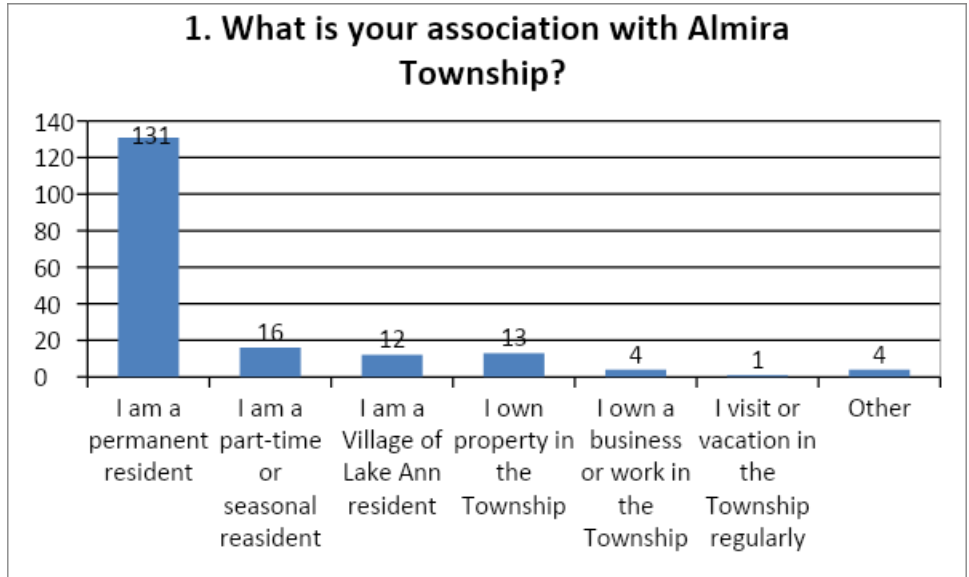
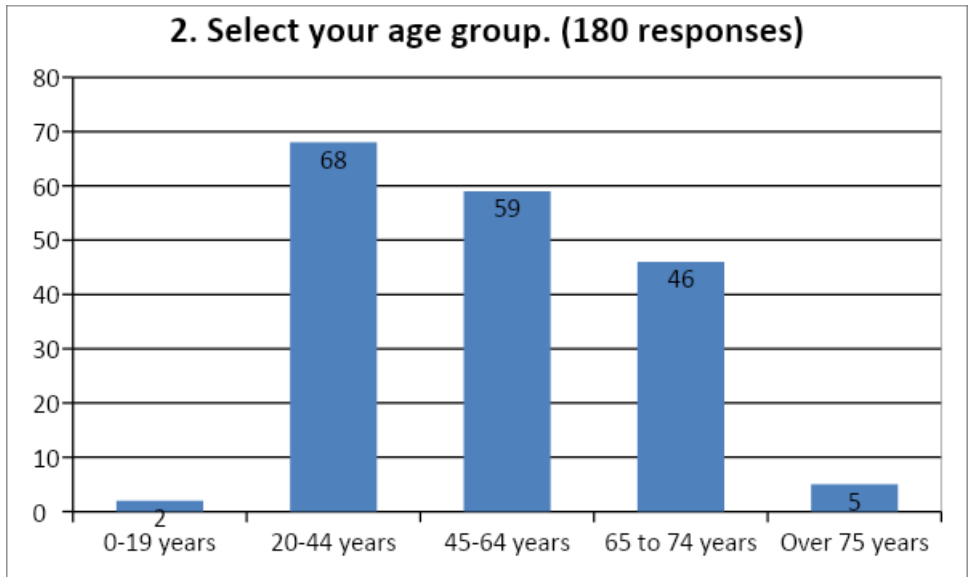


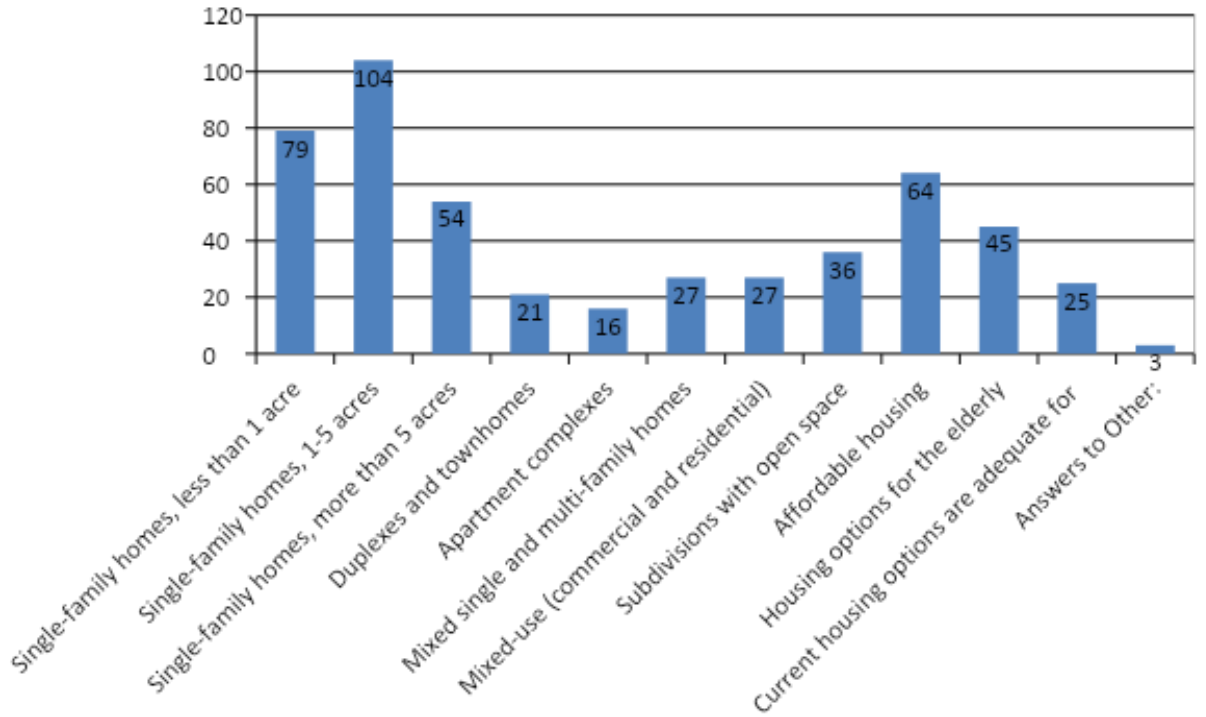
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| Answers to Other: |
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| Blank |
| Live on inland twp |
| Former Full-Time Resident |
| I own my home here and am a permanent resident |



3. What type of housing would best serve the Township's future needs? Check all that apply. (178 responses)



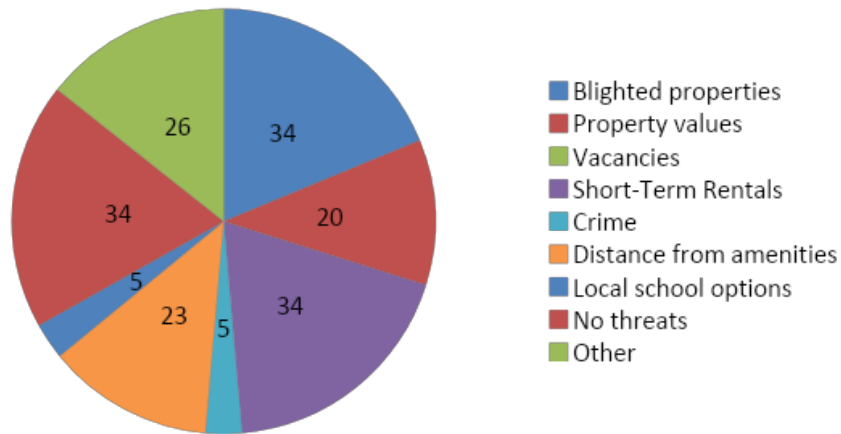
Answers to Other:

It's already getting built up with the new crowded houses.

Tiny house subdivision maybe

any housing

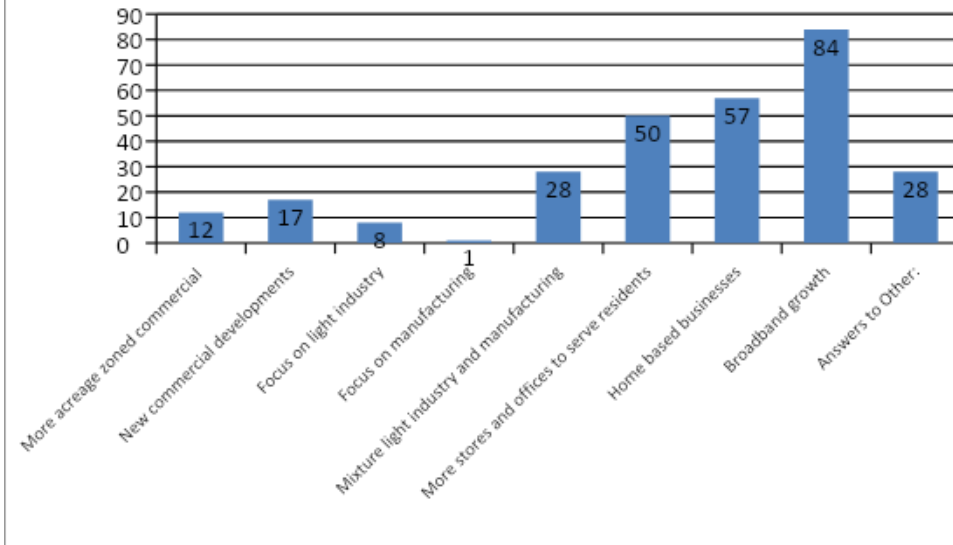
4. What is the biggest threat to the viability of your township? Select one. (176 responses)



Answers to Other:

- Blank (5x)
- High property tax
- Unimproved roads development
- loud trucks and rumble strips
- influx of wanting to change our area after people move in
- Vehicle noise in summer
- TC Overflow
- Traffic concerns. Speeding.
- Lack of township development, creating lack of business
- Lock of shoulders in roads creating a driving town
- Sewer and water system
- Unwanted commercial business
- Availability of good high speed internet
- Internet access
- Building up, losing open spaces and threatening wild life habit
- Lack of affordable housing.
- Lack of and poor zoning controls
- The values will only go down with the rules of township on accumulating junk and vehicles on property. The property that was to be condemned on the corner of 669 kitty corner to the red school house has only gotten worse with no enforcement of the township rules.
- Growth options in real estate
- Over development
- Affordable internet access

5. What would help bring businesses you would like to see to the Township? Select all that apply. (163 responses)



Answers to Other:

Improve main feeder roads so that people can get to work safely in TC, they are horrible

None of the above

Population growth

Agriculture

No more businesses

Small family owned businesses

Keep Commerical to a small limit, We live here because of the residential aspic.

I like the village atmosphere with indpendently owned small businesses.

Lake Ann is a truly wonderful place to live. Perhaps some smaller, unique businesses established downtown would be desirable for the community. The general store/brewery/coffee shop are good draws - I was thinking of businesses that attract people to walk the town main streets - maybe a gift shop or gallery, another restaurant.....(I like the addition of the bakery even though it's not on the main street). How do people feel about increasing the size of downtown Lake Ann just a little?

Promote it“Downtown” development... not strip malls.

We don't need more businesses here.

Fine just the way it is

I like the small, quaint feel of Lake Ann and would rather not see a ton of business developments

Don't think we need more

Upgrade to roads (paving)

Adequate businesses already

What currently exists is just fine.

Keep it as is and enforce the ordinances in place to increase

Natural gas

No urban sprawl, No more businesses, it is better for our township and environment, if continue to grow our township will lose the reason we are all here, real north woods and pure Michigan, is headed towards the past.

No need for additional businesses - we're close enough to a traverse city

None

Recreational access and opportunities in our state forests

What more do we need that wouldn't change the character

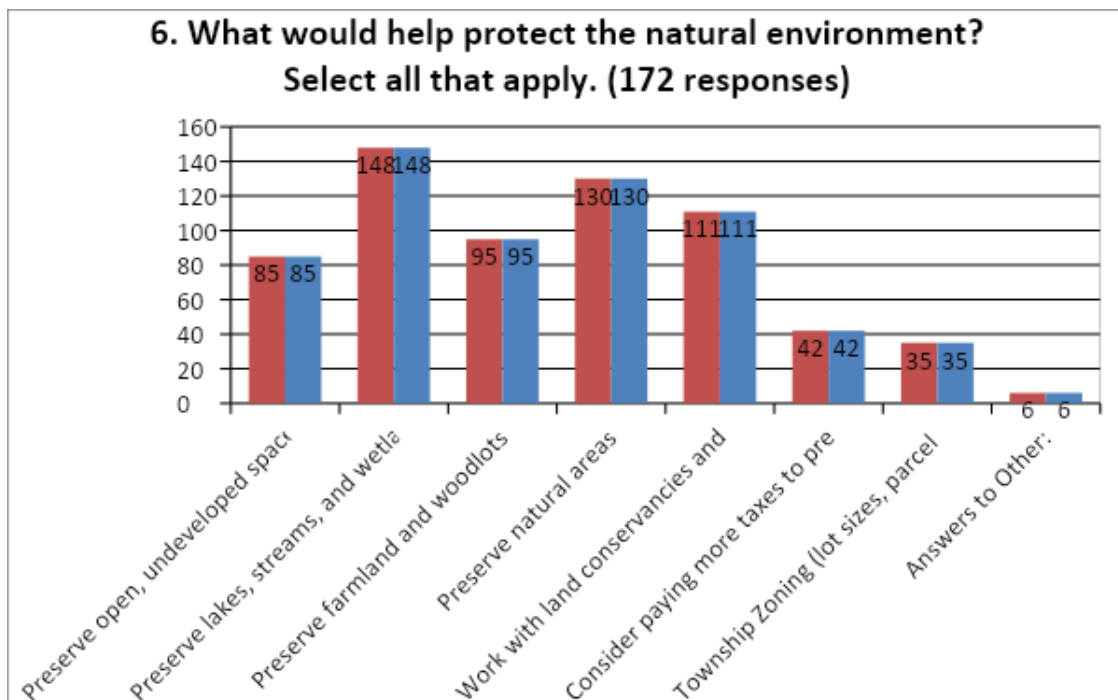
Gas station

None of the above

Safety for pedestrians in village with better maintained sidewalks and safety for walkers and bike riding

in village limits to lake park

less government regulations



Answers to Other:

Reward private property owners who USE the land to produce food and other products. Kill all predators (like Bears) who destroy and disrupt such efforts.

The township already has enough natural area. It's time to grow so we can have more amenities without having to go to Traverse City.

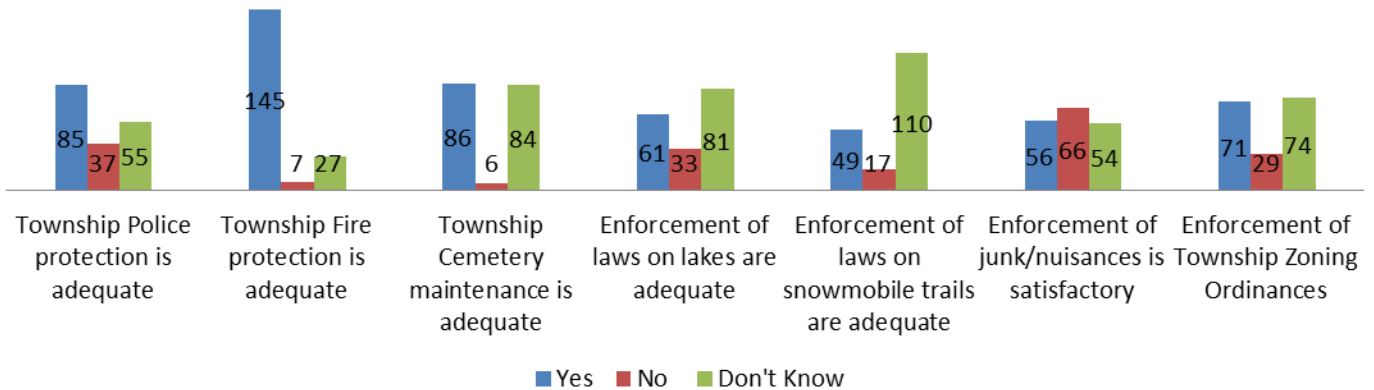
More DNR presence on lakes.

Take better care of Ransom Lake, improve trail tread via boardwalks in seasonally wet areas.

Why would my taxes increase if land is preserved?

enforce existing laws

7. Are the following Township Public Services adequate?



8. Any other remarks on Township Public Services not mentioned above? (27 responses)

N/A

I do not trust the Election Process in the township. You did not speak to this in your survey which is very disappointing. It makes me think you don't care about voting which is alarming.

Fire and EMS has grown almost to the point of overkill. Massive budget and 24/7 staff for a dozen or so calls a month. Well run department but maybe more than we need.

More sidewalks and bike lanes. Road diets to slow down fast moving traffic. Go out for bid for recycling/trash service like Long Lake Twp did. Saves money for residents, provides more services, and reduces number of trucks on the road.

There are several residences in the village limits that are unkempt, junk filled, and 2 on 1st street that are hoarder homes with significant fire hazard

Advanced Life Support EMS services in Almira Township

Na

Lack of curbside pickup recycling. Having to travel to recycle is inconvenient and often leads to less recycling. Lack of 24/7 fire, ambulance, police coverage. Lack of code enforcement. Lack of township office hours.

EMS is more than adequate, it is excellent!

EMS is excellent

Township Parks are wonderful

Fireworks enforcement is in adequate

It is past time to rid the are of abandoned vehicles, boats, snd junk

EMT services need more staffed Units

Excellent parks that are well maintained.

Lots of empty beer cans on Fowler, clearly there are folks drinking and driving/snowmobiling

Recycling is inadequate

Township communications is lacking, township website needs a distribution list

We need a noise ordinance stating specific decibel limits to ensure the peace and tranquility of Almira Township. Venues that are heard miles away are inappropriate.

Would like to see a designated ORV trail, more snowmobile trail

Animal control No mailboxes would take a message / Benzie animal control

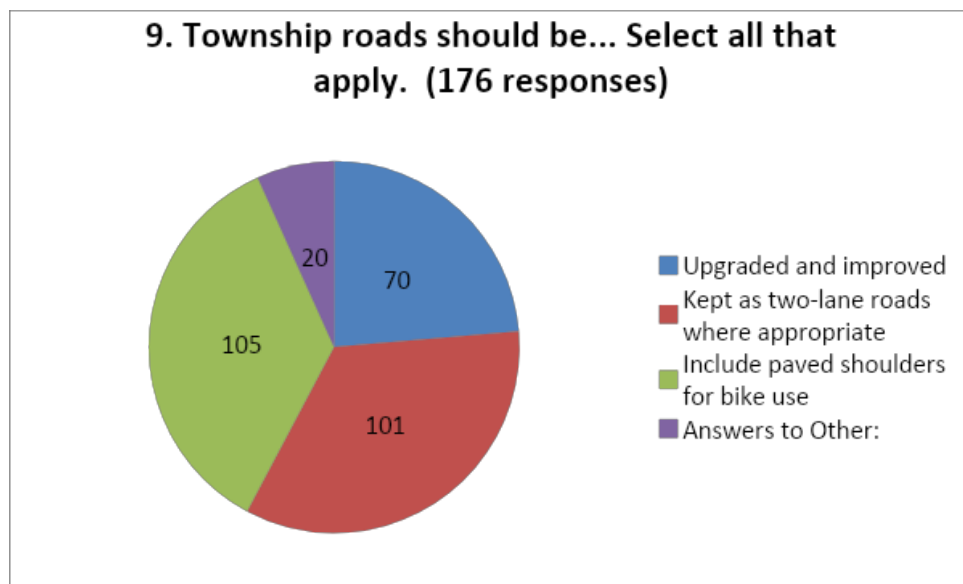
No

People with unruly dogs make biking or walking on roads dangerous. Animal control has been completely unhelpful.

None

containers at lakefront Beach park, Almira twp park by pavilions and the recycling center for 10c returnable bottles and cans. could benefit our local charities or parks and rec. money in cans are thrown out. volunteers from charity could do this. Burnett Park is village can there too

just take care of what we have



Answers to Other:

Bikes and 4 wheelers should NOT share the road with autos. Stupid and dangerous. However, I do support "Dedicated" use roads and trails for bikes, 4 wheelers and snowmobiles

Even with paved shoulders, the gravel and log trucks make bicycling a non-starter

Current road situation is fine generally. Could upgrade/pave some seasonal roads and cut shoulder grass more often.

Lake Ann really needs a couple rumble strips on either side of town, speeding is a terrible problem. Improve seasonal roads to allow quicker travel and commute through the township to get to where the work is in Traverse City. Example: Fowler Road

Lower "miles per hour" from n.lake Ann Rd to grand traverse county line. benzie

We live 1 mile from Almira businesses, yet I would never take our son on a bike ride to town due to the dangerous roads with no shoulder

be more pedestrian friendly

Slow speed limits on short runs. Maple street, Reynlod to burnt Mill

Gravel and dirt roads upgraded to chip and tar at a minimum

Extend pedestrian path on Lake Ann road to Ransom Lake.

Speed limits posted, esp on heavily used roads.

keep parks trails in hood condition

Would love to see dedicated paved shoulders on Lake Ann Road, Cedar Run and Reynolds where possible. Pedestrian travel and recreational use is dangerous.

Plowed better during winter

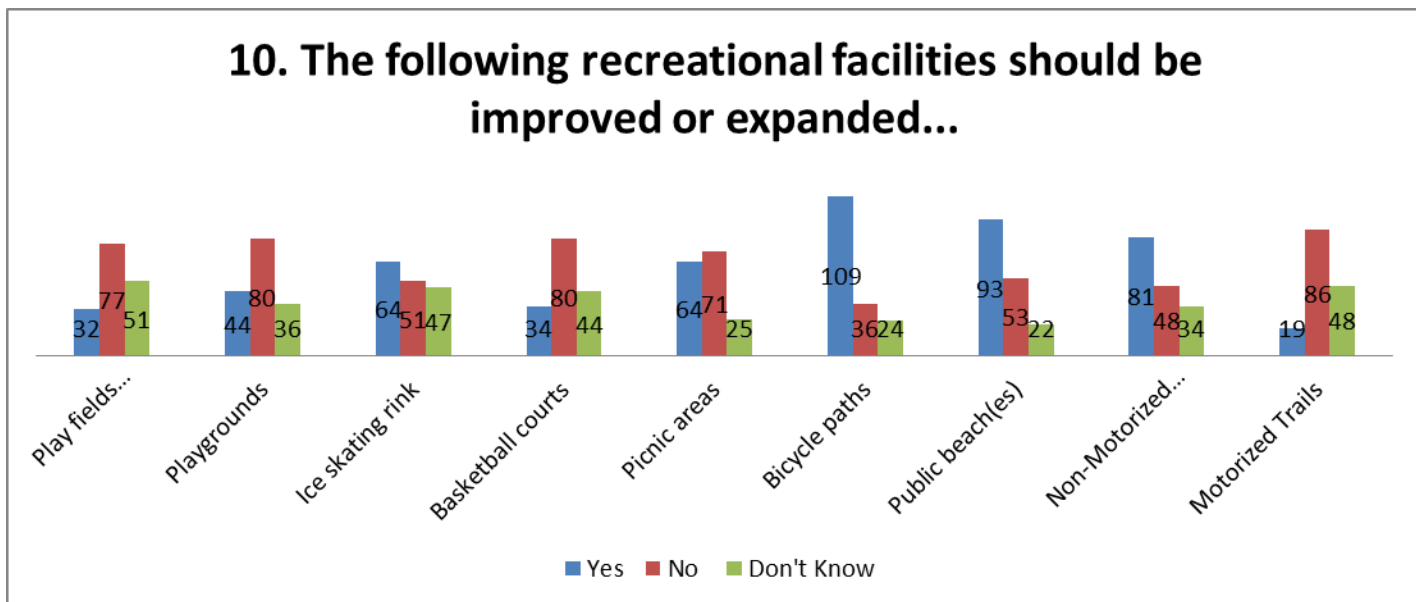
Dirt roads with houses on them should be paved.

Paved shoulders Cedar Run s curve to Lake Ann rd

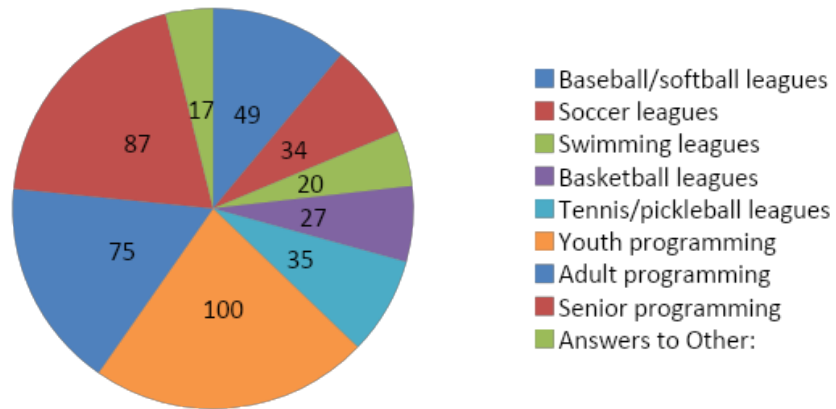
They are good enough right now

Arras of runoff on N Reynolds just past village limits

they need fixed but then maintained and not let go to disrepair



11. The Township should offer or sponsor... (146 responses)



Answers to Other:

Transportation the Lake Ann and T.C.

Dog Park

I would love to play pickleball!

Dog Run/Park Area. The parks have a lot of amenities already but are poorly maintained and could be much better.

Twp should not offer/sponsor any teams in any sport.

Don't know

none

No. That's alot to equally sponsor.

In regard to a skating rink, it would be so great to have one in downtown at the basketball court area in the winter.

Does the population density support these?

Disc Golf Leagues

None

There are so many places nearby to do all these things

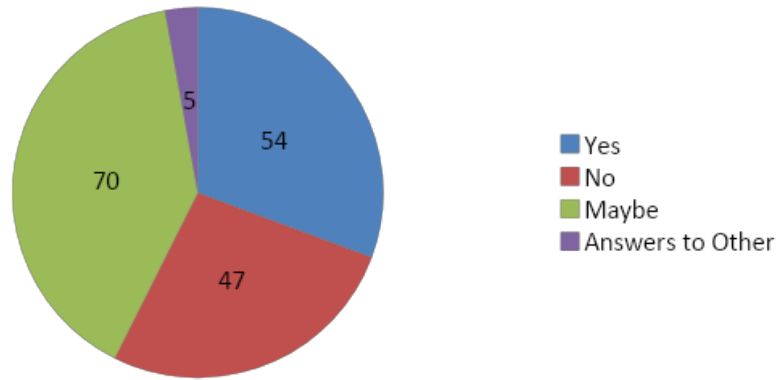
Tax dollars funding local government should not be allocated to sponsoring sports

Townships should not sponsor any activities

None of the above

that is no place for our tax dollars. let private businesses do this

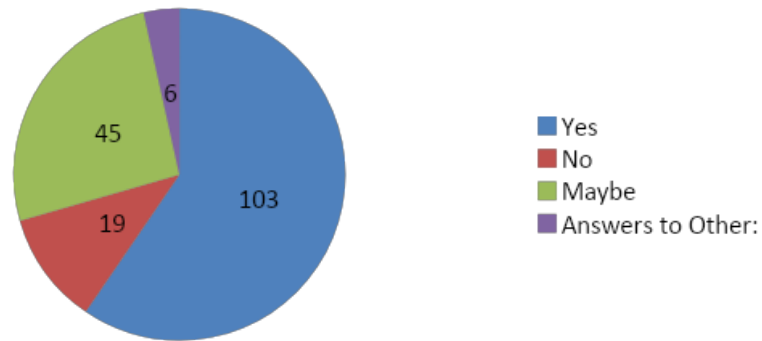
12. Should the Township purchase more parkland? (175 responses)



Answers to Other:

It depends. More parkland is wonderful. Where? How much?! How would it be used?
No unless it is to expand the fire dept building
Always
Take care of Ransom Lake--need boardwalks over wetlands, signage/kiosks are awfully neglected,
why are we selling property next to firebarn?

13. Should Almira Township and the Village of Lake Ann consider consolidating similar functions? (173 responses)



Answers to Other:

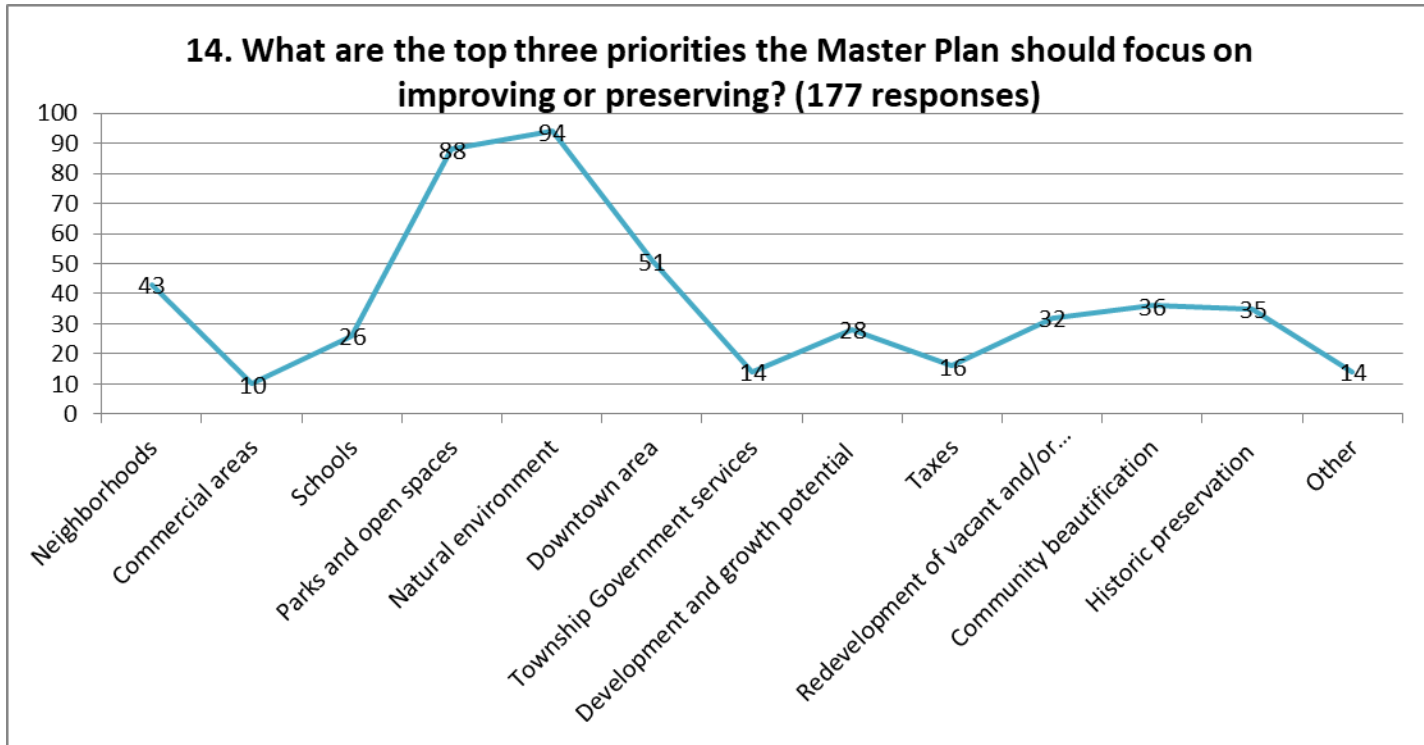
Leave to L.A.
Lake Ann Village is redundant to Almira Township and keeps the township village center with businesses all at the mercy of a hundred LA voters whose interests are not the same as the township's.

They share clerk and treasurer now and twp has put funds for village street work, guess it depend on what the issue would be. Not a Village resident so not sure I want my tax money going to a bunch of Village issues

Do not know enough about this subject

Only if there's no loss of function - and for lower tax dollars to consolidate functions.

be careful that they don't start overreach but streamlining may be more efficient



Answers to Other:

Reduce taxes

Roads

Spear head community-based model and actual sustainable framework that brings together more regular opportunities for residents to engage with each other. This would include invested community organizations such as churches, businesses, schools, government, ect

properties that look like crap

farm land

Lifestyle preservation

Roads and affordable internet

Keep subdivisions to a minimum

Zoning

Recreational access and non motorized trails on our state forests lands.

Recycling (encouraging, I'm dumfounded how many in my neighborhood don't recycle, yet are only a few miles from the drop off. Need to plan for the growth that is coming, noise ordinance.

Ensure the lakes are healthy

Trail along lake Ann rd

dog park fenced would be a nice addition

15.If you would like to review the drafted Master Plan when available, please provide an email address for the electronic version or a home address for paper copies

66 responses

16. Please provide any additional comments in the space below.

Reduce taxes, promote land Responsible USE, Insure votes legitimacy, take zoning seriously
Overall our township does a great job and I am happy to live here. Lack of affordable housing is an issue in our township and any viable solutions should be included in the master plan, However, this is also a regional and state issue and unfortunately, there may not be any viable solutions to this problem right now. Thank you for making this survey available to our residents.

I would like to see a higher priority placed on broadband internet development outside of the village limits

Na

Encourage community gathering space. Attract young families, control growth and expansion. Keep the small community feel.

Our township sees a lot of growth because it is a lovely area to raise a family as well as affordable. I would be hesitant to add much more than neighborhoods and natural/park areas.

Would really like to see the township address short term rentals, especially people buying lots in neighborhoods to build Air BnBs-we want less.

Almira Township is more than just the village. Many residents of the township do not even go to the village. Let the village residents take care of the village. Our township taxes need to be spent on the township as a whole.

Encourage PUD for condominium development for seniors and workers at affordable prices.

Continue to provide and maintain walking trails (Pathways) throughout the township.

Clearly identify the purpose, goals, timeframe, and benchmarks (what does success look like) of the new master plan

Some of the options for answers is not specific for a response and don't apply to the Township. Could be confusing to individuals that are not active in Township business and government.

Thank you for the great interactive opportunity! This is part of what makes our township so cool!

Consider slowing traffic at county line on long lake and north bound on lake ann rd to make it safe for people walking, running, riding bikes and kids playing from all the neighborhoods.

A county wide trash disposal effort would certainly help clean up the township. Paving more roads would attract more residential property development thus increasing tax base.

We need to have some areas where people getting started can afford. Smaller lot sizes and small houses being allowed.

My biggest concern as a active, parent of 3 resident is the lack of paved surfaces for non-motorized travel. I cannot bike with my kids without the threat of being run over. I hope to one day be able to get to Ransom Lake, Almira Township Park, Lake Ann Pathway on Reynolds Road and other natural areas safely by bike or foot.

Very well appreciate this survey.

We are getting built up fast. I believe the rules and enforcement of "junk" accumulation should be more specific. Fencing the junk in isn't acceptable.

Our township is doing a great job. As in any job, we should, " make-a-plan, work-a-plan, evaluate-the-plan,".

Our Ann Lake was so beautiful and peaceful here for years; one could see more trees than homes on the lake, absolutely beautiful. At night you could see all the stars, now more lights are staying on all night making the view difficult. In favor for making things better and like good changes, but have seen negative changes; algal blooms, weeds, many new houses with clear cutting, fertilized lawns and lighting pollution across the lake. Please view Devils lake in Irish Hills, Michigan shores and decide if this is what residents would like our lake shores to look like here on Ann Lake.

Fenced dog park at Almira Twp Park would be a nice addition.

I think that taxes need to stop going up so much they have increased va lot over the past couple years and I do not live on a lake.

We're close enough to Traverse City and all it has to offer - let's not become an extension of Traverse City. Preserve our semi rural and village character.

I believe that outdoor recreational access is what defines Lake Ann and almira township, we should invest in that through Oartnerships with the DNR to make our community more enjoyable for residents and a better bargain for companies that want to relocate.

I'm a part time (at best) resident, along with owning property in Almira township. Some of the reason for not being a full time resident is because of the lack of nearby local amenities and needed services at this point for our family, which means we have to do more preparation and improvement of our own land over a longer period of time before we can consider moving full time, though it is our plan to move out full time as soon as we can. More local amenities to meet the needs of residents, along with affordable housing, preservation of the natural environment, and services for kids (including schools), adults, and seniors, are things that I think are important to prioritize both for retaining current residents and having young folks return after college, but also for making it a place people want to move as well.

None

I would encourage more arts-related events - music, theatre, etc.

Please inspect and deal with the 2 dangerous hoarded homes in the village.

Tart trail

dog park fenced at our township park would be so nice.

pave gravel roads

after question 15 this is suddenly not confidential... lol