

HELENA TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN SURVEY UPDATE July 2022

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

What priority do you believe should be assigned to the following:

	<u>High</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Low</u>		<u>High</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Low</u>
1. Economic Development	___	___	___	5. Natural Resources	___	___	___
2. Roads & Public Transportation	___	___	___	6. Public Health	___	___	___
3. Parks & Recreation	___	___	___	7. Safety	___	___	___
4. Housing	___	___	___	8. Other _____	___	___	___

How satisfied are you with the following:

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Satisfied</u>		<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Satisfied</u>
9. Recreational opportunities	___	___	16. Air quality	___	___
10. Public transportation	___	___	17. Water quality	___	___
11. Road maintenance	___	___	18. Police protection	___	___
12. General quality of medical care	___	___	19. Ambulance service	___	___
13. Distance to medical facilities	___	___	20. Fire protection	___	___
14. Health and wellness programs	___	___	21. Water safety	___	___
15. Senior health programs	___	___	22. Schools	___	___

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In order to provide jobs, are the following activities appropriate in Helena Township?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
23. Resort and tourist	___	___	27. Farming	___	___
24. Heavy industry	___	___	28. Outdoor music venues	___	___
25. Light industry	___	___	29. Wedding barns	___	___
26. High-tech	___	___	30. Other _____	___	___

Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
31. Helena Township should enact rules to require development plans that will conserve open space while not denying economic rights	___	___	___
32. Commercial development should be allowed to spread throughout the township, to areas other than those where it is currently concentrated	___	___	___
33. Commercial development should be clustered where possible	___	___	___
34. Commercial development should be allowed only with approval of a special use permit	___	___	___
35. More opportunities for employment are needed in the area	___	___	___

In regard to waterfront property, do you agree or disagree with the following?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
36. Limit future use to residential only, while continuing to allow current commercial uses	___	___	___
37. Allow more commercial uses along the shoreline	___	___	___

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In regard to Agricultural zoned property, do you agree or disagree with the following?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
38. Allow commercial use other than farm related use	___	___	___
39. Allow outdoor concert venues	___	___	___
40. Allow wedding and private event venues	___	___	___

Considering your personal needs and the needs of the township, please answer the following:

	<u>Much More</u>	<u>About Right Now</u>	<u>Some Less</u>	<u>Much Less</u>
41. How restrictive should the township be in respect to commercial development	___	___	___	___
42. How much commercial service is needed that is not currently available in the township, or within a reasonable distance from the township?	___	___	___	___
43. If you believe more commercial services are needed, what services do you believe are needed? List _____				
44. How much should commercial activity grow in Helena Township	___	___	___	___

HOUSING

Considering housing needs, please answer the following:

	<u>Much More</u>	<u>Some More</u>	<u>About Right Now</u>	<u>Some Less</u>	<u>Much Less</u>
45. How restrictive should the township be in respect to the type and location of housing that can be built:	___	___	___	___	___
46. Should the township do more to provide a wider variety of housing options?	___	___	___	___	___

How much of the following types of housing would you like to see in Helena Township?

47. Single-family dwelling	___	___	___	___	___
48. Multi-family or attached housing	___	___	___	___	___
49. Manufactured housing	___	___	___	___	___
50. Apartments	___	___	___	___	___
51. Condominiums	___	___	___	___	___
52. Low-cost housing	___	___	___	___	___
53. Mobile homes	___	___	___	___	___
54. Tiny houses (less than 960 square feet)	___	___	___	___	___
55. Other (please specify) _____	___	___	___	___	___

In regard to septic systems, do you agree or disagree with the following?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
56. The township should require periodic inspection of septic systems	___	___	___
57. The township should require that faulty systems be repaired or replaced in a reasonable length of time	___	___	___

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PARKS AND RECREATION

The Township should spend money to expand parks and recreations facilities to include:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
58. Soccer fields	___	___	63. More access to lakes	___	___
59. More picnic tables at parks	___	___	64. More activities for seniors	___	___
60. Snowmobile trails	___	___	65. Non-motorized trails	___	___
61. More public restrooms	___	___	66. Expand Alden Harbor	___	___
62. More activities for youth	___	___	67. Other _____	___	___

Indicate the number of times in the past year you have used the following park and recreational facilities in the township:

	<u>Never</u>	<u>1 to 3 times</u>	<u>4 to 9 times</u>	<u>10 or more</u>
68. Depot Park picnic facilities	___	___	___	___
69. Depot Park volleyball court	___	___	___	___
70. Depot Park beach	___	___	___	___
71. Depot Park playground	___	___	___	___
72. Coy Mountain trail	___	___	___	___
73. Tennis court	___	___	___	___
74. Tennis Court Park pavilion	___	___	___	___
75. Basketball court (N. Lake Street)	___	___	___	___
76. Ball Diamond Park for baseball	___	___	___	___
77. Ball Diamond Park beach	___	___	___	___
78. Ball Diamond Park for dog exercise park	___	___	___	___
79. Ball Diamond Park other activity (what?) _____	___	___	___	___
80. Alden Harbor boat launch	___	___	___	___
81. Alden Harbor docks	___	___	___	___
82. Archie Valteau Landing beach	___	___	___	___
83. Grass River Natural Area	___	___	___	___
84. Public access sites/road ends	___	___	___	___
85. Alden District Library	___	___	___	___
86. Friends of the Library activities at the Community Center	___	___	___	___
87. Fitness activity at the Community Center	___	___	___	___
88. Shopping in Alden	___	___	___	___
89. Meetings, presentations, and events at the Community Center	___	___	___	___
90. Other (please specify) _____	___	___	___	___

NATURAL RESOURCES

Please consider the following:

	<u>Much More</u>	<u>Some More</u>	<u>About Right Now</u>	<u>Some Less</u>	<u>Much Less</u>
91. How restrictive should the township be in protecting natural resources?	___	___	___	___	___
92. How much should the township do to protect the shoreline along lakes and streams?	___	___	___	___	___
93. How restrictive should the township be in regulating fertilizer and pesticide use in areas along the lakes and streams?	___	___	___	___	___
94. How much should the township do to preserve open areas and scenic views?	___	___	___	___	___

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OTHER

<i>Should the Township do more or less of the following to help maintain the community character and image?</i>	About				
	Much <u>More</u>	Some <u>More</u>	Right <u>Now</u>	Some <u>Less</u>	Much <u>Less</u>
95. Strict enforcement of ordinances	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
96. Restrict storage buildings along primary roads	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
97. Require trash areas around commercial buildings to be screened	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
98. Encourage restoration of historic buildings	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
99. Require construction projects to be completed promptly	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
100. Control noise	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
101. Regulate outdoor lighting	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
102. Minimize commercial signage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
103. Regulate junk accumulation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
104. Regulate rental of homes and/or guesthouses along the lakeshore	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
105. Prohibit overnight mooring of boats off township property	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
106. Prohibit unmaintained yards	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
107. Regulate nuisance outdoor storage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
108. Other <i>(please specify)</i> _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

109. Considering everything you know about Helena Township and the surrounding area, what would you like to see happen in the Township in the next 5 – 10 years, or longer?

110. What do you see as the major problem in Helena Township and what would you do about it?

_____ *add additional sheet, if necessary*

Demographics -- The following information will help us analyze the results of this survey to ensure all segments of the Township are fairly represented. *(mark each question that best describes the person answering this survey).*

111. Which of the following best describes your residential status?

___ Year round ___ 6-10 months ___ 3-6 months ___ 1-3 Months ___ less than 1 month

112. How long have you owned property in Helena Township?

___ 1- 5 years ___ 6-10 years ___ 11- 20 years ___ More than 20 years ___ Don't own

113. What is your employment status?

___ Employed (not self-employed) ___ Self-employed ___ Unemployed ___ Retired

114. If employed/self-employment, how far do you drive to get to work (one way)?

___ Less than 1 mile ___ 1 to 5 miles ___ 5.1 – 10 miles ___ 10.1 to 20 miles ___ over 20 miles

115. Where do you vote?

___ Helena Township ___ Elsewhere in Michigan ___ In another state ___ Not registered

116. Is your Helena Township property your Homestead property?

___ Yes ___ No

