

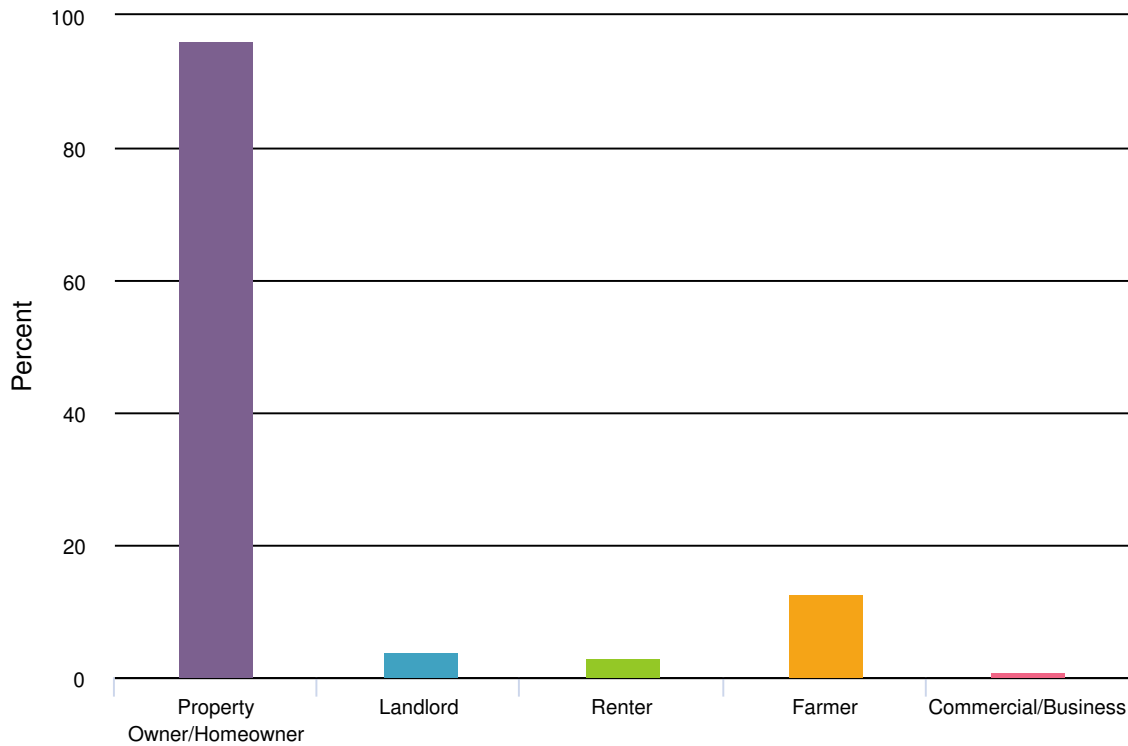
Report for Sharon Township Community Trees Survey






Response Counts



Totals: 107

1. Pick the option(s) that best describe your situation (may pick multiple if all within the Township):



Value		Percent	Responses
Property Owner/Homeowner		96.1%	98
Landlord		3.9%	4
Renter		2.9%	3
Farmer		12.7%	13
Commercial/Business		1.0%	1

2. Community trees are ALL the trees in your township – on public land (parks, along streets) and private land (homes). How important to you are the services that trees provide?

	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses
Define the character of the Township Count Row %	63 69.2%	24 26.4%	3 3.3%	1 1.1%	91
Create windbreaks that protect crops and topsoil Count Row %	67 72.8%	20 21.7%	2 2.2%	3 3.3%	92
Protect water quality and reduce stormwater runoff and flooding Count Row %	65 70.7%	24 26.1%	1 1.1%	2 2.2%	92
Reduce shoreline erosion and stabilize hillsides Count Row %	56 61.5%	32 35.2%	1 1.1%	2 2.2%	91
Provide shade and cool their surroundings Count Row %	72 79.1%	14 15.4%	3 3.3%	2 2.2%	91
Create relaxing and enjoyable outdoor areas Count Row %	70 76.1%	20 21.7%	1 1.1%	1 1.1%	92
Lower energy use and bills Count Row %	63 68.5%	23 25.0%	3 3.3%	3 3.3%	92

	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses
Reduce noise and/or provide privacy Count Row %	73 80.2%	16 17.6%	0 0.0%	2 2.2%	91
Clean the air (remove pollutants, produce oxygen) Count Row %	76 82.6%	12 13.0%	2 2.2%	2 2.2%	92
Increase property values Count Row %	56 61.5%	31 34.1%	2 2.2%	2 2.2%	91
Provide wildlife habitat Count Row %	76 84.4%	12 13.3%	0 0.0%	2 2.2%	90
Capture CO2, a greenhouse gas contributing to climate change Count Row %	69 76.7%	17 18.9%	1 1.1%	3 3.3%	90
Clean soils by absorbing heavy metals and other toxins Count Row %	63 70.0%	24 26.7%	1 1.1%	2 2.2%	90
Totals Total Responses					92

3. OPTIONAL: Other services?



ResponseID	Response
2	Soil conservation Habitat for all kinds of animals - insects, birds, mammals , bacteria, moss, ... Source of wood for heating Raw material for paper, art work, basketry
5	Provide firewood
6	Overall beauty. Brings peace and shade. Homes to so many beautiful migrating birds.
9	Provide beautiful fall colors!
15	This is very disturbing. Trees on MY land are MY trees. These trees are mine to do with what I see as best. The last thing we need are tree police.
20	They are Beautiful
22	provide resources for building and heating provide jobs for locals when they fall & damage things, lol
27	Tree houses for children to learn how to build, work together, play safely and respect nature. Provide a source of fuel to heat, cook, and build camp fires which foster relaxation and wellbeing. Peaceful places to reflect.
28	Trees on my property are not community trees. They are my trees. The context of this survey should be on public lands. All these services may be important for my trees on my property, but I don't intend on assigning importance for someone else's property.

ResponseID Response

32 Support a rural aesthetic, a beautiful serene landscape and a feeling for the passing of seasons.

42 provide fuel and lumber

54 Visually beautify our spaces. Provide serenity between neighbors especially if neighbors keep and burn trash (old cars, equipment, tires, etc). Provide privacy. Also important for all the wash away on roads in our township. The roads need attention in spots. Lots of wash away and over widened areas because of it.

60 Food for bees.

61 Large woodlots provide sustainable resources when managed properly (ie firewood, lumber, maple syrup, etc; True. Slow. Sustainable resource management,) but No over harvesting or clearcuts allowed. And if development is needed, allow only small sustainable clusterhousing and local cottage industries, to prevent unsustainable sprawls of subdivisions and ugly greedy corporate businesses!)

66 Beauty

67 The leaves provide compost for gardens. dead trees supply firewood.

72 Provide fruit and nuts for human and wildlife consumption.

74 Provide educational opportunities for children (and adults).

90 Fire wood

4. How often are you affected by the following challenges related to community trees?

	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Responses
Block light needed by crops or lawns Count Row %	1 1.1%	1 1.1%	17 19.1%	70 78.7%	89
Disrupt views Count Row %	1 1.1%	1 1.1%	20 22.5%	67 75.3%	89
Damage underground pipes and utilities Count Row %	1 1.1%	0 0.0%	11 12.4%	77 86.5%	89
Disrupt power/impact aboveground powerlines Count Row %	2 2.2%	9 10.1%	51 57.3%	27 30.3%	89
Block ability to see road signs, pedestrians, or deer Count Row %	5 5.6%	7 7.9%	41 46.1%	36 40.4%	89
Create a safety hazard when damaged (falling tree limbs) Count Row %	1 1.4%	7 9.6%	37 50.7%	28 38.4%	73
Totals Total Responses					89

5. OPTIONAL: Other challenges?

ResponseID	Response
14	Farmers who cut down trees along hedgerows.
15	The only challenge will be is when the tree police dictate what I can do with MY trees on MY land. The last thing we need is tree police.
20	Ugly when dead
22	keeping them trimmed under power lines keeping trees like mulberries and black walnuts from growing where not convenient
23	Harsh cutting on road edge by road commission— damages trees
27	Eminent domain whereas a township, utility, or similar, cut down and remove old growth trees for "the greater good", and "progress", as in the proposed fiber optic project currently under review by the Sharon Township board. IMHO the project is completely unnecessary since broadband is widely available via wireless with more coverage each year. Even DSL and peer networks are available. Cellular data is available. Don't ruin paradise for zealous reasons!! The beauty alone of Sharon deserves protection. To see new fiber junction boxes along every road would be a tragedy forever.
30	fire hazard, especially from down limbs and brush.
61	The cost of replacing and growing trees is too high for the average citizen.
66	Non-native and nuisance trees and shrubs which proliferate make land and property care difficult
67	Can't see some of the planets and stars because of the trees and have to look for a treeless horizon.

6. What support do you need to plant trees on your property?

	Very Useful	Useful	Might Be Useful	Not Useful	Responses
Free tree planting workshop Count Row %	12 13.8%	20 23.0%	32 36.8%	23 26.4%	87
Low or no cost equipment rental for planting trees Count Row %	27 31.0%	22 25.3%	24 27.6%	14 16.1%	87
Onsite help planting trees Count Row %	18 20.9%	18 20.9%	25 29.1%	25 29.1%	86
Assistance with tree selection Count Row %	25 28.7%	25 28.7%	20 23.0%	17 19.5%	87
Free or reduced cost trees Count Row %	54 62.1%	20 23.0%	8 9.2%	5 5.7%	87
Totals Total Responses					87

7. What would be useful for maintaining trees on your property?

	Very Useful	Useful	Might Be Useful	Not Useful	Responses
Low cost or free equipment rental Count Row %	24 28.9%	26 31.3%	22 26.5%	11 13.3%	83
List of natural resource professionals (arborists, foresters, herbicide/pesticide contractors) Count Row %	27 32.1%	23 27.4%	22 26.2%	12 14.3%	84
Educational materials (pruning, invasive species, pests) Count Row %	39 45.9%	19 22.4%	19 22.4%	8 9.4%	85
Cost-share or grants (invasive species, pest control) Count Row %	38 45.2%	16 19.0%	18 21.4%	12 14.3%	84
Workshops (pruning, invasive species, pest identification) Count Row %	30 35.3%	27 31.8%	16 18.8%	12 14.1%	85
Totals Total Responses					85

8. OPTIONAL: Other ideas or specific requests for tools (tree planter, no-till drill, hand tools)?

ResponseID	Response
2	Our land has an old large stand of pine trees. They were planted in the 1970's perhaps. They are in need of thinning. I could use some basic education on where to go for assistance and support and resources. What would this cost me to do? Where do I start? Tree felling and cutting.
22	young tree protection assistance tree species size/shade modeling tools tree species usage/resource tables
27	Promote natural beauty and zero use of chemicals to control pests. Limit chemical use to killing poison ivy, Virginia Creeper, and all non-native invasive plants.
30	advice and resources to protect seedlings/young trees from wildlife damage. advice and resources on dealing with invasive species like honeysuckle and buckthorn. I keep receiving mail from logging operations, how would I go about evaluating their offers? Woodlot management. Are there things I should be doing to better manage existing trees. It would also be helpful to have a place where I could send relatively simple questions about the trees on my property and receive advice.
32	Tree trimming for preventative tree maintenance
54	N/A for us. We are still able bodied and plant trees every spring and fall on our property.
61	We need experienced professionals in these fields that are more concerned for long term benefits to all Beings (wildlife, birds, pollinators, etc,) and clean air and water, rather than just short term profits.
68	Broadforks are a great tools to help with tree planting. Free or low cost local mulch
72	Include identifying, treating, and preventing tree diseases to educational materials.
82	Any help with equipment would be great.
108	Bucket truck

9. Where would you like to see trees in your Township?

	Very Important	Important	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses
On the property where I live Count Row %	57 65.5%	19 21.8%	6 6.9%	5 5.7%	87
Along roads Count Row %	35 39.8%	36 40.9%	13 14.8%	4 4.5%	88
In between neighboring properties or land uses Count Row %	43 49.4%	38 43.7%	3 3.4%	3 3.4%	87
In woodlots or forests Count Row %	54 61.4%	24 27.3%	7 8.0%	3 3.4%	88
Along waterbodies (streams, lakes, ponds) Count Row %	40 46.0%	41 47.1%	3 3.4%	3 3.4%	87
In areas of industrial use/extraction (during and after) Count Row %	54 62.1%	29 33.3%	2 2.3%	2 2.3%	87
Totals Total Responses					88

10. OPTIONAL: Anywhere else?

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15	Again, and I cannot say it strongly or loud enough. No tree police to tell me what to do with MY land.
22	within pastures and monoculture fields, esp nitrogen-fixing and water-distributing species that help conserve and build resources with minimal or beneficial shading impact on livestock and crops
27	All fencerows along farm fields to reintroduce healthy habitat for game birds that have all but vanished from Sharon Township as well as nearly all western washtenaw cnty townships. The ring neck pheasant, quail, woodcock, and even partridge were plentiful when my family arrived in 1991. Now all nearly extinct in the aforementioned areas.
28	Again, it's no business of mine where trees go in our township aside from public land and my property. I have no interest in the township mandating tree planting requirements.
32	Sharon Mills Park along Sharon Hollow Road
61	Replacements for trees removed in development or extraction.
66	Everywhere - good quality native varied
67	I would like to see planted where the mining companies have ravaged the land.
72	In parking lots for shade.

11. To help maintain the Township's trees and open space, what can you contribute?

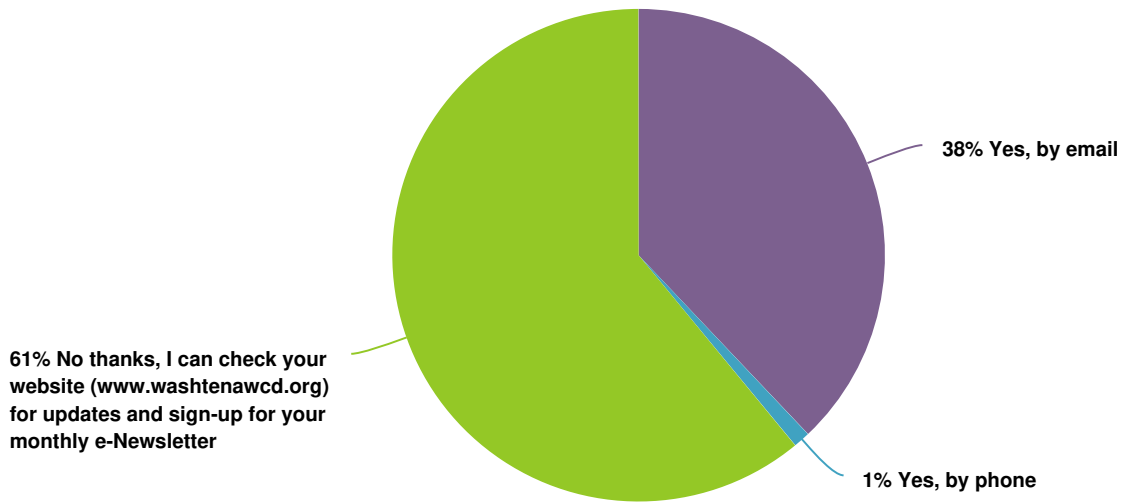
	Willing	Might Be Willing	Not Willing	Not Applicable To Me	Responses
Help coordinate or attend a tree planting event Count Row %	18 20.9%	43 50.0%	17 19.8%	8 9.3%	86
Support local policy changes to increase and maintain trees Count Row %	47 54.7%	25 29.1%	10 11.6%	4 4.7%	86
Learn how local laws impact trees Count Row %	40 47.1%	29 34.1%	10 11.8%	6 7.1%	85
Learn how to participate in local government Count Row %	16 19.0%	44 52.4%	20 23.8%	4 4.8%	84
Support the Township dedicating more funds to trees Count Row %	38 44.7%	30 35.3%	13 15.3%	4 4.7%	85
Learn how trees/shrubs protect waterways, such as the River Raisin Count Row %	34 40.5%	33 39.3%	11 13.1%	6 7.1%	84
Learn about conservation easements and open land preservation Count Row %	39 46.4%	26 31.0%	13 15.5%	6 7.1%	84
Learn about free programs or programs that pay to implement conservation practices Count Row %	44 51.8%	29 34.1%	7 8.2%	5 5.9%	85
Totals Total Responses					86

12. OPTIONAL: Other ways to support trees?

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1	Stop gravel mining/proposed gravel mining in Sharon Township as I believe this activity has the potential to damage existing trees.
2	I did begin a process of getting a conservation easement. It proved to be somewhat unfeasible at this time. I would love to better manage the pine forest and perhaps replant it with better quality trees.
14	A study on the impact of large scale gravel mining on the local tree population.
15	No tree police.
22	planned replacement, coppice/pollard approaches to management, local woodworkers generating local tree products (food and otherwise), silvopasture promotion, permitting/fostering smaller, acceptable trees/shrubs in power right of ways
27	Engage young people at the grade schools about the importance of stewardship. Use Northern Arizona as a template. Grade school students are engaged there - among other nature projects - to raise trout that are reintroduced back into the wild. Amazing community engagement!!!
61	People also need to learn the long lifespans and interrelatedness of trees and their 'communities'. Also, about the role disturbance plays in the ecology of trees (ie. overstory gaps, smaller rotational 'mosaics', succession, slow regenerative ecologies, etc.) And how people can be an integrated part of the whole, but only in the proper role and with right action...
67	Stop mining companies from cutting down trees and disturbing the landscape and environment that can harm trees like silica floating in the air along with dust and possible water flow disruption or poisoning.
72	Might be willing to attend a clean-up of litter, brush, and invasive species, depending on location.
74	Extended damage control permits for deer management to prevent overbrowsing of young saplings. I would vote to increase taxes in Washtenaw county in order to prevent them from trimming the trees along the road with the method they are currently using. It mangles the branches and leaves them vulnerable to disease (like oak wilt) that will spread to other trees along the road.

13. Would you like WCCD to contact you with information on the items you selected?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes, by email	37.9%	33
Yes, by phone	1.1%	1
No thanks, I can check your website (www.washtenawcd.org) for updates and sign-up for your monthly e-Newsletter	60.9%	53

Totals: 87

14. Any additional suggestions or comments about trees in your community?

ResponseID	Response
1	Farmers seem intent on cutting down trees. It might be helpful to offer suggestions on the value of leaving trees standing along hedgerows and property lines.
2	I am pleased that you have sent out this survey. Sharon Township needs to protect the trees along the River Raisin .
10	The trees in my community play an enormous role in the beauty, peace and enjoyment of living in Sharon Twp. I regularly walk the scenic dirt roads and the trees provide beauty, shade and wind block. Occasionally a tree will fall across the road but neighbors are very quick to cut and remove them. I definitely do not want trees removed along the edges of the roads. They help with dust and noise control for homes and provide privacy which is highly valued. Sharon Twp has some very scenic roads in part due to the many trees.
15	We don't need any tree police in Sharon Township. We don't need any tree laws. We don't need to spend scarce money on trees. There are plenty of needed projects that cannot be funded due to scarce funding.
27	Educate residents about the importance of brush piles too! Native critters need homes. Also, to leave dead trees. Source of food for woodpeckers and many other critters. Fallen trees are homes for newts, salamanders, snakes, schrews, and helpful fungus and bugs.
28	Who crafted the idea that trees on my property are 'community trees'? I think this survey needed more background, context, and review before publishing.
61	Good woodlot management, based on localised ecological knowledge is a lost science and art. Education about being more in balance with nature's ways is sorely needed.
64	Educational programs for kids would be great
66	Help landowners who maintain acreage that conserve healthy forests with tax reduction
67	Mining companies should be held accountable for all of the trees they cut down and how they dispose of the trees and how it all effects the local environment, water absorption and the natural cleaning system of the trees in the area. And how will the area respond to a hotter environment with the shade of trees. Can they be limited in how many trees they can cut and dispose of?
72	(Thank you for suggesting to sign up for the monthly e-Newsletter!)

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74 I have been planting WCCD trees since I can remember. I am getting very discouraged because of the overpopulation of deer - they eat, trample or rub the bark off of most of the trees I plant. I tried unsuccessfully to get a deer damage permit to manage them.

79 have trees available for free to plant

83 This appears to be a survey to create higher taxes.

90 Easthetic beauty cannot be ignored!

91 Thank you. We always need more trees!

98 Be nice if we could buy seedlings in Sharon Township to plant.

99 (See paper survey before calling)

100 Fix the dam roads, before you do any trees!

103 The brush hog on the side way of trimming trees along the roadways is horrible!

15. Help us map your needs and suggestions by entering the nearest crossroads:



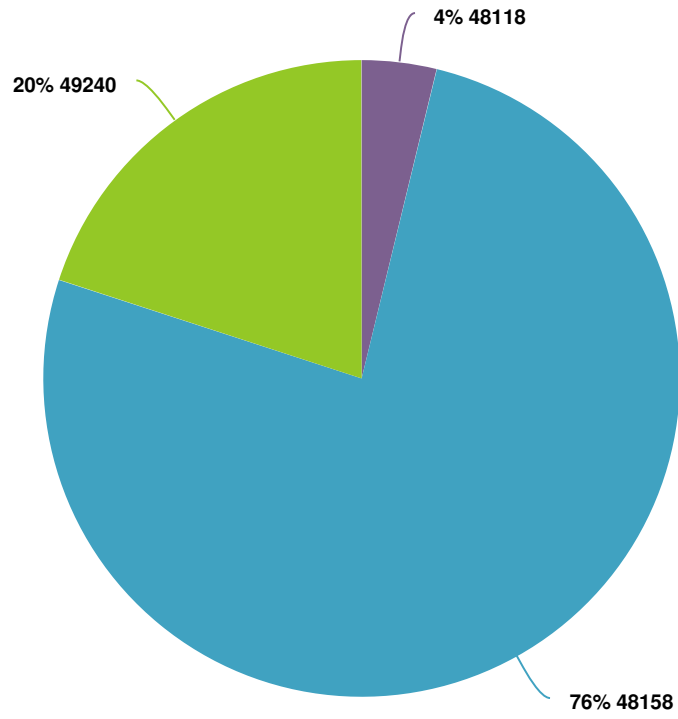
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2	sharon valley east of Fellows Bridge, west of Meyers road
5	Heim/Hayes
6	Pleasant Lake rd and Slyvan
7	Kothe Bethel Church
9	Washburn and Jacob
10	Grass Lake and Hashley
11	Sharon Hollow and Sharon Valley
12	grass lake rd & hashley rd
13	Parr and Bethel Church
14	M-52 and Pleasant Lake Roads
15	Sharon Township
16	Grass lake rd and m52
18	Meyers and Pleasant Lake




ResponseID	Response
19	Washburn & Jacob
20	Galloway/ Territorial
21	M 52 and Sharon valley
22	easudes & jacob
23	Meyer and pleasant lake
24	Sharon Hollow Rd and Grass Lake Rd
27	Sharon Hollow and Grass Lake
28	Pleasant Lake, Sharon Hollow
29	West Pleasant Lake Rd and Sylvan Rd
30	Easudes road and Prospect Hill
31	m52 and sharon valley
32	Sharon Hollow & Bethel Church
39	Smythe and West Pleasant Lake
40	Pleasant lake and m 52
41	Washburn and Sharon Hollow
42	Smyth , Pleasant
44	M52 & Sharon Valley
45	HASHLEY / WINGATE
49	M52 and Pleasant Lake
51	Sharon valley
52	Grass Lk & Hashley
54	Washburn and Sharon Hollow
56	M52
57	Grass lk.m-52

ResponseID	Response
59	Pleasant Lake Rd. & M-52
60	MI State Rd 52 & Pleasant Lake
61	Sylvan Rd. and 12
63	End of Powers Drive
64	Grass Lake and Hashley
65	Jacob and Walker
66	Grass Lake/Hashley
67	Hashley Rd, and Smythe
68	Water rd and Peckins rd
69	Grass lake rd and Hashley rd
70	Easudes/Jacob
72	W Pleasant Lake Rd / Sharon Hollow Rd
73	Sharon Valley/Meyers
74	Jacob and Grass Lake
76	Sharon Hollow and Sylvan
77	Pleasant Lake Road and Meyers
79	M52 and Meyer
80	M-52 and Pleasant Lake Rd
81	Grass Lake and Hashley
82	Meyers rd and Pleasant Lake
86	Logan and sooten
87	Sharon Valley and Meyers
88	Hashley Rd./Grass Lake Rd
89	Mi State Rd 52 and Bethel Church Rd

ResponseID	Response
90	Sylvan and Washburn
91	Sharon Valley & Prospect Hill
92	m52 & Pleasautck
93	Hashley & Wingate
95	M52 & Pleasant Lake Rd
96	Grass Lake Rd & Sylvan Rd
97	Bethel Church Rd & Myers
98	Wingate & Smythe
99	M52 & Queens
100	Sylvan & Pleasant Lake Rd
101	Washburn & Sylvan
102	Sharon Valley & Lamb
104	Washburn & Sharon Hollow Rd
105	Kothe & Pleasant Lake
106	M52 & Sharon Hollow
107	Sharon Hollow & Sharon Valley
108	Jacob & Struthers
109	Bethel Church Rd & Sharon Hollow Rd

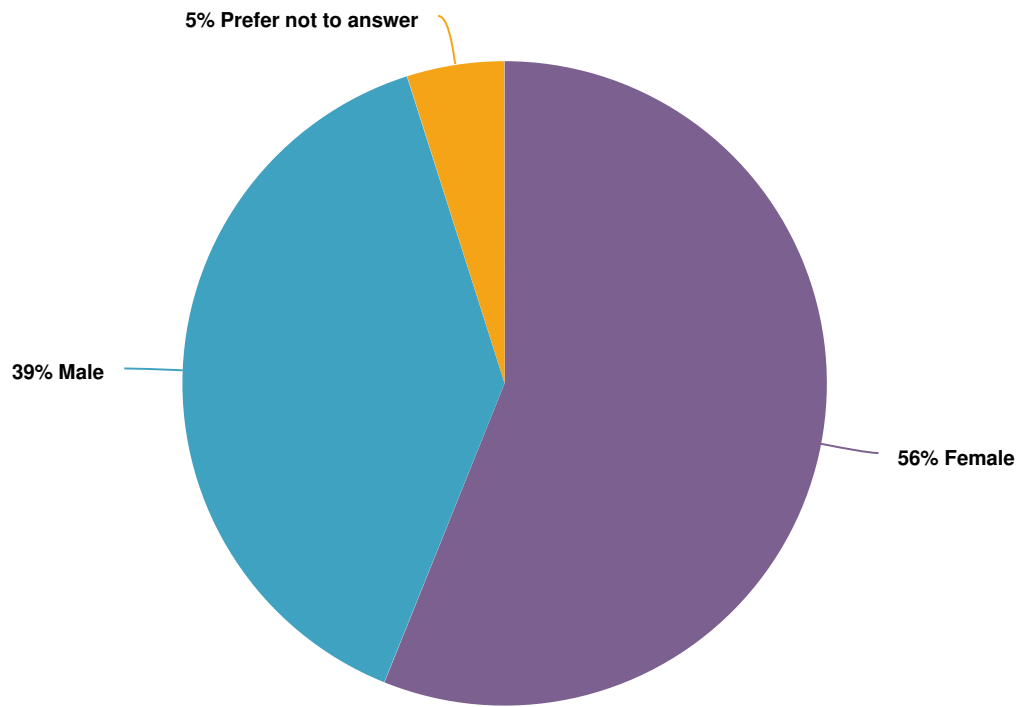
1. Help us map your needs and suggestions by selecting your zipcode:






Value		Percent	Responses
48118		3.8%	3
48158		76.3%	61
49240		20.0%	16

Totals: 80

18. Please select your gender:

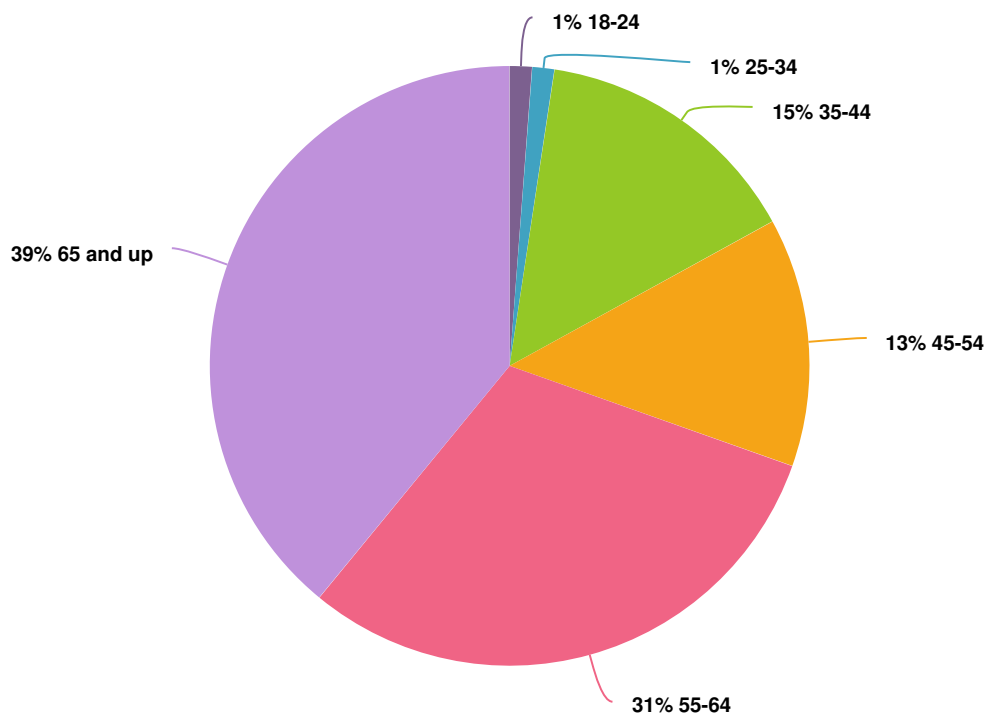


Value		Percent	Responses
Female		56.1%	46
Male		39.0%	32
Prefer not to answer		4.9%	4

Totals: 82

Other - Write In	Count
Totals	0

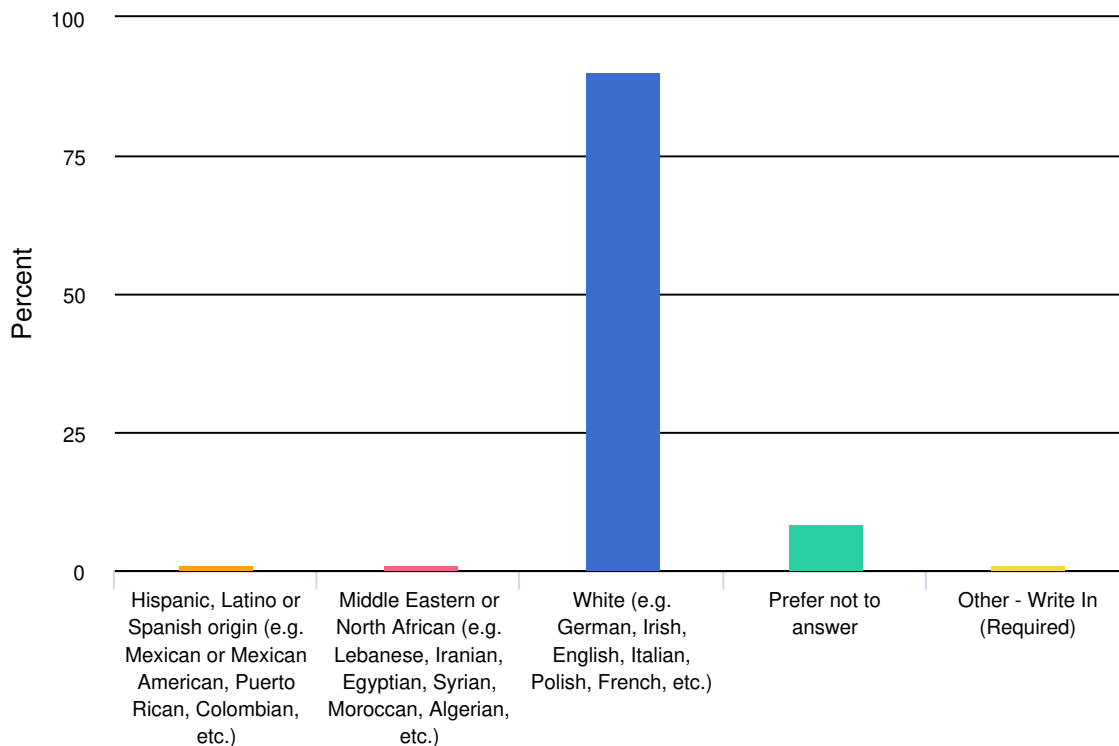
19. Please select your age bracket:



Value	Percent	Responses
18-24	1.2%	1
25-34	1.2%	1
35-44	14.6%	12
45-54	13.4%	11
55-64	30.5%	25
65 and up	39.0%	32

Totals: 82

20. Please select up to two race/ethnicity categories that best describe you:



Value	Percent	Responses
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin (e.g. Mexican or Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Colombian, etc.)	1.2%	1
Middle Eastern or North African (e.g. Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Moroccan, Algerian, etc.)	1.2%	1
White (e.g. German, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, French, etc.)	90.1%	73
Prefer not to answer	8.6%	7
Other - Write In (Required)	1.2%	1

Other - Write In (Required)	Count
I could not select or write in my zip code above . 48158	1
Totals	1