

## Survey Results

The following is a tabular depiction of the responses to each survey question.

### About You

#### 1. Referring to the attached map of the township, please indicate in which numbered area you live or own property in.

33.2%	261	Area 1
23.3%	183	Area 5
19.3%	152	Area 3
9.5%	75	Area 2
9.0%	71	Area 4
5.6%	44	Area 6

#### 2. Do you own lakefront property?

72.3%	568	No
27.7%	218	Yes

#### 3. Are you a seasonal or year-round resident?

81.7%	642	Year-round
18.3%	144	Seasonal

#### 4. What is your age?

51.9%	408	46 to 65 years
29.4%	231	Over 65 years
16.4%	129	31 to 45 years
2.3%	18	18 to 30 years

#### 5. How long have you owned property in the township?

39.3%	309	11 to 30 years
25.8%	203	31 years or more
14.0%	110	6 to 10 years
12.1%	95	3 to 5 years
8.0%	63	2 years or less
0.8%	6	Do not live in the township

#### 6. What best describes the property you own in Fruitland Township?

77.9%	612	Primary residence
12.6%	99	Secondary residence
4.8%	38	Vacant land
3.7%	29	Other:
0.6%	5	Rental Housing
0.4%	3	Commercial business

#### 7. How often should Fruitland Township take surveys similar to this?

37.5%	295	Every 2 to 3 years
30.8%	242	Every 4 to 5 years
21.8%	171	Once a year
6.6%	52	More than 5 years
1.9%	15	Never again
1.4%	11	Every 6 months

#### 8. Do you have Internet access at home?

76.1%	598	Yes
23.9%	188	No

### Commercial Development

#### 9. Would you like to see more stores and businesses in Fruitland Township?

65.0%	511	No
31.4%	247	Yes
3.6%	28	Other:

**10. In the area where you live, what types of commercial development would you like to see?**

25.2%	159	Neighborhood Stores (White Duck)
14.9%	94	Gas stations/convenience stores
14.9%	94	Recreational (Camping or Resorts)
8.2%	52	Professional offices
7.8%	49	Personal services
7.4%	47	Entertainment
6.2%	39	Other:
5.1%	32	None at all
4.6%	29	Fast-food restaurants
3.3%	21	Big box stores like Wal-Mart and Meijer
2.5%	16	Strip Malls

**11. If you feel there should be more stores and businesses, where would you prefer to see them locate?**

50.7%	207	Along Whitehall Road
16.2%	66	Along White Lake Drive
14.5%	59	Along Scenic Drive
12.3%	50	Other:
6.4%	26	Along South Shore Drive

**Residential Development**

**12. In the area where you live, should the following types of new housing be encouraged?**

36.1%	284	Single-family homes on 5+ acre lots
27.4%	215	Single-family homes on one acre lots
26.8%	211	Single-family homes on 2 1/2 acre lots
7.0%	55	Other:
1.9%	15	Both housing and commercial development together
0.8%	6	Apartments, duplexes or attached condos

**13. Would you like to see more apartments and condominiums?**

87.5%	688	No
8.4%	66	Yes
4.1%	32	Other:

**14. Manufactured housing like Mobile Homes should be allowed:**

54.1%	425	Not allowed in the township at all
33.3%	262	Only within Manufactured Housing Communities
7.6%	60	Anywhere in the township without limitation
5.0%	39	Other:

**15. Are more residential subdivisions appropriate?**

62.0%	487	No
38.0%	299	Yes

**16. What best describes future residential development?**

22.7%	475	Pedestrian trails, bikeways and paths
20.7%	434	Large wooded lots
14.2%	297	Restrict new residential development
13.5%	282	Houses setback a long way from the road
8.6%	181	Dead-end private streets with few houses
7.6%	159	Connected streets rather than dead-ends
4.3%	91	Narrow tree-lined streets
3.8%	80	Clustered lots
2.5%	53	Other:
1.1%	24	Small lots close to the street
0.8%	17	No regulations

**17. Would you like to see any of the following types of senior citizen housing in the township?**

36.6%	288	None
29.8%	234	Retirement Community
14.1%	111	Assisted Living
12.1%	95	Other:
5.3%	42	Senior Apartments
1.7%	13	Nursing Home

**18. Housing developments with lots clustered to preserve open space, are a good way to protect the rural feel of the township.**

30.3%	238	Agree
25.1%	197	Disagree
18.1%	142	Strongly disagree
17.7%	139	Don't know
8.9%	70	Strongly agree

**19. Do you think that accessory buildings should be sized according to the size of your lot?**

63.4%	498	Yes
24.8%	195	No
11.8%	93	Don't know

**20. Should there be a 100-foot setback on the waterside of lakefront lots?**

65.6%	516	Yes
19.3%	152	Don't know
15.0%	118	No

<b>Other Types of Development</b>
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**21. Do you feel that industrial development is appropriate in the township?**

77.0%	605	No
23.0%	181	Yes

**22. Do you feel that Fruitland Township is:**

45.0%	354	Growing wisely
30.4%	239	Growing too fast
18.6%	146	Sprawling and disconnected
6.0%	47	Growing too slowly

**23. Do you believe that urban sprawl contributes to:**

42.6%	335	All of the above
26.3%	207	None of the above
16.3%	128	Inefficient use of land
10.9%	86	Higher taxes
3.8%	30	Lack of physical and social interaction

**24. Do you feel that agricultural and forest land should be preserved in the township?**

93.1%	732	Yes
6.9%	54	No

**25. Would you be interested in public water and sanitary sewer if it were made available?**

49.0%	385	No
29.0%	228	Yes
22.0%	173	Maybe

**26. Would you like to see the township acquire environmentally sensitive land to keep it from being developed?**

68.2%	536	Yes
20.0%	157	Maybe
11.8%	93	No

**27. What road improvements would you prefer to see happen first?**

29.5%	497	Create a bikeway or trail along Scenic Drive
17.6%	296	Pave gravel roads
13.9%	234	Pave the Berry Junction Rail/Trail
13.9%	233	Reconstruct Orshal between Duck Lake Road and River Road
11.1%	187	Other:
8.3%	140	Extend Nestrom south to Scenic
5.6%	94	Extend Simonelli between Duck Lake and Michillinda

**28. What do you feel are the most important issues facing the future of the township?**

28.5%	503	Environment
23.3%	411	Water quality
19.1%	338	Roads
11.3%	200	Public sewers
10.4%	184	Public water
7.4%	131	Other:

**29. Should development be limited in areas of the township that have a high ground water table?**

59.7%	469	Yes
25.3%	199	Don't know
15.0%	118	No

**30. Would you favor directing industrial development to other nearby communities like Whitehall and Muskegon?**

75.4%	593	Yes
13.5%	106	Maybe
11.1%	87	No

**31. Do you feel the township should make an effort to protect wildlife habitat and corridors?**

82.7%	650	Yes
11.1%	87	Maybe
6.2%	49	No

**32. Do you feel that the township should allow the following types of properly regulated wind driven generators (windmills) for energy?**

42.9%	337	For personal use on one's own property
22.3%	175	For commercial electricity
19.7%	155	Not at all
15.1%	119	Other:

**33. Are you opposed to new telecommunications towers for better cellular service and radio and television broadcasting**

59.2%	465	No
23.8%	187	Yes
17.0%	134	Maybe

**34. In the area where you live, pedestrian connections between schools, trails and parks are needed.**

29.0%	228	No Opinion
26.0%	204	Strongly agree
19.2%	151	Strongly disagree
16.2%	127	Somewhat agree
9.7%	76	Somewhat disagree

<b>Zoning Regulations and Enforcement</b>
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**35. How would you rate zoning and land use regulations?**

30.3%	238	Good
28.1%	221	Fair
23.0%	181	Not sure
16.8%	132	Poor
1.8%	14	Excellent

**36. How would you rate zoning enforcement?**

30.8%	242	Good
29.9%	235	Not sure
20.0%	157	Fair
15.8%	124	Poor
3.6%	28	Excellent

**37. Do you feel that zoning enforcement in the township is overly strict?**

46.6%	366	No
32.1%	252	Don't know
21.4%	168	Yes

**38. Zoning rules are intended to make the best use of property.**

48.1%	378	agree
17.3%	136	Strongly agree
14.6%	115	Don't know
13.4%	105	Disagree
6.6%	52	Strongly disagree

**39. Controls on development are important to protect water quality in the rivers, lakes and streams.**

58.4%	459	Strongly agree
32.6%	256	agree
3.9%	31	Don't know
3.2%	25	Disagree
1.9%	15	Strongly disagree

**40. How is your drinking water quality?**

58.9%	463	Very good
17.2%	135	Somewhat good
12.7%	100	Neutral
7.4%	58	Somewhat bad
3.8%	30	Very bad

**41. How does your septic system function?**

75.3%	592	Very good
12.7%	100	Somewhat good
9.9%	78	Neutral
1.4%	11	Somewhat bad
0.6%	5	Very bad

**42. Please provide your written comments in the space provided below (or attach additional sheets if necessary) concerning issues you would like the Planning Commission to be aware of.**