

# SWATARA COMMUNITY SURVEY

As mentioned in the Summer 2018 issue of the Township Newsletter the Board Commissioners are asking residents and business to express their needs and issues to help them construct a meaningful update to the Township Comprehensive Plan. Once the responses from this community survey are received and collated there will be opportunities to provide input on how the most important issues can be addressed over the next 5 to 10 years and to help paint a brighter future for all who work, live, and play in the township.

**INSTRUCTIONS: Please place a check mark next to your response. Print responses on the line next to the question if you have additional responses or ideas. Please return survey in supplied envelope.**

Do you live or work in the Township?

- Live  Work  Live and work  Neither

How long have you lived or worked in the Township?

- 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-20 years  Over 20 years

If you live in the Township, what neighborhood do you live in?

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Do you own or operate a business in the Township?

- No  Yes

If yes, what type of business is it?

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Do you own a commercial or industrial property in the Township?

- No  Yes

If yes, what type of property is it?

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Your Age:

- 0-18  50-59  
 19-30  60-69  
 30-39  70-79  
 40-49  80 or over

Your Gender:  Male  Female

Number of people in your household:

- One  Two  Three to five  Six or more

Does your household own or rent your dwelling unit?

- Own  Rent

Please rank the best features of the Township  
(select up to five or write in features you like)

- Parks  
 Available recreation programming (municipal, school district, church, etc.)  
 Available municipal public services (police, fire, building codes, sewer, trash, recycling)  
 Open space & natural resources  
 Public schools

- Tax Rates  
 My neighbors and my neighborhood  
 Arts and cultural events  
 Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity  
 Variety of retail/shopping/restaurants  
 Condition of local roadways/transportation options  
 Fire and police services  
 Local job opportunities  
 Other features
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What are the biggest issues facing the Township?  
(select up to five or write in other issues)

- Environmental degradation and loss of natural resources  
 Loss of agriculture and farming  
 Preserving and reusing historic resources  
 Economic development  
 Inadequate recreational or athletic facilities  
 Suburban sprawl development  
 Maintaining quality education opportunities  
 Residential property maintenance  
 Unsafe or congested roadways  
 Inadequate public transit options  
 Stormwater runoff/flooding  
 Inadequate walking and biking facilities  
 Inadequate affordable housing  
 Police & fire protection  
 Access to quality healthcare  
 High taxes  
 Quality of public schools  
 Other issues
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Please identify and rank the top five areas where you feel the Township should focus its resources with local tax dollars:

- Improving neighborhood character (sidewalks, street lights, signage, street trees, etc.)
- Improving community identity and recognition
- Managing/directing growth of residential developments
- Managing/directing growth of commercial developments
- Supporting community arts, culture, and holiday events
- Improving parks and recreational programming
- Improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities such as sidewalks and pathways
- Improving traffic signals at intersections to reduce traffic congestion
- Improving public safety (police, fire, code enforcement)
- Improving local roadway maintenance (potholes, plowing, etc.)
- Encouraging more public transit options
- Improving utilities (sewer, water, stormwater)
- Protecting the environment
- Preserving more open space
- Providing tax incentives to attract new economic development
- Other (please describe)

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Think of communities outside the township that you have lived in, visited and admired, describe the features you admired the most:

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Please check up to five positive trends you have experienced recently in the township:

- Local road conditions
- State highway conditions
- Decreasing road congestion
- Suburban development
- Parks and public open space availability
- Environmental quality
- Neighborhood quality
- Sense of community
- Safety/reduced crime
- Availability of quality housing
- Economic opportunities
- Other (please identify)

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Please check up to five negative trends that you have experienced in the township:

- Local road conditions  
*If so, identify one that is in very poor condition:*

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- State highway road and/or intersection conditions
- Increasing road congestion
- Parks and public open space availability
- Environmental quality
- Loss of farmers and farmland
- Neighborhood quality
- Sense of community
- Safety/increased crime
- Home prices
- Availability of affordable quality housing
- Economic opportunities
- Other (please identify)

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Indicate how long would you ideally travel to reach the following destinations by walking or bicycling (*time in minutes*)

Park	walk_____	bicycle_____
Grocery	walk_____	bicycle_____
School	walk_____	bicycle_____
Work	walk_____	bicycle_____
Retail	walk_____	bicycle_____

Please list any other issues, concerns, or opportunities you would like to see addressed by the Township:

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Would you like to remain part of the planning process?

*If yes, please write your email address here:*

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*Thank you for your participation!*

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