

Dexter Township Master Plan Survey

Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to provide public input regarding the update to the Dexter Township Master Plan. A Master Plan is a long-range planning document that guides development patterns, standards, and land use policies over the next decade. When critical issues are presented to Township decision-makers they consult the Master Plan to inform their decision. Therefore, this document has a profound impact on the future of Dexter Township. Given the importance of the Master Plan, it is essential to get input from the community on the direction of the plan to ensure that when the Master Plan is consulted it is a reflection of the values and wishes of the community. **The following survey about the Master Plan is estimated to take roughly 15 minutes.**

Please feel free to share the survey link with everyone in your household and other members of the community. Should you have trouble with the online survey, hard copies will be available at the Dexter Township Hall.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required and the survey will not advance until you have completed the required questions.

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Overall Goals and Priorities

1. Did you participate in the last Dexter Township Master Plan survey (2007)?

Yes

No

* 2. How should the following concerns be prioritized in relation to the Dexter Township Master Plan?

	Low Priority	Moderate Priority	High Priority	Unsure
Management of growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of agricultural land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of natural undeveloped land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surface water quality (lakes, rivers, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storm water runoff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Groundwater quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of the township road system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-motorized trails (bicycle paths, natural hiking trails, designated bike lanes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 3. The Dexter Township Master Plan will include goal statements regarding the future growth and development of the township. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
Protect agricultural activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage road connections between neighboring developments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide a low density, rural atmosphere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide a variety of housing alternatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage housing for moderate income households	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage residential development in areas where municipal sewer is available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage commercial development that serves the local population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage sustainable development that is sensitive to natural features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Residential Development

* 4. Looking back on the last 10 years, how do you feel about residential growth in Dexter Township?

- Much too fast
- A little too fast
- About right
- A little too slow
- Much too slow
- Unsure

* 5. Since 2010, there have been approximately 250 new homes built in Dexter Township. Most of these new homes are single family homes on large lots or in subdivisions. If Dexter Township continues to grow, please indicate how you agree with the following housing types.

	Strongly encourage	Encourage	Neutral	Discourage	Strongly Discourage	Unsure
Large lot, single family residential homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Subdivisions, with <u>no common open space</u> preserved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Subdivisions, with <u>common open space</u> preserved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smaller sized homes that are more affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Duplexes (structure with 2 units)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attached single family homes (townhomes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low rise apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specialized housing for seniors or those with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manufactured housing park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mixed use communities (residential - commercial)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mixed housing communities (single family, duplexes, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 6. In general, residential development in the township should be..

- Highly promoted with few land use restrictions
- Encouraged with appropriate land use regulations
- Allowed, but with many land use regulations
- Discouraged
- None of the above

Other (please specify)

* 7. Do you rent or own your home?

Rent

Own

I am not financially responsible for my housing

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Renter

8. In the next five years I plan to..

- Continue renting my current unit
- Move and rent another unit in Dexter Township
- Buy a home in Dexter Township
- Move and rent outside of Dexter Township
- Buy a home outside Dexter Township
- Other (please specify)

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Owner

9. In the next five years I plan to...

- Remain in my current home
- Sell my home and buy another in Dexter Township
- Sell my home and rent in Dexter Township
- Sell my home and buy another outside Dexter Township
- Sell my home and rent outside Dexter Township
- Other (please specify)

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Commercial Development

* 10. Which best describes how you view the number of commercial businesses in the township?

- Not enough
- About right
- Too much

* 11. Where would you like to see commercial growth located? Check all that apply.

- Dexter - Pinckney / N. Territorial area
- Dexter - Pinckney, northwest of McGregor Rd
- McGregor Rd / Portage Lake area
- N. Territorial/Stofer area
- I do not want commercial growth
- Other (please specify)

* 12. What type of new commercial establishments would you like to see in Dexter Township?
Check all that apply.

- Grocery store, general store, produce store
- Food service/restaurant
- Professional office (engineers, accountants, lawyers, etc.)
- Health care office
- Auto-oriented (mechanic, gas station, etc.)
- I don't want commercial establishments
- Other (please specify)

* 13. In general, commercial development in the township should be...

- Highly promoted with few land use restrictions
- Encouraged with appropriate land use regulations
- Allowed, but with many land use regulations
- Discouraged
- Unsure

Other (please specify)

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Infrastructure and Services

* 14. What type of sanitary waste system should Dexter Township encourage for **new** residential developments?

- Individual septic systems on each lot
- Private community septic systems where each development has its own plant and privately maintains it
- Public sanitary sewer, as long as it does not promote higher densities of more intense land use
- Unsure
- Other (please specify)

* 15. Should Dexter allow **existing homes** that currently have septic systems to connect to a public sanitary sewer system in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

* 16. Would you support a coordinated garbage and recycling pickup through the township, where a preferred hauler is selected and residents have the option of enrolling at a reduced rate?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

* 17. Alternatively, should the township select one hauler to provide curbside trash collection to all residents at a lower rate? (Note: This option would reduce wear on our local gravel roads.)

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

18. If you answered **YES** to question 17, should recycling be included in curbside pickup?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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Demographics

The following set of questions will ask about your employment and demographics. The only required question is at the end of the section and will ask if you are a resident of Dexter Township or live outside the Township.

20. What age group do you fall into?

- Under 19 years old
- 20 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 59
- 60 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 - 84
- 85+

21. How many members are in your household?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4-5
- 6+

22. Please indicate your employment status.

- I work full time (32+ hours a week)
- I work part time (<32 hours a week)
- I'm retired
- Unemployed and not actively looking
- Unemployed and actively looking

23. In what zip code is your place of employment?

24. Do you own and/or operate a business in Dexter Township

- Yes
- No

25. What sector do you work in?

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, mining
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail
- Transportation, warehousing, and utilities
- Information
- Finance, insurance, and real estate
- Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services
- Education services, health care, and social assistance
- Arts, entertainment, and recreation
- Public administration
- Retired/unemployed

26. How many days a week do you work from home?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more
- Retired/unemployed

27. What zip code do you live in?

- 48118
- 48130
- 48137
- 48169
- Other (please specify)

28. What school district do you live in?

- Dexter Community Schools
- Chelsea Schools
- Pickney Community Schools
- Other (please specify)

29. If you have children in primary or secondary school, what school district do they attend?

Check all that apply.

- Dexter Community Schools
- Chelsea Schools
- Pickney Community Schools
- Private/charter school
- I do not have children in primary or secondary school
- Other (please specify)

* 30. Do you live in Dexter Township?

- Yes
- No

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Dexter Township Residents

31. How long have you lived in Dexter Township?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 - 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 11 - 20 years
- 21 - 40 years
- 40+ years

32. What describes where you live? (Check all that apply)

- I live on/near a lake, river, or stream
- I live in a subdivision
- I live on a farm
- I live on a residential, non-subdivision lot
- Other (please specify)

33. On what size parcel do you live?

- Less than 1 acre
- 1 - 2 acres
- 2.01 - 5 acres
- 5.01 - 10 acres
- More than 10 acres

34. Is part of your land commercial farmed?

- Yes
- No

35. Who farms your land?

- Myself
- Someone else
- My land is not farmed

36. How many acres of your land is farmed?

- Under 10 acres
- 10 - 25 acres
- 26 - 50 acres
- 51 - 100 acres
- Over 100 acres
- My land is not farmed

37. Please describe the reason(s) you choose to live or continue to live in Dexter Township.

38. What type of road do you live on?

- Public road
- Private road

39. What type of surface is the road you live on?

- Gravel
- Paved

40. What type of sanitary waste disposal does your residence have?

- Private septic system
- Public sewer system

41. Do you recycle?

- Yes, using the recycle bins at Dexter Township Hall
- Yes, but I do not use the recycle bins at Dexter Township Hall
- No

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End of Survey

42. If there are other issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the Planning Commission and were not covered in the survey, please leave a comment in the space provided.

Thank you for taking the Dexter Township Master Plan survey. Any further comments can be submitted to David Rohr at dpz@dextertownship.org or John Iacoangeli, FAICP at jri@bria2.com.