

# APPENDIX A

**SUMMARY CHART**

**COMPARISON COMMUNITIES**

Thomas Township Comparison Communities									
	Ada Township	Bangor Charter Township	Bath Township	Coldwater City	Flushing Charter Township	Holly Township*	Port Huron Charter Township	Thomas Township	Union Charter Township
Population 2010	13,145	14,641	11,598	10,945	10,640	11,362	10,654	11,985	12,927
Population 2000	9,882	15,547	7,541	12,697	10,230	10,037	8,615	11,877	7,615
Population Change: 2000 to 2010	33.0%	-5.8%	53.8%	-13.8%	4.0%	13.2%	23.7%	0.9%	69.8%
Size (square miles)	37.0	21.9	36.7	8.3	31.0	36.6	13.1	31.9	28.6
Community % of County Population	2.2%	13.6%	15.4%	15.6%	2.50%	0.9%	6.5%	6.0%	18.4%
Population <5 Years	6.5%	5.0%	4.9%	8.0%	5.2%	6.3%	6.0%	4.0%	4.8%
Median Age	39.8	45.6	30.1	35.2	42.9	39.3	38.5	47.1	22.8
Black & Hispanic Population	2.7%	5.4%	8.6%	7.2%	4.5%	5.3%	8.3%	4.6%	7.0%
Foreign Born Population	5.6%	2.0%	5.6%	5.0%	2.10%	2.2%	1.9%	1.7%	2.5%
% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	56.7%	15.9%	45.0%	13.0%	30.3%	20.9%	12.6%	21.8%	29.7%
Median Household Income	\$105,132	\$44,947	\$56,844	\$36,014	\$61,224	\$62,324	\$41,238	\$55,203	\$25,590
Individuals Below Poverty Level	2.7%	13.5%	23.2%	20.1%	9.1%	9.3%	25.1%	4.4%	13.3%
Owner-occupied Housing	91.9%	76.8%	62.0%	60.5%	93.4%	81.2%	68.9%	87.5%	34.7%
Median Housing Value	\$260,000	\$108,100	\$167,800	\$80,300	\$113,700	\$119,000	\$113,400	\$127,400	\$129,700
Vacant Housing	4.7%	6.9%	8.0%	11.9%	5.7%	9.0%	7.1%	4.8%	4.9%
Housing Units Built Prior to 1980	40.5%	56.9%	26.5%	70.7%	59.7%	53.5%	58.9%	58.4%	29.0%
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	20.4	19.8	20.9	20.3	29.3	30.3	21.1	20.9	13.7
2015 SEV	\$1,050,142,500	\$445,647,900	\$451,258,900	\$347,892,219	\$286,249,000	\$312,855,650	\$249,069,500	\$499,796,800	\$431,356,200
Top Industry, by Percentage of Employment	education, health, accommodation and food services (26.4%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (24.1%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (26.9%)	manufacturing (23.9%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (28.4%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (21.3%)	manufacturing (24%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (27.1%)	arts, entertainment, accommodation and food services (32.3%)
2nd Top Industry, by Percentage of Employment	manufacturing (15%)	manufacturing (13.7%)	arts, entertainment, accommodation and food services (14.4%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (21.9%)	manufacturing (12.7%)	manufacturing (20.4%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (20.3%)	manufacturing (15.1%)	education, health, accommodation and food services (24.2%)

\* includes Village of Holly

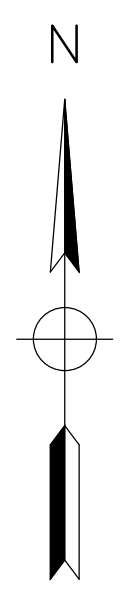
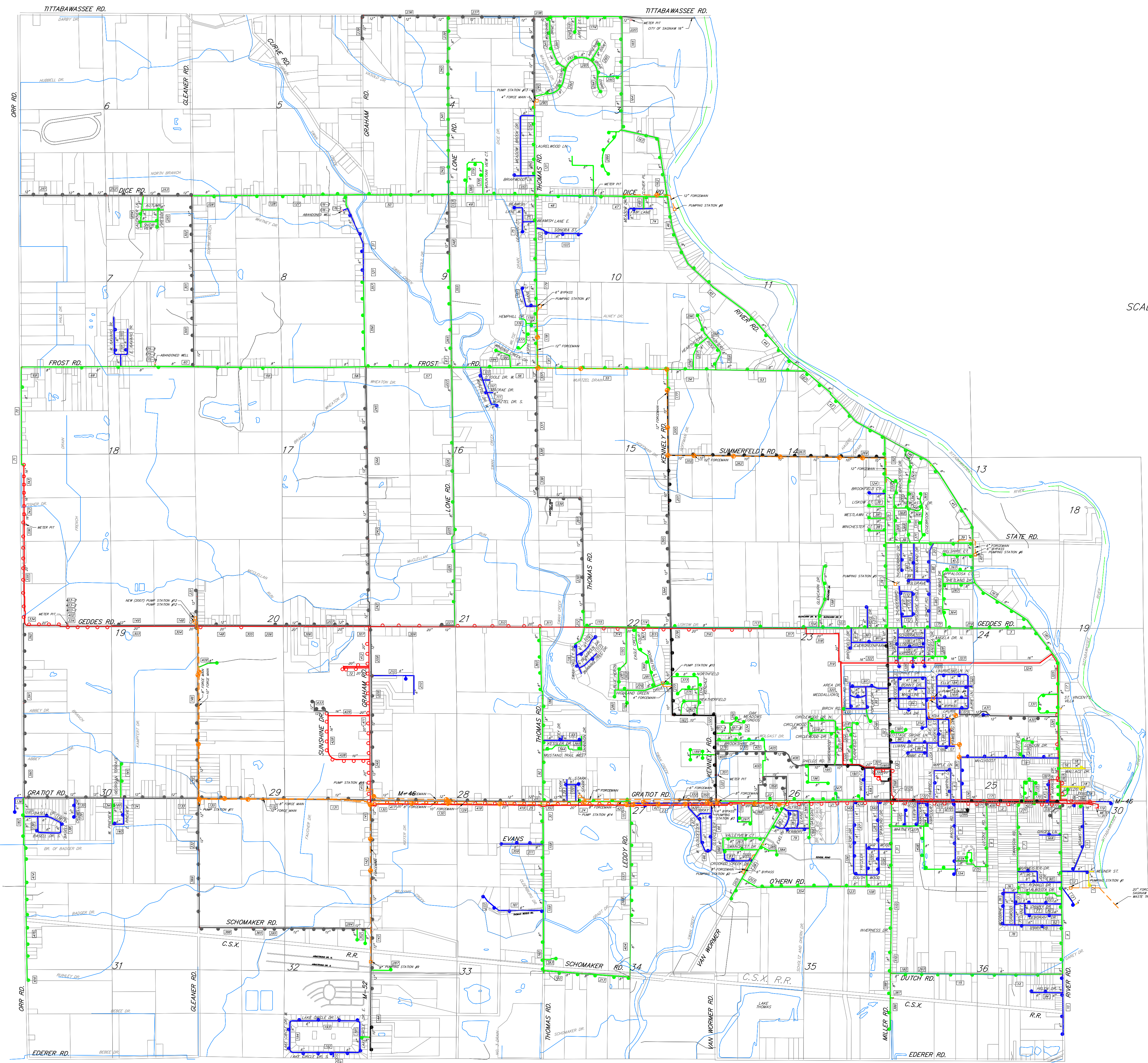
Sources: US Census Data, Michigan Department of Treasury

# APPENDIX B

**WATER SYSTEM MAP**

**SEWER SYSTEM MAP**





SCALE: 1" = 1600'

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- LEGEND**
- METER PIT
  - 4" WATER MAIN AND HYDRANT
  - 6" WATER MAIN AND HYDRANT
  - 8" WATER MAIN AND HYDRANT
  - 10" WATER MAIN AND HYDRANT
  - 12" WATER MAIN AND HYDRANT
  - 14" OR GREATER WATER MAIN AND HYDRANT
  - SHEET NUMBERS
  - FORCE MAIN
  - PUMPING STATION
  - AIR RELIEF VALVE

BKP	UPDATED FOR FULLERTON TOOL W.M.	7/15/15
BKP	UPDATED FOR CMS/COLDBROOK W.M.	11/5/14
ALB	REMOVED WATER TOWER, ADDED HYDRANT	12/14/12
ALB	UPDATED PER 2012 IMPROVEMENTS	11/13/12
ALB	UPDATED PER 2011 20" W.M. INSTALLATION	04/10/12
CBM	REVISED PER S. ORR EXTENSION	JULY 11
CAR	REVISED ADDED FORCEMAIN	APRIL 10
ALB	REVISED FIELD & STREAM, WHITNEY PLACE	NOV 09
BUD	REVISED PER WINCH, LISKOW, WEST.	JAN. 09
BUD	REVISED PER SHEILDS DRIVE EXTENSION	NOV. 08
KLS	REVISED PER 2008 SYSTEM CHANGES	MARCH 08
KLK	REVISED PER 2006 SYSTEM CHANGES	APRIL 07
BTR	REVISED PER 2004-05 SYSTEM CHANGES	JULY 06
NDC	REVISED PER 2003 SYSTEM CHANGES	AUG. 04
BTR	REVISED PER 2001 SYSTEM CHANGES	MARCH 02
DSV	REVISED PER 2000 SYSTEM CHANGES	MARCH 01
BUB	REVISED PER 1999 SYSTEM CHANGES	MARCH 00
BTR	REVISED PER 1998 SYSTEM CHANGES	02-12-99
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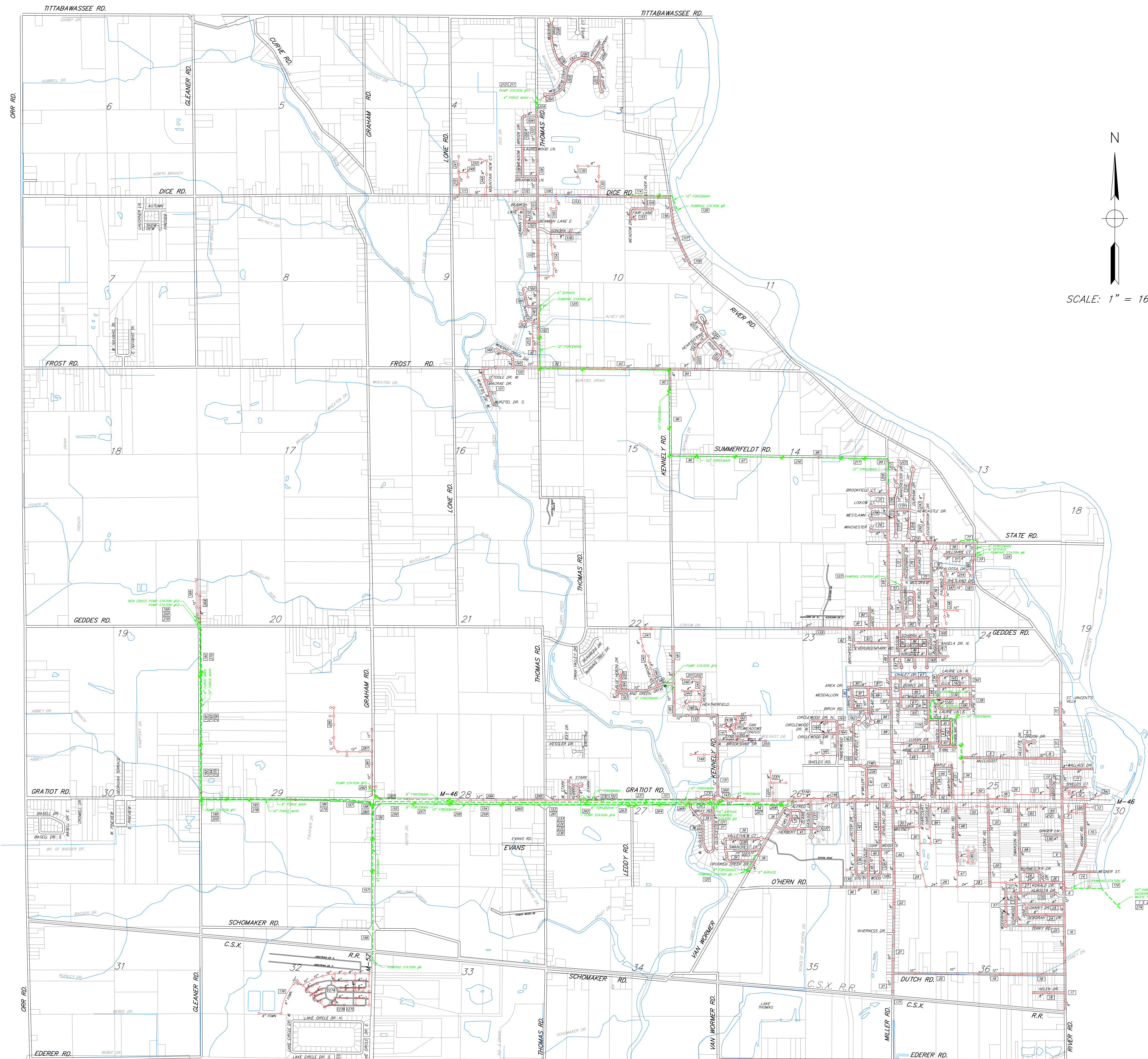
**WATER MAIN  
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**PUMP STATION LOCATIONS**

1. RIVER ROAD AT STROBLE DRIVE
2. VAN WORKER ROAD AT DIXON ROAD
3. GRATIOT ROAD AT GLOUCESTER STREET
4. DUE STREET AT MARLINE STREET
5. KENNEDY ROAD AT HIGHLAND GREEN DRIVE
6. STATE ROAD AT RIVER ROAD
7. THOMAS ROAD, N. OF FROST ROAD
8. RIVER ROAD AT DICE ROAD
9. GRAHAM ROAD, S. OF SCHOMAKER ROAD
10. THOMAS ROAD, N. OF DICE ROAD
11. GRATIOT ROAD AT GLENER ROAD
12. GEDDES ROAD AT GLENER ROAD
13. THOMAS ROAD, S. OF TITABAWASSEE
14. GRATIOT AT EAST STARK

**LEGEND**

- FORCEMAIN
- SANITARY SEWER
- MANHOLE
- PUMPING STATION
- AIR RELIEF VALVE

ALB	UPDATED PER P.S. #15 & 2012 CHANGES	OCT. 12
BUD	REVISED PER GLENER AND GRATIOT FM	DEC. 08
K/S	REVISED PER 2008 SYSTEM CHANGES	MARCH 08
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# APPENDIX C

## **SIDEWALK GUIDELINES**



## Thomas Township Sidewalk/Trail Committee

### New Sidewalk Guidelines

The Thomas Township Sidewalk Committee will use the following list of guidelines to help create consistency when deciding where new sidewalks should be installed. In the interest of public safety, sidewalks may be proposed and approved in areas that do not necessarily meet any of these guidelines.

1. The proposed sidewalk will connect to other existing sidewalks or trails in the Township. If not, will it connect within a reasonable timeframe?
2. The proposed sidewalk will connect to key locations around the Township such as but not limited to: parks, schools, shopping and restaurants, or residential areas and/or public facilities.
3. The proposed sidewalk will serve residential areas with high concentrations of homes.
4. The proposed sidewalk will move pedestrians to a safer distance from vehicular traffic.
5. In determining where sidewalks should be installed, pedestrian walking and bike riding patterns should be noted.
6. An effort should be made to construct sidewalks where property owners/businesses/developers have signed sidewalk agreements in order to maximize the Township's at large investment.
7. If the Township receives requests for sidewalks in a location, they should be reviewed by the Committee against the above listed guidelines.
8. Proposed sidewalks do not have to connect to the existing sidewalk system as long as they are a part of a long term incremental plan to connect them in the future.

# APPENDIX D

## **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT LIST**



EXHIBIT B  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP DDA DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2008-2038

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED AMOUNT	PHASE
1	Speed Limit Signs/Traffic Calming devices <i>Funding Options: Township General Fund</i>	\$15,000	PHASE I
2	Shields Drive Watermain Extension <i>Funding Options: Thomas Township Water Funds and Private Funds</i>	\$200,000	PHASE I
3	Benches/Trash Receptacles <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$10,000	PHASE I
4	Shields Drive Road Extension <i>Funding Options: Revolving Road Fund/Grants</i>	\$500,000	PHASE I
5	Pocket Park <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$150,000	PHASE I
6	Banners ( <i>continuous five year replacement plan, first year of a two year purchase plan</i> ) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$8,400	PHASE I
7	Benches/Trash Receptacles <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$10,000	PHASE I
8	Streetscaping/Landscaping <i>Funding Options: MDOT Grant and DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$200,000	PHASE I
9	Banners ( <i>continuous five year replacement plan, second of a two year purchase plan</i> ) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$8,400	PHASE I
10	Repaving of Gratiot/M-46 ( <i>The river to Meijer</i> ) <i>Funding Options: MDOT Road Funds</i>	\$500,000	PHASE I
11	Bridge Repair <i>Funding Options: MDOT Bridge Funds</i>	\$100,000	PHASE I

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12 Crosswalk Improvements <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$40,000	PHASE I
13 Construct a pedestrian walk over Bridge <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$200,000	PHASE I
14 Median Improvements ( <i>Meijer to Kennely</i> ) <i>Funding Options: MDOT Road Grants</i>	\$200,000	PHASE I
15 Decorative Street Lighting ( <i>all purchased in one year</i> ) <i>Funding Options: MDOT grant with DDA matching funds of \$93,800)</i>	\$650,000	PHASE II
16 Banners ( <i>five year replacement plan</i> ) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$8,600	PHASE II
17 West Entrance Sign with Fencing/Pillars <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$100,000	PHASE II
18 Gratiot/Kennely Intersection Traffic Signals Light <i>Funding Options: MDOT Safety Grants</i>	\$250,000	PHASE II
19 Sidewalks & Sidewalk repairs <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$20,000	PHASE II
20 Banners ( <i>five year replacement plan</i> ) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$8,800	PHASE II/III
21 Banners ( <i>five year replacement plan</i> ) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$8,800	PHASE II/III
22 Banners ( <i>five year replacement plan</i> ) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$9,000	PHASE II/III

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23 Banners (five year replacement plan) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$9,000	PHASE II/III
24 Banners (five year replacement plan) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$9,200	PHASE II/III
25 Banners (five year replacement plan) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$9,200	PHASE II/III
26 Banners (five year replacement plan) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$9,400	PHASE II/III
27 Banners (five year replacement plan) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$9,400	PHASE II/III
28 East Entrance Sign with Fencing/Pillars <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$100,000	PHASE III
29 Utility Line Removal River to Miller <i>Funding Options: Bonds</i>	\$1,200,000	PHASE III
30 Banners (five year replacement plan) <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$8,600	PHASE III
31 Shields Drive; Miller Road to Meijer, Lighting and Trees <i>Funding Options: DDA Operating Funds</i>	\$140,000	PHASE III



# APPENDIX E

## COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

# 2016 Thomas Township Master Plan Survey Results

## 1. Check all of the following that are reasons why you live in Thomas Township. (can respond to more than one)

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Like rural living		57.6%	147
Born and raised here/Near my family		31.4%	80
Close proximity to large urban centers (Midland, Bay City, Saginaw)		51.4%	131
Easy for me to drive to the places I want to get to		51.0%	130
Affordable housing		26.7%	68
Like the community		67.1%	171
Recreational opportunities		25.5%	65
Quality of schools		65.1%	166
Neighborhoods are clean and attractive		52.9%	135
Retired here		5.9%	15
Other:		9.0%	23

### (Other:)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. This is a safe area to raise a family   | 12. safety  |
| 2. Built a new home and do not have to worry about losing value.   | 13. Low crime   |
| 3. Do not live in Township, but have travelled through it my entire life between Hemlock and Saginaw                       | 14. I live in Tittabawassee Twp., but grew up, worked and lived in Shields most of my life. |
| 4. i just work in Thomas twp   | 15. Employment  |
| 5. Not many apartment complexes  | 16. Very few water buffalos here!   |
| 6. I loved all the trees on Miller Rd but now they are gone! That is what drew me to this area - originally from Kinde, MI | 17. seems to have less crime...   |
| 7. close knit community, family atmosphere   | 18. Low crime & space to be left alone.   |
| 8. the name is great   | 19. Found a beautiful home for a great price!   |
| 9. Work here   | 20. My wife raised here and we bought her family home when her parents retired and moved.   |
| 10. fire protection  | 21. Public Safety   |
| 11. non-resident   | 22. Low Crime Rate  |
|  | 23. We live in James Township   |

Please note that responses are printed exactly as received.

## 2. How do you feel the following categories have changed in Thomas Township in the past 5 years?

	Much Better	Somewhat Better	About the Same	Somewhat Worse	Much Worse	No Opinion	Total Responses
Road Conditions	25 (9.9%)	90 (35.6%)	50 (19.8%)	39 (15.4%)	31 (12.3%)	18 (7.1%)	253
Parks & Recreation	94 (37.0%)	85 (33.5%)	48 (18.9%)	3 (1.2%)	1 (0.4%)	23 (9.1%)	254
Aesthetics / Blight	37 (14.8%)	86 (34.4%)	85 (34.0%)	9 (3.6%)	3 (1.2%)	30 (12.0%)	250
Gratiot Corridor	31 (12.3%)	84 (33.2%)	79 (31.2%)	33 (13.0%)	13 (5.1%)	13 (5.1%)	253
Emergency Response	43 (16.9%)	46 (18.1%)	71 (28.0%)	4 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)	90 (35.4%)	254
Sidewalks/Trails	110 (43.5%)	91 (36.0%)	26 (10.3%)	6 (2.4%)	2 (0.8%)	18 (7.1%)	253
Township Services	39 (15.4%)	75 (29.6%)	100 (39.5%)	4 (1.6%)	1 (0.4%)	34 (13.4%)	253
Overall Quality of Life	34 (13.6%)	108 (43.2%)	91 (36.4%)	5 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	12 (4.8%)	250







## 3. How important to you are each of these community attributes?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Somewhat Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Total Responses
Road Conditions	147 (58.1%)	96 (37.9%)	10 (4.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	253
Parks & Recreation	101 (39.9%)	117 (46.2%)	30 (11.9%)	3 (1.2%)	2 (0.8%)	253
Aesthetics / Blight	124 (49.6%)	102 (40.8%)	23 (9.2%)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)	250
Gratiot Corridor	111 (44.2%)	101 (40.2%)	36 (14.3%)	3 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	251
Emergency Response	191 (75.5%)	53 (20.9%)	8 (3.2%)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)	253
Sidewalks/Trails	98 (38.7%)	117 (46.2%)	28 (11.1%)	8 (3.2%)	2 (0.8%)	253
Township Services	111 (43.7%)	115 (45.3%)	26 (10.2%)	2 (0.8%)	0 (0.0%)	254
Overall Quality of Life	195 (77.1%)	50 (19.8%)	8 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	253









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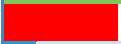




**4. Thomas Township will grow in population in the coming years.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		18.8%	48
Agree		63.7%	163
Neutral		9.0%	23
Disagree		3.9%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	1
Don't know/No Opinion		4.3%	11
Total Responses			256

**5. Thomas Township will have more commercial and residential development in the coming years.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		16.5%	42
Agree		57.3%	146
Neutral		14.9%	38
Disagree		5.1%	13
Strongly Disagree		0.4%	1
Don't know/No opinion		5.9%	15
Total Responses			255

**6. Five years from now, I still see myself living in Thomas Township.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		42.6%	109
Agree		33.2%	85
Neutral		8.6%	22
Disagree		4.7%	12
Strongly Disagree		1.2%	3
Don't know/No opinion		9.8%	25
Total Responses			256

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**7. I use the following resources to get the information I need about Thomas Township.  
(please check all that apply)**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Thomas Township website		67.7%	172
Thomas Township Facebook page		32.7%	83
Television		21.3%	54
Radio		12.2%	31
The Township Times		41.3%	105
Saginaw News/Mlive		33.1%	84
The Township View		49.6%	126
Township Newsletter		54.7%	139
Over-the-road banner		24.0%	61
Other, please specify...		7.9%	20
Total Responses			254

**(Other, please specify...)**

1. Schools send information along with Thomas Township Today newsletter
2. Senior monthly lunches.
3. School announcements
4. Marquis on Miller
5. SIGN AT THE PARK AND SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. carrier pigeons
7. When WNEM has one it's trucks parked in town you know somethings afoot.
8. Flyer you mail out
9. word of mouth
10. word of mouth
11. Thomas Twp Offices
12. Friends and neighbors
13. Have no interest in this info!
14. Flyers at school about parks and rec programs
15. Call Township Office
16. I can see with my eyes and hear with my ears. What's said in offices and on paper are not reality.
17. Emails and swan valley school flyers sent home
18. Call
19. The schools are very good at giving out information.
20. Word of mouth

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**8. The Township should plan for the following housing choices: (check all the apply)**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I prefer no new residential development.		19.0%	47
Single family homes on large rural lots		60.5%	150
Single family homes in planned subdivisions		52.8%	131
Duplexes and townhomes		18.1%	45
Mobile home parks		2.0%	5
Senior citizen communities/assisted living facilities		23.8%	59
Condominiums/Attached multi-family		20.6%	51
Apartments		6.5%	16
Other:		5.2%	13
Total Responses			248

**(Other:)**

1. senior housing communities (one-story, no basement)
2. I would say it depends on projected population numbers
3. No apartment complexes, brings instability to housing values.
4. No low income housing, keep that out or I'm moving to Hemlock
5. Affordable housing for singles
6. riverboats
7. All of the above in controlled development
8. Single family homes on "normal" lots
9. no more apartments
10. Single family subdivisions and condominiums if not high density.
11. Township should stay out of planning anything,
12. Other types to be planned as needed.






**9. The property maintenance code regulates things such as broken windows, roof condition, and general property aesthetics. I feel the Township should enforce this code more rigorously.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		23.9%	60
Agree		41.0%	103
Neutral		24.7%	62
Disagree		4.8%	12
Strongly Disagree		2.0%	5
Don't know/No opinion		3.6%	9
Total Responses			251







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**10. To sustain Thomas Township as a premier community, strong code enforcement is required to eliminate junk, weeds, unlicensed vehicles, and other problems that may reduce property values.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		40.2%	101
Agree		41.0%	103
Neutral		14.3%	36
Disagree		2.0%	5
Strongly Disagree		2.4%	6
Don't know/No opinion		0.0%	0
Total Responses			251

**11. Which describes how you view the amount of commercial businesses (retail and services) in Thomas Township?**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Not enough		35.6%	89
Just right		51.2%	128
Too much		4.4%	11
Don't know/No opinion		8.8%	22
Total Responses			250

**12. Thomas Township needs more restaurants.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		27.2%	68
Agree		39.2%	98
Neutral		22.8%	57
Disagree		7.6%	19
Strongly Disagree		1.6%	4
Don't know/No opinion		1.6%	4
Total Responses			250

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**13. Over the past 10 years, Thomas Township and the Downtown Development Authority have focused on improvements to the Gratiot (M-46) Corridor in an effort to sustain business and encourage customers to shop in our community. Please provide us with your current impression of the corridor overall. (Check all that apply.)**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Looks better than it used to		75.3%	177
Is safer to drive		19.6%	46
Is safer to walk or bike		16.6%	39
Has more businesses that I use regularly		28.5%	67
Has too many driveways		28.9%	68
Has more appealing and less obtrusive signs		35.7%	84
Total Responses			235

**14. The growth at Hemlock Semiconductor has enabled our Township to update and significantly improve certain roads, as well as water and sewer infrastructure, that residents would have had to pay for otherwise. I feel this growth has been good for the Township.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		41.9%	104
Agree		44.0%	109
Neutral		8.1%	20
Disagree		2.4%	6
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	2
Don't know/No opinion		2.8%	7
Total Responses			248

**15. Industrial and technology based companies typically provide well-paid jobs and add significantly to a community's tax base. I feel land should be provided in Thomas Township for these uses in the future.**




Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		24.0%	60
Agree		40.4%	101
Neutral		24.4%	61
Disagree		4.0%	10
Strongly Disagree		3.2%	8
Don't know/No opinion		4.0%	10
Total Responses			250

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**16. Knowing that the Township has limited capability to regulate agricultural land, please provide your opinion regarding the following statements related to agricultural land use.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	Total Responses
Agriculture is important to the economy in Thomas Township.	79 (31.9%)	114 (46.0%)	42 (16.9%)	5 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (3.2%)	248
Thomas Township should preserve agricultural land.	74 (29.8%)	115 (46.4%)	45 (18.1%)	9 (3.6%)	1 (0.4%)	4 (1.6%)	248
Using agricultural land for new development is appropriate for accommodating growth.	13 (5.3%)	69 (27.9%)	80 (32.4%)	59 (23.9%)	20 (8.1%)	6 (2.4%)	247

**17. My family and I have used the Thomas Township Trail that extends from the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail north to the Township Governmental Complex on Shields Drive.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		62.3%	154
No		36.8%	91
Don't know		0.8%	2
Total Responses			247





**18. I feel it is important that the Township continues to construct more trails such as this in the future.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		27.9%	69
Agree		43.3%	107
Neutral		19.4%	48
Disagree		7.3%	18
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	2
Don't know/No opinion		1.2%	3
Total Responses			247








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**19. The Township has developed conceptual plans to extend the Thomas Township Trail north to Geddes Road and west along Geddes where it would ultimately travel through Richland and Ingersoll Townships to connect to Midland. Do you support this extension of the Thomas Township Trail over the next 20 - 30 years?**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		66.5%	165
No		8.9%	22
Not Sure		16.9%	42
Don't know/No opinion		7.7%	19
Total Responses			248

**20. Thomas Township installs new sidewalks according to the master plan map. I feel sidewalks are an important community asset that should be installed along all streets in our community.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		39.3%	97
Agree		30.4%	75
Neutral		14.2%	35
Disagree		11.7%	29
Strongly Disagree		4.0%	10
Don't know/No opinion		0.4%	1
Total Responses			247

**21. It is important to improve and protect the quality of the Tittabawassee River.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Strongly Agree		48.4%	118
Agree		47.1%	115
Neutral		4.1%	10
Disagree		0.0%	0
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
Don't know/No opinion		0.4%	1
Total Responses			244

**22. What do you like best about Thomas Township?**

The 151 responses to this question can be found in the appendix.

**23. What is one thing you would do to improve Thomas Township?**

The 157 responses to this question can be found in the appendix.

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## 24. What is your age?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Under 18		0.0%	0
18 to 24		0.8%	2
25 to 44		46.9%	114
45 to 64		32.1%	78
65 and over		20.2%	49
Total Responses			243

## 25. What is your relationship to Thomas Township?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
I live in Thomas Township.		91.4%	223
I own property in Thomas Township but do not live there.		0.8%	2
I own or manage a business in Thomas Township but do not live there.		1.6%	4
None of the above.		6.1%	15
Total Responses			244

## Appendix

### 22. What do you like best about Thomas Township? |

#	Response
1.	The fact that the Township is on the river and that it has such great businesses and starting to get nicer parks. We need a millage for Parks, not for the library.
2.	I like the size compared to the hustle and bustle of large cities. It is very convenient.
3.	Location
4.	The Community feel
5.	The rural setting and well-kept properties in my neighborhood
6.	We like the close knit community feel that Thomas Township has. The recreational options are wonderful. I feel that the police and fire department personnel do a terrific job.
7.	It is well run, quiet community. We like the rural aspect, yet shopping is close by. It is dark at night and you can see the stars.
8.	Has about everything one needs for day-to-day living. Has good, efficient, responsible government. Is a generally good-looking community with few problems.
9.	Easy access to businesses.
10.	The safe community.
11.	The Tittabawasee River as well as Swan Creek are great assets that the Township should use. The sidewalks that are along all of the roads are a great addition to the community. I like to walk and without sidewalks, I would be driving to Center Courts or the Sports Zone 3 or 4 times

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	a week.
12.	I feel safe living here. It's a ver friendly community, too.
13.	The small town feel, the cleanliness of the streets and neighborhoods, safety of home and my children.
14.	It's a friendly safe place to raise a family with shopping access to Meijer and great schools and public safety
15.	Quiet, low crime
16.	The People
17.	Again, as someone who has never technically lived in Thomas Township, my opinion may be moot. I grew up in Richland Township, and eventually moved to the city of Saginaw. Thomas Township is still where I prefer to do my shopping, where I come to meet friends, and a community that I often find myself traveling through. The one thing I appreciate the most about Thomas Township has to be all of the recreational areas available for use. The park at the end of Bacon Rd, the various trails, the courts and recreational area by the Government center. I think having a multitude of recreational areas available is a big help to the community.
18.	the people
19.	Swan Valkey School
20.	Not overcrowded, No apartments which cause all kinds of problems, rural, good people, not a lot of industry, our church, enjoy sports program at the schools, concerts in the park, park programs.
21.	Nice quiet and family friendly neighborhoods with close proximity to shops with a great school district
22.	School system
23.	Quiet. Friendly
24.	I love that it's a small, safe, friendly community
25.	Schools, small community feel, parks and rec, people take pride in the community
26.	Ease of shopping, proximity to surrounding communities, rural country feel, excellent schools
27.	cleanliness and safety
28.	The small hometown feel.
29.	My family is there. It's home, comfort and familiar.
30.	It's a great community. It looks good and the people are nice.
31.	Close to where we live, MEIJER is a great asset. Lots of fast food.
32.	Small town feeling.
33.	Schools!
34.	Swan valley schools
35.	The people.
36.	The great sense of community/family
37.	The people and school system.
38.	Community
39.	BASED NEEDS ARE AVAILABLE.
40.	Love rural living, safe for children
41.	Family quality in all that it does.
42.	Recreation opportunities

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43.	Perceived low crime
44.	Schools, Police and Fire departments
45.	The rural feeling with the amenities of city life
46.	Safe community with caring residents.
47.	Michigan's safest small community.
48.	small community feel, good schools
49.	Friendly small community. Safe schools
50.	The people and family oriented community.
51.	The community
52.	I've been here for over 50 years . Overall, its just a great place to live.
53.	Quiet - close to businesses - schools - friends - cost of living
54.	safe, friendly, growing,
55.	Right size community
56.	I love that our roads are being fixed and appreciate that our community takes pride in providing safety to its residents.
57.	Tha small community feeling yet the advantages of being near/having large businesses.
58.	Friendly community to live in.
59.	The seasonal activities.
60.	Still a small town where you know a lot of people.
61.	I like the small town feel but yet it has most everything I need. It's also easy to get to places I want to go except to get to the expressway.
62.	Areas that provide the quite atmosphere. Small feel but quick access to nice amenities i.e shopping etc, Like the hometown feel over big city. Good people live here and generally.... are nice.... Good school systems. We are not just a community of do what ever you want, we keep it up and looking nice. The community looks great, with only a few exceptions.
63.	The sidewalks, the DPS department.
64.	The friendliness of the residents and the beauty of the area.
65.	School system
66.	well run township
67.	All of it
68.	Friendly community and it has every thing we need close at hand. Good schools and it feels like country but is close to the things we need.
69.	I grew up here & my family lives here.
70.	Rural neighborhood with accessibility to urban activities
71.	Grew up here. Friendly community.
72.	I love the community feel. The parks are welcoming and have many events to bring people to our area. Our library is welcoming and has programs for a variety of ages, and I absolutely love the annual used book sale. I believe our township tries very hard to be proactive and forward thinking. I feel safe in our community. Our community has a lot to offer!
73.	Close to Saginaw without the crime of Saginaw.
74.	I like having a variety of things to do and places to go, it feels like a very safe community.
75.	The fact that the Township is on a river and it has access to great fishing
76.	I like the manicured lawns and friendly people in our subdivision.
77.	Good schools no crime nice community



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78.	A feeling of safe living. Convenient to everything I need.
79.	Everything
80.	It has it all. Its clean and safe, except for the fools that travel M-46 (dangerous)
81.	Location
82.	Low crime, fairly clean & feels safe. I like the rural feeling & the "small town" feel. A real sense of community.
83.	The sense of community and belonging - peaceful surroundings - lovely parks
84.	It's location in comparison to Saginaw, Bay City and Midland
85.	That I am able to live in the country away from all the noise of city living.
86.	Far enough out to feel rural but close enough to have city amenities. Friendly people.
87.	Small community and it's safe
88.	The quality of life. People are friendly and courteous and this includes the police officers. I feel safe here and not crowded by too much development. It still feels more "suburban" than "urban" and for the most part, homes are well kept and maintained which help the residential values to be stable if not increasing. After the housing bubble, as an appraiser, I see Thomas Township has become more desired and the housing values increase surpassing Saginaw Township.
89.	Sense of community.
90.	Close to everything. Further away from less desirable neighborhoods
91.	FAIRLY QUIET COMMUNITY BUT NEED TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES AND NOT REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNER TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION .III
92.	Bike Trails
93.	Friendly people, great school district, pro-community business group (TTBA), community spirit.
94.	The rural setting, the lovely parks, the leadership board that is conservative in managing the tax payer money, and the workers in the Township Government. However, I believe that the township should consider putting a cap on how much more money should be spent on Parks. We have done a tremendous jobs on Parks but we might consider tapering down.
95.	To me Thomas Twp is still mostly rural. With growth in the future it is possible that it can keep this aesthetic and not grow to become a "cookie cutter" suburb, especially since the dynamics of the US economy has changed so dramatically.
96.	Home town feel with Swan Valley School District being a major anchor to the success of our township.
97.	I like the small-town feel.
98.	The rail trails are a great asset for families and children to have a safe place for walking, running, roller blading or riding their bikes. We really love the rail trails and would love to see them extended.
99.	Progressive, positive environment with great services and schools!
100.	Rural living. Essential shopping is close. Waste management is great.
101.	NOTHING !
102.	The friendliness of most of the people. It is comfortable!
103.	Low crime rate. Close to shopping. Clean neighborhoods
104.	Great Schools, Police and Fire Departments. Perfect mix of business, agriculture with residential homes and condominiums, etc. Great Parks Department with lots of emphasis on opportunities for people to be active in a safe environment. The improvements on N. Miller Rd were well planned out and are 100% safer and user friendly. I love it here.

105.	Somewhat rural and down home attitude and atmosphere.
106.	It is a quiet, pleasant and serene place to live. Nice country living but close enough to shopping and businesses.
107.	The township has a rural feel which is being destroyed by industrial development.
108.	Moving from St. Charles 16 years ago, I wish they would uphold their ordinances like Thomas Twp. does. Its so nice to drive the township here and not see yards and driveways stacked with trailers, campers and cars that don't run! Driving down Gratiot, its nice to see the brick and iron fences that give the businesses a welcoming entrance! Its nice to live in a township that really cares!
109.	The sense of community and the small town feel.
110.	Very centrally located. Close knit community.
111.	I like the size and proximity of Thomas Township and the area in general. I love the new bike path to the rail trail. It was treacherous to ride bikes from our home down Miller Road to pick up the bike trail. Thank you!
112.	The rural small town feel and close knit community without over development.
113.	small community, but still enough access to conduct daily business, groceries, credit unions, etc.
114.	My neighborhood.
115.	Quiet & like being left alone & private.
116.	Location
117.	I am very happy with the Rail Trail development as well as the school system. I think that definite improvements have been made to our parks, and efforts to improve the Gratiot corridor are visible.
118.	The trails; parks and recreation; the schools
119.	The different park and rec activities for the kids.
120.	The schools and the rural community
121.	Location, community, summer concerts, parks
122.	Safe neighborhoods, conveniently located to many important places (Meijers, Home Depot, fast food, etc.)
123.	The small town feel, but also offers options for restaurants and shopping.
124.	Small town feel
125.	The quiet, easy feel of the neighborhoods.
126.	Small town living
127.	The friendly families and the schools
128.	That this is a safe close knit community. The questions asked in this survey needed a spot for commentary, so to explain why I made the choice I did.
129.	Schools and everything is close
130.	I used to love my nice quiet dead end street. I love the programs for kids through the Township recreation.
131.	True feeling of community. We really enjoy our parks.
132.	Schools and community
133.	Low crime rates, quality of residents who live in the community
134.	I like that there is an ample amount of things for a family to do without traveling great distances to enjoy them.

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135.	I feel safe and don't worry to much about crime vs. when I lived in Saginaw.
136.	Small town feel with somewhat of larger town look. Fire and Police Departments are well equipped and supported by community.
137.	It seems to be a very friendly, family oriented atmosphere.
138.	Close community, nice neighborhoods, Mejjers, excellent schools, good governance
139.	The quick response, dedication and professionaliasm of the Thomas Township Fire Department.
140.	Safe community. Good schools. Dedicated fire and police departments. Still has some aspects of a "small town" feeling.
141.	Its a safe place to raise a family
142.	Location
143.	Having moved here from the city of Saginaw, it is simply a much better community then Saginaw.
144.	I love the "small town feel." I feel safe to let my child be "free range."
145.	Schools, close to everything
146.	Safe place to live
147.	Schools, nice people
148.	Family oriented
149.	Safe community with good schools. Relatively clean.
150.	Everything is close to where I live.
151.	I enjoy how clean and quiet it is. People care for their property and respect the community and the memebers that inhabit it. There is a strong sense of pride and the community memebers and township management have not allowed for it to be trashed and over run Saginaw City and Saginaw Township

### 23. What is one thing you would do to improve Thomas Township? |

#	Response
1.	I would like to see the parks get something like freelands sports zone for the Thomas Township kids and familys to enjoy year round.
2.	Try to improve traffic control on our main roads.
3.	Enforce codes to eliminate boats, trailers and cars being parked in front yards
4.	Keep Gratiot as the main thruway. Discourage thru traffic on other streets with low speed limits which are enforced.
5.	The township needs to take ownership and maintain existing sidewalks rather than adding additional sidewalks. It is too difficult for senior citizens and those with health conditions to maintain sidewalks that they didn't ask to be installed. Saginaw township shows great ownership of their sidewalk system.
6.	Although this is probably a state issue: Slow traffic on Gratiot between Meijer's and Thomas Road to 45 mph and have "Michigan left turns" on Gratiot that don't take me a quarter mile or more out of my way when making a left turn from Kennelly onto Gratiot.
7.	The roads are in rough shape as soon as you leave the core of the township, but maybe that is ok! That hopefully slows down the traffic! The pools oust at Roethke park could use an upgrade, specifically the bathrooms, showers, & changing areas.
8.	Roads need improving, though funding is always an issue. Would like to see some park's north

	Gratiot. While the ones we have are great, there is virtually nothing, not even a swing, in the northern section. There is not much township property to develop however. Perhaps something small at the township property at Lone and Frost
9.	Change the government leadership
10.	Build a recreation center building with basketball courts.
11.	Replace Lone and N Graham, among other failing roads.
12.	Lighten up the land, zoning, and building regulations. I believe they are too focused on ideals and should be scaled back a bit to just deal with truly hazardous and extremely undesirable situations.
13.	Get rid of the supposed "safety enforcement zone" along the Gratiot corridor. It is my opinion that the several vehicle accidents leading up to this decision were NOT a result of speeding. I see this safety enforcement zone as a blatant revenue generation opportunity, and feel that LEOs should have more pressing matters at hand then dedicating even more staff to sitting along the side of the road, waiting to write traffic violations.
14.	Continue to volunteer as I am able.
15.	I think Gratiot could have a lot more foot traffic if speed limit were lower
16.	More community events maybe a winter festival
17.	Slow the traffic down. Put a turn arrow on Gratiot at River
18.	The residents should have access via a boat ramp to the Tittabawassee River. A summer festival along the River would be a great addition to the things that residents can do.
19.	Remove the power lines and poles from Gratiot Road
20.	Fix some of the side roads & in some subdivisions.
21.	bury the overhead wires
22.	Slow down speed limit between the bridge and Kennely Road to 40 miles per hour.
23.	Enforce rules! Gratiot road has a mix of looks. It still needs to be cleaned up! Benches?
24.	Put a walk way bridge over Gratiot and Miller Rd to allow safer bike and walk paths across Gratiot.
25.	the speed limit on Geddes Rd .
26.	Keep working on gratiot to make it look more appealing.
27.	I like the idea of extending the trail to Geddes. Right now it is not convenient to access since I have to travel down Miller to get to it. That's difficult with small children on bikes.
28.	Roads
29.	Stop the turn around road construction that is going on. It feels like they are trying to make it like a Detroit suburb.
30.	River and Gratiot need green arrows in the left turn lane between 7:30&9:30 a.m. and again at 5:00-7:00 pm. You can barely get one car through per light and your holding your breath when you go on the yellow light.
31.	Make it known we don't welcome trouble makers.
32.	More family type restaurants
33.	Improve Gratiot by burying overhead wires, and attracting more business and sit down restaurants.
34.	Recreational facilities including gym and indoor pool
35.	Build a movie theater.
36.	Gratiot Road power lines

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37.	More local business. More restaurants, not fast food
38.	Road improvements. Pothole repairs.
39.	Fix up roethke pool
40.	More sidewalks with curb and gutter, less rail trail projects.
41.	Stop school of choice! Test scores are starting to drop, more problems in the schools with teachers not able to handle the types of students and needs these students have.
42.	More side walks on BOTH side of the roads.
43.	Strict code enforcements ESP when you have renters in your sub and the landlord/tenants don't maintain the property
44.	MORE FAMILY STYLE RESTAURANTS - NO CHAINS UNLESS YOU HAVE TO BUT A BETTER SELECTION - STEAK HOUSE. I HATE DRIVING TO BAY ROAD EVERY TIME I WANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT
45.	Additional sit down dining - A quality chain
46.	More recreation
47.	If Thomas Township insists on foisting sidewalks upon the homeowners then TT needs to take ownership of the maintenance of the side walk (i.e. plow the snow / fix the cracks). Saginaw Township plows their sidewalks. Gratiot Road corridor, despite efforts, is much less safe. (I think the news / statistics back this up). The new lights are only effective if immediately under them, and end up being another vision obstruction when pulling out on 46 from a side business. I was under the impression that the power lines were going to be buried when the water main work was done. Too many poles obstructing views. How many entrances to Meijer's need? Depending how you count they have what? 3 on the front, 2 on the back?
48.	Welcome signs would be nice.
49.	Drop the speed limit on Gratiot to 40 MPH Request the party store 7 Star change the hideous bright yellow and blue paint it looks awful. Maybe the yellow should be white.
50.	Gratiot corridor must continue to be a focus.
51.	work at getting a more broad base business type, especially restaurants.
52.	enforce current ordinances such as falling apart houses, chickens in residential areas
53.	Bring in more restaurants and shopping
54.	All the road improvements are making a "shortcut route" for traffic. Residents and children have been most effected. For instance: Families on Geddes west of Miller are unable to allow their children and grandchildren to any longer play or ride bikes in front of their homes. The traffic noise has made it impossible to keep windows open or hold an audible conversation. Slowing to stop and turn into your driveway is risky as cars are passing you even though you have your signal light on. It has turned into a speedway with no safe speed limit by the residential areas. Perhaps lower the speed limits and enforce them. I also feel there should be an increase in the police department for the growing township. The police and fire departments are the most important assets in our township.
55.	A variety of activities for young people other than the usual "team" sports, ie dog park, disk golf, canoeing/kayaking, roller blade/skate boarding course.
56.	Continue working on roads.....making business sites appealing.....
57.	Keep leadership as good as current people.
58.	Add more restaurants .

59.	Create a bridge to crossover gratiot on the rail trail. It is too dangerous the way it is set up now. Or at the very least provide a way to stop traffic so pedestrians can cross.
60.	I would have residents remove RV's, trailers, and boats from behind and on the side of houses and duplexes. Its tacky and looks awful.
61.	Remove telephone/electric poles along the Gratiot corridor to improve visual aesthetics.
62.	Install a walk bridge over Gratiot Road for the rail trail. Improve the over the road sign and the light pole signs down Gratiot.
63.	Build a sports center like the SportZone.
64.	Sometimes appears like we are trying to keep up with the Jones'. We are a good community, should be proud of it and where we are at. Image of the police department. Change the color of the store on the corner of Gratiot & Briarhill :)
65.	Gratiot Rd. Can be a nightmare. I know they are working on improvements and I hope they work and ease the traffic situation and the car crashes. We've lived here 2 yrs. and there has been way too many deaths along Gratiot.
66.	Would be nice to have some sidewalks on the slum (south) side of Gratiot. I usually crossed at Kennelly and Miller so I could walk on sidewalks instead of in the road. Now Kennelly crossover gone so I'm stuck on this side where I walk on the road. Rail Trail is nice but I'm not crazy about walking it clear to Swan Creek (which I have done) by myself with only my pepper spray for company.
67.	extend the road behind the Meijer store to the west
68.	Underground wiring on gratiot
69.	Traffic light at M46 and Kennelly and permanent 45mph speed limit west to Thomas Rd.
70.	A few different restaurants.
71.	Cheaper taxes.
72.	Slow down traffic on Gratiot Road beyond Meijer! 50 mph is plenty fast enough considering the amount of traffic.
73.	Lower the speed limit on Gratiot.
74.	There are quite a few empty businesses and residences in our area. It would be nice to see those being used productively before we try to expand too much.
75.	Build a pedestrian tunnel or bridge for the township path, crossing M-46 is too dangerous.
76.	I think it would be great to have a bridge walkway overpass that goes across Gratiot somewhere near Meijer or Taco Bell. I think it would be great for any kids that are walking to or from school. More kids would be able to walk on half days to Taco Bell or other places with less worry on us parents. I currently won't allow my kids to cross Gratiot it makes me too nervous. Kind of like the one down by the Saginaw Country Club.... : )
77.	I would add a boat launch along the river for the residents to use
78.	I would have "no turn on red light" on Gratiot and River, and on Gratiot and Miller. The light would then have to have a right turn light, also, along with the red, yellow, and green. I'd also change the speed limit on Gratiot to 40 mph. Those two things could help prevent some of those accidents that have been occurring.
79.	Make Gratiot sAfer
80.	Clean up the looks of Gratiot..less driveways and bury all the electric/telephone wires
81.	Street Scape more on Gratiot Rd.
82.	Sidewalk on State Rd (South side) from Miller to River. Dangerous for walkers and bikers that travel in the road



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83.	Enforce clean up of many unsightly yards in our community... It's an embarrassment
84.	Gratiot Road is still a mess to travel. DESPERATELY need a turn signal at Gratiot & River!!!!!!
85.	Can't think of anything
86.	More road repair example: Kennely, Summerfelt Rd.
87.	Lower the speed limits on our country roads to protect our children and wildlife. I would also install a red and yellow blinking light at frost and Graham roads.
88.	Improve the safety of Gratiot Corridore
89.	A nice plays cape for children / families
90.	More restaurants!
91.	Work on the roads and keep houses in code. We don't want to cater to only the "rich" subdivisions. Keep the older subdivisions nice also
92.	Too many signs and bill boards; it looks trashy. Get things done in a timely manner. For example, why are there still so many cones around the Gloucester Rd area by Swan Haven? Why has it taken so long to complete the updates on N. Miller? Attract more restaurants that are not fast food. Do activities that make Shields a destination. For example look how much Bay City or Frankenmuth does with events and festivals. Plant more green spaces, like boulevards and flowers or greenery in front of businesses. Strategically place art in the community. For example, look at all the sculptures in Saginaw Twp. Also, promote art in public places, like in the township offices. Advertise what a great place Shields is to live. Enforce clean-up of trashy homes and businesses. Install curbs on more streets. Lower the speed limit on Gratiot from Center to Graham. Create a task force of local movers and shakers to collaborate on a vision and working plan to improve the area.
93.	School System. My daughter tried to attend Shields Elementary and disliked it. She now attends Hemlock
94.	Roads
95.	I WOULD HAVE INSTALLED A STOP LIGHT AT KENNELY AND GRATIOT TO SAVE ALOT OF MONEY WHICH WOULD HAVE ALLOWED US TO ENTER OUR SUBDIVISION WITH OUT DRIVING MILES OUT OF OUR WAY. THEN YOU COULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THE BANK THAT IS CAVING IN ON RIVER ROAD AND REMOVE THE STOP LIGHT . SURE MAKES SENSE TO ME.
96.	Add bike lanes for safer bicycle navigation
97.	More emphasis on streets rather than municipal buildings.
98.	Continue to work on the Gratiot Road Corridor. See what we can do to make it a community of business vs a corridor of helter- skelter businesses.
99.	I can't think of anything currently.
100.	Get the EPA to continue with the Region 5 clean up efforts of the Tittabawassee River and then get an access point for residents of Shields/Thomas/James Twps to the river for fishing (old Hidden Hollow Golf Course access).
101.	I wish the sidewalks extended further down more rural roads, although I know this is not practical.
102.	Have people fix up theirs houses that seemed to have let them go. Repair or replace roads by homes.
103.	We have lived here nearly 5 years. Many businesses do not clear their sidewalks. Walking is difficult in winter, especially on Gratiot.
104.	more upscale eateries/entertainment
105.	Get rid of stupid politicians who waste money on really dumb surveys!

106.	Underground electrical and cable. Get rid of the telephone poles.
107.	Closer watch for drugs in our schools. More non-fastfood restaurants like olive garden, applebees, fridays etc.
108.	Updating parks, more children's library activities, and parks and rec opportunities for toddlers and families.
109.	Stricter code enforcement on neighborhood blight brought on by run down homes, weeds and Recreational Vehicles parked in residential areas.
110.	Can't think of anything. Oh wait, if you could get that Party Store on Gratiot to change its colors from Blue and Yellow to something that doesn't look so cheap and gaudy, I'd love it!
111.	Improve traffic flow. Gratiot is far to busy and congested for speeds. Not an easy solution!!!!
112.	I would like better roads but I think that is a county problem not township.
113.	We need another bridge from Thomas Township's River Road area to accommodate all the vehicle traffic that needs to cross both ways. The State Street bridge, The Tittabawasse bridge, and the bridge on Gratiot Rd. are not enough bridges for all the increased housing and vehicles that need to use a bridge to cross. Why increase housing and businesses if there are not enough bridges for these vehicles to cross. There was supposed to have been a bridge crossing Frost. Rd. off River Rd., but you put a park there instead to make money. Now all the people living out that way have miles to travel to get to a bridge to cross. That's why I don't want to see more housing and or subdivisions added until you do something about adding a new bridge in Thomas Township. We need our farm land I don't want to see any more farm land used for housing or subdivisions.
114.	The Gratiot corridor is still ugly even with the addition of brick pillars and wrought iron fences and new signs. Stand and look down Gratiot and what do you see .. It's still ugly.
115.	I would restrict people from parking recreational vehicles (I.e. Campers, fifth wheels, trailers, etc.) on lots in residential subdivisions.
116.	It would be nice to be on the sewer system.
117.	Roads, roads, and roads. I am a walker/runner and have traveled many of the side streets in our township and they are all terrible. I realize there is a huge cost to fixing roads. However, our family has lived in the township for 13 years now and the roads continue to get worse. How many times can you apply patches? It seems there should be a line item every year in the Township's budget for road maintenance. If you do sections of roads every year, maybe in 15 years, they will be much better. If improvements have been made, and I'm talking to side roads, not major roads like Miller, I'm just not seeing it. The more they are neglected, the more money it will cost to fix them.  Also, when are we going to update the Gratiot and remove all of those telephone poles??? I am disappointed with the fancy light poles along Gratiot as well. It seems some of them are always "burned out" or not working properly. Oh and one more thing...if we can't find Christmas decorations that can will work for the entire season, then save our tax money and don't buy/rent them. It looks worse to have decorations with some working and others not than to not have any at all.
118.	Install turn signals at Gratiot and River Roads. Would like to see an annual Arts and Antiques Festival held in one of the parks in the early fall.
119.	slow down the speed on Gratiot from River to Kennelly. Also, if you want us to make use of your parks, and you plow the lots for winter use; we NEED at least portable bathrooms. (porta

	johns).... It is very inconvenient to visit these parks with no bathrooms...
120.	Quit doing complicated work on Gratiot. You now can't get anywhere from Gratiot without heading in the wrong direction & having to make a U-turn. Also, the 55 mph speed limit should be moved further out, perhaps to Thomas road. 45 mph is fast enough!
121.	More rec programs for adults
122.	There could be an "over the road" cross walk on Gratiot for pedestrians. The rail trail did improve the crossing for pedestrians but Gratiot Rd is still dangerous for pedestrians to cross. There are a lot of kids that cross Gratiot Rd and I never want to hear that one of them was hit by a vehicle. Maybe that speed should be reduced further between River Rd and Kennelly Rd.
123.	Lower the speed limit to 40 mph from 45, and see someone do something with the old shooters building or knock it down for new business growth.
124.	The side streets like mine need a lot of work
125.	A variety of restaurants, would like a small higher end restaurant.
126.	I am very impressed with Thomas Township. I have lived in Saginaw Township for 42 years before moving to Thomas Township, and have no concerns at all.
127.	Slowing down the speed limit on Gratiot.
128.	Panda Express ;)
129.	Build more restaurants--Rally's, Charley's,
130.	Nothing
131.	More restaurants
132.	While I am happy with the sign ordinances on Gratiot, I still feel that we have no walkable/business-friendly corridor. There are far too many driveways, not enough locally-owned restaurants, and no walkable shops. With this being a friendly "small town," I would love to have a corridor that on a Friday night my family could walk to (or park our car), have a nice meal (not fast food), and walk around and shop a little (not at dollar or auto parts stores). In addition, while the new street lamps lining the corridor are very attractive, the power lines and telephone poles really take away from the attractiveness that I believe the township wants to achieve.
133.	Sidewalks on south miller rd. I always see young kids walking to school
134.	Ordinance enforcement.
135.	More shopping/restaurants
136.	Repair side roads. Shields dr and Wallace drive are BAD.
137.	South miller road needs sidewalks
138.	Not sure.
139.	Add a sidewalk extension at the end of Thunderbird to connect with the sidewalk on the North side of State Street.
140.	Equal enforcement of codes. Not just when a person complains, but to everyone. We shouldn't have tattle on our neighbor to get the township to enforce campers, trailers, boats sitting in yards etc. as an example.
141.	The Township board needs new blood and not just friends of existing members. Not very much depth from the membership. A new Manager that is more personable and that takes feedback not so personal would be beneficial to the community. Have heard of many times where the manager gets defensive when suggestions or concerns are brought forth.
142.	I am not satisfied with the "Michigan Turns" being added to Gratiot. I feel they are inconvenient and add much more time and effort to get where you want to go. I know it was done for safety,

	but I think traffic lights could have been utilized better.
143.	Bury electrical wires along gratiot. Too many poles and too many signs.
144.	Would like a sidewalk from OHern Rd. South to DutchRd. Turn arrow on S. River Rd and Gratiot.
145.	More police presence on gratiot rd.
146.	Crack down on underage alcohol (and drug) use. Lower the speed limit on Gratiot Road (through the township) to 35 miles per hour.
147.	Improve the rural roads
148.	All roads leading to the high school/middle school need to be improved. Would be safer for all who travel them. Less bumps and potholes especially on O'hern and Vanwormer by Kluck's nursery.
149.	Full time fire and rescue services.
150.	More park/play areas for kids to go and play. A drive-in theater would be pretty neat.
151.	Sidewalk on River Road north of Gratiot. More Restaurants
152.	South Miller road needs a sidewalk, I can't believe there is not one past Ohern with the schools being so close and the speed limit is quite high!!!
153.	Souh Miller 93rd needs sidewalks past O'hern, kids walk to and from school and it is a busy rd
154.	The Gratiot corridor has had minor improvements, but continues to be unattractive. Bury utilities and improve entrances and visual appeal of this area.
155.	township manager
156.	The lights on Miller and on River, you might want to have a turn light place at those locations.
157.	Allow residents to have the type of fencing they want regardless of "frontage" of their property. If residents want to have privacy on their lot they should be able to. And it shouldn't have to be a certain amount of feet from the road or only a "see through" style of fencing. That's total garbage. Yet you can have a wall of trees as close to the road as you want. I understand distance from a stop sign, but the regulations and exceptions should be reviewed per property.

# APPENDIX F

## RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION



**THOMAS TOWNSHIP**  
**COUNTY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-01**

**PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION TO UPDATE MASTER PLAN**

At a regular meeting of the Thomas Township Planning Commission, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Michigan Time.

PRESENT: Iamurri, Sommers, Lynch, Curry, Bird, Yockey

ABSENT: Beam

Lynch offered the following resolution and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Sommers.

WHEREAS, the Michigan planning Enabling Act (MPEA) authorizes the Planning Commission to prepare a Master Plan for the use, development and preservation of all lands in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission prepared an updated Master Plan and submitted the plan to the Township Board for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2020, the Thomas Township Board received and reviewed the updated Master Plan prepared by the Planning Commission and authorized distribution of the Master Plan update to the Notice Group entities identified in the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, notice was provided to the Notice Group entities as provided in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 17, 2021 to consider public comment on the updated Master Plan, and to further review and comment on the updated Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the updated Master Plan is desirable and proper and furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the Township;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ***Adoption of 2021 Master Plan update.*** The Planning Commission hereby approves and adopts the updated 2021 Master Plan, including all of the chapters, figures, maps and tables contained therein.
2. ***Distribution of Township Board and Notice Group.*** Pursuant to MCL 125.3843 the Township Board has not asserted by resolution its right to approve or reject the updated Master Plan and therefore the approval granted herein is the final step for adoption of the plan as provided in MCL 125.3843 and therefore the plan is effective as of March 17,



3. 2021. In addition, the Planning Commission approves distribution of the adopted amendments to the Township Board and Notice Group.
4. **Findings of Fact.** The Planning Commission has made the foregoing determination based on a review of existing land uses in the Township, a review of the existing Master Plan provisions and maps, input received from the Township Board and public hearing, and with the assistance of a professional planning group, and finds the updated Master Plan will accurately reflect and implement the Township's goals and strategies for the use, preservation, and development of lands in Thomas Township.
5. **Effective Date.** The updated Master Plan shall be effective as of the date of adoption of this resolution.

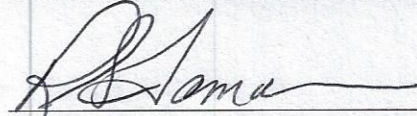
YEAS: Iamurri, Lynch, Curry, Yockey, Sommers, Bird

NAYS: None

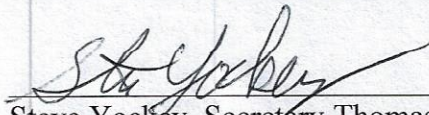
ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Beam

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.



Rod Iamurri, Chairman Thomas Township Planning Commission

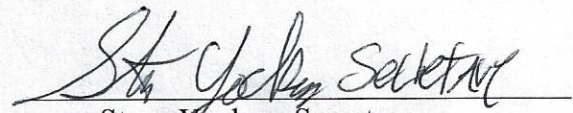


Steve Yockey, Secretary Thomas Township Planning Commission

IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN }  
COUNTY OF SAGINAW }

I, Steve Yockey, the duly elected and acting secretary of the Thomas Township Planning Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true copy of a resolution passed at a regular meeting of the Thomas Township Planning Commission, Saginaw County, Michigan, held on March 17, 2021, at which time a quorum of members were present as indicated in the said minutes and voted therein set forth; that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREFORE**, I have hereunto fixed my official signature this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
Steve Yockey, Secretary