protection is a key component of long-term protection of Burt T's assets. This potential should be rigorously examined by the Master Plan to clearly establish where such development will not negatively impact view sheds and quality of life.
- You need open areas for wind turbines, outside of town would be best;
- Wind turbines destroy the habitat and environment around their installation. Light flicker and sub-sonic sound from wind turbines create mental health issues. Wind dependent systems are inefficient and unreliable. There are no options for end of use life cycle.
- I worry about their impact on wildlife, however we all need to be exploring and thinking about alternative energy sources
- Becomes a blight on the land. Will probably become obsolete as technology advances. Who will maintain and who will disassemble when no longer needed?
- Not cost effective and have a negative long-term effect on the environment;
- (x5) props can't be recycled;
- Take up space;
- There is enough wind on earth to more than power the world. Use It. Give tax breaks for installing it; Leave natural areas the way they are;
- Locate on existing commercial areas that already generate noise;
- Absolute waste...use more energy to build than they produce;
- put them on the hills (x11);
- They are noisy (x14);
- They are costly (x7);
- Unsightly (x12),

- Destroy trees to install;
- Wildlife impacts (x7);
- Wind turbines are an eyesore and no one has a plan for them when they become obsolete;
- We have the wind!;
- Spoils view and reduces property values (x2);
- Not needed;
- Need to save the planet and reduce emissions;
- Keep Township as natural as possible;
- Let the cities have the turbines if they use the majority of electricity; Not efficient;
- Fix the broken one at the school (x2);
- Yes, especially if they lower electric costs;
- Wind turbines are the last thing this community needs. They are an eyesore, kill birds, never decompose, and still rely on fossil fuels. No thank you!;
- Plenty of land and bluffs surrounding town;
- The wind turbines are large. I taught on the Garden Peninsula for many years, so I'm familiar with them. They can be a little noisy and could be disruptive to birds. If they're far enough away from the lake and downtown area, it's not going to be much of an issue.;
- Not need (for power consumption) and it's exactly the opposite of nature in abundance;
- Wind turbines would negatively impact the natural beauty of our area;
- Encourage smaller, individual installations rather than the large-scale farms.;
- Why would you want to put a wind farm where the blades would be covered in ice - wouldn't the ice flying off cause damage? Will they cause damage to the landscape, birds, animal habitat, etc.? There are much less invasive places closer to where energy is needed to put a wind farm.;
- A wind farm would ruin the natural landscape of the town;
- Wind turbines don't last long. They are not recyclable. The amount of energy used to create a turbine does not make it worthwhile. They harm wildlife. They are not attractive.;
- Wind energy is unsustainable without massive government subsidies and therefore costs passed onto the public. It is intrusive and environmentally unsound when all factors from government or township funding for fire protection etc, construction cost, disposal of blades, footings and infrastructure, wildlife elimination and BLIGHT!;
- I am a Township Supervisor and we struggled with creating a renewable energy plan learning much in the process. Windmills are an environmental disaster looking for a well-meaning but ignorant populace where they can manifest themselves. 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. Do not do this to Grand Marais!;
- As long as it does not interfere with the view of the lake from the beach;
- I have lived near a wind farm and near a smaller installation. Wind turbines are a horrible blight on the landscape. If they are installed anywhere in Burt Township, we will leave.;
- There are many less inhabited, more appropriate areas in the US where wind turbines do not have the visual impact that they would have in Burt Township;
- I understand there are healthy socialist tax credits for Wind Farms but take a trip through Michigan's Thumb and tell me how we will not destroy the nature in abundance that lures people to Grand Marais! I'm all for Solar with it is economically viable but more importantly when it works full not part of the time!;
- Requires cost benefit analysis to demonstrate payback;
- It would be forward thinking of the township to lead in this source of energy;
- The high level of consistent wind makes this the most viable form of clean energy available. Solar 2nd.; Damage to avian/bird population devastating. Turbines are an eyesore and would wreck the beauty of Burt Township.
- Costs more fuel than saves to build and maintain
- Encouraged when sited so that no residences are subject to strobing or noise;
- Natural beauty is Burt Twp.;

- Noise – Birds getting in the blades. A lot of issues and complaints from residents in the Garden Peninsula, They are sorry they have to deal with it.;
- Because of the impact on wildlife;
- It's expensive and dangerous to wildlife;
- Hopefully it would lead to cheaper power.;
- Ruins the natural beauty of the area;
- Eye sore;

Question #38

Solar

- Snow
- NIMBE (2)
- Takes up too much space and the technology isn't there yet.;
- Too little sunny days;
- Use the old dump to build a solar bank;
- I am more open to a solar array as long as it is not spoiling the beauty of the area;
- Global warming concerns;
- Sunlight is marginal at best in our latitude; expensive to convert and storage is another expense;
- It doesn't pay for itself; takes up too much usable land
- Solar makes more sense; start small;
- Not enough sunlight in the winter months;
- Lack of sunlight in the Winter;
- A better alternative to wind power;
- I am in for anything that might lead to cheaper power;
- Solar is passive with no noise. Why not? If they can make it work;
- Solar arrays destroy local habitat and environment. Rare minerals and metals are mined in countries with little environmental protections and a disregard for human rights. There are no disposal options for solar components at the end of useful life. There is not enough sunlight in Burt Township to make installations feasible. Solar and wind installations have limited to no impact on global climate.
- This is a good time to be thinking about these things and where they could go so as not to be a further blight on the landscape;
- Encouraged- Open areas outside of town. They have no moving parts and are quiet;
- Another eyesore, unreliable source of energy for a location that gets 200+ inches of snow, they are expensive. This should be left to an individual decision (per household);
- I don't want it real close to town because it would cause a lot of trees to have to be cut down in order to make the grid large enough to be worth the money. It's silent, so it shouldn't interfere with local homeowners' peace and quiet and won't disturb wildlife.;
- Not needed and poor application (little sun in GM) and exactly the opposite of nature in abundance, the NPS solar grid at lighthouse is a joke of cost effectiveness;
- I would only support this if it was located at least 10 miles outside of town. Otherwise, we would be spoiling the natural beauty of the area, which is the main draw for our residents and visitors.;
- Provided that such an installation would be cost effective (i.e. does the local climate generate enough solar energy to make it an efficient option vs. other alternate energy options).;
- Solar farms are subsidized by tax dollars (from we the people) to produce a less efficient, more invasive, and more expensive source of energy - if someone wants to put a solar farm where it's cloudy and snows 5 months out of the year you have to ask what their real initiative is?;
- This area does NOT get enough sunshine for this project.;
- Not enough sun, snow removal, not suitable for public energy;
- Maintenance of solar farms is high especially in snow. Encourage private solar.;
- Solar energy is unsustainable without massive government subsidies and therefore costs passed onto the public. It is intrusive and environmentally unsound when all factors from government or township funding for fire protection etc, construction cost, disposal of blades, footings and infrastructure, wildlife elimination and BLIGHT!;

- Large installation is detrimental to topsoil;
- Destroying the 100s to 1000s of pristine acreage it takes, not only destroys photosynthesis which converts carbon into oxygen;
- this is not the Sunshine State with more than 200 overcast days annually!
- must be out of the way and not visible. Old landfill location might be acceptable. There must be a cost/benefit analysis before such a project is presented to voters. Can't imagine that there's enough electricity consumed in this remote small community to justify this sort of expenditure. Only justification would be much lower utility costs and greater reliability
- Worn out panels can't be recycled (x2);
- People can add it on their homes if they want;
- Too many unknowns;
- Reduce property values;
- Put them on federal or state lands as they encompass more than 1/3 of the UP; Eyesore (x8);
- Up on the hills (x6);
- Practical with weather?;
- Cost (x9);
- Not enough sun (x15);
- Trees cut down (x3);
- Takes away from nature;
- Direct benefits for village residents?;
- Support line 5!!!
- Effect on wildlife;

Question #40

Prevalence ORV's Snowmobiles

- Too mast in town, too loud, too many ignore "the rule," keep off beaches
- I don't dislike them but find it amazing they can drive hundreds of miles to get here but can't ride a few miles around or outside of town instead of thru it;

Question #41

What do you love about Burt Township?

Community Development + Land Use Theme

- The smallness - easy to get around. Community friendly
- That it is a small township
- small
- Community - peaceful - scenery - beautiful place to live
- The big lake, bay and marina and beach, shops and small-town community feel
- Small town, minimal restrictions, remote, very very beautiful.
- A quaint village with an awesome lake view. Beautiful scenery.
- Lake Superior, access to Pictured Rocks, limited commercial development. That it's at the end of the road.
- I love the hometown / "Hallmark Movie" atmosphere
- small town and wilderness
- The lake, the beach wildlife, the small-town atmosphere
- bay in town
- It's natural beauty! And the fact that it's my family's hometown. I love the small-town ambiance
- The wilderness, small population, no box stores or fast-food places
- quaintness, natural beauty, the people, quiet (not currently), non-commercialism
- Natural beauty, quietness (at times) small town life
- Small and undeveloped beauty. More than a place to eat, gas and grocery = perfect
- Friendly, beauty, small
- It's as close to Heaven I can imagine to be able to live and so fragile as a village that's become a sought-after destination for huge numbers to people through social media, etc.
- small town
- I love we are still able have only mom and pop businesses - no chains allowed. Keep the village a village - quaint and quiet
- Nothing, the town sucks and isn't a suitable place for anybody under the age of 20 to live. There are little recreational opportunities and based on the current supervisor she continues to limit the activities and other things that are needed/wanted for younger people and families.
- Love Grand Marais and the family's history there. Beautiful town with lots to offer in the area.
- Everything. Natural beauty, 4 seasons of nature, quiet, friendly residents, community events, willingness to embrace new people and new ideas
- small town atmosphere, God's beauty, waterfront, wild areas, the quiet, limited traffic, 4th of July Fireworks, shops and restaurants, campground in town, proximity to Pictured Rocks Lakeshore, Lutheran Church and that the churches chime throughout the day, and the majority of the residents
- Small town
- Small town feeling. Nature in abundance
- Location

- I love that GM and Burt Township are a welcome break from every day busy life. I tell everyone it's a Hallmark Town, with a good sense of community and friendly people. I like that people from all over the country (and world) come here for that!
- The current Town Board!!!!
- Wild roses, fresh air, hiking abilities, connection to family and history. Willingness of government to improve area and secure government funding.
- Nature, the setting, some of the businesses in town
- The bay, parks, the community
- Loving it less and less. Used to be a quiet nature retreat with kind and accepting community.
- proximity to Lake Superior, access to PRNL, night sky views, sights and sounds of the natural environment, quiet, people
- Love the natural setting. Used to love the quiet until overrun by ATVs and snowmobiles. Do not visit my home in winter due to snowmobiles running rampant.
- The smallness (lack of commercialization), closeness of the community, and safety.
- The natural beauty, the small-town feel.
- Good leadership at township and schools. Nature in abundance
- The lake and woods, sense of community
- The quiet, laidback, rustic nature of the Township. A good balance of development and natural resource access, with opportunity for smart growth.
- The small-town atmosphere and natural beauty
- The natural beauty. Small town feel. Lack of franchised commercial development.
- beautiful town.
- The beautiful nature, small town and laid-back vibe.
- The Natural beauty and remote location, which has been compromised by easy accessibility without thought to services.
- It's a beautiful place to live and play. Lake Superior and a beautiful bay.

Natural Resources Theme

- The four seasons
- Natural beauty abounds!
- Natural beauty
- Lake Superior, woods, wildlife (four legged).
- Access to natural beauty
- Nature in abundance
- the beauty, the rocks, the beach, the hiking areas, downtown Grand Marais
- Lake Superior
- Natural beauty of the township, shorelines and beaches. The small town feel and access to township board. Support of the community.
- The views of Lake Superior, the park
- Dense forestry, clear water lakes, lake and bay views, low-density single-family dwellings, public access to inland lakes.
- Bear hunting with hounds, fishing
- Its natural beauty and features
- The setting. The awesome, overwhelming beauty
- Beauty

- The outdoors that surrounds it.
- Natural beauty - the bay
- natural beauty
- The natural environment - woods, lake
- The bay and woods
- nature
- The natural beauty of the area. Small town life.
- Nature, the community, shoreline, dark sky
- Natural beauty, changes every day, always new!
- beauty, Lake Superior
- Nature in abundance
- The lake and nature generally. The trails and access. I love being able to walk anywhere in town. I love our break wall and the surrounding beaches and dunes.
- the natural beauty that surrounds us
- Its beauty - lakes, falls, streams, National Park and friendly tourists
- natural, rustic beauty
- The bay, the lake, the beauty of the area
- The harbor and lake, beaches and dunes
- open spaces, fresh air, quietness, memories
- natural beauty
- Nature in abundance
- Lake Superior and the shore / beaches
- the lake
- Lake!
- Location - Lake Superior and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
- The natural beauty
- The lake, the land, the people and surrounding natural beauty
- The natural beauty - protect it
- Lake Superior and the bay
- 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 lessened. 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 more so than anyone else.
- Burt Township is specular in its natural beauty. I love Burt Township because of the endless natural resources, the ability to still get lost, wander wide open spaces in relative solitude. It worries me that this reality is fading, and without structural measures put into place to limit tourist growth we will pillage ourselves out of the paradise we currently have.
- It's natural surroundings and isolated areas.
- It is a beautiful place to live with many natural resources and recreational opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast.
- Nature
- Natural beauty

- Natural beauty.
- The natural area, the feeling of a small town, wildlife, there are just so many outdoor things to do
- Summer
- Clean air, nature, friendly people, safety, quiet.
- Dark skies. Fresh air. Great fishing. Aside from a July & August fairly quiet
- The lakeshore
- My family has owned property in Burt Township since 1937. The natural beauty is nearly unequalled. I enjoy escaping the fast pace of daily life when visiting.
- Lake Superior water and clean air
- Nature in Abundance
- The natural beauty of the area. Which is being destroyed by utv's and orb's the side by sides need to be banned. Snowmobiles are fine.
- The natural beauty
- The land
- Our abundance of beauty, nature, clean air and waters.
- Nature in abundance, of course!
- Natural beauty in abundance.
- Nature in Abundance
- The natural beauty of Lake Superior and surrounding areas. Wonderful people.
- It's pristine nature in Abundance; not to be destroyed by solar and wind farms because the juicy government tax credits are buying a-our soul!
- The weather, woods, lakes, beaches, and of course Lake Superior.

People + Community Theme

- Its residents. Clean air and water
- Small town feel. Beautiful scenery. Quaint buildings.
- Beauty, people
- The people, pace of life, natural surroundings
- sense of community
- The beauty of the area and the people!
- people
- my home and people
- town environment, peaceful friendly people
- The uniqueness and beauty of the area- and the residents of Grand Marais
- Appears to be a fairly progressive community procuring grants to provide facility updates, art programs, and more
- It started with the people and community. Some new people seem to make it less desirable.
- Good people, small lakefront town, Lake Superior, fishing and snowmobiling
- people
- The people, beautiful beaches, school forest to hike.
- the people, the beauty
- The people, natural beauty.
- Friendliness of people, children, beauty of bay, houses are different, festivals, car show
- The people, nature

- the air, the water, the people
 - the community, the people, and the nature
 - Scenery, location, history, culture, friendly neighbors
 - It is an unique community. I like how people (when they do) work together!
 - The lake and people
 - Fresh air, slow pace of life, friendliness of neighbors
 - natural beauty, friendly community
 - The people, community spirit, the lakes and woods, and all the wonderful things you can do for fun there! (would love to see a moose again!)
 - The people and activities
 - The people, nature, feeling of safe environment for the children, cleanliness of community.
 - close knit community - nature in abundance
 - The friendships - the beauty of the "big blue" water!
 - The community as a whole; great people, beautiful recreation areas
 - The people, the natural beauty, the events
 - It's like stepping back in time back to how life used to be when I grew up. Tranquility, trust, friendly people and beautiful landscape.
 - The people, the serenity of the area, remoteness
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- Obviously, its natural wonders are the biggest draw for me and my family. Coming down the main hill and seeing Lake Superior and the Bay is still a thrill after more than 50 years. There are so many outdoor activities to do in the area that you can't ever get bored. My children and their spouses love it, too. I love the school that my parents taught at and my siblings and I all graduated from. For being such a small school, the kids still get a lot of opportunities to excel. I love that the building is still there and in good shape. I know it's difficult to get teachers and staff to come and stay. I love that (for the most part) people get along well and watch out for one another. I'm proud that we have a good working government that is continually trying to improve the township.
 - The atmosphere, the small town feel, the lake, and the outdoors. It has small town charm and is connected to nature. It is quiet and peaceful (except all of the ORV and snowmobile traffic).
 - Nature in Abundance, strong sense of community
 - the quiet when tourist weekends are over, chatting with neighbors over a fence and exchanging baked goods for tomatoes.
 - Quiet, low crime, nature in abundance, community people networks, volunteerism, responsive local government, reasonable taxes and benefits from Twp sponsored services. Not dependent on Fed/State funding and/or controls. 2nd amendment is alive and well in GM
 - Clean air, friendly people, low crime, beautiful natural area
 - People seem to take care of one another. The sense of community is strong. The area is beautiful.
 - peaceful environment and friendly people
 - The small town atmosphere and the people.

Quality of Life Theme

- The small-town atmosphere. The fact that local year round residents were willing to fight for the way of life they always knew even though tourists that decided to move there want to change things.
- Social connections we make with total strangers on our porch every summer. Access to Lake Superior. Access to small bodies of water and park systems. We used to love interacting with the many friends we had made amongst the old timers here but that is fading fast with the unfortunate, but inevitable demise of most of them.
- Natural beauty, low population, friendly neighbors
- The natural beauty and the people who live there are invested in the community.
- The people, safety, service availability, scenery, the parks, proximity for having most needs met, the school(!!!), and the "community vibe"
- There aren't too many people, and I like the ones that are there.
- Scenery, family roots.
- Access to Lake Superior, small town community character, abundance of recreation opportunities and trail bike riding.
- The people and the area as a whole.
- Small town atmosphere
- clean environment small town atmosphere
- After 32 years of what has been mostly a love affair with Grand Marais, I have found the last few years to be challenging due to the noise and overcrowding.
- It's location. Hallmark town look
- the beauty, beaches, trails, not much traffic, slower pace
- Don't bother me, I won't bother you
- The quiet
- Until this past year, we loved the peaceful, small town environment of Grand Marais. We love the clean air, clean water, and clean streets. We love the history of the peace and efforts put forth to preserve it.
- natural beauty, peace and quiet
- everything
- Quiet when the ORV's are gone
- quiet and peaceful
- It's my home
- A small peaceful place
- It's a much less hectic lifestyle than where I came from. Love to be able to ride and enjoy the outdoor areas. Like the ability to ride so many place and that there isn't so much oversight or rules.
- Lake Superior, walkability to town, stores, library, nearness to National Lakeshore, clean air when people don't burn garbage
- The quiet (low noise), fresh air, great neighbors
- its remoteness and natural resources
- We have owned a house for more than 40 years. We love its peaceful, carefree living
- Peace and quiet
- Peace and quiet
- no crime. Beauty, parks
- Wouldn't live anywhere else
- Everything - I grew up here.

- Isolation, size, remoteness, adjacent to Lake Superior and nearby forests, friendly people, school, good, efficient local government, the library!
- Quiet
- That it is not overcrowded.
- solitude
- Our family has always viewed Grand Marais as our happy place. The last two years have been overrun with visitors. We are fortunate to still have our happy place.
- peaceful
- everything
- How beautiful it is.
- clean nice place to be
- remoteness. Natural beauty. Current good local government
- Really!
- the beaches and lakes. Peace and quiet
- The UP has been my home all my life. Namely Alger County. I love the seclusion and wildness. Worth more than gold.
- Great relaxing area, but now too populated. Too many tourists. Need to cap!
- peace and quiet wilderness
- In the portion of Burt Twp. where I own property, I love the ability to enjoy all of activities I like to partake in.
- Live downtown Chicago, can't find a more different place to be in for a break.
- Balance of Nature and outdoor recreation
- quiet town
- Used to love the peace and quiet. Now you can't sometimes find a nice meal. Town is simply over run and little police force visibility
- The quiet times.
- its remoteness
- Nature in Abundance... Can't believe you took the sign down... Quality of life, Cleanliness, Beauty. Lake Superior
- Beauty of nature slow paced to life and small-town feel
- Natural beauty and remoteness. The sense of community and historic ambiance
- It's my hometown and I love the quiet little town and the nature that surrounds it.
- Small, natural resources, people
- The dark skies and relative quiet are things I love about Burt Township. The natural beauty of the area and the relative remoteness are glorious. That remoteness is what has helped preserve the area.
- It's our "thin" place! Where heaven and earth come together!

Recreation Theme

- Proximity to natural recreation activities
- Easy access to natural beauty and recreation.
- The area and the ability to enjoy the outdoors on side by sides and snowmobiles
- snowmobile / ORV friendly
- The trails, hunting, and fishing opportunities
- Outdoor activities.

- Natural resources, scenery, recreation
- The recreational opportunities
- All the outdoor activities and the beauty of the landscape.

Values + Goals

- Small town, wilderness, nature, historical feel, history, old timers, the lake, old homes
- Its simplicity. Peacefulness.
- Lack of commercialization, remoteness, natural beauty
- Laid back, remote
- freedom and beauty
- remoteness
- solitude
- The small community that works together. The people make you feel welcome
- The small town atmosphere- however we are losing it!
- history of the area, the woods
- It's beauty and remoteness
- beauty, peace and tranquility
- The history, the beauty, opportunities
- remoteness
- Small town atmosphere. Natural beauty
- Small town living!
- It's beautiful, wild, and free!
- Nature. Minimal government interference
- Its nostalgic feel. Don't ruin it by bringing in more tourists.
- Rural character, no franchises, friendly atmosphere, great neighbors, appreciate Burt Township government asking for citizen input, natural beauty of natural areas
- My privacy
- Beauty of the lake. Knowing the people who live here.
- The beauty and nature accessible in so many ways
- The small-town atmosphere
- It's beautiful here. It's peaceful and very welcoming. People are always happy (because visitors are usually on vacation and who doesn't love being on vacation)
- The peacefulness and beauty
- Old time feel
- the beauty, the lake, people care about each other
- the small-town feel
- solitude, slowed down
- Small town atmosphere, peace and quiet, fresh air, nearness to Lake Superior
- Really, it has changed slightly in many years. That quaintness is its draw.
- Its beauty and serenity
- Living near my family, the natural beauty, the small town, working for myself.
- History, nature

- It is run well. Nature is respected and the way of life should be Maintained. Too many times I've seen people move to other areas and try to bring what they were getting away from with them to the new area.
- I love the quaintness, small town community and the natural beauty of Burt Township and Lake Superior.
- The history and the beauty
- The quaintness of the Township.
- The small-town feel

Question #42

What change would you like to see within Burt Township?

- More police presence to increase safety, garbage disposal for tourists
- Not much
- Sewer system for Grand Marais
- Nothing
- Planning Committees with varying degrees of ages and time lived in community to present changes to be made in community.
- More rigorous planning and enforcement of codes and rules. Call out the few merchants and businesses that claim to have the economic control over the future of Burt Twp.
- More sheriff patrols
- police presence
- No change, just keep services up to date.
- The noise in town has become almost unbearable for those of us living in what was once a lovely, little quiet and sleepy community.
- police presence and beach patrol
- Stop snowmobiles, side by sides, etc. from driving around day and night in town.
- More housing, additional families
- control ORVs and snowmobiles, reduce light pollution
- bring in off season people
- burn Voyageur Motel to the ground
- More police presence. Enforcing laws. Public restrooms on or close to Main Street. Visitor Center in town.
- Provide more support for outdoor activities such as improved trail system, day use areas with restrooms and picnic facilities, bike safe lanes.
- More new public showers, more new public restrooms
- bike path
- speed reduction ORV's on Ellen St.
- Another restaurant/bar/Keno
- more road funds going out the township and not stopping at town
- have chamber of commerce with fewer activities
- improvement and more personnel for ambulance, fire
- Support for the local businesses! Knee jerk reactions to complaints. Too much reverence to complaints of part-time residents.
- If change relative to growth is inevitable, then the township needs to decide what it wants to become. Our hope is that priority is put on preserving the qualities that attracted us to the area in the first place.
- more businesses, more activities
- Areas set aside for wildlife refuge, with access only by foottrails and no motorized vehicles. When you sell off property (like 40 acres) the property owner fences it off and keeps public off his property. Need to have wildlife areas and public recreation areas set aside.
- None

- Develop programs to better promote the area's history of logging, fishing. Perhaps historical photos in the areas where the sites are- like what is being done so far with museums.
- improved internet and cell phone availability
- We are happy! Anything that helps to sustain a beautiful community
- Restrict ORV use and snowmobile use. Enforce less speed and less noise.
- None
- More projects for community benefit rather than all moneys going for tourism projects.
- Structure growth that has low impact on the "wilderness" aspect of the area
- None
- Not commercialized
- It would be wonderful if the local government would come together as one rather than battle like kids. Think first.
- it's as is
- more businesses
- law enforcement
- restrictions on ORVs / snowmobiles - more law enforcement
- More focus on growth of families in the community. More focus on kids' activities and learning opportunities.
- I would like to have finger docks at Marina. Dockmaster should have a marine radio. I have never been to a marina where you couldn't call to marina by radio.
- No burning of garbage. No running engines when not moving.
- Stop trying to change Burt Township into something it never was - like so many tourist traps below the bridge
- The ambulance / rescue service. The current volunteers are wonderful, but I wish there was a way to guarantee regular service without having to beg for volunteers from our community.
- enforcing laws and zoning
- I like the way it is
- None
- None
- More businesses
- I wish we could do more to help our very elderly residents, maybe like a "commission on aging" locally based. Families face terrible decisions when loved ones decline and need help with various tasks. Force them to move? How sad.
- Sewer system - a formal Township sponsored group to attract businesses
- Happy the way it is
- less short-term rentals
- Reopening of North Shore Lodge. A fireworks ordinance on holidays in neighborhoods. No more short-term rentals in neighborhoods.
- restrict ORV / snowmobiles in. Police protection
- Sewer systems
- Apartments and The North Shore up and running
- Restrict ORV and snowmobiles. Limit the number of campsites in town. No more hotels on the point.
- Division between full-time and part-time residents needs to be addressed, part-time residents are contributors to the success in Burt Township
- I would get rid of tourists

- less cars
- roads
- more restaurants - restrooms
- Limit short term rental properties and curb ORV noise, etc. At least figure out a way to limit the number of "jerks" ORVers
- No police
- Proper infrastructure to support a thriving community. Including law enforcement.
- nothing
- Keep it clean, safe, quieter.
- building code enforcements. More transparency
- We need business that brings in families, long term rental single family houses that are no vacation rentals, a sewage system
- Sewer system, finger docks, green space turned into a beautiful park.
- more policing - more influx of commercial businesses
- 1 - More attention to growth management 2 - More inclusion of the views of non-resident owners, e.g., Getting rid of the perception that we're all rich or we don't really care about the community.
- More families with kids in our school and churches. Jobs. Affordable housing for families.
- A much-enhanced methods of handling summer tourist traffic, especially pedestrians and bicycles downtown. Start using cops on bicycle patrols instead of cars!
- More business opportunities, no snowmobiling signs on beach entry points.
- Enforcement of ordinance, such as dealing with trailers on the beach.
- More motels / demo old motels, gone.
- Restricting wild use of snowmobiles in town - damage to personal property. Light pollution. Noise from ATV / snowmobiles
- Let's all worry together and stop the bickering
- Closing the front of the bandstand
- Increased housing to encourage families to move here. We need to save our school!
- More housing to accommodate families - the school won't survive without kids and families won't come here if there's no place to live.
- Continued improvements and updates to Woodland Park, our largest asset.
- Getting too popular, too much riff raff.
- More restaurants. I would like to see something done at that motel / restaurant at the point - total blight
- More quiet sports activities
- none
- I wish there was a skatepark.
- Enforcing removal of dilapidated buildings, they are all over.
- A moratorium on all town projects for 2 years like there now is on rentals.
- No lavender
- more police presence
- Continued law enforcement presence. Walking trail from town to cemetery road.
- I think if the focus is doing what's good for the residents, it'll be good for visitors. Would like the focus to change - seems too much focus on making it good for visitors.
- less short term rentals

- full time police, fire, rescue
- better phone services
- lower taxes
- a posted speed limit for ORV / sleds to 25 mph in town areas
- I would like to see the community reunite. This COVID thing has been very divisive for the community.
- Septic system
- more eating places
- I wish Coast Guard Point were dark so I can see the night sky. I'd like to see the marina parking lot be paved.
- Embrace the ORV / Snowmobile industry
- Modern changes to land use and recreational land policy to balance growth
- I would like to see more respect for the natural area that is unique to the area. There seems to be less every year.
- Less ORV traffic and less snowmobiling because there is no enforcement of rules on private property.
- Downtown parking is hazardous - same at Post Office
- Less emphasis on what's good for the Chamber and more consideration to what's good for the residents - including summer people who pay the majority of taxes. Bring in more people who appreciate the natural beauty - more artists, bicyclists - less ORVs and snowmobiles
- Need a eastbound multiuse path for hike / bike / ski / snowmobiles / ORVs out of town on H-58 east from Lake Street
- To plow either Adams Trail of H-58 currently the western side of the township is cut off from Grand Marais
- Decrease the school operating costs
- limit rental properties
- No ORVs roaming streets. Park and walk to businesses. Food trucks relocated to community center. Outhouses replaced with public bathroom up town.
- Less high speed traffic on township residential streets - especially on Carlson
- Tax payers should not pay to launch boats. The taxes are higher in Burt than in Oakland County
- none
- ORV, snowmobile issues as noted #40. More enforcement; speed, noise, trespass.
- greater regulations on ORVs and snowmobiles. Greater law enforcement presence given the increase in tourists
- More police to protect the people so they can enjoy Grand Marais
- none
- A move towards maintaining the natural resources
- get ATVs under control
- control ORVs and have a sheriff
- Use the latest technology to benefit everyone. Get power companies to buy excess power from solar and wind production, otherwise it's not worthwhile
- increase in eating establishments
- keep the bay as it is
- Protect our shorelines! Control housing and enforce zoning. We need a "tourist tax"
- an employer that wouldn't ruin nature. Provide employment for young families

- housing for people who want to work in Grand Marais. Places to eat.
- New young people moving in and township encouraging that.
- Gas station polluting! Stop this!
- move gas station to M-77 out of town. Blight. Polluter. Noise
- parking stripes
- Enforcement of zoning - remove mobile homes from beach!
- Bury all utility lines underground such pretty views are often marred by unsightly utility poles and lines.
- Build a sewer system, lower speed limit in town and enforce it. Restrict ORVs. Clean and maintain the beaches
- decrease in taxes
- First quit trying to overdevelop to accommodate the rising number of visitors. When the park is full quit trying to extend it - ORVs and snowmobiles need to have a place up the hill to park their big trailers and sled or drive to recreational areas from there
- Consideration of a cooperative that would bring more jobs and housing. Promotion of remote working opportunities here.
- It's great as it is
- Less tourism, ORV's need to be on trail and not in town. Too noisy and too many.
- Alternative energy resources, preservation of natural resources
- Use resources to support residents / locals. Aging community members need support: in home care, wellness checks, meals, transportation, medical care
- Affordable internet access
- growth slowed
- growth, marina upgrade
- limit growth
- Change calling people here constantly - we all need a downtime to enjoy the place we love.
- Less old people making decisions for the township, the majority of them are selfish and only want to see things done for them. No communal growth is encouraged and all of the places for kids to hangout are being taken away solely because the OLD people don't like kids.
- More long term housing at an affordable price and more job opportunities

- Burt Township has an aging population and has not appealed to the younger generation such as myself. There are little to no job opportunities (I have my masters degree and work remotely because there are no jobs that would fit my educational level). There is no existing long-term housing options that could accommodate families. Purchasing in the area is now near impossible due to the number of homes that are utilized as short-term rentals rather than for citizens of the town. You have to know someone to find a place to stay. Burt Township should consider utilizing funding and income streams from areas such as Woodland Park to further invest in the accessibility, walkability, and sustainability of our small town. A small number of business owners benefit from the tourism that the natural surroundings produce. Workers do not benefit as they see a mere nickel compared to what is earned during high tourism times. I know this as I have worked in these positions (such as bartending). I personally am planning on having children in the coming years and am not planning on sending my children to the school district. The level of education has notably decreased. Families have had no job options and no where to house their children, so how can they plan to grow their family and lives here in Burt Township? There should be a focus on low-income residents and how to address their issues. Initiatives should be in place to help fund projects such as long-term housing (low-income or otherwise). The township should invest in ways to create jobs and generate township revenue.
- I would like to see Burt Township deter unregulated commercial growth, most aptly the prevalence of Short-Term rentals and the consolidation of our small commercial spaces. I would like to see Burt Township invest in public and shares spaces, both for the protection of our recreational public lands but also for the benefit of local community workers. Investing in public infrastructure, for instance a garbage/recycling facilities and expanding Burt Township's campground, would provide not only for the benefit of secure public employment but also gives local peoples a stake in the community. Raising the living standards for our local workers and combating an obscene 23% poverty rate must be the most important priorities for the Township. I would like to see Burt Township lead the way as a model for a sustainable and equitable tourist community, one wherein profit is not the only consideration in planning a community.
- More dynamic leadership who are focused on community, business success and creating job opportunities
- Better leadership on the township board. More infrastructure and city sewer to attract more businesses to the community.
- A less divided community.
- Well thought out residential and commercial growth opportunities.
- More recreational opportunities especially for retired folks
- We need to be more welcoming of those who come and choose to call Burt Township home. We need to support, shop, and buy local - thus supporting the businesses in town. We need to be open to new ideas different than those of our own, and be open to change. We also need to focus on encouraging young families to live here.
- More younger people
- Enforce existing codes: Remove all mobile home trailers from beach areas

- More bike friendly
- Stop building
- Nothing
- More police and EMS.
- Less destruction of forests
- affordable housing for employees, attract employees for the businesses, as everyone need qualified staff
- We need a restaurant to serve breakfast on a regular basis! I see that we have one coming in the Breakwell building. I think that will attract more people to come at STAY for a while. We do need more long- and short-term rentals. It's a very long way to get to Grand Marais. People don't want to drive all that way and only be able to stay for a night or two. Continuing to improve the marina will add to the boat traffic which will help support businesses. Keeping the bay bathroom area cleaned up would help for those who want to spend a day at that beach. I'm guessing Sable Lake isn't within the township business, but it sure would be nice if the beach area there could be improved so people would use the lake more.
- Preserving the small-town charm. Village sewer system.
- can't think of anything at the moment
- Young families and couples moving here. Jobs that aren't based in tourism. We need to find a better way to provide steady jobs to folks that are more reliable than seasonal. I would also like to see more diversity among the town leadership boards instead of the same families protecting their own interests instead of what's best for the township and its residents. We need to encourage more people to move here and LIVE AND WORK here. More enticing options that will get people here year-round... people with fresh ideas, youthful energy, strong work ethic. We need to be able to offer quality, reliable jobs.
- How many short term rentals one person/family/company can have, have regular breakfast dining options, Marine/ORV/Snowmobile repair shop, residential options for summer help and long term renters, better information for last minute or unplanned overnight stays, more regular access to medical care in Grand Marais, you can never have enough resources and opportunities for the towns, youth and young adults, overnight parking, more public restrooms
- More control of ORVs. Flexibility in housing for affordable housing.
- More openness in the township building codes and rules. There seems to be some "infighting" between different board members, in town, which allows certain members to create their own set of rules and guidelines.
- Less traffic
- None
- None
- More attention to what is being built and not allowing everything i.e., the driveway to nowhere.
- Broadband availability
- speed limits and signage aimed at ORV users
- Increase commercial
- The township board needs to be the political focal point and the chamber needs to be what a chamber is set up to be. The board of the twp. should not be in the business of buying property.

- Continued emphasis on trying to determine how the community should manage future planning decisions for the benefit of the property owners and residents. i.e. this survey and it's outcomes.
- I would like to see more affordable homes for families to live here and bring kids to our community so that our school can survive. Restrictions and enforcement of snowmobile use and ORV use within the township. Bike/walking trails for residents and visitors.
- Bike/Waling path to School Forest and hopefully to Sucker River bridge
- More police presence. This would affect the problems with ATVs and snowmobiles.
- Increase in families with school age children & more jobs
- Affordable housing stock
- I'd like to see incentives for people to build single family homes that are non-rentals so there is a generation coming to support the tourism in the future. The market for houses in the area is high because of people making them rentals, and they rent well. If I was a person moving to GM, I would want to build a new home, that was efficient and well placed instead of trying to pay a high price for a home that needed work. Most people that would bring their family to GM to live, would be looking to run a tourism type business or work in one. I don't think that a factory or commercial businesses are good for the area long term, as it would bring more people into a landscape that is beautiful the way it is. GM is great as it is, please don't try to make it something it is not! Keep the cities as the cities - and let us all enjoy the respite that GM brings.
- A constant police presence; elimination of snowmobile/ORV traffic in town; the Township watching out for the needs of the full-time residents; assisted living facility in town; affordable housing for minimum wage earners in town
- outlaw all political signs
- My property is at the corner of H58 and Rhondy Creek Trail. Every year, snowmobilers leave about 15 gallons of general trash. I know because I pick it all up. This includes hard liquor bottles, beer cans, parts, oil jugs, general trash. They trespass to my cabin and steal things to fix their machines. Pooping in my woods and leaving the toilet paper is very common. They have pooped and left toilet paper under my porch overhang. A snowmobile burned to the ground once and they left it for me to pick up. Dirt bikes lock up the front brake and sling dirt from the shoulder with the rear tire onto the road to mark which direction they went. Quads spin doughnuts in my yard. There is a little clearing on my property at the road intersection. People park there and just trash the place. It is a very popular location. I would like them to stay off my land entirely and be more responsible with their trash. I like how they support local businesses, but they need to be more respectful of the road shoulders and local resident's property.
- Presence of Law Enforcement
- More law enforcement presence
- Game warden DNR to enforce orv and snowmobile rules. Police to enforce rules. Could this also be a money maker.
- Regulation of motorized sport vehicles
- More people and businesses that enjoy people wanting to be here year round. I'm not necessarily saying thousands, but a sustainable year round population of two to three times our current numbers would be awesome.
- less private rentals so housing can become affordable
- More long term rental availability and more indoor recreational activities. (i.e. ice skating!)

- Change back to the ways where we aren't afraid to offend someone. Make changes that are best for the community itself, not the people that visit and complain about an ATV driving by them because they expect solitude.
- No opinion
- Restore GM to the quiet natural town it once was that all can enjoy. Policing wouldn't be needed if all would respect and follow the rules, speed limits and noise levels.
- upgrade the exterior lighting on the west end of fire/ambulance building to be more dark sky compatible-more like the ones placed on the south side this past year. Enforcement of No overnight parking or camping regulations at Agate beach. Enforcement of a speed limit on N. Lake Ave.
- Better roads h-58 East and west, Nesberg road paved, valentine road paved. Dirt roads paved.
- Finding some way to reign in the uber woke-sters who insist on changing Grand Marais into some progressive utopia.
- Burt Township desperately needs a community sewer system. All homes within Burt Township operate on a private septic system which puts the drinking water and freshwater bodies at risk for contamination. A community sewer system/water treatment plant would eliminate the risk to the neighboring bodies of water and promote adaptable infrastructure for the community of Burt Township.
- Not a thing
- Need permanent police presence. Need noise ordinance and restrictions on ATVs/snowmobiles. Need more sidewalks and bike trails.
- Affordable housing, city sewer system, a police department, restrict ORVs and snowmobiles from streets and roads.
- It needs to come together as a community. It was very concerning the way people treat others there and especially land owners. I have paid taxes there for a long time and was raised there. People are moving there and then trying to change. Remember why you moved there.
- fewer tourists!
- Less weekly rentals. And enforcement of our ordinances and zoning.
- Measures to attract younger people with children in order to sustain the school and support essential services such as fire and emergency services. Pay more attention to the negative impact that ORV rentals have on local tax payers and residents. Police services are needed.
- Careful planning to manage growth without damaging the environment.
- Reduce short-term rentals, reduce the number of campsites at Woodland Park, encourage quiet sports, discourage noise-producing activities (including excessive unregulated fireworks), focus on the quality of life for residents and less on what the businesses and noisy tourists want.
- An on duty police officer.
- As mentioned previously, plowed access to GM in the winter. After all, that is where our tax dollars go.
- More knowledgeable, proactive, and responsive township officials
- There needs to be a medical clinic of some kind.
- Greater economic opportunities beyond tourism.
- Police presence
- Lower property taxes.
- Smart investment in housing and internet that makes it easier for young families to live here.

- Enforcement of noise ordinance, restrictions on house/building size.
- Affordable housing for young families! New construction could easily incorporate what solar we can attract on our abundant overcast days. This could substitute for the idiosyncratic idea of destructive wind farms and the destruction of pristine lands for solar farms
- Keep ugly national politics out of local governance
- Nothing really. I like it how it is.
- Better cellular / internet service
- Would like to restrict orv use
- Increase restrictions on ORVs and snowmobiles and the drivers who speed and trespass with impunity.
- Small changes to help the community but not affect the overall natural environment.
- Less changes
- I'm not sure. We're new owners however have been coming regularly to the area for several years. I do find the level of traffic and noise from ORVs on main roads though so thinking about improved trail connectors and infrastructure to balance those uses would be a nice change.
- None yet
- Lower taxes and a nice grocery store
- Restrict ORV/snowmobile use. Preserve areas I can hike or ski without the noise/smell of those vehicles. Change town speed limit back to 25 mph. People drive too fast! A bike/walking path to Luce County/Sucker River bridge would be a huge asset to Burt.
- Younger, more educated population base.
- I moved to GM 40 plus years ago because it was a clean, quiet, beautiful town. It had all of the businesses to support it, as has been the case since 1910. In the past decade or so, it seems the majority of people who move here, have come to make money off of the town and surrounding area which is rapidly changing the town. I didn't move to this town because I felt changes were needed. I liked the town the way it was.
- More affordable housing.
- The display of controversial banners and flags such as confederate flags and disparaging political signs/banners.
- Continued effort to promote community!
- Improved parking and public facilities to accommodate the infusion of more people as a result of easier access
- We need more eating places during the summer months.

Question #43

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

Community Development and Land Use Theme

- Tourism/population limitations
- too much growth too fast
- Too much growth in population and tourism.
- Development and commercialization, do not let Dollar General in. Exploitation of natural resources
- Growth
- 1. Influx of tourists. 2. Influx of new residents. Burning need to manage growth through planning/zoning. Flight of those without the means to stay on if 1 and 2 aren't properly managed
- economic growth
- 5. funding expansion 10. infrastructure 20. population growth 30. environment
- Development
- increase in population
- overpopulation
- Preservation of shoreline and not losing the businesses currently there
- Not changing into Munising
- Controlling development to maintain the township assets (Nature in abundance)
- Not being overrun by development
- How to deal with the popularity of the area. Unplanned growth could destroy that unique quality of life.
- Overuse / overcrowding of ORVs, snowmobiles. Less respect of homeowners and property
- Public access to bay and the lake in Grand Marais; maintaining public views of the lake and bay in Grand Marais; providing for public parking of vehicles at community gathering points.
- Overbuilding and commercializing
- Keep commercial and residential sprawl confined and controlled.
- Managing growth and maintaining its identity
- Overrun with tourists / outsiders sucking up resources intended for locals.
- Not being ready for the growth of tourism coming to the town. Instead of worrying about a few that live on the main road with golf carts, side by sides, and snowmobiles, focus on signage, dedicated lanes, putting chloride on the dirt sides to reduce dust, parking, speed limit coming into town and in town itself.
- ORVs. Traffic. Growth.
- Leave it
- Lack of business
- Tourism! Increase may bring money but at what cost to the quaintness of the community? You'll lose your identity. It happened to Pentwater. Don't sell your soul to tourists!

- Managing growth in tourism
- businesses
- make sure town will continue to grow
- traffic
- Having an updated "Master Plan" that promotes a balanced community that is enforced to protect everyone's rights and values.
- stay the same
- Bringing in some business when families come there to live. Otherwise we will be a retirement community and have to rely on tourism and that will drive residents away.
- 5 years - appropriate management of tourist influx - guarding natural resources - police, fire, EMS. 10 years - support full time residents - school, infrastructure, job opportunity. 20 years - I assume H-58 will be fully paved, bringing in more tourists, see #1. 30 years - ?
- Growth management. Growth is good for the economy, for the school, but exploitation of the environment - hundreds of ORVs or snowmobiles come and going - that doesn't build an economy
- Growth - too much! Development - Argh!
- Managing tourism
- Increase in development in town
- Managing growth and determining what type of vacation community it will be
- 5 years - housing. 10 years - public safety (911 emergency services). 20 years - protect our natural resources. 30 years - infrastructure
- Rapid growth, big city visionary types modernize it to fancy living
- Increase in tourism
- In the near term overcrowding. Particularly with snowmobile and ORV usage. In the long term I fear for resource management in general.
- growth and / or non-growth
- Overdevelopment - people moving here to get away from overpopulated areas - then trying to develop our town - more sidewalks, streetlights, convenience stores, restaurants, rules, rules, rules. Too many politics, policy.
- controlled development
- Growth
- Balancing preservation of the scenery and ecology with growth, jobs, and affordable housing
- Not embracing the ORV / snowmobiling camping industry and tourists
- I think that there is such an emphasis on the economic advantages of the ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles population that does not consider keeping the quality of the natural area. It gets drowned out by what folks think of as personal freedoms instead of natural respect and care.
- Regulating growth in a way that doesn't harm the environment. Being able to take a long-term view of the changes and their ramifications.
- Keeping crime rate down as more people visit the town.
- I don't see any. Let happen what happens
- economic viability, controlling growth / summer congestion
- Lack of business to increase population and visitors
- Controlled economic development
- stop overdevelopment and overregulation
- A balance of encouraging a population increase, which is critical, with planned services and regulated growth, e.g. building.

- The direction of development versus preservation. Must be a balance moving toward the latter.
- Lack of employment opportunities and affordable housing for younger people
- bad growth
- growth
- Planning and Zoning to regulate the inevitable external inflow of investment as Grand Marais continues to grow as a tourist economy. Considering the recent hot topics of Short-Term rentals and the prevalence of snowmobiles and ATV traffic, both seem to me to speak to the current lack of planning from previous local administrations. And where the planning has lacked problems have arisen, such as an overabundance of investment properties and unregulated traffic in residential communities. The lack of foresight has forced local workers and residents to put up with the brunt of the externalities related to local business profit incentives. If not combatted now, these incentives will run over the less fortunate in our community and we will be left with an ever growing poverty rate and terror that comes along with poverty, all the while a few outside business owners will be reaping record profits.
- Maintaining a home school, managing growth while maintaining its natural beauty
- Overgrowth
- Control of growth/overgrowth and affordable energy.
- Too rapid growth
- managed growth and support of local residents as well as tourists
- Too many people and not enough services industry to support the volume.
- Keep the wild rural aspect of the area in tact. No casinos, wind or solar farms. Continue to promote the Pictured Rocks
- The paving of the GM truck trail will likely bring more visitors into town, and expand the opportunities for more permanent residents to support that. Providing incentives to those who want to move their FAMILY without being invasive or making restrictions on rentals is the way to get this done. For parking concerns of rentals in town, what about a parking lot somewhere for trucks/trailers in town? If you can't park on the street, provide an option to be accommodating to everyone that is visiting while also helping the locals to enjoy their town with minimal disturbance.
- tourist growth
- Economic sustainability and vitality
- Uncontrolled growth
- The township not willing to accept change and tourist when that is what makes the locals survive with jobs
- Controlling growth
- Regulating development.
- Keeping tourism going and not allowing new citizens to stop it. Without tourism, the town will fail.
- Immediate full court press to address the impact of the paving of H58 from the east which will have a huge and negative impact on people living "in-town". This will be expensive and you can predict that township voters who live outside of Grand Marais proper will resist initiatives that must be taken to protect the town itself. Similar voting patterns are evident already on the issue of police protection. If the increased traffic (plus heavy trucks, RVs, etc.) is not dealt with immediately and a bypass developed then Grand Marais is DOOMED as we know it.
- 5) attracting families. 10, 20, 30 years: the impact of climate change

- managing growth and popularity of the area
- Population growth, jobs, more housing
- Keeping development to a minimum and keeping the population low.
- Exactly the issues this survey is about: Building sustainable community that welcomes tourists and long-term residents, without the distortions that come from short-term rentals.
- Growing too fast.
- Growth must be controlled and allowed to happen in a thoughtful way to maintain the natural resources of the township.
- Growth or lack of growth in the community and within the school. Without growth it won't survive, but growth brings growing pains.
- Commercialization, environmental degradation, gentrification, political corruption
- Too much tourism.
- Economic growth and attracting young people and families.
- Overuse. People forgetting that all activities have a cost. Those costs need to be thoughtfully anticipated and a plan implemented to negate or lessen their impact.
- Sustainability

Demographics

- Having enough people to work to keep it going making sure they have the skills to work
- tourism and reliable workforce
- Aging population - not investing in youth with educational opportunities for realistic employment in Grand Marais other than tourism. More service industry jobs as well as tech.
- Schools we need to get younger people to support our school.
- Attracting young people to town in order to keep our businesses, schools, and churches viable.
- opportunity for families to make a living and work in Burt Township - keep school viable
- lack of young people - no workers.
- Getting younger generations to volunteer. Too many tourists. Catering to tourists rather than tax payers. Tax payers benefit whole town whereas tourists benefit half dozen businesses. Need to get priorities straight.
- People willing/able to work for places as in 20+ years 90% of the population is going to die.
- Attracting families to live in Burt Township while growing tourism in the area
- No one to run the many services provided. Young people to work. No kids.
- Not enough children to keep the school open, thus eliminating many jobs.
- Aging population, lack of housing,
- Growth. Getting and keeping young families here. They need job opportunities and good schools. The funding of all projects as the population gets older.
- Declining and aging population! The school is a big hub for community activities. If we don't have enough kids to keep the school operating, then we're losing a core draw for the town. Medical care for the aging population along with housing is going to be important. People willing to do the small jobs such as plowing, lawn care, waitressing, cooks, salesclerks, is going to be dependent on having more younger people in the town.
- Population aging decline
- Need to become less of a retirement community. We need young families so we don't lose the school. That will require better job opportunities.

- Encouraging families, young people, and workforce to live here.
- Not enough year round residents / workforce.
- lack of a work force
- Aging population and limited workers for township posts
- Aging population, transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, climate change impact on weather (power outages from stronger storms). Also, the potential that the UP will become a climate refuge for too many people.
- Attracting young people to live in the area. Without children moving to the area the school will soon close further decreasing the population.

Housing Theme

- housing
- Employee / family housing (long term rentals) affordable purchase price
- Short term rental
- Short term rentals. Speeding ORVs and snowmobiles
- Housing and workers for businesses.
- affordable housing
- Short term rentals will choke out the potential for families to grow in town
- housing
- Short term rental and affordable housing
- affordable housing, job opportunities
- less short term rentals. Places for people to live so they can come and live here to work.
- housing and jobs
- Not enough long term housing
- 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
- affordable housing
- Pricing of homes for kids can stay after school
- Affordable housing and the lack of younger generations moving in because of it.
- Housing affordable for workers and families to enable employers to keep staff and for the school to have at least 50 students
- There won't be enough affordable housing.
- Long term housing, make snowmobilers and ATV's use snowmobile trail to enter GM.

Infrastructure + Facilities Theme

- Ambulance
- public safety. Habitat and environmental destruction from wind and solar energy facilities. High cost of heating from electricity.
- police, ambulance, fire
- sewage, law enforcement
- sewage system, paving H-58 E, trash and litter by tourists
- Regulations of all types

- affordable housing, school, sewer system to prevent pollution into bay and Lake Superior, controlling the use of ATV, snowmobiles within town
- loss of ambulance
- Emergency and fire department, infrastructure, code compliance, preservation of shorelines and controlling growth while developing quality of life
- Growth (whether controlled or uncontrolled). Law enforcement. Water quality (i.e.. municipal sewer system)
- Maintaining an ambulance / fire service. Attracting and being able to keep young families
- Public safety - needing a police presence. Raising funds for township projects.
- Better electric service (for businesses). Sewer system - also for economic growth
- Law enforcement
- A sewer is needed now not later
- For village residents: sewer and clean drinking water concerns. New residents fully informed about living in Grand Marais (lack of services, short term rentals, affordable housing)
- Keeping up with technology. High speed internet, cell phones, solar and wind energy.
- Put in NO sewer system
- The state will require a sewer system and everyone knows it. ORVs will (have) overrun the local roads. You'll have to have a sheriffs road patrol.
- economy, need boat slips in bay, all township roads, update electric system, jobs, jobs, jobs, EMT / ambulance / police
- Paying for a sewer system.
- School
- Too many tourists and not enough facilities to handle them
- 5 - adequate housing for families. 10 - public safety (emergency assistance). 20 - protecting natural resources
- sewer system, noise control, parking
- better phone service in 5 years
- Septic system, Lake Superior, inland lakes, streams, falls and natural park, sand dunes
- Ensuring harbor size / quality, affordable housing, encouraging responsible tourism, and preventing awful windmills polluting natural beauty and turbine blades going up in landfills. Support line 5 as well!
- Keeping the school open and having ambulance services
- Long term plan means acquiring land to widen H-58 east
- Inability to accommodate the increasing volume of visitors (tourists)
- Traffic - when H-58 gets paved in Luce County
- Lower taxes will increase growth
- Enough tax base to remain viable. Too much of our township is owned by big commercial companies that pay little tax or government that pays none.
- A very rapid growth without adequate law enforcement - facilities and other necessities that could be a financial stricture on the community
- Law enforcement
- Sewer system, more businesses to employ people, maintaining the school. Restricting ORVs. Better cell coverage.
- sewer system
- outdated infrastructure, some residents leaving as growth occurs. Housing to support commercial growth.

- An increased population, with infrastructures that aren't capable of managing such.
- Need police people think it's a free for all people can do whatever they want and build wherever they want
- Revenue, and unfortunately revenue is driven by development and taxes from that development.
- breakwater continuation
- building infrastructure to support growing tourism. So more public restrooms such as Mackinac City and St. Ignace, additional restaurants, eventually expansion of or another gas station and expansion of or another grocery store. Additional banking services and more organized hospitality venues
- We are at a tipping point right now when it comes to tourism. We already have more visitors than the restaurants can handle, than our bathrooms can handle, than our beaches can handle. If it doesn't plateau, I worry our natural habitats and beauty will deteriorate and what will we have left? Sewer is going to be a big issue that needs to be addressed, along with clean water (drinking/Lake). We can't afford to ruin our water; it's our livelihood.
- Paving east of Grand Marais, getting a city sewer system, opportunities for local living wage jobs
- Expansion of services to accommodate tourism. I believe that the recent increase in tourism will not slow down. And it would benefit Our community to invest in those resources.
- Technology
- Pollution of our natural resources. Sewer system failure.
- Keeping the school and post office.
- Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement
- Law enforcement. Most important and the master plan can help either. Also, Maintain school, businesses etc. But, I do not see how the master plan can achieve this.
- Law enforcement
- The lack of community sewer system is a prevalent concern in Burt Township and will continue to be if not changed. Replacement of a private septic system is costly and breeches of private septic systems make the environment and community susceptible to contaminated drinking water, E.coli outbreaks etc. A community sewer system would eliminate these risks but also prove to be an investment in the future of Burt Township.
- Keeping the school alive and populated with children and teachers, and keeping young families residing there. Keeping all the sites at the campground well maintained
- Growth of tourism outpacing the infrastructure to serve the visitors and maintain the health of the natural environment.
- Enough employment to support on service industry our only industry and more motel rooms; the necessity of North Shore Lodge; and our dying high school! Back in the 1990s, I suggested to Superintendent George Hodonin to purchase the Voyageur Motel which is adjacent to Grand Marais High School, and pursue a Boarding school; contrarily, it would have eliminated the necessary motel rooms, yet their would be instant housing, room for tennis courts, etc., organic gardens, and a small solar system.
- Need to have places for visitors to eat

Natural Resources Theme

- maintaining natural beauty and peace and quiet

- Effects of global warming
- Overuse of our beautiful environment and degradation of our resources. Too many tourists and not enough residents.
- Wolves
- ecosystem
- depletion of the natural environment
- pollution
- water pollution
- Too many ORV / snowmobiles - overuse of trails.
- environmental issues, surface water runoff, shoreline erosion, overuse of recreational areas.
- Maintaining the beautiful forest and wilderness. Keeping tourism reasonable and under control
- Too many people ruining Grand Marais' nature in abundance. Need to be sustainable!
- Negative impact on water and land from uncontrolled growth
- preserving the nature and town, ridding the blight. repurpose the motel on the point
- Preserving the natural beauty and not allowing the visual landscape to change by huge industrial wind and solar projects, there are more appropriate areas for this
- Climate change.
- Destruction of our woods, water and roads by recreational vehicles.
- Protecting the natural environment from the degradation of tourism, over-development, and over-logging. Returning Grand Marais to the type of community people want to LIVE in, not just a playground for those with noisy machines. A neighbor of ours whose parents lived in Grand Marais for forty years has decided not to build on the property he inherited because Grand Marais is being destroyed by over-tourism and noise pollution.
- Overuse of natural resources in and around Grand Marais.
- Increased use of natural areas and a lack in knowledge of how to steward/protect these areas (general awareness of how to be outside and how to reduce impact). This leads to degraded water quality and public health issues.

People + Community Theme

- The town is dying! No way to make a living so families have to leave so no workers so nothing for visitors- the town is on a bad path. Abuse of the campground- improvements are needed.
- employees
- Keeping a small-town image and not becoming a small Traverse City if you want big cities go back to the city.
- The crush of visitors
- Too many people
- number of visitors
- Too many people for the size of the area
- overpopulation
- Tourism - accepting and educating tourists to respect our community
- Overreach by Township Board and escalation at newer residents interfering with others' lives. Mob rule and active participation by the Township Board.
- increasing tourists
- Too much tourism

- too many people
- See prior responses
- The negative impact of increased tourism on the village and its community. The "town" gets lost or taken over by the
- excess of tourists
- Controlling tourists and their ORVs. They show little respect for residents and property
- People!
- Too many people. Loses the towns appeal.
- Increased visitors
- Tourism. Need to stop side by side traffic. They are loud, litter and go to fast. Burt township needs to ban side by sides
- Quality of people invading it from the people's republic of Ann Arbor, Saugatuck and the like. Everyone wants to force their neighbors to live like they want them to live but the only contribution they make is constant complaints and manipulation by gripes and bitching. These are typically not the people who volunteer for the Ambulance service or after event clean up.
- Massive influx of people and infrastructure. Ability to absorb impact. Navigating rapid change.

Quality of Life Theme

- Overcrowding, litter, noise from ATVs and motorcycles, disrespectful tourists who have little or no regard for nature and the responsibility we have to protect it.
- noise and destruction of beaches
- year-round usage
- Work together on how we can improve, and all can benefit.
- Maintain small town sense of welcoming feel along with limiting jerks that don't have roots in town.
- More people, not enough services without changing the atmosphere of our town. Natural beauty destroyed by development or overuse.
- Keep Lansing out of Township love to see UP as 51st State.
- Being run over by side by sides, snowmobiles - especially people drinking hard liquor all day
- Visitors encroaching on private property and increased noise
- Keeping the small-town feel, that's what people want and why they come to our town. Trying to make it more enforced will detour people from coming here and to elsewhere.
- Freedom. I am hearing and seeing more government overreach in the community, and it is not good for the long term health of the community.
- close knit community - nature in abundance
- getting ruined
- keeping it unique and not overrun
- I would like to elderly or help for the infirm people who want to die here and not in a big unknown place. Small - but therapy and medical care right here in the village
- Frankly same as it was mindset. Don't grow you die. Out of the way is hip now. Take advantage but do it smart.
- Vacationers coming in without respecting the values and ways of locals.
- maintaining a degree of residential character in GM

- People come here because they want to be away from the congestion and problems of places like Traverse City. Preserving the natural beauty and keeping the small-town feel of our community may be a problem. Luckily, the bridge is a natural barrier and many people do not want to live in a remote community. That has protected us from rampant growth.
- Balancing preserving the natural and small-town charm of Burt Township / Grand Marais with growth that will make it a place where younger residents will want to stay and/or where others will want to live and work.
- Planned growth so the average citizen & people with handicaps can enjoy the nature in abundance here.
- Dealing with unhappy year-round residents and part time residents that want to change everything.
- Maintaining the small-town charm while offering opportunities for young families to made a living. Medical Care is also needed
- I'm afraid that developers and people from more densely populated places will buy everything and fill it with strip malls. And although that might bring money in the short term, it will mean economic decline and environmental destruction long term. Burt townships greatest asset is its clean water and natural beauty.
- Outsiders buying and running local businesses remotely.
- Not becoming traverse city
- I'm not sure
- Managing the debates over the issue of outdoor sports and their impacts on the community including snowmobiles, ATV, and the composition of the real estate ownership for rentals vs owner occupied.
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- Changing of Grand Marais by new residents

Question #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.

Characteristic Listed as #1

- safe small town
- very little change
- That it be as picturesque as it is today
- still a quaint, lakeside town
- not being the vision or where a person came from but where we are now
- balanced development of commercial residential
- better food sales stores, farmers market
- habitat and environmental restoration
- limiting campground capacities
- peacefulness
- safe, low crime
- preservation of natural areas
- improved pier
- hospital or outpatient clinic
- nature in abundance supported
- tech advancement
- they created an awesome paved bike path
- I will be dead
- eating and drinking establishments still current and prospering
- no wind generators
- retirement community
- beautiful, unblocked shorelines
- clean, peaceful, safe, community with northwoods nature being main attraction
- Everyone respects each other and the town
- orderliness / quiet
- Maintain public park areas in village areas
- Its fine the way it is
- Sustained growth
- Maintain small town / community friendly feel while progressing - not a small task
- Protection of its God given existence
- keep small
- more places to rent and eat

- sustainable businesses
- public access for boats
- to see the beauty of the area kept
- develop commercial businesses
- planned development
- stay the same
- Maintaining current natural resources
- clean, attractive, vibrant downtown
- small town feel
- Don't have any more tourists
- zero emissions
- maintain the beauty
- preserving the town's quiet way of life as it is now
- Leave it
- natural environment protected
- A quiet community with nature in abundance
- sewer system
- updates to campground
- quiet neighborhoods, no condos
- No ORVs and snowmobiles in residential areas
- apartments
- more nature-based activities- hiking, canoeing, etc.
- small town atmosphere
- wisdom
- business growth - not heavy manufacturing
- nature trails access
- quaint small town
- natural beauty maintained and protected
- no crime
- safe
- pristine natural areas (mostly protection) needed
- Trump 2024
- increasing family business
- clean beaches
- more affordable housing
- more full-time residents due to employment opportunities
- emphasis on short term housing
- improved maintenance of Woodland Campground
- small town, quiet charm (think Vermont)
- more family residences
- year round resident increase
- Preserving the character of the town
- more of an understanding with the Park Service
- a focus on natural beauty not powersports
- Hallmark movie atmosphere

- maintain the small, quaint "hometown" feel
- unchanged, like it was 30 years ago
- restricted snowmobile and ORV access
- access for all to the lake and nature
- underdeveloped open and wooded areas - including the beaches
- jobs to support families. (not just a retirement community)
- maintain shore
- affordable housing
- controlled growth - restrict short term rentals
- better lighting
- lower taxes for more residents
- sewer system in town
- be careful. Central Planning will just screw it up.
- Lake Superior
- preserve natural resources
- manage residential and commercial growth
- Let it build off what you have but keep it small and personal
- Retain natural beauty and wildness
- sewer - this is so important for the ecology and sustainability of the area.
- Continue to have beautiful beaches and free access to them
- Maintain beaches and forests
- Large public green spaces on top of bay
- Maintaining and keeping open access to the bay and lake
- Less trees in town
- NA
- Staying small and quaint
- Tourists who don't walk into oncoming vehicles
- No short term rentals
- I am too new to see what its needs but I think it needs to stay simple the more you do the more problems
- protect natural environment
- more police presence
- sewers
- bike use
- ORV's kept off of township streets
- vibrant businesses in the area
- support community business
- well-preserved natural beauty - with peace and quiet
- clean neat recreational areas
- less short term rentals
- I will be dead, don't care
- very busy, requiring facilities to step up without breaking the bank
- maintain natural beauty
- accessibility to lakes and rivers
- school

- sewer system
- state and federal land untouched, undeveloped
- same small town atmosphere
- small, friendly, surrounded by beautiful beaches and forests that are kept pristine
- natural beauty
- same sense of community
- the community
- quiet and laid back
- solid year round residents
- focus on nature in abundance
- wouldn't change it a lot - let progress flow at it's own pace
- stay natural
- keep here a village
- Affordable housing
- N/A
- Forward-thinking and progressive on sustainability, efficiency, tourism, and climate
- A full scale embrace of sustainability and protection of our recreational Public Lands
- Prosperous school system.
- Thriving School
- Zoning that is more specific to the unique needs of very diverse zoning categories
- Being a Welcoming community
- A welcoming community that works together
- Out of the way
- Maintain natural beauty
- Less building
- Hometown spirit
- More nature
- vibrant community with the old world charm
- Renewable/affordable energy
- Maintain its charm.
- Natural beauty preserved
- renewable energy
- Better developed public services including sewer, healthcare, senior living, emergency services
- Natural beauty.
- Increased tourism resources
- Maintain small town feel
- Remain a small town
- Remaining basically the same
- Allowable growth
- A healthy community
- Economic vitality
- Townships do not belong in the tourist industry.
- Nature in abundance preserved
- Improve outdoor opportunities both east and west

- Low crime
- Family oriented/school filled with kids
- Adequate fire/ambulance/police protection to ensure people want to visit and live there.
- Keep nature in abundance
- Clean, upkept town with good streets, sidewalks, facilities
- Free access to the GM beaches/shorelines for all people
- Maintain the small-town atmosphere.
- Law enforcement
- Independent
- Independent
- We should not miss the opportunity to attract young professional remote workers, who are looking for a beautiful rural area to live.
- A limit to the number of short term rentals vs primary residences
- a place where families could live (employment)
- Retain the small town aesthetics.
- Stop changing to appease the wrong crowds.
- Updated utilities
- Nature in Abundance
- environment free from excessive noise and light pollution
- Better roads
- A vibrant, flourishing community with many profitable businesses, a harmonious populace and plentiful volunteers.
- Non-motorized recreational trails (bike trails etc.)
- Same
- Better amenities for those participating in non-motorized activities.
- Affordable housing
- Welcome tourists
- Small population, but all age groups
- Trail heads for recreational vehicles.
- Safe "quaint village" with a healthy economy
- Viable number of families
- Quiet beauty
- Maintenance of Grand Marais's public access to view & shoreline
- employment opportunities
- All energy/power would come from renewable sources
- Healthy balance of tourism and other economic opportunities.
- Healthy water and land
- No further development than what is there in 2021
- Net-zero carbon/energy usage.
- The continued improvement of the town's appearance, with home and business upgrades. Downtown G.M. hasn't looked this good in our lifetimes.
- stable year-round population with emphasis on families
- Keeping it's beauty along the lake shore.
- Maintain natural character
- Remain small town

- Environmental preservation
- Not overpopulated
- Increased opportunity to celebrate local arts and culture
- Retain the small-town atmosphere and preserve the natural beauty of the area
- Sustainable energy
- Wilderness in Abundance. Restrict ORVs/snowmobiles.
- Restricted commercial growth
- A top-notch school system
- Natural beauty and resources still preserved.
- Appropriate trail systems for a multitude of opportunities

Characteristic Listed as #2

- history preserved
- less tourism
-
- keep shoreline from being developed
- Northern Exposure
- limits on tourist capacity
- sewer system
- a more diverse population
- presence of law enforcement
- visitors respecting town properties
- affordable living
- preservation of old town
- law enforcement
- assisted living or nursing home
- year-round work
- food industry growth
-
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- churches, grocery, fuel establishments still current and prospering
- no solar power fields
- local services biter available- electrician, plumber, landscape, carpenters
- small town feel with amenities
- maintain focus on existing qualities of clean, peaceful town and school, family activities, and nature in abundance
- Everyone treats each other as equals
- clean beaches
- Develop wildlife refuge areas in outlying areas
-
- health- emergency care
-
-
- cut down on speeds

-
- young families - school survives - with occupational trade schools
- lots of public beaches for swimming
- no more condos and hotels
- bring young entrepreneurs in
- natural setting preserved
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- Maintaining small town identity
- more kids and families living in the area
- marina expanded with more dockage
- Keep clean beaches
- preserve, protect all natural assets
- available employment
- renewable energy
-
- renewable and reusable resources utilized to fullest extent
- A caring community that looks out for residents, all ages
- jobs to attract families
-
- children in the school
- Reduce short term house rentals - return to hotels and motels
- more eating establishments
- police presence - local sheriff
- safe destination
- laws
- controlled growth
- access to big lake
- blight properties remodeled
- families living and working here, including our school
- parks
- employment
- family oriented activities
- jobs, places for employees to live
- internet which allows [illegible] to live here and work
- good walking / bike paths
- greenspace turned into a park
- community infrastructure to support growth
- affordable housing for seniors and young people
- sewer system
- emphasis on electric, quiet vehicles
- less electric outages and removal of poles and wires in town
- double school attendance
- renewable energy
- an affordable sewer system
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- beautiful trails (hiking / snowmobiling)
 - maintain the natural resources / trails
 - updating and remodel is fine
 - more affordable housing
 - a kind small community
 - small town atmosphere, quiet wildlife friendly
 - clean and natural - not overbuilt
 - maintain harbor
 - code enforcement
 - maintain the beauty, enforce zoning
 - better food choices - fast food
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- keeping enforcement to a limited amount (no crime)
-
- inland lakes, falls, and streams
-
- preservation of scenic beauty
-
- maintain small town feel
-
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- walking only areas in the downtown area
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 - restore the views by cutting all the scrub trees in town
 -
 - Not over commercialized - i.e.. Mackinac Island
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- lower taxes
-
- protect natural wildlife
 - more campgrounds
 - I really don't want to see much change
 - growth control in order to maintain natural resources
 - Hire a sheriff
 - downtown businesses thriving, employing residents
 - increase support for fire and rescue
 - a decent place to raise children
 - a harbor for docking boats a priority
 - places for people to live so they can come and live here to work
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- need to have more individuals able to staff fire departments - law enforcement
 - control RVs
 - no crowds
 - groceries and restaurants

- economic growth
- taxes remain affordable so that generations can remain on land that was worked so hard to obtain.
- keep population of residents the same - quit trying to accommodate everyone who comes here in large numbers when it's not possible. Do not sacrifice Grand Marais - accommodate only what we can.
- recreational opportunities
- renewable energy sources
- the land
- beautiful - the way it is now
- job opportunity year round
- limit growth
- still don't allow chain businesses in town
- More activities for younger people to participate in
- N/A
- A quiet and well-connected community
- The inexistence of private commercial business; a tourist town whose economy is built upon local democratic worker co-ops
- Energy efficiency and independence.
- Sewer System
- Businesses and services to support all the needs of local residents & visitors
- More renewable energy options
- Offering of incentives to businesses and homeowner for doing updates, and maintaining the over all appearance/functionality of the town.
- Interesting/vibrant
- Strict building codes
- Small town values
- Less development along bay/lake
- a great place to raise children
- Clean/pristine natural resources
- Doesn't get big.
- organized township footprint, fanning out from the Bay
- stronger school
- frugal sprawling of developments
- Protection of natural resources.
- Better cell phone towers and Internet Accessibility
- Protection of natural resources
- Not allowing too much development
- Preserve the scenic beauty
- a growing family community
- Environmental safety
- Be a fair and balanced twp.

- Community consists of dozens of active not for profit entities
- Keep GM wild, dark, no large industries
- Small town size and feel
- Natural beauty preserved
- Adequate job opportunities (which includes those geared toward tourists and the schools) to keep people wanting to live there.
- Protecting the natural resources, nature.
- More friendly full time residents that support the tourism industry
- Affordable housing for people to live & work in GM
- Maintain availability to outdoor resources (beaches, Sable falls, log slide, 12 mile beach)
- Beach access, community property
- Natural
- Livability
- A strong emphasis on work from home as an option to get families in the area
- affordable housing
- Ample jobs and housing for everyone.
- Make sure the full time residents have a majority say in how things are run.
- Modernized retail and commercial property
- Tranquil
- more year round residents to support schools and businesses
- Banned side by sides
- A flourishing, academically excellent school housed in an energy efficient, multi use building.
- Preservation of local small businesses-no franchises etc.
- Same
- Enhancing the appearance of "downtown" and allowing unobstructed view of the lake and bay.
- Living wage jobs
- Take care of the businesses
- Natural beauty retained
- Keeping our bay "view" not blocked by vehicles.
- Jobs and affordable housing so younger families can live there
- Diversified economy to lessen the reliance on and impact of tourism
- Strong sense of community and mutual support
- Bike path on H58 between GM & Munising
- thriving school system
- All new construction homes should be limited to 2500 square feet
- Increased number of families and larger school population.
- Healthy people
- Safety and no need for a police force
- Generational balance, between retirees and young families.
- To not destroy the very reason people venture to our town; meaning no wind or solar farms; For God Sake! We can all maintain our own solar generators and not disrupt our Heaven On Earth!
- mix of housing options for year round, part time residents and visitors
- Not too much short term rental properties

- Better Cell/internet Service
- Have available restaurants
- Lead in dark sky protection
- Not over regulated
- Increased opportunities for youth/youth programming - especially in the summer
- High speed Internet
- Updated cell towers and accessible Wi-Fi
- No wind turbines or solar farms
- High level of connectivity to attract remote workforce
- Sustainable green energy
- Sense of community.
- Expanded commercial and housing opportunities

Characteristic Listed as #3

- environment preserved
- sound less ORV
- wildlife still abundant
- An organic, quiet, loving community to raise a family
- continual re-examination of how the planning and zoning is working frequent revisions to the Master Plan and Zoning to accommodate change.
- renewable energy
- modern health facility
- putting more thought into maintaining the quaintness of the town
- affordable housing for residents, less short term rentals
- nature at its best
- planned development to the south
- clothing store or department store
- health small town feel
- self-sustained town
- tourism spots upkeep- both rentals and camping
- build smaller school sell old building senior housing
- close campground and make a park for residents as people who donated the property originally intended it for the people of Grand Marais
- planned growth so that the locally owned family businesses can survive and prosper (no franchises)
- nature in abundance
- interesting shops and restaurants
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- jobs for young people

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- cut down on noise
-
- nice mix of residents and tourists - land not owned by State or Federal Government return of Sable Lake to Township.
- day use only park with scenic overlooks and water frontage (lakes and streams and swamps)
- lake shore areas kept pristine
- keep old values
- commercial sprawl avoided
-
- Updated infrastructure
- better food selection, restaurant
- more personal care (doctor, dentist)
- Central place for bathrooms in downtown for tourists
- clear clean Superior
- viable school system
- investing a portion of current taxes in order to reduce future taxes
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- A committed community of people who appreciate what we have and want to preserve it.
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- natural resources and beauty preserved
- less noise
- better roads
- housing for workers
- natural beauty preserved
- town
- good school
- welcoming, friendly community
- self-disciplined / no police
- robust tourism managed
- tourist town
- a functioning school system
- keep development out of town. Keep the small town, waterscape intact
-
- growing but keeping the small-town atmosphere
-
- less short-term rentals
- restriction - greater attention to ATV, snowmobiling - lawbreakers recklessness, etc.
- smart growth and guardianship of Grand Marais' unique character and resumes
- improved infrastructure
- haven for artists and quiet sports

- more support for non-motorized activities
- more shopping
- preserving natural spaces
- working together to preserve the history
-
- public safety / low crime rate
- maintain the "low crime" / "safe" environment
-
- steady industry to support labor
-
- small government
-
- affordable housing to attract workers
- less ORV / snowmobiles
- long term housing
- live saving available
-
- vacation home rentals, low-income housing (better ran clubs, more involved people)
-
- sand dunes
-
- city sewer system
-
- improved museum environment and increased class sizes with robust family engagement
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- move half the park to the top of the hill and put an art / music center similar to the Erickson Center in Curtis
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- Preserve the look and feel
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- more eating spots
-
- manage growth through planning
- the old "Welkers" coming back to life
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- Staffed EMS, volunteer
- specialty businesses such as boat building, fishing charters, tours, shops
- maintain the natural beauty
- honest, efficient local government
- an area that would encourage young families

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- safety of citizens
- peace and quiet
- walking and biking paths
- Ability for more people to work remotely and live in Grand Marais
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- (some) more people
- environmentally well protected
- the lake
- sustainable
- preservation of the quality of life
- Better maintenance
- N/A
- Career and personal opportunities to serve constituents
-
- Full time jobs.
- Thriving Small Businesses
- Clean energy and modern infrastructure.
- Maintaining natural resources
- A community that puts their financial and community support back into the town that they call home.
- Natural now means green so get there
- Retain historical areas
-
- Unobstructed views of the lake
- Less development in forest areas
-
- Emergency medical care and law enforcement
- No new construction - blocks views and lake access.
- Dependable and safe public services
- no big chains. no Dollar Store, etc.
- being a community that can support growing families without increased dependence on tourism
- Planned/restricted rate of growth.
- Increase public areas to land purchases and park improvements
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- Law enforcement
- Attracting families with kids
- Have strict code official for zoning
- increased employment opportunities not based on tourism
- Preservation of natural resources such as water

- Spend money on emergency and fire services and training
- Free market supported with vibrant chamber of commerce
- Have rules, regulations, and enforcement of ATV and snowmobile movement in town
- Beaches and natural areas that have not been built on
- Plentiful employment/clean industry
- The rustic charm and outdoor opportunities that have made it such a special place.
- Recreational destination.
- Natural preservation and promotion of nature and exploration
- Planned growth for housing and for businesses
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- More Festivals
- Festive
- Natural
-
- Reliable services and connectivity (faster internet, better cell signal, a working power grid)
- a stable Ems- hiring full time emts
- A job market that doesn't revolve around tourism and offers benefits and opportunity for growth.
- Remember all types enjoy the area. Don't cater to just certain ones.
- Maintain the feeling of being in a remote area of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- Beauty
- preservation of Nature in Abundance
- Campground open year-round.
- A populace who goes out of their way to support local businesses.
- More sophisticated city water and sewer
- Same
- More family friendly.
- Renewable energy
-
- An enhanced electric grid
- Law enforcement year-round.
- A mecca for tourism that is attracted by the Pictured Rocks Lakeshore and Lake Superior
- Maintaining a vibe of connected remoteness (if that makes any sense)
- Good governance that is responsive to the needs of residents
- Increased land access/public lands
- maintaining natural beauty
- We would be happy if it looked the same as it does now, with managed growth, but undegraded, with the same "vibe" that it has now.
- High-speed, broadband internet access for all homes & businesses.
- A plan to maintain the first two that takes into account rapidly changing technology and demands on natural resources.
- Natural beauty
- Care for the natural environment, which is our greatest resource.
- To force PRNP to create the very beach they destroyed at Grand Sable Lake where we all as youth would swim each day!

- work with PRNL to manage tourist overload
- Keeping the bay clean
- Strong, enforceable laws and ordinances
- Have city sewerage
- Control growth in a careful, deliberate manner
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- Increased proactive planning to protect and steward local natural resources that draw people to the area and boost the economy
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- Emergency services
- Keep/grow the school
- Localized green energy production
- Year round stable jobs
- Welcome environment for people from all walks of life.
- Better use of our shorelines
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Question #47

You can view the existing 2013 Burt Township Master Plan online. There is also a paper copy available at Burt Township Offices. Please provide any comments or suggestions below.

- Glad to see the topic of development was hotly debated in 2013.
- Thanks for the info. I will be checking it out.
- Not robust enough to address current concerns and trends. Requires overhaul of how the different areas are evaluated for development. Inadequate means to adapt to change without wholesale revisions.
- Chapter nine: goals, policies, and objectives- under housing; what action was taken on the part of the Township?
- Needs to be updated, showing planning and vision for 20 and 50 years ahead. Must plan for huge increases in traffic to and through Grand Marais. Take stress now to ensure there's space for commercial growth and residential areas.
- Haven't read it. It is long. Will take a long time to digest the document after first visit!
- No marijuana growth, dispensing, etc.
- none
- Have not reviewed it yet.
- Please make sure 2021/2022 plan gets implemented this time!
- NA
- Plan states that the only storm sewers in Burt Township were installed all M-77 in Grand Marais by the Michigan DOT. We were told by the current town employees [illegible] that Burt Township contracted this work, not MDOT. I contacted MDOT and they had no record of the project.
- NA
- None separate from questions answered here.
- 2013? It needs to be updated then!
- At one time zoning rules for R-1 allowed for folks who bought a vacant lot (say Massey's Subdivision) were allowed to enjoy their lot by camping there in a trailer for two weeks, as long as they got a permit from the Township Office and properly disposed of their effluence in the park. Also allowed to seek permission to extend for an extra 2 weeks. Then they were obligated to take the trailer home. I thought that was fair.
- N/A
- The hotel at the point is a blighted area. We really need this opened or new housing. There is also property right on h58 where the house is falling in. This would be dangerous for kids and a fire.
- Burt Township/Grand Marais is a gem in the UP. We need to keep it unspoiled--but that doesn't mean unused. If we plan for the future and act on those plans, we'll be okay. If we fail to plan, we plan to fail. (Stephen Covey)
- Thank you for allowing input to all taxpayers.

- We wouldn't need more streetlights but there is too much crime going unchecked.
- zoning ordinances need to be more clear and equally enforced
- Thanks for reaching out to the citizens.
- A walking/ (non-motorized) bike riding paved path east from town to the School Forest would be a great asset for the town's future!
- Ok
- Addresses within the survey.
- Ban side by sides.
- Writing a Master Plan is a humongous undertaking and will guide your planning and zoning well into the foreseeable future. I applaud you for your efforts and wish you the best. I would also be willing to help as much as I am available.
- Community Sewer System is needed.
- We could redirect the current overly bright streetlights down to street level and reduce the light pollution going up to the night sky. We've gone too far in supporting short-term machine-based tourism. I strongly disagree with any plans that will increase jet skis, ATVs, ORVs, snowmobiles, and the like. Let's focus on getting back the families that really wanted to enjoy and appreciate nature, not destroy it like has been happening in the past several years.
- Flexible zoning is crucial for the type of growth that is desirable.
- Possibly the plan should be to not have a plan. Keep things as they are. That's why the place is beautiful.
- Is it possible to schedule these meetings in the evening so it offers the working people an opportunity to attend; and to give us ample notice? Thanks so much for the consideration!
- None
- The population is too old and the local economy too dependent on tourism. GM needs younger, more educated high earning full time residents. This is possible with remote work options now exploding. GM needs to grab hold of this opportunity and push for the infrastructure to support this. Job growth follows and the increase in the local tax base drives improvements which makes the area even more attractive to high earning remote workers. Plenty of struggling communities are following this path now with impressive results. There is the risk of uncontrolled gentrification, but the benefit of the demographic change outweighs this if the growth is well managed.
- I love the idea of a bike path. I am also extremely excited about the high-speed Internet.
- Great survey!

Question #49

If you would like to be notified to participate in future Master Plan public involvement opportunities and plan reviews please leave your name, email, or mailing address in the comment box depending on your preferred method of contact. Thank You!

- Move food trucks and generators to community center area
- Turn recreation center back into an ice rink in wintertime as it was meant to be. Rec center was not put up to store vehicles and things in.
- There are not many places left like Burt Twp. Its beauty needs to be preserved. Think long and hard before blacktopping east of Grand Marais!
- Plan on tearing down our old cabin and building a new cabin in 2022-2023. Hopefully permits for such improvements to our property are not overly difficult, complicated or only available during odd times or seasons.
- Woodland Park should have been kept to its original campground size instead of cramming twice the people in than it can handle. Grand Marais property owners should feel that Woodland Park belongs to them because it does. Charge more money for each site if need be. It used to be a park now it's just a campground.
- I have felt that in the last several years Grand Marais has really missed the mark on the direction it has taken. Instead of promoting quiet sports like cross country skiing and hiking they have encouraged ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles and other motorized recreation that does not honor the beautiful and pristine abundance of nature that many of us were drawn to in the first place. Time to wake up!
- While there is an economic benefit to a few in the business community, I believe even they would be better off in the long run by restrictions [to ORVs/snowmobiles]
- Healthy growth is not a bad thing. It is a change and people do not handle change well. If Grand Marais does not make some changes, the town is going to die! The area is beautiful so find a way to share it with the world. I pray for wisdom for the residents because they are going to tax us away from the area- then where will they be?
- Grand Marais' primary economy, and its resident population include tourism and retirement age residency. Presently, tourism is mostly limited to 3 to 5 months a year, mostly during summer and winter seasons; while presently we have less than 60 or so year around residents, mostly retirees. These things have been the case for a long time and are most likely to remain the case for the foreseeable future. We need to keep these two things firmly in mind when planning for Grand Marais' future. We also are a somewhat isolated community, which can be problematic. If the U.S. embraces electric vehicles, and/or if energy costs continue to remain high and increase further, I suspect that we will see more people moving to larger cities where housing and transportation are more convenient and affordable. That has been a world-wide trend for perhaps the past 150 years or so. If this trend continues, it will also mean less people living small, isolated communities like Grand Marais. Perhaps it will also mean only the wealthy can afford the costs of living in small, isolated communities, unless the basic needs of these residents are somehow met with community assistance. With

these things in mind, I believe that Grand Marais should focus on maintaining sustainable economic conditions for local businesses, and on providing essential service for retirees. Two essential services for retirees include 1. Adequate medical services, especially ambulance service, and for non-emergency transportation to medical services (such as Munising, Newberry, and Marquette), and 2. public transportation for basic needs such as shopping for food and other things. Many retirees are limited in their driving skills and need such assistance. We do not need things like additional, enhanced police presence (protection), with the possible exception of large, public events like the music festival in Summer. These large, public events should be responsible for providing such protection.

- Airport Road is dangerous
- I do not agree that snowmobiles have been on a "steady increase"; the snowmobile populations ebb and flows overtime and there are way less than there have been historically!
- I am seeing an uncomfortable and unnecessary shift in the culture of Grand Marais. I am watching while people buy property here without researching the traditional 4 season vibration of this small town and when they find a traditional cultural element, they don't like they set out to change it. They insist there is "more noise", "more recreational vehicles", "more tourism July 4th", and all of it they would find to be untrue had they done their research of all 4 seasons and historical ebb and flow. Things in Grand Marais are cyclical as they are everywhere. Stop trying to change us into where you came from!
- We don't want it to change from when we first visited 12 years ago, but after this summer, realize that this may not be realistic.
- Grand Marais should remain a beautiful quiet place to live and not a place that caters to short-term visitors who arrive in the large groups on ORV's or snowmobiles. Most visitors who come to stay a week or two or longer come for the natural beauty and quiet. To attract more to these visitors, we need good restaurants and interesting shops. The town center would be more attractive with better, better-looking, streetlights- not the tall utilitarian poles we now have.
- Develop and provide a means for summer residents to get rid of garbage similar to when you could purchase colored garbage bags. I'm sure some arrangement could be worked out with the current refuse disposal provider. Look into a possible "Dark Sky" designation area with a town event. Airport area would be a perfect venue.
- Snowmobiles must stay on trails. Quads and ORVs restricted by noise and less than 15 mph. More law to stop the speeds, noise of vehicle and party noise.
- I do appreciate the need for a plan. I just don't want my hometown swallowed up with Government control. Grand Marais reaped very little benefit from the National Park seizing property and control of a large swath of Burt Township land. CUPPAD's involvement in "The Plan" gives me pause.
- Re: #46 [lighting] - in some places there's a light at consecutive street intersections. At other places there's one light in 4 blocks. In residential areas.
- H-58 East speed limit needs to be reduced until past the Grand Marais Mercantile. 55 mph speed limit is too fast in the area! There are walkers, bikers, hikers, ORVs... someone is going to get hurt - or worse.
- Need to preserve our quaint, quiet village.
- Marina - I strongly believe that more docks are needed at the marina for full time and visitor docking. There are grants that can be applied for. Parking - more and more visitors will be coming to Grand Marais. More parking is necessary and don't use the marina for parking. Lines painted, Community Center lot paved with lines, move the basketball net to the tennis

court for parking space. Speed limit in town and coming into town. Rental properties - Don't restrict rentals outside of town. Every tourist town has them. Restrict the amount within the town limits to a certain percentage. Charge more than \$100 per year for rental properties.

- Too many wolves' sightings in town. They have been in our yard. Something needs to be done.
- Sidewalks need to be improved. Mine has been cracked, grass growing in it and place to stumble. I keep asking about getting it fixed.
- Must remember that tourism is the only viable industry left. Not only in Grand Marais but throughout most of the U.P. It must be allowed to flourish and grow but under control. Nothing is all good or all bad.
- Please paint lines on the streets every year, especially the walk / bike path on the Point and by the Post Office
- Short term renters do not support a community. They do not spend money in the community - they come supplied. The hotel people do spend money i.e.: restaurants, grocery, liquor. Short term renters feed the bears with their lack of concern for garbage.
- I feel it is important to get a sewer system first and a lot of other things will fall in place in Grand Marais.
- No wind farms on bay or Superior shore.
- My biggest issue is snowmobilers trespassing and throwing their garbage all over the woods. I know there is nothing you can do, and we just have to live with it. The rentals popping up all over on Nevins Lake. There is almost a dozen. Again, the tourists could care less about polluting, partying, noise and just being idiots. I came here for peace and quiet. I will be selling because of the overdevelopment.
- There are many people who don't pay taxes but are active in township affairs. Full time renters, residents in Superior Dunes (I know its Luce County) don't identify with Grand Marais and are very active in creating and promoting and supporting Grand Marais. Please see they get copies of this survey.
- The increased number of rental (short term) and non-owner-occupied properties leaves the population during the summer and fall with too many people that don't care or respect the community making it less desirable to be a resident. Has gotten much worse in the last 5 years or so.
- Burt Township is the perfect place to live, small town Mayberry feeling. It is situated beautifully on Lake Superior and has a nostalgic feeling (relaxed). No reason to hurry or worry about senseless things. You can feel proud and free living here especially with no police to add worrying about being ticketed for picking up your mail in your ATV. Living without police gives a strong feeling of a powerful helpful neighborly community. It is peaceful and relaxing, Heaven on Earth, very very beautiful!
- Many of the properties seem to have been sold as short-term rental properties with absentee owners. We need affordable housing for younger families and people who want to live and work here.
- We would like to see better snow removal in and around town, where the snow is blown into trucks and removed instead of plowing to the edges of the roads. This would eliminate the huge snow piles in town, the reduced visibility on corners and help residents and businesses in taking care of entrances, driveways, and parking access. This method is used in other parts of the U.P. that get snow like we do.
- nothing
- Thank you for your work on this. It's important to remember that people live here.

- More boat docks to accommodate boaters / boat storage. Need to take care of blight in / out of town. Road maintenance outside of town proper needs to be looked at (Airport / Ellen). Speed limit signs on roads out of town proper (Airport / Ellen).
- Only creating regulations that are not enforced is a disservice to the community
- Stay on trails, stay off H-58 enter and exit town from trail
- Finger docks to generate money for the Marina and we can house more boats that come to our Harbor of Refuge.
- I've been a tourist several times a year since childhood and purchased property last winter - your growth of visitors appears to have exploded starting with H-58 paved then COVID - I don't think you've been able to keep up - due to how it exploded. Not everyone passing through appreciates what Grand Marais or Burt has to offer and they are destructive and maybe criminal.
- 1 - Amendment to Zoning Ordinance regulating the size of residential dwellings. 2 - Strict limits on short term rentals. 3 - Specific, institutionalized methods to obtain input from non-resident property owners.
- I would like to see the campground get a bigger and better laundry facility. Campsites enlarged. I think it needs a huge facelift.
- Rental properties versus traditional motels. Seems unfair for motels to compete against people renting out their houses - "absentee landlords". Seasonal residents do not support the community in the cold winter months.
- Support the Historical Society and its programs! Encourage arts groups. Develop more cross-country ski trails. Develop a "Heritage Trail" (with interpretive signage) on the Coast Guard Point. Could utilize historic photos of old sawmills and docks. Hire a professional arborist to manage the Grand Marais trees instead of local amateur assessments of tree health. They have cut down too many beautiful trees! Instead of worrying so much about the ambulance, etc. why not try and get funding to build up staff and services for our local clinic! It already exists! Now staff it!
- Run electric to people in the Township. Should have bored it with the fiber that went in. Poor planning.
- I believe personal property rights should be respected. My opinion on what someone else does with their property is irrelevant
- I have watched the Township Board stray from taking care of Township properties and infrastructure to interfering with private property and lives. I would encourage them to revisit their original mandate and job description.
- I love Grand Marais and I think ideally, we can be mindful about maintaining the things that make it special now and making the community better for those who live here while sharing what's there with people from outside the community. I don't know the specifics, but it would be nice if the community could diversify the economy a bit to have something other than tourism to rely on.
- I don't dislike [ORVs]- but find it amazing they can drive hundreds of miles to get here but can't ride a few miles around town instead of through it.
- It's harder and harder to enjoy the night sky. Way too many too bright lights anymore.
- Just a thought: There's an event almost every weekend in summer - everything is driven / geared to tourists - more focus should be made on quiet weekends for full-time residents. We're treated as if we don't matter.
- The beaches are getting polluted by dog poop. There are many irresponsible dog owners just letting their dog's poop and not picking it up. The beach east was very bad this past year. Also,

dogs running loose. I love dogs and want to be able to walk beaches with them, but I use leash and pick up. I understand owners can have them off leash, but they (the owners) need to be responsible / considerate of others. The 4 wheel / side by sides are coming more problematic than snowmobiles. Some are way too loud. They're not out on trails - but going around / around and around town all day all night. Some driveway too fast and some are "little kids" driving. I wrote a separate suggestion for snowmobiles, but something similar could be done about them. Wintertime windows are closed but not in the Summer. Regarding snowmobiles, 4 wheelers, irresponsible people with dogs on beach - locals or local property owners, full-time local renters are a part of the issues / problems.

- Because Grand Marais is becoming a hot spot for vacationers, police presence is a must twenty-four seven. Property encroachment needs to be addressed as well as noise. Glad we don't live in town - can't understand why that awful building was allowed to be build downtown. Now is an eyesore that should be torn down. Any new building should fit the community.
- Short term rentals are ruining this community.
- Paying for law enforcement additional, when our county taxes already have money set aside for it already (double dipping). I feel small town, no crime, why do we need it?
- Please keep Central Planning and government overreach in check. This community has done a very good job of maintaining its charm for a long time with minimal intervention and it should stay that way.
- I would like to see... 1. Better access to cell phone use and internet. 2. Marina parking lot paved. 3. City sewer system, and... 4. Some junk on properties cleaned up.
- Thank you for your efforts on the new Master Plan.
- Growth isn't that important. The downtown is land locked and can't absorb any more growth. The park should move some of its spaces to the hilltop. Development should occur south off M-77
- At the very least the township should require inspections of all septic systems every 3-5 years. I am surprised the EPA doesn't require this since we border one of the Great Lakes.
- 1. Public restrooms are needed. If you need port-a-potties place them behind decorative, movable (for ease of emptying) fencing. 2. Enforce already in place zoning laws like requiring all businesses to place their garbage dumpster out of view - the Tavern's especially - they're right next to the Rose gardens and the public green space. 3. Move the food trucks to the Community Center parking lot and open up the public restrooms there. 4. Spend less money on machinery, vehicles and equipment and less time mowing lawns. 5. Open up the school for community use as well - 40 students don't need a space that large. a. Move the medical center b. House a police officer c. Use the gym / stage for events. d. Turn 1 floor into a dormitory for summer workers.
- NA
- [Appearance] except for outhouses all over and food trucks at top of bay and town dumpsters at ball field and behind tavern. These violate town ordinance - need trees or fence to block view.
- Town could hire an inspection of all septic systems and mandate repair / replacement of non-compliant leaching systems. Residents polluting the groundwater might suddenly support sewers versus paying for a new septic system!
- Town budgeting should include funds to dredge the bay in the next 5 years. Shoaling in the east end is extending west towards the harbor entrance. What was a 60-foot-deep bottom in that area is filling quickly with sand and extending towards the inner pier. Data in plan is old

as are some references. No longer is there a walkway to Agate Beach for instance. Greenspace should have tall fence along alley to block view of tavern and associated junk (dumpsters, trailers, furnace, etc.). Fix the town contracted M-77 storm sewer so that it quits dumping water on private property.

- The town cannot handle the crowds of people during peak season, either with food service or parking. Still more are encouraged to visit. Locals feel like outsiders!
- I see in the newspaper that they will be charging to get into the park as a taxpayer I think it should be free. Based on the services the taxes are way too high.
- No, I fine.
- Thank you for allowing us to participate.
- Keep Grand Marais non-commercial, no chain restaurants, hotels, manage change! Or changes will ruin this town! Proceed slowly!
- Burt Township has a "golden goose" the RV park. Why don't we improve / update the park, not just have the money? Why are my taxes so high - the schools are a waste of money? Transport those poor kids to adjacent districts
- We need to guard against destroying the which visitors and residents come here for. Studies of disappearing towns in rural Iowa showed that a town must retain three things to remain viable: a school, a post office, and a gas station.
- better internet service, more cultural activities - art, music
- More places to eat. Places for people to live here and work.
- I'm for anything good to help grow this town, but to do so you need to encourage young people to move here so we can have the help to maintain the businesses and sewer system.
- One thing is a fact. We don't need any more short-term rentals I think they need to do away with them all. In our town young people need to be encouraged to move here, then sewage system. Get rid of short-term rentals, affordable housing will happen.
- Basically, we should all be more courteous on the roads, and walking across the main stretch without looking! Place stripes for parking on Main Street.
- Moved here for peace and quiet and to get away from downstaters who think our country roads are racetracks, loud cars, loud parties, obnoxious behavior, etc. Plow H-58 all the way through to Munising. Such a waste of gasoline to have to drive all the way from Grand Marais to M-28 to get to Munising in winter.
- Lowering the speed limit and enforcing it.
- Thank you, folks who put this questionnaire together. It was a lot of work and we residents were able to express our feelings. I am very protective of Grand Marais that when something is perfect - don't change it. And when changes come in like a flood don't let that flood take over and force us to change a place that we cherish. Be very careful. Once it's gone, it can never come back.
- I would like to add something here - I notice that the greenspace has been full of snowmobiles and also the side near the gas station with big trucks and big trailers are parked I know the greenspace was donated to the people and town of Grand Marais to be a "greenspace". I am suggesting fencing all along the border of the greenspace triangle. The businesses need to have a place for patrons to park, but I object vehemently to using the greenspace for this purpose. Thank you for listening.
- We love Grand Marais and want to see its growth controlled while providing viable job opportunities. Also, renewable energy and protection of natural resources is very important.
- Focus on locals/residents needs not tourists. Roads are not improved by pink crap applied in front of township hall section of H-58. Come on county. Road going east is awful - still.

- Use the big new building where the ambulance and the fire department have meetings and classes during the day as a welcome center and bathrooms - great job or unemployment park personnel to do during winter and in the summer hire someone with the Chamber. If you have to have port-a-potties around please build a wall in front of the doorway. A little bit of privacy goes a long way
- N/A
- Please address the concern that those who live and work in Grand Marais cannot afford adequate housing, meanwhile, retirees and snowbirds buy up second homes and rent them out as a passive income. There is an issue with the housing in Burt Township. There will simply never be a sense of community and the ability for constituents to raise their families here as it currently stands.
- The only caveat I would like to add would be in regards to the urgency I feel Burt Township's planning commission is under to enact some structural change to benefit all people's of Burt Township. To act as if half measures and small detail orientated changes will be enough to combat the inevitable change is unacceptable. Currently Grand Marais is no place to raise a family or to have some semblance of hope for upward mobility. The truth is it is a town whose exterior façade only masks the ugliness of poverty and the exploitation of both people and our Public Land in the sake of the tourist dollar. Tourism is not going away anytime soon, and rather than placate to what businesses and the privileged tell us we need to do or put up with in our community, I would like to see Burt Township make structural changes to empower the least fortunate within our township in the hopes of building something truly better.
- Grand Marais needs city sewer to grow and protect our ground water.
- I think a good analysis of the results would be full time residents vs. seasonal residents.
- I'm making an assumption that a consultant was engaged to construct this survey and adapted some standard master planning questions instead of developing questions specific to the uniqueness of Burt. Twp. The township is geographically vast and diverse. Most of the questions of this survey are focused on the "village" or "town" of Grand Marais. I travel to GM frequently, yet the property I own in Burt Twp. is closer to the far western edge of the township. For example, I understand the concern about the number of short-term rental properties. However, what may be legitimate concerns in a densely occupied R1 area, are likely non-issues in sparsely populated Recreation and LS/R districts. Twp. officials need to give this due consideration when developing proposed regulations. The wants, needs, desires, issues and concerns vary widely across the unique districts of the township.
- Sable lake needs to be restored to its old swimmer friendly recreation area
- 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.
- What is long term future of coast guard station?
- Remove illegal beach mobile home trailers
- We love Grand Marias as it is which is why we bought property in the township.
- I added my comments on line 47
- some of the survey questions filled in all the options so you may have erroneous responses
- I love this town! My family and I enjoy coming back for family get-togethers even though my mom has passed away. We have always been made to feel welcome. 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.

- NA
 - Many of the street lights are too bright and make it more of a city outside of town. If tourists come up to see the stars argue the sky becomes difficult in many areas Unless they drive further away from the lake shore
 - Has the township considered a second location for commercial growth near GM--i.e., for gas station, service station, light industrial, equipment sales? Has the township considered a bypass for traffic that is passing through from Munising to Seney or vice versa?
 - Promote GM as a dark sky area and seek out other GM attributes to attract visitors and new residents.
 - I think that Burt Township should be certified as a dark sky town and that would solve the light pollution problem.
 - We are lucky to have one of the darkest skies in the country. Shielded streetlights that would focus light downward and keep it dark above would be something that could return benefits to the community, as we could promote Grand Marais as a Dark Sky location.
 - Encourage national park to return Sable Lake to a swimming beach like it was in the past.
 - This is a good time for this process to take place, in my opinion.
 - How do we control the motor sports in such a remote location with limited county and state resources?
 - 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!
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- 1. Town could use more experienced builders / handymen. It can be challenging to get hold of one for smaller general housing repairs. John Morrison and Tim Swift are both very busy. 2. What about setting up a trash service like in Copper Harbor where you buy a bag as needed and then bring it to a compactor at the public works building? For non-permanent residents this is appealing when compared to paying for weekly service and keeping a bin in the garage. 3. The sewer system is a hot topic. At our location, it has not been an issue as we are careful with water use. I am curious to know how many have an issue with the sewer. I understand that many residents are lower income and may not have the finances to pay the monthly fee.
 - Expansion of Marina Docking and Mooring berths.
 - Open beach access within legal limits. People have the right to walk along the water on the bay private property.
 - Nope
 - should focus on emergency services and the lack of young families living in the area
 - Just to rehash, this community needs more affordable housing options and a job market that isn't food service related. Also.... please consider opening the ice rink back up for our kids!
 - #30 recycling should be considered as a pay by the bag versus monthly fee. Consider solar panel installation on individual homes and businesses versus a large array. #19. Regarding sense of community, it has dramatically changed over the last 5 years. You can't mandate a sense of community but it's disappointing others can't respect opposing opinions.

- As a property owner on N. Lake Ave I received no notice or invitation for input prior to expansion of the paved parking at Agate beach. The amount of traffic-cars, motorcycles, atvs, campers, atv's, and motor homes on N Lake has increased to an outrageous level. The parking late at night and in to the early morning as well as the number of overnight campers is disturbing at best. The enlarged parking lot now blocks the water view from my house-instead i now look out at campers, RV's, and large trucks all day long. There is constant screaming ,yelling ,door slamming ,dogs barking, parking off the pavement, trash like used masks and diapers etc. on the ground. Very unhappy to the point i hesitate to come visit the property I have owned and enjoyed for over 25 years. In my opinion a very poorly executed idea. Additionally the lights outside the Fire/EMS building were replaced on the overhead door (south)side of the building but not on the west facing end of the building. Those older lights shine in my bedroom window forcing me to put up room darkening curtains-what a nuisance since I used to lay in bed able to look out the window at the night skies and stars. Hopefully those older lights are being replaced
- Ban side by sides. Grand Marais and Burt township needs to be preserved. The side by sides tear up roads and trails, the people in them litter and drive to fast. The noise pollution affects animal habitat and the rif raf that ride in them litter on the trails and have no respect for the trails or other people that are walking or hiking. Ban side by sides.
- Be very, very careful about permitting renewable energy installations; make certain there is an inviolable method of baying for their dismantling and disposal when they have outlived their useful lives and be doubly concerned for when the government wakes up and discontinues their subsidy.
- N/A
- 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.
- I find it hard to understand that this survey spends so much space on nice-to-have issues like windfarms and solar panels that won't/can't make economic sense here while totally ignoring the absolutely HUGE issue of the paving of H58 which will be done over the next three years. The town could well-nigh be destroyed if this is allowed to happen and no measures are taken to mitigate the impact. Huge 18 wheelers rolling through town trying to negotiate the Veteran's Memorial. 60 foot long RV/towable rigs barreling down Grand Marais Avenue while elderly residents, bicyclers, joggers, children, pets, etc. are left to fend for themselves? There must be a bypass plan that will direct traffic out of town in the same manner as snowmobiles are during winter and there must be LAW ENFORCEMENT to deal with it. I am very discouraged by the message sent by this survey's avoidance of this the number one issue facing Burt Township in the future.
- Thanks for asking!
- If we don't get a handle on the noise pollution and overcrowding, many current residents including me will be leaving Grand Marais and trying to find a community that is more respectful of the natural and community environment. GM is at a tipping point--I just hope we can get control over the situation in the next year or two. This summer was horrible, and the noise lasted far into the fall.

- Consider "Dark Sky" application for Grand Marais with applicable lighting/lighting parameters. "Dark Sky" designation pairs well with maintaining the natural beauty of the area. Consider working with commercial forest land holders for berm removal and support of areas where their property is located.
 - 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.
 - There was no mention of physical and public health infrastructure. It would have been nice to have offered COVID vaccines for all residents at the Health Center in Grand Marais.
 - Thanks!
 - Not really. The idea of big government planning for the future is actually sickening.
 - plan should address EMT and emergency / fire services working with Alger County and other Eastern UP counties
 - No thanks - Thanks for the opportunity to comment!
 - Would like to see the building that was brought up at meeting that board would like to purchase instead be left for private purchase for possible restaurant feel bathrooms can be installed were bathhouse is on bay with signs for visitors
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- Thank you for organizing this survey and the Master Plan. If enacted, I believe it will be just in time to preserve the quality of life in this community. We've all seen the crazy increase in property purchases by people who only want to get out of cities, but who may not understand the implications of buying land in a more remote community. Preserve the aspects that make Burt Township special.
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- A "need more info" or "unsure" option on some questions would have been helpful
 - Taxes are becoming ridiculous
 - A short-term rental is a business. I think it was wrong to allow these businesses to operate in residential areas. I think this should be corrected.
 - Continue to read the pulse of the community. This is a great tool!