

Fairfield Township 2007 Citizen Survey Results and Summary

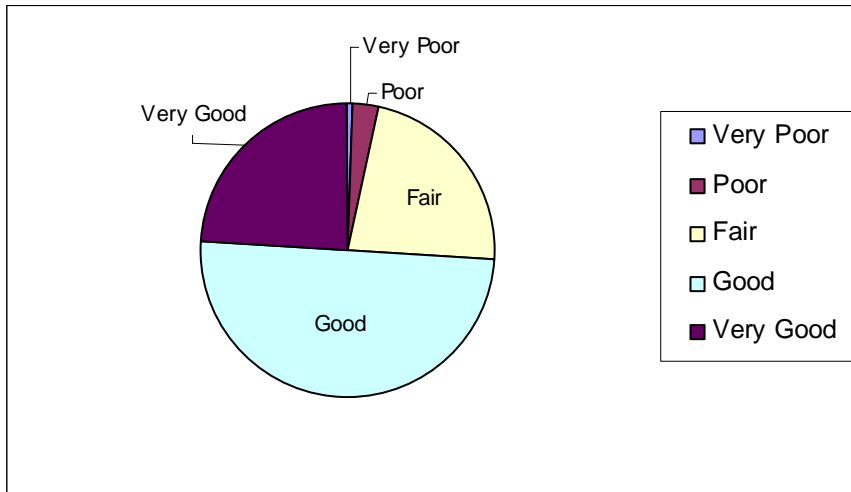
Survey Distribution and Return Rate

The Survey used by the Fairfield Township Planning Commission was adapted from the survey used in early 1999 by the Lenawee County Planning Commission to gather public input. A total of 650 surveys were mailed to 1756 **township residents**. The number of responses received was 193 - a response rate of ____%.

Question 1: Overall rating of Fairfield Township as a place to live

Rating of Township as a place to live

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Total	Missing	Total Responses
Frequency (N)	1	6	42	93	45	187	6	193
Percent	0.5%	3.2%	22.5%	49.7%	24.1%	100.0%		



An overwhelming majority of respondents stated that Fairfield Township is a 'good' or 'very good' place to live (nearly 74%).

RESIDENTIAL LAND USE

Question 4: Where should future residential development occur?

Responses	Yes
Dev. in villages	119
Dev. in rural areas	31
Dev. In areas with central sewer system	86
Dev. In areas with central sewer and adequate groundwater	103

There is a preference for future residential development to occur in villages, especially those with central sewer and adequate groundwater.

Question 5: Type of Residential Development that residents would like to see in Fairfield Township

Responses	Yes
Single-family	157
Two-family	15
Multiple family	17
Manufactured Housing	24
Low-income Housing	29

In terms of a preference for housing types, most respondents would like to see more of single family residential housing in the Township.

Question 6: Extending sewer and water to rural parts of the Township

Extend sewer and water to rural areas	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	110	66	176
Percent respondents	62.50%	37.50%	100.00%

62.5% indicated that sewer and water should not be extended to rural parts of the township. Also, about 71% of the residents live in the Township. An examination of responses by area of residence showed of the 45 respondents that live in the village, 19 were opposed to extending sewer and water facilities while 26 were in favor of the above. This difference in opinion is more pronounced in the case of respondents living in the township. See table below:

Cross tabulation results			Extend public sewer and water to rural parts of township		Total
			No	Yes	
Area of residence	Village	Count	19	26	45
		% of Total	11.9%	16.4%	28.3%
	Rural area	Count	82	32	114
		% of Total	51.6%	20.1%	71.7%
Total		Count	101	58	159
		% of Total	63.5%	36.5%	100.0%

Question 7: Requiring public sewer and water for future residential development

Require public sewer and water for residential development	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	70	112	182
Percent respondents	38.5%	61.5%	100.00%

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Question 8: Are you satisfied with the roads in Fairfield Twp?

Satisfied with township roads	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	97	83	180
Percent respondents	53.9%	46.1%	100.00%

Question 9: Level of satisfaction with following types of roads

Roads		Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Total	Weighted average
State roads	Frequency	5	15	12	118	37	187	3.89
	Percent	2.70%	8.00%	6.40%	63.10%	19.80%	100.00%	
County roads	Frequency	28	54	16	83	4	185	2.9
	Percent	15.1%	29.2%	8.6%	44.9%	2.2%	100.00%	
Village streets	Frequency	12	22	56	86	7	183	3.3
	Percent	6.6%	12.0%	30.6%	47.0%	3.8%	100.00%	
Township roads	Frequency	30	49	28	76	2	185	2.84
	Percent	16.2%	26.5%	15.1%	41.1%	1.1%	100.00%	

On a weighted average basis it appears that residents are most satisfied with State roads followed by Village streets. The level of satisfaction with County and Township roads is nearly similar.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND USE

Question 10: Level of support or opposition for industrial and commercial uses in Township

Land Uses		Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly support	Total
Industrial	Frequency	50	37	43	38	19	187
	Percent	26.7%	19.8%	23.0%	20.3%	10.2%	100.0%
Commercial	Frequency	42	26	48	46	24	186
	Percent	22.6%	14.0%	25.8%	24.7%	12.9%	100.0%

Nearly 46.5% oppose or strongly oppose the construction of Industrial development in the Township, while for commercial uses the level of opposition and support is nearly evenly split with 36.6 opposed or strongly opposed to commercial and 37.6% supporting or strongly supporting such development.

Question 11: Possible locations of future industrial and commercial uses

Location of future uses			Yes
Commercial	Adjacent to sewer & water	No. of responses	99
	Adjacent to villages	No. of responses	80
	Adjacent to rural areas	No. of responses	16
	Adjacent to industrial parks	No. of responses	42
	Reuse existing empty structures	No. of responses	101
Industrial	Adjacent to sewer & water	No. of responses	84
	Adjacent to villages	No. of responses	44
	Adjacent to rural areas	No. of responses	20
	Adjacent to industrial parks	No. of responses	88
	Reuse existing empty structures	No. of responses	89

There is a preference for reusing existing empty structures and using sites with available sewer and water for future commercial uses. This preference is much the same for industrial uses which should also reuse empty structures, be located adjacent to industrial parks with sewer and water.

Question 12: How often do the respondents shop in Fairfield Twp?

How often do you shop in Fairfield Township	Never	Almost never	Some-Times	Often	Always	Total
No of respondents (n)	13	57	84	30	3	187
Percent respondents	7.0%	30.5%	44.9%	16.0%	1.6%	100.0%

Question 13: Is there an interest in seeing more shops in Fairfield Twp?

Would you like more shops in Fairfield Twp	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	76	101	177
Percent respondents	42.9%	57.1%	100.0%

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE

Question 14: Indicate level of support or opposition for using financial support for farmland and open space preservation in Fairfield Township

Financial means to support farmland and open space preservation	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly support	Total
No of respondents (n)	14	14	44	61	52	185
Percent respondents	7.6%	7.6%	23.8%	33.0%	28.1%	100.0%

Question 15: Level of support or opposition to the following that can be used to prevent/restrict the development of farmland and preserve open space in Fairfield Township

Level of support for various strategies to preserve farmland open space		Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly support	Total
Township millage to purchase development rights	Frequency	44	41	70	22	6	183
	Percent	24.0%	22.4%	38.3%	12.0%	3.3%	100.0%
Zoning restriction to restrict Res Dev	Frequency	14	21	44	57	47	183
	Percent	7.7%	11.5%	24.0%	31.1%	25.7%	100.0%
Township ordinance to preserve farmland	Frequency	9	12	31	53	84	189
	Percent	4.8%	6.3%	16.4%	28.0%	44.4%	100.0%

There is some opposition for a Township millage to preserve farmland; nearly 46.4% strongly oppose or oppose such a millage while nearly 38% of the respondents are neutral on the issue. A closer analysis of the issue shows that of the 81 respondents that oppose a Township millage, 59 of them live in the rural parts of the Township. Of the 70 respondents who are neutral regarding the millage, 39 live in the rural parts of the Township and 21 live hi the village. So it appears that a larger percentage of the people living in the rural parts of the Township are opposed to the idea of a millage. (See table below)

Cross-tabulation Results			Area of residence		Total
			Village	Rural area	
Level of support for township millage to development rights Count	Strongly oppose	Count	9	30	39
		% of Total purchase oppose		18.1%	23.5%
	Neutral	Count	11	29	40
		% of Total	5.4%	17.5%	24.1%
	Support	Count	21	39	60
		% of Total	12.7%	23.5%	36.1%
	Strongly support	Count	6	16	22
		% of Total	3.6%	9.6%	13.3%
	Total	Count	48	118	166
		% of Total	28.9%	71.1%	100.0%

The level of support for a Township millage was also examined by farmland vs. non-farmland owner (See Table below). 18.6% of farmers a township millage, 14.6% farmers are neutral about the issue while 7.6% farmers are in favor of such a millage. The difference between support and opposition among non-farmers is also not that significant (27.5% non-farmers oppose a township millage while 24% are neutral about the issue).

Cross-tabulation Results			Are you a farmland owner?		Total
			No	Yes	
Level of support for millage to development rights Count	Strongly oppose	Count township purchase	23	16	39 22.8%
		% of Total purchase	13.5%	9.4%	39 22.8%
	Oppose	Count	24	15	
		% of Total	14.0%	8.8%	
	Neutral	Count	41	25	66
		% of Total	24.0%	14.6%	38.6%
	Support	Count	11	10	21
		% of Total	6.4%	5.8%	12.3%
	Strongly support	Count	3	3	6
		% of Total	1.8%	1.8%	3.5%
Total	Count	102	69	171	
	% of Total	59.6%	40.4%	100.0%	

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Question 16: Are you satisfied with quality of drinking water?

Satisfied with quality of drinking water	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	44	130	174
Percent of respondents	25.3%	74.7%	100.0%

Question 18: Are air and water quality levels acceptable?

Are air and water quality level acceptable?	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	22	147	169
Percent of respondents	13.0%	87.0%	100.0%

Questions 19: Are additional recycling opportunities needed?

Are recycling opportunities needed?	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	33	142	175
Percent of respondents	18.9%	81.1%	100.0%

Question 20: Are trash pick up opportunities adequate?

Are trash pick up opportunities adequate?	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	30	135	165
Percent of respondents	18.2%	81.8%	100.0%

Question 21: Are public sewer and water services adequately available?

Are existing public sewer and water services adequate?	NO	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	40	116	156
Percent of respondents	25.6%	74.4%	100.0%

PARKS AND RECREATION

Question 23: Does Hinde Park meet the respondent's recreation needs?

Does Hinde Park meet your needs?	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	46	63	109
Percent of respondents	42.2%	57.8%	100.0%

Question 24: Is a new indoor facility needed?

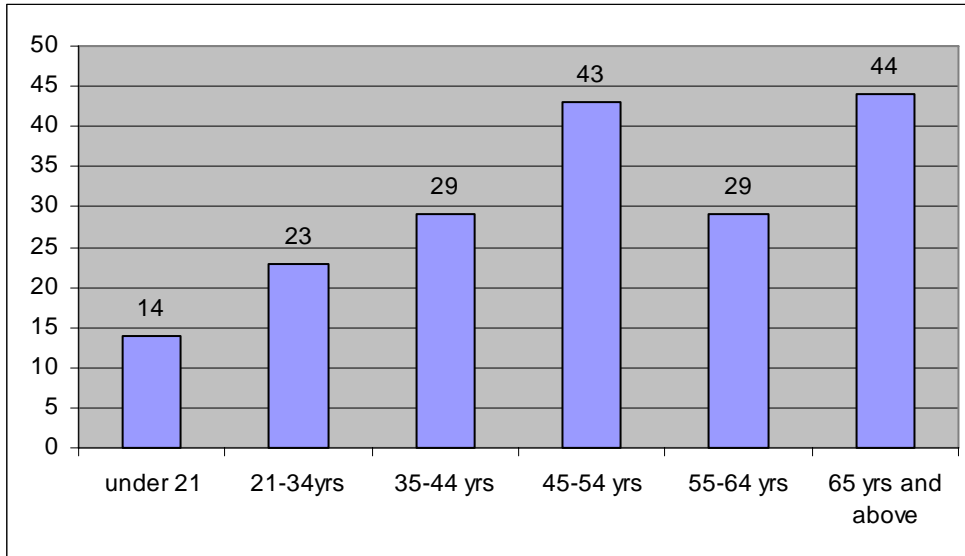
Need a new indoor sports facility	No	Later	Maybe	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	136	35	0	1	172
Percent of respondents	79.1%	20.3%		0.6%	100.0%

Question 25: What funding sources should be used for financing of park facilities in Fairfield Township?

Funding sources for financing park facilities	Yes
State grant funds	111
Local millages	7
Private sources	81
Public & private sources	75

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Question 27: Age



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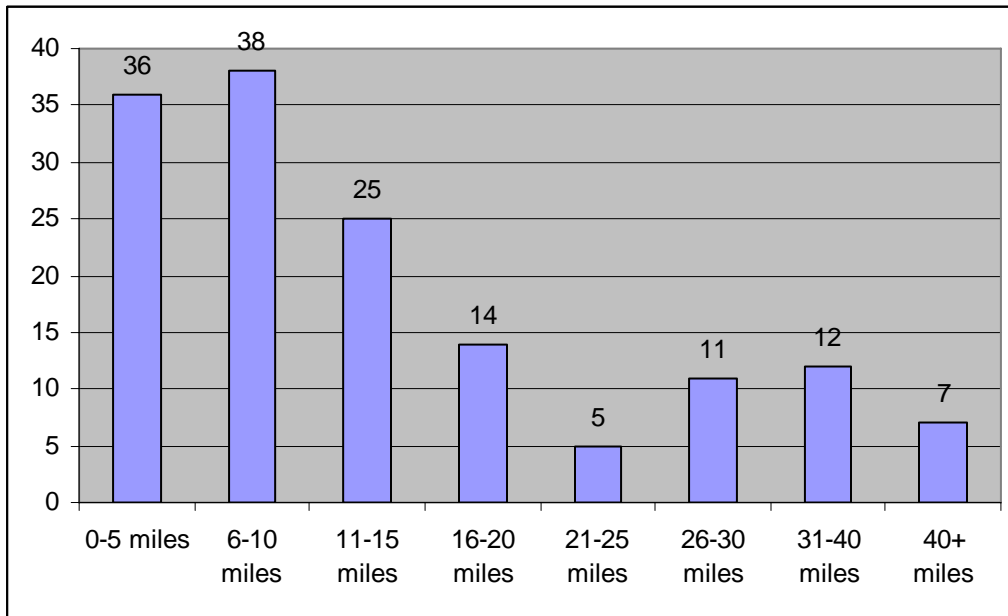
Age	Under 21	21 -34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-64 yrs	65 yrs and above	Total
Percent	7.7%	12.6%	16.0%	23.6%	15.9%	24.2%	100.0%

Question 28: **Number of miles traveled to work one way:**

Mean one way distance traveled to work = 3.2 miles

Miles traveled to work	OtoS miles	6 to 10 miles	11 to 15 miles	16 to 20 miles	21 to 25 miles	26 to 30 miles	31 to 40 miles	40+ miles	Total
Frequency	36	38	25	14	5	11	12	7	148
Percent	24.3%	25.7%	16.9%	9.5%	3.4%	7.4%	8.1%	4.7%	100.0%

One Way Commuting Distance



Miles traveled to work

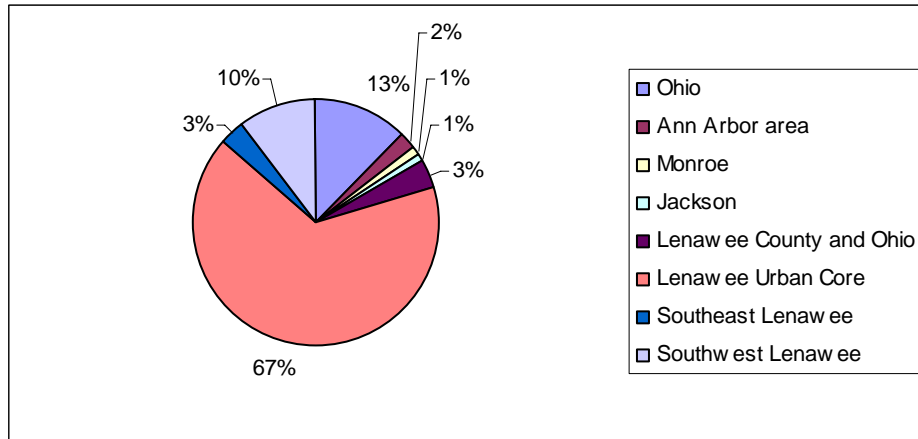
Question 29; Traveling patterns by region and geographic location

	Ohio	Ann Arbor area	Monroe	Jackson	Lenawee County and Ohio	Lenawee Urban Core*	Southeast Lenawee	Southwest Lenawee	Total
Frequency	11	2	1	1	3	58	3	9	88
Valid Percent	12.5%	2.3%	1.1%	1.1%	3.4%	65.9%	3.4%	10.2%	100.0%

A large percent of the township population works in the Lenawee County Urban Core with about 51 of the total 58 respondents working in the City of Adrian.

* The Lenawee County Urban Core comprises City of Adrian, Adrian Township, Clinton Township, Clinton Village, Madison Township, Raisin Township, City of Tecumseh and Tecumseh Township.

Traveling Patterns by Region



Question 30: Are you a farmland owner in Fairfield Township

Are you a farmland owner?	No	Yes	Total
No of respondents (n)	105	72	177
Percent of respondents	59.3%	40.7%	100.0%

Question 31: Area of residence

Areas of residence	Village	Rural Area	Total
No of respondents (n)	49	125	174
Percent of respondents	28.2%	71.8%	100.0%

Name of Community;

Name of resident community	Fairfield	Jasper	Weston	Sandcreek	Weston-Sandcreek	Lyons	Ridgeville-Morenci	Ogden Twp	Total
Number	19	32	11	23	1	2	4	2	94
Percent	20.20%	34.00%	11.70%	24.50%	1.10%	2.10%	4.30%	2.10%	100%

Name of residence community

