

1. Which of the following pertains to you? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Employed in the Township		6.7%	3
Employed outside the Township		42.2%	19
Not employed		4.4%	2
Retired		31.1%	14
Property Owner		77.8%	35
Renter		2.2%	1
Seasonal resident		0.0%	0
Year round resident		62.2%	28
answered question			45
skipped question			0

2. Please indicate your age group.

		Response Percent	Response Count
less than 20		0.0%	0
20 to 40		14.3%	6
41 to 50		21.4%	9
51 to 59		23.8%	10
60 and over		40.5%	17
answered question			42
skipped question			3

3. To assist in making future land use decisions, Chocolay Township planning staff has conducted an inventory of the existing character of Township development. All properties have been classified into categories based on existing character. This information will be used to plan for future redevelopment, growth, production, conservation / recreation and managed areas, and to evaluate appropriate regulations for these areas. Please help us by clicking the Neighborhood Map link and identifying the neighborhood in which your property / place of residence is located. If you own more than one property, choose your primary one. Please contact the Township at 906.249.1448 if you cannot locate your property area. In which area is your property located?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		0.0%	0
2		0.0%	0
3		0.0%	0
4		0.0%	0
5		0.0%	0
6		0.0%	0
7		0.0%	0
8		0.0%	0
9		100.0%	45
10		0.0%	0
11		0.0%	0
12		0.0%	0
13		0.0%	0
14		0.0%	0
answered question			45
skipped question			0

4. The Chocolay Township Planning Commission wishes to gain public input about the appropriate scale or intensity of animal homesteading activities (the keeping of animals) based on the information above. Please indicate your opinion about whether the following activities should be allowed in your neighborhood.

	Agree	Disagree	Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
The keeping of less than ten small animals such as chickens, rabbits, turkeys, in a portable or fixed cage (similar to a dog pen with a shelter and run)	50.0% (21)	40.5% (17)	9.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	2.10	42
The keeping of one or two potbelly pigs as pets like dogs	40.5% (17)	38.1% (16)	14.3% (6)	7.1% (3)	1.88	42
A chicken coop 100 square feet or less (10' by 10')	47.6% (20)	40.5% (17)	11.9% (5)	0.0% (0)	2.07	42
Free-range poultry (not contained in an enclosure at all times)	21.4% (9)	69.0% (29)	9.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	1.52	42
The keeping of a couple of sheep or goats to control the growth of vegetation	31.7% (13)	53.7% (22)	14.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.78	41
The keeping of medium size animals such as sheep, alpacas, and goats	34.9% (15)	53.5% (23)	11.6% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.81	43
The keeping of larger animals such as cows, pigs, llamas, and emus	27.9% (12)	60.5% (26)	9.3% (4)	2.3% (1)	1.63	43
The keeping of horses	28.6% (12)	59.5% (25)	9.5% (4)	2.4% (1)	1.64	42
Do not regulate the raising of animals except to control general nuisance such as sanitation	19.5% (8)	58.5% (24)	17.1% (7)	4.9% (2)	1.51	41
Do not permit the raising of animals	30.8% (12)	59.0% (23)	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	1.62	39
				Other comments		13
				answered question		44
				skipped question		1

5. Which of the following uses do you think are appropriate for the neighborhood in which your property is located? Assume that there are appropriate regulations to reduce the potential for nuisance impacts (i.e. proper setbacks, buffers, appropriate scale or intensity of use) and there are appropriate septic / sewer and water facilities to support the development.

	Yes	No	Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
Detached accessory housing units (second home on owner-occupied parcels)	40.5% (17)	42.9% (18)	11.9% (5)	4.8% (2)	1.88	42
Two unit attached single-family (duplexes)	29.3% (12)	51.2% (21)	19.5% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.78	41
Three to five unit attached single-family (small apartment buildings, townhouses, condominiums)	11.9% (5)	76.2% (32)	11.9% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.36	42
Six or more unit attached single-family (apartment buildings, condominiums)	11.9% (5)	78.6% (33)	9.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	1.33	42
Clustered cottage communities with internal roads and preserved permanent open space	28.6% (12)	57.1% (24)	11.9% (5)	2.4% (1)	1.67	42
Buildings with retail or office on the first floor and apartments above (such as a live/work unit)	23.8% (10)	64.3% (27)	11.9% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.60	42
Small local retail shops (convenience, gifts, food, beverage)	27.9% (12)	65.1% (28)	7.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	1.63	43
Small manufacturing (indoor activity only)	35.7% (15)	50.0% (21)	14.3% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.86	42
General manufacturing (indoor and outdoor activity)	21.4% (9)	66.7% (28)	11.9% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.55	42
Seasonal occupancy of recreational vehicles on vacant parcels	26.2% (11)	59.5% (25)	14.3% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.67	42
Seasonal occupancy of recreational vehicles accessory to a residence	37.2% (16)	41.9% (18)	18.6% (8)	2.3% (1)	1.91	43

Vacation rentals of single-family homes (transient occupancy)	35.7% (15)	52.4% (22)	11.9% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.83	42
Outdoor wood boiler	39.5% (17)	46.5% (20)	14.0% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.93	43
Other comments						3
answered question						43
skipped question						2

6. In your opinion, which of the following are appropriate uses for Township-owned property? (check all that apply)

	Yes	No	Yes, as long as it doesn't cost the taxpayers money	Rating Count
Lease land for public use for food production (community garden or public greenhouse)	52.4% (22)	14.3% (6)	33.3% (14)	42
Lease land for communication towers	46.3% (19)	24.4% (10)	29.3% (12)	41
Lease land for alternative energy structures (wind, solar, geothermal, etc.)	34.1% (14)	26.8% (11)	39.0% (16)	41
Lease land for other commercial use	22.5% (9)	40.0% (16)	37.5% (15)	40
Forest management (tree sales)	57.5% (23)	12.5% (5)	30.0% (12)	40
Sell excess land	45.0% (18)	35.0% (14)	20.0% (8)	40
Other comments				5
answered question				42
skipped question				3

7. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower at the Silver Creek Recreation Area?

	Yes	No	Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
	66.7% (28)	11.9% (5)	16.7% (7)	4.8% (2)	2.45	42
					Comments	9
					answered question	42
					skipped question	3

8. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower near Green Garden Road?

	Yes	No	Maybe	I don't know	Rating Average	Rating Count
	73.2% (30)	9.8% (4)	14.6% (6)	2.4% (1)	2.59	41
					Comments	6
					answered question	41
					skipped question	4

9. Please indicate your level of support for the following regulations. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to “Very supportive” and 1 equal to “Not supportive”.

	5 - Very supportive	4	3	2	1 - Not supportive	Rating Average	Rating Count
Require larger lot widths along streams and lakes (to limit impact on water quality)	31.0% (13)	28.6% (12)	23.8% (10)	4.8% (2)	11.9% (5)	3.62	42
Require structures to be set back 100 feet from lakes and streams	50.0% (21)	16.7% (7)	11.9% (5)	9.5% (4)	11.9% (5)	3.83	42
Control alterations to the dunes along Lake Superior	47.6% (20)	23.8% (10)	14.3% (6)	9.5% (4)	4.8% (2)	4.00	42
Require removal of dilapidated, unsafe structures	64.3% (27)	23.8% (10)	7.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (2)	4.43	42
Require basic property maintenance (exterior)	48.8% (20)	24.4% (10)	19.5% (8)	2.4% (1)	4.9% (2)	4.10	41
Control the number of inoperable cars and other scrap parts that can accumulate outdoors on a property	73.8% (31)	14.3% (6)	4.8% (2)	0.0% (0)	7.1% (3)	4.48	42
Require screening/fencing/vegetative buffers for outdoor storage of accumulated equipment, scrap metal, and junk	69.0% (29)	21.4% (9)	2.4% (1)	4.8% (2)	2.4% (1)	4.50	42
Limit outdoor storage of accumulated equipment and junk	71.4% (30)	9.5% (4)	9.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	9.5% (4)	4.33	42
Limitations on the number of accessory buildings	33.3% (14)	11.9% (5)	26.2% (11)	7.1% (3)	21.4% (9)	3.29	42
					Other comments		8
					answered question		42
					skipped question		3

10. Listed below are current recreation opportunities available in the Township. In the first two columns, indicate if your household uses the opportunity by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use". In the next three columns, rate your level of satisfaction with the facility on a scale of 1 to 3, with 3 equal to "Very satisfied" and 1 equal to "Not satisfied". In the last two columns, indicate your support for funding improvements for an opportunity by checking either "Yes - fund" or "No - fund".

	Yes - use	No - use	3 - Very satisfied	2	1 - Not satisfied	Yes - fund	No - fund	Rating Count
Baseball / softball fields	2.5% (1)	97.5% (39)	12.5% (5)	22.5% (9)	0.0% (0)	55.0% (22)	10.0% (4)	40
Basketball courts	5.0% (2)	95.0% (38)	10.0% (4)	22.5% (9)	0.0% (0)	52.5% (21)	10.0% (4)	40
Biking / walking trails	75.0% (30)	22.5% (9)	57.5% (23)	15.0% (6)	5.0% (2)	67.5% (27)	12.5% (5)	40
Boat with motor launch	12.8% (5)	82.1% (32)	17.9% (7)	12.8% (5)	10.3% (4)	41.0% (16)	25.6% (10)	39
Boat / canoe / kayak launch (no motor)	35.0% (14)	62.5% (25)	22.5% (9)	25.0% (10)	5.0% (2)	42.5% (17)	25.0% (10)	40
Cross-country ski trails	33.3% (13)	64.1% (25)	30.8% (12)	17.9% (7)	5.1% (2)	41.0% (16)	25.6% (10)	39
Covered pavilion	15.8% (6)	84.2% (32)	10.5% (4)	23.7% (9)	2.6% (1)	39.5% (15)	28.9% (11)	38
Disc golf	2.6% (1)	97.4% (38)	5.1% (2)	25.6% (10)	0.0% (0)	23.1% (9)	41.0% (16)	39
Fishing / ice fishing	25.0% (10)	75.0% (30)	12.5% (5)	20.0% (8)	5.0% (2)	22.5% (9)	40.0% (16)	40
Fishing piers	23.1% (9)	74.4% (29)	15.4% (6)	15.4% (6)	5.1% (2)	38.5% (15)	33.3% (13)	39
Hiking / nature trail	50.0% (20)	47.5% (19)	27.5% (11)	22.5% (9)	0.0% (0)	45.0% (18)	22.5% (9)	40
Horseshoe court	2.6% (1)	97.4% (38)	2.6% (1)	23.1% (9)	5.1% (2)	15.4% (6)	48.7% (19)	39
Hunting	25.6% (10)	71.8% (28)	7.7% (3)	28.2% (11)	2.6% (1)	25.6% (10)	38.5% (15)	39

Ice skating / hockey	17.9% (7)	79.5% (31)	10.3% (4)	23.1% (9)	7.7% (3)	46.2% (18)	28.2% (11)	39
Kayak locker	2.6% (1)	92.3% (36)	7.7% (3)	20.5% (8)	5.1% (2)	23.1% (9)	43.6% (17)	39
Meeting room	15.4% (6)	84.6% (33)	15.4% (6)	25.6% (10)	2.6% (1)	35.9% (14)	28.2% (11)	39
Open space	35.9% (14)	61.5% (24)	25.6% (10)	12.8% (5)	0.0% (0)	41.0% (16)	23.1% (9)	39
Picnic locations	31.6% (12)	65.8% (25)	15.8% (6)	23.7% (9)	0.0% (0)	47.4% (18)	23.7% (9)	38
Playgrounds	33.3% (13)	64.1% (25)	10.3% (4)	28.2% (11)	2.6% (1)	56.4% (22)	15.4% (6)	39
Primitive camping	7.9% (3)	89.5% (34)	7.9% (3)	21.1% (8)	2.6% (1)	23.7% (9)	39.5% (15)	38
Restroom facilities	34.2% (13)	63.2% (24)	10.5% (4)	23.7% (9)	7.9% (3)	50.0% (19)	18.4% (7)	38
Small bed community garden (5' x 16' beds)	23.1% (9)	76.9% (30)	7.7% (3)	20.5% (8)	2.6% (1)	35.9% (14)	33.3% (13)	39
Soccer fields	21.1% (8)	73.7% (28)	10.5% (4)	23.7% (9)	0.0% (0)	55.3% (21)	18.4% (7)	38
Snowshoe trails	31.6% (12)	63.2% (24)	13.2% (5)	23.7% (9)	0.0% (0)	34.2% (13)	31.6% (12)	38
Swimming areas	39.5% (15)	57.9% (22)	26.3% (10)	15.8% (6)	2.6% (1)	36.8% (14)	34.2% (13)	38
Tennis courts	18.4% (7)	76.3% (29)	7.9% (3)	23.7% (9)	5.3% (2)	55.3% (21)	18.4% (7)	38

Other (please specify) 6

answered question 40

skipped question 5

11. Listed below are recreation opportunities currently not available in the Township. Please indicate if you or any member of your household anticipates a use for the recreational opportunities by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use" in the first two columns. Please indicate your support for funding of the opportunity by checking either "Yes - fund" or "No - fund" in the last two columns.

	Yes - use	No - use	Yes - fund	No - fund	Rating Count
Additional motorized trail connections	22.5% (9)	75.0% (30)	25.0% (10)	50.0% (20)	40
Additional non-motorized trail connections	50.0% (20)	47.5% (19)	52.5% (21)	25.0% (10)	40
Adult fitness / aerobics classes, weight training	38.5% (15)	59.0% (23)	23.1% (9)	48.7% (19)	39
Aquatic / splash park	20.5% (8)	76.9% (30)	17.9% (7)	56.4% (22)	39
Bike polo	2.5% (1)	95.0% (38)	7.5% (3)	57.5% (23)	40
BMX biking	7.5% (3)	90.0% (36)	20.0% (8)	47.5% (19)	40
Community events	51.3% (20)	46.2% (18)	51.3% (20)	25.6% (10)	39
Community recreation center	45.0% (18)	55.0% (22)	50.0% (20)	25.0% (10)	40
Equestrian trails	5.0% (2)	92.5% (37)	12.5% (5)	57.5% (23)	40
Geocaching	20.0% (8)	77.5% (31)	20.0% (8)	52.5% (21)	40
Historic sites and museums	43.6% (17)	53.8% (21)	41.0% (16)	30.8% (12)	39
Indoor public spaces for community / private gatherings	42.5% (17)	55.0% (22)	45.0% (18)	30.0% (12)	40
Inline skating / roller blading trails	5.0% (2)	92.5% (37)	12.5% (5)	57.5% (23)	40
Large bed community gardens (20' by 40' beds+)	12.5% (5)	85.0% (34)	30.0% (12)	40.0% (16)	40
Mountain biking trails	35.9% (14)	61.5% (24)	33.3% (13)	35.9% (14)	39
Off-leash dog park	20.0% (8)	77.5% (31)	15.0% (6)	57.5% (23)	40
Outdoor swimming pool	17.5% (7)	80.0% (32)	15.0% (6)	55.0% (22)	40
Pickleball	7.7% (3)	89.7% (35)	10.3% (4)	59.0% (23)	39

Pre-school or early childhood recreation programs	32.5% (13)	65.0% (26)	52.5% (21)	22.5% (9)	40
Senior citizen recreation programs	37.5% (15)	60.0% (24)	57.5% (23)	17.5% (7)	40
Skateboarding area	5.0% (2)	92.5% (37)	25.0% (10)	45.0% (18)	40
Sledding hill	45.0% (18)	52.5% (21)	40.0% (16)	40.0% (16)	40
Small neighborhood park	37.5% (15)	60.0% (24)	45.0% (18)	30.0% (12)	40
Small bed community gardens (5' by 16' beds)	17.9% (7)	79.5% (31)	33.3% (13)	41.0% (16)	39
Summer camp programs	22.5% (9)	75.0% (30)	25.0% (10)	47.5% (19)	40
Using school facilities for basketball / volleyball	35.0% (14)	62.5% (25)	45.0% (18)	27.5% (11)	40
Youth programs (such as dance, art, and gymnastics)	30.0% (12)	67.5% (27)	40.0% (16)	35.0% (14)	40

Other (please specify) 4

answered question 40

skipped question 5

12. Compared to other priorities for the Township (such as police, fire, streets), how important do you think it is for the Township to fund improvements for recreation facilities and opportunities?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not sure	Rating Average	Rating Count
	25.6% (10)	66.7% (26)	7.7% (3)	0.0% (0)	2.18	39
	answered question					39
	skipped question					6

13. Please enter your additional comments or concerns regarding recreation in Chocolay Township.

**Response
Count**

7

answered question

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skipped question

38

**14. How important are the following potential new public improvements and amenities?
Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to “Very important” and 1 equal to “Not important”.**

	5 - Very important	4	3	2	1 - Not important	Rating Average	Rating Count
More attractive landscaping in public areas	25.0% (10)	40.0% (16)	25.0% (10)	2.5% (1)	7.5% (3)	3.73	40
Historic art mural in pedestrian tunnel	0.0% (0)	12.5% (5)	25.0% (10)	15.0% (6)	47.5% (19)	2.03	40
Wayfinding signs for local attractions	20.0% (8)	37.5% (15)	12.5% (5)	15.0% (6)	15.0% (6)	3.33	40
Township newsletter/information flyers	22.5% (9)	37.5% (15)	30.0% (12)	5.0% (2)	5.0% (2)	3.68	40
Visitor maps of local attractions	17.5% (7)	45.0% (18)	15.0% (6)	12.5% (5)	10.0% (4)	3.48	40
Benches along trails	20.0% (8)	42.5% (17)	25.0% (10)	7.5% (3)	5.0% (2)	3.65	40
Trash cans / pet refuse bags along trails	45.0% (18)	27.5% (11)	17.5% (7)	5.0% (2)	5.0% (2)	4.03	40
Expanded sewer supply area	23.1% (9)	25.6% (10)	15.4% (6)	17.9% (7)	17.9% (7)	3.18	39
Public water supply in selected growth areas	30.8% (12)	30.8% (12)	15.4% (6)	17.9% (7)	5.1% (2)	3.64	39
Improved public transportation options	30.0% (12)	32.5% (13)	17.5% (7)	15.0% (6)	5.0% (2)	3.68	40
New transit station (public buses)	27.5% (11)	15.0% (6)	27.5% (11)	17.5% (7)	12.5% (5)	3.28	40
Underground utilities (electric, cable, telephone) along US-41	35.0% (14)	20.0% (8)	22.5% (9)	10.0% (4)	12.5% (5)	3.55	40
Underground utilities (electric, cable, telephone) with new development	42.5% (17)	25.0% (10)	20.0% (8)	5.0% (2)	7.5% (3)	3.90	40
Other (please specify)							2

answered question 40

skipped question 5

15. How important are the following issues facing Chocolay Township in either the near or distant future? Rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to “Very important” and 1 equal to “Not important”.

	5 - Very important	4	3	2	1 - Not important	Rating Average	Rating Count
Preserve wildlife habitat	52.5% (21)	27.5% (11)	7.5% (3)	10.0% (4)	2.5% (1)	4.18	40
Protect environmentally sensitive areas (wetlands, steep slopes, dunes)	55.0% (22)	30.0% (12)	7.5% (3)	7.5% (3)	0.0% (0)	4.33	40
Protect water resources	67.5% (27)	22.5% (9)	5.0% (2)	5.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	4.53	40
Preserve public access to water resources	67.5% (27)	20.0% (8)	5.0% (2)	7.5% (3)	0.0% (0)	4.48	40
Preserve agricultural lands for farming activities	46.2% (18)	33.3% (13)	10.3% (4)	7.7% (3)	2.6% (1)	4.13	39
Anticipate risks due to climate fluctuations	37.5% (15)	22.5% (9)	22.5% (9)	7.5% (3)	10.0% (4)	3.70	40
Inadequate water drainage or flooding	40.0% (16)	27.5% (11)	20.0% (8)	5.0% (2)	7.5% (3)	3.88	40
Limitations for development because of water supply issues	43.6% (17)	23.1% (9)	23.1% (9)	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	3.95	39
Create more job opportunities in the Township	52.5% (21)	20.0% (8)	15.0% (6)	7.5% (3)	5.0% (2)	4.08	40
Attract more businesses	57.5% (23)	22.5% (9)	12.5% (5)	2.5% (1)	5.0% (2)	4.25	40
Attract more residents	32.5% (13)	25.0% (10)	30.0% (12)	7.5% (3)	5.0% (2)	3.73	40
Attract young families	40.0% (16)	22.5% (9)	30.0% (12)	2.5% (1)	5.0% (2)	3.90	40

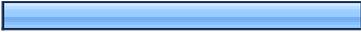
Senior services	40.0% (16)	35.0% (14)	22.5% (9)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.13	40
Community health	35.1% (13)	21.6% (8)	40.5% (15)	0.0% (0)	2.7% (1)	3.86	37
Affordable housing	33.3% (13)	15.4% (6)	41.0% (16)	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	3.67	39
Maintain or improve road conditions	67.5% (27)	30.0% (12)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.65	40
Protect and enhance the local food supply	46.2% (18)	23.1% (9)	17.9% (7)	5.1% (2)	7.7% (3)	3.95	39
Maintain curbside recycling services	77.5% (31)	20.0% (8)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.75	40
Improve curbside recycling services	48.7% (19)	30.8% (12)	10.3% (4)	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	4.13	39
Maintain existing public facilities	62.5% (25)	32.5% (13)	2.5% (1)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.55	40
Improve or provide new public facilities	37.5% (15)	30.0% (12)	17.5% (7)	7.5% (3)	7.5% (3)	3.83	40
Maintain existing police & fire services	75.0% (30)	20.0% (8)	2.5% (1)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.68	40
Improve police & fire services	43.6% (17)	20.5% (8)	17.9% (7)	7.7% (3)	10.3% (4)	3.79	39
Control nuisance activities (noise, accumulation of junk / rubbish / garbage)	57.5% (23)	22.5% (9)	17.5% (7)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.35	40
Keep taxes at or near present levels	67.5% (27)	22.5% (9)	7.5% (3)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.55	40
Raise taxes for new / improved facilities or services	10.8% (4)	24.3% (9)	18.9% (7)	13.5% (5)	32.4% (12)	2.68	37
Lower taxes and decrease services	21.6% (8)	13.5% (5)	13.5% (5)	27.0% (10)	24.3% (9)	2.81	37
Locate alternate funding for desired improvements	64.1% (25)	15.4% (6)	17.9% (7)	2.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.41	39

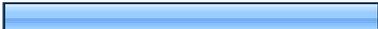
Other (please specify)

answered question 40

skipped question 5

16. In reference to Chocolay Township, what does rural character mean to you? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Places to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature		87.2%	34
Large wooded lots with plenty of privacy between neighbors		74.4%	29
Subdivisions of homes with landscaping and mowed lawns		41.0%	16
Stately homes with well maintained lawns and park-like open spaces		30.8%	12
Quiet country roads fronted by farms and single-family homes		69.2%	27
Homes screened from neighbors and streets by natural areas which are not mowed		56.4%	22
Cleared lots with homes built close to the road		10.3%	4
Small hobby farms		53.8%	21
Traditional commercial farms with equipment and buildings		41.0%	16
Living in a place where you don't have to deal with a lot of government regulations		59.0%	23
Large areas of tilled fields, orchards, or pasture land with occasional houses		51.3%	20
Living with the sights, sounds, and smells of farm animals		28.2%	11

Quiet neighborhoods with no farm animals		51.3%	20
Commercial areas with ample, well-lit parking lots		15.4%	6
A place where homes and small country stores could be next to each other		30.8%	12
Dark areas that let you see the stars		56.4%	22
Clustered areas of small businesses		25.6%	10
Large, busy retail strips		5.1%	2
Access to outdoor recreation		82.1%	32
Hiking / biking trails		74.4%	29

Other (please specify) 4

answered question	39
skipped question	6

17. Which one of the following statements best represents your views toward Township taxes and services? (Please check only one box which best represents your views)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Keeping taxes low is important, so we should not add any new services or facilities if it means raising taxes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.0%	6
I realize that some small property tax increases may be necessary, within reason, to provide a few additional services or community facilities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	57.5%	23
Chocolay Township should offer similar services and facilities as the City of Marquette and I am willing to pay higher property taxes, if necessary, for those services and facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.0%	2
Lower taxes, which may require reducing public services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.0%	6
I am undecided.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.5%	3
		answered question	40
		skipped question	5

18. How do you get information on what is happening in the Township? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Contact Township staff		42.1%	16
Newspaper		57.9%	22
Radio		5.3%	2
Social media (such as Facebook)		10.5%	4
Talk to an elected or appointed official		21.1%	8
Television		28.9%	11
Township Hall message sign		39.5%	15
Township web site (www.chocolay.org)		50.0%	19
Word of mouth		50.0%	19
	Other (please specify)		7
answered question			38
skipped question			7

19. Please add your additional master plan comments or concerns.

	Response Count
	7
answered question	7
skipped question	38

Page 3, Q4. The Chocolay Township Planning Commission wishes to gain public input about the appropriate scale or intensity of animal homesteading activities (the keeping of animals) based on the information above. Please indicate your opinion about whether the following activities should be allowed in your...

1	<p>When the Township makes a decision regarding regulations for animals on a small scale (accessory to a residence), I think the decision makers should be careful not to think they have a right to dictate lifestyle for everyone based on their own lifestyle preference. They are elected or appointed to be representative of all citizens (not just those who agree with them), and are expected to become informed and make the best decision for the public interest. When presented with a new idea that has citizen support, they should start by thinking of the ways they can say "yes" while protecting the rights of others. They shouldn't start with "no" based on their own prejudices and then find all the ways to justify their position. Healthy food is essential to the well-being of all people and is therefore in the public interest. If people understand the value of food security, and they want to make sure their families are protected in case of a disruption in the food supply system, and they can do it without creating a nuisance for their neighbor, then that is a lifestyle choice they should be able to have. That's what zoning is for - to create rules to prevent or mitigate nuisance issues while allowing reasonable levels of activity to take place. Some people realize that using petroleum to mow large areas of grass is unsustainable and a waste of family funds and they might propose to keep a couple of sheep to crop it down while producing wool and fertilizer for the garden. Ask yourself if there is really any reason that two sheep would be any less acceptable than 2 medium or large dogs (which many people allow to run loose or bark continuously)? They might actually be an improvement in neighborhoods. Chickens should not run loose for their own safety from predators and out of consideration for those who don't want that lifestyle, and there should be appropriate controls for scale, location of activities, etc.</p>	Sep 30, 2013 8:26 PM
2	<p>Individuals who choose to raise animals need to be aware upfront that the other routine ordinances regarding noise and nuisance issues still apply.</p>	Sep 30, 2013 5:00 PM
3	<p>Families should be able to raise health food on their property. Having dogs run all over the neighborhood should not be allowed.</p>	Sep 30, 2013 4:46 PM
4	<p>I live in a residential neighborhood on a large lot. There are areas in the township zoned for keeping animals. Do not add animals into the residential neighborhoods so there are no places where you can live and not have animals next door.</p>	Sep 23, 2013 4:46 AM
5	<p>This a residential area. The township has a large portion of the township zoned for the keeping the of animals.</p>	Sep 22, 2013 9:34 AM
6	<p>The last 2 questions are a bit confusing. Animal raising should be regulated.</p>	Sep 16, 2013 12:35 PM
7	<p>If a property owners land size is adequate to properly raise livestock, such as chickens, or even larger animals such as Pigs / Hogs and cows I have no problem with it as long as ALL is properly maintained. That said, one must know what they are getting into and have general good common sense to such matters. Like almost all else though, I am sure there will be those that jump in with both feet without looking before they leap. That, of course, is where many (IF NOT ALL) of the problems begin. People simply need to return to having respect not only for others rights, property rights, etc, but THEIR OWN! All begins and ends with "Personal Responsibility." I could elaborate more but would</p>	Sep 12, 2013 12:22 PM

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	likely be a pointless effort currently.	
8	I think the acreage of your land and placement of lets say fenced in animals such as horses, sheep, goats, etc. should be a deciding factor. If my neighbor were to place their pigs right on our property line closest to my house - ick. Especially if they didn't keep it sanitary. Hopefully they would keep it clean & common sense to take care of them right & a good chunk of property to do so.	Sep 12, 2013 6:53 AM
9	Last one, only cats and dogs.Or small ones like hamsters,etc.	Sep 10, 2013 12:40 PM
10	Home values will plummet and nuisance complaints will skyrocket as a minority of property owners attempt to become farmers in areas determined to be suburban neighborhoods. If someone wishes to become a farmer then they should move to an agricultural area and not try to attempt micro-farming in planned neighborhoods.	Sep 8, 2013 1:41 PM
11	In my area 10 free range chickens is too many. Who has the greater right free range chickens or dogs?	Sep 7, 2013 4:25 PM
12	I have a neighbor with 8 chickens. He keeps them out of sight but they make their clucking in the early morning. Wake us up. In my area, dive ways 80 feet apart. No need for this. Walking dogs is a problem as some don't clean up after.	Sep 7, 2013 3:26 PM
13	The neighborhood I live in, already has many area's in need of repair, bringing in farm animal's would not be conducive to this neighbor hood, it would make the value of house's less then what they are now. I am strongly opposed to this. I do appreciate having my opinion heard.	Sep 7, 2013 12:23 PM

Page 4, Q5. Which of the following uses do you think are appropriate for the neighborhood in which your property is located? Assume that there are appropriate regulations to reduce the potential for nuisance impacts (i.e. proper setbacks, buffers, appropriate scale or intensity of use) and there are appropr...

1	A person should be allowed to use their property to its full potential within reason. In these increasingly TRYING times, alternative ways to make an income, additional income and save money should be REASONABLY allowed. Both the landowner and the township would benefit longer term. i.e. maintaining and even increasing tax base. I would concern yourselves with maintaining it currently though. Like I said these are increasingly trying times. Governmental entities are generally the last to understand this fact but the first to expect all is maintained as currently is. That is difficult to do if the land owners do not have the income to pay their taxes, etc. let alone EAT. Please consider this and more.	Sep 12, 2013 12:33 PM
2	Noise of manufacturing/recreational vehicles would be a factor in allowing this type of activity in this area.(Lakewood Lane)	Sep 9, 2013 12:43 PM
3	Wood stoves inside the house, OK. No outside burners to the home. Fire pits, yes, as long as the smoke does not come in my house when the windows are	Sep 7, 2013 3:31 PM

Page 4, Q5. Which of the following uses do you think are appropriate for the neighborhood in which your property is located? Assume that there are appropriate regulations to reduce the potential for nuisance impacts (i.e. proper setbacks, buffers, appropriate scale or intensity of use) and there are appropr...

open. This has been a problem with close homes to my home. I like to have a bond fire but if the smoke goes to my neighbor, NO.

Page 5, Q6. In your opinion, which of the following are appropriate uses for Township-owned property? (check all that apply)

1	In providing for the public welfare, safety, and health, it is essential that local governments realize that protection of local food supply systems is every bit as important and justified as protecting water supplies, managing wastes, and providing for police and fire protection. The industrial food system is making us ill and we need to maximize opportunity for healthy alternatives. Local governments should provide an example and assist those who want to strengthen local food production.	Sep 30, 2013 8:33 PM
2	Unfortunately, I do not believe land within Chocolay TWP would, overall, generate any significant amount of "commercial" alternative energy. That said, I am not against it. I just don't want to hear about the tax payers ending up with a "clean up" problem or bill if a such venture fails to work out. I want to see absolutely NO MORE CELL OR COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS ANYWHERE! I have my reasons and they are too numerous and serious to discuss in this comment box. I would be happy to discuss in person though.	Sep 12, 2013 12:41 PM
3	Any township lands should be used to benefit the township, even if structures are placed on them. Structures need to be pleasing to the eye, as would building for commercial use. Excess lands should be marketed for usage as area dictates.	Sep 9, 2013 12:59 PM
4	I would be against large wind generation alternative energy projects.	Sep 7, 2013 4:25 PM
5	Possibly, some of these idea's would work. They would need to be monitored carefully, from what I can see there isn't enough monitoring in Chocolay Tw. as far as keeping up decent neighbor hood;s.	Sep 7, 2013 12:31 PM

Page 5, Q7. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower at the Silver Creek Recreation Area?

1	Need more signal strength for AT&T cell	Oct 2, 2013 6:27 AM
2	With the appropriate buffer from residences and recreational activities.	Sep 30, 2013 8:33 PM
3	It would help a lot of residents out with better cell phone service.	Sep 30, 2013 3:03 PM
4	As I stated in number 6 above; "I want to see absolutely NO MORE CELL OR COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS ANYWHERE! I have my reasons and they are too numerous and serious to discuss in this comment box. I would be happy to discuss in person though."	Sep 12, 2013 12:41 PM
5	I Do not know where that is? By the school? I'm not sure that would be a good spot.... ?	Sep 12, 2013 6:57 AM
6	As soon as possible!	Sep 9, 2013 10:12 AM
7	Very much needed	Sep 7, 2013 8:01 PM
8	I have no problem with my cell phone.	Sep 7, 2013 4:25 PM
9	As long as it did NOT cost me or others out of taxes	Sep 7, 2013 3:34 PM

Page 5, Q8. Would you support the placement of a cell phone communications tower near Green Garden Road?

1	Need more signal strength for AT&T cell	Oct 2, 2013 6:27 AM
2	Ditto to 7 above; "I want to see absolutely NO MORE CELL OR COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS ANYWHERE! I have my reasons and they are too numerous and serious to discuss in this comment box. I would be happy to discuss in person though."	Sep 12, 2013 12:41 PM
3	As soon as possible! I would be in favor of a cell phone tower at either of these locations. The reception at our home is terrible!	Sep 9, 2013 10:12 AM
4	Great	Sep 7, 2013 8:01 PM
5	As stated above.	Sep 7, 2013 4:25 PM
6	As long as it did NOT cost me or others out of taxes	Sep 7, 2013 3:34 PM

Page 6, Q9. Please indicate your level of support for the following regulations. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very supportive" and 1 equal to "Not supportive".

1	The number of accessory building should be regulated by zoning area.	Sep 22, 2013 9:39 AM
2	Accumulated equipment for your business is totally different than accumulating scrap metal and junk. I think it would be ok to have equipment however not the scrap metal or junk.	Sep 12, 2013 2:11 PM
3	Now these are truly a difficult ones to fully answer. Generally, I do not like further governmental intrusion. Further, I do not FULLY know what the current requirements, setbacks, etc. are to some of the items above already. I do know what they are on my current property. I will state it again as I had to an earlier question. A lot of problems start, essentially, by folks just jumping in with both feet before they look. Personal responsibly to their actions, what they do, build should be fully understood before they do / build anything. I have done it virtually my whole life and additionally have endeavored to comply with laws and all zoning including on my current property. Though, honestly, I believe some are already too heavy handed. There are also, of course, those with no care or regard to their own rights, let alone other peoples rights or to "THE LAND." How does one FAIRLY deal without this without becoming burdensome to the ALL landowners?	Sep 12, 2013 12:56 PM
4	Do I think the township should tell us what we can/can't have in our yard? - No. Do I think people should use common sense? Yes! & they often don't. So my feelings are mixed here. We have one neighbor who just is becoming a junkyard. It's not just a few extra cars or scrap parts, it's a lot of random stuff! Is it in my way? Not really, but it sure looks crappy and there is garbage blowing around often, and I can tell you that I am glad they are not my direct neighbors.	Sep 12, 2013 7:03 AM
5	A number of these items depend on the size of the owners lot, if only renting a property, size/amount of accumulation of stuff is downsized.	Sep 9, 2013 1:05 PM
6	Unfortunately hard fast regulations with no room for compromise just cause hard feelings.	Sep 7, 2013 4:26 PM
7	Yards cut and maintained, number of vehicles on the property, drive ways, streets, and junk.	Sep 7, 2013 3:37 PM
8	I would love too see stricter regulation's on all of the above.	Sep 7, 2013 12:33 PM

Page 7, Q10. Listed below are current recreation opportunities available in the Township. In the first two columns, indicate if your household uses the opportunity by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use". In the next three columns, rate your level of satisfaction with the facility on a scale of 1 to 3, w...

1	Need a walking trail or path along Ortman Road to get to Cherry Creek School from the west. It's very busy, the road is in terrible shape with drainage issues, and I see kids and people walking along here frequently. There are many homes back there. More people need to become aware of the disc golf. People should be allowed to use the training/meeting room in the fire hall. Playgrounds need updating. The turnouts along Lake Superior and the Chocolay River are some of the best assets. Beaver Grove bathroom is terrible. No privacy and ugly.	Sep 30, 2013 8:50 PM
2	Need more area's that can be used for ATV's.	Sep 30, 2013 4:20 PM
3	Township should charge fees similar to the fees in other townships and the city. If funded is should be as needed for resident use not to encourage cheap costs for nonresidents.	Sep 22, 2013 9:50 AM
4	As you see, I am not a sports related person. I am not against these things in general but it looks like we have WAY more opportunities already than I knew about. I just don't have time for Virtually any of these activities. I am not sure how anyone does anymore. My wife works a lot of OT JUST TO KEEP US ON PAR WHERE WE WERE FIVE YEARS AGO. Not get ahead! We are thankful the OT being available at her employer but it is NOT enjoyable that she has to be away more for the same pay we had five years ago. SO I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF FUNDING ANYTHING MORE, MORE TAXES, EXCEPT PERHAPS THE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS. And only to the extent to make them available. Participants should be required for all other maintenance to the fair use of the plots and benefit of harvesting some food to eat. I have my own land I am trying o grow a good garden on but for others not having adequate land available this would be a good thing.	Sep 12, 2013 1:16 PM
5	Hell to grow old	Sep 9, 2013 1:19 PM
6	Dont know about several of these opportunities	Sep 7, 2013 8:07 PM

Page 7, Q11. Listed below are recreation opportunities currently not available in the Township. Please indicate if you or any member of your household anticipates a use for the recreational opportunities by checking either "Yes - use" or "No - use" in the first two columns. Please indicate your support for fu...

1	Flea market / farmers market / arts @ crafts market	Sep 30, 2013 6:08 PM
2	All township resourirces that are spent should only be related to uses of township residents.	Sep 23, 2013 4:54 AM
3	Look, I believe you have my general views already in number 10 above. I would be happy to talk more in person of this. The only one I thought interesting was a sledding location. That would be a good winter activity. (And again, the Garden plots) We already have plenty of summer activities. Additionally, our area has plenty of facilities, commercial and otherwise, I believe, to accommodate these possible needs. Folks have enough on their plate too cover the costs of already and I caution those with "Hard" ears, I believe you'll see these costs escalate in the future making the burden greater for everyone. Governmental entities , again, are by far and large the last to understand this.	Sep 12, 2013 1:16 PM
4	Many opf these items, user's need to pay to maintain these services.	Sep 9, 2013 1:19 PM

Page 7, Q13. Please enter your additional comments or concerns regarding recreation in Chocolay Township.

1	More bike trails - non-motorized!	Oct 1, 2013 1:44 PM
2	Most would go into Marquette to use facilities anyway.	Oct 1, 2013 1:32 PM
3	I think the township should be open to ATV 's and riders. I think it would be a good revenue source. We have to pay for the orv stickers but yet we have no place to ride.	Sep 30, 2013 4:20 PM
4	My previous comments I believe are sufficient.	Sep 12, 2013 1:16 PM
5	The improvements to the bike trails/walking have been great. I wish the silver creek park would be a little bit more kid friendly with open bathrooms as well. (not sure if that is considered the church). I'm sure we would utilize more if there was more available, or maybe we aren't aware of everything that is available? Being on the closer end of Harvey to Marquette, it doesn't seem far to go into town for activities and outings, but in the winter time it will be! Maybe if there was more to do indoors for little kids or community gatherings in the winter in this area.	Sep 12, 2013 11:13 AM
6	It would be nice to have a township hall available to rent for gatherings.	Sep 7, 2013 8:07 PM
7	A lot of recreation could have been funded if a scaled down fire hall was built. Seems to me to be overkill. It's easy to spend other people's money.	Sep 7, 2013 4:28 PM

Page 8, Q14. How important are the following potential new public improvements and amenities? Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very important" and 1 equal to "Not important".

1	newsletters should be electronic Any extension of water and sewer should be funded by special assessments or user fees. Not by general funds.	Sep 22, 2013 9:53 AM
2	Expand public water and sewer to more than select growth area's. Many would not want this new service as they already have well and septic.	Sep 9, 2013 1:24 PM

Page 9, Q15. How important are the following issues facing Chocolay Township in either the near or distant future? Rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 equal to "Very important" and 1 equal to "Not important".

1	Control smoke from burning garbage. No burning garbage ordinance needed.	Oct 2, 2013 6:34 AM
2	If tax money is spent responsibility on the local resources with accountability and input from citizens increases are acceptable.	Sep 30, 2013 5:25 PM
3	How about maintain or lower current taxes but review spending to improve services. Improve transportation options for senior citizens to access needed services. Maintain services that attract families to the township Improve services for senior citizens	Sep 23, 2013 5:01 AM
4	Look to maintain or improve services without raising taxes. Do not fund special interest activities that do not benefit township residents.	Sep 22, 2013 9:58 AM
5	If you haven't already received / understood my opinion on ALL this. LESS IS MORE! Meaning, Folks are having a harder and harder time making ends meet. I.E. Making a living and maintaining what we already have including the current tax liabilities. I DON'T CARE WHAT WASHINGTON DC, THE CAPITAL IN LANSING, THE NY TIMES OR OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS STATE. THINGS AE NOT ALL THAT ROSY AND THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO IMPROVE ANYTIME SOON. Please Do not add new burdens for the TWP. You'll have all you can do with the already bloated burden.	Sep 12, 2013 1:25 PM

Page 10, Q16. In reference to Chocolay Township, what does rural character mean to you? (check all that apply)

1	It depends on your preferences and the part of the township where you choose to live.	Sep 23, 2013 5:03 AM
2	it could non or it could be all of these depending on where you live in the township	Sep 22, 2013 9:59 AM
3	Close to Marquette with a nice neighborhood.	Sep 16, 2013 12:49 PM
4	This would also include the right to possibly market / sell farm and "natural" earth related items and perhaps craft type items, in a small building or stand on ones property to offset some costs. Think home / property owner revenue to pay their taxes for example. Those \$ you use don't materialize out of thin air like they due on tax bills for resindents / businesses in the TWP.. Obviously, there are other residences here too and some small commercial businesses and services are still needed and commercial ventures have traditionally filled this need. Common sense and personal responsibility should prevail. I realize this is not what it used to be but, there should already be ample laws as regulations to deal with problems. Maybe too many?	Sep 12, 2013 1:37 PM

Page 11, Q18. How do you get information on what is happening in the Township? (check all that apply)

1	Should expand communications by using social media and the internet.	Sep 22, 2013 10:02 AM
2	Please stop using the Township Hall message sign to promote activities which are private, such as religious events and private school activities. Public tax dollars should not be used to promote private functions.	Sep 22, 2013 9:43 AM
3	news sent home on occasion	Sep 12, 2013 1:47 PM
4	Mailings	Sep 12, 2013 1:41 PM
5	newspaper for Chocolay township	Sep 10, 2013 1:27 PM
6	Direct mail pieces	Sep 10, 2013 2:48 AM
7	Sign in front of township offices	Sep 7, 2013 8:13 PM

Page 11, Q19. Please add your additional master plan comments or concerns.

1	Please repave Ford Rd	Oct 2, 2013 6:35 AM
2	Thanks for your hard work!	Oct 1, 2013 1:47 PM
3	While we enjoy the rural nature of our area there is a lot of sense in encouraging businesses in the more populated northern areas that are currently more commercial. Otherwise, less government interference and more case by case problem solving makes the most sense to me.	Sep 30, 2013 5:32 PM
4	Please enforce the zoning laws that are currently in place. There is currently no enforcement. We live in a residential neighborhood and our neighbor has chickens (including a rooster). We were told that nothing could be done about it.	Sep 22, 2013 9:43 AM
5	Living on Willow Road, it is considered Private, but yet we pay just as much property taxes as anyone else, which isn't fair. I feel that our road should be graded once in awhile in the summer and plowed in the winter (doesn't have to be the big plow - just a truck!)	Sep 12, 2013 1:47 PM
6	I believe, again, my previous comments state my views. I would be happy to have a reasonable discussion in person on all this. I will try and attend more TWP meetings.	Sep 12, 2013 1:41 PM
7	Please do not create any future laws that our local law officers have to enforce. They have enough laws to enforce. Any new law that cover lawn, cows, chickens, what ever, make sure your have a non law officer to enforce them.	Sep 7, 2013 4:40 PM