

West Traverse 2005 Community Survey

Executive Summary

Respondents indicated:

1. **Support** a reduction in allowable density (approximately 55% supported a reduction, 24 % no change, 17% increase, and 4% no response)
2. Feel our zoning regulations are **NOT** adequate to protect our rural character. (about 60% said they are not adequate; 20% they are; and 20% no response).
3. **Heavy Support** for regulations that locate new development to preserve important natural resources and scenic views (approximately 82% support, 8% oppose, 4.5% undecided, and 5.5% no response).
4. **Heavy Support** for limiting driveway cuts on public roads by requiring common driveways in some situations (approximately 78% support, 10% oppose, 6% undecided, and 6% no response).
5. **Support** a mixture of small and large parcels rather than dividing into uniform size lots (approximately 59% support, 19% oppose, 16.5% undecided, and 5.5% no response).
6. **Support** regulations that encourage subdivisions to be developed with a mixture of lot sizes, housing types and open spaces (approximately 60% support, 25% oppose, 9% undecided, and 6% no response).
7. **Mixed** on support for the township investing in infrastructure to encourage the above mixed residential neighborhoods (approximately 39% favor, 40% oppose, 15% undecided and 6% no response).
8. **Heavy Support** for limiting the percentage of lot coverage in residential areas (approximately 75% support, 13% oppose, 10.5% undecided, and 1.5% no response).
9. **Heavy Support** for protecting steep slopes or wetlands from new development (approximately 82.5% support, 9% oppose, 8% undecided, and 0.5% no response).
10. **Support** a millage to purchase Lake Michigan access sites and other important lands in the Township (60% support, 34% oppose, 6% no response).
11. **Mixed** on opinion if the Township has adequate recreational land and facilities (yes 41%, no 48%, no response 11%).
12. The **protection of Steep Slopes and protection of Water Quality** were the highest priority issue cited from the "list of other issues". Low priority was given to expansion of the water or sewer systems in the township and expansion of commercial opportunities, while road improvements tended toward a medium priority. The respondents would like the Township ordinances easier to understand.