

SCIO TOWNSHIP SURVEY OF RESIDENTS

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Report of Findings – Full Report

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Note: Errors were found in the recording of responses to Question 3C (Which of Scio's safety services have you or a neighbor had to use?) and Question 8B (Where do you get your information about Scio Township?) and these have been corrected. Additionally, charts and the questionnaire have been revised to remove non-responses from the calculation base of percentages.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Scio Township planning commission sponsored a resident survey as the first step in its full review of the General Development Plan for Scio. The survey was sent to a randomized sample of 3,000 drawn from Scio's active registered voters. Just over 50% of the sample responded (after undeliverable surveys were subtracted) for a sample base of 1418 respondents. A summary of key findings from this survey is presented below.

1. Satisfaction with Scio Township

- Township residents are very satisfied with their overall quality of life in Scio. Almost nine in ten say that Scio's quality of life is "Very Good" or "Excellent." Those saying their quality of life is "Not Good" represent less than 1%.
- Slightly more than half of residents indicate they are satisfied with various factors that affect quality of life – variety of shopping and restaurants and access to entertainment. Dissatisfaction is stronger on these factors than on the overall township rating – in particular, people are less satisfied with the variety of restaurants.
- The "Sense of community identity" rating does not fare well. Four in ten say they are neutral on the subject and 12% say it is not important.

2. Open Space, Parks and Recreation

- Roughly four in ten Scio residents are satisfied with the township's performance on a variety of items relating to preservation of open spaces, clean water, farms and natural resources.
- On average, voters would allocate of Proposal J funds to the purchase of lands or interests in land that provide open and view spaces in the township without public access (e.g. farm lands, natural preserves). They would then allocate the other half of the funds to natural preserves with public access and lands for parks.
- A large majority of residents thinks that Scio needs additional public parks. Areas that appear underserved with respect to parks are the more urban sectors in the southern half of the township, especially the Jackson Corridor and Sister Lakes.
- Scio's residents actively use the parks that are currently available – 85% used a public park in the past 12 months. An even higher percentage of residents say they or their family members participate in some form of recreation or exercise activity.
- Despite active participation in exercise and recreation activities and a strong interest in having more public parks in Scio, residents do not strongly favor an increase in property taxes to provide these parks.

3. Jackson Road Corridor and Economic Development

- Residents generally support the planning principle of concentrating commercial development along the Jackson Road Corridor and retail enterprises at the three major intersections (Wagner, Zeeb and Baker Roads.)
- Perspectives regarding specifics of how Jackson should develop are more diverse, except that four in ten want large scale (warehouse) shopping venues and four in ten do not.

- Ratings of economic factors affecting Scio are mixed, and about one in five does not know how to rate these issues.
- Residents are clear that they would like the township to pursue economic development and job creation actively – more than two-thirds say “Yes” to this question.

4. Planning Scio’s Future

- A “Sense of Community” is a non-issue for most Scio residents. Residents are generally negative towards the idea of developing a Town Center – four in ten say “No” to the concept, and a quarter say they “Don’t Know.”
- Should a Town Center be developed, however, residents would like it to be a mixed-use plan that includes residences, government offices and township services as well as local shopping. Nearly two-thirds say it should not be a “regional shopping venue.”
- Opinions diverge regarding whether a Town Center should extend across I-94 to North Zeeb Road, with those in the northern half of the township more likely to be against such an expansion than people living south of I-94.
- Most residents would not favor increasing property taxes to pay for public facilities that might be included in a Town Center, such as a senior center or a community sports and recreation center.
- Just under half of residents would like their neighborhoods to stay as they are now. Another four in ten would accept minor, appropriate changes to their neighborhoods. Only Jackson Corridor residents say that big changes may be needed to integrate new developments and residences in their neighborhood.
- About half of Scio residents thinks that small increases in property taxes may be needed to pay for a few additional public services. Just over a third thinks that keeping taxes low should be a priority in the township.

5. Public Safety

- Scio residents feel safe in Scio. Nine out of ten people say the safety of the township and their neighborhood is “Very Good” or “Excellent.” People are more likely to rate their neighborhoods as “Excellent” on safety than to give the township an “Excellent” rating.
- Half of residents say the level of police protection is “About Right,” but four in ten say it is “Too Little.” Jackson Corridor residents are more likely to say there is “Too Little” police protection than residents of other sectors.
- Scio’s residents are comfortable with the level of fire protection in the township. Eight in ten say it is “About Right.”
- Just over half of Scio’s residents have had to use Scio’s safety services. Police service was more often called upon than fire or EMT.
- A couple of respondents questioned the township’s ability to respond to large scale emergencies, wondering if there were a plan to handle disasters.

6. Transportation and Roadways

- On ratings of satisfaction with road management, residents give “Accommodations for pedestrians . . . bicyclists” the lowest ratings. Most road management issues receive an “Adequate” satisfaction rating – not excellent, but not bad either.
- There is strong support for developing a network of bike trails in the township (67% say Yes), and modest support for providing bus service along Jackson Road (42% say Yes.) But, if a Jackson Road bus service were provided, almost 70% of residents say they would never use it. Almost two-thirds of residents do not favor increasing property taxes to pay for Jackson Road bus service.

7. Other Issues

- Residents are aware of the Township’s main communications vehicle – the *Scio Info* newsletter – and about two-thirds are satisfied with it. Almost half of residents do not know how to evaluate the Township’s web site. It is possible that most of these residents have not experienced the site.
- High percentages of residents say they do not know how to evaluate the Scio recycling service or Scio’s enforcement of ordinances, codes & regulations.
- Residents get their information about Scio events and issues directly from *Scio Info*, from the *Ann Arbor News* or from friends. The *Dexter Leader* is not a notable source of information about Scio for most residents but a majority of residents in Dexter Village and the northeastern sector of the township do read it.

8. Comments of Scio Residents

- Of the 1418 respondents, 1010 included comments on their surveys; 33 attached separate sheets with handwritten or typed comments. Such a response speaks to the high level of community interest in this survey.
- Traffic and roadway issues stimulated by far the most comments, with 397 separate observations – 28.0% of all survey respondents.
- Other issues of high concern among respondents:
 - Density-overdevelopment and sprawl – 217 mentions (15.3%)
 - Open space and rural character of Scio – 162 mentions (11.4%)
 - Paths for bicycling and walking – 153 mentions (10.8%)
 - Tax issues – 120 mentions (8.5%)
 - Protection of woodlands, water and natural resources – 119 mentions (8.4%)
 - Jackson Corridor and economic issues – 114 mentions (8.0%)

INTRODUCTION

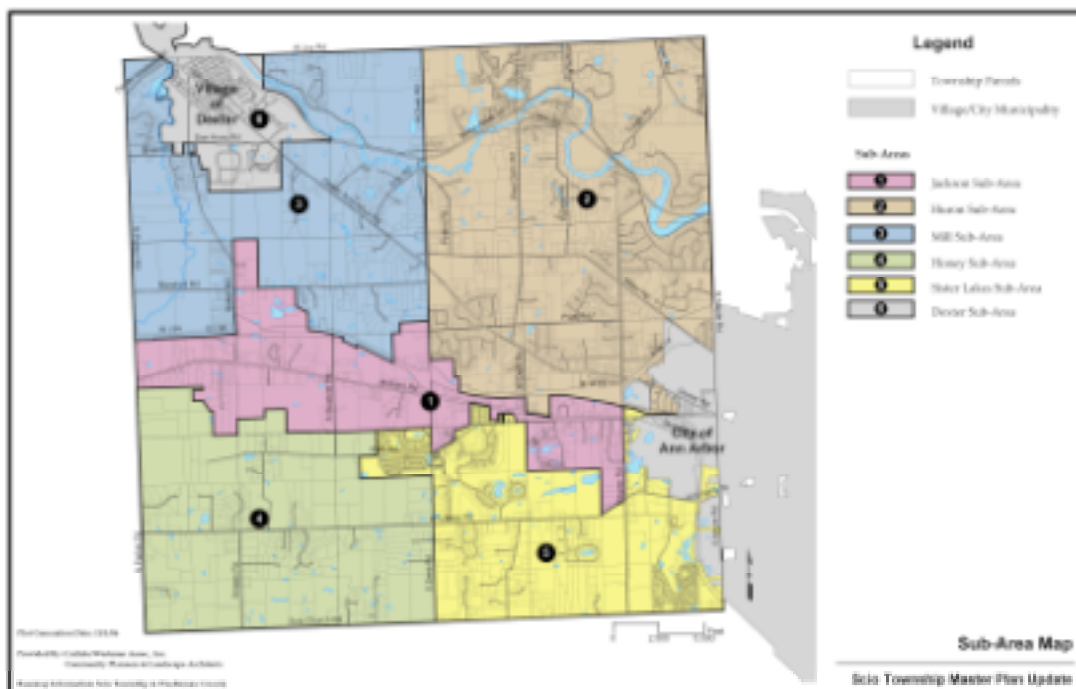
Background

In accord with the Michigan Township Planning Act (PA 168 of 1959, as amended) Scio Township has initiated a full review of its General Development Plan. Although minor revisions to the plan have been undertaken over the past several years, the previous full Master Plan review was adopted in 1996.

Scio Township has a diverse set of neighborhoods and smaller communities within its 36 square miles. Two corridors divide the township into four clear sectors, each with very different characteristics. Jackson Road (East/West) and Zeeb Road (North/South) cut the township in half crossing each other in the center. Jackson Road constitutes a special sub-area containing Scio's main business and commercial enterprises. Finally, large portions of Dexter Village are also part of Scio. Because these six areas of the township have very different characteristics and future needs, the Planning Commission, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, decided to identify these sub-areas specifically in the Master Plan review process, and in the final resulting Master Plan. The areas are:

- Jackson Road Corridor
- Huron River Sub-Area (northeast sector)
- Mill Creek Sub-Area (northwest sector)
- Honey Creek Sub-Area (southwest sector)
- Sister Lakes Sub-Area (southeast sector, including Arbor Pointe and Country French)
- Dexter Village Sub-Area

Map of Sub-Areas for Master Planning Process



Gathering public opinion regarding township issues is a key component in developing a new master development plan for the township. The township is using two processes to gather public input. The first is a survey of resident opinion. The second is public “planning fairs” where residents can view background information about the township and review the results from the resident survey, and then discuss visions and opportunities for the future.

Overview of Research Methods

The Planning Commission chose to follow a “scientific” protocol in conducting this research project, so that the results could be projected to Scio’s population as a whole. Key components of the research program:

- Input from Township stakeholders in designing the questionnaire.
- Questionnaire length not more than four pages.
- A randomized sample of 3,000 drawn from the list of active registered voters.
- Sample proportionate to the percent of registered voters in each sub-area of the Township.
- Targeted response rate of 50% with 1,500 in the final sample, so that all sub-areas would have enough respondents to be statistically stable in analysis.
- Practices known to increase response, such as pre- and post-survey postcards, respondent follow-up and widespread publicity.

Public response to this survey was extremely strong. Once the undeliverable surveys were subtracted from the mail-out count, leaving 2794 who actually received surveys, the response rate reached the targeted 50%. The survey was in the field from March 28 through May 1, at which point field data collection was closed. By May 1, 1418 surveys had been received and these comprise the database for determining results.

The sub-area in which the people on the sample list live was included in the records for the sample, along with their age and gender. This information made it possible to assign responses to the particular sub-areas of the Township. It also allowed the survey committee to check that the response demographics corresponded to the demographics of the mail-out sample, which was randomly selected. The final sample of respondents corresponded fairly well to the mail-out.

- The gender ratio of males to females matched within a percentage point.
- A lower percentage of Jackson Corridor voters responded (37%), while voters in the northeast and southwest sub-areas both responded at higher rates than the total, with a 58% response rate in both areas.
- Respondents were slightly older on average than the mail-out sample, leaving registered voters under age 35 slightly underrepresented.

(Note: More information on the research process is included in Appendix II.)

Profile of Respondents

- Respondents to the survey are slightly older than the random sample from the active voter registration list that was chosen for the mail-out.
 - Average age of respondents is 52 compared with 48 on the mail-out sample.
 - 69% is age 45 or older versus 58% on the mail-out sample.
 - There is virtually no difference in the gender split of respondents versus the mail-out sample, with 54% female and 46% male.
- On average, respondents have lived in Scio Township 14.9 years.
- Average household size of the respondents is 2.82 people.
 - 38% have children under age 18 living at home with them.
 - 17% have adults over age 65 in the household.
 - 61% live in the Ann Arbor school district.
- Respondents are 79% married/coupled and 21% single.
 - 88% live in a single family home.
 - 95% own their residences.
- Respondents are highly educated:
 - 25% have BA/BS degrees as their highest education level achieved.
 - 49% have post-baccalaureate degrees.
- Most respondents are employed near-by or are not employed:
 - 11% is employed in Scio.
 - 39% is employed in Ann Arbor.
 - 9% is employed elsewhere in Washtenaw County.
 - 14% is employed in the Detroit Metro Area.
 - 1% is employed in some other area.
 - 25% is not employed (many indicated they were retired.)
- Respondents are fairly wealthy:
 - 53% had 2006 pre-tax household incomes over \$100,000.
 - 30% had pre-tax household incomes between \$50,000 and \$99,999.

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- Jim Dries, Township trustee representative to the planning commission, donated the sample of active registered voters in Scio Township.
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- Marty Mayo and Tina Richmond, township resident and research professional, coordinated questionnaire design, compilation of results and analysis of verbatim comments.

FINDINGS

1. Satisfaction with Scio Township

- Township residents are very satisfied with their overall quality of life in Scio. Almost nine in ten say that Scio's quality of life is "Very Good" or "Excellent." Those saying their quality of life is "Not Good" represent less than 1%.
- People living in the northeast and southwest sectors (Huron and Honey) are most satisfied with their quality of life, but the other sectors are not far behind.
- Only the Jackson Corridor residents are behind the other sectors in the percentage rating their quality of life as "Excellent." In this sector, residents are more likely to say their quality of life is "Adequate" (25%) compared with 12% overall giving this rating.
- Slightly more than half of residents indicate they are satisfied with various factors that affect quality of life – variety of shopping and restaurants and access to entertainment. Dissatisfaction is stronger on these factors than on the overall township rating – in particular, people are less satisfied with the variety of restaurants.
- The "Sense of community identity" rating does not fare so well, however. Four in ten say they are neutral on the subject and 12% say it is not important.

CHART 1A: MOST RESIDENTS RATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SCIO AS “VERY GOOD” OR “EXCELLENT.”

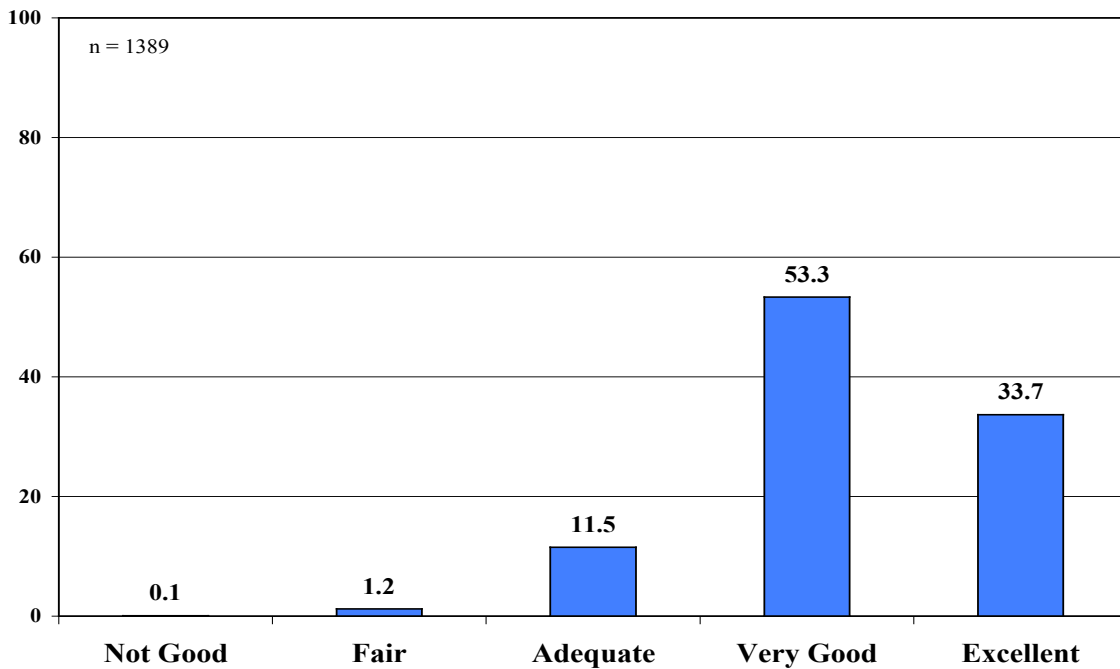
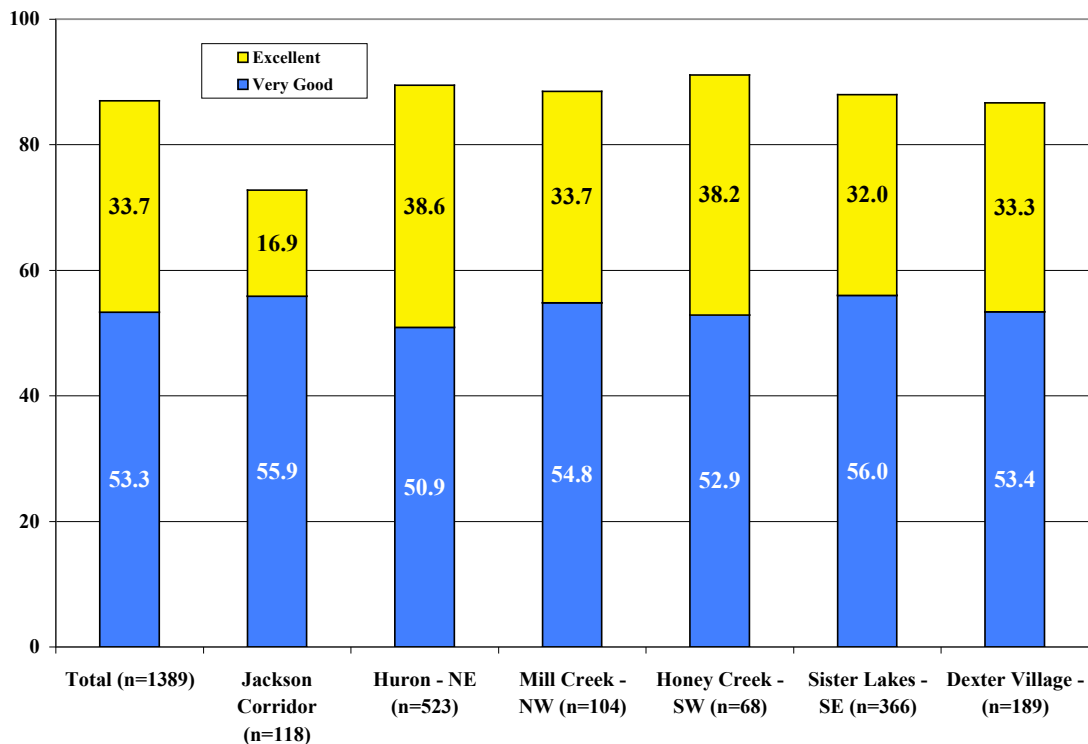


CHART 1B: THE QUALITY OF LIFE RATINGS DIFFER NOTABLY IN THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP



CHARTS 1C: SCIO RESIDENTS ARE FAIRLY SATISFIED WITH FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE

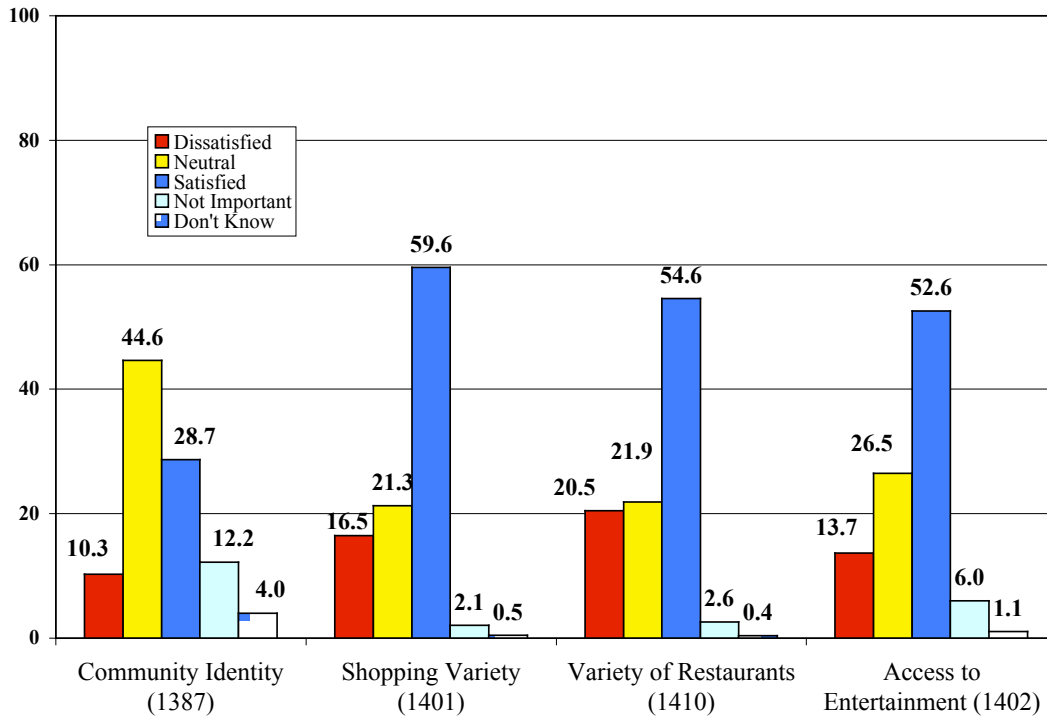
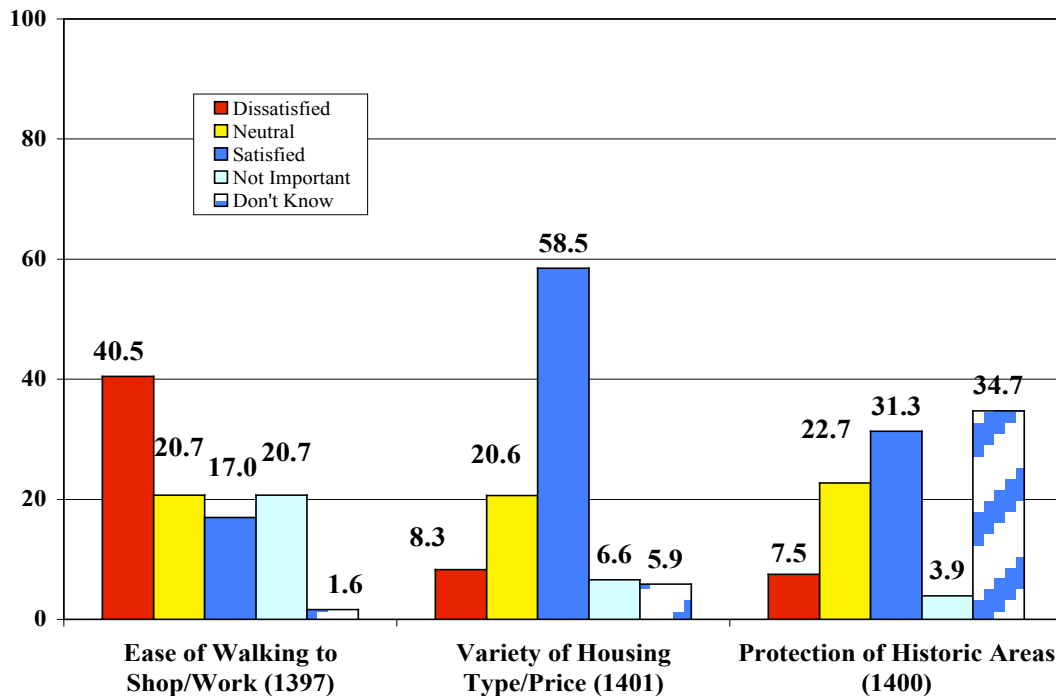


CHART 1D: OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE FACTORS RECEIVE LOWER SATISFACTION RATINGS.



Comments from Respondents on Satisfaction with Scio

Ninety-four respondents had comments regarding shopping and entertainment issues in Scio, representing 6.6% of all respondents. Another 71 (5%) spontaneously offered comments about Costco, even though Costco was not mentioned in the survey itself.

Shopping Issues:

- Residents would like to see the following types of store in Scio: a farmer’s market or healthy food grocery store; small, family oriented retail shops (clothing, home supplies); higher quality retail shops (clothing); book stores.
- Residents do not want: Big box stores; additional strip malls; a shopping mall.
- There is a conflict of interests – residents do not want big box stores, but some would like to have stores such as Bed, Bath and Beyond.
- There is also a large constituency that would like a Costco. Of the 71 people mentioning Costco, 65 were “very disappointed” that it was not approved. One was clearly against having Costco and four equivocated in their positions. Reasons for the disappointment included:
 - Loss of potential tax revenue
 - Good use for the proposed land
 - Good shopping at low prices
 - Good employment opportunities
 - The park services that would have accompanied the PUD plan.

Restaurants and Entertainment Issues:

- Many residents think there are far too many fast-food restaurants already located in Scio.
- Residents would like to see more non-chain family style sit-down restaurants; some ethnic food restaurants (Mexican, Italian, Chinese); a Starbucks or non-chain coffee shop; and fine dining restaurants (i.e. restaurants that have wine lists.)

Scio Township:

- Five respondents commented that they love living in Scio.

2. Open Space, Parks and Recreation

- Roughly four in ten Scio residents are satisfied with the township’s performance on a variety of items relating to preservation of open spaces, clean water, farms and natural resources.
 - Those dissatisfied range between 16% and 19%.
 - Especially regarding Scio’s preservation activities, large percentages say they do not know enough to determine if they are satisfied – yet very few claim such activities are not important.
- On average, voters would allocate of Proposal J funds to the purchase of lands or interests in land that provide open and view spaces in the township without public access (e.g. farm lands, natural preserves). They would then allocate the other half of the funds to natural preserves with public access and lands for parks.
- A large majority of residents disagrees with the statement that Scio does not need additional public parks.
- Interest in parks for active team sports is strong, especially among residents of the more urban sub-areas of Jackson Corridor, Sister Lakes (SE Area) and Dexter Village.
- Interest in larger parks for relaxed activities is even stronger, and it is strongest among the Sister Lakes and Jackson Corridor residents. People living in the northern half of Scio express less support for such parks, yet a half or more still favor having them for Scio.
- Areas that appear underserved with respect to parks are the more urban sectors in the southern half of the township, especially the Jackson Corridor and Sister Lakes.
- About 1/3 of residents would like additional public access to the Huron River for kayaks and canoe entry.
- Scio’s residents actively use the parks that are currently available. Park usage is very high - almost all have used a public park in the past 12 months – 85%.
- An even higher percentage of residents say they or their family members participate in some form of recreation or exercise activity. Walkers are most common (88%), but half the township’s residents go biking or use indoor fitness facilities. Six percent actually goes canoeing or kayaking.
- Despite active participation in exercise and recreation activities and a strong interest in having more public parks in Scio, residents do not strongly favor an increase in property taxes to provide these parks.
 - However, they do strongly support charging user fees for township park facilities and maintenance, should the township decide to provide parks.

CHART 2A: FOUR OUT OF TEN RESIDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH SCIO'S PERFORMANCE ON SEVERAL PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES

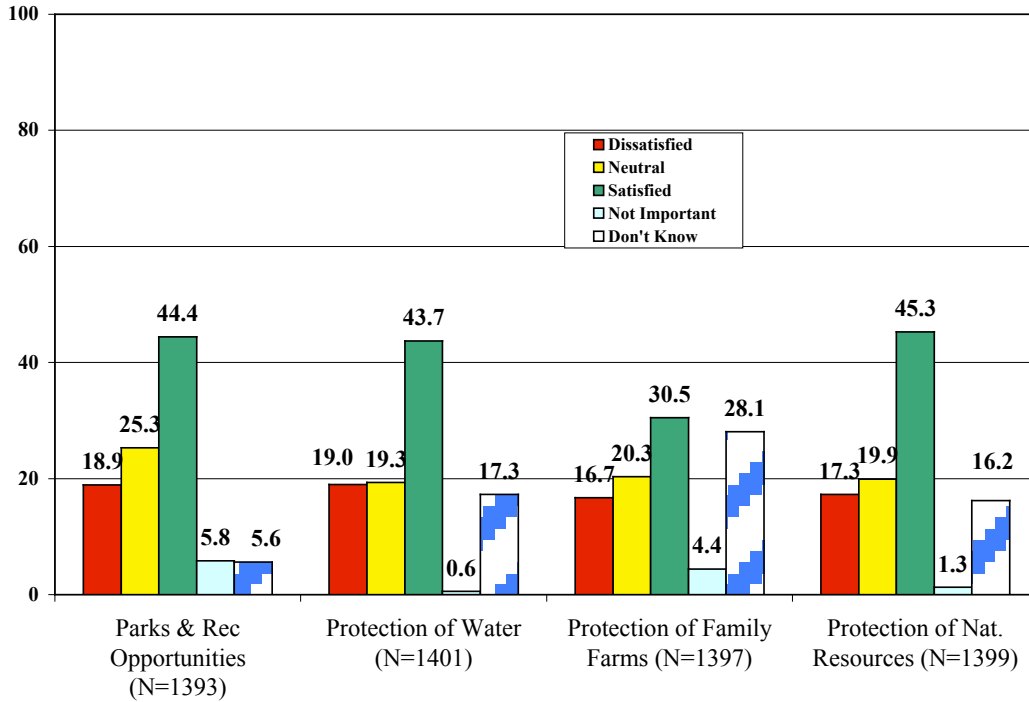


CHART 2B: HOW RESIDENTS THINK THAT PROPOSAL J FUNDS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED

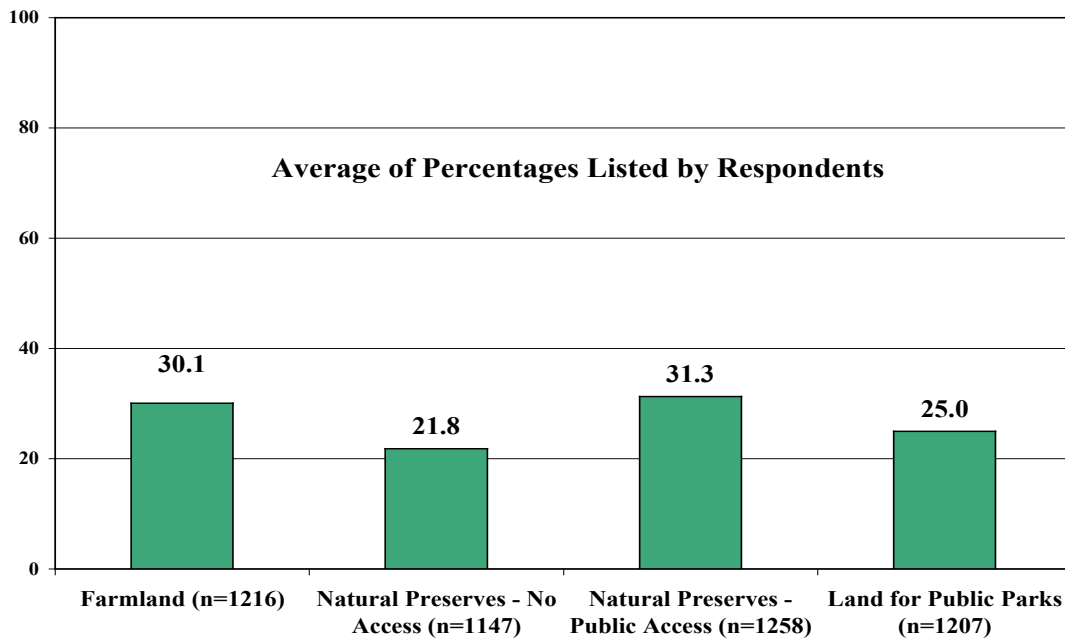
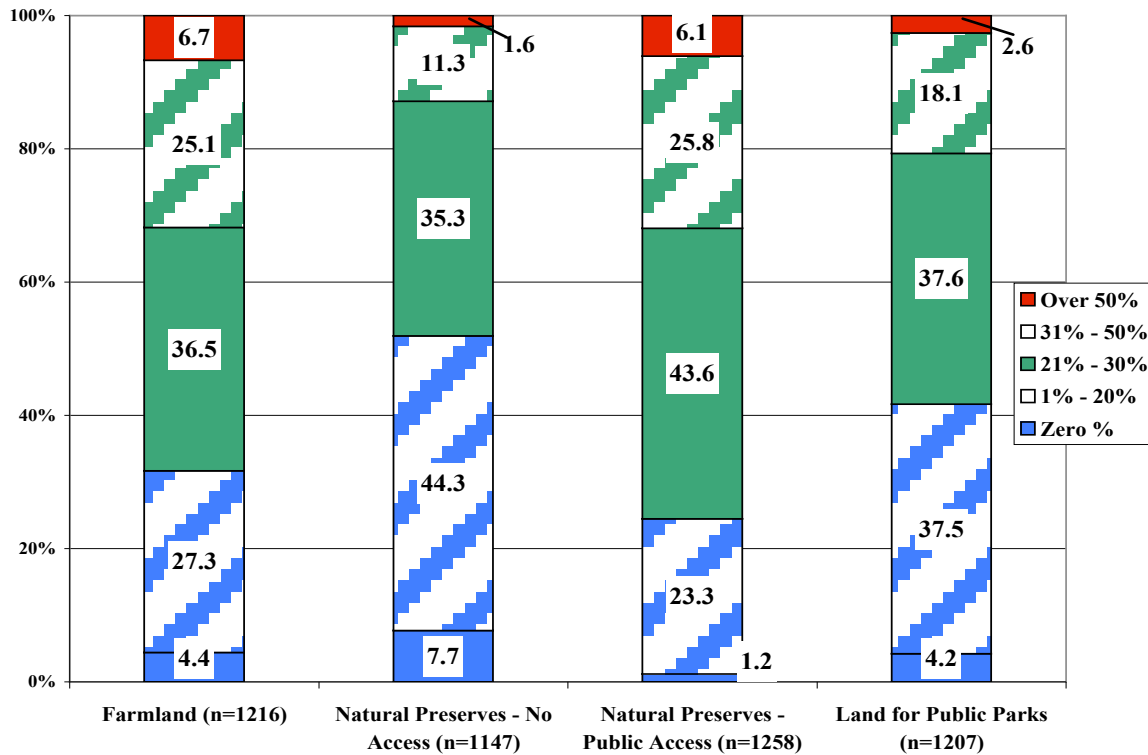


CHART 2C: DISTRIBUTION SHOWING HOW RESIDENTS WOULD ALLOCATE PROPOSAL J FUNDS



- Looking at the distributions of responses, it is clear that two-thirds of respondents would not allocate more than 30% of the funds to any one of these land purchase types. Similarly, very few would allocate no funds to any one of them. An examination of those who would allocate between 21% and 50% helps to understand the information from the average percentages presented in Chart 2B above:
 - **62%** would allocate between 21% and 50% to farmland.
 - **47%** would allocate between 21% and 50% to natural preserves without public access.
 - **69%** would allocate between 21% and 50% to natural preserves with public access.
 - **56%** would allocate between 21% and 50% to land for public parks.

TABLE 1: OPINIONS VARY REGARDING PARKS ISSUES
(Percentages of All Respondents Who indicate Agree, Disagree or Don't Know)

Statements	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
Scio does not need to provide more parks (n=1393)	34.2%	49.9%	15.9%
[Want] public parks for active recreation (n=1391)	50.9%	36.5%	12.6%
[Want] public parks for relaxed outdoor activities (n=1392)	62.7%	30.3%	7.0%
My area of [Scio] needs more public parks (n=1382)	37.4%	50.8%	11.8%
Scio needs [more] public access to the Huron River (n=1383)	40.0%	35.1%	24.9%

Note: Percentages do not sum to 100% because the non-response percentages are not included.

TABLE 2: THERE ARE WIDE DIFFERENCES IN HOW THE TOWNSHIP SECTORS REGARD PARKS ISSUES
(Percent from Each Sub-area Saying AGREE to Statement)

Statements	Jackson	NE	NW	SW	SE	Dexter
Scio does not need to provide more parks (n=1393)	27.1%	46.8%	58.3%	38.2%	29.6%	40.4%
[want] public parks for active recreation (n=1391)	73.4%	50.1%	47.5%	58.2%	64.4%	68.6%
[want] public parks for relaxed outdoor activities (n=1392)	80.8%	60.3%	55.3%	69.2%	76.9%	69.4%
My area of [Scio] needs more public parks (n=1382)	64.0%	31.7%	25.0%	44.4%	61.7%	33.1%
Scio needs [more] public access to the Huron River (n=1383)	66.2%	51.6%	40.4%	52.1%	57.0%	54.2%

Note: Percentage base includes only the "Agree/Disagree" votes – "Don't Know" has been counted as missing data.

CHART 2D: IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, MOST RESIDENTS HAVE USED LOCAL PARKS

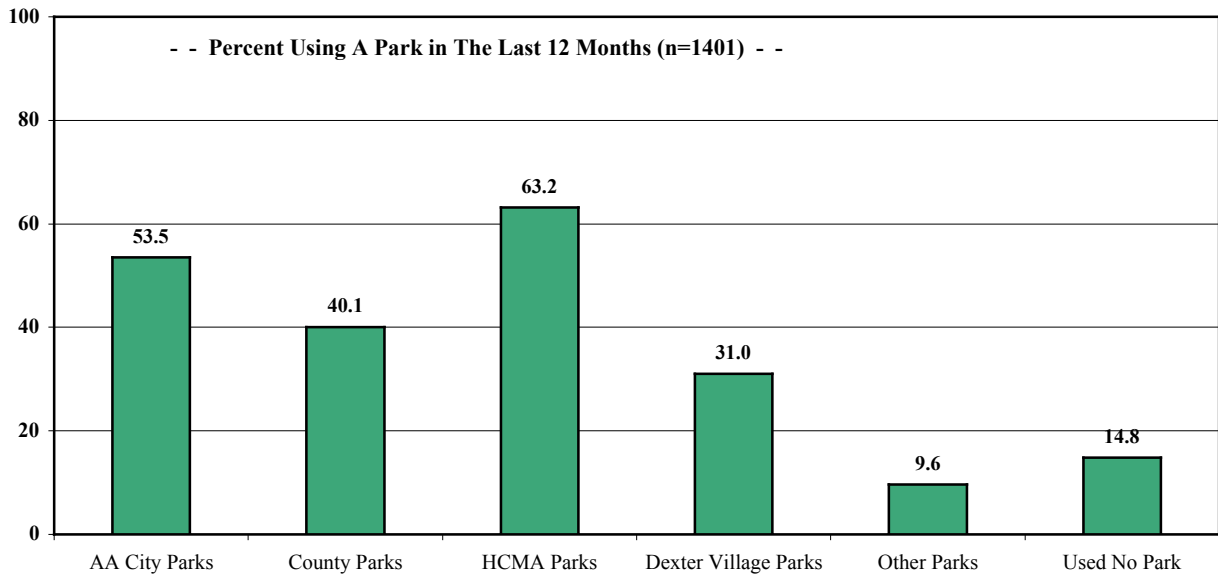


CHART 2E: PARTICIPATION OF SELF OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN EXERCISE ACTIVITIES IS EXTREMELY HIGH

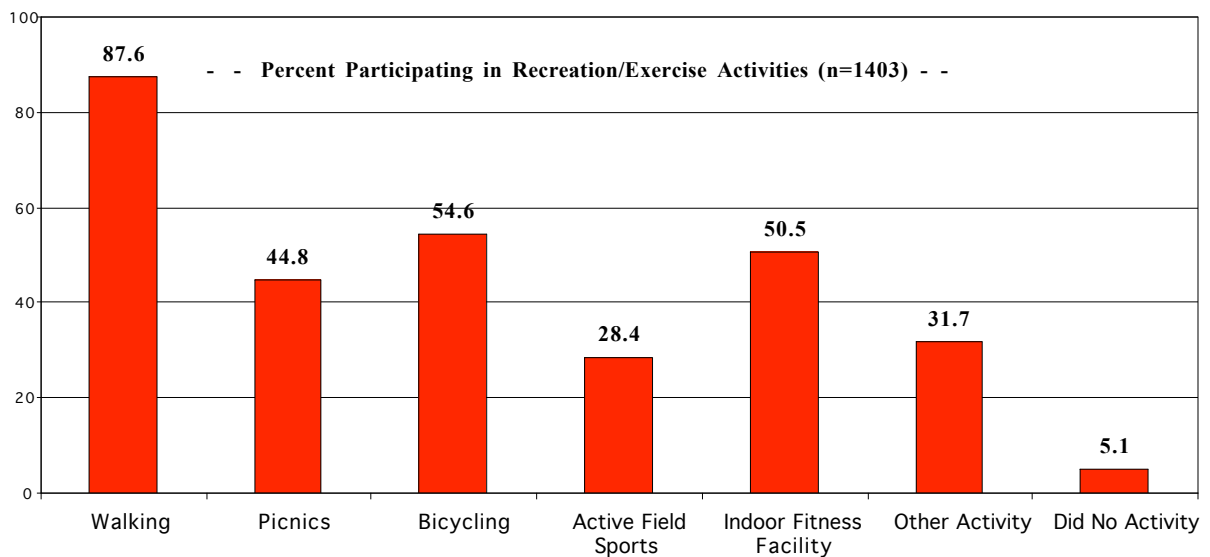


CHART 2F: USING TAXES TO PAY FOR PUBLIC PARKS IN SCIO IS NOT POPULAR

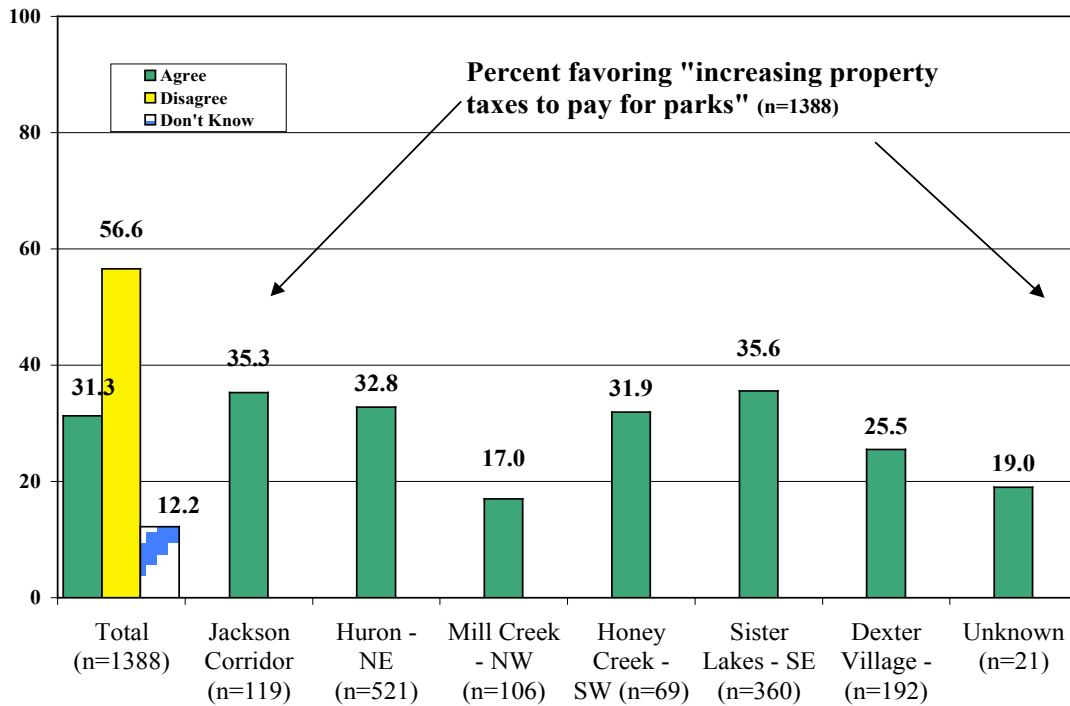
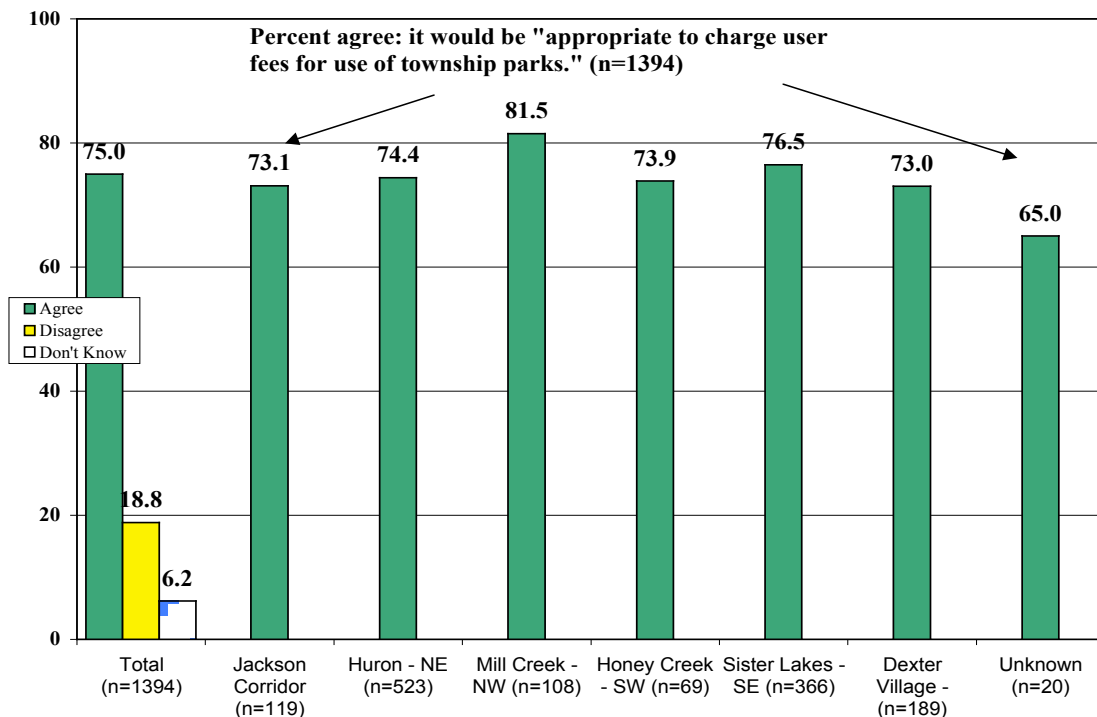


CHART 2G: MOST RESIDENTS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CHARGE USER FEES FOR USE OF SCIO'S PARKS



Comments from Respondents on Open Space, Proposal J, Parks and Recreation

Issues relating to Scio's rural character and its natural systems (water protections, the river, woodlands and wetlands) stimulated 281 respondent comments. This number represents 19.8% of all respondents to the survey.

- "Rural" is a significant component of Scio Township's identity and residents do not want that to change. They mention moving out to Scio particularly to enjoy its rural character.
- Preservation of open space is a priority. Residents see future development as a threat to the existing open spaces in Scio.
- The Pall-Gelman plume was most commonly mentioned among environmental concerns. Residents worry about the impact of this plume on property values of properties in the path of its spread.
- Protection and maintenance of trees is also a concern. People want to prevent developers from removing trees unnecessarily. They also want removal and replacement of dead Ash trees.
- Residents are concerned about the effect of development on the Huron River's watershed area. Protecting the river is important.
- A few residents mentioned concern for the loss of animal habitat, specifically wetlands.

Paths for walking and bike riding stimulated 153 respondent comments, representing 10.8% of all respondents to the survey.

- While both biking paths and sidewalks are desired, most of the specific mentions refer to biking paths.
- The most frequently mentioned need is for a bike path along Huron River Drive. It is clear that many bikers use this route for recreation. Some appear to use it also for commuting purposes.
 - Bikers believe this is a very unsafe, but desirable biking area.
 - Vehicle drivers are exceedingly frustrated by the presence of bikers on this road. They worry about the danger bikers place drivers in when they occupy a large portion of the road, and about backed up traffic caused by bikers. They also worry about biker safety.
 - Some respondents do not think that all residents should have to bear the cost of providing a bike path that will be used by a small percentage of Township residents.
- Other commonly mentioned locations for bike paths include: Zeeb Road, Wagner Road and Scio Church Road. These roads are mentioned as routes for commuting to work and to local shops and services.

Parks and Recreation issues stimulated 90 respondent comments, representing 6.3% of all respondents.

- Those desiring additional parks often cite a desire for features not included as part of the survey, e.g. playgrounds for kids and dog parks.
- Some residents say that Scio has enough parks in the area, while others would like to see a park system like Ann Arbor's.
- A few residents requested that the Township provide a map of local parks.

3. Jackson Road Corridor and Economic Development

- Residents generally support the planning principle of concentrating commercial development along the Jackson Road Corridor and retail enterprises at the three major intersections (Wagner, Zeeb and Baker Roads.)
- Perspectives regarding how Jackson should develop are more diverse, except that four in ten want large scale (warehouse) shopping venues and four in ten do not.
- Ratings of economic factors affecting Scio are mixed. About one in five does not know how to rate these issues.
- Residents are clear that they would like the township to pursue economic development and job creation actively – more than two-thirds say “Yes” to this question.

CHART 3A: RESIDENTS LIKE CONCENTRATION OF COMMERCE ON JACKSON ROAD, BUT HOW JACKSON SHOULD FIGURE IN SCIO'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS LESS CLEAR.

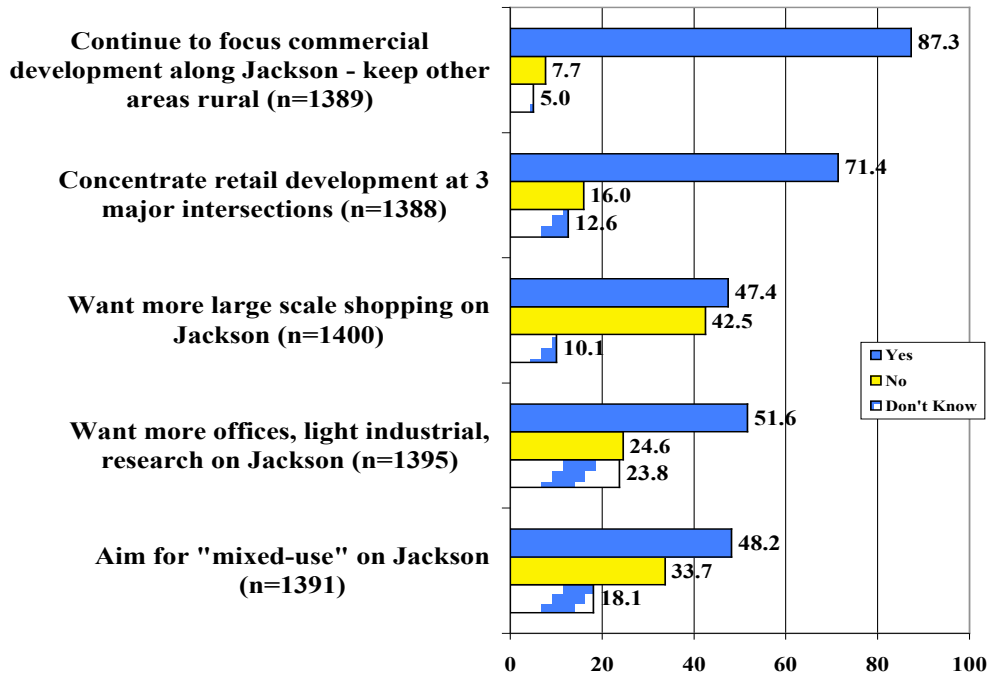


CHART 3B: OPINIONS ON ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING SCIO ARE MIXED – MANY ARE NEUTRAL AND MANY SATISFIED, BUT 1 IN 5 DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS.

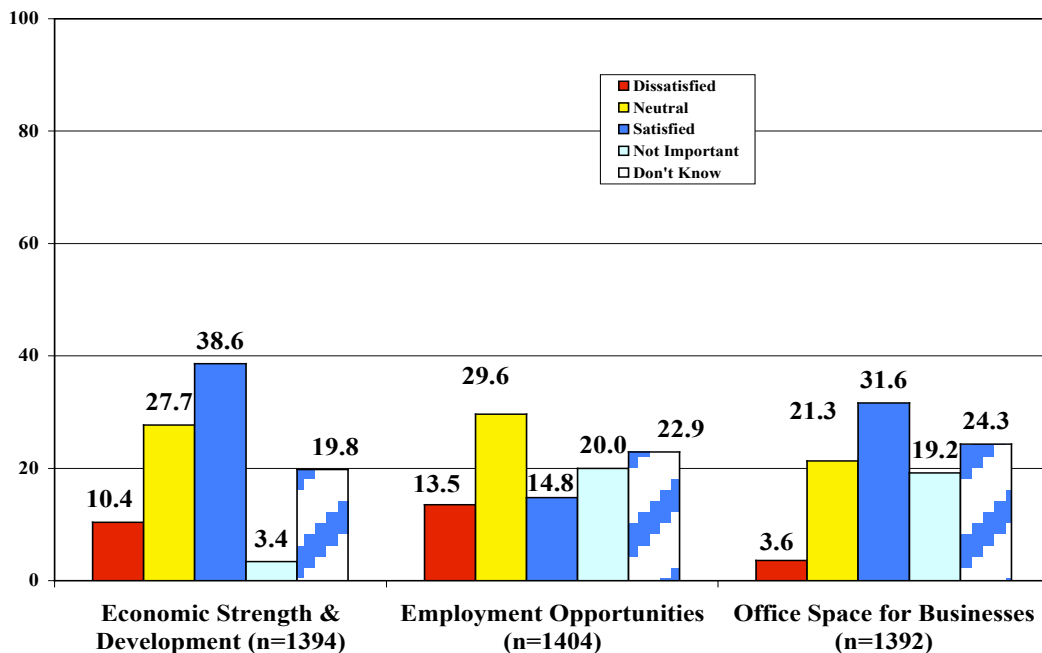
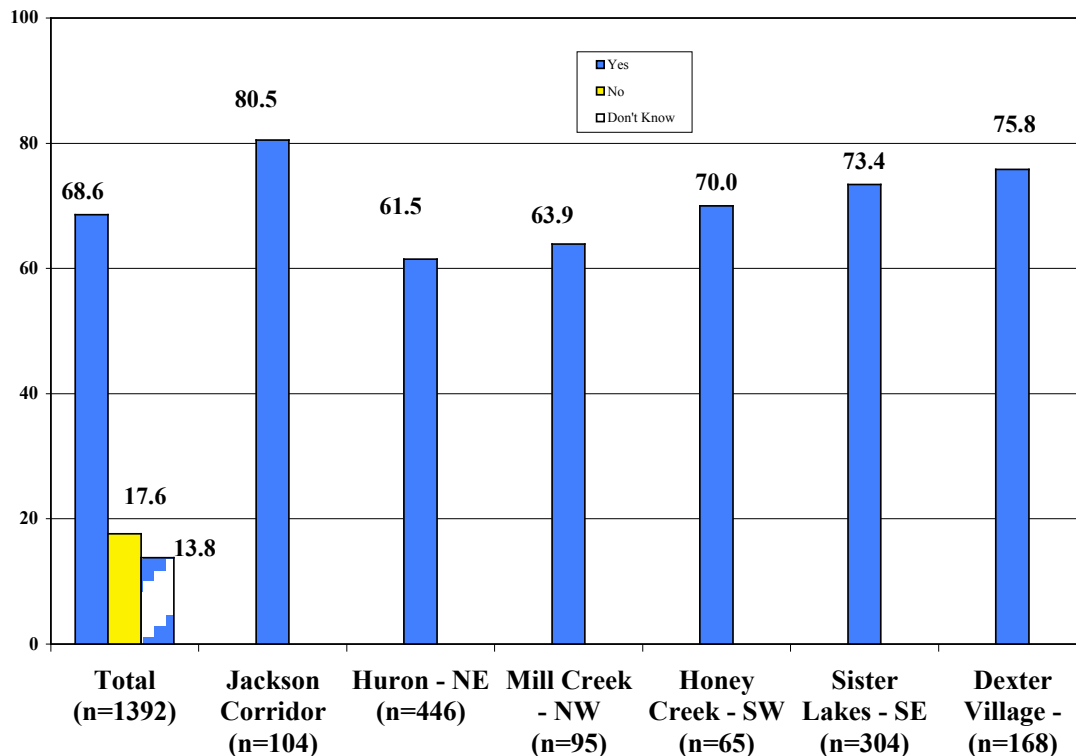


CHART 3C: RESIDENTS BELIEVE THAT SCIO SHOULD ACTIVELY PURSUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION.



- Survey demographics indicate that overall, only 11% of residents are employed in Scio and 9% own businesses in the township. Jackson Corridor residents are more positive toward having the township pursue economic development and job creation than are residents of other sectors.

Comments from Respondents on The Jackson Corridor And Economic Development

One hundred fourteen respondents (8.0%) offered comments about the Jackson Road Corridor and economic development related issues.

- Several respondents mention the current appearance of Jackson as an ugly mish-mash of structures. They wish there were design standards for the area, even a specific plan that might include a park.
- Many people support the Master Plan concept of concentrating commercial development along Jackson. Some mention that they do not want commercial development to creep north or south along Zeeb or other cross roads.
- Respondents have a wide variety of ideas as to what commercial development on Jackson should include. Some want big box stores on Jackson, others definitely do not want them.
- Many people mention having a better mix of services along the corridor: e.g. too many banks, fast-food restaurants and dealerships.

4. Planning Scio's Future

- A “Sense of Community” is a non-issue for most Scio residents. More than 50% say they are “Neutral” on the subject, or it is “Not Important” to them.
- Residents are generally negative towards the idea of developing a Town Center – four in ten say “No” to the concept, and a quarter say they “Don’t Know.”
- Should a Town Center be developed, however, residents would like it to be a mixed-use plan that includes residences, government offices and township services as well as local shopping. Nearly two-thirds say it should not be a “regional shopping venue” that services western Washtenaw and environs.
 - Opinions diverge regarding whether a Town Center should extend across I-94 to North Zeeb Road. Those in the northern half of the township more likely to be against such an expansion than people living south of I-94.
 - Most residents would not favor increasing property taxes to pay for public facilities that might be included in a Town Center, such as a senior center or a community sports and recreation center. Yet, half of Jackson Corridor residents would favor increasing property taxes to pay for it.
- Just under half of residents would like their neighborhoods to stay as they are now. Another four in ten would accept minor, appropriate changes to their neighborhoods. Only Jackson Corridor residents say that big changes may be needed to integrate new developments and residences in their neighborhood.
- About half of Scio residents thinks that small increases in property taxes may be needed to pay for a few additional public services. Just over a third thinks that keeping taxes low should be a priority in the township.

CHART 4A: A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY IS A NON-ISSUE FOR MOST RESIDENTS – THEY ARE EITHER NEUTRAL IN THEIR SATISFACTION RATINGS, OR SAY THE ISSUE IS “NOT IMPORTANT.”

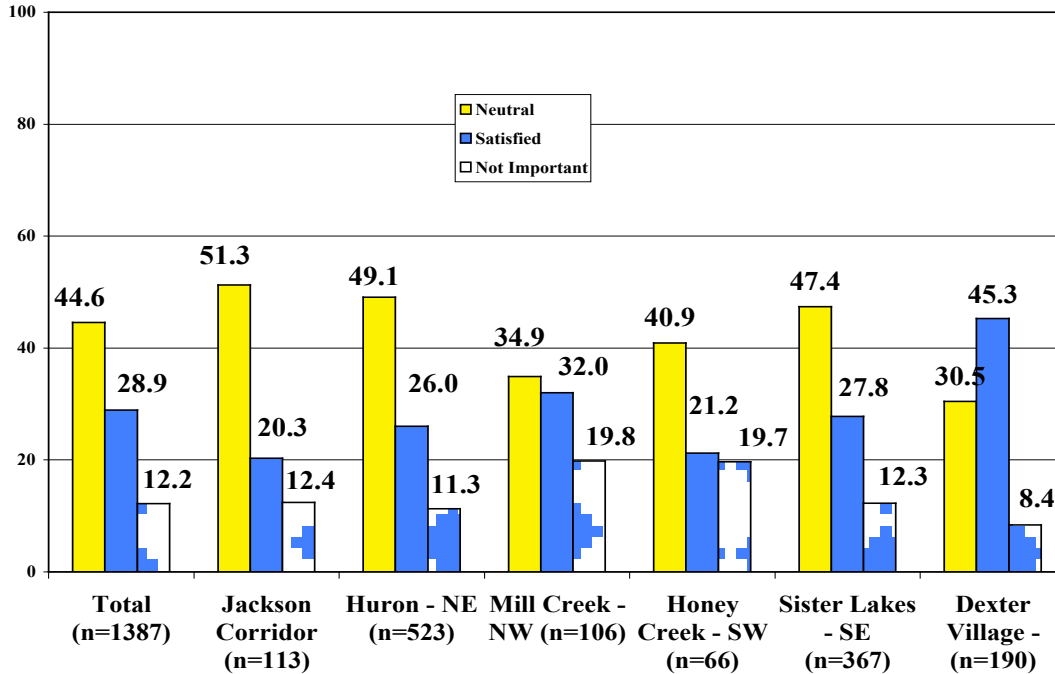


CHART 4B: SCIO RESIDENTS DO NOT THINK THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD DEVELOP A TOWN CENTER TO HELP DEFINE SCIO’S IDENTITY – FOUR IN TEN SAY NO TO THIS CONCEPT.

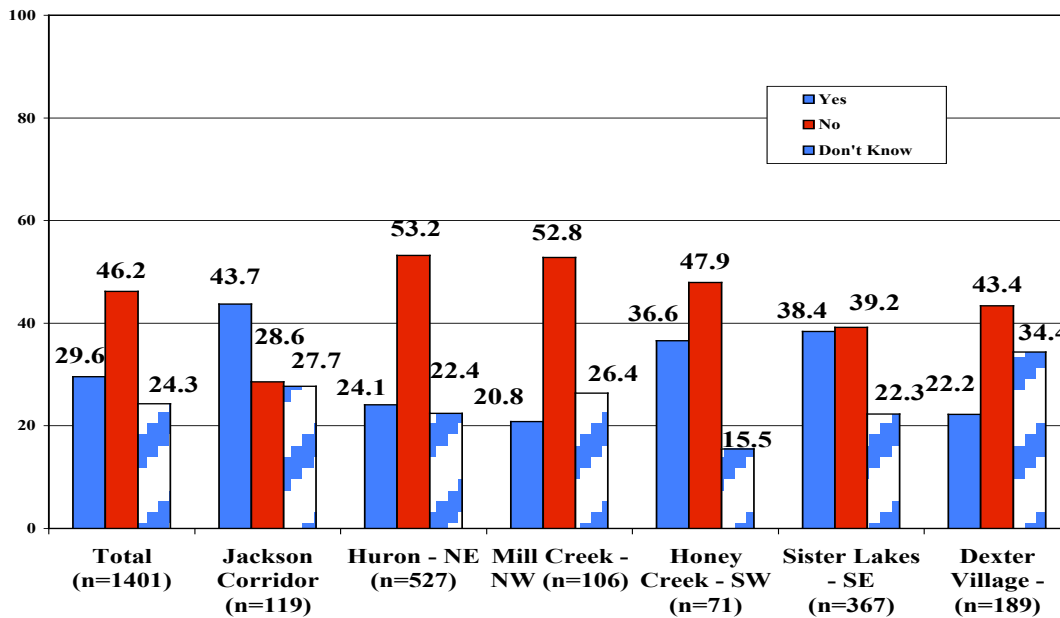


TABLE 4A: OPINIONS VARY REGARDING HOW A TOWN CENTER SHOULD BE DEVELOPED – IF ONE IS DEVELOPED

Statements	Yes	No	Don't Know
The Town Center should be a mixed-use development (n=1372)	44.8%	38.3%	16.8%
The Town Center should be a regional shopping venue service western Washtenaw and environs (n=1377)	23.7%	60.3%	16.0%
The Town Center should . . . also include governmental offices (n=1370)	55.3%	31.8%	12.9%
The Town Center should have public facilities such as: a senior center, branch library or a community sports and recreation center. (n=1377)	60.2%	27.2%	12.6%
Should the Town Center extend across I-94 to the north along Zeeb Road? (n=1375)	36.4%	36.6%	27.1%

- Despite little support for developing a Town Center, a majority of residents favor having the Town Center as a mixed-use development including governmental office and public facilities. But the Town Center should be local in focus rather than developed as a regional shopping venue.
- Whether residents think a Town Center should extend across I-94 to north Zeeb Road depends on where they live. Those in the northern half of the township are more likely to say “No”. Those in other parts of the township are more likely to say “Yes”. (Note: data for this information is not presented in Table A.)
- Nearly two-thirds of residents say they would not favor an increase in property taxes to pay for public facilities in a Town Center, such as a community sports and recreation center, a senior center or a community performance space.
 - Half of the Jackson Corridor residents say they would favor an increase in property taxes to pay for Town Center facilities such as a senior center, a community sports and recreation center or a community performance space.
 - Residents in the other sectors range between 68% and 90% against an increase in taxes for this purpose. The Mill Creek residents are most strongly against, with 90% saying No.

CHART 4C: VIEWS TOWARD FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OF THE TOWNSHIP WHERE PEOPLE LIVE DIFFER NOTABLY ACROSS TOWNSHIP SECTORS.

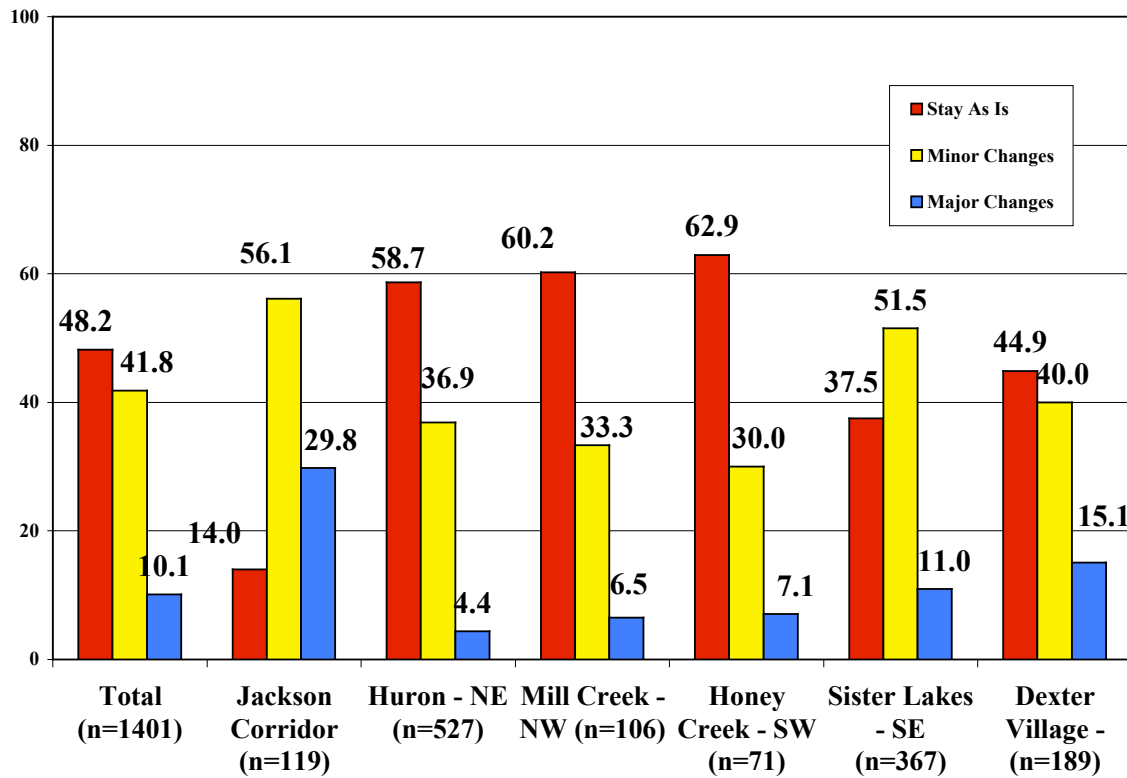
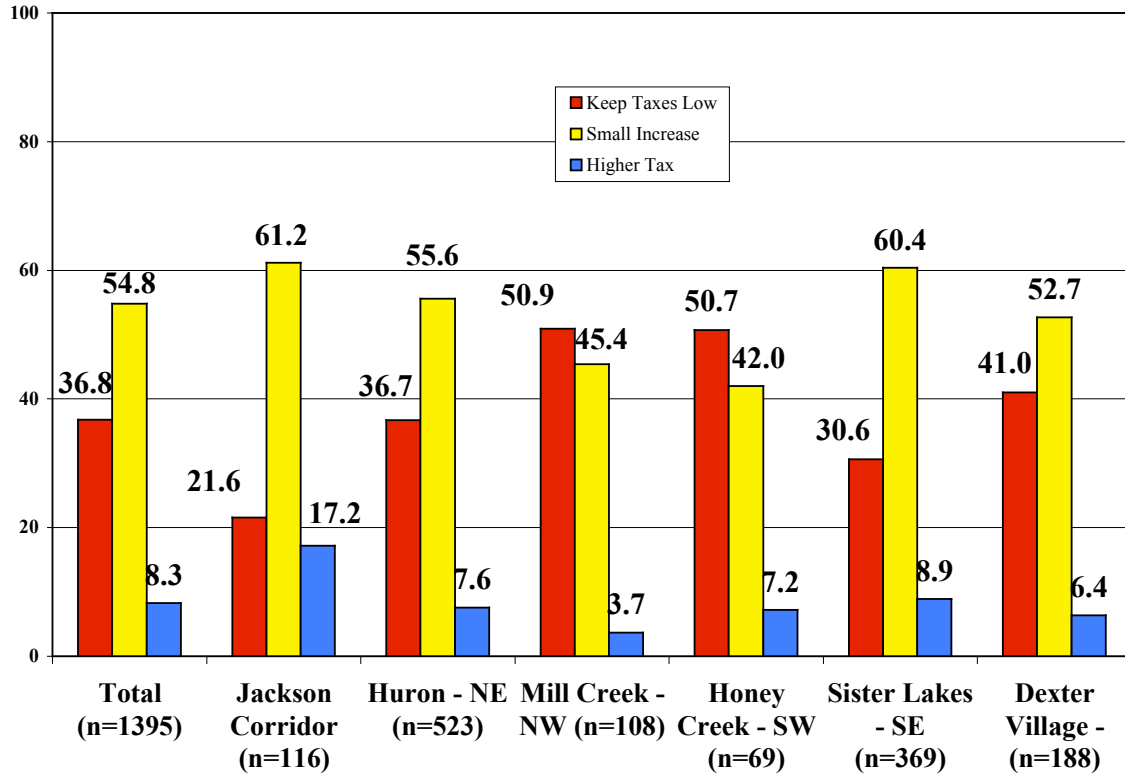


CHART 4D: VIEWS TOWARD PROPERTY TAX PRIORITIES ALSO VARY NOTABLY ACROSS TOWNSHIP SECTORS



What residents would support with property tax increases:

- Among all residents, 31% indicate that they would favor increasing property taxes to pay for parks in the township – Jackson Corridor and Sister Lakes residents are strongest in favoring increases in taxes to public parks, with 35% and 36% respectively favoring more taxes to pay for parks. Mill Creek residents are the least favorable, with just 17% favoring them.
- Residents of the Jackson Corridor are most favorable towards tax support for public facilities in a Town Center should one be developed (39% say “Yes”), while the Mill Creek and Dexter Village residents are least favorable, with 8% and 16% respectively saying “No”.
- Jackson Corridor residents are also the most favorable toward increasing property taxes to pay for public transportation on Jackson Boulevard. While more than two-thirds of residents in all other sectors do not favor paying for public transportation with additional property taxes, just 38% of Jackson Corridor residents do not favor it. Stated in the positive, while 18% of residents overall favor tax increases for public transportation, 37% of Jackson Corridor residents would favor them.

Comments from Respondents on Planning Scio's Future

Planning and design issues are the focus of comments from 82 respondents (5.8% of the total.) Tax issues are the concern of 120 respondents (8.5%), but these include an array of topics not relating directly to planning Scio's future.

- Respondents mention “connectivity” as an issue, meaning they would like to see pedestrian access from residential areas to commercial areas and to other residential areas.
- A few respondents mention that they would like the planning commission to be more supportive/responsive to developers. Some say that the planning commission has too much input into developments.
- Some respondents support planning commission's adherence to the Master Plan. Some mention that the processes for development in the township need to change.
- Resistance to development relates to concerns about traffic problems – this is one of the main stated reasons causing people to be against future development.

Fifty-two respondents comment on the Town Center concept (3.7% of all respondents.)

- Residents who do not want a Town Center explain that it would be redundant to create what Ann Arbor and Dexter already offer.
 - It would be difficult, if not impossible, to replicate the quality of amenities found in other near-by city centers.
 - The need for additional infrastructure and loss of green space to develop a Town Center are too costly for the amount of gain from such a center.
- Those supportive of a Town Center desire it to be a social, community-gathering place, not a commercial or retail focused entity. It should be pedestrian friendly.
- Both those favoring a Town Center and those against it oppose tax dollars being used to develop it.

5. Public Safety

- Scio residents feel safe in Scio. Nine out of ten people say the safety of the township and their neighborhood is “Very Good” or “Excellent.” People are more likely to rate their neighborhoods as “Excellent” on safety than to give the township an “Excellent” rating.
 - Residents of the northeast sector are twice as likely to say their neighborhood safety is “Excellent” than are residents of the Jackson Corridor.
- Half of residents say the level of police protection is “About Right,” but four in ten say it is “Too Little.” Jackson Corridor residents are more likely to say there is “Too Little” police protection than residents of other sectors.
- Scio’s residents are comfortable with the level of fire protection in the township. Eight in ten say it is “About Right.”
- Just over half of Scio’s residents have had to use Scio’s safety services. Police service was more often called upon than fire or EMT.
- A couple of respondents questioned the township’s ability to respond to large scale emergencies, wondering if there were a plan in place to handle disasters.

CHART 5A: RESIDENTS BELIEVE THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SAFER THAN THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE.

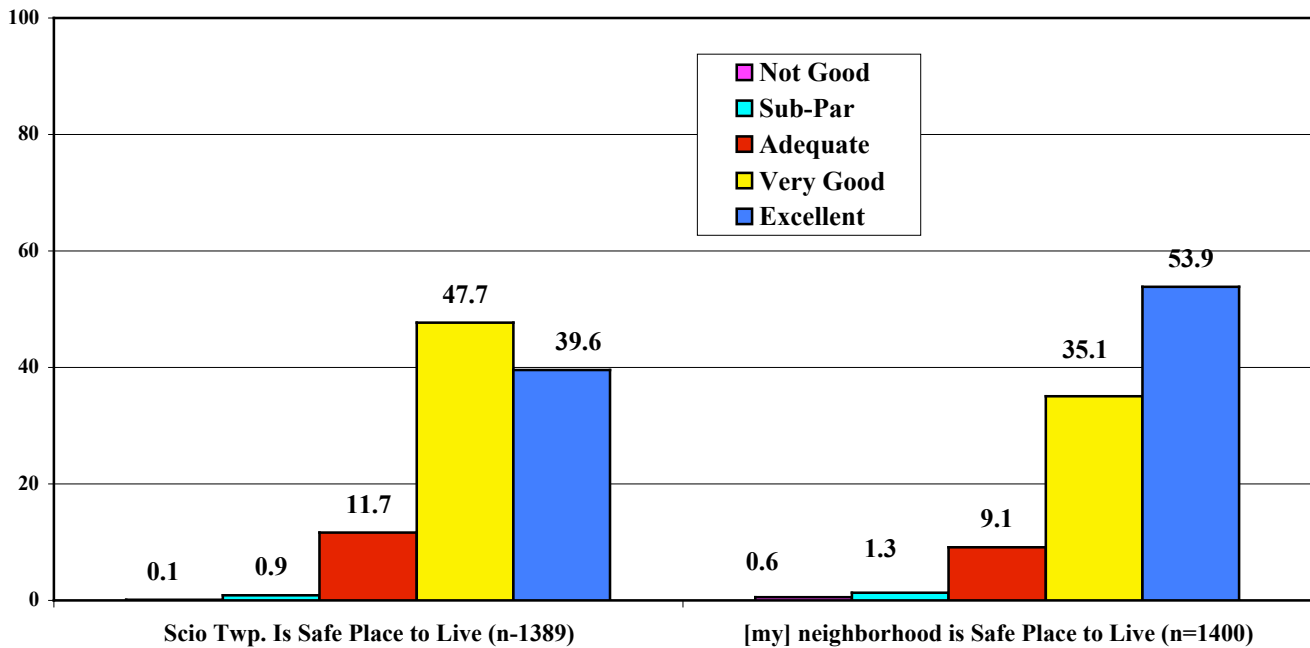


CHART 5B: PERCEPTIONS OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY VARY STRONGLY ACROSS THE SECTORS WHERE RESIDENTS LIVE.

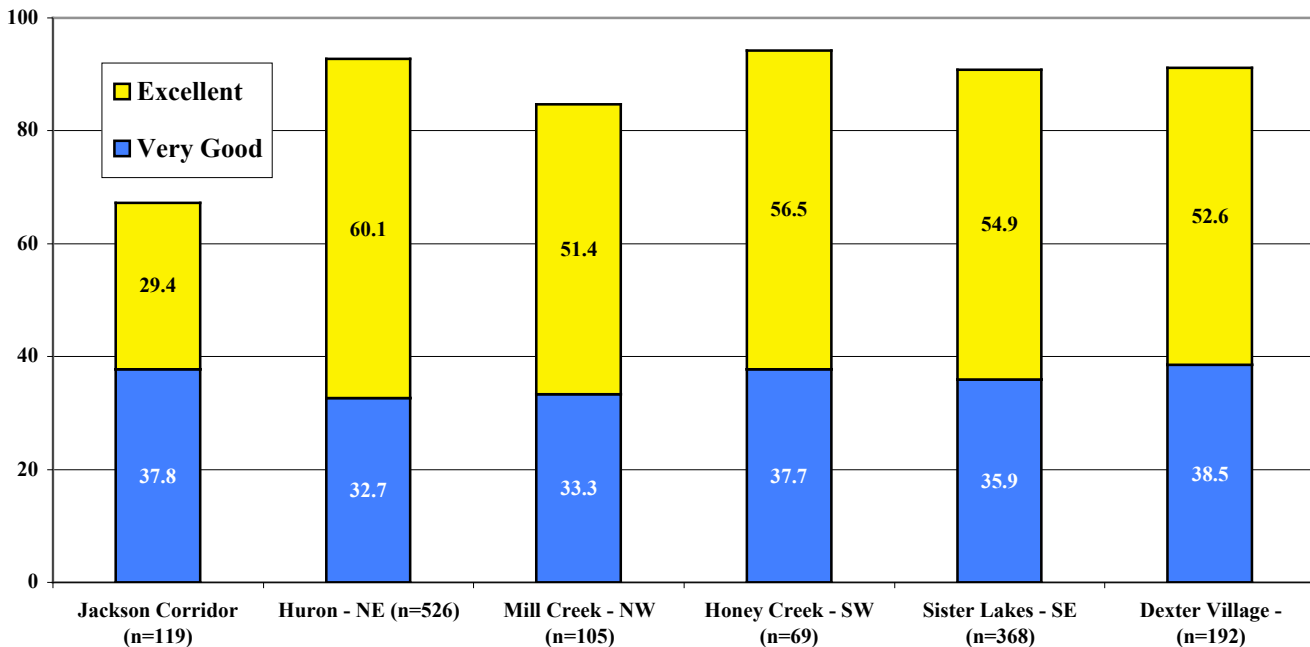


CHART 5C: A MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS SAY THE LEVEL OF POLICE PROTECTION IS ABOUT RIGHT, BUT SOME AREAS SAY THEY HAVE TOO LITTLE PROTECTION.

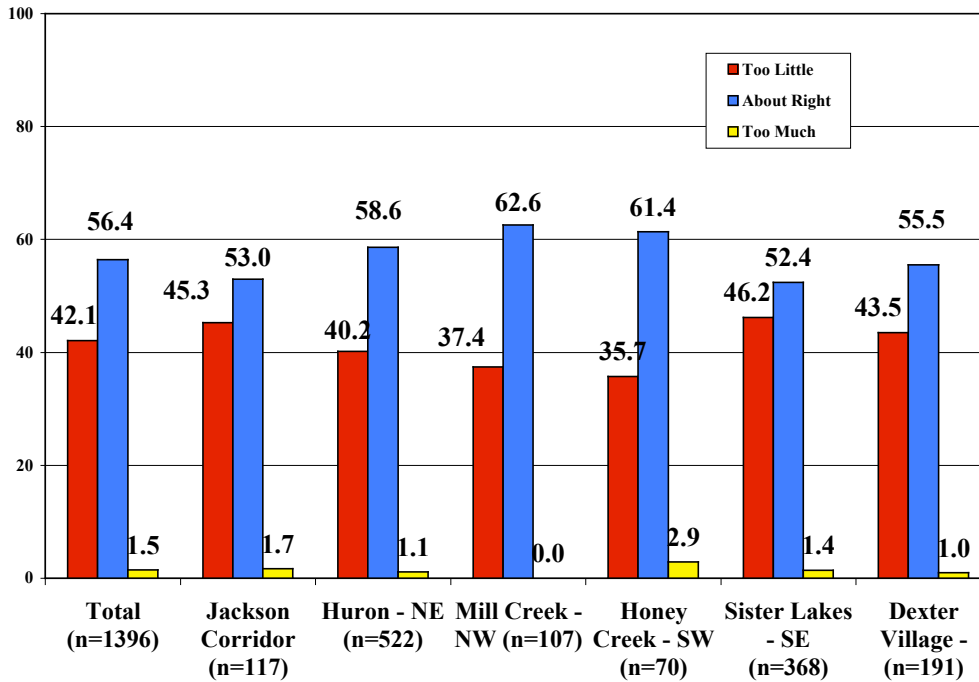


CHART 5D: RESIDENTS ARE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FIRE PROTECTION, WITH EIGHT IN TEN CLAIMING IT IS “ABOUT RIGHT.”

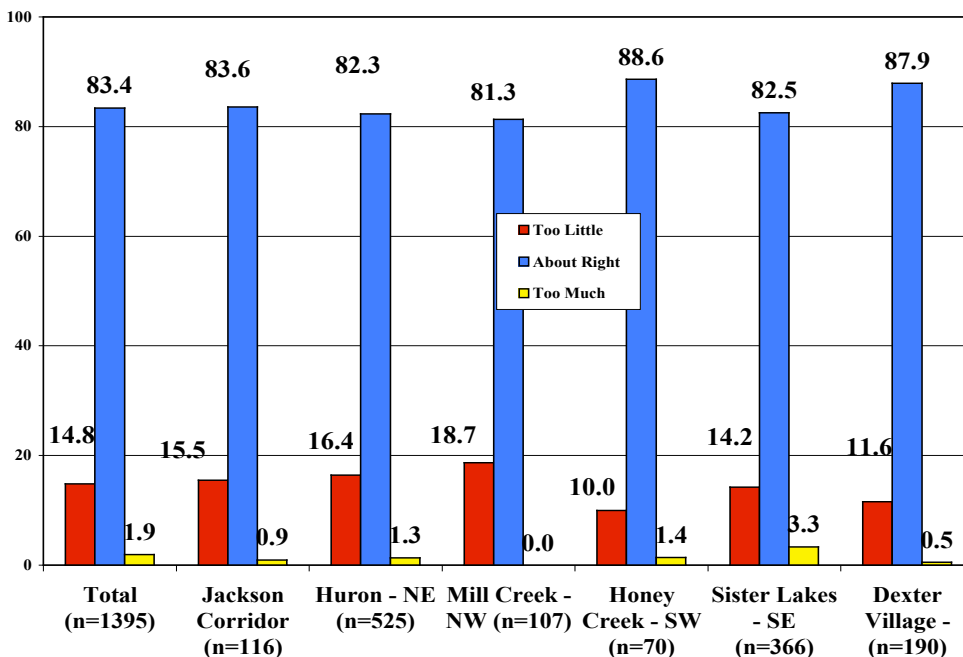
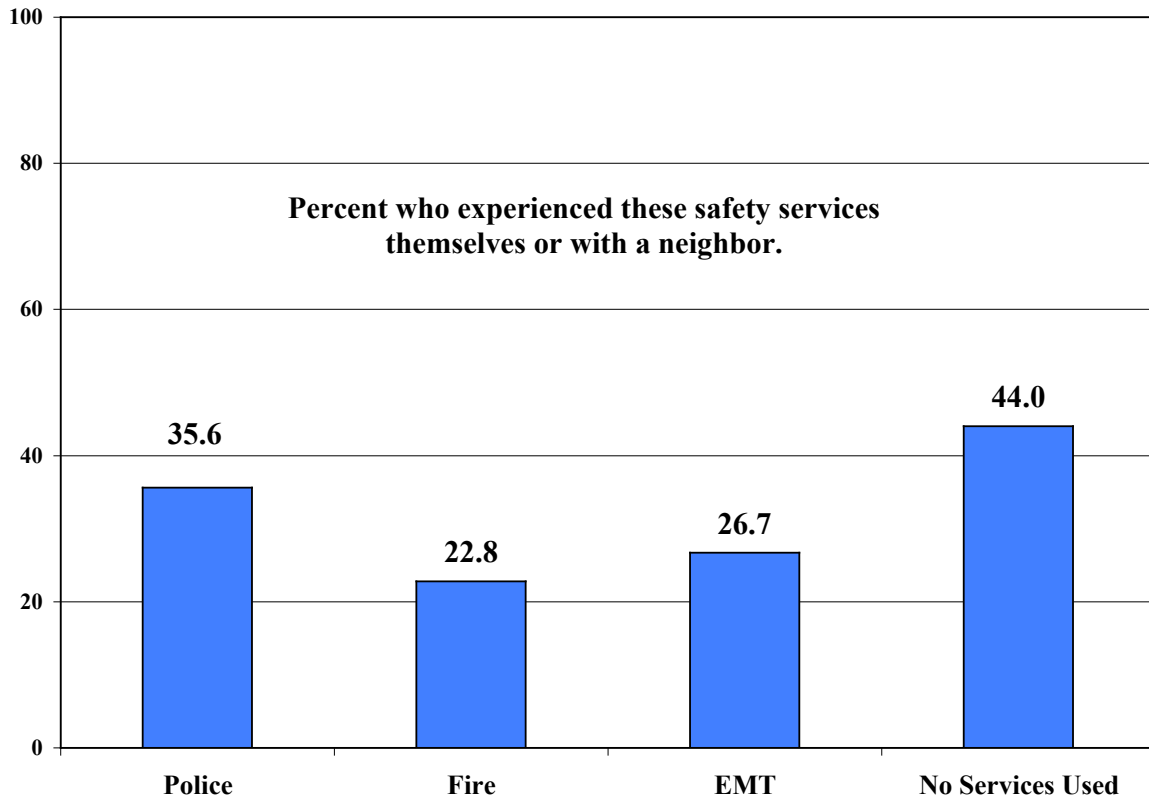


CHART 5E: JUST UNDER HALF OF SCIO RESIDENTS HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE SAFETY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWNSHIP.



Comments from Residents Regarding Public Safety Issues

Police and fire protection issues are the subject of comments by 88 respondents, representing 6.2% of the total.

- Many people just speak to safety, crime and police presence without elaborating specifics.
- Residents in Scio Farms, in particular, mention the need for more extensive police protection.
- Some respondents worry about response times and services in the event of emergencies.
- A few people mention that fire protection seems sufficient at the moment.
- A couple of respondents questioned the township's ability to respond to emergencies, wondering if there were a plan in place to handle disasters.
- Many respondents complain about vehicles speeding on various roads, and about the lack of police presence to control the speeding.
- Some specific comments relate to hunters in the De Vine preserve and hobo camps on private property along Jackson Road.
- A couple of respondents questioned the township's ability to respond to large scale emergencies, wondering if there were a plan in place to handle disasters.

6. Transportation and Roadways

- Scio’s roads are highly salient to residents. “Roads and Traffic” issues received the highest percentage of mentions provided by residents in their open-ended comments at the end of the survey. Thirty-nine percent of those who offered comments had something to say about roads and traffic in the township.
- Regarding satisfaction with road management, residents give “Accommodations for pedestrians . . . bicyclists” the lowest ratings. Most road management issues receive an “Adequate” rating – not excellent, but not bad either.
- There is strong support for developing a network of bike trails in the township (67% say “Yes”), and modest support for providing bus service along Jackson Road (42% say “Yes”.)
 - Jackson Corridor residents are strongest in their support for a bus service – 77% say Yes to this question.
- If a Jackson Road bus service were provided, almost 70% of residents say they would never use it. However, 31% of Jackson Corridor residents would use it daily or one-to two times a week.
- Almost two-thirds of residents do not favor increasing property taxes to pay for Jackson Road bus service.

TABLE 6A: RESIDENTS SAY ROAD MANAGEMENT FOR MOTORIZED TRAVEL IN SCIO IS “ADEQUATE” AT BEST, BUT IT IS DEFINITELY “NOT GOOD” WITH RESPECT TO NON-MOTORIZED TRAVEL.
(Percent of residents rating road management on each indicator)

Statements	Excellent	Adequate	Not Good	Don't Know
ROW maintenance, tree removal, drainage (n=1394)	33.6%	39.4%	19.2%	7.3%
Maintenance of bridges and culverts on public roads (n=1396)	26.3%	38.8%	23.0%	10.7%
Dust control on unpaved county roads (n=1394)	14.9%	31.2%	30.3%	23.3%
Accommodations for pedestrians (n=1391)	9.7%	26.6%	57.3%	6.2%
Accommodations for bicyclists (n=1396)	8.2%	23.3%	60.8%	7.7%
Ability to handle existing traffic loads (n=1398)	23.2%	43.4%	29.8%	3.6%

- Residents of the northwestern and southwestern sectors are particularly negative regarding the maintenance of bridges and culverts on public roads: 46% in the Mill Creek sector and 54% in the Honey Creek sector give negative ratings compared to 24% overall in the township.
- Dust control is an issue for the southwestern sector: 62% give negative ratings compared to 30% in the township overall.
- All sectors agree that accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists are not good.
- The northwestern (Mill Creek) and Dexter Village sectors are more concerned about the ability of roads to handle traffic loads than the rest of the township (52% and 45% compared to 29% in the township overall).
- Residents are moderately satisfied with the level of speed limit enforcement on public roads in Scio. Twenty-six percent say they are neutral, 29% are Moderately Satisfied and 14% are Very Satisfied. Only 17% say they are not satisfied.

(Note that some of the data reported above are not included in this table.)

CHART 6A: TWO-THIRDS OF RESIDENTS THINK SCIO SHOULD DEVELOP A NETWORK OF BICYCLE TRAILS FOR TRVEL AROUND THE TOWNSHIP, BUT RESIDENTS ARE LESS CERTAIN ABOUT HAVING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALONG JACKSON.

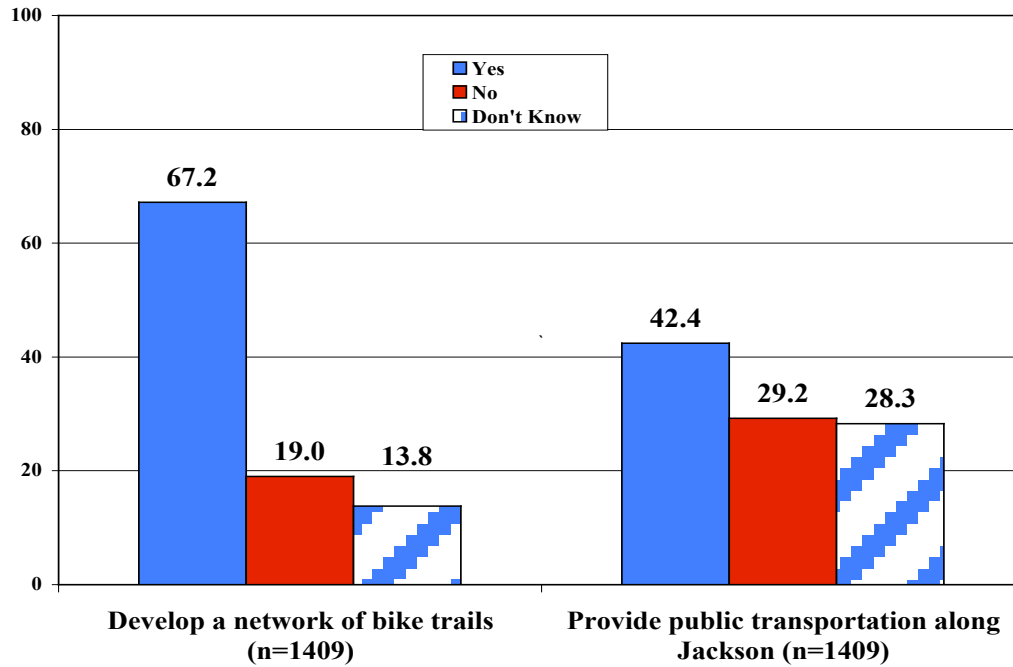


CHART 6B: JACKSON CORRIDOR RESIDENTS DIFFER FROM THE REST OF THE TOWNSHIP IN EXPRESSING FAR GREATER SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALONG JACKSON.

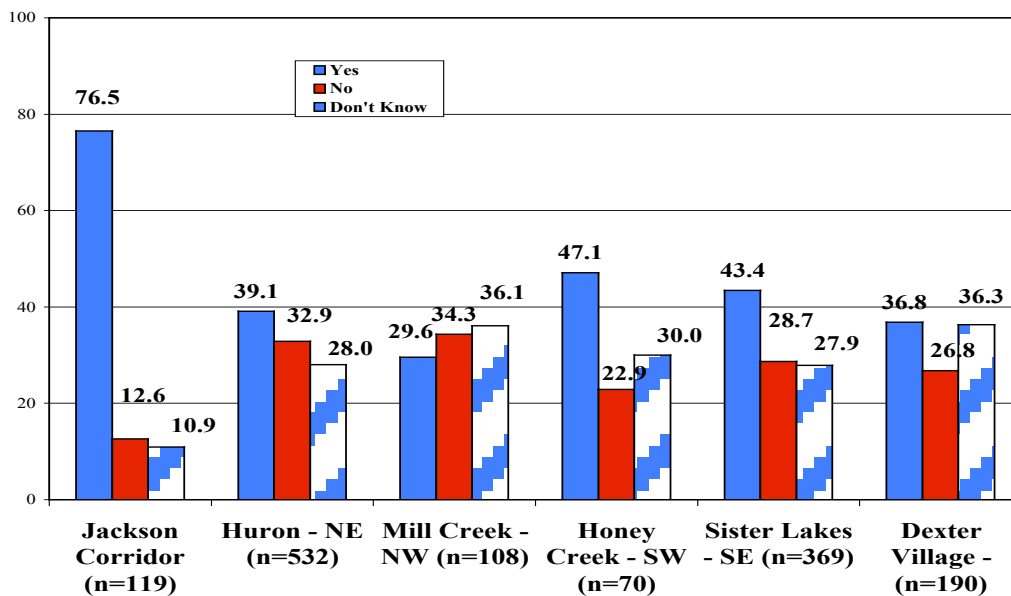


CHART 6C: ONE THIRD OF JACKSON CORRIDOR RESIDENTS WOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALONG JACKSON REGULARLY, BUT IN THE REST OF THE TOWNSHIP MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS WOULD NEVER USE IT.

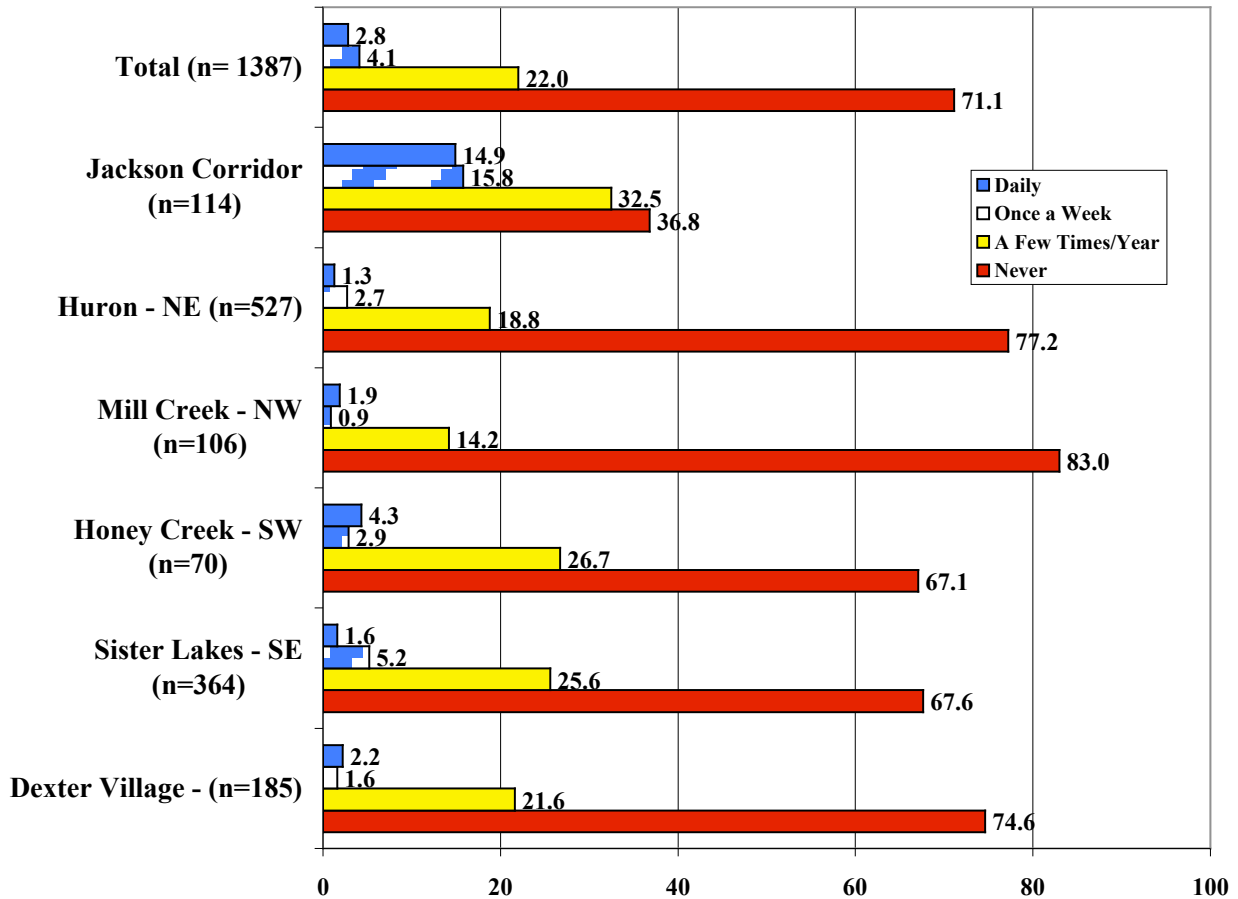
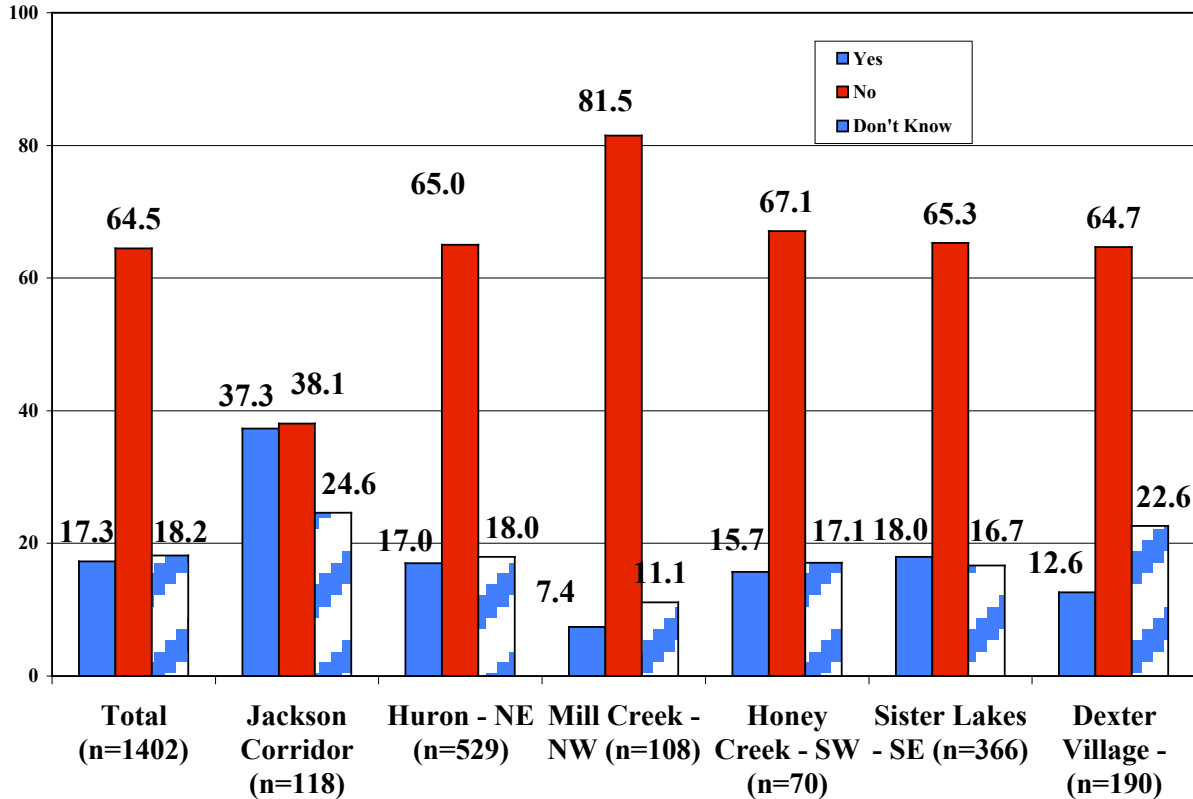


CHART 6D: IN MOST SECTORS MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF RESIDENTS DO NOT FAVOR INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES TO PAY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON JACKSON ROAD.



Comments from Residents Regarding Transportation and Roadway Issues

Roads and traffic issues stimulated by far the most comments of the survey, with 397 people raising such issues (28%.)

- Many of the comments relate to specific sections of Scio’s roadways, to intersection problems and crossings in need of traffic lights.
- Residents complain about the dirt roads, that they are poorly maintained with infrequent grading and dust control.
- Many residents note that the Jackson Boulevard median is often an eyesore and needs to be better maintained or redone to require less maintenance.
- The Delhi Bridge should be reconstructed.
- Of particular concern to residents in the northeastern sector are the proposed changes around the new high school. People worry about the additional traffic, about the traffic circles, and about safe walkways for pedestrian students.
- In general, people are saying that there is too much traffic.

Public transportation prompted 63 respondent comments, for 4.5% of all respondents who mention this subject.

- Those who favor having bus service are interested in commuting between Dexter, Scio and Ann Arbor – specifically to the University of Michigan.
- Some say that the cost of this service should be charged to those using it.
- A few mention that Scio needs feeder routes to get people from Liberty Road and Scio Church Road over to the Jackson Corridor.
- Many people in the Eagle Pointe and Little Lake areas would like better public transportation on Jackson to feed into the Ann Arbor routes at Maple Village.
- Some mention that handicapped and elderly residents need better public transportation.

7. Other Issues

- Residents are aware of the Township’s main communications vehicle – the *Scio Info* newsletter – and about two-thirds are satisfied with it. One in five is neutral towards the newsletter, however.
- Almost half of residents do not know how to evaluate the Township’s web site. It is possible that most of these residents have not experienced the site. Ten percent does not think the web site is important to them.
- High percentages of residents say they do not know how to evaluate the Scio recycling service or Scio’s enforcement of ordinances, codes & regulations.
- Residents get their information about Scio events and issues directly from *Scio Info*, from the *Ann Arbor News* or from friends. The *Dexter Leader* is not a notable source of information about Scio for most residents but two-thirds of residents in Dexter Village and the northeastern sector of the township do get Scio information from this source.

TABLE 7A: RESIDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER, BUT MANY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO EVALUATE THEIR SATISFACTION WITH OTHER TOWNSHIP SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Percent of residents rating their Satisfaction with each characteristic)

Feature or Characteristic of Scio	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral	Very Satisfied	Not Important	Don't Know
Scio Township website (n=1380)	4.2%	17.4%	17.9%	10.4%	50.1%
<i>Scio Info</i> (Township newsletter – n=1400)	6.5%	19.6%	64.3%	3.4%	6.3%
Enforcement of Scio's ordinances, codes & regulations (n=1396)	8.8%	23.1%	34.8%	1.2%	32.1%
The monthly recycling service at the Township Hall (n=1406)	10.1%	14.9%	45.9%	6.3%	22.8%

TABLE 7B: SCIO INFO, THE ANN ARBOR NEWS AND WORD OF MOUTH ARE THE CHIEF SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT SCIO'S ISSUES AND EVENTS

(Percent of residents indicating where they get information about Scio – n=1410)

6.1 <i>Michigan Business Review</i>	10.1 Scio Township web site
77.2 <i>Ann Arbor News</i>	15.7 Home Owners Assoc. newsletter or website
20.4 <i>Dexter Leader</i>	2.6 Internet – web blogs
83.2 <i>Scio Info</i> (Township newsletter)	56.1 Word of mouth - friends

8. Other Comments from Scio Residents

In all, 1010 respondents added open-ended comments to their surveys. Thirty-three of these respondents added additional sheets of paper with type written or hand written comments. This level of added comments attests to the high level of community interest in this survey.

(Note: All percentages reported above and in this section take the entire set of 1418 respondents as the calculation base for percentages assigned to comment categories. There were 408 respondents who did not add comments.)

While many comment categories related to issues already covered by the survey, respondents raised a number of other issues in their open-ended comments. These are reported below.

Density, Overdevelopment and Sprawl – 217 people commented, representing 15.3%

- There is a general concern about sprawl and overdevelopment in Scio. People like the township as it is now and they worry that new subdivisions will spoil what they now have.
- Other worries about development pressures include increased traffic, inability of the infrastructure to support it, and the poor housing market.
- Some say that developers should bear the costs of infrastructure for development, so that other residents do not have to bear the tax burden for developers who make profits.
- Loss of open space is another concern that residents mention relating to intense development.

Tax Issues – 120 people commented, representing 8.5%

- Some residents expect that development, especially that of commercial entities, will help decrease personal property taxes. They say, also, that more housing developments will bring in more taxes – sufficient to cover increased costs to serve them.
- Many also expect new developments, both commercial and residential, to pay for any new infrastructure costs.
- The poor economy in Michigan and decreasing property values are two reasons residents think that taxes should stay low.
- A few mention that they do not think Scio provides many services for the taxes paid.

Township Services – 79 people commented, representing 5.6%

- Curbside recycling is the most commonly mentioned service desired. Some residents would also like yard waste pick up and trash removal coordinated by the Township.
- A second commonly mentioned request is for an indoor recreation center. It is acceptable to charge a user fee. Desired activities include: gym, pool, weight room, track and tennis courts.
- Some residents wish to have a drive-through mail drop box on Jackson Road.
- Requests for improvements to the *Scio Info* newsletter include: updates on planned developments, news about the Master Plan review process and lists of new business openings.
- The possibility of a branch library stimulated both pro- and con- comments. Those against are concerned about redundancy with the Ann Arbor Library system. Those for say they would use it if it were available.

Infrastructure – 76 people commented, representing 5.4%

- The most frequently mentioned infrastructure concerns relate to roads and water/sewer systems.
- Some residents believe the cost of water is too high. Others say that additional funding will be necessary just to maintain the current water/sewer systems. in the Township.
- Some residents are concerned that the current water/sewer systems are at or near capacity.
 - Some think this is a reason to prevent further development.
 - Some believe this is a problem that the Township needs to overcome, because development is inevitable.
 - Both groups anticipate that the funds for this improvement will come from developers.
- Malfunctions of private or semi-private septic systems are a problem for some.
- The cost of hooking up to the Dexter sewer system is mentioned by several people in the northeastern sector as a reason they are against annexation by Dexter Village.
- Many residents near the proposed Honey Creek PUD mention concerns about the location of the private waste-water treatment system.

Dexter Village Issues – 73 people commented, representing 5.1%

- Residents living near Dexter Village are both supportive and against the possibility of annexation by the Village.
 - Some see it as greedy land-grabbing by the Dexter Village council.
 - Some resent the probable cost of hooking up to the Dexter sewer system.
 - A few live near the Village and welcome becoming officially part of it.
- Some think that the Sloan Farm development is being pushed by the Village council and are against it. They believe there needs to be more clarity regarding infrastructure for the development.
- More dense development along Baker Road is mentioned by several residents, some of whom urge Scio Township to stay with the density outlined in its Master Plan.
- One resident opposes Scio's support for Gordon Hall and one welcomes it.

Miscellaneous Other Issues

- Fifteen people mention a need for better regional coordination, hoping that this will reduce redundancies in infrastructure, and in commercial and residential offerings.
- Twenty-six people are concerned that their property assessments are going up when their property values are reducing. Several believe that current or future development in the Township has or will harm their property values.
- Many residents mention that they are glad the survey was done and thank the Township for conducting it.
- Trash and road kill along the roads are mentioned by a few, including picking up dead deer.
- A few residents speak to the need for more affordable housing in the Township.

APPENDICES

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IA. Cover Letter to Survey

Original: March 28, 2007

Replacement: April 17, 2007

Dear [Scio Registered Voter]

The Scio Township Board of Trustees has authorized an update of Scio's Master Land Use Development Plan this year. The first step in the process will be a survey of residents. Rather than make assumptions about what Scio residents think, we are actively seeking your opinions to help us in preparing this new Master Plan.

There are many, many issues to consider, such as public safety, parks and recreation, the future look of the Jackson Road Corridor and the shape and extent of Scio's preserved open spaces. Your opinions in this survey will influence Scio's future.

We identified you through a random process to participate in this survey. It is very important that everyone who receives a survey responds, so that the resulting portrayal of Scio resident opinions is accurate. The survey should take 20 to 30 minutes of your time. We realize this is a long survey, but there are so many critical issues to consider. Please spend this time to contribute to Scio's future. Your input will be much appreciated.

We assure you that your responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. Results will only be reported in aggregate.

We have included a stamped envelope for you to use in returning your survey. You will see a hand written number on the envelope. The survey committee will use that number to keep track of who has responded, so that they can follow up with people who have not yet returned surveys. The number also indicates what part of the Township you live in. We want to evaluate how residents in different parts of the Township view the issues we ask about. We repeat - responses will not be assignable to any individual.

We want to thank you in advance for your time in responding to this survey. Your participation is very important and critical. We urge you to take a few moments to register your opinions. If you have any special needs please call Marty Mayo (at 426-8734) for help. Thanks again for your contribution.

Sincerely Yours,

Allison Arscott, Chair
Scio Township Planning Commission

Martha Mayo, Chair
Scio Township Master Plan Survey

IB. Questionnaire With Marginal Percentages Indicated (Adjusted 9/14/08)

(Note: Survey responses were adjusted 9/14/08 to remove non-responses from the calculation base of all questions.)

SCIO TOWNSHIP SURVEY OF RESIDENTS – APRIL, 2007

1. How do you rate your QUALITY OF LIFE in Scio Township?
Please circle the number that best reflects your opinion for each of the items listed below:

Quality of Life in Scio Township	Mean	Not Good	Adequate	Excellent
A) Your neighborhood as a safe place to live n=1400	4.41	.6	1.3	53.9
B) Scio Township as a safe place to live n=1389	4.26	0.1	0.9	39.6
C) Overall quality of life in Scio Township n=1389	4.19	0.1	1.2	33.7

2. How satisfied are you with the following FEATURES AND CHARACTERISTICS of Scio Township?
Please circle the number that best reflects your opinion for each of the items listed below.
If the item is not a concern for you, circle NI for “Not Important” or if you Don’t Know, circle DK.

Features and Characteristics of Scio	Mean	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral	Very Satisfied	NI	DK
A) Sense of community identity n=1387	3.31	1.6	8.7	19.3	12.2	4.0
B) Parks and recreation opportunities in the Township n=1393	3.45	4.0	14.9	26.2	5.8	5.6
C) Ease of walking to shopping areas or to work n=1397	2.60	14.9	25.1	10.5	20.7	1.6
D) Employment opportunities n=1402	3.03	3.7	9.8	10.4	20.0	22.1
E) Office space for service and light industrial business n=1392	3.65	0.7	2.9	21.9	19.2	24.3
F) Variety of housing types and price ranges n=1401	3.79	1.7	6.7	37.9	6.6	5.9
G) Variety of shopping opportunities and venues n=1401	3.61	2.4	14.1	40.8	2.1	0.5
H) Access to a variety of restaurants n=1410	3.51	3.9	16.6	35.7	2.6	0.4
I) Access to entertainment venues n=1402	3.58	2.6	11.1	35.6	6.0	1.1
J) Economic strength and development in the Township n=1394	3.45	2.4	8.0	30.1	3.4	19.8
K) Scio Township Web site n=1380	3.43	0.4	3.8	14.1	10.4	50.1
L) <i>Scio Info</i> (Township newsletter) n=1400	3.87	1.6	4.9	41.5	3.4	6.3

Features and Characteristics of Scio	Mean	Very Dissatisfied	Neutral	Very Satisfied	NI	DK		
M) Protection of clean water and ground water n=1401	3.39	5.2	13.8	19.3	31.5	12.2	0.6	17.3
N) Protection of family farms n=1397	3.27	4.3	12.4	20.3	21.8	8.7	4.4	28.1
O) Protection of natural resources, wetlands & trees n=1399	3.44	4.9	12.4	19.9	32.4	12.9	1.3	16.2
P) Enforcement of Scio’s ordinances, codes & regulations n=1396	3.49	2.4	6.4	23.1	25.8	9.0	1.2	32.1
Q) Protection of historic areas and structures n=1400	3.49	2.1	5.4	22.7	22.9	8.4	3.9	34.7
R) The monthly recycling service at the Township Hall n=1406	3.73	4.8	5.3	14.9	25.4	20.5	6.3	22.8
S) Enforcement of speed limits on public roads in Scio n=1405	3.38	7.1	10.1	26.5	29.7	13.7	2.7	10.2

Note that the Mean is calculated on the 1 to 5 numbers only, since the NI and DK numbers have been defined as “missing.”

3. **Public Safety**

A. Scio Township currently supplies police protection through a contract with the County Sheriff’s Department. The contract provides for one police officer on duty in the Township at any given time of day. In your opinion is this level of police protection: **Please check one box below.**

n= 1396 42.1 Too Little 56.4 About Right 1.5 Too Much (na=1.6%)

B. Scio’s Fire Department employs three full-time shift leaders and a full-time fire chief. The remaining staff are part-time. Our fire station is located at the center of the Township on north Zeeb Road. Emergency and fire response times range from about five minutes in the center of the Township to 11 minutes in the far corners. In your opinion is this level of fire and emergency protection: **Please check one box below.**

n=1395 14.8 Too Little 83.4 About Right 1.9 Too Much (na=1.6%)

C. Have you or a neighbor ever had to use any of Scio’s safety services listed below?

Please check all the choices below that apply:

n=1406 35.6 Police Service 22.8 The Fire Department 26.7 EMT Service 44.0 None of these services

4. **Open Space, Parks and Recreation**

A. In 2004 Township voters approved Proposal J, which provided for .5 mills to “permanently preserve farmland, open space, wildlife habitat, scenic views, and protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers and streams, and provide new parks, recreational opportunities and trails by funding the voluntary purchase of land or interests in land throughout the Township.” The proposal enables acquisition of land or interests in land to preserve farmland, to save natural features and open space, and acquire land for parks and recreation. Proposal J funds do not include the improvement, operation or maintenance of acquired land. **Please indicate how you think the funds should be divided between these four categories by entering percentages for each of the categories below – be sure your percentages sum to 100%!**

30.12% Farmland n=1216

21.81% Natural features and preserves (as conservation with no public access) n=1147

31.34% Natural features and preserves (with public access) n=1258

25.03% Land for future public parks n=1207

= 100% **Note: because the above are averages for each category, they do not sum to 100%!**

B. Opinions vary widely among Township residents regarding parks. What do you think about the need for public parks in the Township – do you Agree or Not Agree with the following statements? **Please indicate your opinions by circling Agree or Disagree for each statement below. If you don't know, circle D/K.**

Agree	Disagree	D/K	
34.2	49.9	15.9	1) There are enough public parks in the township – Scio does not need to provide more parks. n=1393 (na=1.8%)
50.9	36.5	12.6	2) I would like some public parks with facilities for active recreation and organized team sports, such as softball, tennis or soccer. n=1391 (na=1.9%)
62.7	30.3	7.0	3) I would like some larger public parks for relaxed outdoor activities like walking, biking and picnics. n=1392 (na=1.8%)
37.4	50.8	11.8	4) My area of the Township needs more public parks. n=1382 (na=2.5%)
40.0	35.1	24.9	5) Scio needs to have additional public access to the Huron River for kayaks and canoes. n=1383 (na=2.5%)
31.3	56.6	12.2	6) If Scio were to provide more parks I would favor increasing property taxes to pay for the parks. n=1388 (na=2.1%)
75.0	18.8	6.2	7) I think it would be appropriate for the Township to charge user fees for use of Township playing fields and parks to cover the costs of equipment and maintenance. n=1394 (na=1.7%)

C. Which of the following public parks and facilities did you use this past year? **Please check all that apply.** n=1401

53.5 City of Ann Arbor	40.1 Washtenaw County	63.2 Huron-Clinton Metro Parks
31.0 Dexter Village parks	9.6 Other - Please list:	14.8 Used no public parks

D. Which of the following activities do you or your family members participate in? **Please check all that apply.** n=1403

87.6 Walking	44.8 Picnicking	28.4 Active field sports (i.e. soccer, baseball)
54.6 Bicycling	50.5 Indoor fitness activities	7.5 Other -Please list: (listed below)
5.1 Participated in none of the above activities (They checked this item – items below from “other” category)		
6.3 Canoeing/kayaking	3.6 Golf	3.3 Jogging/running
2.9 Swimming	2.3 Tennis	1.6 Skiing (X-country skiing)
1.6 Rollerblading	1.1 Playgrounds for kids	0.7 Bird/nature watching
0.7 Dog parks	0.1 Yoga (1 person)	

5. **Transportation Issues**

The current Master Plan has specific objectives regarding motorized and non-motorized transportation. What provisions for transportation in and around Scio should the Township pursue?

Please indicate your opinions below by checking one box for each question.

A) Should Scio provide public transportation services along Jackson Boulevard?
 n=1409 42.4 YES 29.2 NO 28.3 DON'T KNOW

B) If there were public transportation on Jackson Boulevard, how often would you use it?
 n=1387 2.8 Daily 4.1 Once a week 5.3 Once or twice a month
 16.7 A few times a year 71.1 Never

C) If the Township were to establish public transportation services, would you favor an increase in property taxes to support it?

n=1402 17.3 YES 64.5 NO 18.2 DON'T KNOW

D) Should Scio develop a network of bike trails for travel around the Township?

n=1409 67.2 YES 19.0 NO 13.8 DON'T KNOW

E) How do you rate Scio's roadways on the following?

Please circle the number that best reflects your opinion for each of the items listed below:

Note: Means are calculated on the Not Good-Excellent numbers – Don't Know is defined as "missing."

Scio Roadway Characteristics	Not		Adequate	Excellent	Don't Know		
	Mean	Good					
1) Right of way maintenance, tree removal, drainage n=1394	3.15	8.3	10.9	39.7	25.6	8.0	7.3
2) Maintenance of bridges and culverts on public roads n=1396	2.96	11.2	12.8	38.8	20.9	5.4	10.7
3) Dust control on unpaved County roads n=1394	2.68	12.0	18.3	31.2	12.1	2.8	23.3
4) Accommodations for pedestrians n=1391	2.23	27.0	30.3	26.6	7.5	2.2	6.2
5) Accommodations for bicyclists n=1396	2.13	29.4	31.4	23.3	6.1	2.1	7.7
6) Ability to handle existing traffic loads n=1398	2.89	11.1	18.7	43.4	16.7	6.5	3.6

6. **Jackson Road Corridor**

How would you like to see Jackson Road develop in the next ten years?

Please indicate your opinions by circling YES or NO for each question below. If you don't know, circle D/K.

YES	NO	D/K	Jackson Road Characteristics
68.8	26.8	4.5	A) Are you satisfied with the overall appearance of the Jackson Rd. corridor? n=1383 (na=2.5%)
87.3	7.7	5.0	B) Should Scio continue to focus commercial/office/industrial development along Jackson Road, so that other areas in the Township can remain more rural and residential? n=1389 (na=2%)
71.4	16.0	12.6	C) Should commercial and retail development be concentrated at the 3 major intersections of Wagner, Zeeb and Baker Roads, with offices and light industrial uses in between? n=1388 (na=2.1%)
47.4	42.5	10.1	D) Would you like to have more large scale (warehouse type) retail shopping along the Jackson Road corridor? n=1400 (na=1.3%)
51.6	24.6	23.8	E) Would you like to have more offices, light industrial and research businesses located along the Jackson Road corridor? n=1395 (na=1.6%)
48.2	33.7	18.1	F) Should we aim for "mixed use" developments along Jackson Road with denser residential buildings interspersed with retail, offices and specialty shops? n=1391 (na=1.9%)
68.6	17.6	13.8	G) Should the Township actively pursue economic development and job creation opportunities for the Jackson Road corridor and elsewhere in the township? n=1392 (na=1.8%)

7. **Scio's Future Development**

A. When people in the Ann Arbor area ask you where you live, what do you say?

Please check the one box that represents what you say most often. n=1390 (na=2%)

38.6	Ann Arbor	34.8	Scio Township
24.7	Dexter	1.9	Some other place

- B. Do you think that Scio should develop a centralized community area that would function as a “Town Center” for Township residents and define Scio’s identity as a specific place? **Please check one box.** n=1401 (na=1.2%)

29.6 YES 46.2 NO 24.3 DON’T KNOW

- C. If Scio were to develop a “Town Center” area, what kind of features would you like to have included in it? **Please indicate your opinions by circling YES or NO for each question below. If you don’t know, circle D/K.**

YES	NO	D/K	Scio Town Center Options
44.8	38.3	16.8	1) Would you like the Town Center to be a mixed-use development with condos and townhouses, business offices, local specialty shops and restaurants? n=1372 (na=3.2%)
23.7	60.3	16.0	2) Would you like the Town Center area to be a regional shopping venue with large stores serving western Washtenaw County and environs? n=1377 (na=2.9%)
55.3	31.8	12.9	3) Would you like the Town Center to be mixed-use and also include governmental offices and buildings, such as a branch post office or a Secretary of State branch? n=1370 (na=3.4%)
60.2	27.2	12.6	4) Would you like the Town Center to have public facilities, such as a senior center, a branch library, a community sports and recreation center, or a community performance space? n=1377 (na=2.9%)
36.4	36.6	27.1	5) Should the Town Center area extend across I-94 to the north along Zeeb Road? n=1375 (na=3.0%)

- D. If Scio were to develop a Town Center area which includes the sort of public facilities listed in Question 7C-4) above, would you favor an increase in property taxes to pay for the construction and maintenance of these facilities? **Please check one box.** n=1384 (na=2.4%)

22.3 YES 61.0 NO 16.8 DON’T KNOW

8. **Township Issues**

- A. Which one of the following statements best represents your views towards Township taxes and services. **Please indicate your answer by checking the one box that best represents your views:** n=1395 (na=1.6%)

36.8	[1] Keeping taxes low is most important – we should not add any new services if it means raising taxes.
54.8	[2] Due to Scio’s increase in population and number of households I realize that some small property tax increases may be necessary, within reason, to provide a few additional services.
8.3	[3] Scio should be offering many of the services and facilities that one might expect in a city and I know that higher property taxes will be necessary, eventually, to pay for the services.

- B. Where do you get your information about what is happening in Scio Township? n=1410 (na=.6%)

Please check all that apply

6.1	Michigan Business Review	10.1	Scio Township web site
77.2	Ann Arbor News	15.7	Home Owners Association newsletter or web site
20.4	Dexter Leader	2.6	Internet – web blogs
83.2	Scio Info (the Township newsletter)	56.1	Word of mouth - friends

C. Which one of the following statements best represents your views toward future development of the area in Scio Township where you live? Please indicate your answer by checking the one box that best represents your views. n=1389 (na=2.0%)

48.2	[1] I want my part of Scio to stay pretty much as it is now.
41.8	[2] I realize that an increase in population and/or new households will bring some changes to my part of Scio, but the changes should be minor and appropriate to my area.
10.1	[3] My part of Scio is gradually becoming more developed – big changes will be needed to integrate new business and residential development into my area.

9. Please tell us about yourself. Be sure to answer the questions in both columns below!

For questions A – D, please enter the appropriate number:

A. How many years have you lived in Scio? Av. = 14.93	C. How many children under age 18 live with you? Av. = .71
B. How many people live in your household? Av. = 2.82	D. How many adults over age 65 live with you? Av. = .21

(Note: Average age = 52.01 Males = 46.5% Females = 53.5% 69.4% of respondents is 45 or older
Of mailout sample, Average age = 47.98 Males = 47.5% Females = 52.5% 58.4 % was age 45 or older)

For questions E. to M. below, please check one box

E. What is your marital status? n=1397 20.8 Single 79.2 Married/Coupled	J. Do you own a business in Scio Township? n=1397 9.0 YES 91.0 NO
F. What is the highest education level you attained? n=1395 7.4 High School 18.4 Some college 25.1 Bachelor’s Degree 49.1 Post-BA/BS	K. Where are you employed? n=1347 11.4 Scio 39.4 Ann Arbor 13.7 Detroit Metro Area 9.1 Other Washtenaw County 25.5 Not employed 0.9 Employed elsewhere
G. What type of home do you live in: n=1400 87.6 Single family home 5.3 Duplex/Townhouse 2.4 Apartment building 4.8 Mobile home	L. If you are employed , how do you mainly get to work? n=1057 (NB 25% not employed =344 who didn’t answer) 88.3 Drive myself 0.8 Walk 0.3 Bicycle 3.3 Car/Van pool 0.6 Public bus 6.7 Work at home 0.1 Fly/Other
H. Do you rent or own your home? n=1403 4.6 Rent 95.4 Own	M. Was your 2006 pre-tax <u>household</u> income: n=1287 5.1 Under \$25,000 12.7 \$25,000 to \$49,999 29.7 \$50,000 to \$99,999 52.5 Over \$100,000
I. What School District do you live in? n=1406 60.5 Ann Arbor 37.3 Dexter 2.2 Don’t Know	

- 10A. What concerns have you about the part of Scio in which you live?
 10B. Please offer comments or suggestions regarding Scio Township’s future development, which we have not covered in the above questions? **If your comments do not fit below, please use an extra sheet.**

Note: People did not differentiate these two questions in their responses, so we merged them in the coding. Of the 1418 total respondents, 1010 offered comments. Thirty-three people added separate pages with comments, over and above what was found on the questionnaire. The table below provides a percentage count of the people who made comments referring to the various categories we identified, including the comments on separate pages. The percentage base for calculations is 1418, the total number of respondents. Many people commented on several topics – for that reason, the percentages sum to more than 100% (actually, to 186%)

Topic Codes	Number mentions	% of People Mentioning Topic
1) Tax issues	120	8.5%
2) Open space, rural character, scenic values	162	11.4%
3) Density, over-development, sprawl	217	15.3%
4) Sloan Farm, Harvest Valley	15	1.1%
5) Woodlands, wetlands, clean water, Huron River	119	8.4%
6) Baker Road	9	0.6%
7) Gordon Hall	2	0.1%
8) Scio-Dexter cooperation; regional cooperation	15	1.1%
9) Property value issues	26	1.8%
10) Infrastructure – sewer, water, cable (mostly sewer-water)	76	5.4%
11) Township services: recycle, exercise, Sr. center etc.	79	5.6%
12) Parks and recreation areas	90	6.3%
13) Paths for biking and walking	153	10.8%
14) Costco (pro and con – mostly pro)	71	5.0%
15) Shopping issues – need for retail, type of retail	60	4.2%
16) Entertainment: restaurants	34	2.4%
17) Roads and traffic	397	28.0%
18) Public transportation and busses	63	4.5%
19) Town Center	52	3.7%
20) Planning and design	82	5.8%
21) Police and fire protection, safety issues	88	6.2%
22) Jackson corridor	114	8.0%
23) Dexter Village	46	3.2%
24) All other issues – a wide variety of topics!	137	9.7%
Respondents who provided no comments	408	28.8%

II. About the Research

The planning commission used a relatively “scientific” approach in its survey of resident opinion, so that it would be possible to treat the survey findings as an accurate representation of township opinion. The method chosen was to develop a randomly selected sample of the Scio registered voter list, conduct a mail survey and follow procedures that would generate a high response rate. The following pages report results from the survey of resident opinion.

Questionnaire Development and Survey Process

The Planning Commission wished to gather input from as many major stakeholders in the township as possible, to ensure that important issues were identified and included in the survey instrument. To this end, the Planning Commission chair sent letters in January, 2007 to the township trustees, the chairs of township committees, and to other parties with direct interest in Scio asking for topics that should be included. (See Appendix III for the letter and list of recipients) Feedback from these stakeholders was summarized (See Appendix IIIB.) and as many as possible were included among the topics covered in the questionnaire.

The budget for this survey, as well as good survey practice, required that the questionnaire be held to a total of four 8 _ by 11 inch pages. The survey sub-committee prepared the final questionnaire, after several iterations. It comprised nine topic areas, plus a final question requesting respondent open-ended comments.

The survey committee targeted a 50% response rate, based on a sample of 3,000 Scio residents. To reach this aggressive goal, the committee followed several steps: the survey was publicized widely in local newspapers and in the *Scio Info* newsletter; pre-survey postcards were sent to questionnaire recipients telling them to watch for the survey; and survey responses were tracked so that non-respondents could be sent follow-up postcards.

First Impression Printing printed the questionnaire and other materials and Unit Packaging handled the mail out process. Both firms are local Scio enterprises. The questionnaires were key-entered by a local firm, Automated Resource Management, Inc. Members of the survey committee took responsibility for tabulating and analyzing the resulting data.

The Sample

The survey committee decided to sample the township proportionate to the percentage of registered voters in each sub-area. Sampling proportionately eliminates the need to weight the data since each area has the same proportion of “votes” in the survey results that it has in actual population of registered voters.

The survey committee targeted an end sample of 1,500 respondents and a response rate of 50%,
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which required an initial sample of 3,000 people. This size sample was chosen to ensure that all the sub-areas would have an adequate number of respondents for statistically stable analysis. The sample was drawn randomly from the roster of active registered voters in the township. “Active” was defined as having voted or registered to vote since the November 2004 election. Voters were assigned to the six sub-areas of the township using a geo-coding system provided by the Township Assessor. There were approximately 12,000 active registered voters.

Table 1 presents the percentage distribution of registered voters in the township, along with the proportional count of people to be included in the sample of 3,000 and the targeted number of respondents at the 50% response rate.

Table 1

	Jackson Corridor	NE Area Huron River	NW Area Mill Creek	SW Area Honey Creek	SE Area Sister Lakes	Dexter Village	Total
% of Voters in sub-area	12.5%	32.3%	7.7%	4.0%	28.0%	15.6%	100%
Number in original sample	379	983	231	126	839	443	3,001
Number targeted responses	190	492	116	63	419	222	1,502

Table 2 presents the actual number of respondents to the survey and the response rate for each sub-area of the township.

Table 2

	Jackson Corridor	NE Area Huron River	NW Area Mill Creek	SW Area Honey Creek	SE Area Sister Lakes	Dexter Village	Total
Actual number of respondents and response rate	120 37.1%	533 57.8%	109 49.5%	71 58.1%	370 47.5%	193 47.9%	1418* 50.4%

* Twenty-two respondents crossed out the identifying number on their return envelopes, and it was not possible to assign their responses to a sub-area.

The post office returned 206 survey envelopes as undeliverable. This return reduced the sample size to 2794, since surveys that could not be delivered are not counted in the calculation of response rate.

The survey was “in the field” from March 28 through May 1. After the field portion of the survey was closed, another 58 questionnaires were delivered to the Township Hall. Time constraints dictated that these surveys not be added to the data, however their comments were read by committee members.

The fact that this survey reached its targeted response rate of 50% - and more - indicates that Scio voters take strong interest in the future of their township. The 50% target is very aggressive, and not typically reached in normal survey practice. Not only was the response rate high, most people who received and accepted by the Scio Township Planning Commission on June 11, 2007

responded also took time to write comments at the end of the questionnaire. Some even included separate, typed pages of comments. In total, there were 1010 questionnaires with additional comments among the 1418 returned surveys.

Respondent Demographics Compared to Mail-out Sample

The registered voter list includes birth date and gender of the voter. In drawing the sample for this survey, the survey committee decided to include age and gender on the individual records. The information allowed the committee to compare the age and gender of the original mail out sample to the age and gender of the respondents and to test whether the sample accurately reflected Scio's population.

The genders of both the mail-out sample and the responding sample were very similar. Forty-eight percent of the mail-out and 47% of the respondents were males. By age, however, the respondents included a much higher percentage of older people than the mail-out sample. In the mail-out, 58% were age 45 or older, but among respondents that figure was 69%. Average age of the mail-out sample was 48 and 52 for respondents. The mail-out had 21% age 34 or younger, and the respondents had only 13%. This means that the weight of younger resident opinion is reduced versus that of Scio's older residents.

III.A. Stakeholder Letter and Mailing List

January 5, 2007

Dear [Stakeholder]

You have probably heard that the Scio Township Board of Trustees has authorized the Planning Commission to update its Master Plan this coming year. The first step in the process, will be a survey of registered voters in the township to determine their opinions and views about planning priorities for the next ten years.

The survey will use a scientific sampling process to obtain voter opinions. By using a sample rather than a census of all voters and by carefully managing the sampling process to ensure the highest possible response rate, we hope to gain a truly reliable estimate of what Scio's voters think. The sample will be drawn so that all areas of the Township are represented. Ms. Marty Mayo, who is a planning commissioner and also a professional market researcher, will manage the survey process for the Township.

The Planning Commission is now drafting a questionnaire to be used in this survey. The Commission would appreciate your input regarding issues that you think need to be addressed in the survey – questions for which your group would like answers. These issues need be stated in general terms only and not in finely-crafted questions. The survey committee has the expertise to develop the questionnaire wording.

The committee will also be charged with keeping the survey costs within budget and thus will determine the length of the questionnaire. This could mean that some hard choices may be necessary and that not all requests can be met, but every effort will be made to include as much as the budget allows.

Please discuss your survey needs at your next meeting, and get back to Marty Mayo with your list of issues. We plan to have a final version of the questionnaire by early March. To meet this schedule and to make sure that your issues are addressed in the survey, PLEASE EMAIL THE RESPONSE FROM YOUR GROUP TO MARTY BY FEBRUARY 10. . Her address is: stars@netrek.net.

When we have a final draft of the questionnaire, we will forward this draft to your group for your information.

Sincerely,

Allison Arscott,
Chair of the Planning Commission

Stakeholder Group List

Board of Trustees

- Charles Nielsen, 6655 Jackson Road #415, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- Kathleen Knol, 1778 Snowberry Ridge Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- Donna Palmer, 2303 Scio Rd., Dexter, MI 48130
- David Nacht, 2533 North Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- James Dries, 3840 Michael Rd. North, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (also for Sewer Committee)
- Charles Ream, 4500 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- Jean King, 424 Little Lake Dr. #38m Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Land Preservation Commission: Mr. Bruce Manny, 323 S. Parker Rd., Dexter, MI 48130

Safety and Security Committee: Garth Burnside,

Parks & Recreation Committee: Mr. Alex Jerome, 3825 N. Zeeb Rd., Dexter, MI 48130

Road Committee: El Wier, 1135 Wing Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

DDA: Mr. Bill Upton, Malloy Incorporated, 5411 Jackson Rd., Box 1124, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106

Dexter Village: Mr. Jim Seta, 411 Cambridge Dr., Dexter, MI 48130

Sewer Service Advisory Committee: Jim Dries – above.

Twp. Manager: Mr. Darrell Fecho, Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Utilities Department: Mr. Scott Martin, Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Assessor: Mr. Jim Merte, Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Fire Chief: Mr. Carl Ferch, Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

OHM: Mr. Kent Early, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia MI 48150

Home Builders Assn.: Ms. Maureen Sloan, CEO, 179 Little Lake Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Washtenaw County Road Commission: Mr. Steve Puuri, WCRC, 555 N. Zeeb Road,
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Huron Watershed: Ms. Laura Rubin, Director, 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

HCM: Mr. Jim Bresciami, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Administrative Offices,
13000 High Ridge Dr., Brighton, MI 48114

IIIB. Summary of Stakeholder Feedback

Public Safety Committee – Garth Burnside

Below are the questions we created for the township survey. They are listed in order of importance to us. If we can't get all five, or your variation on all five, please let me know.

1. Should Scio Township Increase/Decrease/Maintain the current level of Public Safety services?
2. Where should Police services come from?
 - a) Washtenaw County Sheriff Department
 - b) Scio Township Police force
 - c) Michigan State Police
 - d) Western Washtenaw Regional Police force
 - e) Combination of the above
3. Would you be willing to pay for a separate millage to maintain police and fire service? If not, which service should be eliminated?
4. If you have ever had to use the 9-1-1 service in Scio Township, what is your perception of the response time (police, fire or EMT)?
5. Is the level of Public Safety services an important issue in determining your quality of life?

Lucie Fortin (CWA Specialist in Parks and Recreation)

- 1) Addition to the Goals and Objectives questions as an objective: "Establish a township parks and recreation services encompassing linear parks and parks for active recreation."
- 2) Under Quality of Life question: "Scio Township as a place for active and passive recreation" (She added the "active and passive" phrase)
- 3) Under question about what should be in a Town Center, she suggests adding "Community" before the Recreation Center.
- 4) A question asking for percentages to prioritize township resource expenditures (like our current Proposal J question.) Her suggested items are: Acquisition of parkland and open space; Improvements to the Township's infrastructure; Development of a Town Center; Dev. of non-motorized pathways; Dev. of active recreation facilities.

Home Builders Association – Shaun Murray

- 1) As a township resident, do you support higher taxes for open-space preservation or park systems?
- 2) Which do you feel should be the main priority of the Scio Planning Commission when making a decision on proposed projects? A – Economic Development or B. Open Space Preservation.

Bruce Manny – His own questions – not yet from LPC as a group.

1. Are there enough soccer fields, baseball diamonds and tennis courts available to Scio Township residents?
2. Are there enough walking trails and natural areas available to you in Scio Township?
If not, where in Scio Twp. should more playing fields and play grounds be built?
How many more walking trails and natural areas should be provided?
3. How much additional taxes would you be willing to pay per year to acquire, build and maintain such:
 - Playing fields
 - Play grounds
 - Walking trails
 - Biking trails
 - Natural areas
4. Should Scio Township acquire more land for active recreation by Scio Residents?

Utility Department

- 1) Are you currently a resident receiving water and sewer service from the Scio Tsp. Utility Dept.?
- 2) Are you on well and septic?
- 3) If not on Scio Twp. Water and Sewer System, would you like to be?
- 4) Are you satisfied with the service you receive from the Utility Dept.?
- Emergency Response; Field Staff; Office Staff; Please comment:
- 5) Do you know how to contact the Utility Dept. after hours in the event of a water/sewer emergency?
- 6) Do you know where your outside water shut-off is located – sanitary sewer clean out?
- 7) & 8) Do you have any comments for the Utility Dept.? Would you like future information on the Utility Dept.?

Leslie Desmond – LPC member – Her own questions

- 1) We need to ask about connectivity, especially with regard to biking and hiking trails, to take us into AA, through Dexter, to the western end of the township.
- 2) What about opportunities for putting in and taking out kayaks, canoes, etc. We need to ask about access to, and full use of the river, and paths and roads beside it.

Charlie Nielson – Twp. Supervisor

- 1) Ask about contacts with the staff: knowledge, responses, courtesy and overall.
- 2) Ask about services: information, web site, newsletter, recycling, transportation, parks, code enforcement.
- 3) Ask about citizen involvement
- 4) Ask about public trust.

DDA – from Bill Upton

- 1) I would like to get some insight into bus service, so we can determine the best way to address that. Specifically:
 - How many Scio residents would use the bus service?
 - What times of day/week would they use the service (e.g. morning & evening commutes or throughout the day?)
 - Where do these residents live?
 - Where do they need to travel to?
- 2) Bill just added another question: “Do you favor development of a Costco or similar type store on the Washtenaw County Road Commission property?” Note: We already have this question – not in the direct question format, but it is there.

Kathy Knol – Twp. Clerk (who was looking at Draft 3 of the Questionnaire)

- 1) Under Community Facilities and Services Objectives, you need to include a category related to public safety/sheriff issues. Fire protection is mentioned, but police or sheriff issues are not.
- 2) In the “How satisfied are you with the following characteristics of Scio...” question: - Some of the listed options are in areas that the township has no input into, such as day care. Perhaps some of these items could be eliminated?
- 3) In the “Where do you get information about Scio...” question, should include the Scio Twp. web site. Perhaps there could be another question related to the use of this web site.

Chuck Ream – Township Trustee

Chuck would like to see a section on parks and active recreation, which lists several (low cost) activities that could be placed in parks, and to ask which of these the respondents would actually use. His list of activities has 31 items. Quoting from the most recent email (after Chuck reviewed draft 5 of the questionnaire)

"I think it is very imp. to list Walmart or Sam's Club, since they actually made an offer on the land - and they don't seem as attractive as the other options listed. The most useful part of this survey are the specific active recreation options. If we don't get that info here then we just have to do another survey very soon, which will be less scientific -and doesn't seem to make sense. I will try to find time to lay it out on 1/3 page - but that would just mean single spacing it and putting it in 3 columns. In real life, it doesn't appear that this survey is open to change. The greatest value comes from the questions that are the most specific."

In Question 2 (satisfaction with services etc.) Chuck says to drop "Street maintenance and repair" since this is not under Scio's control.

Chuck also wants us to omit Question 4A (the Proposal J question) because the "Board can handle this."

Question 4B should ask about having a Parks Plan – "whether we have a separate dept. is not important."

Question 4C – Town Center – Chuck wants us to use Walmart and Sam's Club as big box examples, rather than Costco, Home Depot and Best Buy. His reasons are in the quote above.

Question 7 – the question about activities people have participated in – should be omitted, to make space for the list of specific activities for the parks.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Alec Jerome, Chair

> The P&R Committee thinks that their input can be potentially integrated into questions #4 and #5 of the draft survey (I am not sure which draft they were working with, as I did not hand one out to them.) They identified 4 criteria that they think need exploring:

- Should park land be required as part of site plans for any development/PUD which seeks rezoning from the PC and BOT?
- To what extent are the citizens of Scio Township specifically interested in additional active opportunities (soccer, baseball, activity fields, playgrounds, etc.)
- Or is there a need for additional passive opportunities (natural trails, environmental education sites, etc.)
- Are citizens interested in recreational formats which support group/team activities or more individual-limited participant usage?
- Are constituents interested in community wide recreational opportunities or neighborhood parks? Many neighborhood parks have restricted public access.

> These four issues are addressed tangentially in the survey, but the P&R Committee would be interested in a more pointed inclusion of these in the questions.

> Also discussed: the need for fees for recreation beyond Proposal J to secure land. Fees/funds would be associated with long term maintenance of parks and/or daily use permits.

> The P&R Committee is keenly interested in ensuring connectivity to all sections of the township via both recreation and transportation paths.

Washtenaw County Road Commission Input – Brian Shorkey

- Do you believe that development in Scio Township is happening too slowly, too quickly, or at the correct rate?
- Do you believe that there is enough commercial development in Scio Township?
- Do you believe that there are enough recreational opportunities in Scio Township?
- Do you believe that there should be more non-motorized pathways in Scio Township?
- Should additional commercial/employment centers be considered within Scio Township, or should future commercial/employment development take place in existing centers?
- What type of elements or services would you consider to be most important to include in a North Town Center?
- Should a North Town Center be comprised entirely of governmental facilities, or would you prefer a mixed use development?
- Would you be willing to pay for the construction and maintenance of additional governmental facilities, such as a Parks and Recreation facility, Post Office, Library, athletic fields, other?
- If your answer was “no” to the question above, what would you be willing to pay for instead of a governmental North Town Center?
- What are your greatest concerns for Scio Township?
- Are you in favor of an additional “Big Box” development on the north side of I-94? (Costco, Sam’s Club, etc.)

Huron River Watershed Council – Laura Rubin

- > LR says she has reviewed a draft of the questionnaire and doesn’t have more issues to be raised. It covers the points they are interested in: 1) does the community care about the protection of natural and specifically water resources, including wetlands, floodplains, buffers, etc. and 2) community support for density vs. open space and farmland protection.
- > It’s a busy survey; if you want additional ideas, they follow these lines: under Q7, “visited the river or creek?” and awareness of Honey Creek by name.