

Sodus Township Community Survey

We Want Your Input!

Sodus Township is reviewing and updating the Master Plan. The Township is also developing a recreation plan. The Master Plan describes the social and physical characteristics of the Township. It also contains a map showing future land uses such as residential, commercial and agricultural. The plan will be a resource for the Township to review new development proposals and to guide future growth. The recreation plan will include recommendations for future recreational amenities in the Township.

Your feedback will help us to develop these plans. Sodus Township officials hope that you will take a few minutes and fill out this survey.

About You

1. What is your age range?

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| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-24 | <input type="radio"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-34 | <input type="radio"/> 65+ |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44 | |

2. Please indicate your race (you may select more than one).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

3. Which best describes your relation to Sodus Township?

- I am a Full-time Resident in Sodus Township
- I am a Seasonal Resident in Sodus Township
- I own land in Sodus Township, but do not reside in the Township
- I own a business in Sodus Township, but do not reside in the Township
- None of the above

4. If you are not a full-time or seasonal resident of Sodus Township, which village/city/township do you live in?

5. How many years have you lived in Sodus Township?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 10-15 years
- More than 15 years
- I do not live in Sodus Township

6. Which of the following best describes your living situation?

- I am a homeowner in Sodus Township
- I am a renter in Sodus Township
- None of the above

7. I am...

- Currently employed
- Currently unemployed
- Retired
- Other (please specify)

Township Questions

8. Why do you feel Sodus Township is a desirable place to live. *Select all that apply.*

- Rural Atmosphere
- Surrounding farmland/open space
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- Rivers and Streams
- Employment nearby
- Quality school system
- Friendly people
- Other (please specify)
- Community spirit
- Attractiveness of area
- Reasonable tax rate
- Low crime rates
- Availability of shopping nearby
- Affordable housing/land

9. Please indicate your level agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
The Township has adequate police protection.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township has adequate fire protection.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the past, Planning and Zoning in the Township has been effective in controlling development.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
I am concerned about how future growth and development can affect the Township.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of natural features, including wetlands and forested areas, is important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of farmland (active agricultural production land) in the Township is important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional commercial & industrial development in the Township should be encouraged.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building of additional new homes in the Township should be encouraged.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is adequate opportunity for families who seek to move into the Township to find housing.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More affordable housing should be available to families wishing to move into the Township.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homes on large lots are needed to preserve open space.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should encourage "subdivisions" rather than individual "lot-split" home sites.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should encourage "cluster open space subdivisions" to protect open space.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I support the Township maintaining open space and preserving farmland.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
The Township should develop standards to protect open space (wetlands & woodlands).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should set aside funds for open space and farmland preservation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should consider increasing recreational opportunities available for residents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should plan for commercial land use at the Tabor Road US-31 interchange.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should plan for industrial land use at the Tabor Road US-31 interchange.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should plan for commercial land use at the Sodus Parkway/Pipestone Road US -31 interchange.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should plan for industrial land use at the Sodus Parkway/Pipestone Road US -31 interchange.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should carefully control the amount and location of new development.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Growth and development are acceptable as long as natural areas and farmland are protected.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Growth and development are acceptable as long as the rural character is protected.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
Water and/or sewer is necessary in part of the Township to support new development.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homes on lots which are too large are a waste of land.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allowing too many small lots will cause the Township to lose its rural character.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Growth should be encouraged in the Township, with some restrictions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Growth should be allowed in the Township with as few restrictions as possible.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with how growth is occurring in the Township.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Growth is inevitable and the Township has little control over it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township (if they have authority) should allow large-scale wind and solar operations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township (if they have authority) should restrict the placement of large-scale wind and solar operations on productive farmland.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should require short-term rental owners to register with the Township.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should place restrictions on short term rentals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Township should allow marijuana dispensaries in the Township.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries

10. What would you like to see happen at the Deerhead Riverfront Park (located along River Road on the St. Joseph River between Tabor Road and Hartman Road)? *Select all that apply.*

- The Township should sell the property.
- The Township should repair the stairs and landing.
- The Township should remove the stairs and landing.
- The Township should improve the parking.
- The Township should develop an overlook with benches.
- The Township should work with a land conservancy to permanently protect the property and keep it open for the public.
- Other (please specify)

11. What additions would you want at the Sodus Township Park located near the Fire Station? *Select all that apply.*

- Dog park area
- Benches
- Soccer fields
- Basketball courts
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

12. Please select which recreational opportunities you would like to see offered in the Township. *Select all that apply.*

- Kayak launch
- Exercise stations
- Maintain the baseball fields at Sodus Township Park
- Pickleball Courts
- Disc golf
- A new Township park
- Soccer fields
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

13. If you or someone in your household has a disability, what park improvements or amenities would you like to see? *Select all that apply.*

- No one in the household has a disability.
- Accessible play equipment
- Accessible parking spaces
- Signs with large print
- Accessible walking paths
- Other (please specify)

14. What improvements would you like to see at Mount Pleasant Cemetery (corner of Hillandale and S. Pipestone)? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benches | <input type="checkbox"/> Cremains (ashes) only burial section |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Map of Burial Locations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural burial | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

15. What improvements would you like to see at the Bethel Cemetery (S. Pipestone near River Road) and Lett Cemetery (Lett Road)? *Select all that apply.*

- Benches
- Map of Burial Locations
- None
- Other (please specify)

16. Please add any additional comments.

Please return this survey to Sodus Township Hall

1. In person at 4056 King Drive, Sodus (you may place it in the drop box near the door) or
2. mail to P.O. Box 176, Sodus, MI 49126).