



## Master Plan Update Community Survey

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts regarding an update to the Marathon Township Master Plan! Responses to this survey are completely anonymous. Survey responses, including comments, may be shared at public meetings of the Marathon Township Planning Commission and Township Board of Trustees.

There are two ways to complete this survey. **SURVEY RESPONSES ARE DUE BY MARCH 14, 2025.**

- 1.) Fill out this physical copy of the survey and mail it back to the Township Hall **OR** drop it off at the Township Hall located at 4575 Pine Street, Columbiaville, MI 48421.
- 2.) Type this link into your web browser:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MarathonTwpMP> **OR** scan the QR code to the right, to access the survey online. **(PREFERRED)**



If you have any questions about this survey, or about the Master Plan update in general, please contact the Township Hall at **810-793-2002**.

### 1. What is your connection to the Township of Marathon? (Select all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live within the township.           | <input type="checkbox"/> I frequently visit the township.                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work within the township.           | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a part-time resident.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I own a business within the township. | <input type="checkbox"/> I live outside the township but within Lapeer County. |

### 2. How long have you lived in the Township of Marathon?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-29 years      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years         | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 years or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 years         | <input type="checkbox"/> Does not apply   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-19 years       |   |

### 3. If you have a business in the Township of Marathon, how long have you been here?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-29 years      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years         | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 years or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 years         | <input type="checkbox"/> Does not apply   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-19 years       |   |

**4. What is your age?**

- 18-24 years old
- 25-30 years old
- 31-40 years old
- 41-64 years old
- 65 or older

**5. What do you value the most about living, working, or visiting the Township of Marathon? (Select all that apply)**

- Housing Options
- Small Town Charm
- Local Restaurants
- Large Parcels
- Family and Friends
- Parks or Natural Areas
- Safe Environment
- Public Services
- Employment or Business Opportunities
- Low Taxes
- Local Businesses
- Open Space
- Schools
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Perception	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
How would you rate the quality of life in Marathon Township?					
How would you rate the overall willingness of people to help their community?					
How would you rate Marathon Township's commercial and industrial areas?					

**7. If you answered "Fair" or "Poor" for any of the above options in Question 6, please briefly describe why below:**

---



---

8. Economy	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Overall, the economy in Marathon Township is headed in a positive direction.					
Most businesses in Marathon Township can find dependable employees in a reasonable amount of time.					
Most people that live in Marathon Township can find jobs that pay them a reasonable wage without a long commute.					
There are strong opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses to start in Marathon Township.					
Marathon Township has enough retail, restaurants, and service businesses to meet the community's needs.					
Marathon Township has enough industrial businesses and large employers to meet the community's needs.					

**9. Are there specific types of businesses or economic activities you would like to see more of in Marathon Township?**

---



---

10. Housing	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Most people and families can find safe, affordable housing that meets their needs in Marathon Township.					
Houses in Marathon Township are well-maintained, and <u>homeowners</u> are reinvesting in their homes.					
Houses in Marathon Township are well-maintained and <u>rental</u> property owners are reinvesting in their homes.					
Marathon Township has an appropriate mix of housing options (single-family, apartments, senior housing, etc.).					
The cost to purchase a home in Marathon Township is reasonable.					
The cost to rent a home or apartment in Marathon Township is reasonable.					

**11. If you answered “Somewhat disagree” or “Strongly disagree” for any of the above options in Question 10, please briefly describe why below:**

---



---

**12. Is there a type of housing that is needed in Marathon Township? (Select all that apply)**

- More single-family homes.
  - Duplex (2 units in one structure)
  - Triplex (3 units in one structure)
  - Quad Plex (4 units in one structure)
  - Apartments (5 or more units)
  - Senior Housing Residences
  - Assisted Living Residences
  - Affordable Housing (Household Income)
  - Accessory Dwelling Units (granny flats, apartment above garage)
  - Short-term Rentals
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
-

**13. Do you intend to move out of Marathon Township in the next two (2) years?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Transportation	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Most Marathon Township residents do not have a problem getting to work, school, the grocery store, or medical appointments.					
Walking and biking is safe in Marathon Township.					
Roads and other transportation infrastructure in Marathon Township are well-maintained.					

**15. If you answered “Somewhat disagree” or “Strongly disagree” for any of the above options in Question 14, please briefly describe why below:**

---



---

16. Public Transportation	Yes	No
Do you currently use the Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority (GLTA)?		
Would you support a millage for increased public transportation?		
Would you support a millage for road and drainage improvements?		

**17. If you or your family member uses the GLTA, how frequently?**

---



---

18. How would you rate the following community services?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
Police Department					
Fire Department					
Inspections					
Emergency medical services					
Ambulance service					
Library services					
Schools – Note school district:					

**19. If you answered “Fair” or “Poor,” for any of the above options, please briefly describe why below:**

---



---

**20. Do you feel like streetlights at intersections would be an improvement? If so, which intersections?**

---



---

<b>21. Environment</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
Natural features in Marathon Township should be protected from development (wetlands, parks, farmland, forests, rivers and streams, etc.).					

**22. If you answered “Somewhat disagree” or “Strongly disagree” for any of the above options in Question 21, please briefly describe why below:**

---



---

<b>23. Parks</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
I feel that public parks and recreational facilities are extremely important to my quality of life.					
There should be an increase in park space in the township.					
There should be an increase in the natural trail network in the township.					
The parks and recreational service in the township is excellent.					

**24. What is your favorite park or recreational area in the township?** \_\_\_\_\_

---

**25. What is your favorite amenity at the park or recreational area in the township?** \_\_\_\_\_

---

**26. What additional park/recreation amenities would you like to see?** \_\_\_\_\_

---

**27. Which type of the following public engagement activities would you be likely to participate in? (Select all that apply)**

- In-person large-group activities
- In-person small group activities
- Virtual activities (TEAMS, ZOOM, etc.)
- Survey
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**28. Please provide any other comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

---

**THANK YOU!!!**

# MARATHON TOWNSHIP

## LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### ZONING MAP

MARCH 14, 2019

This is to certify that this is the Official Zoning Map of the Marathon Township  
Zoning Ordinance adopted on the 14th day of March, 2019.

FRED MOORHOUSE  
Marathon Township Supervisor

DAWN JOHNSON  
Marathon Township Clerk

#### DISTRICT LEGEND

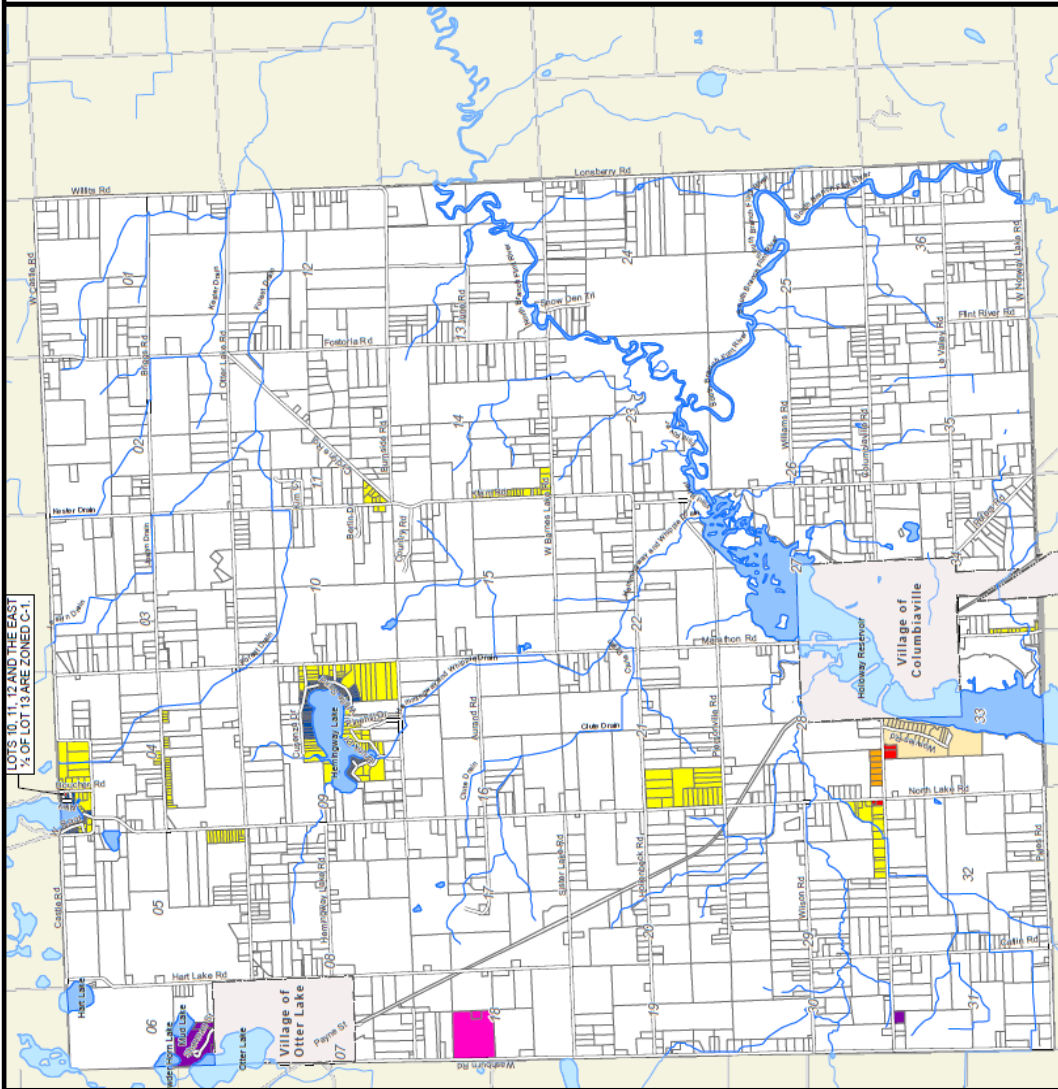
- AR: AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL
- R-1: SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL
- R-2: URBAN RESIDENTIAL LOW
- R-3: URBAN RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY
- R-4: MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- R-5: LAKE RESIDENTIAL
- R-6: MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT
- C-1: LOCAL COMMERCIAL
- I-1: LIGHT INDUSTRIAL



0 3,500 7,000 Feet

ON THE FOLLOWING DATE(S), BY OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD, THE FOLLOWING CHANGE(S) WERE MADE:

DATE	SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS



### LANDPLAN

landplan-eidelson.com | 517.347.2120



Prepared By:  
Michigan Mapping Solutions, LLC  
4633 Saratoga Dr.  
Clemens, MI 48834

Source: Data provided by Lapeer County and the State of Michigan. Mich-Michigan Mapping Solutions, LLC, does not warrant the accuracy of the data and/or the map. This document is intended to depict the approximate spatial location of the mapped features within the Community