

**Macon
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Master Plan
Survey
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INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this study was to gather public feedback on the current state and future development of Macon Township. This survey research effort and subsequent analysis were designed to assist the Macon Township Planning Commission and elected Officials in updating the Township's Master Plan.

The survey was conducted using two primary methods:

- 1) an "Invitation" mail-back survey to registered voters only.
- 2) an online web survey to further encourage response from non-registered voter stakeholders. These included landowners, and people employed in the Township.

The analysis herein primarily focuses on responses from the statistically valid invitation sample. However, open link responses are also analyzed and discussed in a separate section of the report, highlighting differences from the invitation sample. The primary list source used for the invitation mailing was the list of registered voters from the Township clerk. A total of 1,095 surveys were mailed to registered voters in November 2021.

There was a relatively high response rate of 220, resulting in a high response rate of 20 percent. Additionally, the open online link survey received 18 completed responses.

Due to variable response rates on specific questions the total number of responses do not always add up to a total of 220.

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Chairman
Macon Township Planning Commission

Registered Voter Results

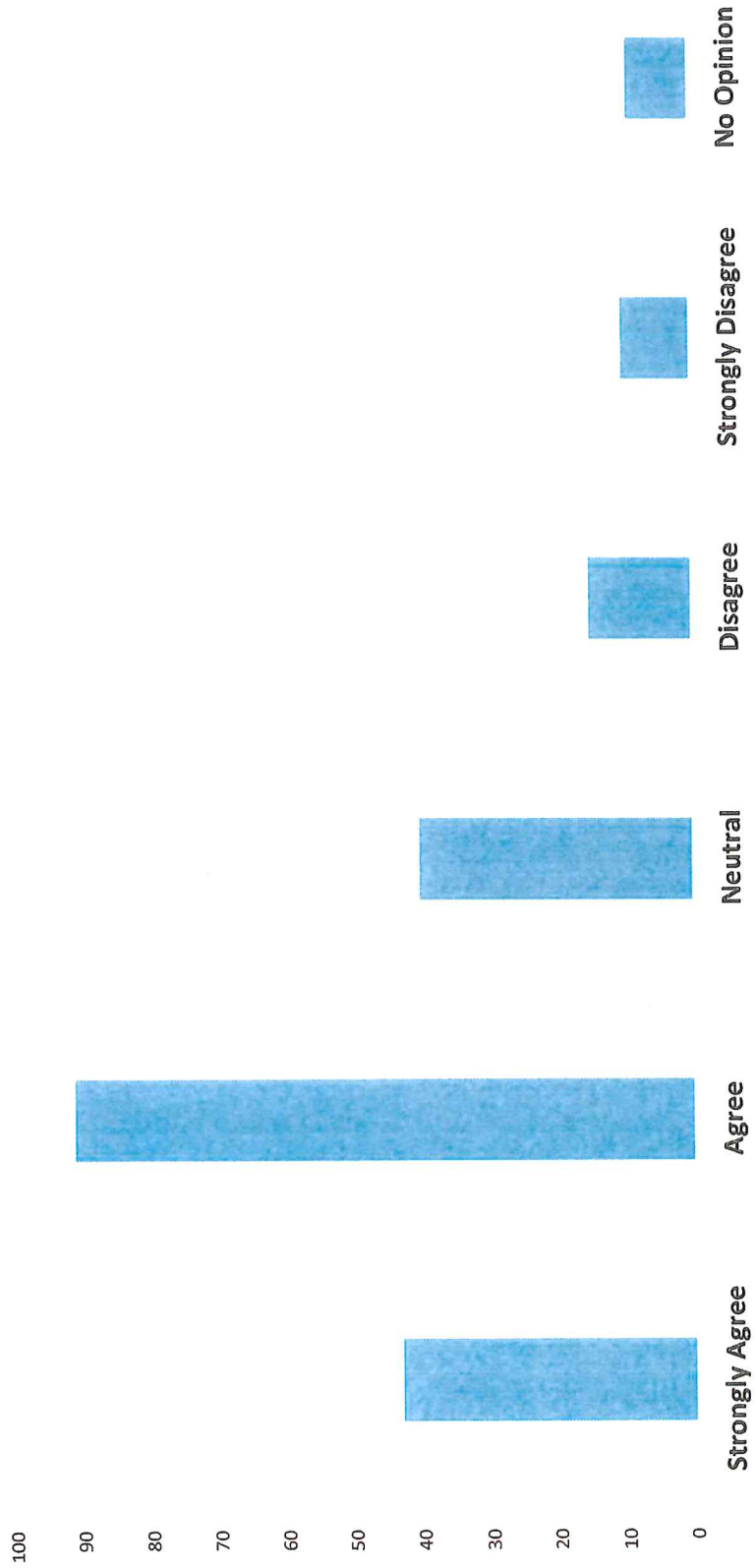
2021 Macon TownshipCommunity Survey 1,095 Registered Voters Approximately 20% of all registered voters responded to the survey

What is your opinion of the following aspects of Macon Township (check the appropriate response)?

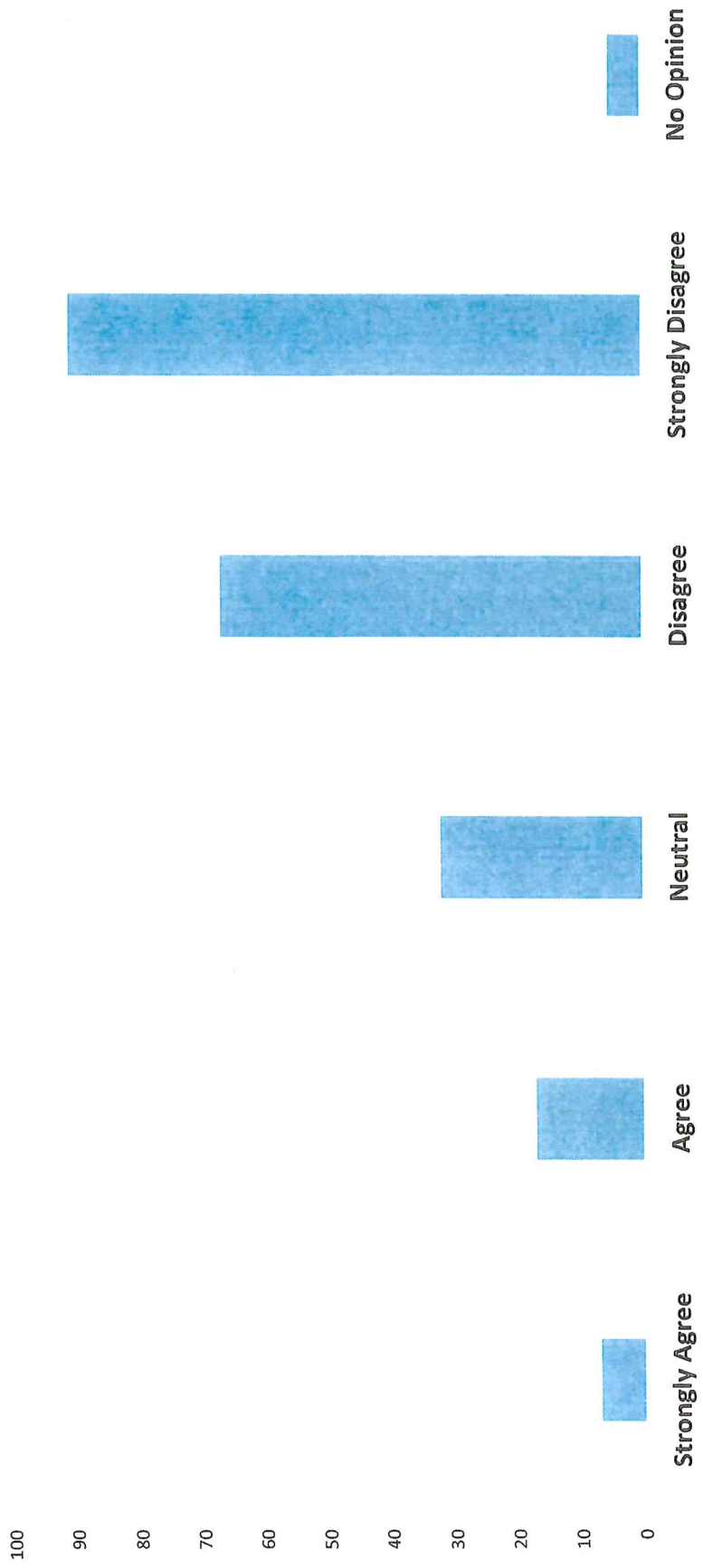
	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neutral		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion		Total
I am satisfied with the mix of business types within the Township.	19.55%	43	41.36%	91	18.18%	40	6.82%	15	4.55%	10	4.09%	9	208
The Township should attract more industry.	3.18%	7	7.73%	17	14.55%	32	30.45%	67	41.36%	91	2.27%	5	219
It is important for the Township to work with the Lenawee County Road Commission to maintain and improve the appearance of township roads.	56.82%	125	35.45%	78	6.82%	15	0.45%	1	0.45%	1	0.00%	0	220
Macon Township should attract more housing.	3.18%	7	7.73%	17	28.64%	63	26.36%	58	31.36%	69	2.73%	6	220
The Township should maintain its existing rural agricultural/residential character.	68.64%	151	17.73%	39	10.91%	24	0.45%	1	0.91%	2	0.00%	0	217
Macon Township should protect its natural resources (e.g., rivers, lakes, wetlands, etc.).	68.64%	151	23.64%	52	6.36%	14	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	217
The Township should attract new solar farms and wind farms.	5.91%	13	9.55%	21	10.91%	24	9.09%	20	63.64%	140	0.91%	2	220
Macon Township should support fine arts endeavors in the Township.	10.00%	22	20.91%	46	36.82%	81	13.18%	29	12.27%	27	5.00%	11	216
Parks and Recreation -- Existing parks, recreation facilities, and programs meet my needs.	14.55%	32	33.64%	74	30.91%	68	6.36%	14	4.55%	10	8.64%	19	217
Parks and Recreation -- Nonmotorized trails should be developed in Macon Township.	11.36%	25	20.00%	44	26.36%	58	22.27%	49	17.27%	38	2.27%	5	219
												Answered	220
												Skipped	0

I am satisfied with the mix of business types within the Township.

Strongly Agree	43
Agree	91
Neutral	40
Disagree	15
Strongly Disagree	10
No Opinion	9



The Township should attract more industry.	
Strongly Agree	7
Agree	17
Neutral	32
Disagree	67
Strongly Disagree	91
No Opinion	5

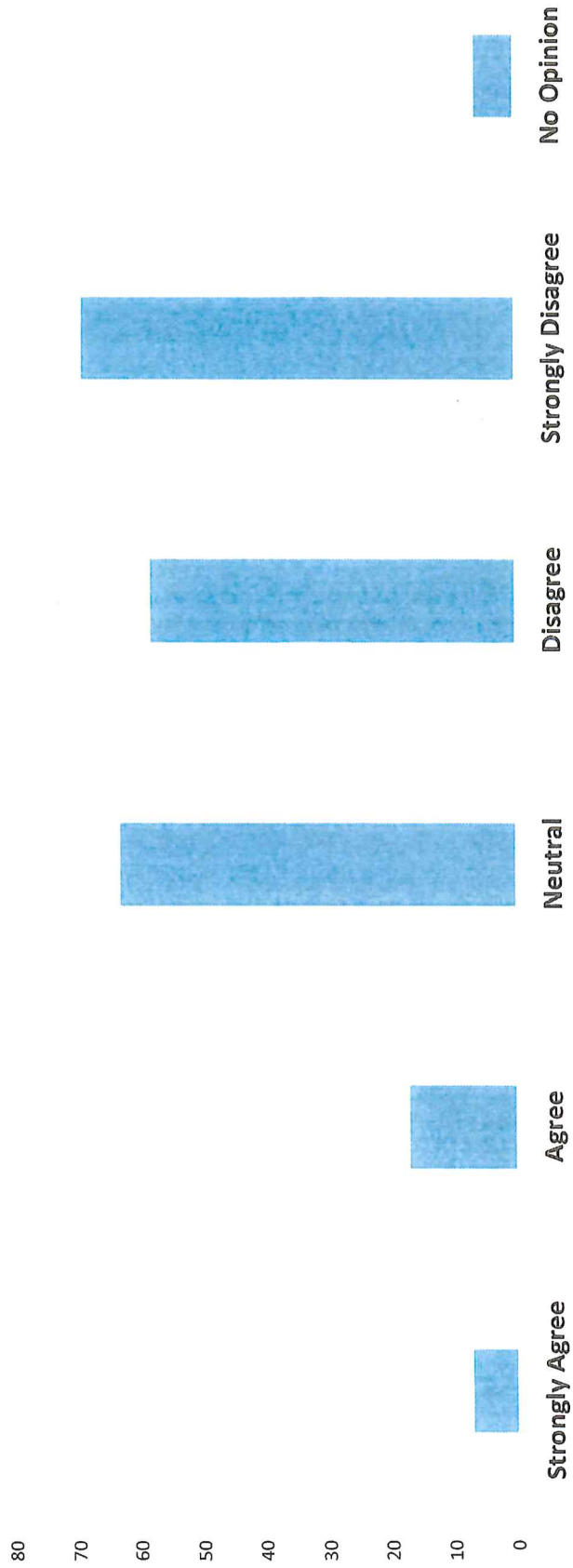


It is important for the Township to work with the Lenawee County Road Commission to maintain and improve the appearance of township roads.

Strongly Agree	125
Agree	78
Neutral	15
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	1
No Opinion	0

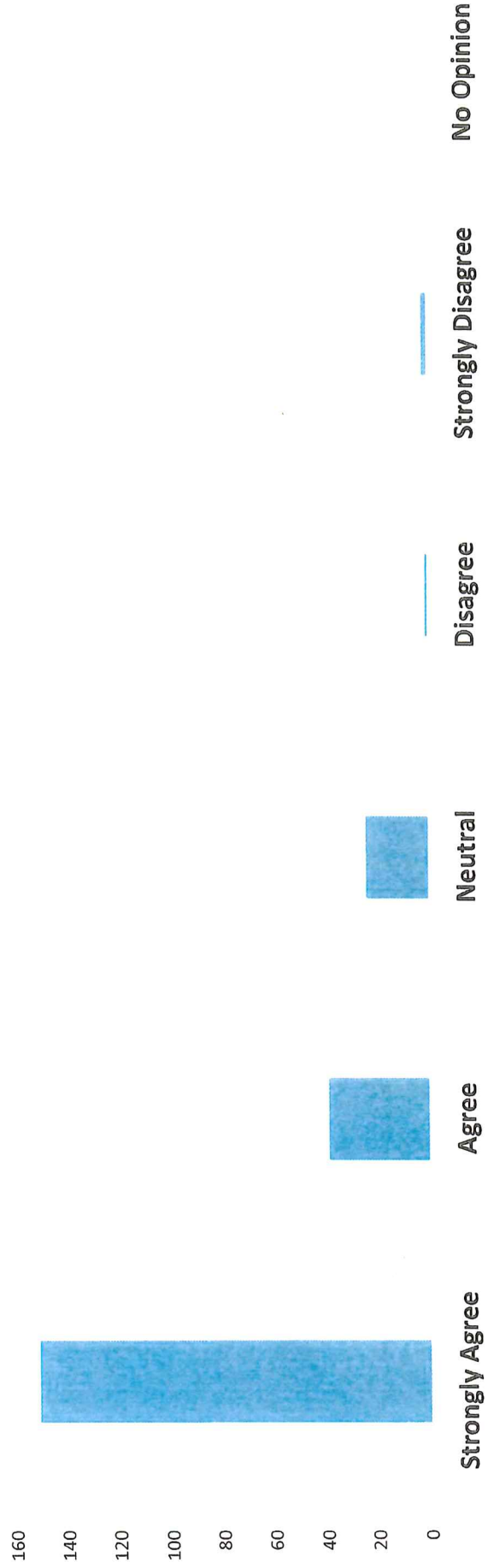


Macon Township should attract more housing.	
Strongly Agree	7
Agree	17
Neutral	63
Disagree	58
Strongly Disagree	69
No Opinion	6



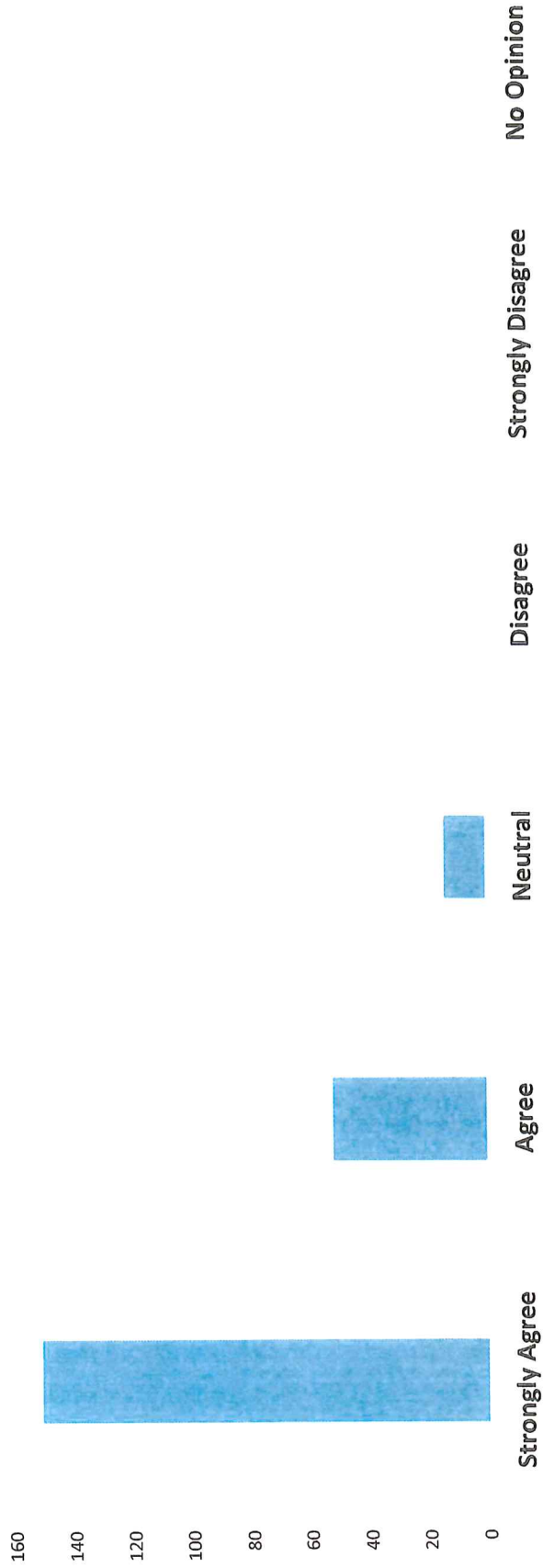
The Township should maintain its existing rural agricultural/residential character.

Strongly Agree	151
Agree	39
Neutral	24
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	2
No Opinion	0

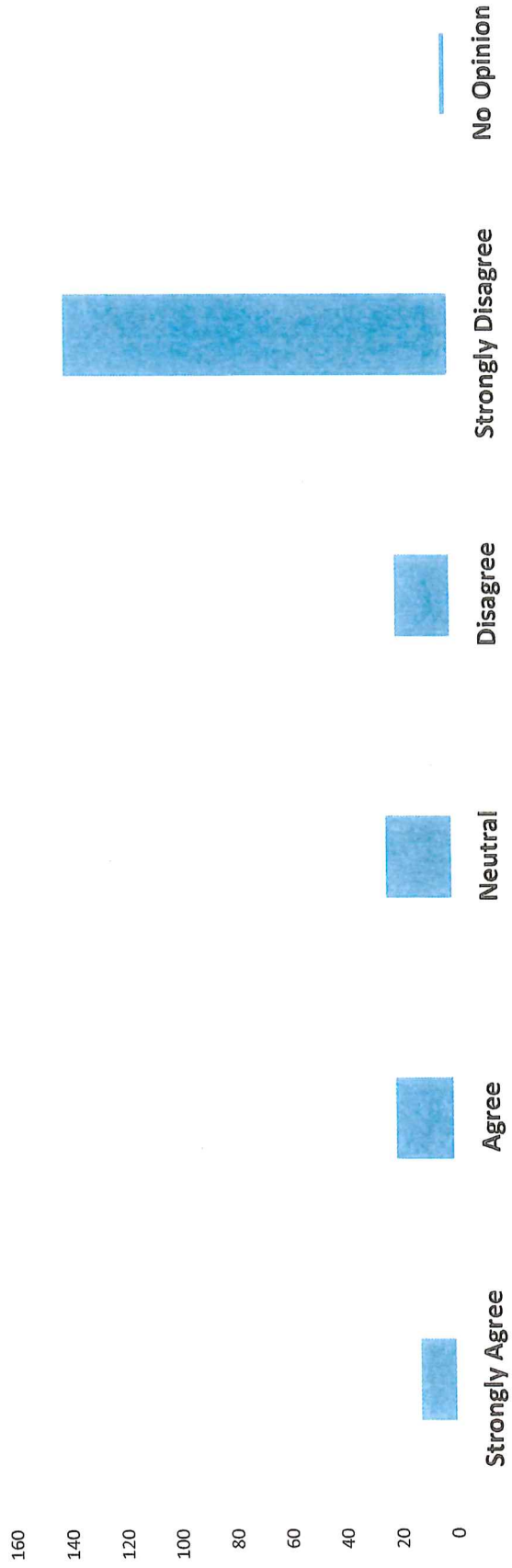


Macon Township should protect its natural resources (e.g., rivers, lakes, wetlands, etc.).

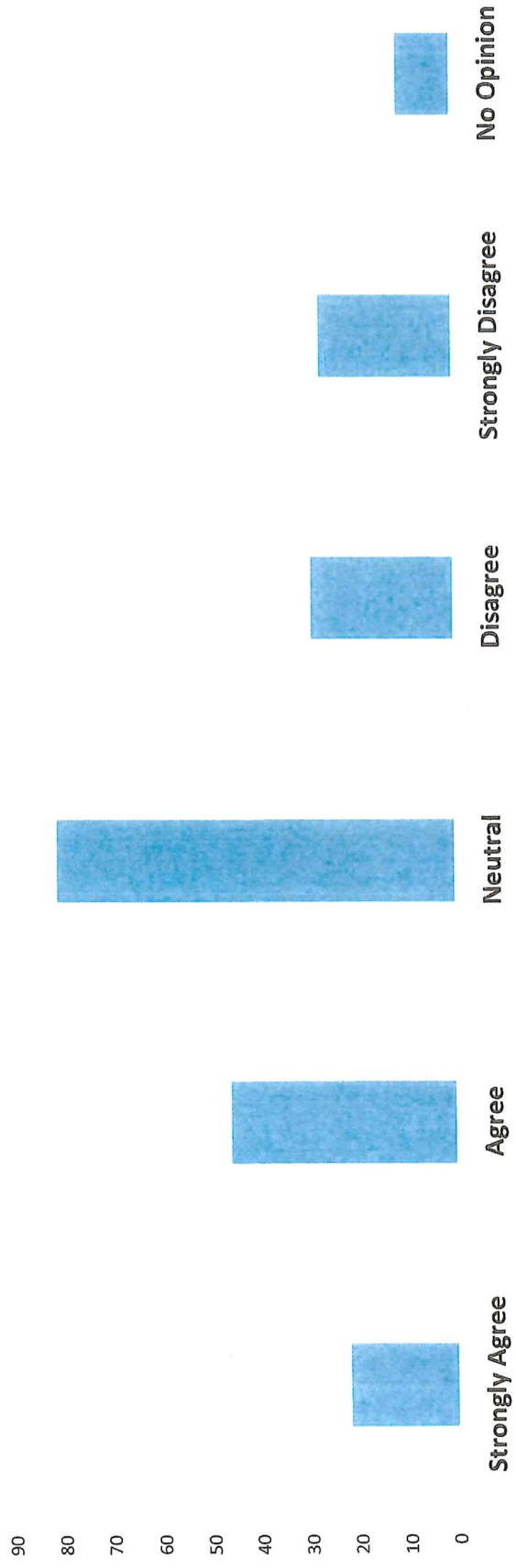
Strongly Agree	151
Agree	52
Neutral	14
Disagree	0
Strongly Disagree	0
No Opinion	0



The Township should attract new solar farms and wind farms.	
Strongly Agree	13
Agree	21
Neutral	24
Disagree	20
Strongly Disagree	140
No Opinion	2

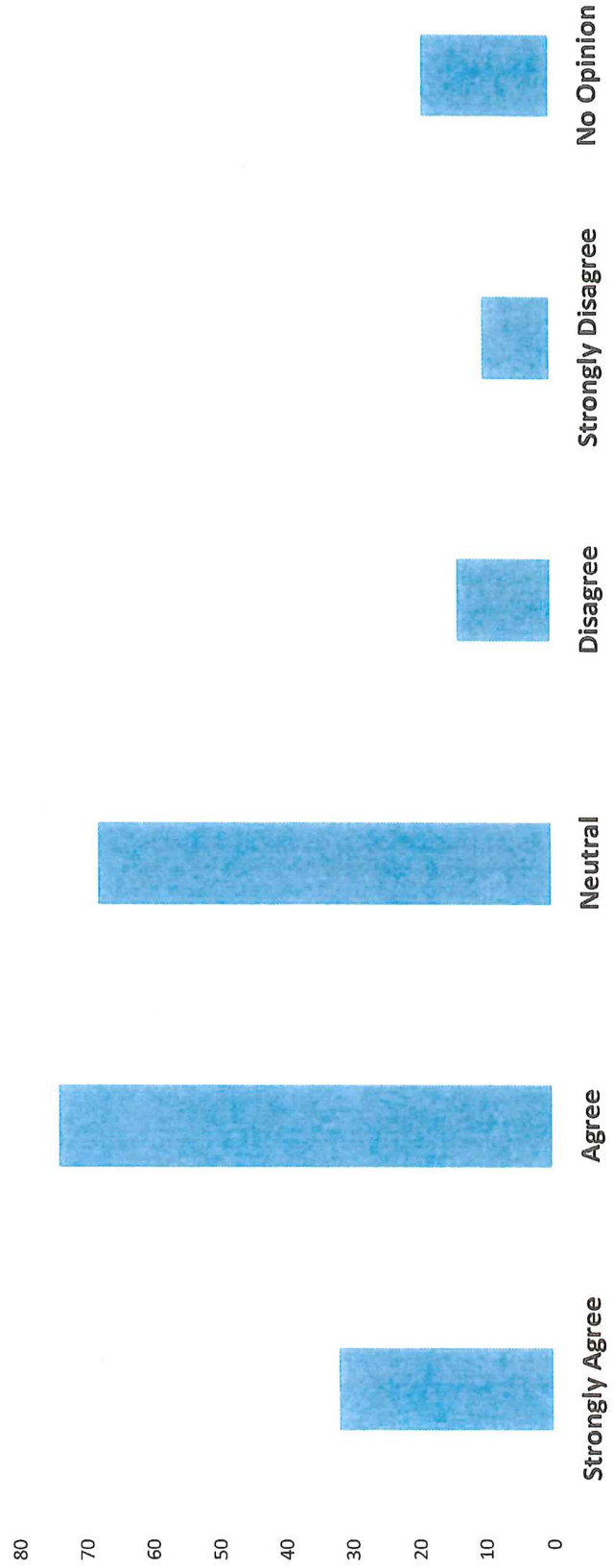


Macon Township should support fine arts endeavors in the Township.	
Strongly Agree	22
Agree	46
Neutral	81
Disagree	29
Strongly Disagree	27
No Opinion	11

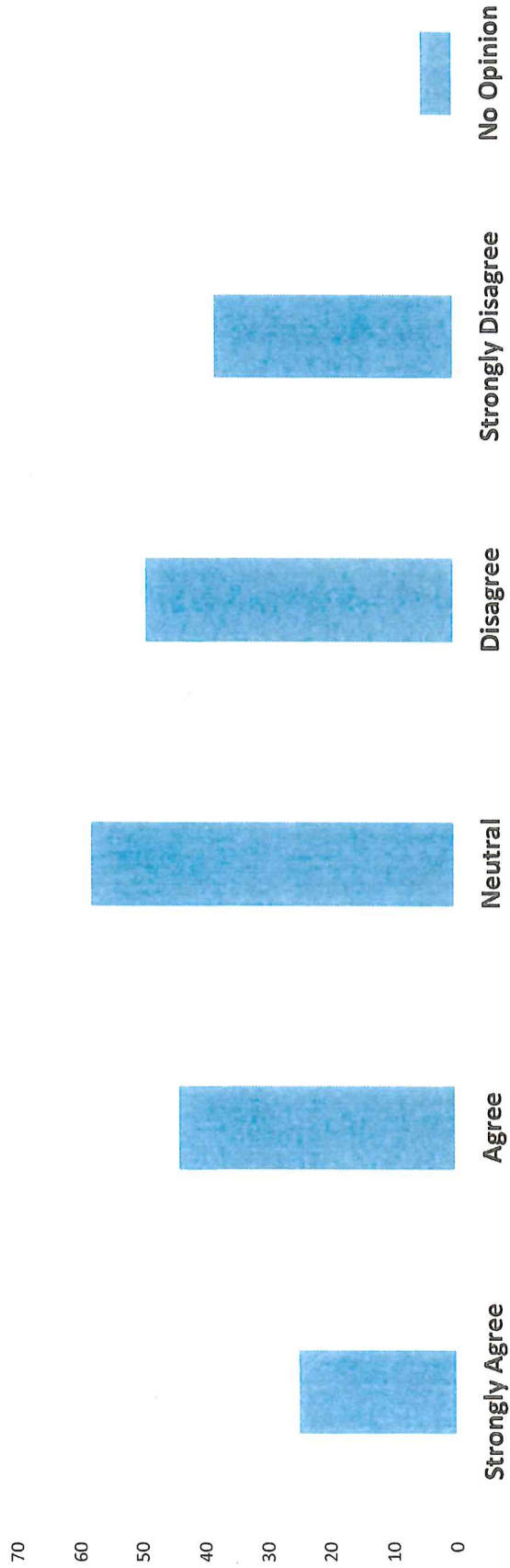


Parks and Recreation -- Existing parks, recreation facilities, and programs meet my needs.

Strongly Agree	32
Agree	74
Neutral	68
Disagree	14
Strongly Disagree	10
No Opinion	19



Parks and Recreation -- Nonmotorized trails should be developed in Macon Township.	
Strongly Agree	25
Agree	44
Neutral	58
Disagree	49
Strongly Disagree	38
No Opinion	5

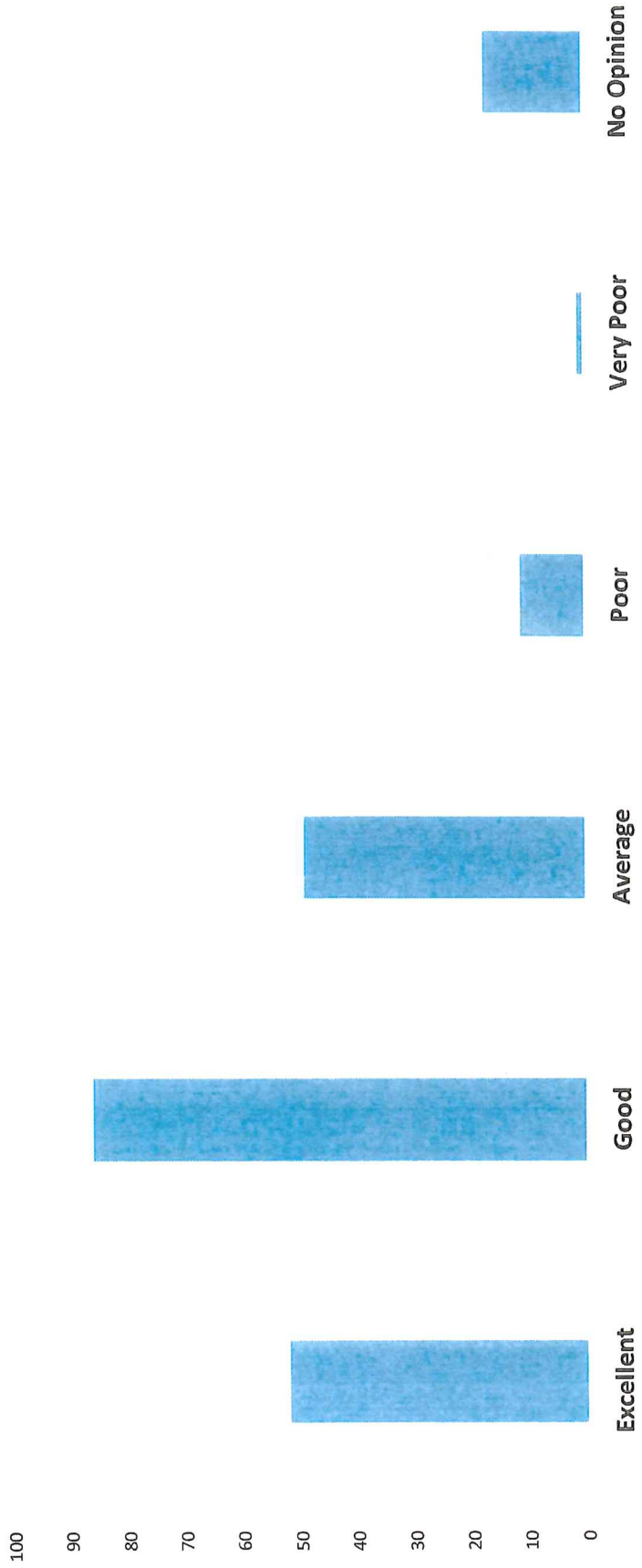


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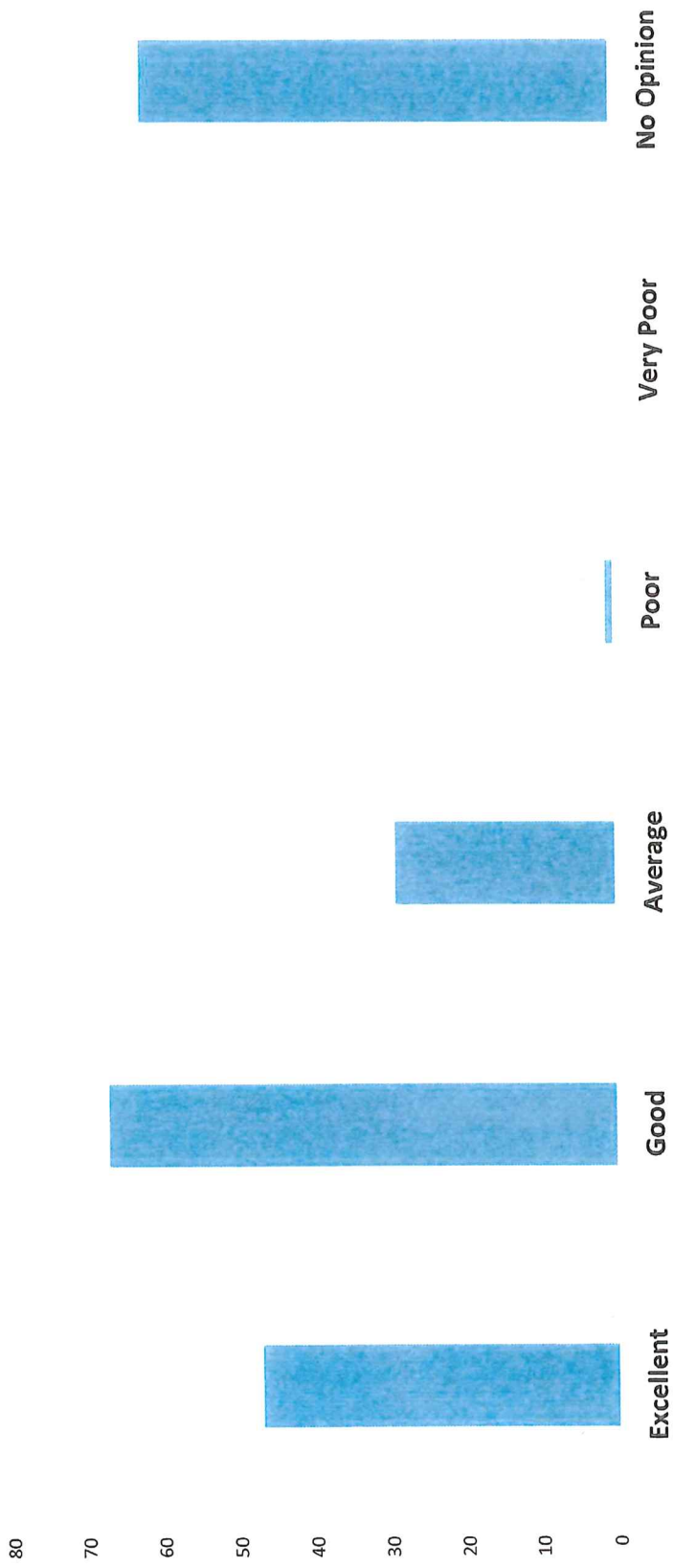
Please respond to the following statements regarding aspects of community services (check the appropriate response):

	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor		No Opinion		Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
Lenawee County Sherriff's Office	23.64%	52	39.09%	86	22.27%	49	5.00%	11	0.45%	1	7.73%	17	216
Clinton Fire Department	21.36%	47	30.45%	67	13.18%	29	0.45%	1	0.00%	0	28.18%	62	206
Ridgeway Township Fire Department	31.36%	69	37.73%	83	11.36%	25	1.36%	3	0.00%	0	16.36%	36	216
Macon Township cemeteries	26.82%	59	40.00%	88	11.82%	26	0.45%	1	0.91%	2	19.09%	42	218
Macon Township's road network	11.36%	25	35.45%	78	32.27%	71	10.91%	24	7.73%	17	1.36%	3	218
Internet service in Macon Township	3.64%	8	5.00%	11	16.36%	36	24.55%	54	43.64%	96	5.91%	13	218
Elected and appointed boards and commissions	10.00%	22	30.45%	67	22.73%	50	10.91%	24	15.00%	33	9.55%	21	217
Overall, your opinion of Macon Township as a place to live	39.55%	87	43.18%	95	17.27%	38	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	220
												Answered	220
												Skipped	0

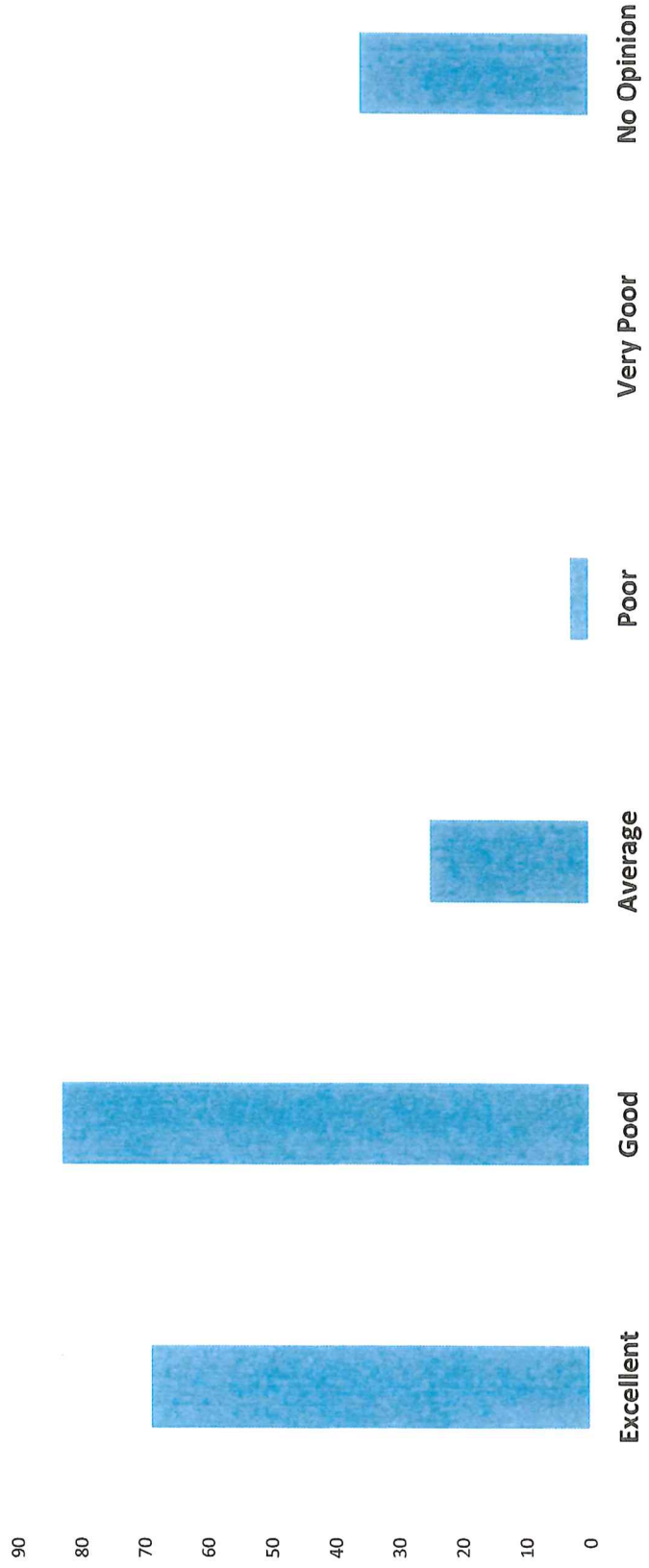
Lenawee County Sherriff's Office	
Excellent	52
Good	86
Average	49
Poor	11
Very Poor	1
No Opinion	17



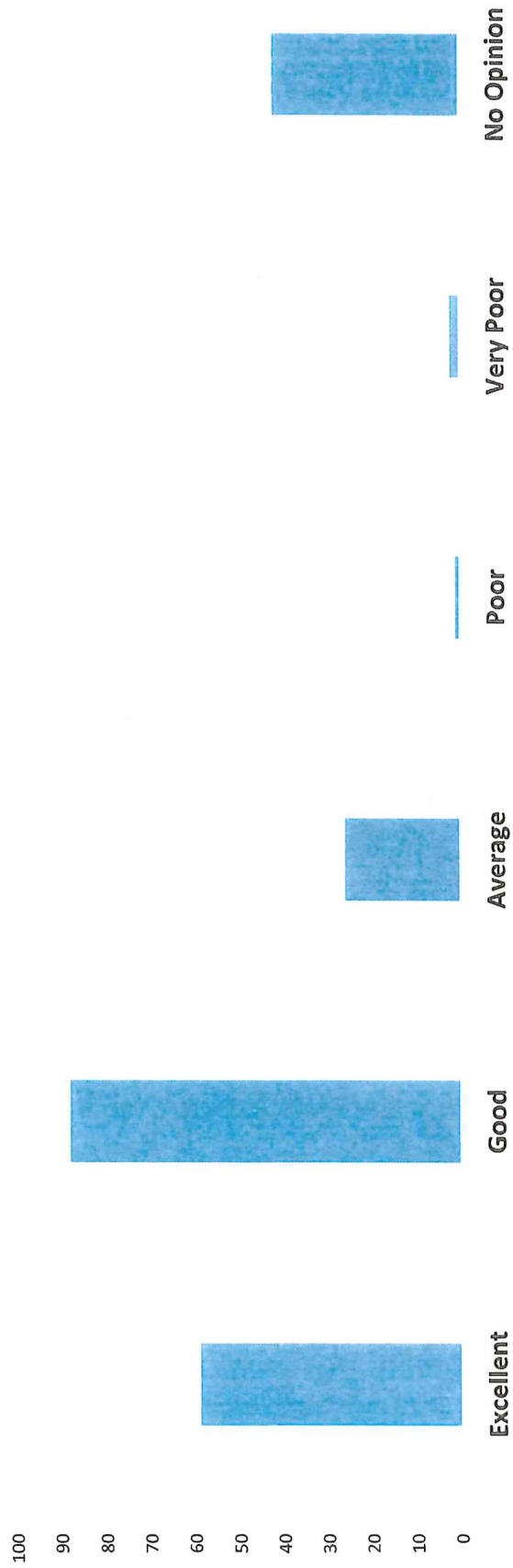
Clinton Fire Department	
Excellent	47
Good	67
Average	29
Poor	1
Very Poor	0
No Opinion	62



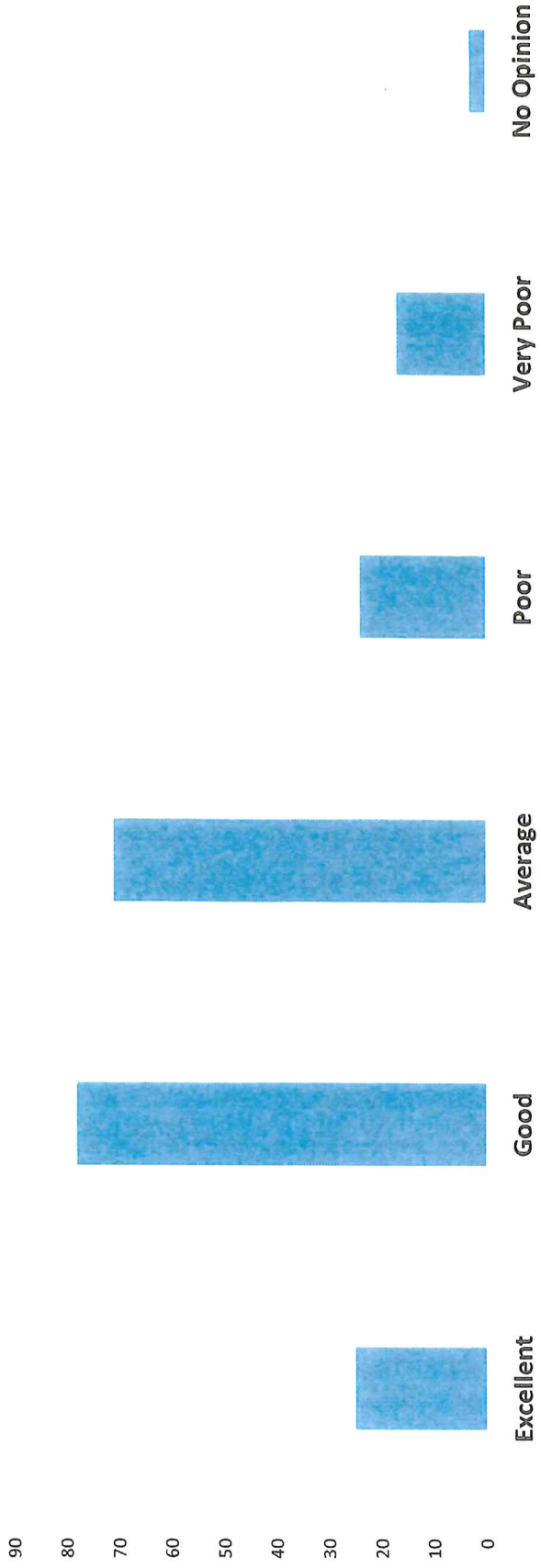
Ridgeway Township Fire Department	
Excellent	69
Good	83
Average	25
Poor	3
Very Poor	0
No Opinion	36



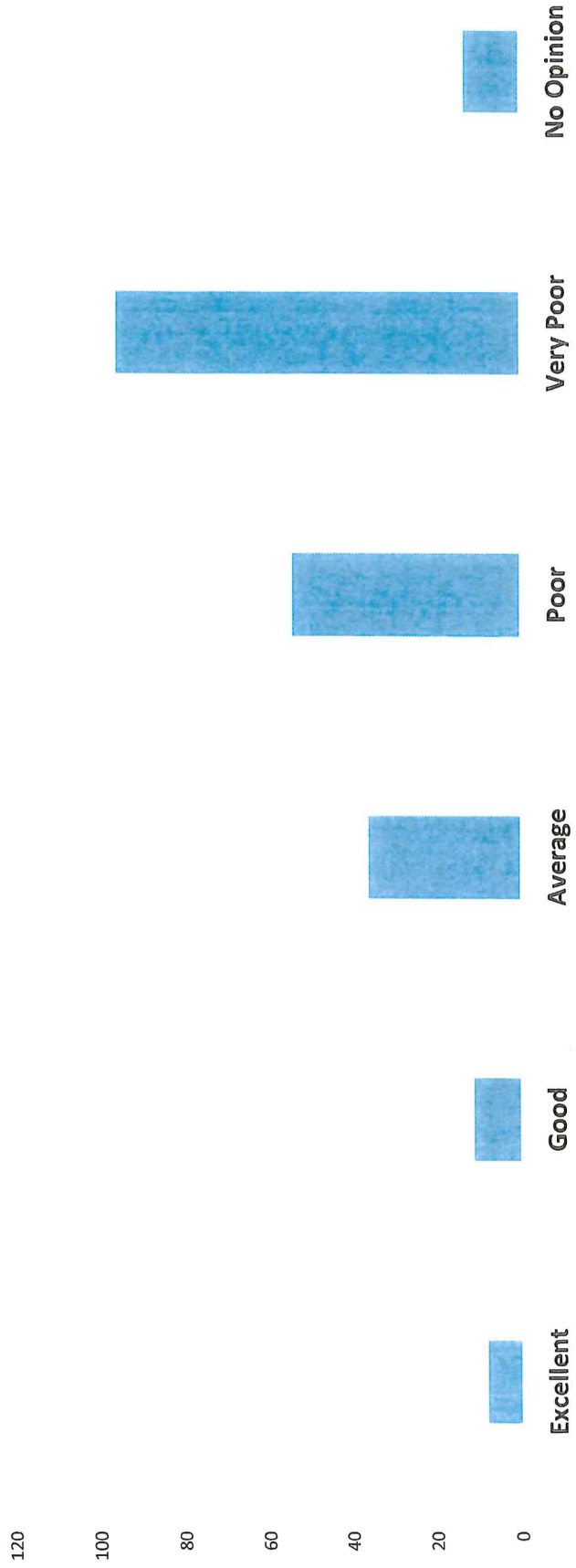
Macon Township cemeteries	
Excellent	59
Good	88
Average	26
Poor	1
Very Poor	2
No Opinion	42



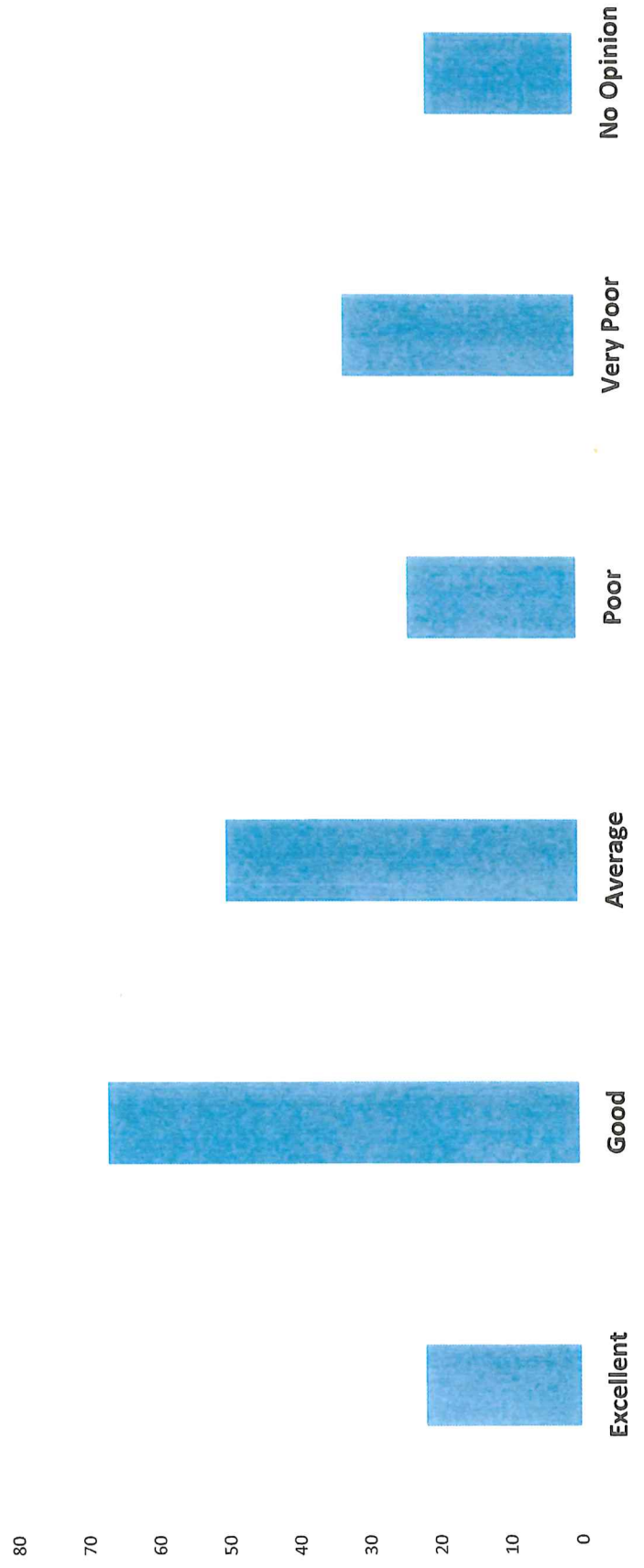
Macon Township's road network	
Excellent	25
Good	78
Average	71
Poor	24
Very Poor	17
No Opinion	3



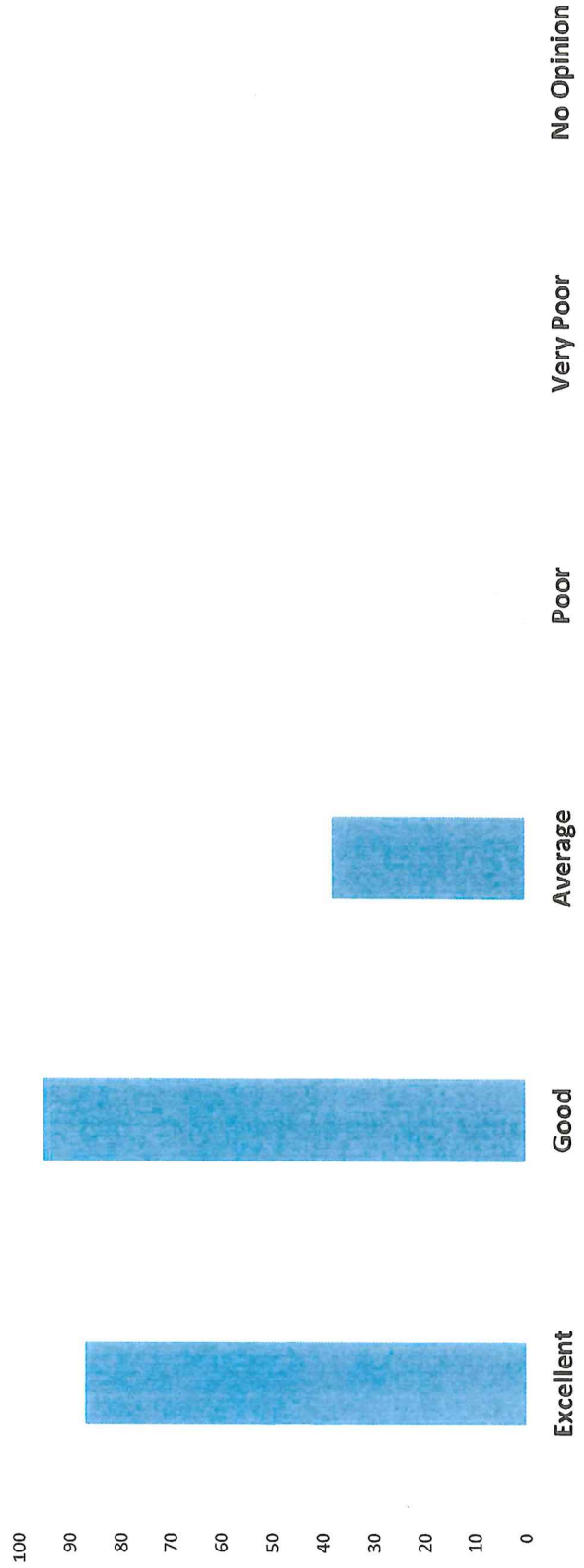
Internet service in Macon Township	
Excellent	8
Good	11
Average	36
Poor	54
Very Poor	96
No Opinion	13



Elected and appointed boards and commissions	
Excellent	22
Good	67
Average	50
Poor	24
Very Poor	33
No Opinion	21



Overall, your opinion of Macon Township as a place to live	
Excellent	87
Good	95
Average	38
Poor	0
Very Poor	0
No Opinion	0

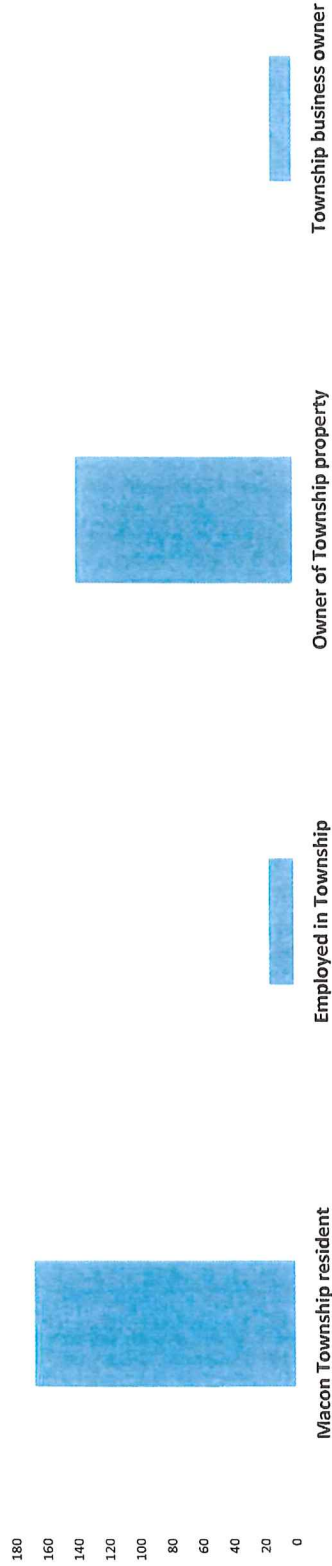


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Your relationship to the Township (check all that apply):

Answer Choices	Responses
Macon Township resident	168
Employed in Township	16
Owner of Township property	140
Township business owner	14
Answered	168
Skipped	52

Relationship to Township

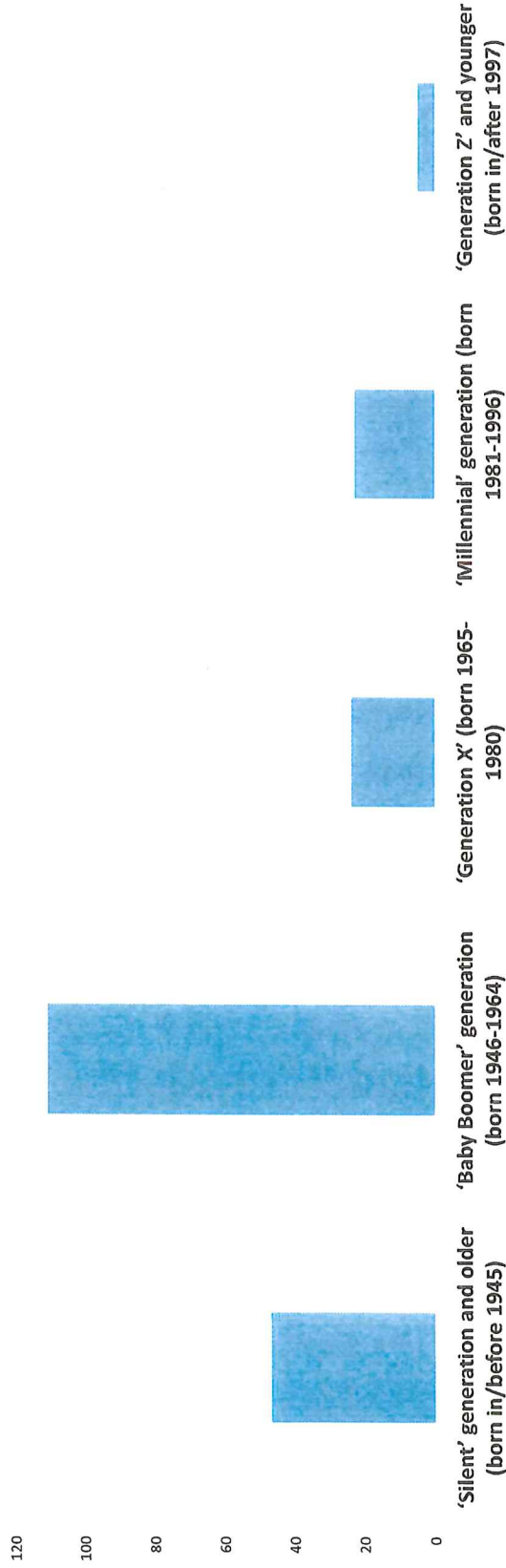


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Your generation (check the appropriate response):

Answer Choices	Responses
'Silent' generation and older (born in/before 1945)	21.36% 47
'Baby Boomer' generation (born 1946-1964)	50.45% 111
'Generation X' (born 1965-1980)	10.91% 24
'Millennial' generation (born 1981-1996)	10.45% 23
'Generation Z' and younger (born in/after 1997)	2.27% 5
Answered	210
Skipped	10

Generation of Residents



2021 Macon Township Community Survey - List of Comments
Please provide any general comments in the space provided below.

Respondents	Comments
1	Live in Macon Township for the rural/agricultural character. New industry and new solar farms/wind mill farms would spoil that unique setting we all live here for.
2	Very disappointed with how solar project was passed. Something that would change the township for a very long time was passed with very little information announced to residents. Thought it should have been voted on by residents/property owners, and not approved by three people. Do any of them have property that adjoins proposed project? Very disappointed with boards actions. Investment value of non solar properties will very likely drop, and township appearance will be very much negatively affected.
3	Please stay away from the "woke" and "green" ideas. Making it more difficult to work/live - of course with the current board, I believe these comments will fall on deaf ears. I strongly dislike the "Ann Arbor" mentality of the current board and strongly believe that most are pushing their own agenda rather than "listening" to those you represent.
4	Stay off the green weenie and "woke" agendas.
5	God Bless Us All.
6	Campground, Indian Creek, has been noisy, very upset township allowed the fireworks without regard to surrounding residents. Need more attention by county for road upkeep. The board needs to change to not allow future solar panel companies, and to not allow land use except for farming and residential housing.
7	The board acted in an irresponsible and selfish manner in representing a small number of landowners. They failed to get information regarding solar to the residents of Macon Township in a timely manner. The board consistently failed to consider the responsible work and findings of the planning commission.
8	I think the township board should have followed the planning commission's suggestion on the solar. I don't believe it will benefit the entire township, only a few landowners.
9	We chose to move here 25 years ago because of the township commitment to rural/agricultural area.
10	*Why didn't you do the survey prior to voting? *I spoke to two township board members prior to the voting. Based on their lack of listening, disrespectful comments towards me (because they thought I was young), and comments made to me that those gentlemen had their minds made up prior to listening to their constituents. Shame, Shame, Shame. *Why is there a planning commission if the board ignores their recommendation? *I have always been so proud to live in Macon. I feel so sad and disappointed for these young, new families who recently moved here to start their new lives here. Macon is no longer going to be what they dreamed it would be. *There seems to be some shady business happening in our township. Please stop it now!

	11	<p>*Solar field project has not been presented properly to public. Meetings were difficult to figure out when and could have been easier. Public's input is very clear on solar farm. It's not wanted. *Township taxes increase with no clear reason from anyone back to back years. *I bought my home based on surrounding scenery and landscape. This solar farm is a slap in the face to the community and all those that live around it. The loop hole that brought this solar farm to our community is simply not acceptable. The questions presented on the survey make me feel further home development and are on the way for Macon. Please listen to your community. We live here for a reason. We enjoy the farmland and slow pace. I think I speak for the majority of the community when I say we are not interested in further development to grease your pockets.</p>
	12	<p>I feel the board went secretly and paved a way for solar farms to enter our home. So then when it came time to speak our piece about how we feel about this it was too late because the township already opened the door. There should have been a vote before any major change like that were made. We pay high taxes for a community of no parks, schools, and mostly dirt roads. Then the peace we pay for is being taken from us without our say. I do not want to be surrounded by solar farms, due to where I work and live, I will not be able to escape them. Every day I will have nothing to look at but giant black boards. How would you feel if someone changed your backyard and then acted like you had a say, only to finish the meetings with "Well this was already written into the bylaws so it is happening." I strongly feel that my home, where I have a family business and pay a fortune in taxes has been irreversibly ruined. If it is at all possible to prevent solar farms, please don't let it happen. I do fear what it will do to my family's business the future of Macon.</p>
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	14	<p>You are working very hard, thank you, to keep the township as we love it.</p>
	15	<p>*Promote fine arts. Add walking trails. *NO SOLAR FARMS *Rescind the three votes that favored solar. *Better Roads *Better internet service. Currently very poor and limited choice and service. *Should not be able to serve on both boards - planning commission and commission/counsel.</p>

16	<p>1. Roads on North County Road are horrible . The worst. 2. Lower taxes for what we receive. 3. Stop the solar farms. It has been rammed down our throats. Brought in without public knowledge. A dirty entry in the dead of night and sneaky. 4. Form nice walking trails for seniors. 5. Mr. Wagner should not serve on both boards - Planning or Township. Have him choose.</p>
17	<p>*Disappointed with Township Commission. They did not listen to the Macon citizens, who strongly oppose solar farms in the community. 3 people determined the future of our township. Sinful! Disgusting! *Better roads are necessary. *Why does Macon have such a slow speed limit? Boysville is gone. No need now. *More visibility of what is going on. Not so secret like the Mustang Mile Project. Very secret. Public wasn't aware until it was final. *Need new blood on the Macon Township Board. *Keep rural atmosphere. It is too beautiful to destroy.</p>
18	<p>Roads are always a mess (Dusty and Bumpy). I'm sure our taxes are equal to the homes on paved roads. I call often with no answers. If they can't keep them up, we should have our taxes lowered. We would like to be more informed on changes happening in our township.</p>
19	<p>I am concerned that "wind and solar projects" the taxpayers will "down the road" end up paying for.</p>
20	<p>There is a level of disappointment with Solar Farms. After a number of public conversations and a "No" vote from the planning committee, the Township Board chose to not hear or listen to the people of the township and voted to approve this matter. The board knew from the start that they had a three to two vote approving, thus never planned to listen to the people who elected them.</p>
21	<p>Don't understand why the township board did not follow the recommendation of the planning commission on the solar farm.</p>
22	<p>Wish we had more cell towers, better service, and weather warning for tornadoes, severe weather siren here in Macon.</p>
23	<p>We moved here for a reason and really like things the way they are. Although I do wish there were more police looking for speeders on Ridge Road. People drive much too fast on your average day. I do like the little store on Clinton Macon Road. There are some buildings on that street that look like they are empty and could maybe be used for some good or positive things.</p>
24	<p>It seems apparent to me from attending the planning commission meeting on the evening the vote was cast to allow solar farming in the township that the majority of those in attendance were opposed to the project's advancement. Furthermore the solar farm proposition seems contrary to the history and recent scope of the township. Any project in size and scope similar to the Mustang Mile Solar Energy Complex should be submitted to the registered voters in the township for approval or rejection. A very few landowners will benefit directly from the Mustang Mile corporate project, but many if not all of the township residents will be affected by the construction, aesthetics, and long term maintenance of this venture. I am confident that the township bylaws were followed in the planning and approval of this project, yet leadership should have submitted to the voice of the people and allowed a simple "Yea or Nay" vote. Credibility is a building hard to construct, but easily torn down.</p>

25	I find it curious that the people of Macon Township are now being consulted on community issues when we were completely bypassed when it came to giving permission for the future installation of a solar farm that benefits a mere few while the general populace was largely against said installation. Such a vast change to the township should always involve the consultation of the community: it's about the people....not the money.
26	Don't have any complaints now that Boysville is GONE! Boysville was a nightmare for me. I had nine intruders while they were here. NO Internet is the biggest problem for me.
27	I love the peaceful setting and being able to look out the window at country, not a solar farm! With its heat and glare and watching trucks going up and down my road. Plus all the noise. I should have a VOTE ON THIS! It was passed in secret. Shame On You!
28	I went to Britton-Deerfield schools and graduated there. I graduated from Siena Heights. I don't want my country to change into a noisy, loud eyesore. I believe in solar energy just NOT HERE! There are other lands or top of buildings that can be used. I want a vote of all of us to count!
29	I grew up in Britton, I went to Britton schools and loved it. I love the small town and country atmosphere. I don't want it to change into a city. I can move to the city if I wanted that. Also my Mom and Dad's property value is going down and so will my inheritance. That is unacceptable when we have paid taxes all these years.
30	I feel there are better options for placing the solar panels than takin up valuable farmland that is not going to help anyone, maybe a handful of people. Also, my property value will go down 15% or more. How is my family or neighbors going to benefit from this? It all goes to Consumers and we all have DTE?
31	There are other places to put this big, ugly eyesore solar panels and it's NOT here! They are not efficient and wear out over the years. I am concerned about my property value going down while my taxes keep going up along with everything else. We will never see a benefit from them and only a handful of residents will. I am concerned about the use of our valuable farm lands which is not replaceable. Let's put this to a proper VOTE!
32	I don't like how the Macon Board allows residents to compile junk cars, pallets, and other unsightly materials on their property. I.E. white house on Hack (paved part) with hundreds of pallets and more being added weekly.
33	Need a speed limit sign on Ford Highway. All the other roads coming to town have them. Why can't we have the road paved to equal Macon Road North?
34	*Very, very dissatisfied with the voting to allow solar farming. *Recreational activities and supporting businesses are minimal. Would love to see greater use of both motorized and non-motorized trails; county pool (swimming and therapeutic) on the "north" edge of county (i.e. Macon Township). Bike, Hike, walking trails. *Would like more use from historical perspective of structures/locations/farms/houses.
35	I am not happy with the solar farms. That land should be for agricultural. We are losing too much farm land and out sourcing to too many countries.

	<p>If you want to improve something.....IMPROVE THE DAMN ROADS!! When is the last time a dirt road has been turned into a paved road? It's been decades. As for the elected officials, how about getting the corruption under control. Stop taking bribes for the Mustang Mile Solar Company!! You have allowed our rural farm country to be turned into ugly toxic environment. It's disgusting. Why on earth would you take land that produces food and turn it into solar. Do your research. Solar panels and windmills will never generate enough energy to pay for themselves. We voted years ago to limit residential development. Let's keep it that way! We had a good thing going out here. Quiet, peaceful and beautiful. Our "elected" crooks Fucked it up. Leave it alone.</p>
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37	<p>I was saddened and disgusted over the Solar company vote. Board created a group to get public input and opinion and then went totally against their findings. What a waste of their time and care of what public thinks. You/They truly don't care of what people think. Only board opinion matters. The lack of care and upkeep of our county roads. The pot holes not being filled, lack of scraping roads, ditch banks not getting mowed timely, and chloride not getting put on roads. Farmers are having to do this themselves when county/township are getting money for this and services are not getting done. All coming out of our taxes. Need to do better!!!</p>
38	<p>I believe Macon Township has a great opportunity to become a model for the preservation and environmentally sound use of green space; i.e. bike trails, walking paths, parks, hiking trails, re-forestation projects, etc. We do not need industry or to strive to become another Saline or Tecumseh. That is the lifestyle we have not chosen in living here. Macon is situated in a beautiful area of green rolling hills, historic architecture, and agricultural character. In that it is truly unique. I believe improvements should be based on these characteristics which are in keeping with a "green" use of the environment. We also are ideally situated between Tecumseh and Saline which are close enough for banking, food, entertainment, etc. And shopping is readily accessible in Ann Arbor. The Macon store has been a great addition primarily because the owners have a keen appreciation for the neighborhood. Traffic control is definitely a problem for those who live in Macon - proper speeding, noise, etc. It has become a quality of life issue. It appears that law enforcement is even less interested in controlling the problems than several years ago. Also I do have some concerns that are nearest fire station is in Clinton - 5+ miles away.</p>
39	<p>1. Why wasn't there a questionnaire sent out about the solar panels? 2. The three board members that voted for the mustang mile should be investigated for taking "the bribe." 3. The township wants improvements, try fixing our roads. We have been choking on this fucking dust for decades, with no, "NO" road improvements.</p>
40	<p>Being "old" I do not like changes, i.e. the solar farms especially out my front door. I'm a farm person and enjoy watching farmers work and crops grow. I do not mind new houses on the farm ground, we need new families in our schools. Very small industry is fine, but anything large is out of place here. It would mean trucks on our roads too much. I realize I'm set in my ways, but a quiet agricultural area like it's always been is still to my liking.</p>
41	<p>Roads need better care.</p>
42	<p>Roads need to be serviced better.</p>

43	<p>Our roads are in terrible shape. They are poorly maintained. We pay taxes and get little in return. We have trees dead along side of the roads and no one cares if they fall down on a car going by. We never saw a grader until September this year. The weeds got so tall at the intersection that you cannot see traffic coming. Please at least address this issue.</p>
44	<p>We own a home and over 100 acres of farm land in the township and pay a considerable amount of property tax. I don't think we get very much on return. We would at least like the road graded and dust control put down earlier than the middle of September. Also the roadside could be mowed once in a while. If the county can't do it, maybe the township could contract someone to do it.</p>
45	<p>Disappointed in how the board is run. The township board does not let the residents vote on important issues.</p>
46	<p>I am disappointed in the township board. They do not consult with taxpayers on important issues. The need to get the advice of taxpayers on issues such as solar panels. They need to be more information and notices in the Adrian Telegram which has larger distribution (Like Woodstock and Raisin Townships do).</p>
47	<p>1. Cemeteries (Macon) The way the critters who lived under the storage shed were poisoned and tossed by the side of the back walkway - carcasses dragged about by vultures - very upsetting. They could have been relocated. 2. Some properties in the village are becoming filled with "stuff"! As my kids say - "Looks like Macon is going to the dogs"! Could there be some rules to help with this problem. Macon used to be beautiful. 3. Mostly, I love living in Macon. It was a good place to raise my kids. I love the country.</p>
48	<p>Members of the Macon Planning Commission: Dean Montrief, Rona Hintz, Don DeJonghe, Yvonne Cadmus, Lee Wagner I was overly optimistic that the Macon Township officials are now asking for public opinion but also not putting much stock into it. During the Mustang Mile Solar controversy,, we witnessed and experienced negativity, hostility, disregard, neglect, and slight to public opinion. What I witnessed was a dedicated planning commission that did their homework, listened to the Macon taxpayers, and then courageously voted to NOT recommend proceeding with the solar project. The 6-1 vote spoke volumes that the planning commission was listening. Excellent views were given by the planning commission by Ms. Hintz, Mr. Stewed, Mr. Maska, and Mr. DeJonghe. Their reasoning echoed the community concern. But then when the Macon Township Board proceeded with their disregard to their not matter what the planning commission said or did. So why even bother with the commission at all. <u>WHAT AN EYE OPENER</u> to their disregard to their work. It even resulted in long-term, talented, resignations from the planning commission. I want o share my input on my expectations for our community, but will the township simply ignore it like they did before. I do not want to be so negative, but what has happened with our democratic process was disgraceful at a local level. During the vote the community witnessed the courtship of the Township Board by Mustang Mile, with tents, speakers, water, buttons, and constant attention to key Macon commissioners. It was done right before our eyes. It was sickening. I would like to share my views on how to keep and maintain our beautiful Macon Township rural appeal, high property values, rich wildlife habitat, but I do not think the planning commission can do little to change what has happened. We just witnessed this. But thanks for asking but I have lost faith in the Macon Township governing process!!</p>
49	<p>NO to Solar Farms</p>

50	NO SOLAR FARMS!!
51	We are highly displeased with the solar trying to ruin the beauty of the area. We moved and purchased a house out here to enjoy the beauty of nature and natural farm lands. If we would have known that the solar facility was even a possibility, we would not have bought property in this area!
52	Need township to work with county departments to fix drains that run through property. Have trouble with flooding in my area and no one seems to want to do anything about it!!
53	We need dirt/gravel fill in along Macon Road and some of the other roads. Lenawee does not maintain them well but manage to raise our taxes every year. Every time they redo the roads, the roads get higher and edge of road gets lower.
54	1. The roads need to be fixed and paved where the traffic is heavy. 2. The removal of snow in rural areas need to be faster. Sometimes it is 2 days before roads are clean. 3. There needs to be more industry to attach people and increase the tax base. 4. Solar farms should be only on land not suitable for other things. Don't use farmland just because it is convenient. There is plenty of other non-usable acreage available to install the panels on. 5. Swamp land is perfect for solar farm - install when it is dried out in late summer and it is a win/win. 6. Work on the flow of surface water on roads and fields to get it flowing out/off the land better.
55	Please improve and repair our roads - especially dirt roads, improve care of back roads in inclement weather, add a library, offer exercise classes and adult learning resourced classes, and add a Macon Township park/meeting place for all. Please keep the agriculture zoning and residential character, the cemetery maintenance crew, protection of our natural resources (rivers, wetlands, etc.), supporting business owners, recognize the history and value of Henry Ford's contributions to our area, and continue preservation of history.
56	I would like to see the properties which have junk cars, trucks, and campers to clean up and remove these eye sores. They do nothing for our township. These properties are on the Ridge Highway and they nothing but make us look junky, all of us. We who do take care of our property show a lot of pride in Macon. Please look into this matter.
57	Love living in Macon Township. Love that it is <u>Small</u> and <u>Rural</u> . Everyone is so nice.
58	I disagree with solar farm. We were never notified.
59	Very much against solar farms. I realize they will make a few people a lot of money but the look of the township will change forever. I hear many people who drive thru our area how beautiful it is.
60	Disapproved in solar farm and fairness of the community the way it was handled.
61	We moved to the country for the country life. Nature. Quiet. Peaceful. No noise, no eye sores. Country. Thank you

62	<p>I would like to why our property taxes keep going up, but the services that we get keep going away. The only thing that we ever get once in a while the road gets graded and or the snow is plowed. That seems to be the only service we receive. I would like what the hell is going on with our electrical service it seems like we are losing power more and more but the price that we are charged that keeps going up it seems like we live in a third world country and the wife is non excited. Soo if you think you want to draw people to Macon Township, the services need to improve.</p>
63	<p>*Wi-Fi, Cell service are nearly nonexistent!! Internet providers in our are is only 1, Frontier, they're terrible and not getting what we are paying for!! *DTE - Way too frequent outages. Absolutely unacceptable. The substation (Ford Highway and Clinton Macon) needs to be totally replaced with upgrades they keep promising consumers. *Road Commission - our trees look like a hurricane has come through when they're done, awful. Don't scrape enough no matter the season or conditions, (snow, ice or potholes). * Our biggest c/o is the cell service and Wi-Fi service. We cancelled landline due to cost, recently retired, trying to save \$\$\$. The only way to make a cellphone call is via Wi-Fi!!! We may need to move but good luck selling (after 28 years in Macon Township). Taxes keep going up and getting less services.</p>
64	<p>We moved here because we wanted to be in the country. We love the country scenery (farm land, trees, etc.) We don't want any eye sores here. Thank you.</p>
65	<p>Solar farm was preplanned without community involvement. Makes us sad what this will do to our beautiful township.</p>
66	<p>I am against large solar facilities. We should take solar facilities out of agricultural zoning and only allow it in industrial zone parcels. If the Mustang Mile Project is built, it should fall into existing non conforming and not allowed to expand.</p>
67	<p>I believe agriculture should stay agriculture. All industrial applications should fall into industrial zones. This includes solar farms.</p>
68	<p>I am against large solar or wind facilities. I believe we should move solar facilities out of approved agricultural zoning and only allow it in industrial zoned parcels. Current approved solar parcels should not be allowed to expand and should fall into existing, non conforming.</p>
69	<p>No to Solar Farm!</p>
70	<p>I would like to see 30 MPH go to 40 or 45 MPH. Cop love handing out tickets. I think the heavy hand of the law is over used handing out tickets.</p>
71	<p>It's a shame that a survey wasn't done similar to this one before the township paved the way for the solar farm to move in. Along with their partner Ceres Holdings, they have made it impossible for the transition of farmland to the next generation. As a third generation Macon Township farmer, I can tell you this land was made for agricultural production first and foremost. Not solar farms</p>
72	<p>Never notified of solar farm until 12/20. I believe the township purposely hid the information from residents.</p>
73	<p>Love living in Macon, love the new store as well.</p>
74	<p>We moved from the city to live out here in the country. Please do not turn Macon into the city we left.</p>

75	We want to live in the country, not in the city. We left the city to be in the country. Please maintain the farming country we love.
76	Country living is preferred.
77	Too many accidents, speeders on Ridge and passing on corners and solid yellow lines. Internet needs improving.
78	Too many accidents on Ridge. Post more speed limit signs on Ridge Highway. Yellow no passing line for Clinton/Macon and Ridge Highway intersection. More police on Ridge Highway 5-7 am, 4-6 pm would help.
79	NO SOLAR FARMS
80	I am very interested in preserving the character and charm of Macon Township. Am a proponent of enhancements as well as maintaining its charm. I am not at all interested in any permanent change such as solar farms that do not enhance, improve our property values or protect our wildlife.
81	Felt Boysville was a wonderful place for troubled youth but I know funding for places like that is not available. We sure need a place for troubled young people, counseling, schooling but I know funding is not there. The speed limit in the Township needs to be investigated!
82	I think the elected officials have done a poor job representing the majority of the Township residents.
83	I am very concerned about the overall appearance changing from rural to industrial. Changing the definition of agriculture does not may it so. Elected officials should represent constituents and listen to planning commission recommendations. Solar is the biggest change to this community since Boysville and it was changed without constituents involved. Beth DeJonghe and Julia DeJonghe have represented our community. Thank you for all your hard work! Totally against solar in Macon!!! Limit footprint. Very please with Bee Hive's arrival. Exciting! I appreciate the hard work of planning commission in 2020/21.
84	1. Macon Township is a great place today. 2. Solar farms will ruin the community forever. 3. Elected officials need to listen and vote for their constituents, not a small group of friends. Rural, agricultural, large plots for houses (5+ acres), That is Macon Township.
85	Roads need graded and in snow plowed more often

We moved to Macon Township to escape city life. Quiet, peace, nice neighbors and rural lifestyle. Without much research, it could be determined that most people are employed as follows: self employed, agriculture, work from home, healthcare, commute to a larger city, or are retired. The township trends older and are not going to be around to see they changes they advocate. No to letting massive left-wing billionaires controlling our energy policies and through put. Yes to more police presence. Our main throughways are race track thrill rides for ego driven pickup and sports car owners with penis envy. Want to raise quality of life? 1. Increase speed traps and enforce speed limits. 2. Survey participants for cooperation in high speed internet. 3. Remove absurd solar project you ALL DID UNDER DARK OF NIGHT. 4. Keep out Corporate Chinese Goods peddlers - Keep businesses locally sourced and locally owned. The current Macon Township is a wonderful place to live - We like it this way. A few improvements would really increase quality of life. People are here for a reason - Simple life. If we wanted vegan tapas restaurants and hot yoga studios Ann Arbor is close. The Hive is a welcome addition. It uses an existing asset to evolve into a community asset. Do what small governments do best - LEAVE US ALONE!!!

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I think all planning commission members should receive formal training on their responsibilities to the residents as a whole and not just promoting their own views. They should understand the Michigan Zoning enabling Act and Michigan Planning Enabling Act well. The MSU Extension offers many resources as well as Region 2 planning. These resources have not been utilized very well in the past. I support diversification on the small family farm to provide unique revenue streams so that they can survive, and compete with corporate farms. I do not support any zoning measures that will promote increased population, natural resource degradation, crime, hardships on existing residents. In reality, I feel the biggest issue in our township at the moment is not solar farms at all. It's the fact that Ceres Group just prices our farmland out of reach for the rest of us and there is no end in sight. What can we do to address this?

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*The roads, dirt in particular, are atrocious. Even when they finally scrape them they only last a few days until the potholes re-emerge. It's to the point where we are concerned about vehicular and property damage. Commuters are choosing to drive in our year as opposed to engaging the potholes. This has not been much of an issue in past years but this year has been unacceptable. They also only chloride once. *It is imperative that the intersection of Britton Highway and Milwaukee road be given a four way stop, rumble strips on Milwaukee, flashing stop signs or something. This area is chronically prone to having the stop signs run through and has already claimed enough lives over the years. Something must be done to improve this intersection before more injury or lives are lost. *Many of us are appalled with the results of the Solar farm vote. That said, it would be good to have an update on where things are at this point in time and what to expect moving forward. *It would be most convenient if when there is something to vote on, elections, etc. that a notice be mailed to all residents informing us of the content and date of said vote. This would ensure more residents participating and give us an opportunity to research and be educated upon what the vote will contain.

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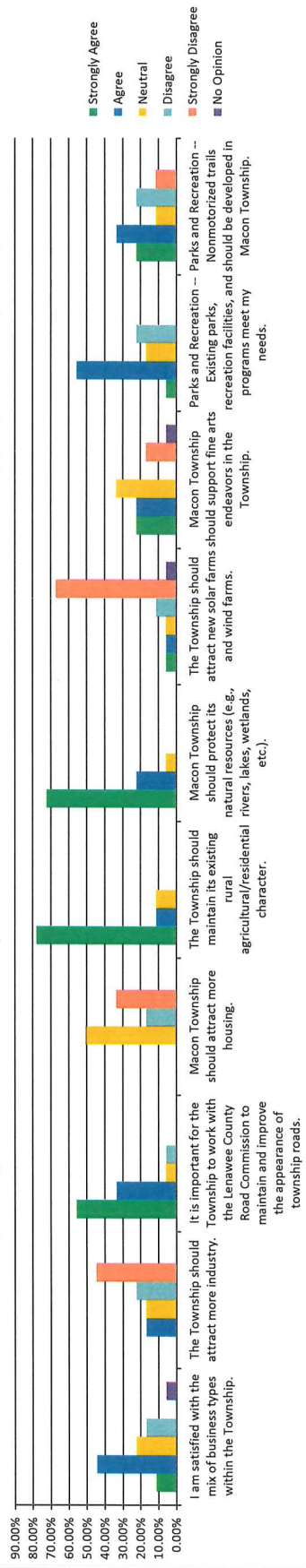
Online Survey Results

2021 Macon TownshipCommunity ONLINE Survey

What is your opinion of the following aspects of Macon Township (check the appropriate response)?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	Total
I am satisfied with the mix of business types within the Township.	11.11%	44.44%	8	16.67%	0	5.56%	18
The Township should attract more industry.	0.00%	16.67%	3	22.22%	4	0.00%	18
It is important for the Township to work with the Lenawee County Road Commission to maintain and improve the appearance of township roads.	55.56%	33.33%	6	5.56%	1	0.00%	18
Macon Township should attract more housing.	0.00%	0.00%	0	16.67%	3	0.00%	18
The Township should maintain its existing rural agricultural/residential character.	77.78%	11.11%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	18
Macon Township should protect its natural resources (e.g., rivers, lakes, wetlands, etc.).	72.22%	22.22%	4	0.00%	0	0.00%	18
The Township should attract new solar farms and wind farms.	5.56%	5.56%	1	11.11%	2	5.56%	18
Macon Township should support fine arts endeavors in the Township.	22.22%	22.22%	4	0.00%	0	5.56%	18
Parks and Recreation -- Existing parks, recreation facilities, and programs meet my needs.	5.56%	55.56%	10	22.22%	4	0.00%	18
Parks and Recreation -- Nonmotorized trails should be developed in Macon Township.	22.22%	33.33%	6	22.22%	4	0.00%	18
						Answered	18
						Skipped	0

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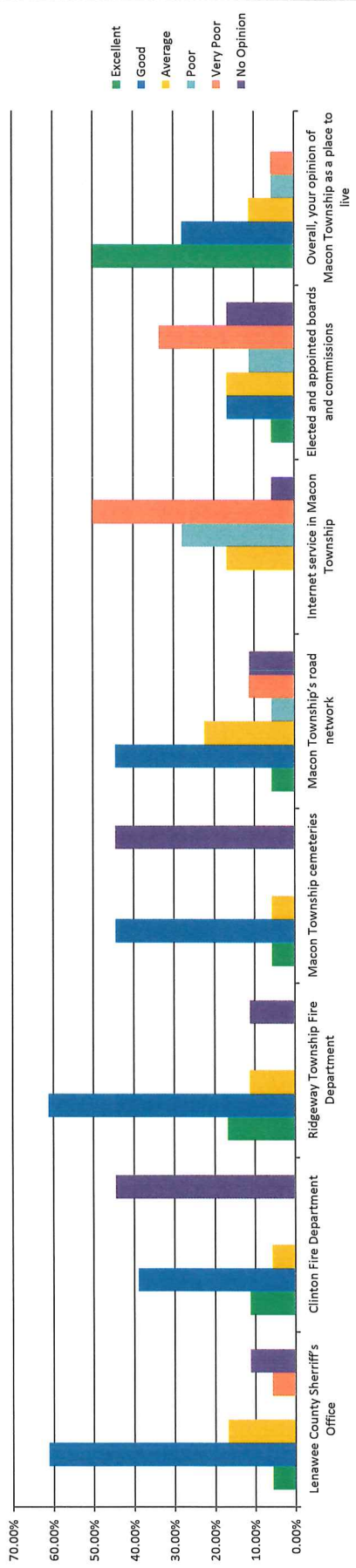


2021 Macon TownshipCommunity ONLINE Survey

Please respond to the following statements regarding aspects of community services (check the appropriate response):

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion	Total
Lenawee County Sheriff's Office	5.56%	61.11%	16.67%	3	0	11.11%	18
Clinton Fire Department	11.11%	38.89%	5.56%	1	0	44.44%	8
Ridgeway Township Fire Department	16.67%	61.11%	11.11%	2	0	11.11%	18
Macon Township cemeteries	5.56%	44.44%	5.56%	1	0	44.44%	8
Macon Township's road network	5.56%	44.44%	22.22%	4	1	11.11%	18
Internet service in Macon Township	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	3	27.78%	50.00%	18
Elected and appointed boards and commissions	5.56%	16.67%	16.67%	3	33.33%	16.67%	18
Overall, your opinion of Macon Township as a place to live	50.00%	27.78%	11.11%	2	5.56%	0.00%	18
							Answered
							Skipped
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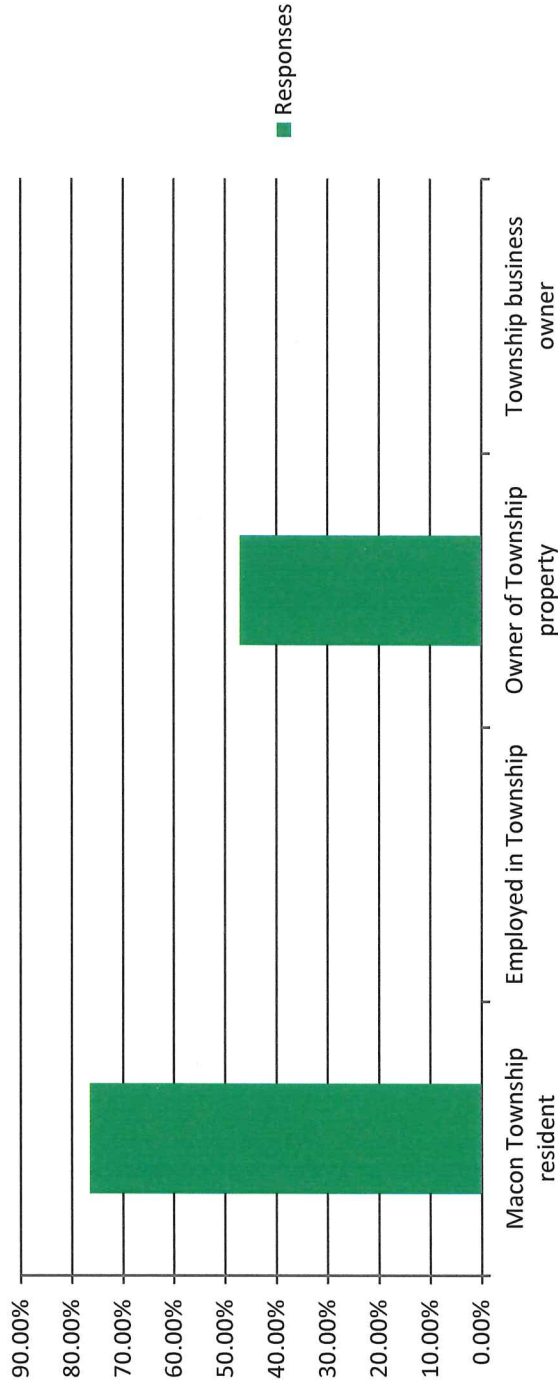


2021 Macon TownshipCommunity ONLINE Survey

Your relationship to the Township (check all that apply):

Answer Choices	Responses
Macon Township resident	76.47% 13
Employed in Township	0.00% 0
Owner of Township property	47.06% 8
Township business owner	0.00% 0
Answered	17
Skipped	1

Your relationship to the Township (check all that apply):

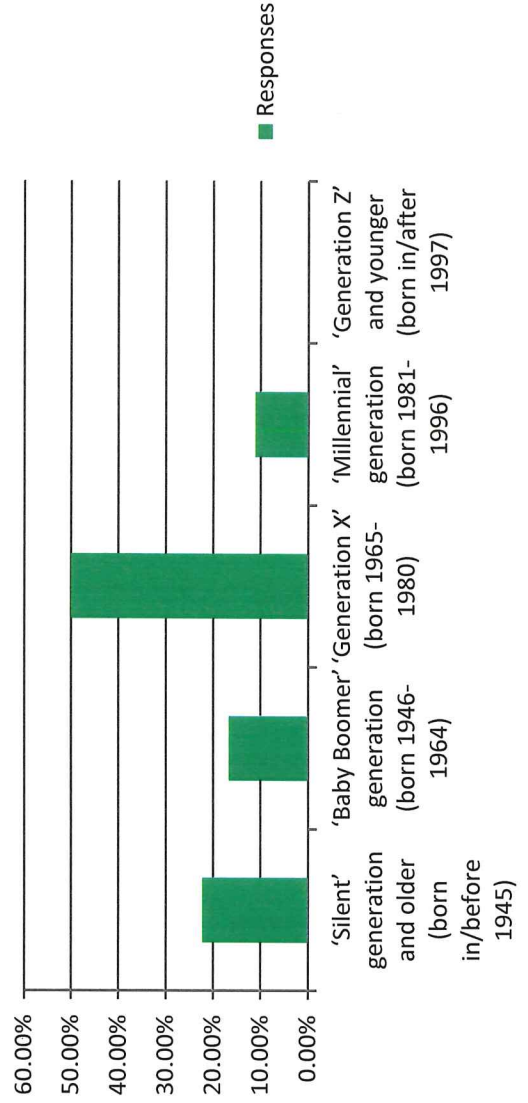


2021 Macon TownshipCommunity ONLINE Survey

Your generation (check the appropriate response):

Answer Choices	Responses
'Silent' generation and older (born in/before 1945)	22.22% 4
'Baby Boomer' generation (born 1946-1964)	16.67% 3
'Generation X' (born 1965-1980)	50.00% 9
'Millennial' generation (born 1981-1996)	11.11% 2
'Generation Z' and younger (born in/after 1997)	0.00% 0
Answered	18
Skipped	0

Your generation (check the appropriate response):



2021 Macon TownshipCommunity ONLINE Survey

Please provide any general comments in the space provided below.

Answered	11
Skipped	7

Respondents	Response Date	Responses
		I'm a resident of Macon Twp and EXTREMELY disappointed in the quality of our road. Because I live on County Line Hwy, the Monroe County Road Commission "takes care" of our road. Was a paved road when we bought our house 20 yrs ago but Monroe County didn't want to deal with maintaining so they just simply threw dirt and stone down. Now we live on a dirt road even though it was paved when we bought our house. It's not maintained sufficiently or even up to standards. I can't keep windows open in the summer. Everything on my porch is covered in dirt all year round. And it's sad that there's absolutely nothing Macon Township or Lenawee County can do for us residents on County Line Hwy.
1	Dec 14 2021 12:35	
2	Dec 11 2021 07:30	I am a trustee on property in Macon Township. The township character is beautiful and should remain as is.
3	Dec 10 2021 01:39	The Township Board seems to be oblivious to the wishes of township residents. Suggestions and requests are ignored. The Board does not take the advice of its own Planning Commission, nor does it follow its own zoning laws. This is a big problem.
		**INTERNET - cable based for rural - not wireless - is very much needed - most employers demand it to work from home - Comcast wanted over 100K to bring approx 4 miles to my house - invest in this for our kids school needs and parents work needs.
		**SPEEDING - do you want have to in order to get more sheriff coverage to slow people down. You cannot stop them from using phone while driving but you can slow them down. Make our roads like "I275" in Iivonia so people are afraid to speed because they will be stopped and ticketed.
		**NO POT FACILITIES - sales or farms - EVER - PERIOD. save that for the woke communities.
		**CELLULAR - service absolutely sucks all over the township and county - if you have ability to connect with these providers to do more to increase this service - this would be beneficial. again a hotspot for homework or work isn't beneficial if the service cannot support it.
		**Clean up/back intersections so drivers can see EVERYTHING coming for all those who blow the stop signs and endanger lives - we cannot protect ourselves if we cannot see.
		We are a rural community - keep it rural and keep the "woke" and "woke green" ann arbor mentality in ann arbor - focus on improved "connected" services and road/driver safety.
		seems there are different "inquires" listed in the online surveymonkey than on the paper form - this is very deceptive if this is true - shame on you.
		be open and transparent with what you are thinking - keep the personal agendas out of the boardroom - if you cannot support the desires of the community over your personal desires then you need to step down. just like the solar farm, you had made a decision prior to public comment - my take is that they only one for it were the same one who will profit from it - this is the action of a state/national/international/global corporate employer and should not be in the small rural community i reside. A township vote on something of this magnitude would have stopped most of the displeasure being felt.
4	Dec 09 2021 09:02	
5	Dec 08 2021 09:18	Extremely disappointed in Township leadership's total disregard and lack of respect for public input. Complete lack of knowledge regarding goals of zoning law.
6	Dec 07 2021 05:34	Need improved roads and not let big solar corporations run our township, divide the people of Macon to make a few happy, and remove our farmland.
		Farmers need to be educated on benefits of cover crops and organic farming practices, reducing chemical use, increasing incentives. We need affordable solar options for residents to reduce electricity costs. Enforce the "junk" ordinance or help residents dispose of those items. We need better internet that's more reliable. Road repairs and maintenance need to be increased. Parks and trails need to be more ADA accessible and easy to find
7	Dec 05 2021 01:59	(maps and info online).

		<p>Prior to the Solar Project, we would have said this was an excellent place to live. Now it only gets an Average rating at best. Keeping the area rural and agricultural is preferred --staying away from large industries such as solar farms, power plants, large poultry farms, mega dairies, race tracks, etc.</p> <p>We would like to see communications by the Macon Township Board and Planning Commission expanded to include methods such as Facebook, expanded Website, email collection and delivery, periodic mailing/email, etc. for more inclusiveness and information sharing.</p> <p>We would like to have the Macon Township Board and Planning Commission meetings recorded and/or presented via Facebook Live.</p>
8	Nov 28 2021 09:19	NO SOLAR / ABSOLUTELY DO NOT want solar.
9	Nov 28 2021 07:59	I don't like the idea of industrial solar parks cluttering up the landscape in our community. We are a small farming community and should stay that way. I remember not being able to build a house unless we were building on more than 10 acres. That ordinance should stay in place to reduce the chance of urban sprawl to our community.
10	Nov 26 2021 03:28	Love the rural areas and it's feel
11	Nov 24 2021 03:56	