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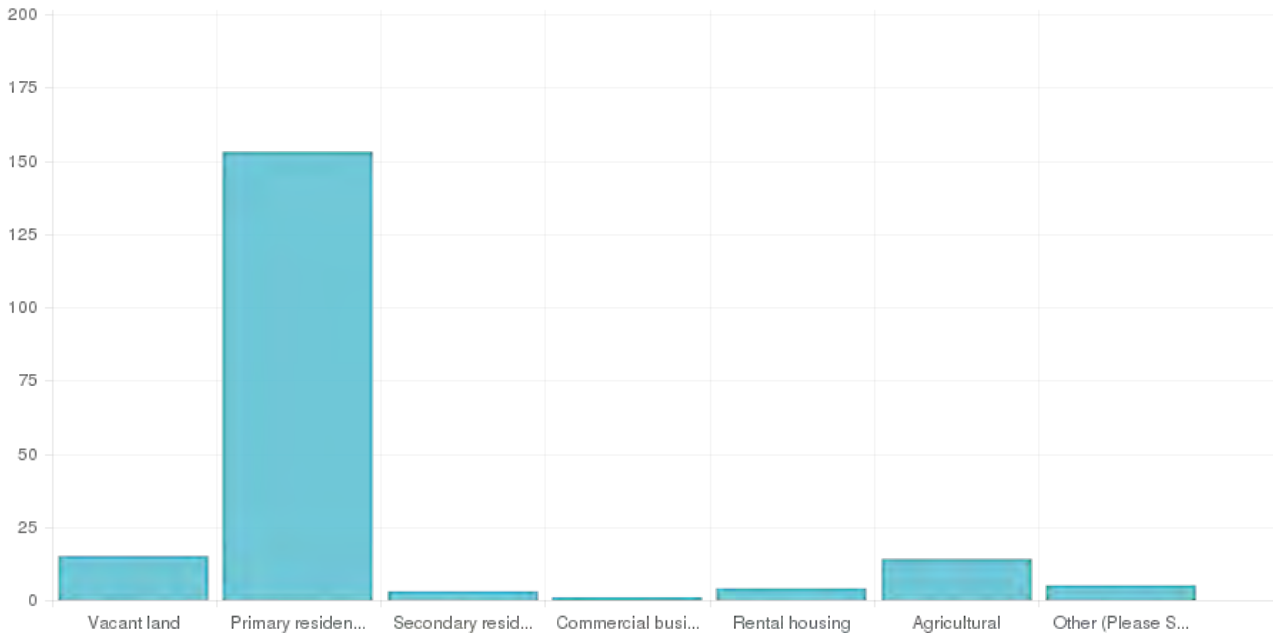
Referring to the attached map of the township, please indicate in which numbered area you live or own property.

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	39 (24%)	65 (39%)	57 (35%)	4 (2%)	23.48	165



What best describes the type of property you own in Solon Township? Check all that apply.

	Vacant land	Primary residence	Secondary residence	Commercial business	Rental housing	Agricultural	Other (Please Specify)	Responses
All Data	15 (9%)	153 (93%)	3 (2%)	1 (1%)	4 (2%)	14 (8%)	5 (3%)	165

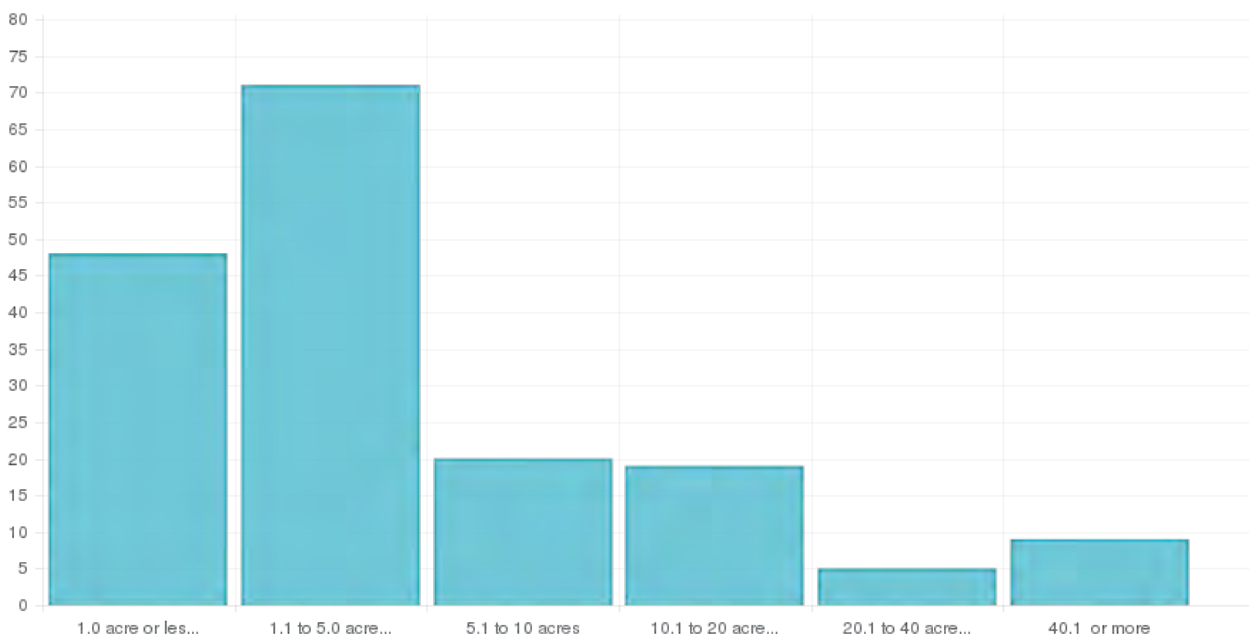


Text Responses

- Parents live there
- Solid Clay, does not follow drainage code. Solon Townshkp was paid to inspect code compliance.
- possible future primary residence
- Agricultural too
- 100% disabled Exempt

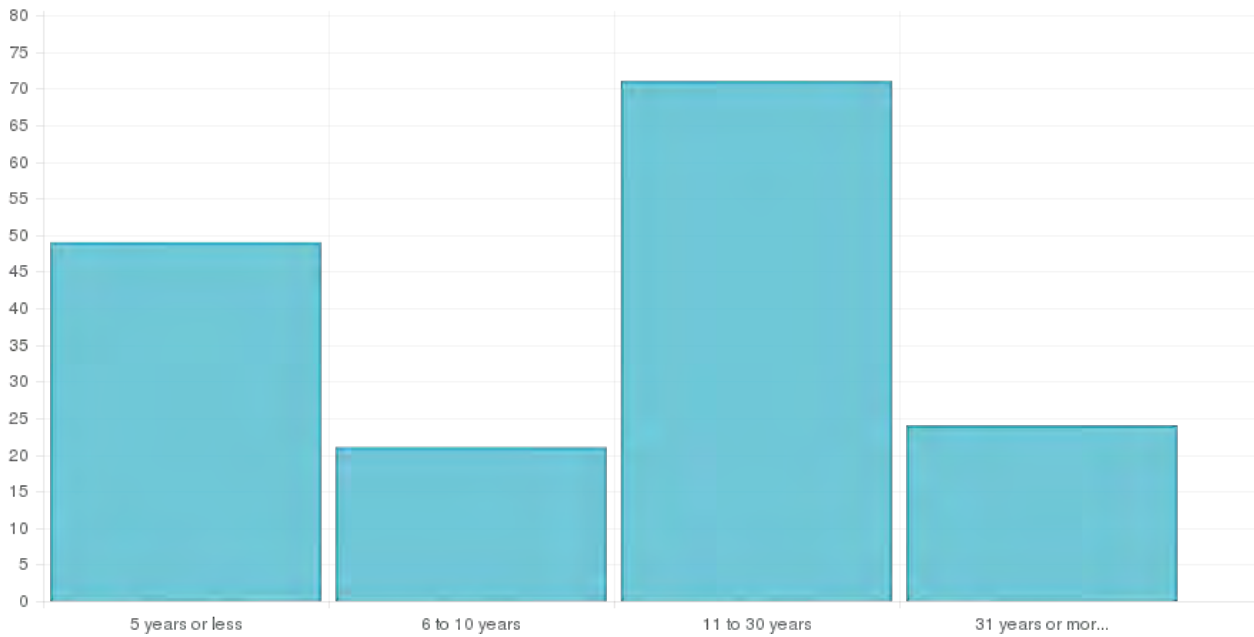
What size parcel(s) do you own in Solon Township? Check all that apply.

	1.0 acre or less	1.1 to 5.0 acres	5.1 to 10 acres	10.1 to 20 acres	20.1 to 40 acres	40.1 or more	Responses
All Data	48 (29%)	71 (43%)	20 (12%)	19 (12%)	5 (3%)	9 (5%)	165



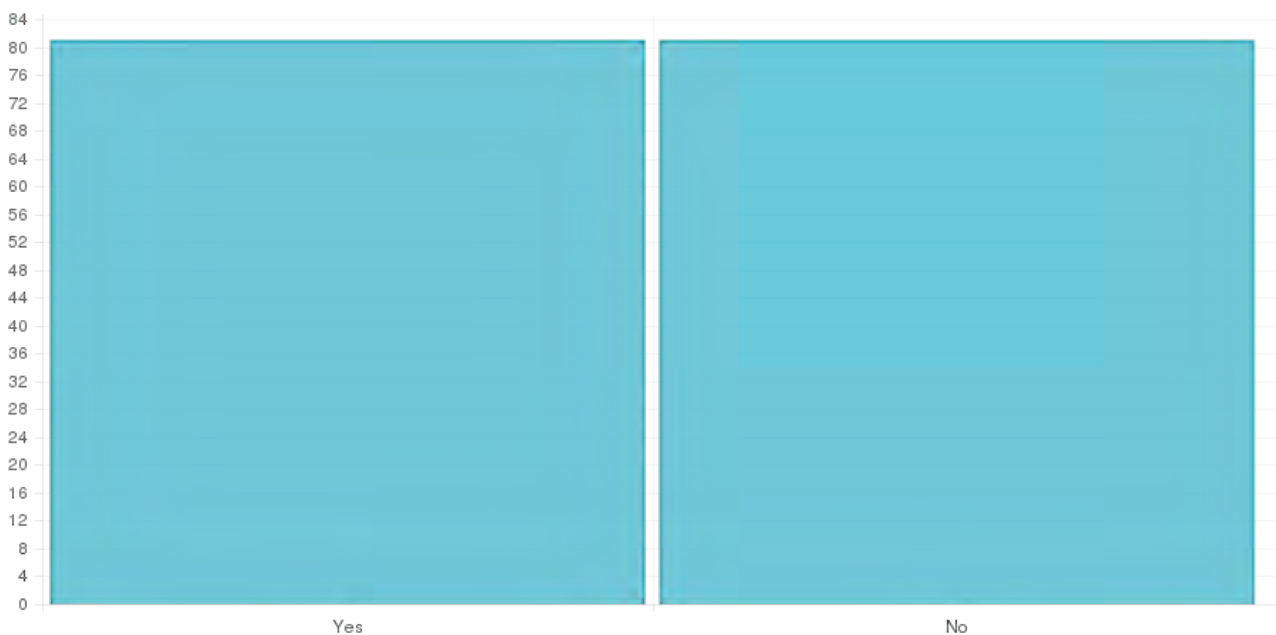
How long have you owned property in the township? Select only one.

	5 years or less	6 to 10 years	11 to 30 years	31 years or more	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	49 (30%)	21 (13%)	71 (43%)	24 (15%)	20.33	165



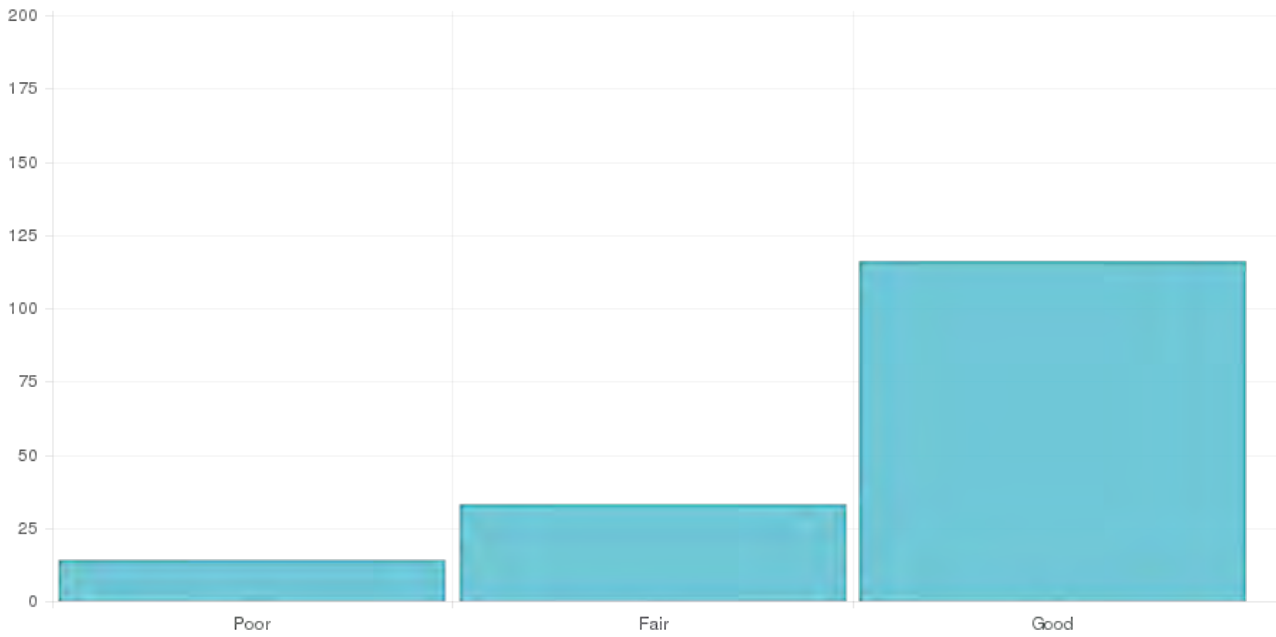
Do you generally support the division of large parcels of land into smaller parcels for single-family dwellings?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	81 (50%)	81 (50%)	0	162



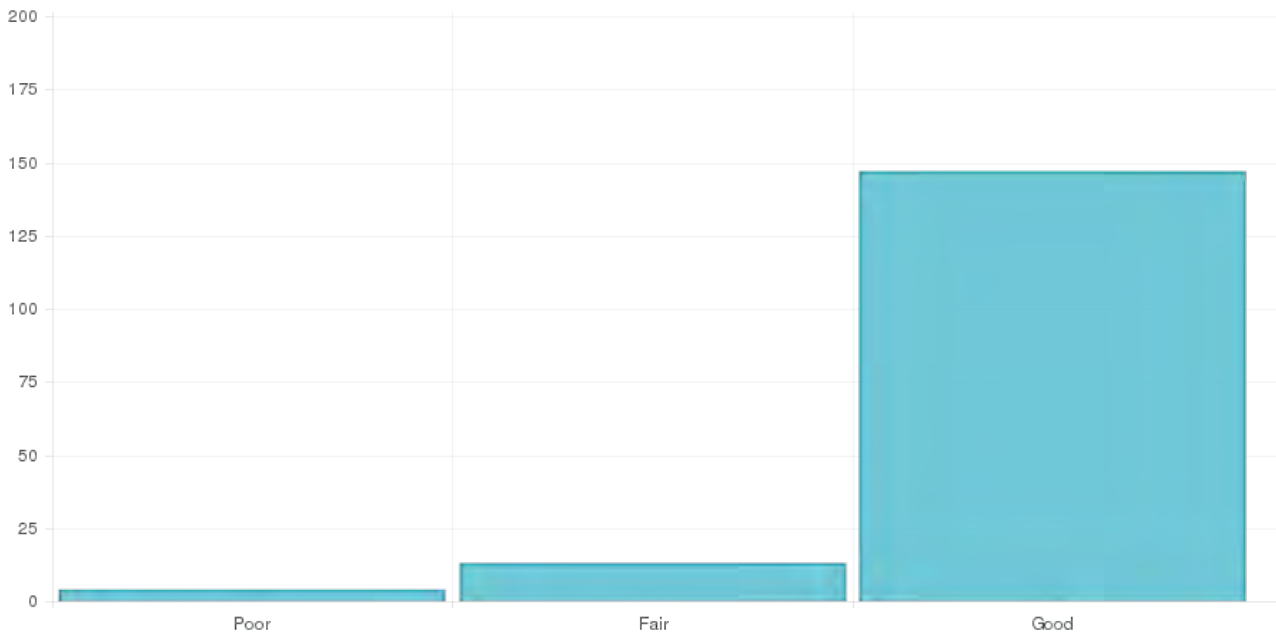
Currently, how is your drinking water quality?

	Poor	Fair	Good	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	14 (9%)	33 (20%)	116 (71%)	44.29	163



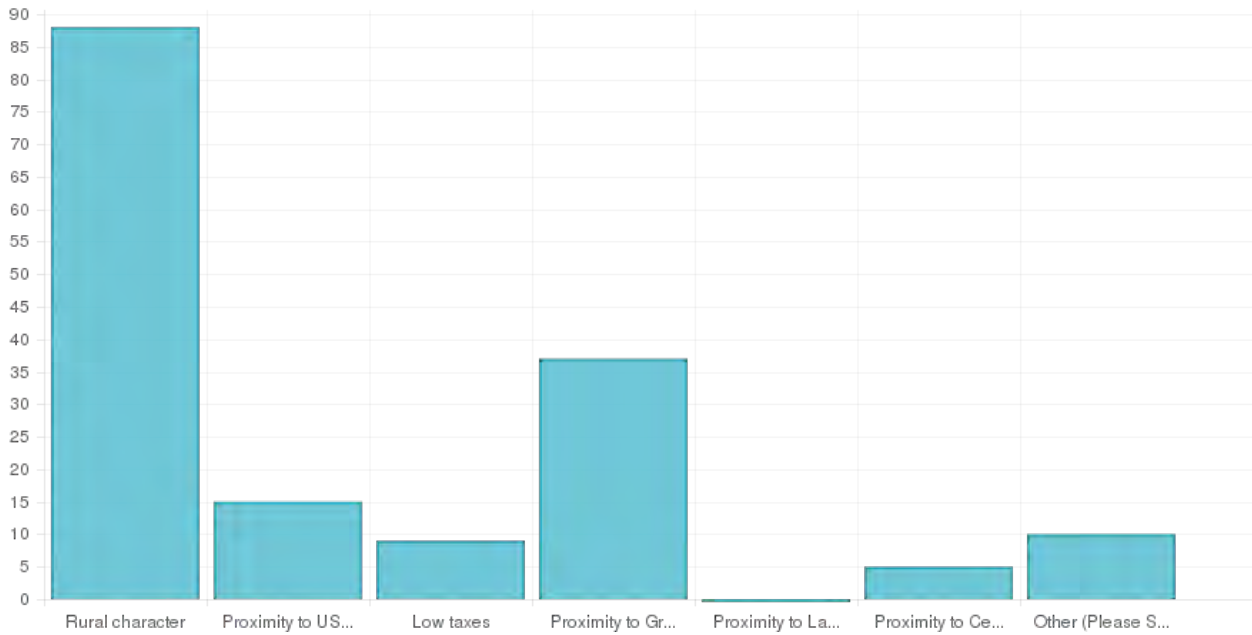
Currently, how does your drain field function?

	Poor	Fair	Good	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	4 (2%)	13 (8%)	147 (90%)	65.39	164



In your opinion, what is the primary reason residents locate in Solon Township? Select only one.

	Rural character	Proximity to US-131	Low taxes	Proximity to Grand Rapids	Proximity to Lake Michigan	Proximity to Cedar Springs	Other (Please Specify)	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	88 (54%)	15 (9%)	9 (5%)	37 (23%)	0 (0%)	5 (3%)	10 (6%)	28.54	164

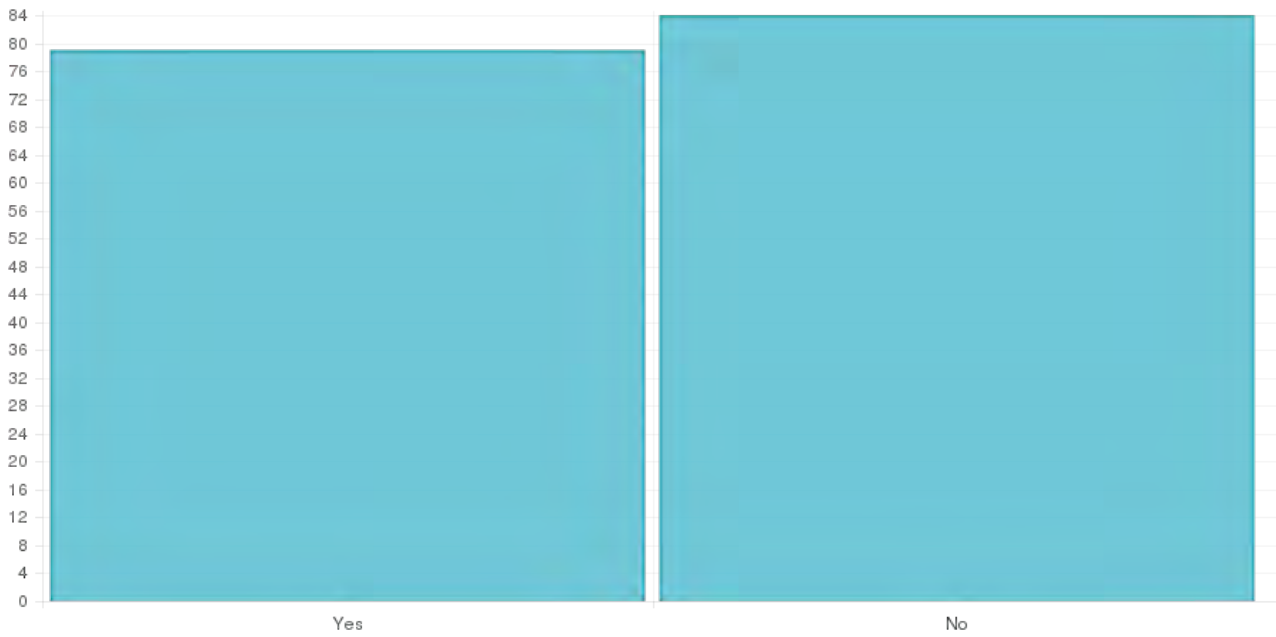


Text Responses

- Best property for the price around Grand Rapids
- It's inexpensive
- dont know
- The air is clean. Lots of good people. Your hills really add to the beauty
- can't afford Algoma township
- builders tell you you can have more house for your money.
- Cheaper housing.
- Feels like the country settings
- COUNTRY SETTING
- a combination of rural, close to 131 and GR

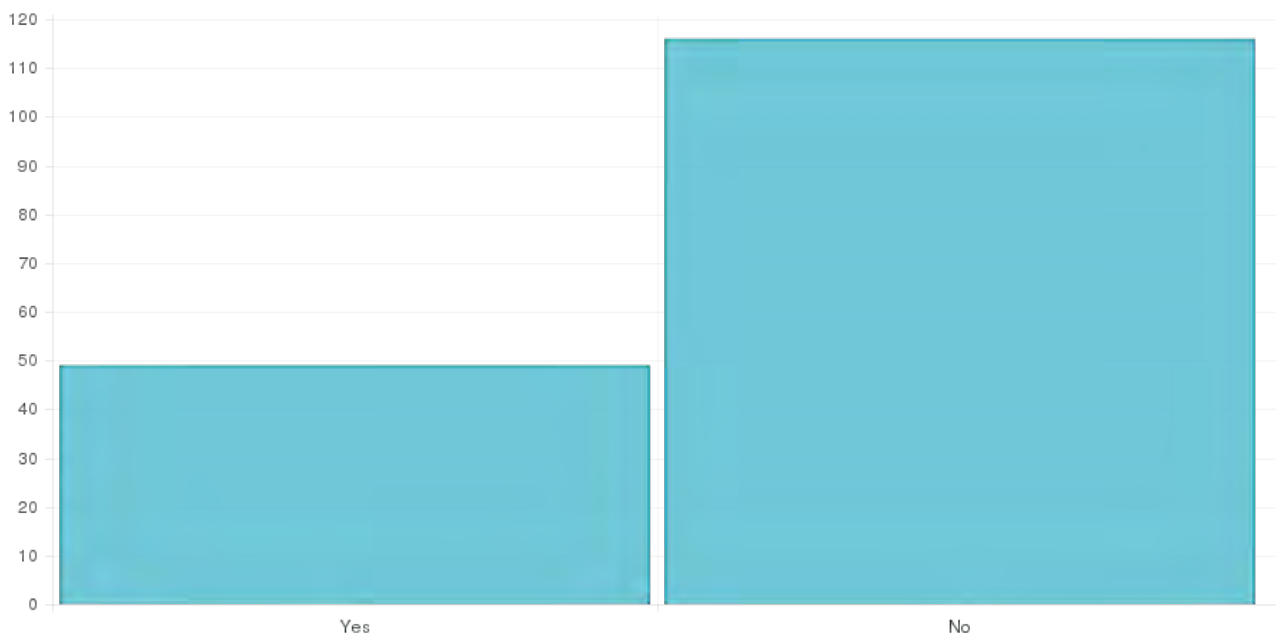
Do you ride a bicycle for recreation?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	79 (48%)	84 (52%)	2.5	163



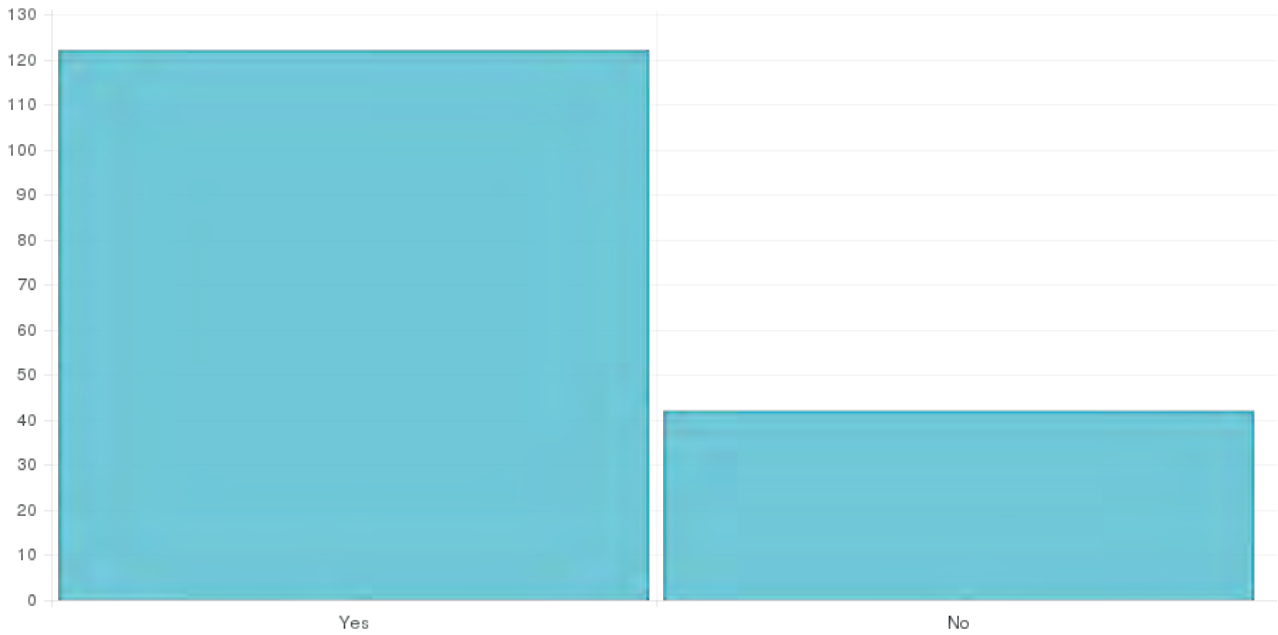
Do you use the Rogue River State Game Area? (<http://www.michigandnr.com/publications/pdfs/hunti...>)

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	49 (30%)	116 (70%)	33.5	165



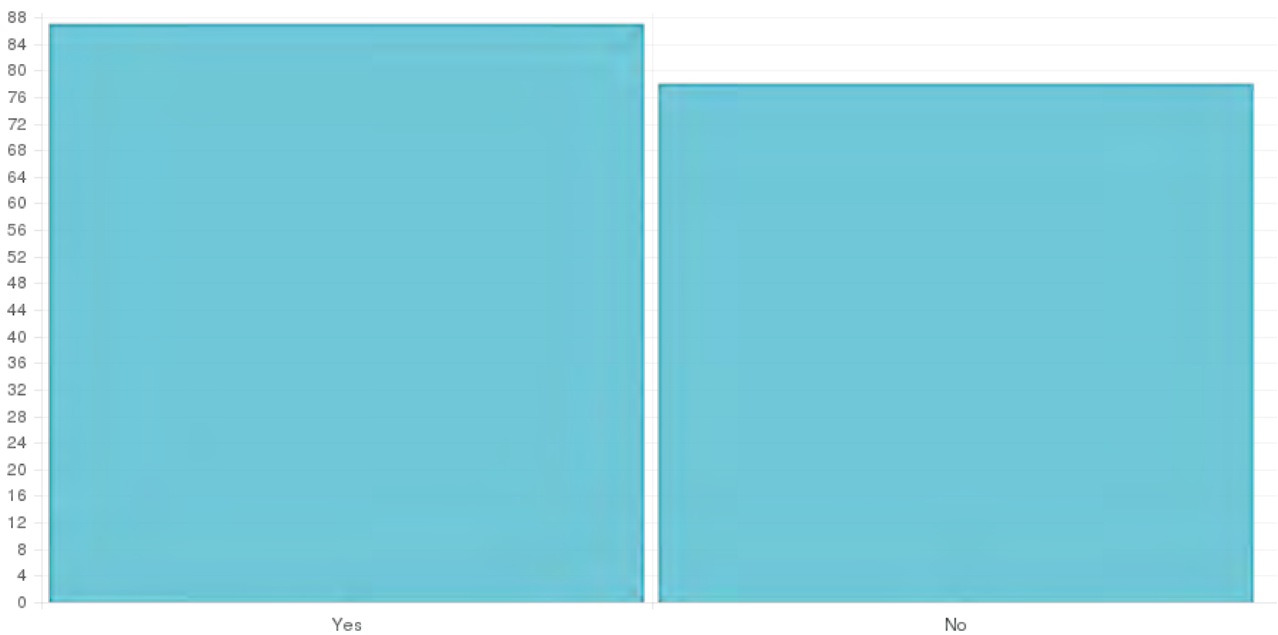
Would you utilize the proposed Velzy Park at the Township Hall property (ballfields, trails, farmer's market, etc.)?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	122 (74%)	42 (26%)	40	164



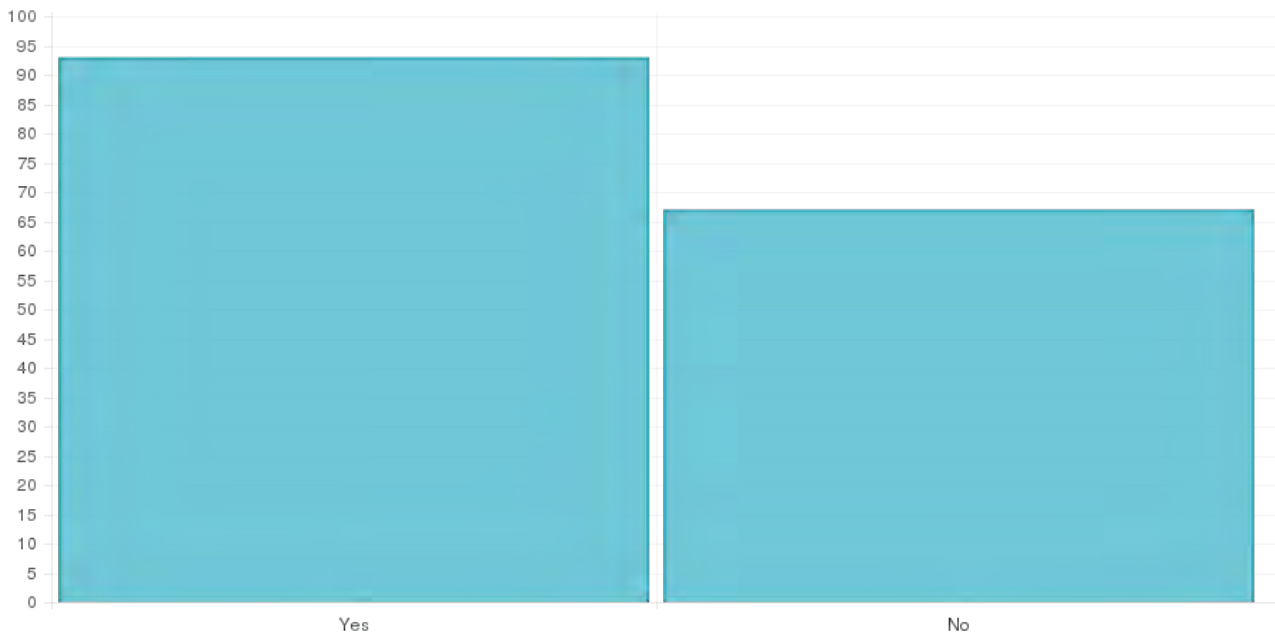
Do you utilize Long Lake Park?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	87 (53%)	78 (47%)	4.5	165



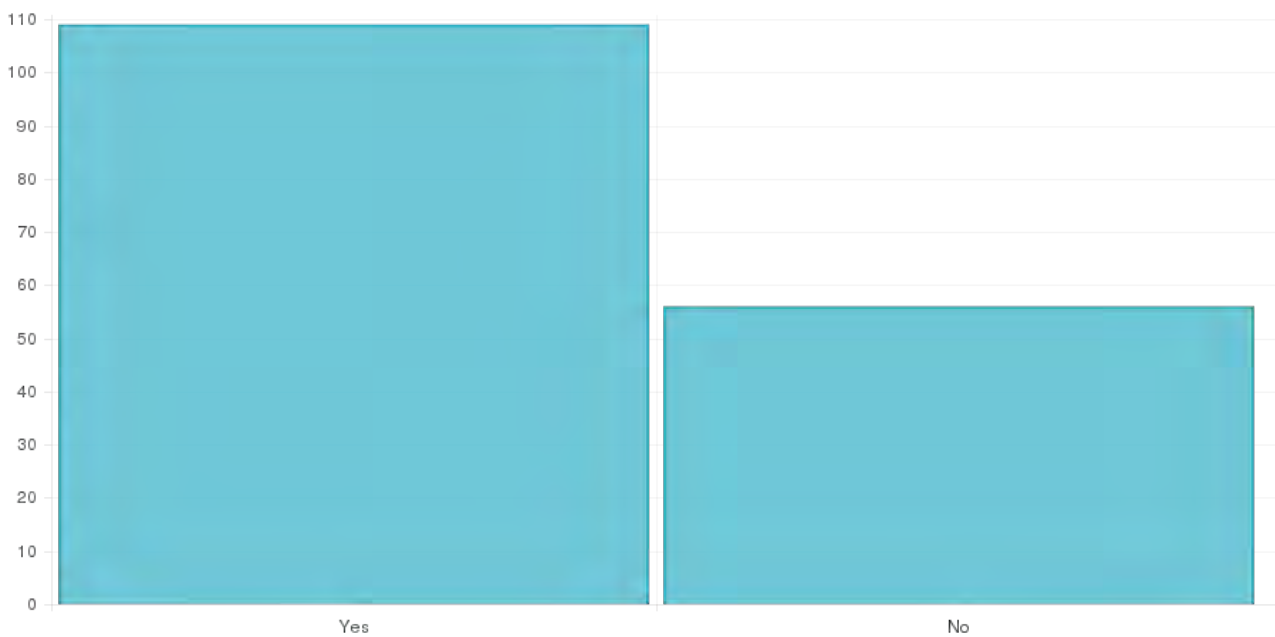
Would you utilize the proposed North Country National Scenic Trail (hiking trail)?
 (<https://northcountrytrail.org/>)

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	93 (58%)	67 (42%)	13	160



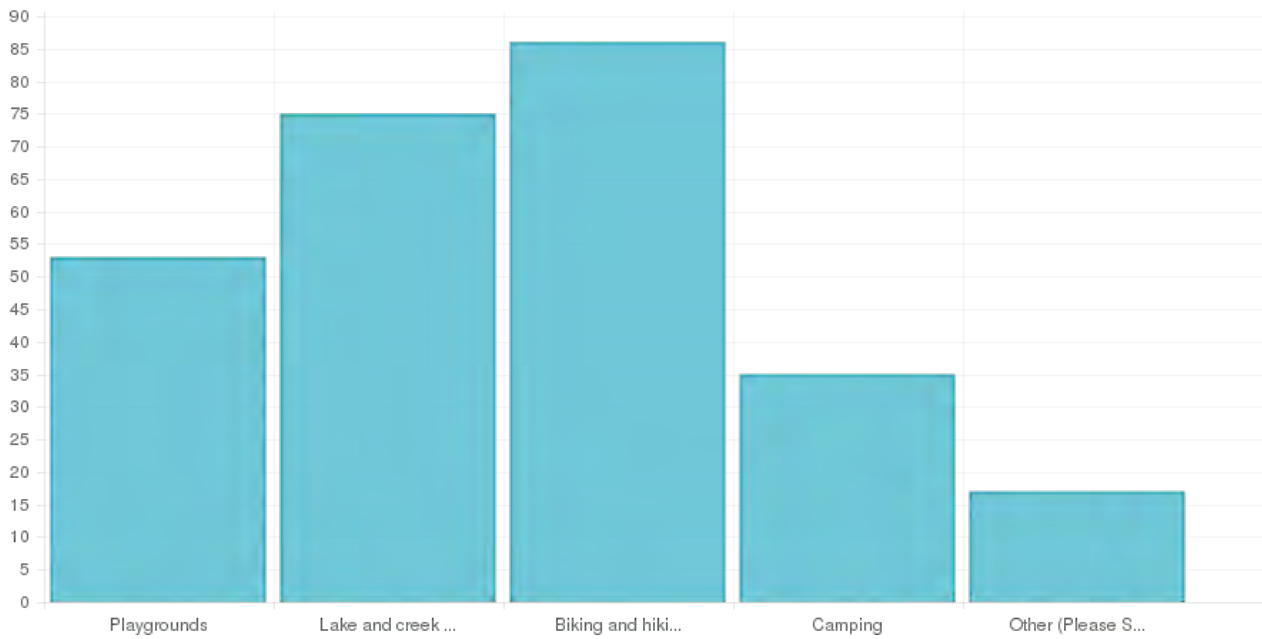
Do you utilize the White Pine Trail (all-purpose trail)?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	109 (66%)	56 (34%)	26.5	165



Should the Township do more to create outdoor recreational opportunities for any of the following? Select all that apply.

	Playgrounds	Lake and creek access	Biking and hiking trails	Camping	Other (Please Specify)	Responses
All Data	53 (37%)	75 (52%)	86 (60%)	35 (24%)	17 (12%)	144

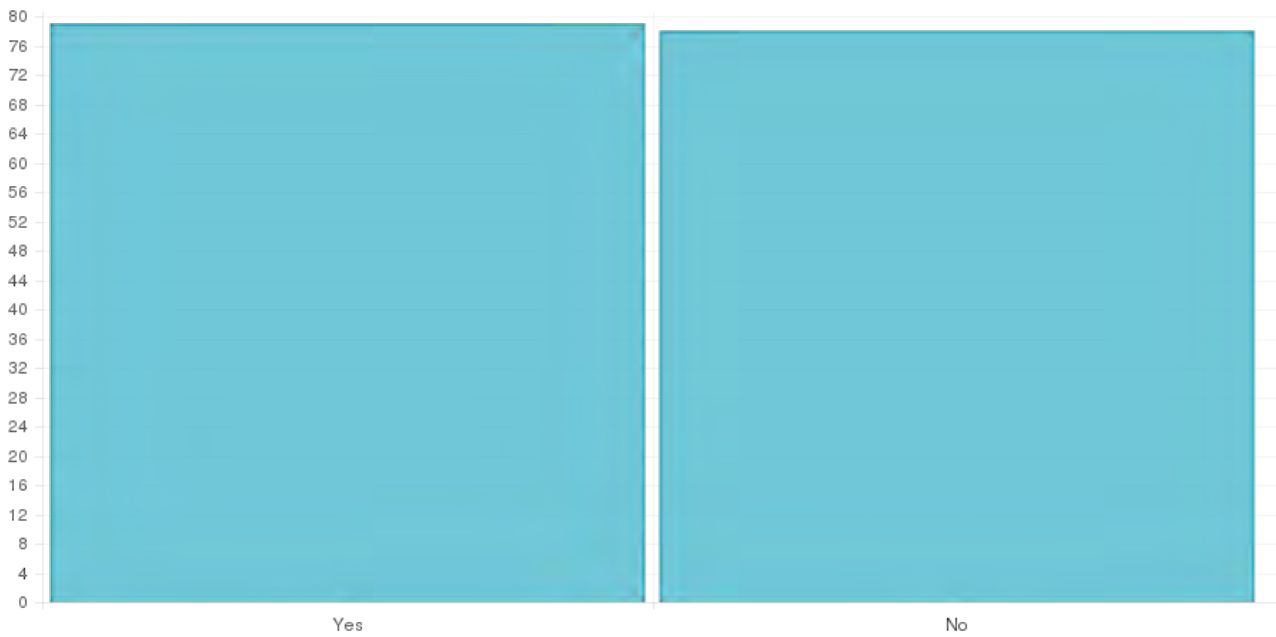


Text Responses

- skating/rollerblades/skateboards
- Outdoor ice skating rink
- Sounds ok but probably wouldn't use them much.
- NO
- none
- Ice skating rink outdoors.
- orv use
- No. The township has 2 camp grounds. One of these camp grounds want to expand several years ago and they were denied. Why would you provide more.
- No it will either go unfunded and not be maintained or a tax increase will cost us more
- as long as it doesn't raise property taxes!!
- All sports trails, outdoor skate/ice rink
- Snowmobile
- trails to ride horses
- Cross country skiing trails
- No, no more are necessary.
- no, none
- Dog park

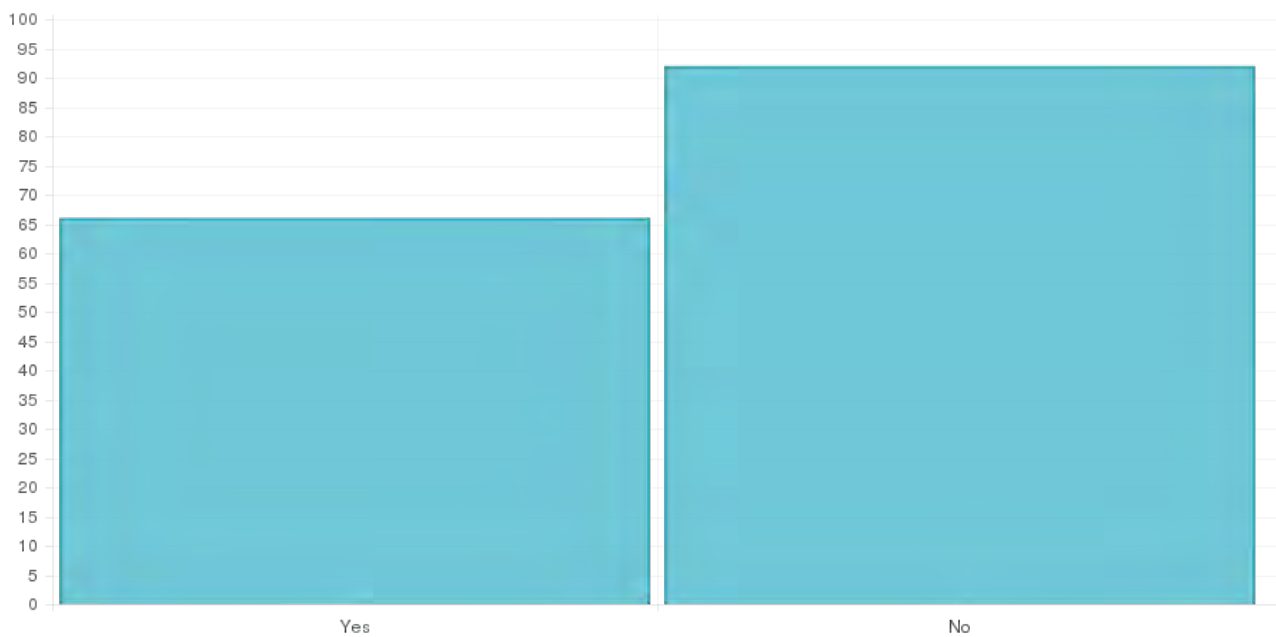
Do you think the Township should do more to create traditional recreational opportunities such as tennis, basketball, play equipment, ball fields, etc...

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	79 (50%)	78 (50%)	0.5	157



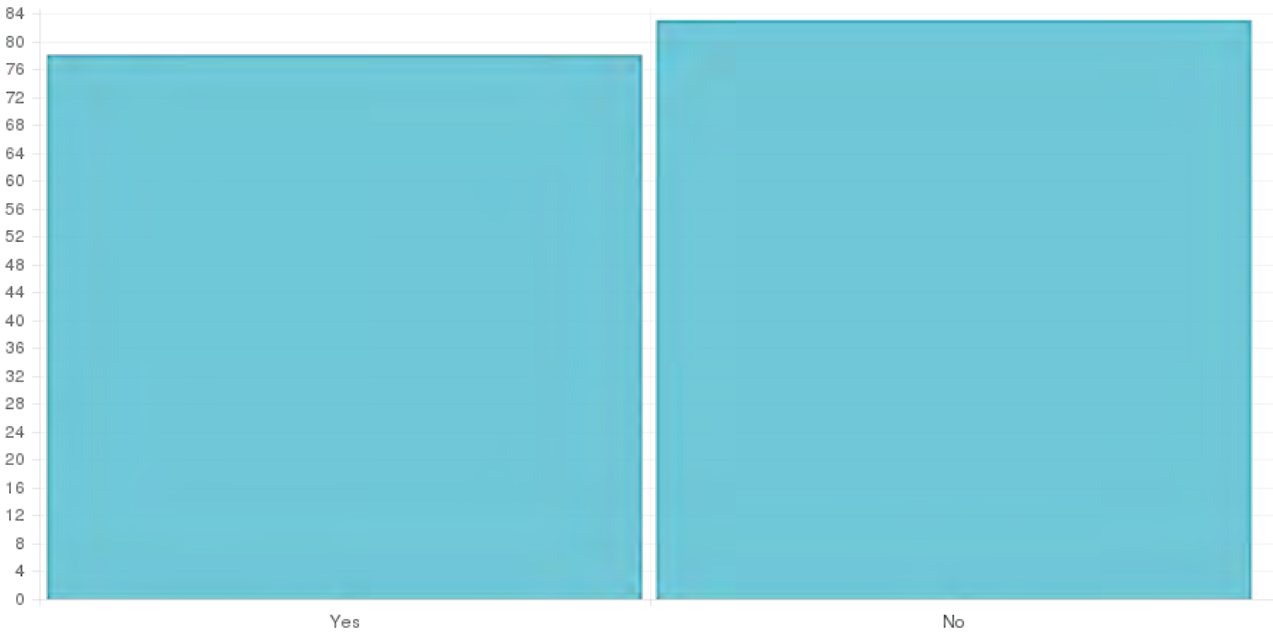
Should the Township acquire land for future parks and playgrounds?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	66 (42%)	92 (58%)	13	158



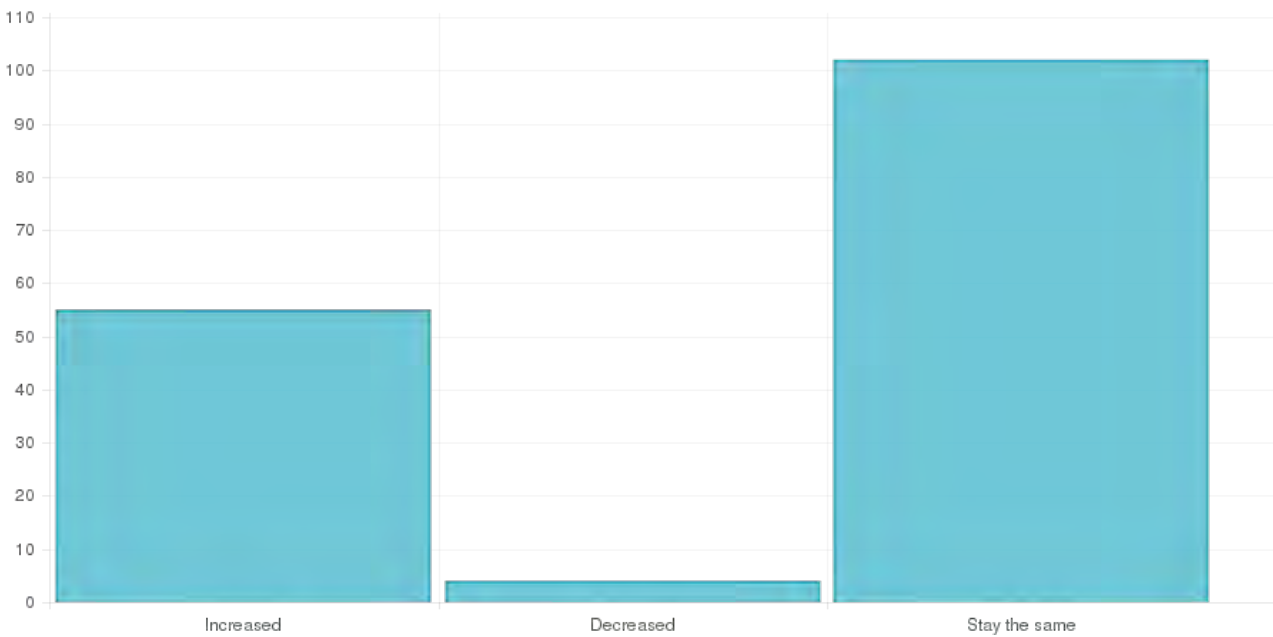
Would you be willing to pay a small millage to provide better recreational opportunities?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	78 (48%)	83 (52%)	2.5	161



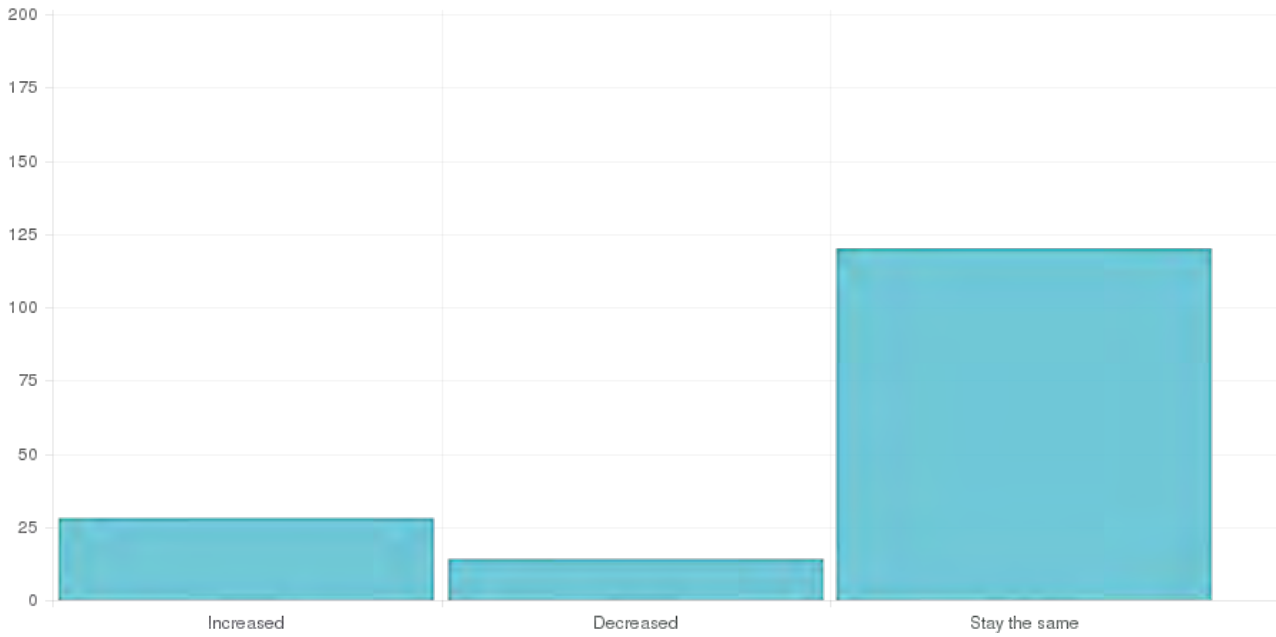
Presently, the " AR - Agricultural Residential Zoning District" has a minimum lot size of 1.0 acres. Do you think it should be:

	Increased	Decreased	Stay the same	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	55 (34%)	4 (2%)	102 (63%)	40.02	161



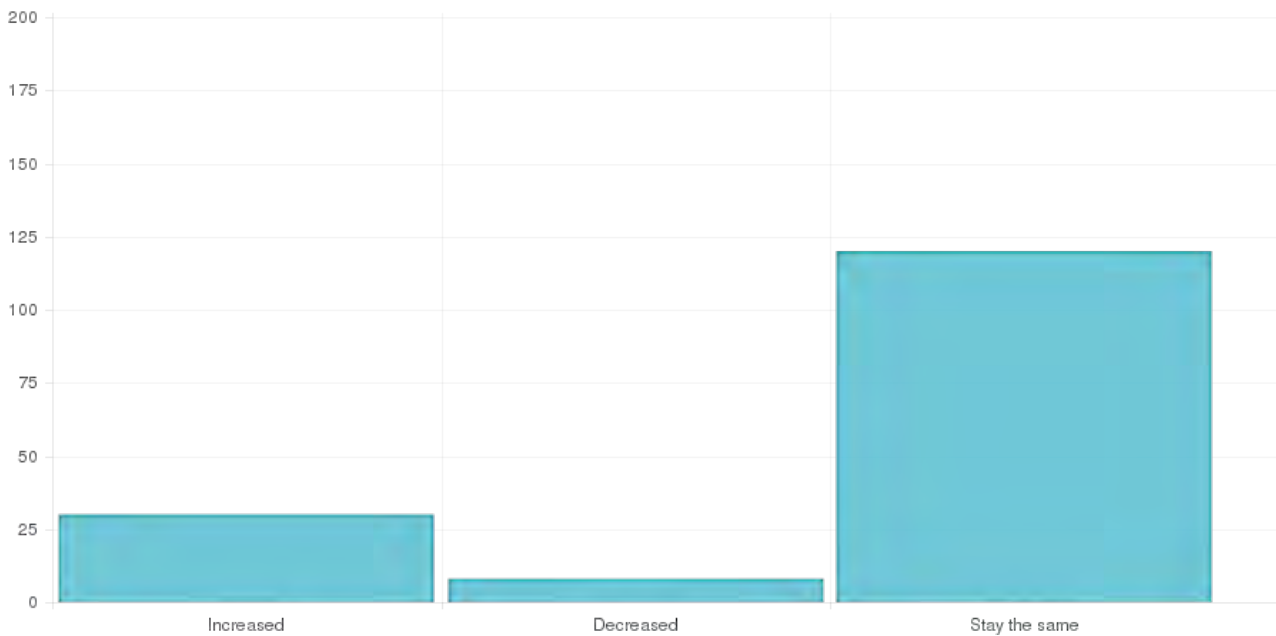
Presently, the "R-1 - Residential Zoning District" has a minimum lot size of 1 acre. Do you think it should be:

	Increased	Decreased	Stay the same	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	28 (17%)	14 (9%)	120 (74%)	47.02	162



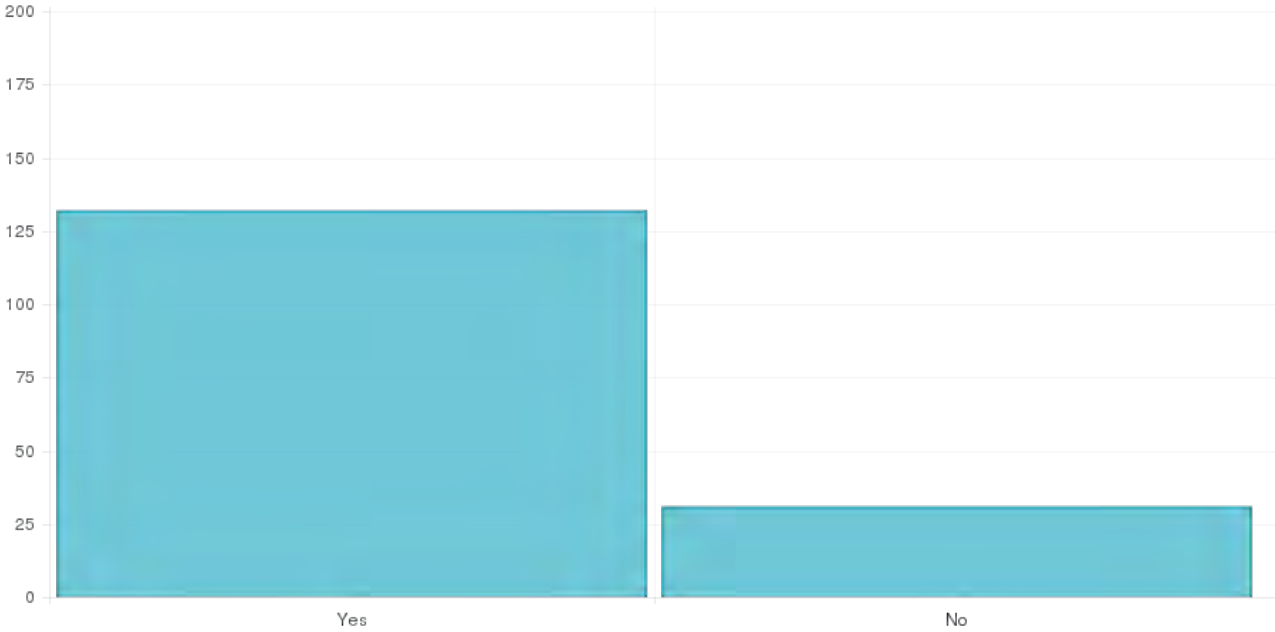
Presently, the "R-3 - Lake Front Residential District" has a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet. Do you think it should be:

	Increased	Decreased	Stay the same	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	30 (19%)	8 (5%)	120 (76%)	48.45	158



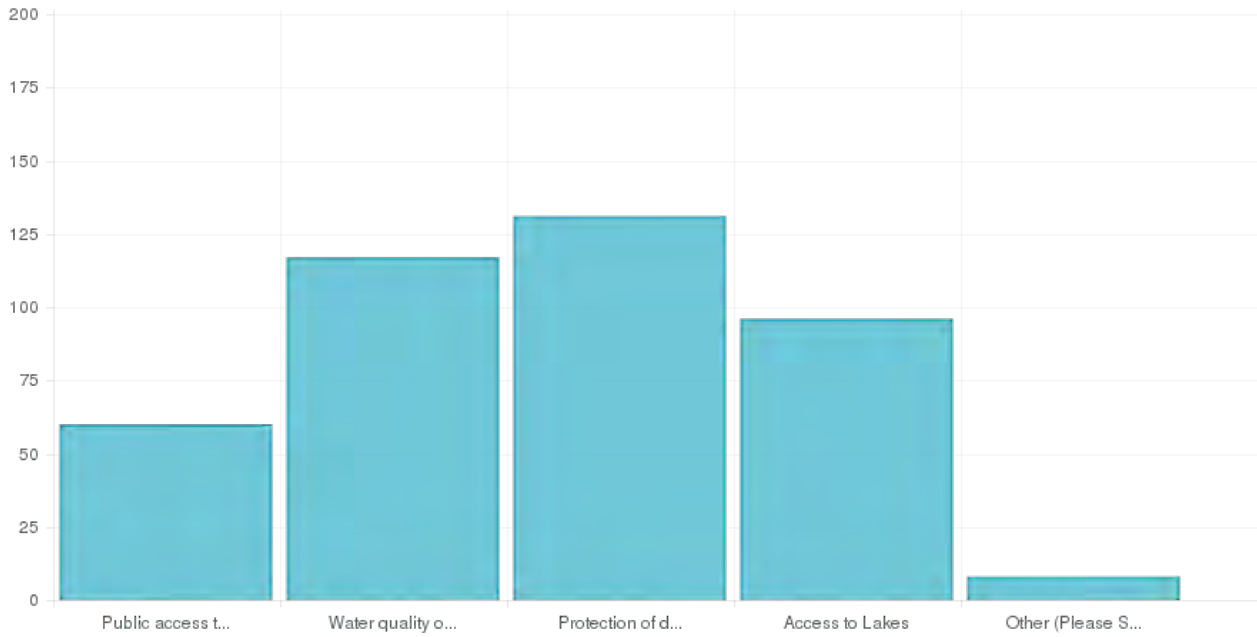
Do you support increased controls on development to protect water quality in rivers and streams?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	132 (81%)	31 (19%)	50.5	163



Which natural features in Solon Township are important to you? Select all that apply.

	Public access to Township Creeks	Water quality of lakes and creeks	Protection of drinking water supply	Access to Lakes	Other (Please Specify)	Responses
All Data	60 (38%)	117 (73%)	131 (82%)	96 (60%)	8 (5%)	160

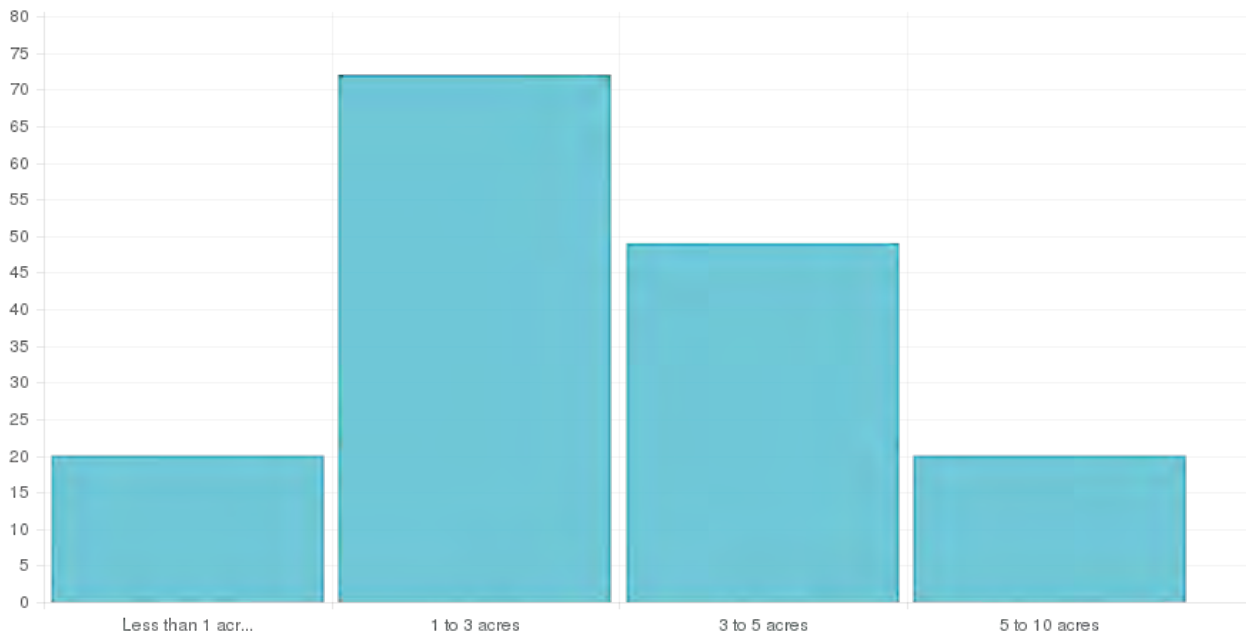


Text Responses

- Protection of forests and grasslands
- Seems good.
- Public shooting range on 20 Mile W/of Red Pine
- NONE
- The sun shines more here then much is Michigan.
- hunting and fishing opportunities
- Trails to walk on
- none

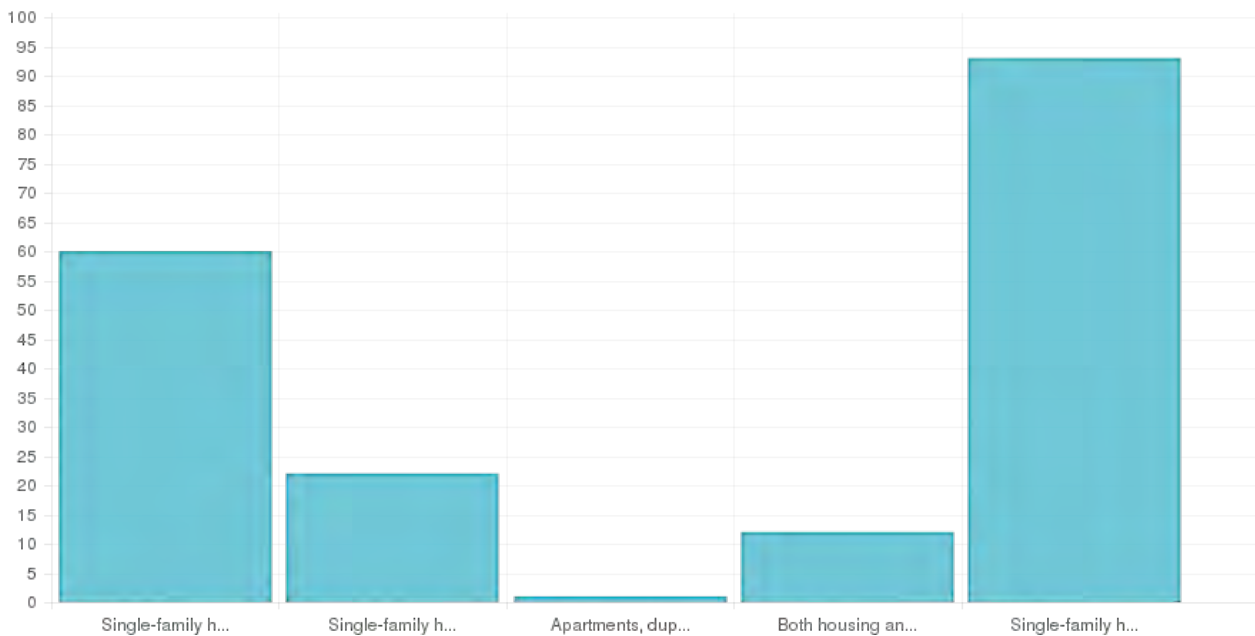
If the township were to consider the creation of a new zoning district called "Low Density Residential" or "Rural Estates", what minimum size lots would you like to see?

	Less than 1 acres	1 to 3 acres	3 to 5 acres	5 to 10 acres	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	20 (12%)	72 (45%)	49 (30%)	20 (12%)	21.82	161



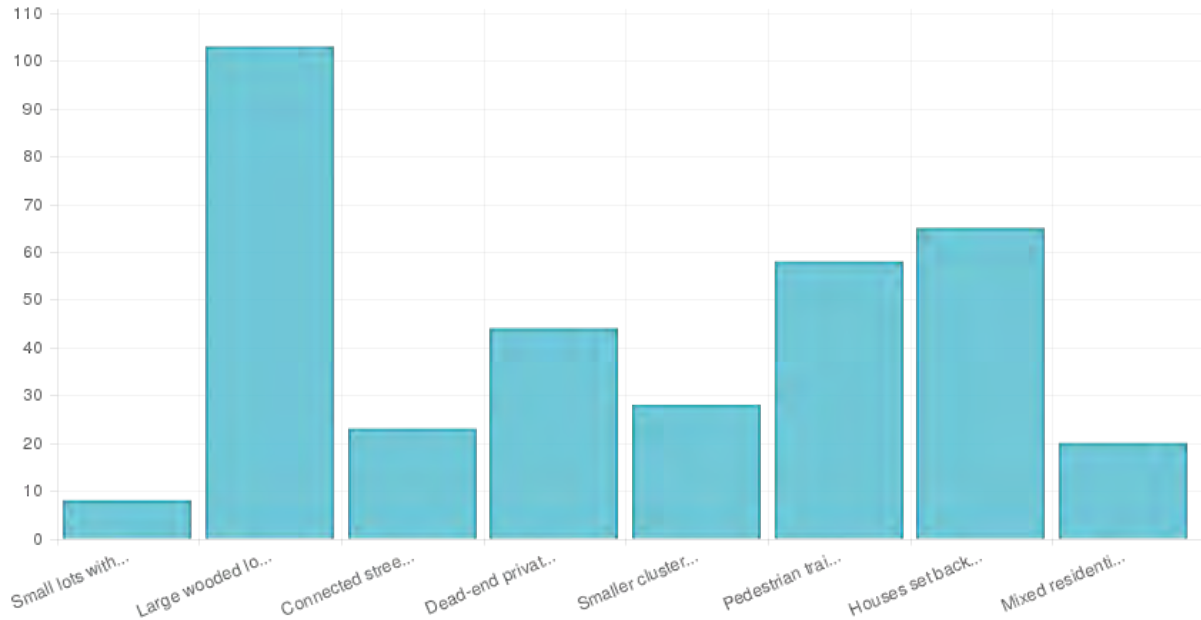
In the area where you live, should the following types of new housing be encouraged?

	Single-family homes on 5 acres lots or larger	Single-family homes on one acre lots or smaller	Apartments, duplexes or attached condos	Both housing and commercial development together	Single-family homes on lots 1 to 5 acres	Responses
All Data	60 (38%)	22 (14%)	1 (1%)	12 (8%)	93 (58%)	159



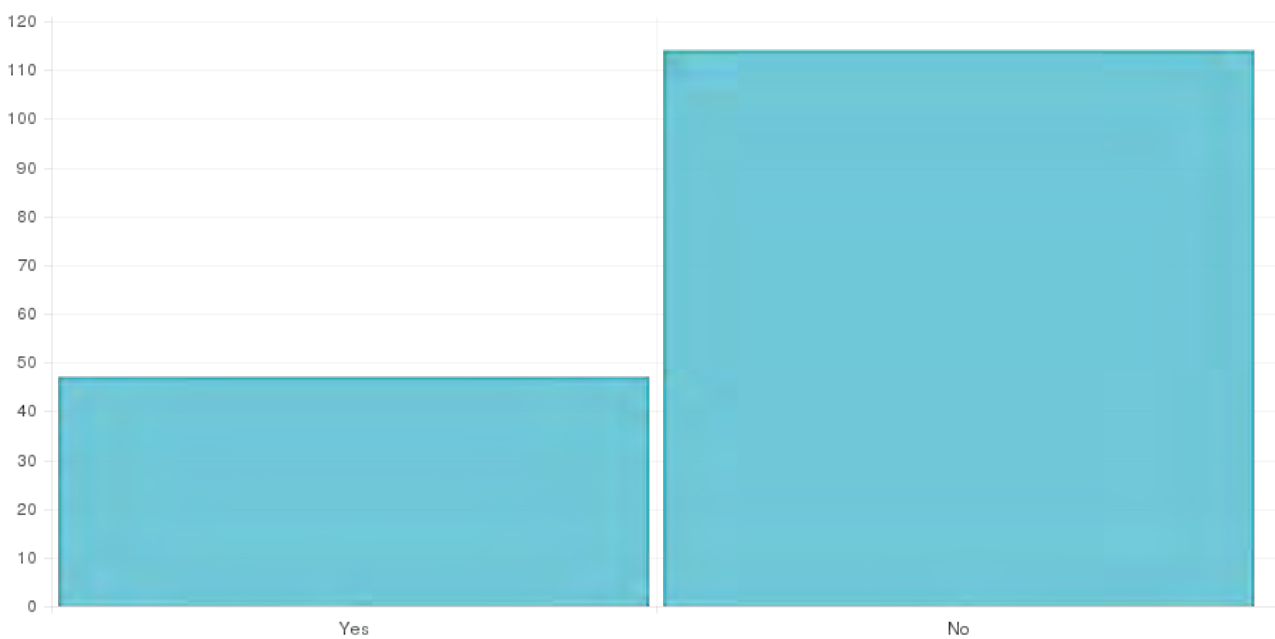
In the area where you live, what best describes your preference for future residential development? Select all that apply.

	Small lots with houses close to the street	Large wooded lots	Connected streets rather than dead-ends	Dead-end private streets with few houses	Smaller clustered lots with some open space	Pedestrian trails, sidewalks, bikeways and paths	Houses set back a long way from the road	Mixed residential and commercial	Responses
All Data	8 (5%)	103 (65%)	23 (14%)	44 (28%)	28 (18%)	58 (36%)	65 (41%)	20 (13%)	159



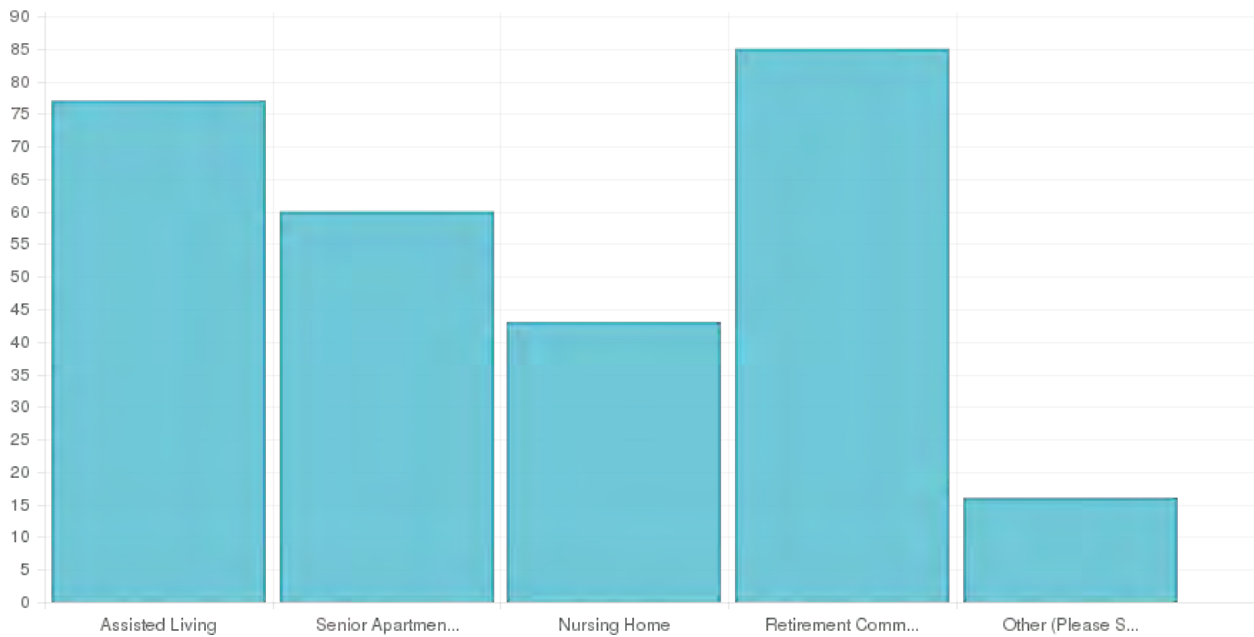
Would you be in favor of having a gas station or convenience store near where you live?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	47 (29%)	114 (71%)	33.5	161



Would you like to see any of the following types of senior citizen housing in the township?
Select all that apply.

	Assisted Living	Senior Apartments	Nursing Home	Retirement Community	Other (Please Specify)	Responses
All Data	77 (59%)	60 (46%)	43 (33%)	85 (65%)	16 (12%)	130

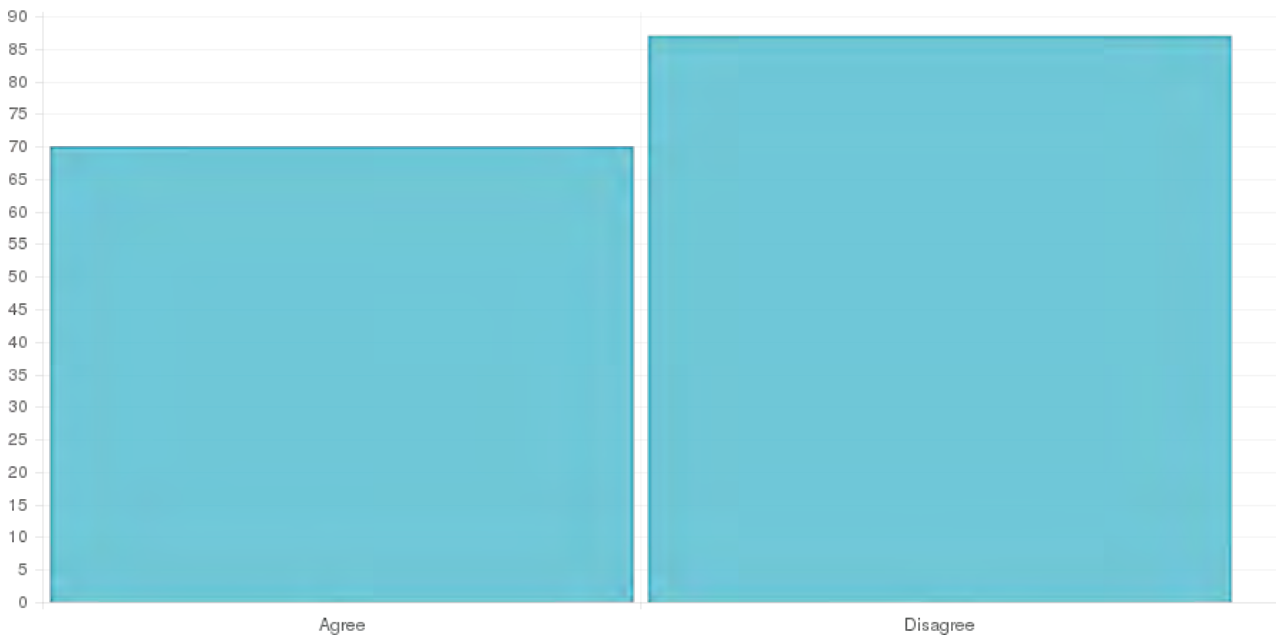


Text Responses

- RETIREMENT LIVING NEXT TO TOWNSHIP OFFICE
- none
- None of these
- Not really
- No.
- Already live here - senior soon.
- NONE
- not needed here
- Solidly built homes and businesses. There could encouragement towards continuity. For example builders could consistent use wrought iron
- i am not opposed to senior housing - they need affordable places to live too
- No. One is available in the city of Cedar Springs and outside of Rockford that has available units.
- No
- None
- NO
- N/A
- Vetrerans Houseing

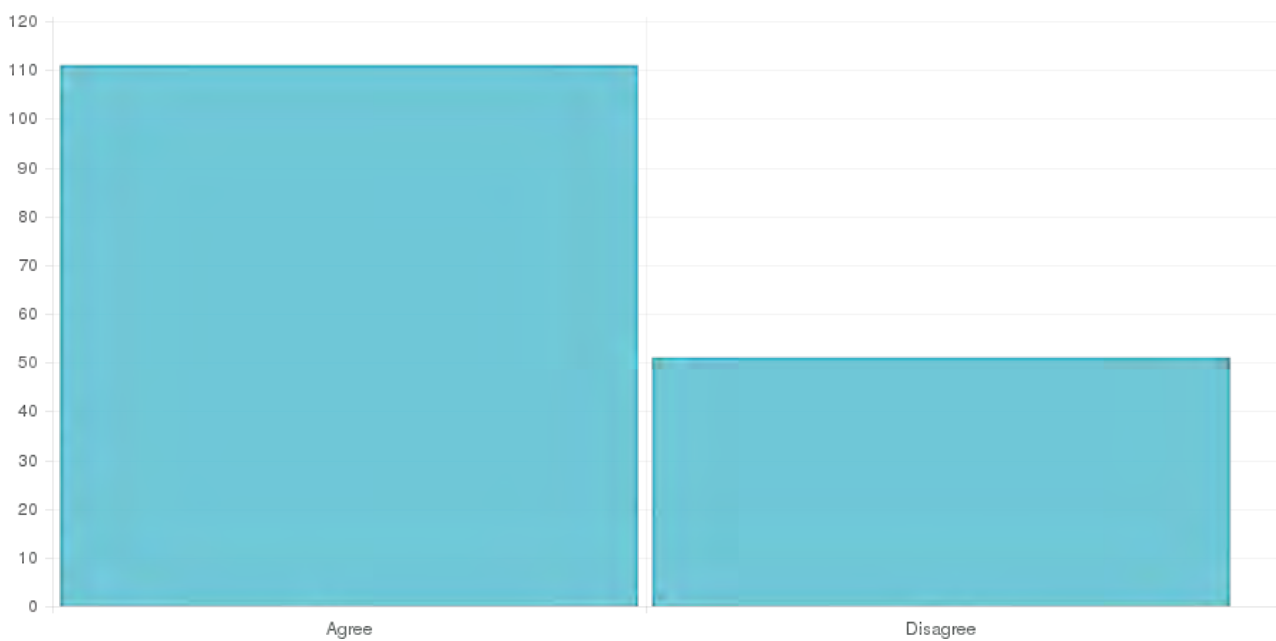
Housing developments with lots clustered to preserve open space, are a good way to protect the rural feel of the township.

	Agree	Disagree	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	70 (45%)	87 (55%)	8.5	157



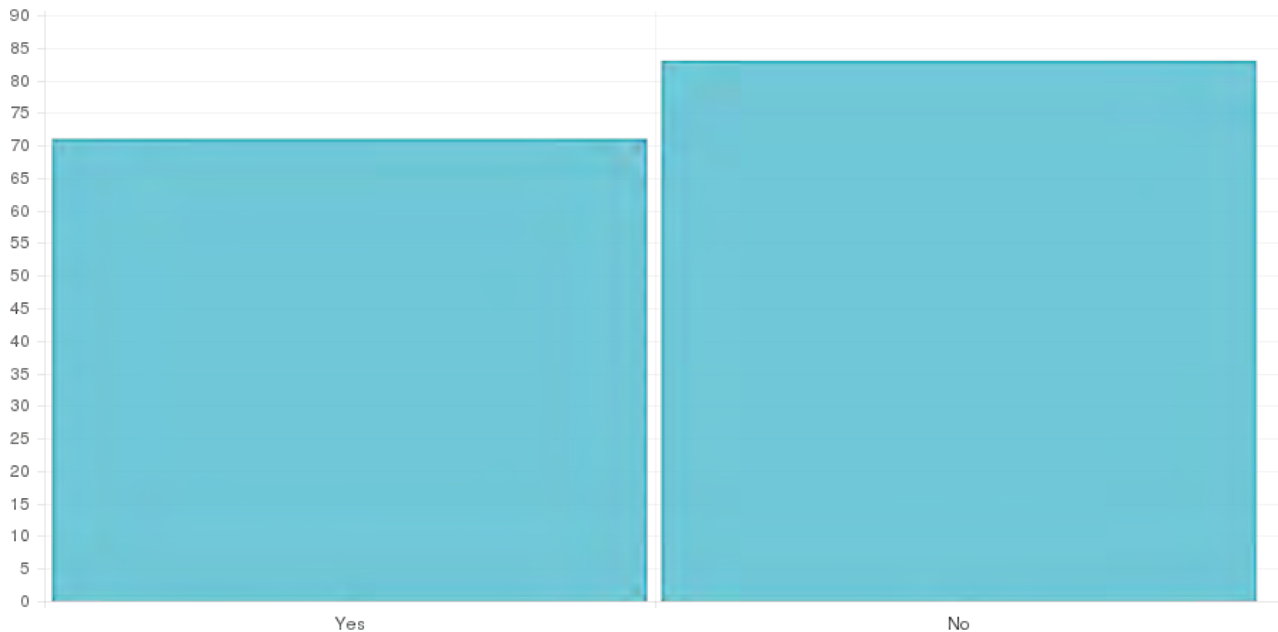
Accessory buildings should be limited in number and size according to the size of the lot.

	Agree	Disagree	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	111 (69%)	51 (31%)	30	162



Would you like to see more aggressive enforcement of zoning violations?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	71 (46%)	83 (54%)	6	154



Do you have any other comments?

Text Responses

Stop the housing developments

No more housing developments !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Enforce dog leash law don't let them run also keep cats under control

New subdivisions need several neighbor's approval. If the people wanted to live near a subdivision, they would have chose to live in one.

SOLON TWP....

MY OPINION IS TO SEE LESS RULES AND REGUALTIONS PUT ON PROPERTY OWNERS AND GIVE THEM MORE RITES AND FREEDOM TO DO WITH THERE LAND WHAT THEY WISH TO, OF COURSE PARCEL SIZE AND CERTAIN LOCATIONS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE LIMITS, LET THEM BE ABLE TO OPEN UP LITTLE SHOPS ON THERE PROPERTY, 9 TIMES OUT OF 10, YOU WILL SEE THE PROPERTY OWNERS CONTINUOUSLY MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THERE PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY, WICH WOULD MEAN MORE TAX DOLLARS TO THE TWP, WITH HIGHER APPRAISALS AND ASSESSMENTS, WE HAVE M46 WICH IS A STATE HIGHWAY GOING FROM SAGINAW TO MUSKEGON, WITH BUSINESSES PLACED ALL ALONG THE WAY, IT RUNS FROM ONE END OF THE TWP TO THE OTHER, LETS START TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO OPEN UP WITH LESS ZONING RULES AND REGULATIONS, EVEN IF ITS LAND OWNERS WANTING TO OPEN UP BUSINESSES IN THERE HOUSES IR AGARAGES,,,ANTIQUES SHOPS, VARIETY SHOPS, AUTOMOTIVE RELATED, SPECIALTY SHOPS, HOBBY SHOPS,,,ETC... ETC..... ,,ALGOMA AVE WOULD BE ANOTHER IN OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THIS FROM END TO END, WITH A HIGH AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC ON THAT ROAD WOULD BE ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE COMMERCIAL RELATED BUSINESSES, SMALL BUSINESSES, HOME BUSINESSES, UP AND DOWN ALGOMA. LETS HAVE LESS ZONING RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW LANDOWNERS TO IMPROVE THEIR PROPERTIES, WITH OF COURSE RULES TO FOLLOW. IF DONE RITE IN DIFFERENT TOWNSHIPS IN MICHIGAN THIS WORKS, GIVING HOMEOWNERS, THAT OTHERWISE COULDN'T AFFORD TOO, MORE OPPORTUNITES TO HAVE THERE TALENTS OR HOBBIES ALLOWED ON THEIR PROPERTIES.....

We have been here 53 years so most of this is not for us to say. We are 88 and 84.

In the last decade, I've seen numerous PUDs go up around me within a mile radius. It's no longer the character of neighborhood I desired when I moved here. It makes me want to keep moving north to escape it. That being said, if this kind of development is going to continue, I want to see the highest QUALITY of development possible, the true voice of the people upheld, and hold the developers strictly to the ordinances. I would like to see less trash in front of homes on 17 Mile.

Less restrictions on quality building projects. More restrictions on properties and activities that bring down property value in the township.

I would like to see the natural/rural character of Solon Township retained. I do not want any big-box retail stores, fast food chains, or additional auto part or dollar stores in Solon Township. Many people move to Solon Township to escape the big cities, so please do not allow the characteristics of the big city to encroach into Solon Township. I would like to see an emergency medical facility in Solon Township.

Enforce the rules of the Township, and Crack down on people who maintain a trash dump in their yards.

Looking forward to the new park and market pavilion. I encourage more of the community events.

Too many people don't care about how their junk, noise and run down property effect the reputation of the community and home values. Since personal responsibility can't be legislated, enforcement of zoning rules is the most important aspect of living peacefully in a community. Solon Township leadership has, and continues to do a very poor job at this aspect of township management.

stop using crushed lime instead of gravel...lime is more destroying our vehicles and concrete pads

It would be nice to see the vacant land that has been for sale for so long along White Creek between 17 and Solon roads be developed. We need more business that cater towards the actual residents of this township and not just the passer byes. With the addition of Meijer I thought we'd get a decent sit down restaurant maybe a clothing store or two. We have enough auto parts stores, gas stations, dollar stores and fast food. I've lived in this township for 30 years and I don't like seeing all the developments. I would like to see more homes built on larger pieces of land. Solon Twp. is losing it's rural feel and it feels like it's more urban with the developments with houses being on such small lots.

I moved to Cedar Springs almost 25 years ago because I've heard a lot of the people here wanted the town to stay small and be more rural and or country. That is what drew me here. Already I think the town has grown a little too much for me. I used to see more wild life in my yard when I first moved up here and now there isn't much at all anymore. There are too many cats and dogs running around. I am most concerned for the wild animals. Their land is being taken from them.

A lot of homes need to pick up there vard clutter. Seeinga house furniture on a porch is disausting. The Solon Cemeterv could trim the grass along the fence. The trailer park in Cedar is

disgusting also.

I bought a new home here cause it is nice as it is. Don't mess it up changing a bunch of stuff or make it all high and mighty for only rich people can afford it.

It would be nice to have a walking/hiking path that connects to the White Pine Trail thus one would be able to walk into Cedar Springs for the library, bank, post office, etc.

I'd assume this is a Kent County Road Commission issue but I'd like to see a street light at the corner of 20 Mile and Algoma to illuminate the intersection, several accidents there (should have lights as well at 18 and 19 Mile while I'm at it).

It would be nice if Wiersma Street could be turned into a paved road.

Would not like to see accessory buildings limited in size any further than they already are.

Would encourage commercial development and growth in appropriate areas.

The last thing I need is another park or anything else that increases my property taxes. Please keep your ideas out of my wallet.

I live on Lime Lake Dr. walk to the lake 3 times per week. I have pick up trash about 20 full trash bags. this year

this survey seems to be for pro-developments and i could not answer all the question because of that.what about a look at the inpack of the developments already in the township?what about a millage to keep farm land away from developments?

I want the Township to stand up. Admit a "mistake" was made. This thinking is a ugly side of humans. I see good men and women making unwise decisions. Is this what a community aspires to?

Beautiful area

solon has a lot of good zoning on the books, it would be ashame to see it change much

The township needs to slow down the development of open spaces for houses. We've had enough.

This survey has not addressed the quality of our roads. The survey asks about several kinds of township improvements but does not consider the quality othe roads we travel, White Creek Ave. in particular.

no

We are very unhappy with what Sable is doing to our township with all his developments. We are concerned for our quality of drinking water with all his new homes.

We just moved here 1 month ago from Indiana. We chose this area due to rural setting, proximity to Grand Rapids and lower taxes. The number of parks and the way they are maintained is much better than the area we have lived in the past 45 years. We enjoy the number of parks and lakes. Can't wait until spring to really enjoy what Solon Twp has to offer. I left several answers blank because I did not have enough information to answer. Is there a map and history of the Twp that help us become more familiar? I was on the plan commission for the small town in Indiana that we moved from. We just completed our master plan last year. It had been over 20 years since the previous one was done. It was a lot of work.

I think pole barns should be allowed closer to the street than your home, if approved in advance by neighbors.

more lighting for roads

With regards to the master plan the inclusion of a fenced-in dog park would be a wonderful addition to the community. (small dog and large dog separated)

No!

We moved here for the rural feel. If people want the conveniences of a city then they should move there. No sidewalks, street lights or housing developments. No big government in Solon.

Property's should be no less then 3-5 acres. Sick of the housing parks that are always being built, then my taxes go up for these huge homes in these parks. Why do we have to pay for a home that is twice or larger then ours. Would also like to see a speed limit sign posted on Wiersma street at 40. So many people in the area now and they fly down our road like there's no tomorrow. No more tax increases would be great!!

you have too much authority now you seem to inturpote the law any way you seem to want to rather then going by the law and enforcing it accordingly

Not at this time.

Would like Solon Twp residents to support the library mileage to give access to Kent District Library

Burn permits are not easy to aquire on the day conditions are just right to burn brush. By the time permission is finally granted can be days later and the burning conditions have deteriorated. Therefore, residents often ignore trying to even get a permit before burning.

Question #24- Most people would require an explanation as to what "low density residential" means. I had to google it.

None

Put pressure on people to keep up their property. No trash, abandoned vehicles, over gown grass, weeds etc

Taxes seem to be getting out of hand already without adding more to them.

Removal of junk cars and equipment MUST be enforced. We have a neighbor with numerous cars and car bodies, boats and trailers ,car parts and assorted equipment, that is very unsightly. Zoning should prohibit that and be enforced throughout the township.

Solon Twp is doing a great job. I am happy I live here.

Did not like how several of the questions were worded as the answers provided lead to a pre-determined conclusion without actually getting my input on the question!!!!

I would like to see natural gas north of 20 mile.

I would like to see more type of different stores like in Rockford

I love this area. I am not a big fan of developments. I would like to be able add on to my 28x40 pole barn

Solon township taxes are very high compared to other townships. We have lived in Solon Township for 10 years and our house has gone done in value but our taxes have not gone down so we plan to sell our home and leave Solon Township because of the high taxes. Also, we think Bob Ellick is a great Township Supervisor. We will miss ya when we are gone.

no

We also need to attract more businesses in the Meijer area. Go after restaurants like Applebees or something as well as more big box stores like Target so people do not have to go to Alpine all the time.

You don't enforce much now, you spend to much of my money and tax me too much. Do something different and save for a while.

Happy to see the proactive approach you are taking & appreciate the opportunity to participate

road improvement. White Creek is in sad shape.

Blacktop on Middle Lake

Avenue.

Please repave 18 mile from Algoma going East to Tree Valley. Im tired of stradling the center of the road to avoid the deteriorating pot hole patches.

Limiting division of land parcels to 4 acres or more is what I would like to see with number of developments being limited. Also township should pave the roads that have developments!! The gravel roads turn to crap. That should be required by township.

enforce clean up of properties with vehicles and equipment

Need stronger laws regarding junk, trash, lawn care, etc. We don't live in West Virginia or even Montcalm County. Also, larger home sizes, no more trailers outside of trailer parks, and so forth.

checking revision of survey