Comprehensive Plan Survey

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Date:

Comprehensive Plan Survey Questions

This Township Resident Survey will be available for participation via a direct mailing coupled with direct input via letters or emails to the Township Clerk. Hard copies will be available at the Township Town Hall and from the Township Clerk.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Q1. Please select the following that best describes you

- · I live within the Township limits of ----- Township
- I work in ____
- · I own property in ----- Township
- I am a business owner in ----- Township
- <other>

Q#. Please select (circle one) your age

12 and under	13-17	18-20	21-35	36-54	55-79
80+					

Q#. How long have you been a Resident, Property Owner or Business Owner in ------Township (circle one)?

Less than 1 year 1-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-20 year	More than
20 years				

COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Q#: How would you describe the Community Character of ------ Township? <*open ended>*

HOUSING

Q#: Please indicate to what extent you agree with each of the following statements:

	Agree (A)	Agree (A) Neutral (N)				Disa	gree (D)
	(Circle One Eacl	h)						
•	There is an adequate supply o	f quality h	nousing	choice	s for pe	ople of	all ages	5,
	incomes, and stages of life	Α	Ν	D				
•	More affordable housing optic	ons are ne	eded		Α	Ν	D	
•	More single family homes are	needed		Α	Ν	D		
•	More multi-family homes are	needed		Α	Ν	D		
•	More rental properties are ne	eded		Α	Ν	D		
•	New housing should be built i	n and aro	und the	Centra	l Busin	ess Dis	trict	
	A N D							
	New housing should be built w	within exis	sting ne	ighbor	hoods		Α	Ν
	D							
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Q#: Currently, ------ Township adheres to 2.5 Acre development in Rural Residential zoning and 5+ Acre development in areas Zoned Agriculture. In your opinion, should ------ Township maintain the current zoning and development status? (Circle one)

YES NO

Comment <open ended>:

In your opinion, should ------ Township encourage or discourage the following types of development? <select one each>

•	Single-family residential	Encourage	
	Discourage		
•	Single-family residential	in clustered subdivisions	Encourage
	Discourage		
•	Senior housing		
	Encourage	Discourage	
•	Townhomes		
	Encourage	Discourage	
•	Apartments		
	Encourage	Discourage	
•	Patio homes		
	Encourage	Discourage	

- Multi-family residences
 - Encourage Discourage
- Mobile-home parks
- Encourage Discourage
- <0ther, open comment>
- Q5: When it comes to growth and development, what is ----- Township's greatest challenge?
- Supporting development of adequate job opportunities
- Supporting a year-round economy
- Supporting development of a suitable range of housing options
- Protecting scenery and natural resources
- Protecting the ----- character
- Maintaining adequate utilities and services
- *<Other, open comment>*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Q#: ----- Township is fortunate to have a number of important businesses within the boundaries of the Township. With some consideration towards this fact, please indicate to what extent you agree with each of the following statements:

Agree (A)	Neutral (N)	Disagree (D)	(Circle One			
Each)						
There is a good support system in place for entrepreneurs and new businesses						
A N D						
• There is an a	dequate supply of living wa	ge jobs in and around the area	Α			
Ν	D					
There is an e	ffective level of cooperation	ı between Little Falls Township	o and its			
neighboring	Communities with regards	to economic development	Α			
N	D					
Little Falls To	ownship should explore bus	siness or industry recruitment	options			
Α	N D	-	-			
There is a div	verse blend of commercial a	and service-based businesses	Α			
Ν	D					
Q #: What are <open ended=""></open>	Township's <u>three (3)</u>	greatest assets?				

TRANSPORTATION

Q8: Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

٠	Agree (A)	Neutral (N)		Disa	gree (D)	(Circle
	One Each)						
•		ion modes (walking, biki	ng, eta	c.) are ir	nporta	nt	Α
	N D						
•	I see the value in provi	ling bicycle trails and on-	-stree	t lanes		Α	Ν
	D						
•	There are adequate col	lector and frontage roads	conn	ecting t	he Tow	nship	Α
	N D						
•	Township services are	effectively provided		Α	Ν	D	
	Roadways are generally	well maintained	Α	Ν	D		

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Q#: Please rank the following list of factors that make for a healthy community (Circle One Each: 3=most important, 1=least important)

	Low crime/safe neighborhoods		1		2		3
	Affordable housing 1		2		3		
	Clean environment 1		2		3		
	Parks and recreation 1		2		3		
	Access to healthcare 1		2		3		
•	Quality schools 1		2		3		
•	Healthy behaviors and lifestyles		1		2		3
•	Good jobs and healthy economy		1		2		3
•	Arts and cultural events	1		2		3	
	- ·						

• <0ther>

Q#: Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Agree (A)	Neutral (N)	Disag	ree (D)	(Circ	cle One
Each)						
· I feel safe in r	ny community during all tim	es of the day		Α	Ν	D
 I have access 	to healthy, locally-grown foo	ds	Α	Ν	D	
· I am within a	reasonable distance to parks	s, open spaces	s, and y	walking	,/bikin	g trails
AND						
 I have access 	to healthcare providers	Α	Ν	D		
 I have access 	to a great school district and	secondary ed	lucatio	on A	Ν	D
· I have access	arts and cultural facilities	Α	Ν	D		

• <0ther>

ENVIRONMENT

Q#: Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding water quality best management practices (BMP's)

Agree (A)Neutral (N)Disagree (D)(Circle OneEach)

Would you implement one of the following basic principles to help improve water quality and shorelands: filter strips, natural landscapes, reduce fertilizer application, treat stormwater runoff, and correct erosion problems.

N D

- Having a natural vegetation buffer around a lake is a great way to protect water quality. Is this something you would consider if you owned shoreland property?
 A N D
- Would you participate in efforts to improve water quality and shorelands?
 A N D
 - Would you support stricter buffer requirements in an effort to preserve the lake quality?
 A N D
 - I see the valuable in protecting our lakes, rivers, and streams water quality.
 - A N D

Township Independence

Q#: Please indicate if you agree, yes or no, the following statement and question.

By State Statute the Townships of ------ are in a lesser position to stave off City and County initiatives to override the Township positions on many areas of concern, e.g. annexation and land use. Should the LF TWP Comprehensive Plan contain strong language voicing our independence as described in our Charter from the MN Constitution?

YES NO Comments:

GRANTS

Q#: Please indicate if you agree, yes or no, the following statement and question.

City, County and Township officials often solicit, apply for, and when selected, and accept Grants from various sources, many times not recognizing and realizing the contingencies, commitments, and regulatory requirements embedded and attached to these grants and agreements. Should all Grants offered, be required to have clear language and future financial commitment estimates clearly outlined to show all the factors and contingencies required by the Grantors, as well as clearly state all of the State and Federal Regulations which will affect the grant acceptance and these types of projects over time ?

YES NO

Comments:

ANNEXATION

Q#: Please indicate if you agree, yes or no, the following statement and question. The City of ------ Comprehensive Plan indicates the City Council of the City have long-term plans to annex several areas within surrounding Townships in order to raise the tax base available to the City in order to finance expansion plans within the City and to incorporate the fringe areas of bordering Townships. Should the LF TWP Board and its Residents who are affected by these annexations take deliberate measures and actions to preserve the landscape of the Township and be allowed to vote to decide the outcome?

YES NO

Comments:

ZONING

Q#: Please indicate if you agree, yes or no, the following statement and question. Currently the County is planning for stricter Agricultural and Residential zoning than the -------- Township might recommend. When County planning conflicts with the intent and desired end-state of the Township Comprehensive Plan, should the Township Board take deliberate measures and actions to preserve the substance and intent of the Township Comprehensive Plan in order to protect the planning measures within the Township?

YES NO Comments:

Alternative Energy Sources

Q#: Please indicate if you agree, yes or no, the following statements and question. In many areas of the State there are large alternative energy projects such as wind and solar electric production facilities, many times, being placed on now productive farmland. The long-standing intent of Township is to preserve productive farmland from being eliminated from agricultural production. Should Township and Landowners who are affected by these projects, have a say in projects of this nature moving forward? YES NO Comments:

PARK, TRAIL AND RECREATION

Q#: Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements about Little Falls parks and trails:

Agree (A)			Neutral (N)	Disagree	Disagree (D)			
Each)								
	-	-		 			_	

- Local parks and trails meet my or my families daily recreational needs
 A
 N
 D
- Little Falls Township is easily accessible using the existing trail system
 A
 N
 D
- The off-street trail systems should be improved/extended A N D
- We should protect our natural resources and environment for future generations
 A N D
- What specific parks or trails do you feel are needed (where) within the Township?
 <open ended>

ENVISIONING -----TOWNSHIP

Q#: What are other long-range issues the comprehensive plan update should address?

<open ended>