

# 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

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### COMMUNITY CHARACTER

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



- Multi-family residences  
*Encourage                      Discourage*
- Mobile-home parks  
*Encourage                      Discourage*
- *<Other, 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                                                                  | <b>A    N    D</b> |              |                   |
| · There is an adequate supply of living wage jobs in and around the area                                                                        | <b>N    D</b>      |              | <b>A</b>          |
| · There is an effective level of cooperation between Little Falls Township and its neighboring Communities with regards to economic development | <b>N    D</b>      |              | <b>A</b>          |
| · Little Falls Township should explore business or industry recruitment options                                                                 | <b>A    N    D</b> |              |                   |
| · There is a diverse blend of commercial and service-based businesses                                                                           | <b>N    D</b>      |              | <b>A</b>          |

**Q#: What are ----- Township's three (3) greatest assets?**  
*<open ended>*

**TRANSPORTATION**

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



- <Other>

## 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 One Each)

- 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.                      **A**  
**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 (D)                      (Circle One 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>*