

SCIO TOWNSHIP SURVEY OF RESIDENTS

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Report of Findings

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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 were revised to remove non-responses from the calculation base of percentages.

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.”

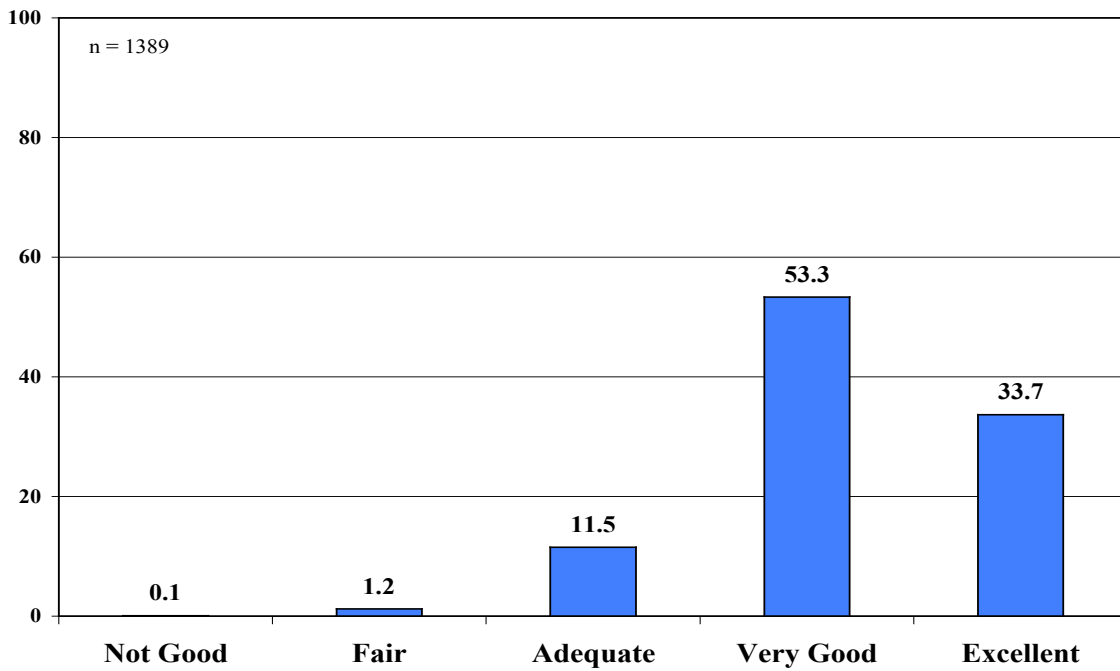
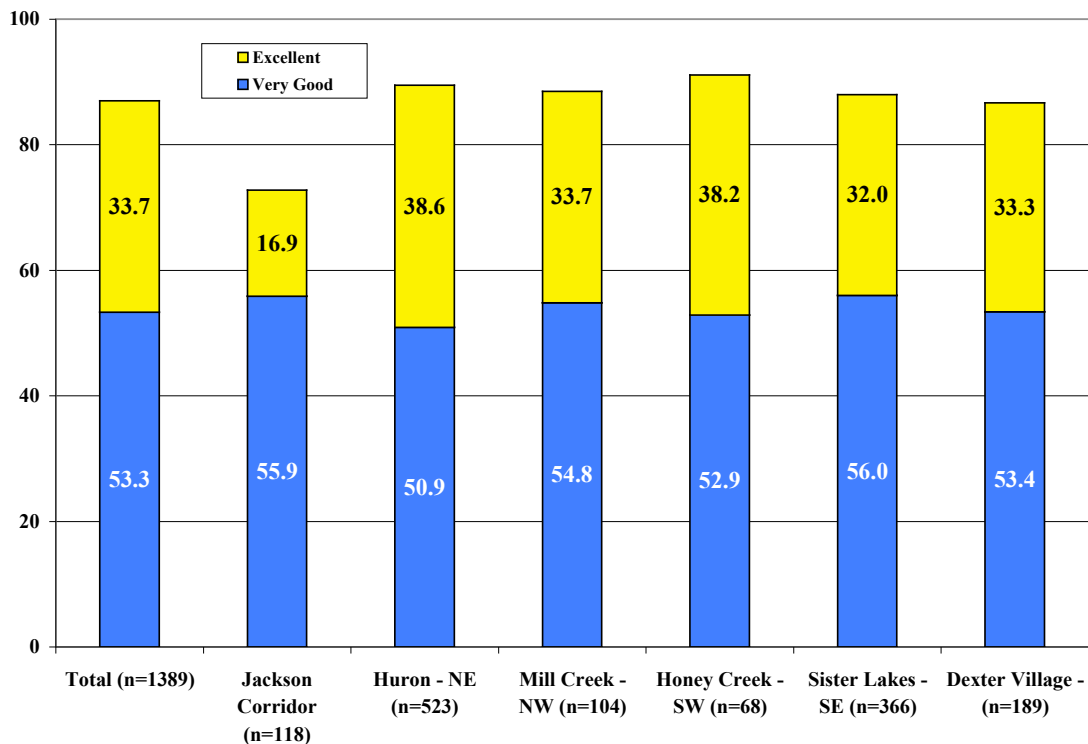


CHART 1B: THE QUALITY OF LIFE RATINGS DIFFER NOTABLY IN THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP



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

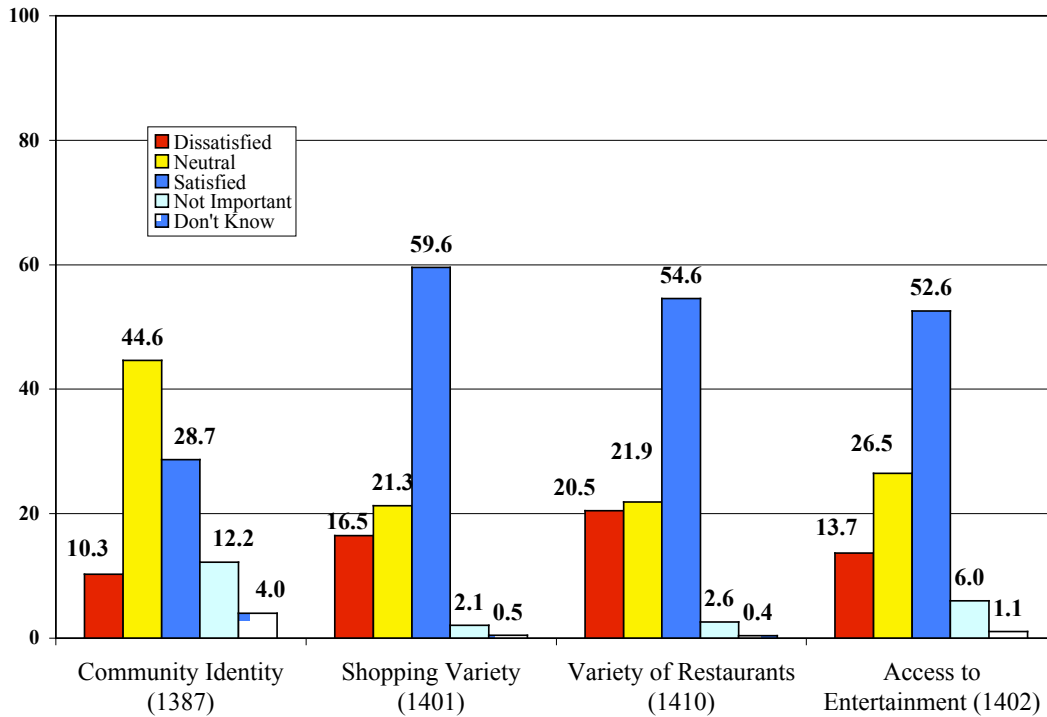
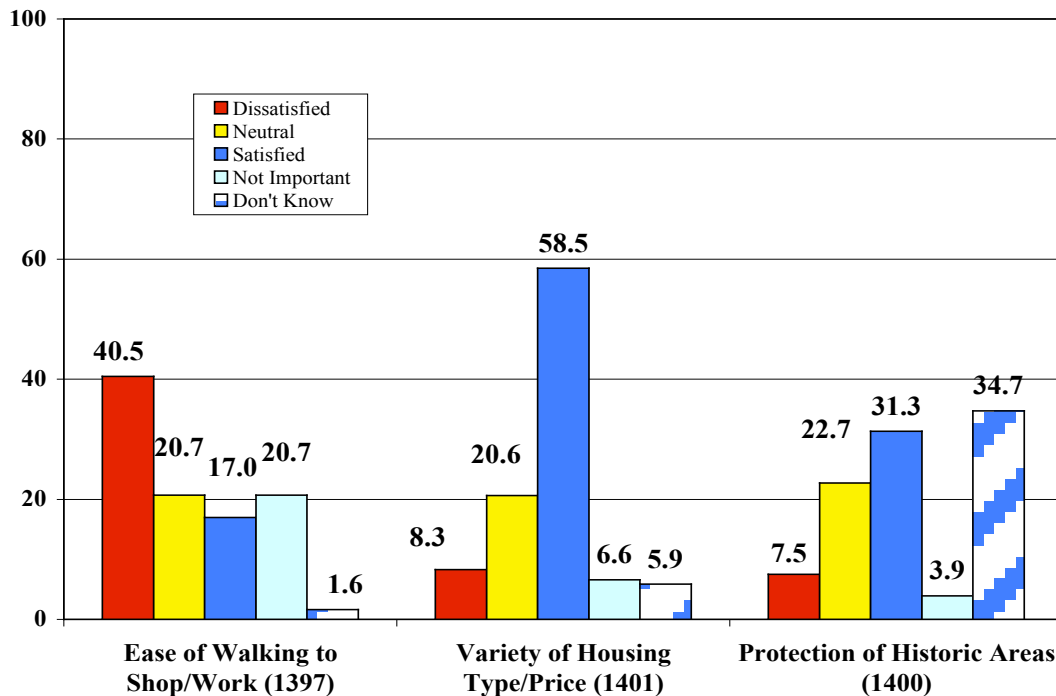


CHART 1D: OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE FACTORS RECEIVE LOWER SATISFACTION RATINGS.



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

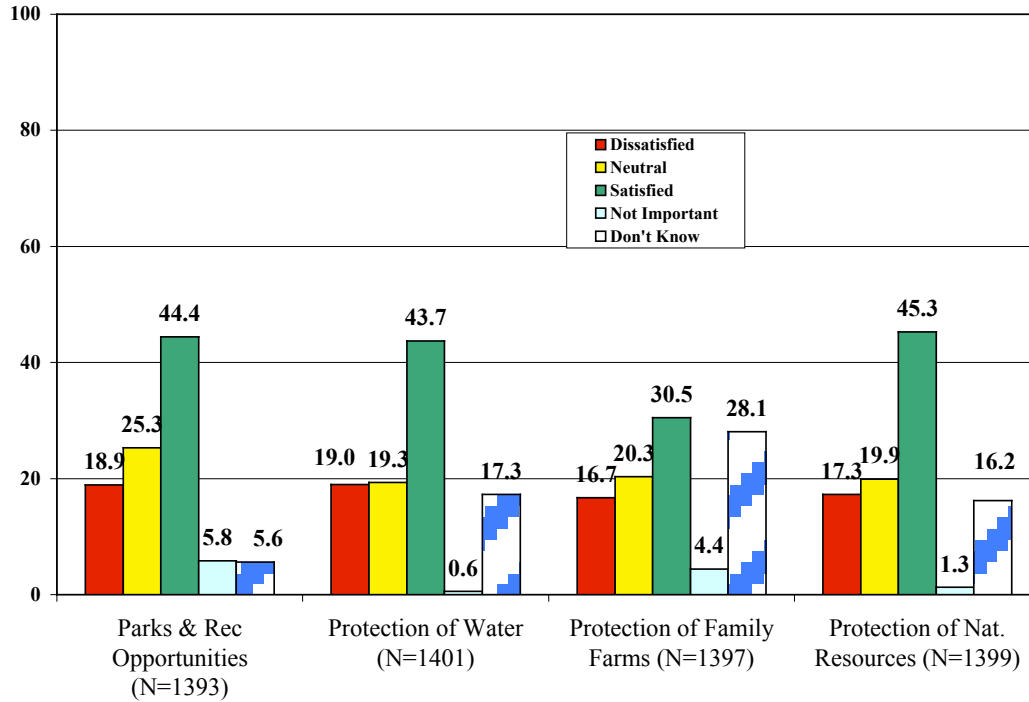


CHART 2B: HOW RESIDENTS THINK THAT PROPOSAL J FUNDS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED

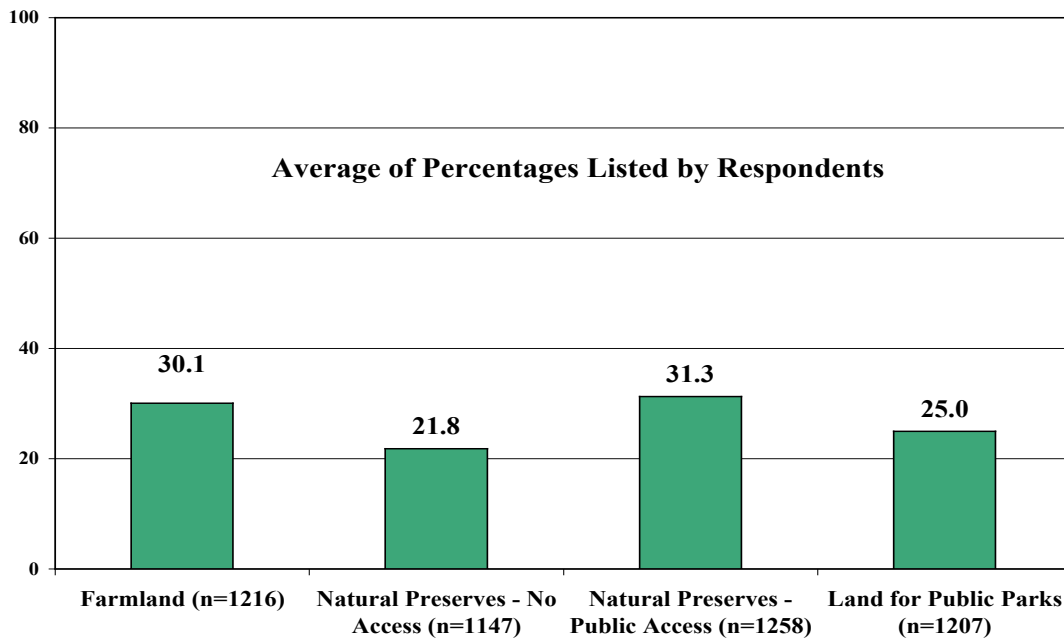
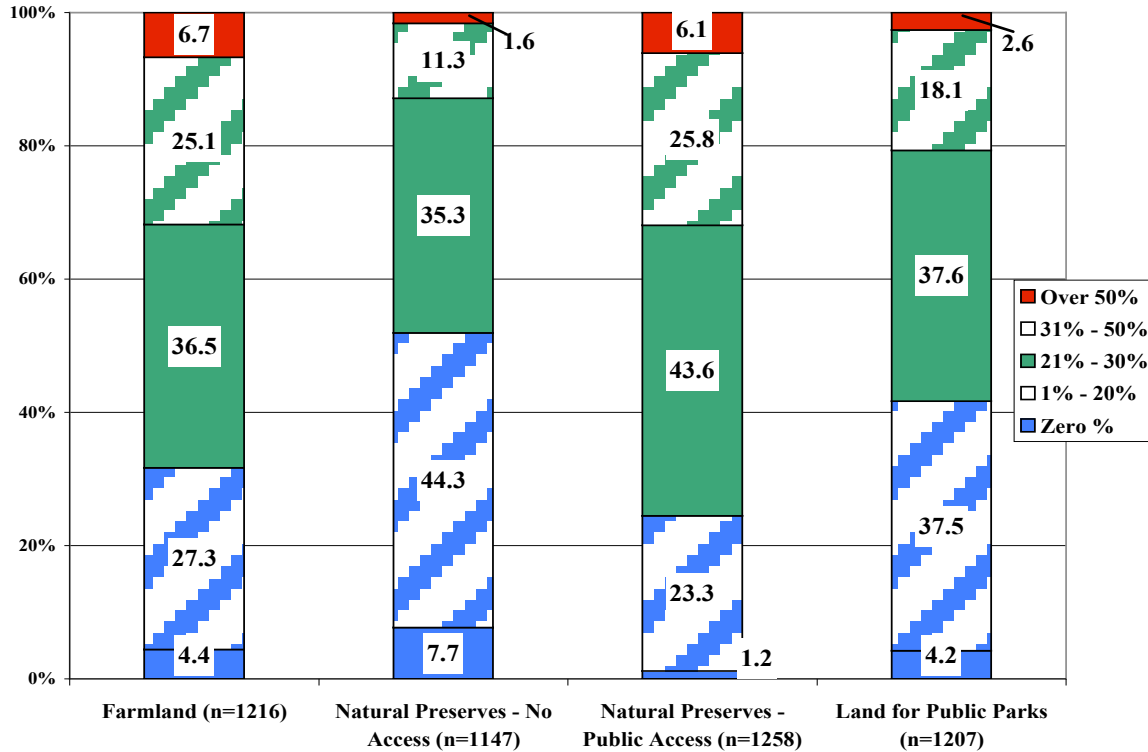


CHART 2C: DISTRIBUTION SHOWING HOW RESIDENTS WOULD ALLOCATE PROPOSAL J FUNDS



- Looking at the distributions of responses, it is clear that two-thirds plus 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

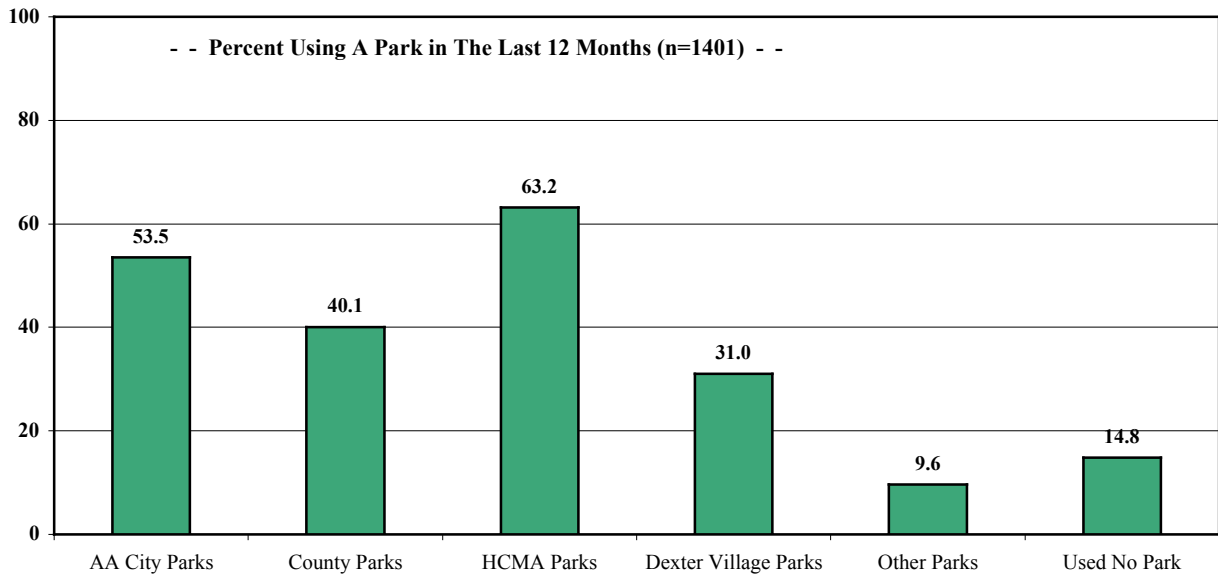


CHART 2E: PARTICIPATION OF SELF OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN EXERCISE ACTIVITIES IS EXTREMELY HIGH

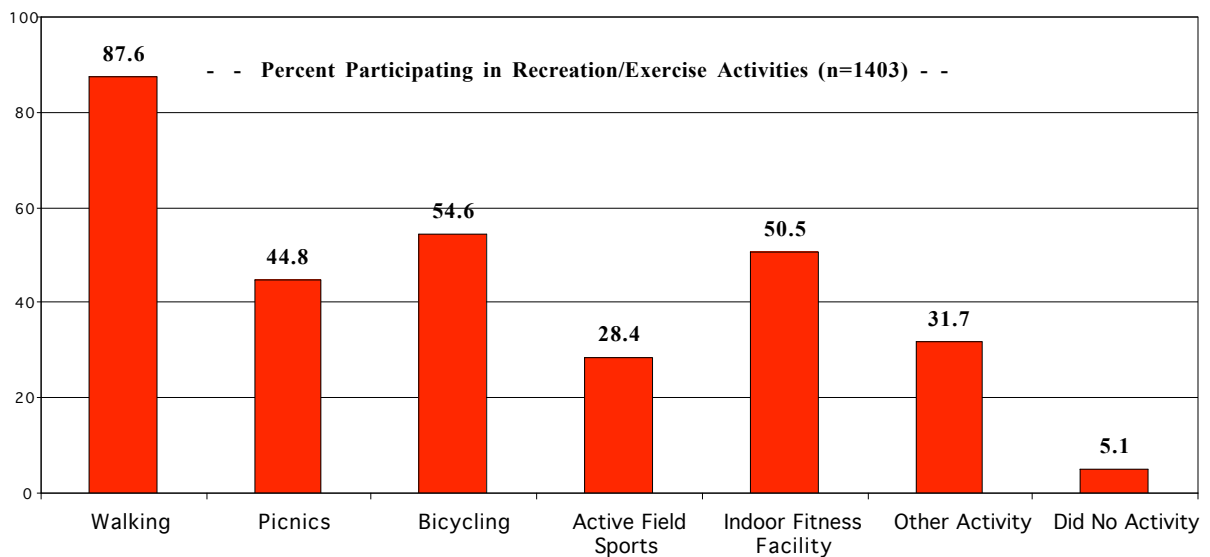


CHART 2F: USING TAXES TO PAY FOR PUBLIC PARKS IN SCIO IS NOT POPULAR

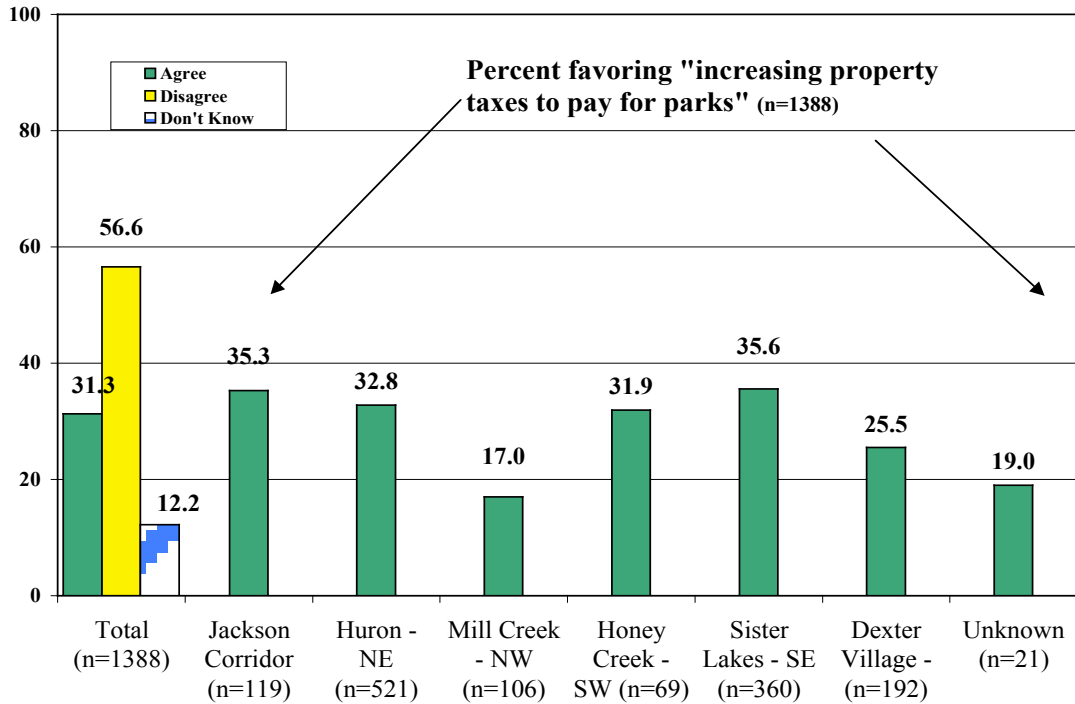
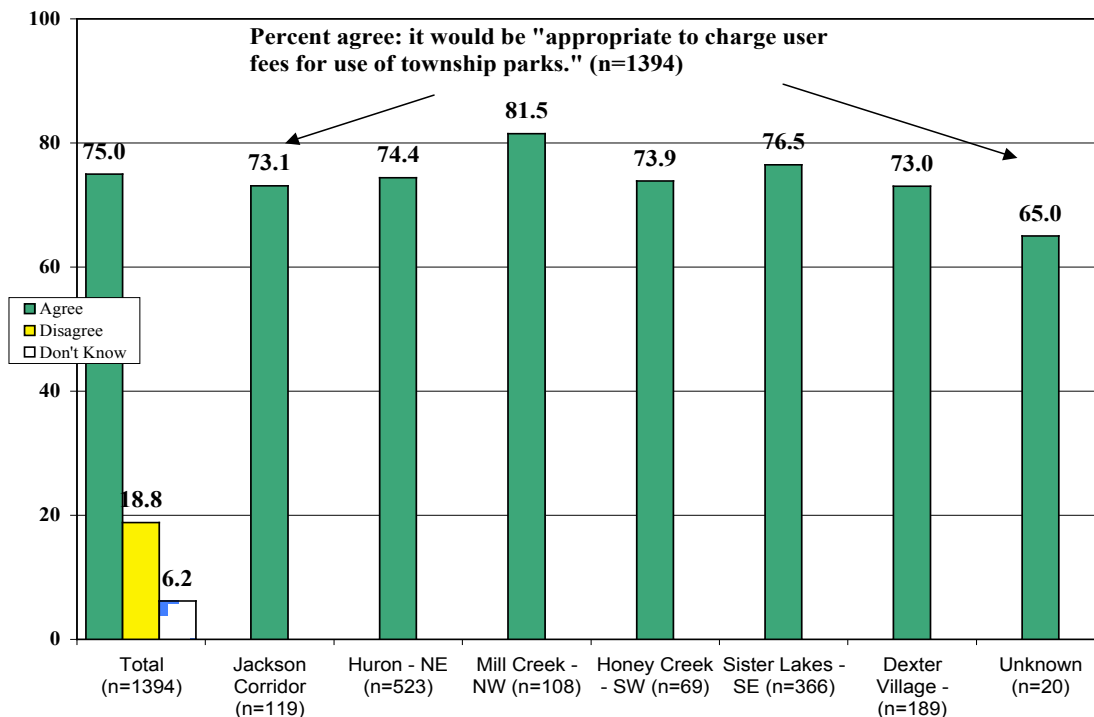


CHART 2G: MOST RESIDENTS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CHARGE USER FEES FOR USE OF SCIO'S PARKS



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.

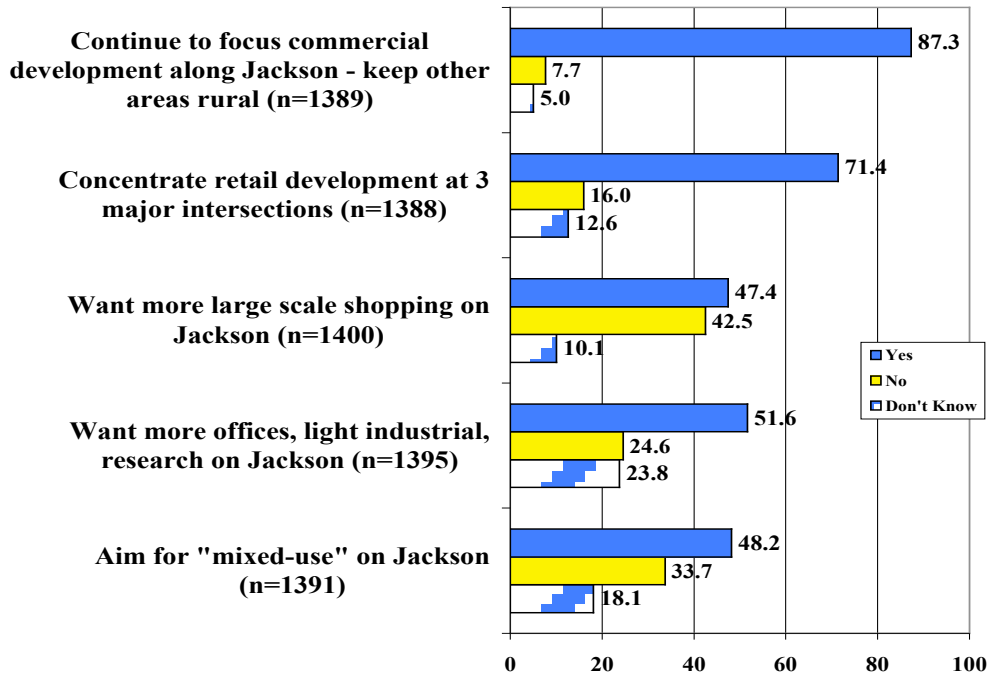


CHART 3B: OPINIONS ON ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING SCIO ARE MIXED – MANY ARE NEUTRAL AND MANY SATISFIED, BUT 1 IN 5 DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS.

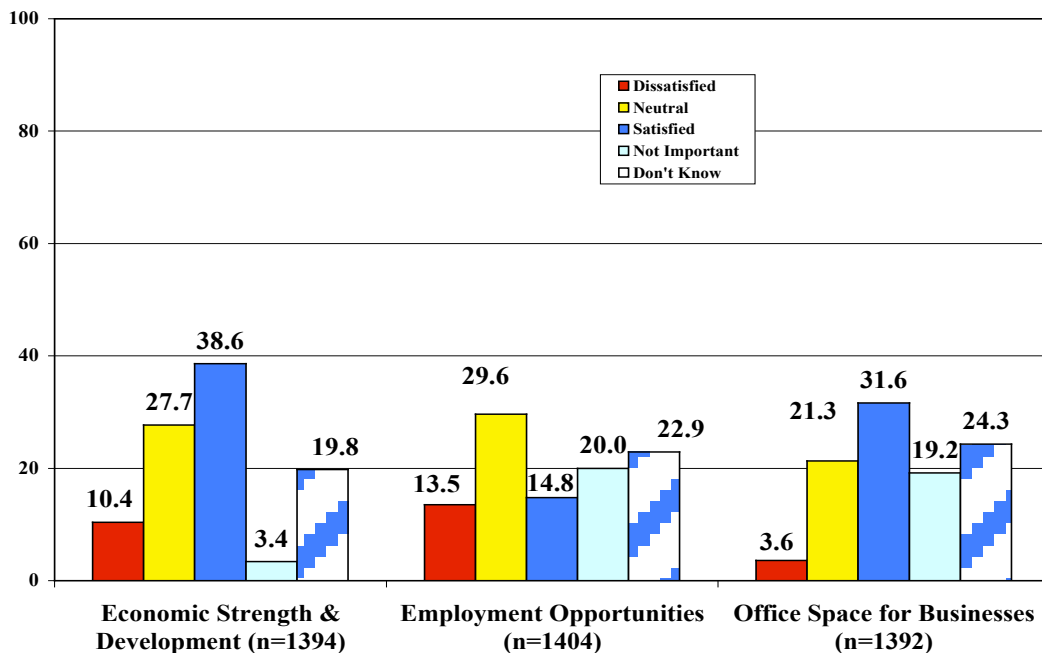
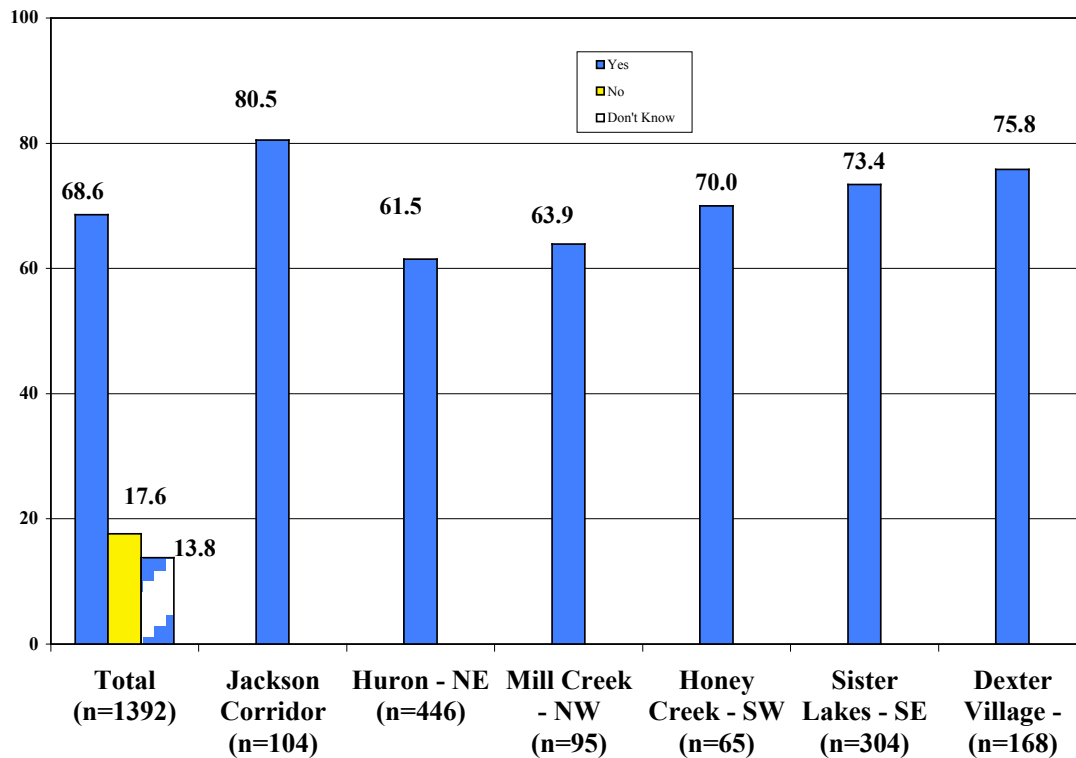


CHART 3C: RESIDENTS BELIEVE THAT SCIO SHOULD ACTIVELY PURSUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION.



- 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.”

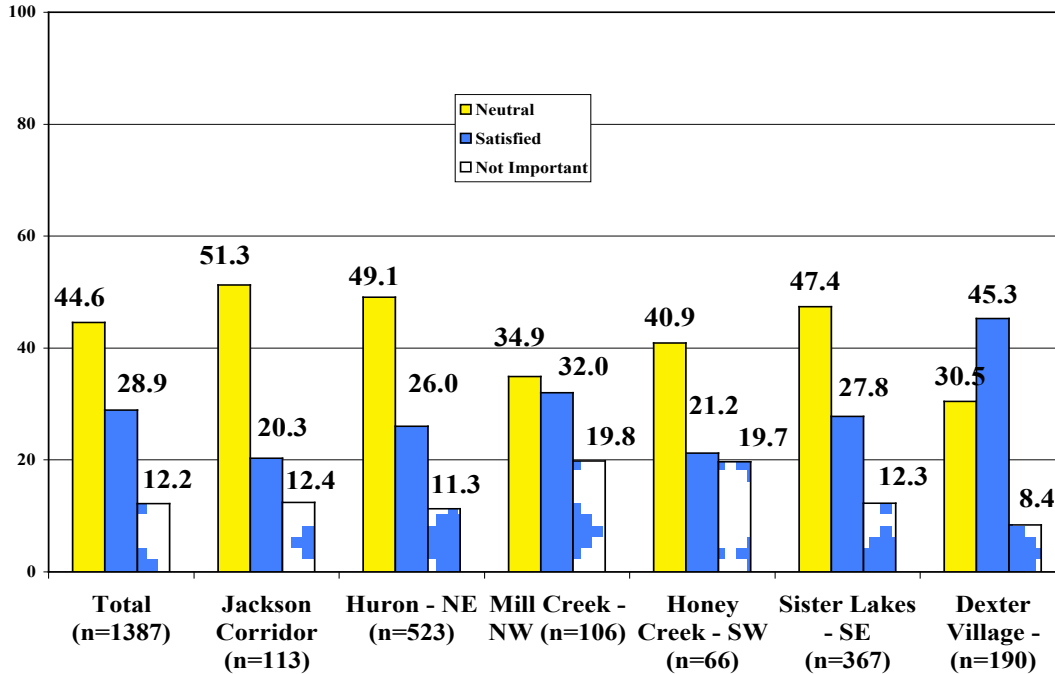


CHART 4B: SCIO RESIDENTS DO NOT THINK THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD DEVELOP A TOWN CENTER TO HELP DEFINE SCIO’S IDENTITY – FOUR IN TEN SAY NO TO THIS CONCEPT.

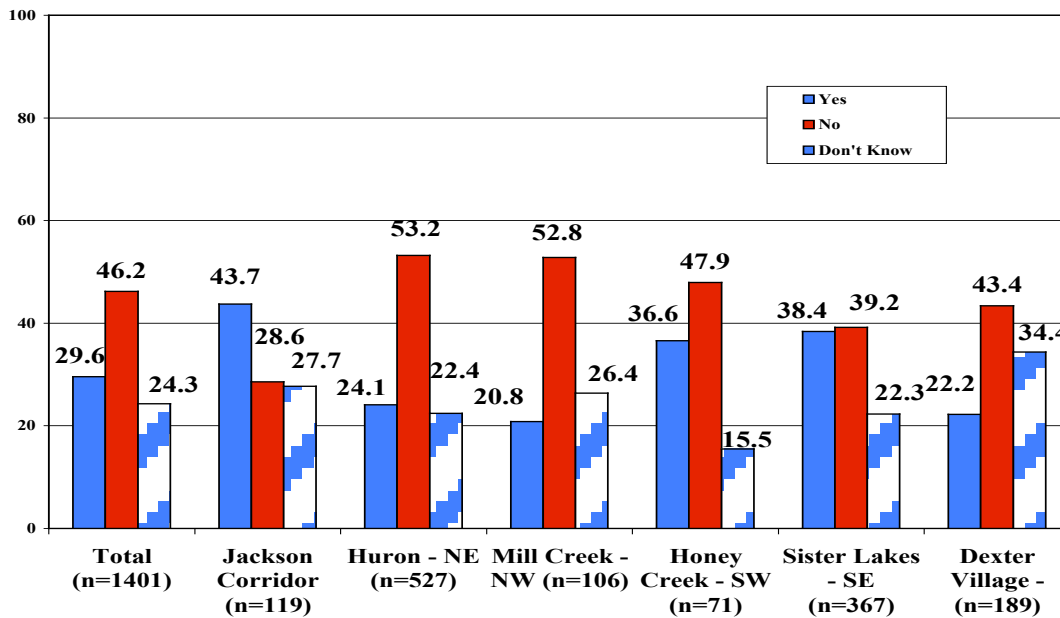


TABLE 4A: OPINIONS VARY REGARDING HOW A TOWN CENTER SHOULD BE DEVELOPED – IF ONE IS DEVELOPED

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.

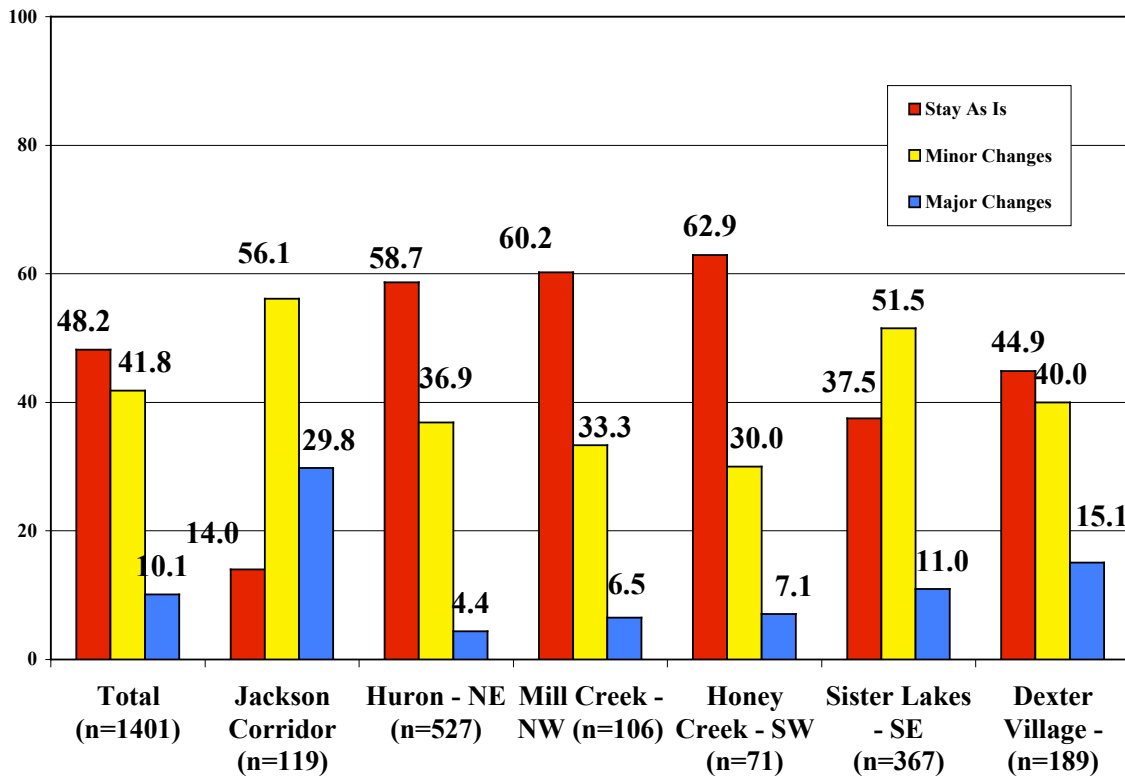
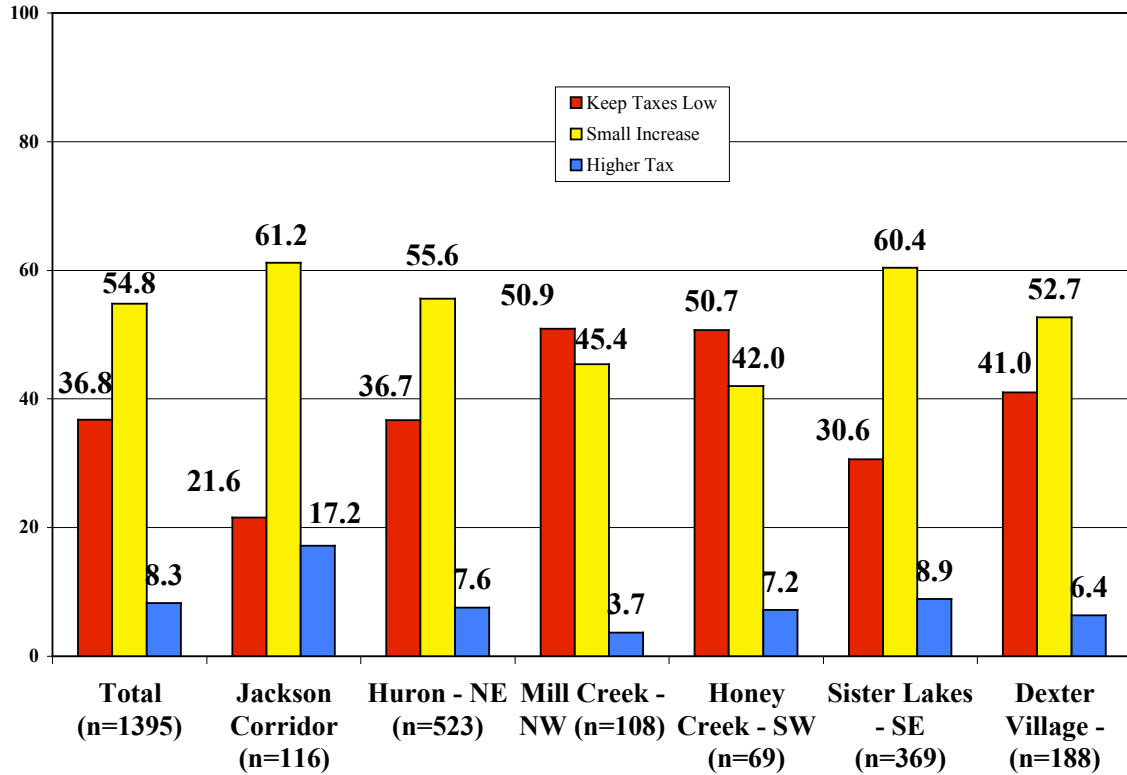


CHART 4D: VIEWS TOWARD PROPERTY TAX PRIORITIES ALSO VARY NOTABLY ACROSS TOWNSHIP SECTORS



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.

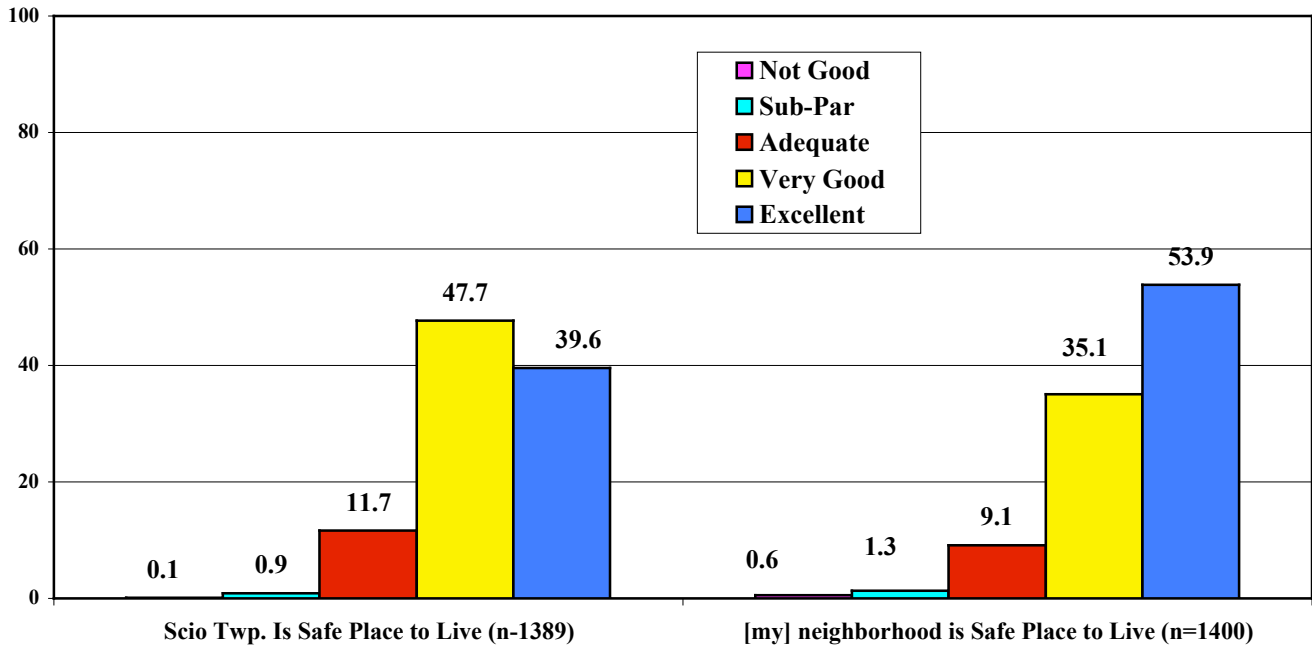


CHART 5B: PERCEPTIONS OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY VARY STRONGLY ACROSS THE SECTORS WHERE RESIDENTS LIVE.

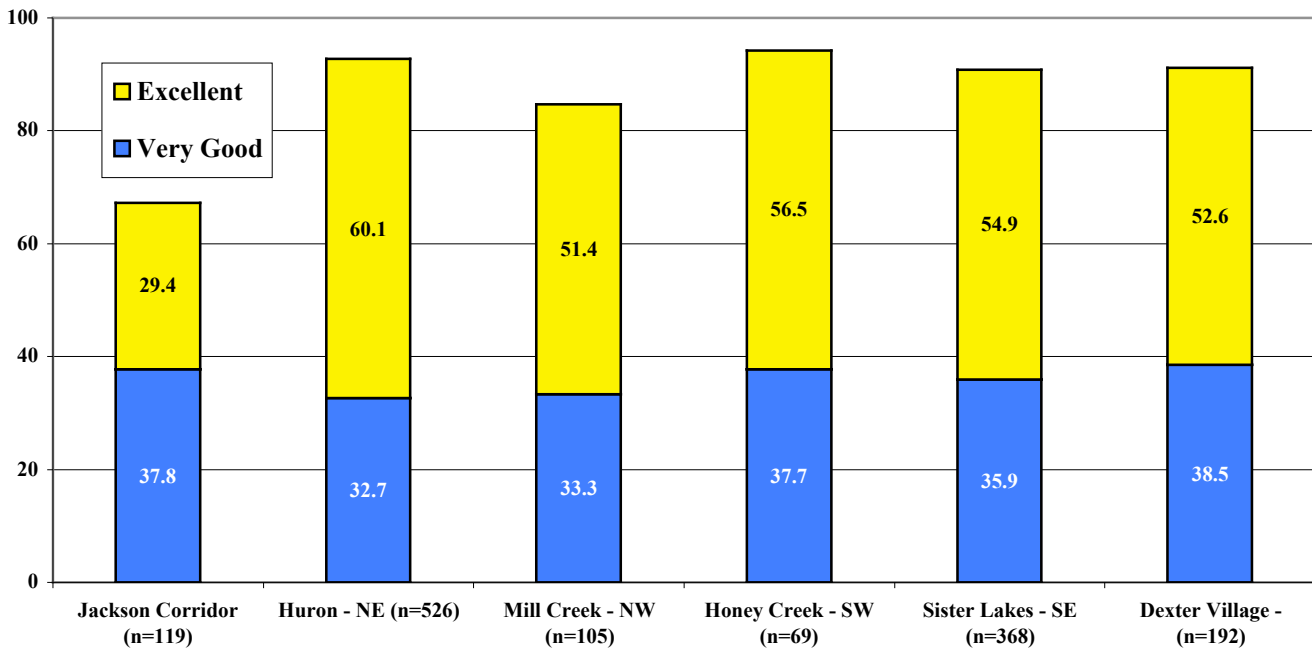


CHART 5C: A MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS SAY THE LEVEL OF POLICE PROTECTION IS ABOUT RIGHT, BUT SOME AREAS SAY THEY HAVE TOO LITTLE PROTECTION.

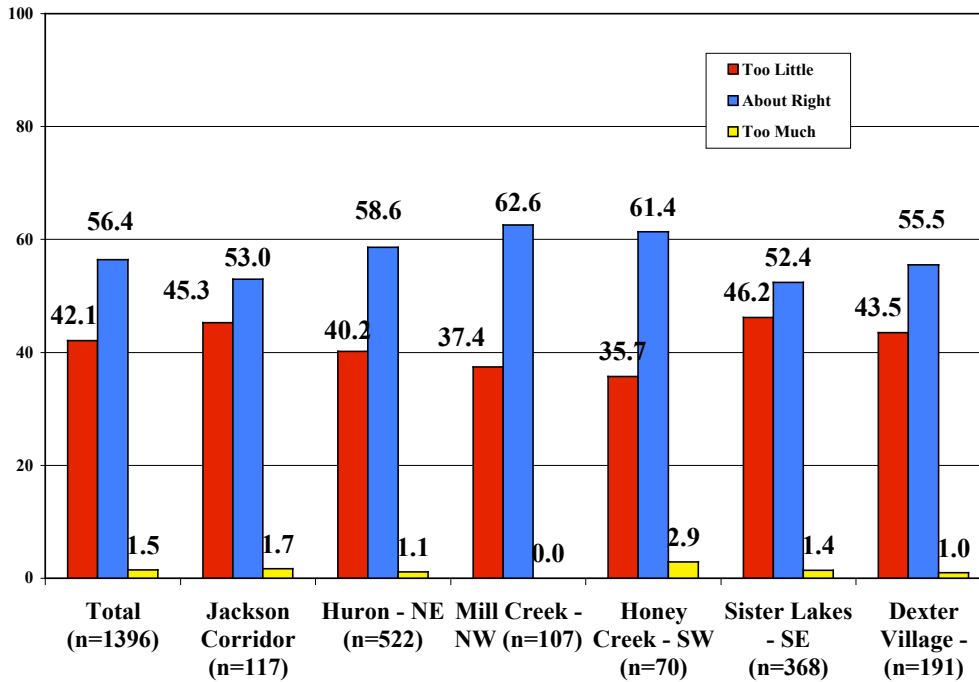


CHART 5D: RESIDENTS ARE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FIRE PROTECTION, WITH EIGHT IN TEN CLAIMING IT IS “ABOUT RIGHT.”

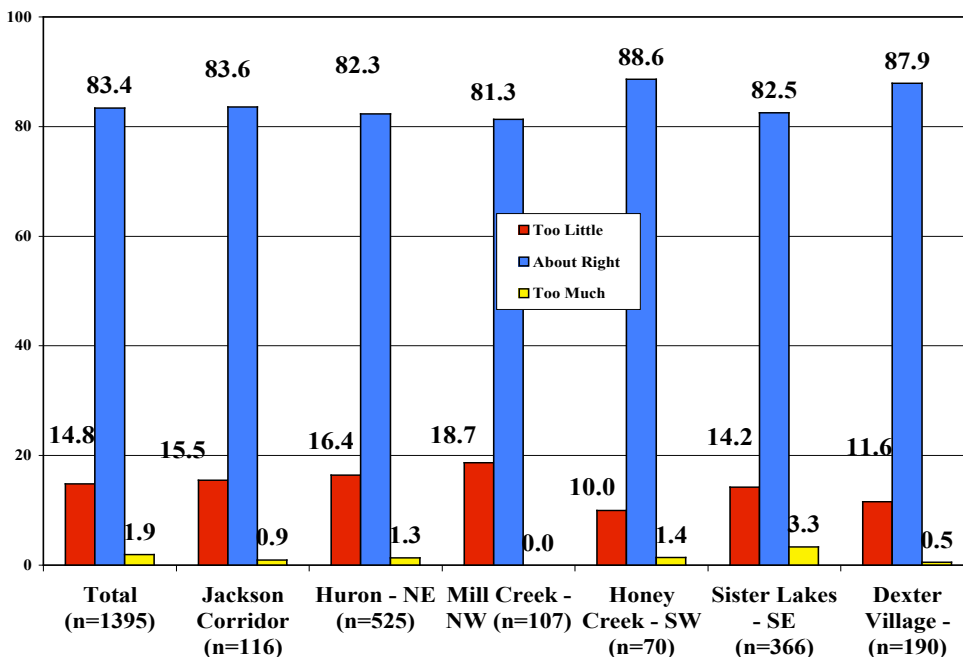
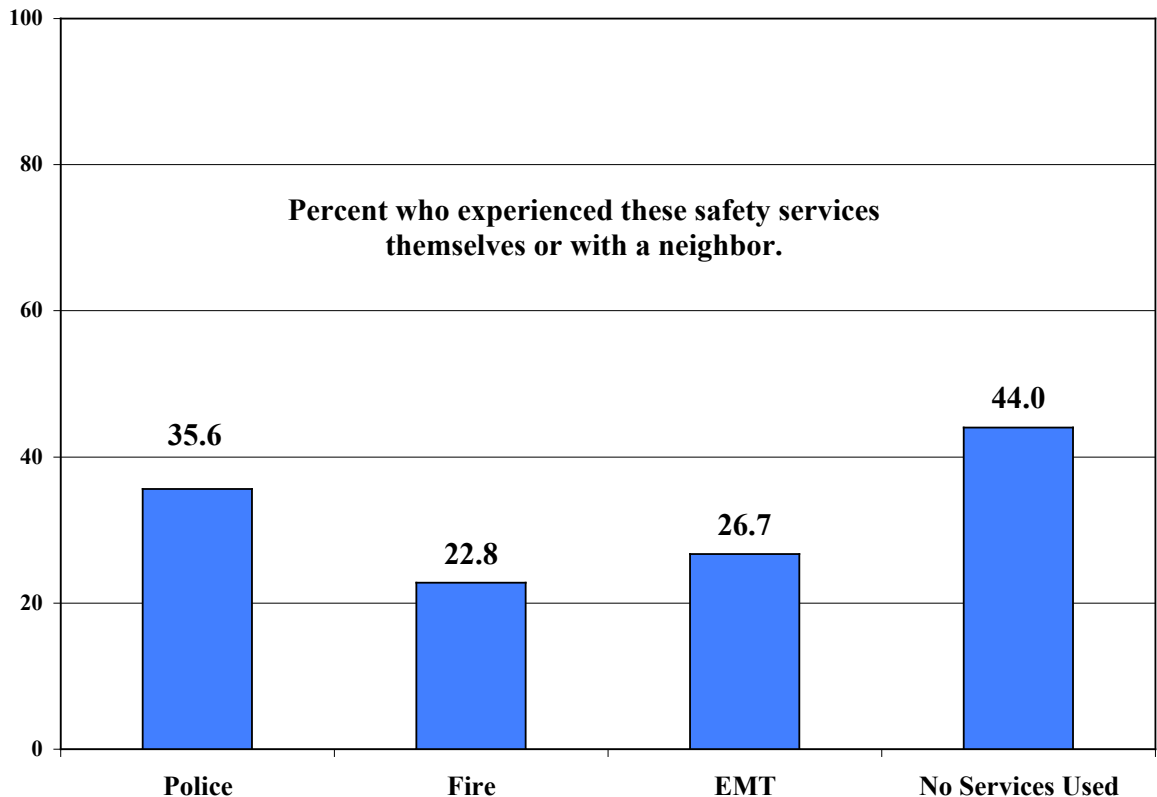


CHART 5E: JUST UNDER HALF OF SCIO RESIDENTS HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE SAFETY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWNSHIP.



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.

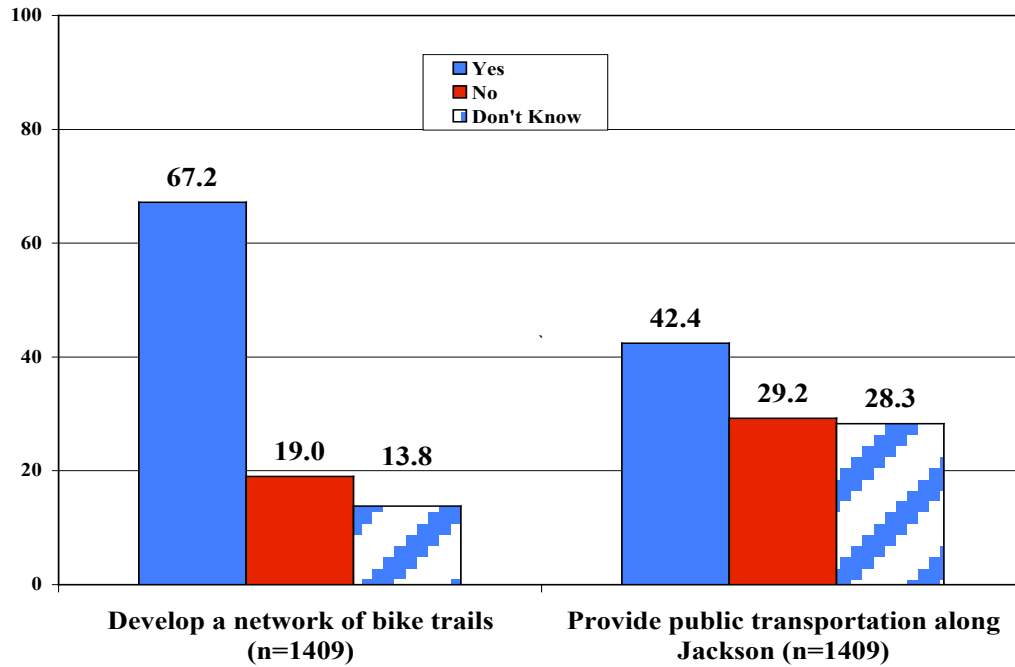


CHART 6B: JACKSON CORRIDOR RESIDENTS DIFFER FROM THE REST OF THE TOWNSHIP IN EXPRESSING FAR GREATER SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALONG JACKSON.

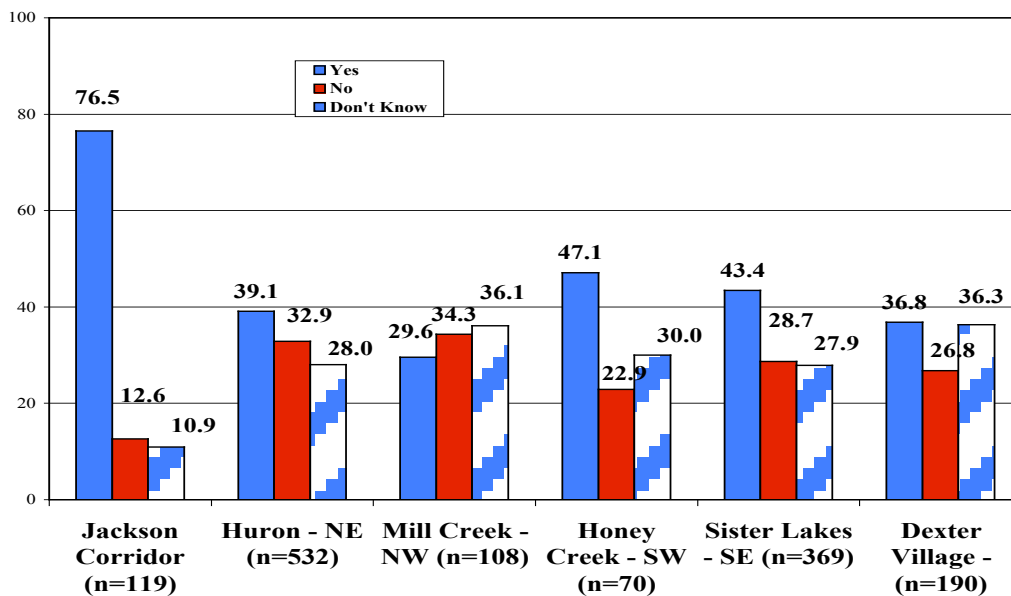


CHART 6C: ONE THIRD OF JACKSON CORRIDOR RESIDENTS WOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALONG JACKSON REGULARLY, BUT IN THE REST OF THE TOWNSHIP MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS WOULD NEVER USE IT.

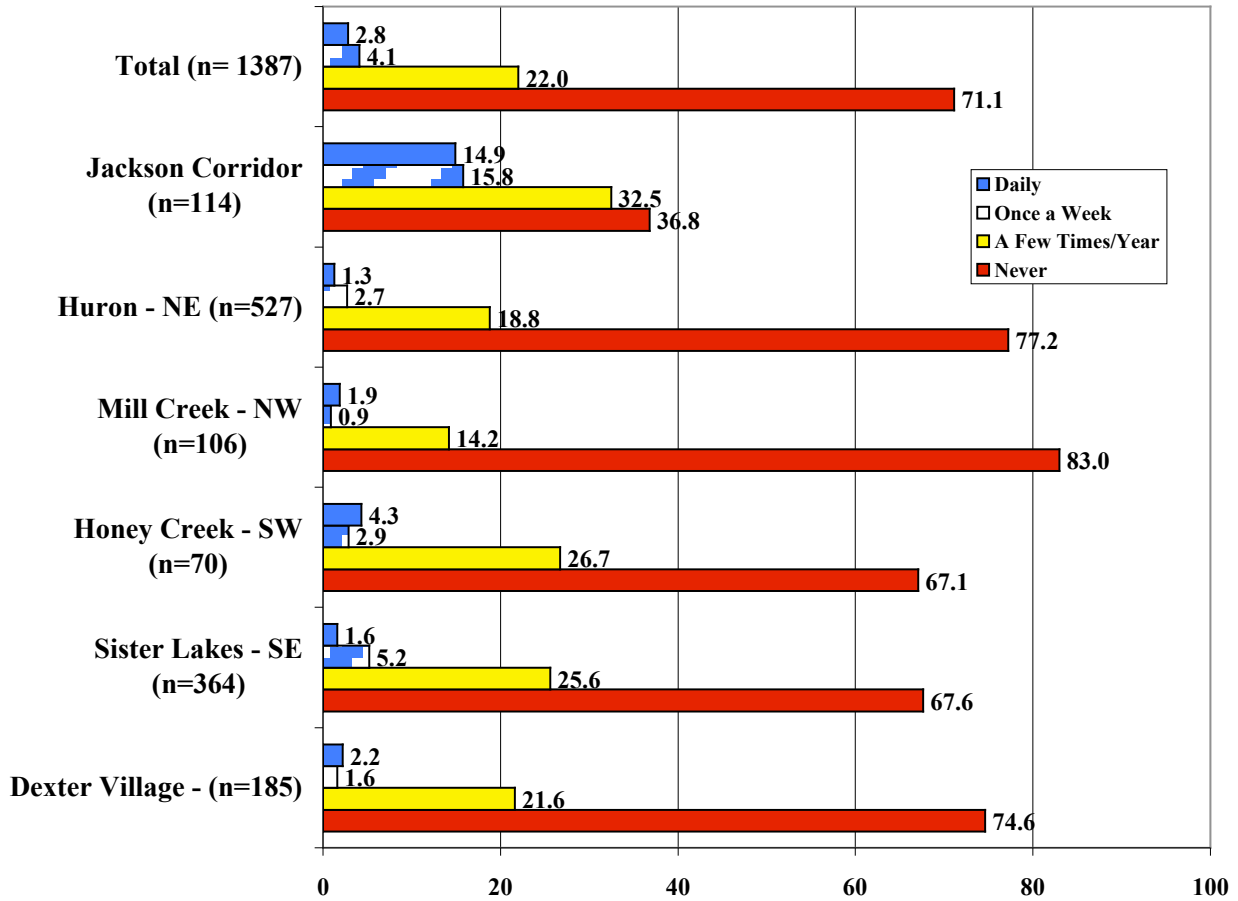
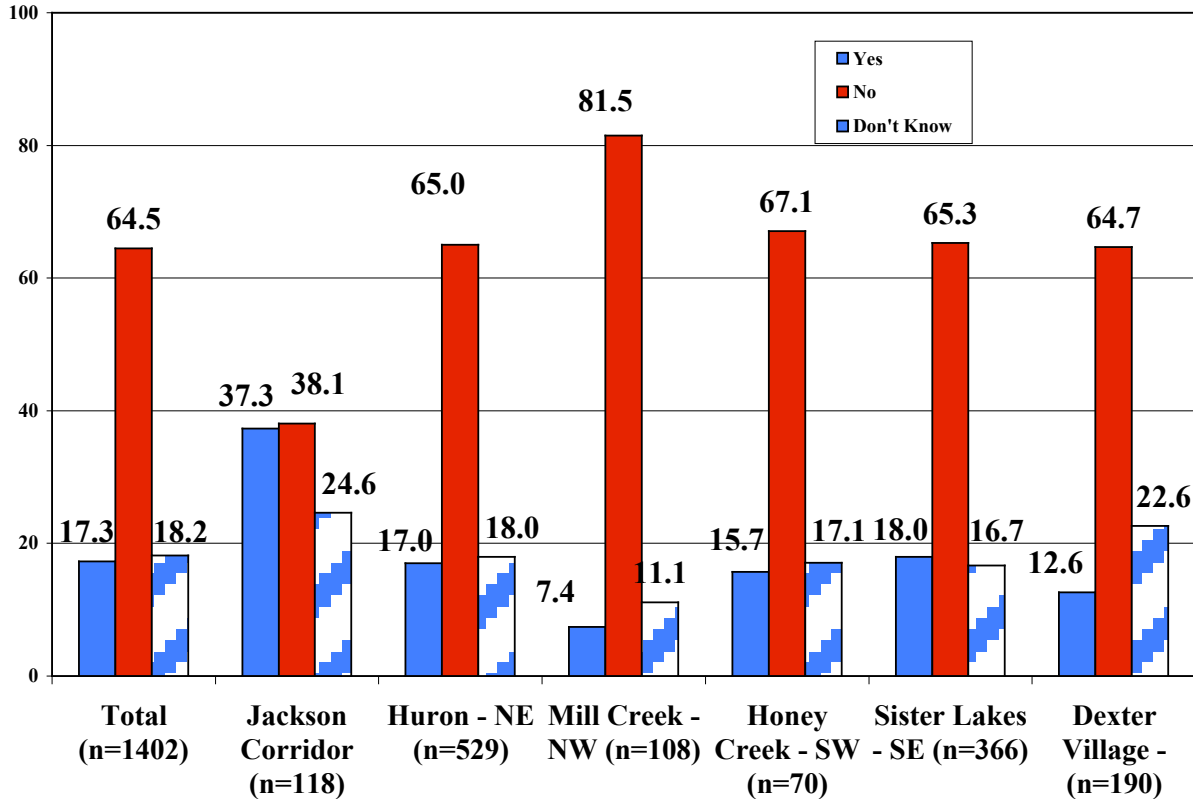


CHART 6D: IN MOST SECTORS MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF RESIDENTS DO NOT FAVOR INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES TO PAY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON JACKSON ROAD.



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.