

# WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY

## PART A: YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP

1. First, we would like your general opinions about the Township. What do you LIKE most about Williamstown Township?

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2. What do you DISLIKE most about Williamstown Township?

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3. What are your greatest concerns in regard to development of the Township?

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4. Changes in the region have brought about many new concerns for communities such as Williamstown Township. These concerns range from socially-oriented matters such as crime rates and drug use, to concerns about living conditions such as housing quality, pollution, and traffic and road problems. Below is a list of some of the potential problems faced by many communities. Please check if you think each item is . . .

- A SERIOUS PROBLEM in Williamstown Township,
- A MINOR PROBLEM in Williamstown Township, or
- NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL in Williamstown Township.

Please consider each item carefully, marking an X to indicate the answer that best reflects your thoughts.

	<i>Serious Problem</i>	<i>Minor Problem</i>	<i>Not A Problem</i>	<i>Don't know / Can't Rate</i>
a. Breaking and entering, crime .	①	②	③	④
b. Drug use . . . . .	①	②	③	④
c. Ground water contamination .	①	②	③	④
d. Air pollution . . . . .	①	②	③	④

	<i>Serious Problem</i>	<i>Minor Problem</i>	<i>Not A Problem</i>	<i>Don't know / Can't Rate</i>
e. Noise pollution . . . . .	①	②	③	④
f. Declining quality of homes ..	①	②	③	④
g. Shortage of moderate-income housing . . . . .	①	②	③	④
h. Unattractive or undesirable areas or buildings . . . . .	①	②	③	④
i. Excessive signs . . . . .	①	②	③	④
j. Lack of commercial development . . . . .	①	②	③	④
k. Lack of industrial development . . . . .	①	②	③	④
l. Too much residential development . . . . .	①	②	③	④
m. Traffic congestion . . . . .	①	②	③	④
n. Roads not maintained . . . . .	①	②	③	④
o. Incidence of stray animals ..	①	②	③	④
p. Lack of public services . . . . .	①	②	③	④
q. Loss of open space . . . . .	①	②	③	④
r. Other community problems (please specify)				
_____ ..	①	②	③	④
_____ ..	①	②	③	④
_____ ..	①	②	③	④

## PART B: COMMUNITY SERVICES

5. Police protection in Williamstown Township is provided by the Ingham County Sheriff's Department. How would you rate the following police services in the Township?

	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
Patrol of residential areas . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Traffic control . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Crime solving . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Response time . . . . .	①	②	③	④

6. Below is a list of standard police work activities. For each activity, please check if police time and effort should INCREASE, STAY ABOUT THE SAME, or DECREASE.

	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Stay About the Same</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Don't know / Can't Rate</i>
Patrol of residential areas . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Patrol of commercial and industrial areas . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Crime investigation . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Traffic control . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Community relations . . . . .	①	②	③	④
Other (please specify) _____				

7. Would you favor increasing the millage to pay for more police services?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ Don't Know

8. Fire protection services in Williamstown Township are provided by the Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority (NIESA). How would you rate fire protection services in Williamstown Township?

- ① Good
- ② Fair
- ③ Poor
- ④ Don't Know

9. How would you rate the emergency medical services provided by NIESA?

- ① Good
- ② Fair
- ③ Poor
- ④ Don't Know

10. The Ingham County Road Commission is responsible for paving and maintaining public roads in Williamstown Township.

How would you rate road maintenance in Williamstown Township?

- ① Good
- ② Fair
- ③ Poor
- ④ Don't Know

11. Would you favor a millage or special assessment to pay for road improvements?

- ① Yes
- ② No

12. Do you use CATA bus service?

- ① Yes
- ② No

13. Should the Township look for other ways to provide public transportation, other than CATA?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ Don't Know

14. Are you satisfied with the current recycling service offered free of charge at the Township Hall?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ Would pay extra for more service or items to be collected.

15. Drain improvements in Williamstown Township are the responsibility of the Ingham County Drain Commission. Have you recently experienced any problems with stormwater drainage in your area?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ Don't Know

16. Is your property served by a county drain such as Povey Drain?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ Don't Know

16 (a) IF YES, what kind of a job does the County Drain Commission do in maintaining the drain?

- ① Good
- ② Fair
- ③ Poor
- ④ Don't Know / Can't Rate

17. As a general law Township on a limited budget, the Williamstown Township Hall is open on a part-time basis (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday). Are these hours convenient?

- ① Yes
- ② No

17 (a) IF NO, when would you like the Township offices to be open?

\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. to \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

18. The Township has a constable who enforces the Zoning Ordinance and similar regulations. How would you rate the code enforcement services of the Township?

- ① Good
- ② Fair
- ③ Poor
- ④ Don't Know / Can't Rate

19. Ingham County is responsible for providing animal control services in Williamstown Township. How would you rate this service?

- ① Good
- ② Fair
- ③ Poor
- ④ Don't Know / Can't Rate

20. Development of the first phase of the Williamstown Township park on Grand River Avenue is complete. The first phase includes a sledding hill, trails, soccer fields, kiosks, prairie plantings and parking. For each of the facilities listed below, check each one that you would like to see developed in the park or elsewhere in the community.

- Outdoor pool
- Ballfields
- Soccer fields
- Football fields
- Tennis courts
- Open-space passive park
- Outdoor ice rink
- Bicycle paths
- Playgrounds
- Jogging and exercise trail
- Hiking and cross-country ski trails
- Picnic shelter
- Nature/River walk trails
- Other (Please specify)

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21. Please list, in order of importance, up to three local summer recreation activities which are most important to members of your household:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

22. Please list, in order of importance, up to three local winter recreation activities which are most important to members of your household:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

23. Should the Township acquire additional land for future park development?

- ① Yes
- ② No

24. Would you favor a millage, for recreation use only, for park land acquisition and expansion of recreation programming and facilities?

- ① Yes
- ② No

25. Have you or members of your household used the Williamston Public Library located on Grand River Avenue in Williamston in the past year?

- ① Yes
- ② No

25(a) IF YES, please indicate whether:

- ① Existing library meets all of my needs.
- ② Existing library doesn't meet my needs, but is appropriate for community of this size.
- ③ The library is inadequate and should be relocated.
- ④ The library is inadequate and should be eliminated.

25(b) Would you be willing to financially support a new library building (e.g., through a millage)?

- ① Yes
- ② No

25(c) Within the past year have you or members of your household used libraries in other communities?

- ① Yes
- ② No

If, Yes please indicate which libraries: \_\_\_\_\_

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The increase in population and development of vacant lands often creates a need for public water and sanitary sewer service. However, the availability of public water and sanitary sewer service tends to result in increased density. We would like to assess the need or desire for these services in Williamstown Township.

26. Do you have your own well or are you connected to a public water system?

- ① Own well
- ② Public water system
- ③ Don't Know