

Fruitland Township Comprehensive Plan

Instructions

The Fruitland Township Planning Commission is updating the Township Comprehensive (Master, Land Use) Plan and would like your opinions concerning issues related to future growth and development. Please answer the following questions as they relate to you and your family. For most answers, check the boxes most applicable to you or fill in the blanks.

About You

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

28.5%	167	Area 1
12%	68	Area 2
21%	120	Area 3
9%	54	Area 4
21%	124	Area 5
9%	51	Area 6

2. Do you own lakefront property?

18%	106	Yes
81%	475	No
1%	3	No Response

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

3%	15	Seasonal
97%	567	Year-round
0%	2	No Response

4. What is your age?

0%	0	Less than 18 years
1%	7	18 to 30 years
7%	41	31 to 45 years
36%	212	46 to 65 years
55%	320	Over 65 years
1%	4	No Response

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

5%	31	2 years or less
9%	54	3 to 5 years
11%	62	116 to 10 years
39%	225	11 to 30 years
36%	210	31 years or more
0%	0	Do not live in the township
0%	2	No Response

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

0%	0	Vacant land
99%	580	Primary residence
0%	0	Secondary residence
0%	1	Commercial business
0%	0	Rental Housing
0%	2	Other:
0%	1	No Response

7. Do you have Internet access at home?

92%	536	Yes
8%	47	No
0%	1	No Response

8. What type of internet access do you have?

8%	48	Cellular
5%	28	Satellite
60%	348	Cable
21%	124	Phone Line
6%	36	No Response

Commercial Development

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

31%	184	Yes
65%	379	No (Skip to Q. 12)
4%	21	No Response

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

(Select all that apply)

- Big box stores like Wal-Mart and Meijer
- Strip Malls
- Neighborhood Stores (White Duck)
- Recreational (Camping or Resorts)
- Gas stations/convenience stores
- Fast-food restaurants
- Personal services
- Entertainment
- Professional offices
- Other:

11. Where would you prefer to see more stores and businesses located?

(Select all that apply)

- Along Whitehall Road
- Along White Lake Drive
- Along Scenic Drive
- Along South Shore Drive
- Other:

Residential Development

12. In the area where you live, do you think the housing density should be:

(Select only one)

- More dense
- Less dense
- The same

13. Would you like to see more apartments?

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No

14. Would you like to see more condominiums?

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No

15. Are more residential subdivisions appropriate?

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No

16. Would you like to see additional types of senior citizen housing in the township?

- Assisted Living
- Senior Apartments
- Nursing Home
- Retirement Community
- None
- Other:

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Other Types of Development

19. Do you feel that industrial development is appropriate in the township?

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No

20. Do you feel that Fruitland Township is:

(Select only one)

- Growing too fast
- Growing too slowly
- Growing wisely
- Sprawling and disconnected

21. Do you believe that urban sprawl contributes to:

(Select only one)

- Inefficient use of land
- Higher taxes
- Lack of physical and social interaction
- All of the above
- None of the above

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

26. What Recreational improvements would you like to see happen?

- Create a bike or pedestrian lane along Scenic Drive
- Create a bike and pedestrian lane along South Shore Drive

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

(Select all that apply)

- Environment
- Roads
- Public water
- Public sewers
- Water quality
- High lake water levels
- Other:

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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

(Select only one)

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

Zoning Regulations and Enforcement

30. How would you rate zoning and land use regulations?

(Select only one)

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent
- Not sure

31. How would you rate zoning enforcement?

(Select only one)

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent
- Not sure

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

(Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

33. Zoning rules are intended to promote and safeguard the public health, safety, prosperity and general welfare of the people.

(Select only one)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

34. Zoning rules are intended to maintain property values.

(Select only one)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

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

(Select only one)

- Strongly agree
- agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

36. How is your drinking water quality?

(Select only one)

- Very bad
- Somewhat bad
- Neutral
- Somewhat good
- Very good

37. How does your septic system function?

(Select only one)

- Very poor
- Somewhat poor
- Neutral
- Somewhat good
- Very good

38. 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.

Optional:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tape
Here

Place
Postage
Stamp
Here

Fruitland Township
4545 Nestrom Rd
Whitehall, MI 49461

Planning Commission

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Important:
Fill out and return the Planning
Commission Survey enclosed.
We need and want your input!