

Rock River Township Citizen Survey

Rock River Township is currently working on a Master Plan for land use. Local development decisions affect your quality of life in many ways, including: a healthy environment, clean and plentiful water, safe roadways, compatible land uses, adequate public facilities and impacts to property values and taxes. A Master Plan is a blueprint for a municipality that depicts current land uses and guides decisions for both growth and conservation in your community. The Master Plan will develop goals and strategies for land use and development for the next 10 years. Citizen input is an integral part of this Plan. Local insight from community members can be instrumental in identifying your shared values and interests, establishing our goals and objectives for Rock River Township’s future.

Please complete the following questionnaire. You can fill out the questionnaire below or download online at www.rockrivertownship.org. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only. Completed questionnaires can be delivered to the Rock River Township Hall during regular Library hours (Wed and Sat 9 am-noon) or mailed to:

Planning Commission, Rock River Township, PO Box 195, Chatham, MI 49816

Please circle one of the answers below.

1. I am a resident of (Please circle the answer that best describes where you live)

Chatham Eben Rumely Sundell

2. How long have you lived/ or owned property in Rock River Township?

Less than one year 1 to 5 Years 5-10 Years 10-20 Years Over 20 Years

3. Do you live in Rock River Township year-round?

Yes No, I leave for winter months

4. Where is your place of employment located?

I’m retired I’m unemployed I work in Rock River Township I work in Alger County
I work outside of Alger County I work outside of Michigan

5. What strategy would you prefer for land use and growth management in Rock River Township?

Residential

Growth encouraged Growth takes its own course Planned & limited growth Goal of no growth

Commercial

Growth encouraged Growth takes its own course Planned & limited growth Goal of no growth

Light Industrial (small manufacturing, gravel pits)

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Agricultural

Growth encouraged Growth takes its own course Planned & limited growth Goal of no growth

Tourism

Growth encouraged Growth takes its own course Planned & limited growth Goal of no growth

Please circle the answer that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions.

6. Overall View of Rock River Township

a. Overall how would you describe the quality of life in Rock River Township?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don’t Know

b. How would you rate the quality of your neighborhood?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don’t Know

c. How would you rate Rock River Township as a place to raise children?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don’t Know

d. How would you rate Rock River Township as a place to live?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don’t Know

e. How would you rate Rock River Township as a place to retire?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don’t Know

7. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Rock River Township as a whole:

a. Sense of community

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don’t Know

b. Quality of the K-12 schools in Rock River Township

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don’t Know

c. Opportunity for leisure-time activities

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

d. Shopping opportunity

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

e. Recreation opportunities

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

f. Job opportunities

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

g. Access to affordable housing

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

h. Access to healthcare and emergency services

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

i. Overall appearance of the township

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

8. Overall, how would you rate the quality of services provided by Rock River Township?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

9. Under the current zoning regulations do you feel that you are:

Overregulated Properly regulated Under regulated Don't Know

10. What services would you like to see the township improve on?

11. What do you feel is the most important issue facing Rock River Township in the next 5, 10, 20 years?

12. Should Rock River Township be more involved with "green" activities (i.e., recycling, renewable energy, conservation)?

13. What types of commercial and light manufacturing uses (if any) would you like to see in the township and where should they locate?

14. Would you like to see more senior community facilities in Rock River Township?

15. To help the township assess recreational needs and facilities, please indicate below if you have participated in the following activities in the last 12 months:

Snowmobiling 4 wheeling/ORV Boating (motor) Canoe/Kayaking Snowshoeing Skiing (all types)
Mountain Biking Hiking Non-motorized trail usage

16. What concerns (if any) do you have about vacation rentals in Rock River Township?

17. What type of improvements would you like to see at the Chatham Ski Hill and/or Eben Ice Caves?

18. Please use the following space for comments, suggestions and solutions you would like Rock River Township to consider.