

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Public participation is critical to the comprehensive planning process and the community surveys conducted in each of the Planning Area Townships are key elements. In addition to gaining a general understanding of respondent opinions and concerns, the survey served to inform the community of the planning process and many of the issues confronting the Planning Area. The survey results are incorporated into the *Comprehensive Plan* and are used as one of many factors for the formulation of community goals and objectives. In Damascus Township, surveys were mailed to resident and nonresident landowners, and in Manchester Township and Oregon Township surveys were mailed to the per capita tax payer list. News releases also announced that the surveys were available from local officials and on the Internet.

A random sample survey with higher return rates would have resulted in a better cross section of opinions, but would have precluded many interested residents from participating. In other words, it is important to remember that the survey results simply represent the opinions of those who were interested and responded to the survey. To achieve a definitive representation of resident opinions (i.e., a high confidence rate of survey results) requires a scientific survey using a relatively small random sample with a high return rate. This is typically achieved by multiple mailings, tracking each survey, and follow-up phone calls. A high return rate on the random sample ensures that the full range of opinions are assessed.

DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY – RESIDENT RESULTS

Total number of surveys distributed: 2,000. Total number of surveys returned: 723. Return rate: 36%

A. OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS

We have been satisfied with the following:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. Volunteer fire protection	339	49.0	331	47.8	12	1.7	10	1.4	692
2. Volunteer ambulance	373	54.0	298	43.1	14	2.0	6	0.9	691
3. Police protection	73	10.9	224	33.5	202	30.2	169	25.3	668
4. Condition of township roads	31	4.4	167	23.6	268	37.8	243	34.3	709
5. Condition of township road ditches	30	4.2	153	21.7	279	39.5	244	34.6	706
6. Snow/ice removal from twp roads	106	15.0	384	54.5	146	20.7	69	9.8	705
7. Dust control on non-paved roads	50	7.4	253	37.3	230	33.9	146	21.5	679
8. Overall appearance	95	13.7	455	65.5	112	16.1	33	4.7	695
9. Programs at Community Center	84	13.7	431	70.4	80	13.1	17	2.8	612
10. Officials’ response to citizen concerns	56	8.6	303	46.8	200	30.9	89	13.7	648
11. Officials response to emergencies	92	14.3	393	61.1	127	19.8	31	4.8	643

(Note: Item 12 was missing from the survey form.)

We have used the following township facilities/services:	yes		no		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	
	13. Ballfield at Damascus Park	97	14.1	591	
14. Pavilion/picnic at Damascus Park	111	16.1	577	83.9	688
15. Volleyball court at Damascus Park	31	4.5	654	95.5	685
16. Horseshoe court at Park	31	4.5	654	95.5	685
17. Hiking at Damascus Park	77	11.3	607	88.7	684
18. Hiking at Damascus Forest	102	14.8	585	85.2	687
19. Recycling	285	41.3	405	58.7	690

The following characteristics have been important to us:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
	20. Rural atmosphere	511	74.7	157	23.0	13	1.9	3	
21. Low crime rate	377	54.5	275	39.7	33	4.8	7	1.0	692
22. Affordable housing	210	31.2	307	45.6	122	18.1	34	5.1	673
23. Quality of schools	301	45.6	289	43.8	52	7.9	18	2.7	660
24. Close proximity to work	145	24.3	215	36.1	153	25.7	83	13.9	596
25. Low taxes	207	29.9	233	33.7	155	22.4	97	14.0	692
26. Outdoor recreation/activities	176	26.9	339	51.8	108	16.5	32	4.9	655
27. Close proximity to shopping	93	13.8	286	42.4	214	31.8	81	12.0	674
28. Natural beauty	507	72.7	183	26.3	6	0.9	1	0.1	697

B. DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS

Damascus Township should devote resources to:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
	1. Improve roads	438	63.8	218	31.7	22	3.2	9	
2. Control flooding and storm water	348	51.0	279	40.8	43	6.3	13	1.9	683
3. Support groundwater studies	243	36.4	296	44.3	98	14.7	31	4.6	668
4. Establish wireless/highspeed comm	363	52.7	212	30.8	80	11.6	34	4.9	689
5. Encourage senior and starter homes	134	19.7	244	35.9	189	27.8	112	16.5	679

Damascus Township should devote resources to:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
6. Encourage conservation of open land	95	14.2	160	23.9	217	32.4	197	29.4	669
7. Publication promoting community service	134	20.6	356	54.6	116	17.8	46	7.1	652
8. Consider expanding recycling	224	32.9	326	47.9	101	14.8	30	4.4	681
9. Sponsor trash cleanup days	312	45.4	327	47.6	37	5.4	11	1.6	687

Continue Township support of:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
10. Recycling	383	55.5	270	39.1	28	4.1	9	1.3	690
11. Participation in the April Great PA Cleanup	294	43.6	352	52.1	17	2.5	12	1.8	675
12. Township community groups and volunteer services	275	40.3	372	54.5	24	3.5	11	1.6	682
13. Community recreational facilities	222	33.0	353	52.5	68	10.1	29	4.3	672

Provide the following additional/expanded recreational facilities:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
14. Playground	145	22.3	306	47.1	134	20.6	64	9.9	649
15. Basketball court	122	19.0	268	41.8	171	26.7	80	12.5	641
16. Tennis court	99	15.4	246	38.3	211	32.8	87	13.5	643
17. Frisbee golf	61	9.6	185	29.2	263	41.5	125	19.7	634
18. Amphitheater	74	11.6	178	27.9	241	37.8	145	22.7	638
19. Second ballfield	62	9.7	203	31.8	239	37.5	134	21.0	638
20. Hiking/biking trails	172	26.5	266	41.0	144	22.2	66	10.2	648
21. Open space/parkland	236	33.6	257	36.6	144	20.5	66	9.4	703

Would be willing to have township taxes increased by 0.1ML to improve:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
22. Road conditions	263	38.0	201	29.0	96	13.9	133	19.2	693
23. Township appearance	124	18.5	169	25.2	187	27.9	191	28.5	671
24. Community activities	91	13.6	161	24.1	202	30.2	214	32.0	668

Would be willing to have Township taxes increased by 0.5 ML to improve:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
25. Road conditions	154	23.2	118	17.7	175	26.3	218	32.8	665
26. Township appearance	67	10.1	94	14.2	222	33.6	278	42.1	661
27. Community activities	51	7.8	97	14.7	219	33.3	291	44.2	658
28. Services (fire, ambulance, police)	157	23.5	174	26.1	141	21.1	195	29.2	667

C. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMY DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP NEEDS TO:

Encourage the following small businesses to locate within the Township:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. Gas station	204	29.6	222	32.2	133	19.3	130	18.9	689
2. Convenience store	205	29.6	235	33.9	131	18.9	122	17.6	693
3. Fast food restaurant	37	5.4	108	15.9	238	35.1	296	43.6	679
4. Family style restaurant	125	18.1	331	48.0	119	17.3	114	16.5	689
5. Laundromat	50	7.3	210	30.8	229	33.6	192	28.2	681
6. Bed and Breakfast	113	16.6	329	48.2	143	21.0	97	14.2	682
7. Tourism related businesses	91	13.5	276	41.1	181	26.9	124	18.5	672
8. Other	see below								

8. Other	# resp.		# resp.		# resp.
adult business	1	ecology studies	1	more fed/state money	1
ag business	1	environ friendly	1	motel	1
ag related	1	equine business	1	nature center	1
agro tourism	1	ethanol plant	1	newspaper store	1
antiqe/arts	1	farm stands	1	off road	1
antiques	2	farming	3	organic farming	1
any with jobs	1	fix roads	3	pharmacy	4

8. Other	# resp.		# resp.		# resp.
arts/crafts	1	full size grocery	7	police coverage	1
atv riding/skeet rifle	1	gas station	2	public pool	1
bakery/coffee	1	golf course	1	renewable energy	1
barber shop	1	gymnastics/circus	1	restaurant not chain	1
better shopping	1	hi tech bio tech	1	restore bridges	1
boat launch	1	high tech	3	river safety	1
bookstore/library	1	historic/cultural pres	1	rural heritage	1
campground	1	hotel resort	2	small business	1
car garage	1	ice cream	2	snowmobile trails	1
car wash	2	junk car clean up	1	something for kids	1
cell tower	2	kennel	1	specialty retail	1
clean industry	1	light industry	1	sustainable farming	1
community activities	1	liquor licenses	1	taverns	1
craft store	1	local farmers market	2	tech/higher ed	1
day care	1	mall/street lights	1	vet clinic	2
deli	1	manufacturing plant	1	video store	1
deli/ice cream	1	medical services	3	winter carnival	1
drug store	5	mini golf	1	youth jobs	1

Support industry of the following types within the Township:

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
9. Light industry	144	21.2	317	46.8	95	14.0	122	18.0	678
10. Heavy industry	42	6.2	85	12.6	213	31.6	333	49.5	673
11. Stone and forest product industries	100	14.8	291	43.0	149	22.0	136	20.1	676
12. Farm/food/dairy related industries	339	49.0	310	44.8	21	3.0	22	3.2	692
13. Non-polluting industries	281	40.5	290	41.8	69	9.9	54	7.8	694
14. Home businesses	247	35.9	336	48.8	65	9.4	40	5.8	688
15. Develop a capital improvements plan	177	27.3	309	47.6	104	16.0	59	9.1	649

D. IN OUR OPINION -

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. Need better Township communication with citizens	328	47.3	315	45.5	45	6.5	5	0.7	693
2. Preserving the rural atmosphere more important than economic develop	332	48.8	236	34.7	90	13.2	23	3.4	681

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
3. Support necessary cell towers within the Township for service	390	55.5	203	28.9	46	6.5	64	9.1	703

Damascus Township minimum building lot size, 1.38 acres, should:

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
4. Remain the same	171	29.1	146	24.8	107	18.2	164	27.9	588
5. Be decreased to 1.0 acres	32	6.0	36	6.8	149	28.0	315	59.2	532
6. Be increased to 2.0 acres	303	48.7	101	16.2	114	18.3	104	16.7	622

Damascus Township should:

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
7. Encourage a variety of housing types	62	9.2	178	26.3	192	28.4	244	36.1	676
8. Support an addition fire substation	122	21.9	353	63.5	27	4.9	54	9.7	556
9. Better enforce its junk ordinance	365	52.4	250	35.9	65	9.3	16	2.3	696
10. Preservation of historical heritage	286	39.9	381	53.1	37	5.2	13	1.8	717
11. Consider joining the UDC	200	30.5	232	35.4	142	21.6	82	12.5	656
12. Dialogue with neighboring NY towns	203	29.9	332	48.9	103	15.2	41	6.0	679
13. Consider a ridge-top ordinance	144	26.2	166	30.2	156	28.4	83	15.1	549
14. Encourage trade school in Wayne Co	239	34.2	334	47.8	69	9.9	57	8.2	699
15. Encourage a center for higher learning in Wayne County	265	38.5	292	42.4	82	11.9	49	7.1	688
16. Enforce property cleanup	376	53.7	212	30.3	85	12.1	27	3.9	700

With regard to housing in Damascus Twp., the following have a negative impact on the quality of life

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
17. Large high-priced subdivisions	299	44.8	165	24.7	136	20.4	67	10.0	667
18. Un-maintained homes	407	58.1	198	28.2	70	10.0	26	3.7	701
19. Mobile homes	206	30.0	197	28.7	210	30.6	73	10.6	686

With regard to housing in Damascus Twp., the following have a negative impact on the quality of life	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
20. Low income housing	269	39.0	188	27.2	184	26.7	49	7.1	690
21. Seasonal/weekend homes	46	6.7	113	16.4	380	55.3	148	21.5	687
22. Seasonal rentals	77	11.3	155	22.7	346	50.7	105	15.4	683
23. Large development of townhouses only	292	42.6	180	26.2	151	22.0	63	9.2	686
24. Subdivisions with large lot sizes	140	20.6	134	19.7	283	41.6	123	18.1	680
25. Preservation of open space	98	14.6	130	19.3	247	36.7	198	29.4	673
26. Larger homes turned into apartments	242	35.3	171	24.9	199	29.0	74	10.8	686

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
27. Damascus Twp. officials should encourage owners to either repair or remove dilapidated buildings	387	55.6	196	28.2	87	12.5	26	3.7	696
28. Mobile home parks should be required to keep “buffer zones” around their property	367	54.1	216	31.9	77	11.4	18	2.7	678
29. Wind farms (if feasible) should be allowed in the Township	240	35.1	268	39.2	85	12.4	90	13.2	683
30. Additional establishments serving alcoholic beverages should be available in the Township	81	11.9	152	22.4	184	27.1	261	38.5	678

E. PLEASE TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELVES -

	Less than 5 yrs.		5 -10 yrs.		More than 10 yrs.		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. How long have you been a Damascus resident?	84	11.8	130	18.3	497	69.9	711

2. Zip Code			
Zip Code	# resp	Zip Code	# resp
18405	184	18436	2
18415	242	18439	1
18417	33	18443	71

18418	2	18450	1
18428	1	18469	94
18431	50	total	681

	Own		Rent		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	
3. Own or rent home	676	96.4	25	3.6	701

DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY – NON-RESIDENT RESULTS

Total number of surveys distributed: 1,000. Total number of surveys returned: 309. Return rate: 31%

A. OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS

We have been satisfied with the following:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. Volunteer fire protection	102	38.1	156	58.2	7	2.6	3	1.1	268
2. Volunteer ambulance	99	37.5	158	59.8	5	1.9	2	0.8	264
3. Police protection	42	15.9	122	46.2	58	22.0	42	15.9	264
4. Condition of township roads	25	8.8	125	43.9	68	23.9	67	23.5	285
5. Condition of township road ditches	24	8.7	112	40.6	84	30.4	56	20.3	276
6. Snow/ice removal township roads	60	21.9	178	65.0	28	10.2	8	2.9	274
7. Dust control on non- paved roads	25	9.6	119	45.6	70	26.8	47	18.0	261
8. Overall appearance	59	20.8	197	69.6	18	6.4	9	3.2	283
9. Programs at Community Center	18	9.0	165	82.9	12	6.0	4	2.0	199
10. Official response to citizen concerns	19	9.2	134	64.7	30	14.5	24	11.6	207
11. Officials response to emergencies	34	16.2	142	67.6	23	11.0	11	5.2	210

(Note: Item 12 was missing from the survey form.)

We have used the following township facilities/services:	yes		no		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	
13. Ballfield at Damascus Park	15	5.2	272	94.8	287
14. Pavilion/picnic at Damascus Park	17	5.9	270	94.1	287
15. Volleyball court at Damascus Park	5	1.8	280	98.2	285
16. Horseshoe court at Park	4	1.4	281	98.6	285

We have used the following township facilities/services:	yes		no		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	
	17. Hiking at Damascus Park	22	6.8	301	
18. Hiking at Damascus Forest	25	8.7	262	91.3	287
19. Recycling	69	24.2	216	75.8	285

The following characteristics have been important to us:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
	20. Rural atmosphere	248	85.5	38	13.1	4	1.4	0	
21. Low crime rate	185	63.6	94	32.3	6	2.1	6	2.1	291
22. Affordable housing	110	39.7	115	41.5	41	14.8	11	4.0	277
23. Groundwater quality	158	55.6	109	38.4	14	4.9	3	1.1	284
24. Close proximity to work	37	16.3	73	32.2	73	32.2	44	19.4	227
25. Low taxes	126	44.1	93	32.5	40	14.0	27	9.4	286
26. Outdoor recreation/activities	110	41.2	110	41.2	36	13.5	11	4.1	267
27. Close proximity to shopping	38	13.6	108	38.6	100	35.7	34	12.1	280
28. Natural beauty	251	84.5	45	15.2	0	0.0	1	0.3	297

B. DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS

Damascus Township should devote resources to:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
	1. Improve roads	128	44.6	120	41.8	30	10.5	9	
2. Control flooding & storm water runoff	151	52.6	106	36.9	25	8.7	5	1.7	287
3. Support groundwater studies	107	38.6	113	40.8	41	14.8	16	5.8	277
4. Establish wireless/highspeed comm	133	46.5	91	31.8	38	13.3	24	8.4	286
5. Encourage senior and starter homes	35	12.5	99	35.5	82	29.4	63	22.6	279
6. Encourage conservation of open land	49	17.6	66	23.7	71	25.4	93	33.3	279
7. Reestablish publication promoting community services	53	19.6	151	55.9	49	18.1	17	6.3	270
8. Consider expanding recycling	91	32.0	151	53.2	33	11.6	9	3.2	284
9. Sponsor trash cleanup days	122	42.7	142	49.7	15	5.2	7	2.4	286

Continue township support of:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
10. Recycling	146	50.5	130	45.0	8	2.8	5	1.7	289
11. Participation in Great PA Cleanup	108	38.7	151	54.1	14	5.0	6	2.2	279
12. Community groups and vol. services	95	33.8	176	62.6	7	2.5	3	1.1	281
13. Community recreational facilities	62	22.4	180	65.0	24	8.7	11	4.0	277

Provide the following additional/expanded recreational facilities:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
14. Playground	25	9.6	127	48.8	69	26.5	39	15.0	260
15. Basketball court	26	10.0	106	40.9	88	34.0	39	15.1	259
16. Tennis court	32	12.4	100	38.6	92	35.5	35	13.5	259
17. Frisbee golf	16	6.3	85	33.5	104	40.9	49	19.3	254
18. Amphitheater	25	9.8	96	37.5	85	33.2	50	19.5	256
19. Second ballfield	14	5.6	81	32.3	102	40.6	54	21.5	251
20. Hiking/biking trails	77	28.6	117	43.5	53	19.7	22	8.2	269
21. Open space/parkland	125	46.0	97	35.7	31	11.4	19	7.0	272

Would be willing to have township taxes increased by 0.1 ML to improve:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
22. Road conditions	107	37.2	85	29.5	43	14.9	53	18.4	288
23. Township appearance	42	14.9	79	28.0	89	31.6	72	25.5	282
24. Community activities	30	10.6	67	23.6	101	35.6	86	30.3	284

Would be willing to have township taxes increased by 0.5 ML to improve:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
25. Road conditions	66	23.4	54	19.1	69	24.5	93	33.0	282
26. Township appearance	28	10.0	51	18.3	87	31.2	113	40.5	279
27. Community activities	14	5.0	40	14.4	101	36.3	123	44.2	278
28. Services (fire, ambulance, police)	60	21.4	79	28.1	61	21.7	81	28.8	281

C. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMY, DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP NEEDS TO:

Encourage the following small businesses to locate within the township:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. Gas station	55	18.9	96	33.0	77	26.5	63	21.6	291
2. Convenience store	56	19.3	101	34.8	68	23.4	65	22.4	290
3. Fast food restaurant	16	5.7	36	12.8	82	29.2	147	52.3	281
4. Family style restaurant	48	16.6	150	51.7	47	16.2	45	15.5	290
5. Laundromat	15	5.3	86	30.4	101	35.7	81	28.6	283
6. Bed and Breakfast	56	19.9	162	57.7	40	14.2	23	8.2	281
7. Tourism related businesses	53	19.1	119	42.8	64	23.0	42	15.1	278
8. Other	see below								

8. Other	# resp		# resp		# resp
antiques	1	family fun/rec	1	nice inexpensive restaurant	1
artist	2	farmers market	1	none	1
cultural	1	garden center	1	pharmacy	2
bait store	1	german biergarten	1	recreational	1
bakery/good coffee	2	grocery	3	restore stone bridge	1
bar/tavern	2	health food/nutrition store	2	restrict dev flood/ridge	1
cell towers	1	hi-speed wireless	1	sporting goods	2
college	1	hotel/restaurant	1	hardware	1
employers	1	improved library	1	support dairy farm	1
enviro-tourism	1	landscape/aquascape	1	trash collection	1
ethanol plant	1	newspaper/taxi	1	year round pool	1

Support industry of the following types within the Township:	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
9. Light industry	42	14.8	121	42.6	57	20.1	64	22.5	284
10. Heavy industry	11	3.9	19	6.8	81	28.8	170	60.5	281
11. Stone & forest product industries	35	12.3	113	39.8	68	23.9	68	23.9	284
12. Farm/food/dairy industries	116	39.5	156	53.1	7	2.4	15	5.1	294
13. Non-polluting industries	129	43.9	119	40.5	23	7.8	23	7.8	294
14. Home businesses	106	36.9	145	50.5	18	6.3	18	6.3	287
15. Develop a capital improvements plan	68	24.5	148	53.4	41	14.8	20	7.2	277

D. IN OUR OPINION -

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. Need better Township communication with citizens	113	40.4	147	52.5	19	6.8	1	0.4	280
2. Preserving the rural atmosphere is more important than economic develop	186	63.9	84	28.9	16	5.5	5	1.7	291
3. Support necessary towers within the Township for service	124	42.3	97	33.1	34	11.6	38	13.0	293

Damascus Township minimum building lot size, 1.38 acres, should:

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
4. Remain the same	66	27.8	60	25.3	47	19.8	64	27.0	237
5. Be decreased to 1.0 acres	16	7.4	15	6.9	48	22.1	138	63.6	217
6. Be increased to 2.0 acres	147	56.1	46	17.6	34	13.0	35	13.4	262

Damascus Township should:

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
7. Encourage a variety of housing types	26	9.4	57	20.6	79	28.5	115	41.5	277
8. Support an addition fire substation	34	13.6	152	60.8	43	17.2	21	8.4	250
9. Better enforce its junk ordinance	120	42.0	129	45.1	27	9.4	10	3.5	286
10. Preservation of historical heritage	146	51.0	127	44.4	11	3.8	2	0.7	286
11. Consider joining the UDC	84	33.5	107	42.6	40	15.9	20	8.0	251
12. Dialogue with neighboring NY towns	89	32.6	136	49.8	30	11.0	18	6.6	273
13. Establishing a ridge-top ordinance	68	32.1	75	35.4	46	21.7	23	10.8	212
14. Encourage trade school in Wayne Co	75	27.4	129	47.1	38	13.9	32	11.7	274
15. Encourage a center for higher learning in Wayne County	102	36.8	116	41.9	38	13.7	21	7.6	277
16. Enforce property cleanup	153	52.9	110	38.1	23	8.0	3	1.0	289

With regard to housing in Damascus Twp., the following have a negative impact on the quality of life	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
17. Large high-priced subdivisions	136	47.6	74	25.9	41	14.3	35	12.2	286
18. Un-maintained homes	193	66.1	77	26.4	19	6.5	3	1.0	292
19. Mobile homes	132	46.2	80	28.0	59	20.6	15	5.2	286
20. Low income housing	131	45.8	70	24.5	70	24.5	15	5.2	286
21. Seasonal/weekend homes	10	3.5	27	9.5	101	35.6	146	51.4	284
22. Seasonal rentals	29	10.4	46	16.5	125	44.8	79	28.3	279
23. Large developments of townhouses only	143	49.1	72	24.7	42	14.4	34	11.7	291
24. Subdivisions with large lot sizes	53	18.9	66	23.5	103	36.7	59	21.0	281
25. Preservation of open space	45	16.0	48	17.0	74	26.2	115	40.8	282
26. Larger homes turned into apartments	132	46.0	78	27.2	48	16.7	29	10.1	287

	strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
27. Damascus Twp. officials should encourage owners to either repair or remove dilapidated buildings	116	48.7	81	34.0	34	14.3	7	2.9	238
28. Mobile home parks should be required to keep “buffer zones” around their property	176	61.8	93	32.6	12	4.2	4	1.4	285
29. Wind farms (if feasible) should be allowed in the township	113	40.2	104	37.0	30	10.7	34	12.1	281
30. Additional establishments serving alcoholic beverages should be available in the township	25	8.7	62	21.6	102	35.5	98	34.1	287

E. PLEASE TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELVES -

	Less than 5 yrs.		5 -10 yrs.		More than 10 yrs.		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. How long have you owned land/second home in Damascus Twp.	59	19.5	51	16.8	193	63.7	303

2. Distance from Twp property to permanent residence	Ranged from 1 to 12,000 miles; most from 100 to 150 miles
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3. Purpose for buying property	#	%
investment	68	10.7
retirement	128	20.2
weekend recreation	160	25.2
vacations	108	17.0
summer residence	93	14.6
winter residence	31	4.9
other (see Table at right)	47	7.4
total # of responses	635	

Other Purposes	# resp
be near family	1
business/office	3
family property	6
farm	1
fishing	4
former home	1
friends	1
hunting	9
inherited	8
quality of life	9
yr round 2nd home	4

When do you plan to retire to your property?

Year	# resp	Year	# resp	Year	# resp
2006	5	2013	2	2021	3
2007	16	2014	3	2025	1
2008	8	2015	2	2026	5
2009	4	2016	13	2027	1
2010	8	2018	3	2030	1
2011	11	2019	1	total	97
2012	5	2020	5		