



# Brown Township

2024 Comprehensive Plan Update



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The Brown Township Comprehensive Plan was a collaborative and educational process. During the planning process, the Steering Committee met regularly, three public engagement events were held, and a survey was distributed to gain input from Brown Township residents and stakeholders. The Brown Township Comprehensive Plan is a representation of all the voices in the community.

This plan is designed to be an active tool to be used by Township Trustees, property owners, and businesses owners who wish to invest in the community. It acts as both a vision and practical guide to be used on an ongoing basis to steer the Township to a bright future.

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*This document is dedicated to the life of Gary Dever, Brown Township Trustee for over 47 years, who passed away during the development of this plan. Gary's legacy of service and leadership, along with his commitment to Brown Township has had an immeasurable impact. He was essential in making Brown Township a place that residents are proud to call home.*

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# Introduction



# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is a tool of long-range vision and goals (10-20 years) that is used to guide policy- creation, land- use, zoning and development decisions. It represents the vision and goals of the community. The plan and planning process serve several important functions:

- Educate people about the Township’s strengths and weaknesses, and the opportunities available to build on these strengths and improve in areas most in need
- Establish principles for growth and development
- Discuss how key resources will be protected and enhanced
- Provide a rationale for future direction and policies
- Recommend priorities for funding and new investment
- Guide community leaders, property owners, and investors

This plan considers the environment, preservation, land-use, density, and housing. The Township will see actionable goals to fulfill their vision.

It is important to note that the Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document, not a set of regulations or mandated laws.

## How to Use this Plan?

This plan is a policy document intended to guide policymaking and actions of Brown Township. Its goals reflect the diverse nature and needs of Brown Township. Action items support the vision and goals of the plan and the Township leadership.

This plan is broken into 4 main parts; Brown Township Today, Public Engagement, Future Land Use, and Brown Township Tomorrow.



# The Planning Process

The plan reflects community-wide input and conversations focused on elements that make Brown Township unique, any challenges the Township may face, and opportunities to grow.

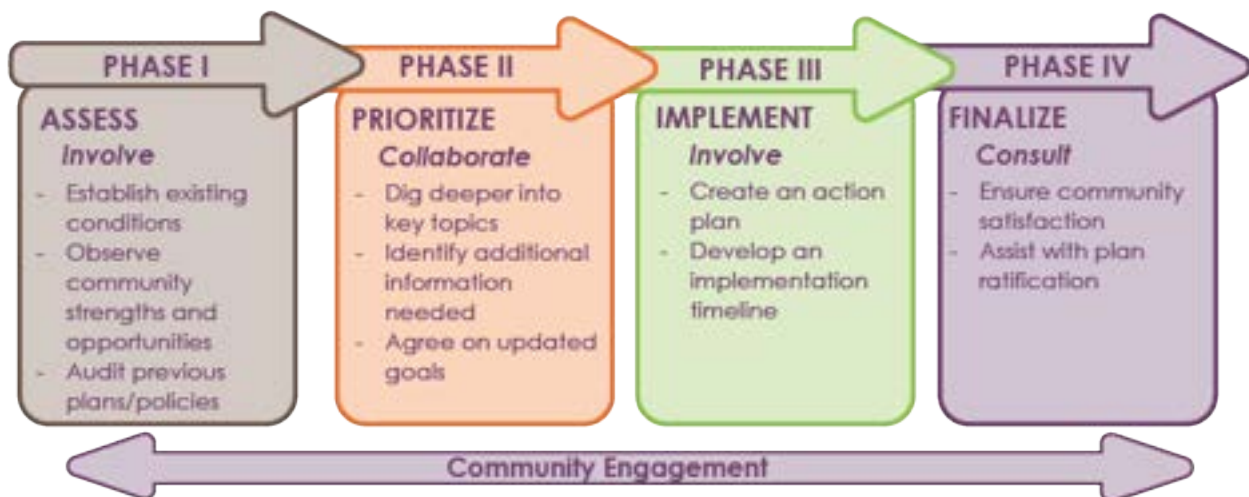
The planning process began in July 2024 and consisted of four phases.

**Phase 1 (two months):** Conversational interviews with key collaborators and Steering Committee members, one Steering Committee meeting, collection of existing conditions, and analysis of existing plans and policies.

**Phase 2 (six months):** Monthly Steering Committee meetings, formulating goals and a vision statement, and identifying appropriate development and preservation options for the Township. During this phase, a community open house was held to receive input from the community and address any questions and/or concerns.

**Phase 3 (three months):** Additional meetings with the Steering Committee, creating the draft comprehensive plan update, and identifying potential action steps to accomplish goals of the community.

**Phase 4 (two months):** All feedback from the community is considered in the final comprehensive plan update and the plan is delivered to the Township.



# Past Planning Efforts

## Brown Township 2005 Plan Update

The first Brown Township Comprehensive Plan was developed in 1992 with updates in 1998 and 2005. The plan was in the process of being updated in 2014 when all efforts were suspended. The current plan update contains several recommendations related to the environment, land use, and public facilities.

The 2005 Plan gave priority to environmental protection and sustainability. Notably, it called for a strong focus on protecting the Big Darby Creek. Priority was also given to protection of wetlands, wooded areas, and other environmentally sensitive lands. The Plan established conservation development as the preferred built form for housing. The Plan also sought to encourage protection of natural areas and open spaces to support the rural character of the Township. Finally, for public facilities, the 2005 Plan recommended use of emerging technologies in wastewater treatment to support conservation development. It also called for facilitating the extension of municipal utility services without annexation.

The 2005 Plan set a primary overarching goal and eight secondary goals:

**2005 Plan Primary Vision:**

*Brown Township should protect and preserve the integrity of the Big Darby Creek. It is one of Ohio's most valuable resources, a designated state and national scenic river, home to over 100 recorded fish species and 43 recorded mussel species, among the top streams in biological quality in the Midwest, classified as an 'exceptional warm water habitat' by the OEPA and protected as an outstanding state water resource, and designated as a "Last Great Place in the Western Hemisphere" by the Nature Conservancy.*

### Conservation Development

Conservation Development is a type of land use that focuses on sustainable development in select areas while emphasizing the preservation of open space and natural features.

Ex: Clustering houses together in a small area to maximize open space and preserve environmental features.

This style of development is strategic and won't increase overall density.



1. Brown Township should maintain a rural residential lifestyle that provides for protection of natural resources and open space.
2. Brown Township should ensure all forms of agriculture, including animal husbandry, continue to play a role in the Township's lifestyle and economy, partly through conservation of productive farmland.
3. Brown Township should protect and preserve open space as an important component of the Township's physical beauty and in maintaining a positive living environment.
4. Brown Township should encourage the extension of central utilities into the Township without municipal annexation in order to better serve conservation development areas.
5. Brown Township should continue to protect the Big Darby Creek, to support protection efforts throughout the Big Darby watershed and to discourage adverse impacts of further urbanization in the watershed.
6. Brown Township should discourage all industrial uses within the Township.
7. Brown Township should oppose the creation of any excavation and quarry operations within the Township, because such facilities operate in an industrial manner that impacts the natural environment, land use and residents.
8. Brown Township should oppose on-stream dams and reservoirs, up ground reservoirs and landfills as incompatible with the physical and land use character of the Township.

## Accomplishments Since the Last Plan

Despite significant changes in the region, the Township has managed to successfully advance or advocate for several of the 2005 Plan goals. The Township has worked tirelessly to advocate for the Big Darby and the watershed over the last twenty years. As a signatory to the Big Darby Accord, the Township has often opposed high density suburban development within the watershed area on the grounds that it would negatively impact water quality in the Big Darby Creek.

The Township continues to push for development that acknowledges the rural and agricultural character of the Township. Since the 2005 Plan there has been no large-scale development within the unincorporated areas of the Township, with all residential development relegated to incorporated areas. Furthermore, the Township has successfully managed to advocate against industrial development, including warehousing and logistics uses and discouraged resource extraction uses like quarrying.

## Areas of Improvement Since the Last Plan

Although the Township had success in carrying out many of the goals from the 2005 Plan, there are still areas for improvement, primarily regarding development and utilities. The Township set out to preserve both open space and agricultural land throughout the Township but made little progress in advocating for landowners to protect or conserve land. There were no policies or programs established locally to encourage owners of farms and farming operations to protect their lands.

The Township has not yet made significant advancement in establishing policies, plans, or programs to help protect natural and open spaces. There remains opportunity to protect Tier I and Tier II lands as identified in the Big Darby Accord.

No progress was made in securing municipal utilities for unincorporated development. This is not for lack of desire on the part of the Township, as there are many moving parts to any agreement for utilities without annexation.

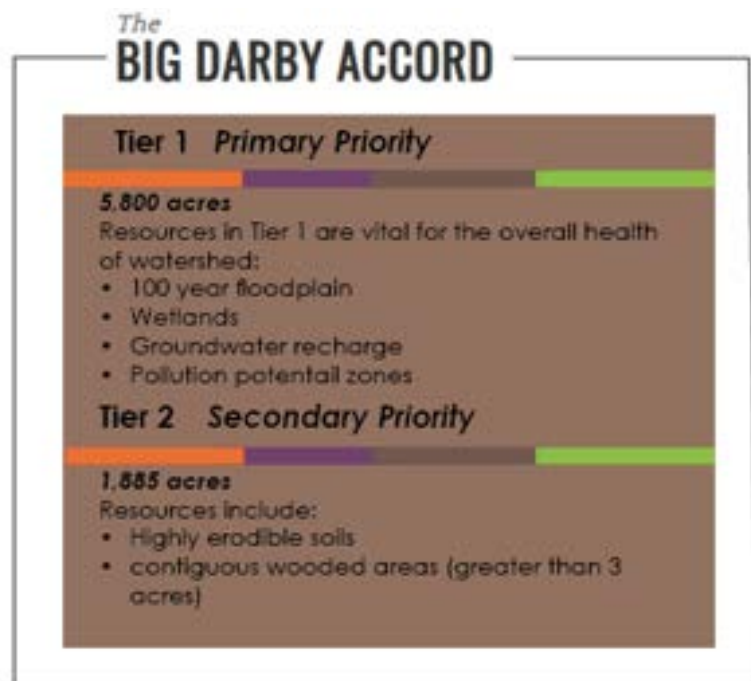
# The Big Darby Accord Watershed Master Plan

The Big Darby Accord is a comprehensive watershed master plan developed collaboratively by ten local jurisdictions in Franklin County to protect the environmentally sensitive Big Darby Creek Watershed by guiding responsible development. Adopted in 2006, the Accord serves as a multi-jurisdictional guide for both development and conservation across an 84-square-mile planning area representing about 15% of the total Big Darby Watershed. The plan aims to preserve and protect the Big Darby Creek, which is recognized as one of the most biologically diverse aquatic systems in the Midwest, home to 38 state and federally listed aquatic species.

For Brown Township specifically, the Accord has significant implications as it comprises a substantial portion of the planning area (approximately 13,840 acres or 25.67% of the total planning area). The Accord recommends that Brown Township adopt conservation development as the preferred land use pattern for the majority of its area. Conservation development utilizes smaller lot sizes, clustering homes together while preserving natural areas by allowing the same gross units per acre. This approach requires that 50% of a development site be placed in a perpetual conservation easement to be managed in a natural state, with housing clustered on the remaining land. The Accord discourages conventional subdivisions in favor of this conservation-focused approach.

The Accord also establishes a tiered conservation strategy that affects land use decisions in Brown Township. The strategy identifies environmentally sensitive areas categorized into three tiers of priority for protection, with Tier 1 (including floodplains, wetlands, and critical groundwater areas) being the highest priority. Development within these areas is subject to strict guidelines aimed at protecting water quality. Additionally, the plan creates an implementation structure that impacts governance in Brown Township, establishing a Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel that provides

non-binding review of zoning and development applications to ensure consistency with the plan. Brown Township would have representation on this panel.



As of 2025, the Big Darby Accord is undergoing an update. Started in January with a kick-off and website launch, the process continues throughout 2025. As of the writing of this plan (July 2025), three workshops, stakeholder interviews, and a site tour have been completed. Stakeholder interviews were set to include representatives of environmental advocacy groups; parks, recreation, and conservation organizations; environmental agencies; MORPC; Franklin County staff; jurisdictions & townships; advisory members; developers; and the Builders Industry Association. The interviews were conducted early in the process.

The first workshop took place in April and addressed water quality monitoring. Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District was on-hand to discuss water quality monitoring. They were joined by the Midwest Biodiversity Institute, who covered monitoring and assessment, including costs. The Ohio EPA also presented, discussing permitting, protections, and water quality management.

The second workshop discussed revenue modeling and was held in May. That meeting included presentations by the City of Hilliard, the City of Columbus, and Franklin County. Presenting agencies discussed their funding mechanisms via fees charged to developers building within the Big Darby Accord area. They also discussed mechanisms like New Community Authorities (NCAs) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts as methods of addressing development impact. Each entity discussed unique projects within their jurisdictions.

The plan update still calls for an additional workshop, jurisdiction updates, and a public meeting prior to the final document. This additional workshop will cover topics related to land use. A list of final recommendations and a draft final plan amendment to be provided in December of 2025.

Brown Township, along with Prairie Township, is also designated to lead the master planning process for the proposed Town Center area that falls partially within its boundaries.

For areas of Brown Township outside the Town Center, the Accord recommends using alternative community-based sewage treatment systems, rather than central sewer service. The plan recognizes that the predominant Kokomo-Crosby-Lewisburg soil association presents challenges for wastewater treatment; The appendix on alternative wastewater treatment systems specifically notes that Brown Township's soils are "great for farming but has conditions that limit the use of household sewage treatment systems." To address this, the plan recommends regional or community-based treatment systems managed under the direct supervision of the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer.

# Big Darby Town Center Master Plan

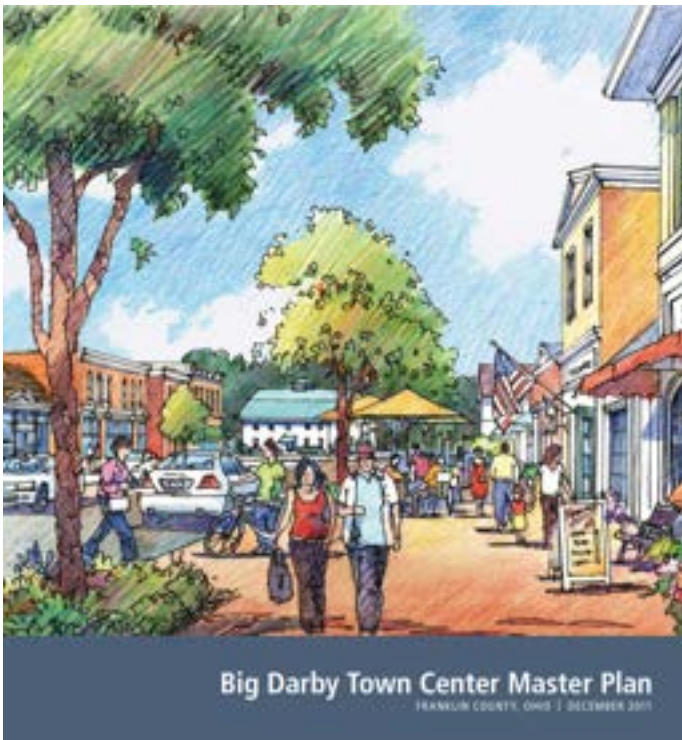
The Big Darby Town Center Master Plan, completed in December 2011, represents a comprehensive development framework for approximately 2,500 acres of land located in Franklin County, Ohio. The plan was created to implement the vision established in the 2006 Big Darby Accord Watershed Master Plan. This ambitious plan outlines a mixed-use development that balances conservation goals with development needs, creating a walkable village-style community with diverse housing options and commercial spaces organized around a framework of preserved natural areas. The plan reflects market realities while maintaining the original vision of a sustainable community, though with adjusted development projections of approximately 3,500 residential units and 700,000 square feet of commercial space over a 30-year timeframe. This area is designated to receive centralized sewer service, with an initial capacity for approximately 5,000 equivalent dwelling units. The Town Center is designed to focus development intensity in a more concentrated area, thereby reducing development pressure on the rest of the watershed.



Existing Conditions and Current Uses within the Proposed Town Center Site.

The plan's implementation strategy acknowledges concerns from Brown Township about potential negative impacts, particularly regarding a potential I-70 interchange that was mentioned in the Big Darby Accord. The master plan analysis concluded that such an interchange is neither justified nor needed for the Town Center's success, noting that it would be at least 15 years away if recommended at all.

For governance and revenue purposes, the master plan recommends establishing a Development Authority that would oversee the Town Center's implementation using a public-private partnership model. This authority would work with landowners, including those in Brown Township, to contribute their land as equity rather than requiring outright acquisition. Revenue mechanisms would include Tax Increment Financing (TIF), a New Community Authority (NCA) with community development charges, and developer contributions, with 75% of these revenues allocated for "Accord Purposes" including protection of open space, stream preservation, and infrastructure costs. The plan also recommends creating a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) between the City of Columbus, Brown Township, and Prairie Township that would generate income tax revenue from commercial properties, providing an ongoing funding stream for both Brown and Prairie Townships to support the Town Center over its multi-decade build-out period. The Town Center never caught on due to many factors, mainly lack of developer interest. However, with the Big Darby Accord undergoing an update, and with the funding of Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) LinkUS W. Broad St. transit corridor, there is possibility of a revamped Town Center plan.



# Relationship to Other Plans & Policy Documents

## Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of relevant planning documents throughout neighboring municipalities and entities. Analysis of these plans provides critical context for recommended actions and next steps, as well as exhibiting how Brown Township is impacted by adjacent planning documents and their strategic implementation goals.

## Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks 2016 Plan

The Columbus & Franklin County Metroparks operates parks across Franklin County and beyond. Brown Township has two Metroparks, Prairie Oaks Park along the Darby Creek and the Heritage Trail Park. The Metro Parks Plan analyzes extensive community engagement to prioritize a set of initiatives for the parks system.

### Relevant Heritage Trail Park initiatives:

- Add a pedestrian trail adjacent to the entrance road at the wetland area
- Extend Heritage Trail from Hilliard to connect with the Scioto Trail and complete the trail west connecting with Plain City
- Evaluate addition of a dog park
- Continue reforestation
- Investigate additional park features to attract more visitors (i.e. a challenge course)
- Create signage that eliminates the confusion caused by multiple park entrances

### Relevant Prairie Oaks initiatives

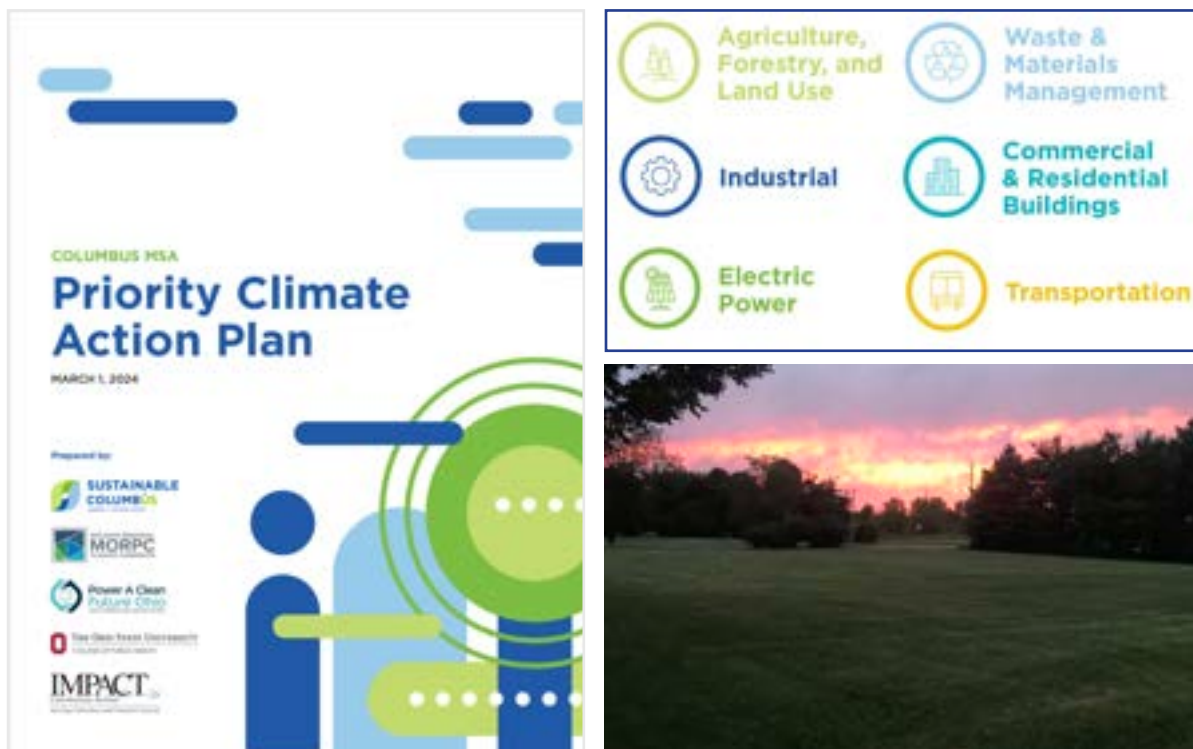
- Connect the Darby Creek Greenway trail south to Battelle Darby Creek and north to Heritage Trail
- Improve accessibility of trails
- Pave gravel parking lots in high-use areas and fence in the dog beach area
- Develop a plan to attract a wider audience with programming that is educational and fun, and investigate the possibility of a mountain bike trail
- Install additional surveillance cameras where needed
- Prioritize and implement a list of improvements that will increase access to and participation at the park
- Continue operational collaboration with Batelle Darby Creek

## Columbus MSA Priority Climate Action Plan

The Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) for the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was prepared by various stakeholders, including the City of Columbus, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO), IMPACT Community Action, and The Ohio State University. The plan aims to support investment in policies, practices, and technologies that reduce pollutant emissions, create high-quality jobs, spur economic growth, and enhance the quality of life in Central Ohio. It is a collaborative effort funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address climate change and enhance sustainability in the Columbus MSA.

The principles and goals outlined in the plan, and summarized below, can be adapted to discussions regarding conservation development and preservation of Brown Township and the Big Darby Creek and watershed:

- **Preservation of Agricultural Land Use:** The plan advocates for maintaining agricultural areas, reducing urban sprawl, and protecting the rural character of the region by promoting sustainable farming practices, supporting regional tree canopy inventory, expanding tree canopy coverage, and conserving 1,000 acres of greenspace across the region.
- **Riparian Corridor Conservation:** The plan outlines initiatives to protect and restore riparian corridors, to maintain water quality, preventing erosion, and supporting wildlife habitats. PCAP outlines measures to reduce emissions and strategies to benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs).



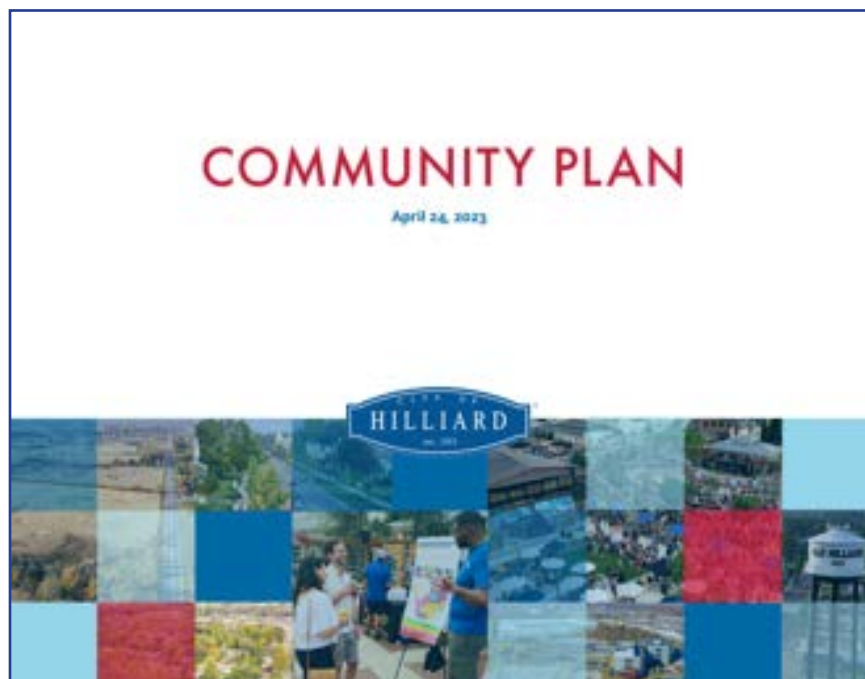
## Hilliard, Ohio Comprehensive Plan (2023)

The Hilliard Comprehensive Plan outlines a vision for the future of Hilliard, emphasizing inward growth, mixed-use development, trail expansion, walkability, revitalization of Cemetery Road, premium office sites, greenbelt conservation, and expanding housing options. The plan promotes strategic and coordinated development and conservation.

The Future Land Use Plan is the key portion of Hilliard’s plan that relates to Brown Township. The City of Hilliard plan states the following regarding future land use.

- Keep the incorporated areas of Brown Township and bordering neighborhoods a mix of Conservation Development and Parks and Open Space.
- Based on the Big Darby Accord, the City of Hilliard agreed to support additional taps or equivalent residential units (ERUs). As of this plan’s adoption, this agreed-upon limit has been reached.
- Prioritizes land uses that offer community benefits, such as infill and redevelopment, and conservation of a larger proportion of remaining developable land by preserving more open space than recommended.
- Create a connected open space and greenway system along the city’s western edge, utilizing low-impact site and building designs.

Other significant aspects of the plan include an educational component to showcase the area’s natural features, ecological significance, and agricultural legacy, incentivizing non-residential “conservation development,” updating the Hilliard Conservation District standards, advocating for an update to the Darby Accord Plan, partnering with Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks, and establishing an educational space within the Big Darby Creek and watershed area.

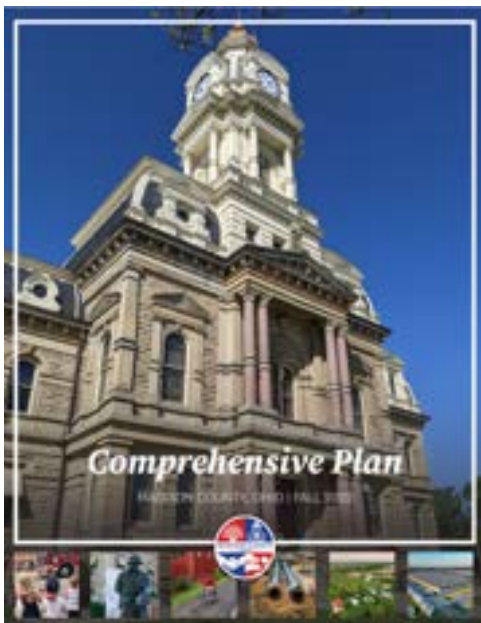


## Madison County 2022 Comprehensive Plan

Madison County is a neighboring county that shares priorities with Brown township. It recognizes that Central Ohio is a dynamic, growing metropolis which threatens the region’s agricultural heritage. Agriculture is imagined as the dominant industry of the county while acknowledging that economic diversification can help the community weather turbulent economic conditions. The comprehensive plan’s section on land-use best illustrates the interventions the county must make to preserve its rural character. In the pursuit of establishing a future land-use plan which endures suburban sprawl, Brown Township can learn from the way Madison County manages the tension between these two patterns of development.

First, the county identifies targeted “Growth Areas” along its major transportation corridors. “Flex Employment” is the intended engine of the county’s Growth Areas. This land-use district takes advantage of its well-connected network of roads and highways by allowing warehousing, distribution, and manufacturing facilities on a large footprint. These areas also make an excellent location for “Regional Commercial” uses (i.e. big box retailers).

Outside of the county’s existing, traditional small towns and Growth Areas, agricultural production is the sole preferred land-use. New large lot residential areas are entirely discouraged, except the homesteads of farmers. This regulation protects farms like those in Brown township from residential development. The plan recommends amending the agricultural zoning district to permit solar farms. Madison County’s plan recommends additional steps beyond overt land-use regulations such as zoning to reach agricultural conservation goals, restricting the extension of urban services such as water and sewer unless it is demonstrated to be imperative to an agricultural operation, and embracing green technology to reduce dependence on such urban services.



# Hilliard City School District Strategic Facilities Plan

The Hilliard City School District Strategic Facilities Plan was created to assess the quality and capacity needs for the school district’s facilities and concrete steps to achieve them based on data-analysis and community input.

## Analysis & Community Engagement

Most schools met or nearly met their adequacy potential except for some elementary schools. Adequacy score reflects the quality and supply of specific elements such as flooring, plumbing, and furniture. Enrollment has remained particularly stable for the past decade and is expected to decline in the next. In total, the district was found to be at 98.2% capacity. The three high schools were at 121.5% capacity. Existing facilities were not simply beyond capacity but require remodeling to accommodate contemporary education. Housing development in the district is significant but falling short of earlier projections. Development in the district is largest in the southwestern portion, an area that includes Brown Township.

### Recommendation: Create a third 6th Grade Center

- Acquire land in Bradley High School feeder-area to build new elementary school
- Move Brown Students into new Elementary School in Bradley High School feeder-area
- Renovate Brown or Horizon to become a new 6th Grade Center
- Other changes outside Brown Township area, primarily renovating existing facilities
- Implement new boundaries and feeders
- Changes are expected to arrive within 10 years



## Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2)

The document outlines three guiding principles.

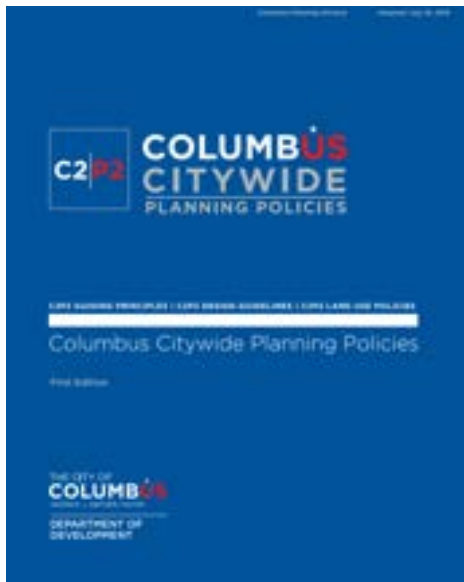
1. **Healthy and Complete Communities**, encourages mixed-use development, protection of employment-oriented land uses, local agriculture, access to parks, and connectivity through streets, sidewalks, bikeways, and multi-use trail networks.
2. **Guided Growth and Sustainable Development**, focuses on revitalizing older neighborhoods, utilizing existing infrastructure, protecting natural resources, incorporating green building techniques, and encouraging conservation development.
3. **Design and Character**, highlights the importance of high-quality development that enhances neighborhood character, preserves historic buildings, and creates pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.

The document encourages conservation development as part of guided growth and sustainable development. It references the Environmental Conservation District, which is the first city policy to protect the Big Darby Creek. The Agriculture classification is characterized by urban and rural food production sites, and existing agricultural sites may be subject to redevelopment. In situations where a proposed development is inconsistent with the Agriculture land use recommendation, opportunities for parkland, adaptive reuses, new uses, and minimizing impacts on adjacent uses are recommended.

The recommendations for agricultural land use in the C2P2 document emphasizes the preservation and sustainable management of agricultural areas to support local food production, reduce urban sprawl, and protect the rural character of the region. The plan also encourages adaptive reuses for existing agricultural sites.

The guidelines for minimizing impacts on adjacent uses in the C2P2 document emphasize several strategies to ensure that new developments are compatible with their surroundings and do not negatively affect neighboring properties. One of the key recommendations is to explore opportunities for parkland, pending support from the Recreation & Parks Department. This approach helps to create green spaces that can serve as buffers between different land uses and enhance the overall aesthetic and environmental quality of the area.

For new residential uses, the proposed net density will be reviewed for compatibility with adjacent uses and the character of the neighborhood. Retail and entertainment uses may be appropriate on commercial corridors but not in residential neighborhoods. This maintains the residential exclusivity of neighborhoods while allowing for commercial activities in designated areas. Proposals should follow the C2P2 Design Guidelines for the proposed use to ensure that all developments are thoughtfully planned and executed. This section is especially relevant to Brown Township, considering the already-developed subdivisions bordering Brown Township within the boundaries of Columbus, and the demand for future development of similar character.



C2P2 Element	Description	Application
Guiding Principles	"Big picture" ideas that express how the city should develop and serve as the foundation for the Land Use Policies and Design Guidelines.	Citywide
Design Guidelines	Recommendations for the placement and design of development (what development should "look" like), including topics such as <b>connectivity</b> , setbacks, parking, open space, and natural resources.	Citywide
Land Use Policies	Detailed policies (text) designed to be used with the <b>Recommended Land Use Map</b> in an area's Land Use Plan. These policies provide flexible guidance on key land use issues and scenarios.	Citywide
Land Use Plan(s)	Developed for each area individually. It includes a Recommended Land Use Map and Area Specific Policies, and provides recommendations to address special circumstances in each area.	Area Specific

## Zone-In Columbus

The City of Columbus’s Zone-In initiative – approved by City Council in 2024 – represents a transformative update to the city’s zoning code—the first in over 70 years. While the initiative is focused on accommodating projected population growth within Columbus through increased density along 62 designated corridors and intersections, its regional implications are expected to extend well beyond city boundaries. For Brown Township, the anticipated effects of Zone-In present both challenges and opportunities that warrant careful consideration within the township’s broader planning framework.

The scale of regional growth suggests that spillover into unincorporated areas such as Brown Township is likely. The township’s population of 3,886 residents, rural infrastructure, and proximity to Columbus make it particularly sensitive to these dynamics. Brown Township has already experienced governance tensions related to regional growth. In 2024, Franklin County approved the rezoning of a 24.1-acre parcel on Davis Road from Rural to PR-6 high-density residential, despite formal opposition from township trustees. The site lacks existing public water and sewer infrastructure, prompting concern from the township and calls for a rezoning referendum. This case illustrates the broader tension between regional growth management and local land use autonomy—a dynamic that Zone-In has intensified across Central Ohio.

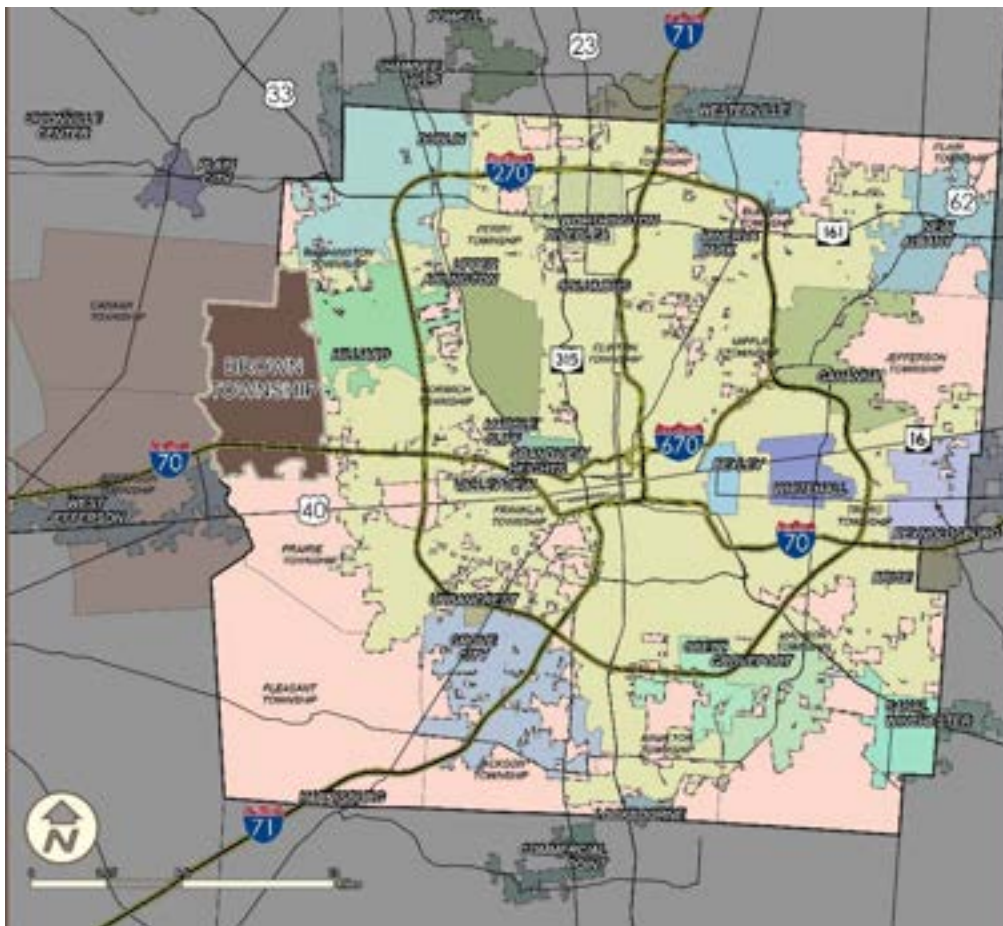
Zone-In’s phased implementation—beginning with commercial corridors, followed by industrial areas (2025–2026), and concluding with single-family districts (2027)—introduces planning uncertainties for adjacent jurisdictions. Brown Township must prepare for potential development pressures that may not fully materialize until the latter phases of the initiative. These pressures are compounded by infrastructure constraints, particularly in water, sewer, and transportation systems originally designed for low-density rural use.

Franklin County’s sanitary engineering department currently serves approximately 7,000 residences and is undergoing a comprehensive capacity evaluation. Planned utility rate increases are intended to fund system improvements, but high-density development would require infrastructure investments that exceed current capacity. Transportation infrastructure faces similar challenges.

# Context

Brown Township is located on the far West side of Franklin County. It shares boundaries with unincorporated areas of Prairie and Norwich Townships in Franklin County, and Canaan and Jefferson Townships in neighboring Madison County; Brown Township also shares borders with incorporated communities of Hilliard and Columbus in Franklin County, and West Jefferson in Madison County. The township is situated along the Big Darby Creek, an enduring point of community identity and pride. It is among the most rural of Franklin County’s remaining townships.

Brown Township has limited access to regional roads. Despite I-70 bisecting the Township in an east/west manner, there is no highway interchange. No other road within the Township is a numbered state or federal route. Due to this lack of regional access and poorly draining soils that make development difficult, the Township has been among the last to begin developing in Franklin County. Because of its rural and open nature, the Township now faces strong development headwinds. With its location adjacent to high-growth Hilliard, the Township has begun to see more intense residential development along its eastern portion.



Map 1.1: Franklin County Communities

# History

Brown Township was established on March 3, 1830, 23 years after the formation of Franklin County. It was the second-to-last township laid out in the County. Formed from parts of Norwich, Prairie, and Washington Townships, it was originally part of Franklin Township. The Township's present Western boundary along the Big Darby Creek was established on March 4, 1845, by an act of the Ohio legislature.

Brown Township was settled by Euro-American settlers as far back as 1810. Their original settlers included John Hayden and John Patterson, among others, whose names adorn Hayden Run and Patterson Rd., respectively. Through 1835, settlers continued to arrive, building farms, homes, and businesses. Settlers included a contingent of Welsh immigrants, who had been settling across central Ohio, including in present-day parts of Newark and Granville in Licking County. By 1837, members of the Hayden family opened a mill on the Big Darby Creek, and a railway, the Urbana and Western Railway, soon followed. Rail service was followed by steam-powered industry and a post office, built in 1848.

Around 1848, a community of free black Americans moved to the Township and purchased a tract of land. They opened a seminary for education of black children, which remained in operation for some time, consisting of four or five families. This town, dissolved in 1863, was known as Union Seminary. The school did not close when the settlement dissolved, instead relocating to Greene County, Ohio and rebranding as Wilberforce University. Another settlement, developed by the white settlers along the Darby Creek, known aptly as Darby Creek, is also no longer in existence. By 1850, the Township had a population 681, and in 1853 there were 310 "youth" aged five to twenty-one.





**Section 1:  
Brown Township  
Today**



# Population & Demographics

Brown Township’s population has more than doubled over the past 50 years. As of 2020, the entire Township has a population of approximately 3,886 compared to its 1970 population of 1,084. Of the current population, approximately 63% live in the unincorporated areas of the Township. Similarly, Franklin County has continued to grow over the past 50 years increasing by about half a million people since 1970.

Brown Township has a median age of 41.2 years old as of 2022, higher than the County average of 34.6. The Township’s median age has remained steady over the pass decade. One third of the Township’s population falls in the 35 to 54 age range with the next most popular age range being under 20 years old and comprising 28% of the population. These age ranges are significantly lower compared to 2010 data indicating that 38% of the population fell into the 35 to 54 years age range and 32% of the population being 20 years and younger.

	Franklin Co	Brown Twp Total	Brown Twp (Unincorp)	Hilliard City (In Twp)	Hilliard (All)
1970	833,249	1,084	1,084	0	8,369
1980	869,126	1,538	1,538	0	8,131
1990	961,437	1,825	1,825	0	11,796
2000	1,068,978	2,031	2,031	0	24,230
2010	1,163,414	2,293	2,249	44	28,435
2020	1,323,807	3,886	2,432	1,454	37,114

Figure 1.1: Brown Township Population

## Incorporated Township Land

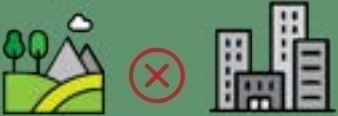
Land that once belonged to the Township but has been annexed and is now a recognized portion of the municipality.

In the case of Brown Township, Incorporated Land is land that has been annexed but is recognized as both a part of the Township AND adjacent municipality.



## Unincorporated Land

Refers to land, in this case the Township, that is not recognized as a municipal area.



# Housing

There are two methods of examining housing statistics in Brown Township. The first is the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS). Conducted every year, the ACS samples a subset of individuals and, in combination with other information like the last decennial census, develops datasets. These datasets have a certain margin of error, as they are not exact counts. Despite being estimates, the numbers are generally quite close. **It is important to note also that ACS data for Brown Township includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas.**

The other method is the Franklin County Auditor’s Office. The County Auditor’s Office tracks all parcel and tax data within the county. Parcel datasets are constructed by the Auditor’s Office, and includes specific information on individual parcels, such as appraised value, year built, number of stories, etc. This is also the primary source for land use data, as each parcel is coded with a specific value that indicates how the land is used. Auditor’s data is quite accurate; however it is only as good as the data that can be found. For example, not all housing units are official, and not all housing units contain only one family or dwelling unit. Therefore, the number of housing units reported does not necessarily correlate to the actual number of housing units. Contrary to ACS data, auditor parcel data can be separated by unincorporated and incorporated areas.

According to the Franklin County Auditor’s Office, there are 1,528 housing units shared between incorporated and unincorporated Brown Township as of 2023. Of those units, 668 (44%) units are in the incorporated areas. It is helpful to break housing down not just by incorporated and unincorporated, but also by era of construction. Figures 1.2 and 1.3 offer that breakdown. Since 2000, the number of housing units has grown across the entire Township. There was also significant construction of homes in unincorporated Brown Township from 1970 to 1999.

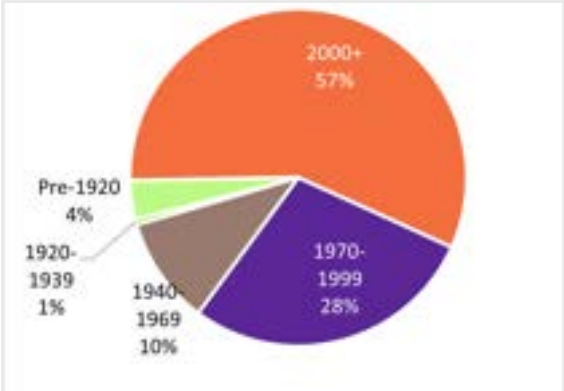


Figure 1.2: Homes by Year, Entire Township

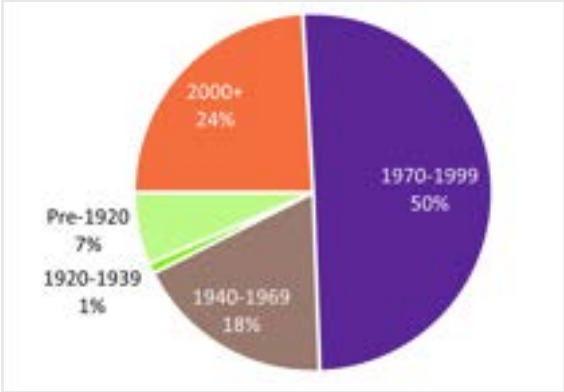


Figure 1.3: Homes by Year, Unincorporated Township

The typical housing in Brown Township, per the Franklin County Auditor, is slightly different between unincorporated and incorporated areas, owing to differences in housing era, typology, and development pattern. The average residence in unincorporated Brown Township features three bedrooms and two bathrooms, with an approximate size of 2,400 square feet. A home in incorporated Brown Township has, on average, four bedroom and two bathrooms, and is 2,799 square feet. Figure 1.5 provides a detailed breakdown of the typical homes as described.

ACS provides some more specific housing data on the township as a whole. Brown Township has a homeownership rate of 86.2% with zero homes sitting vacant. The median home value is \$559,800, and 61.7% of units have a mortgage, with a median payment of \$3,311. Renters have an average rent of \$1,171. In terms of cost burdening, or those households paying 30% or more of the income towards housing costs, 20.8% of owner-occupants are cost burdened. Only 5.6% of renters are cost burdened.

A large number of occupants, 41.3%, have moved into their homes since 2018. It should also be noted that 13.5% of occupants have lived in their homes since before 1989, indicating some substantial housing tenure. The average family unit is 3.1 persons, while the average household (which includes units with related families and unrelated persons) is 2.76 persons. 36% of households have at least one person under the age of 18, while 16.1% of all persons in the Township are 65 or older.

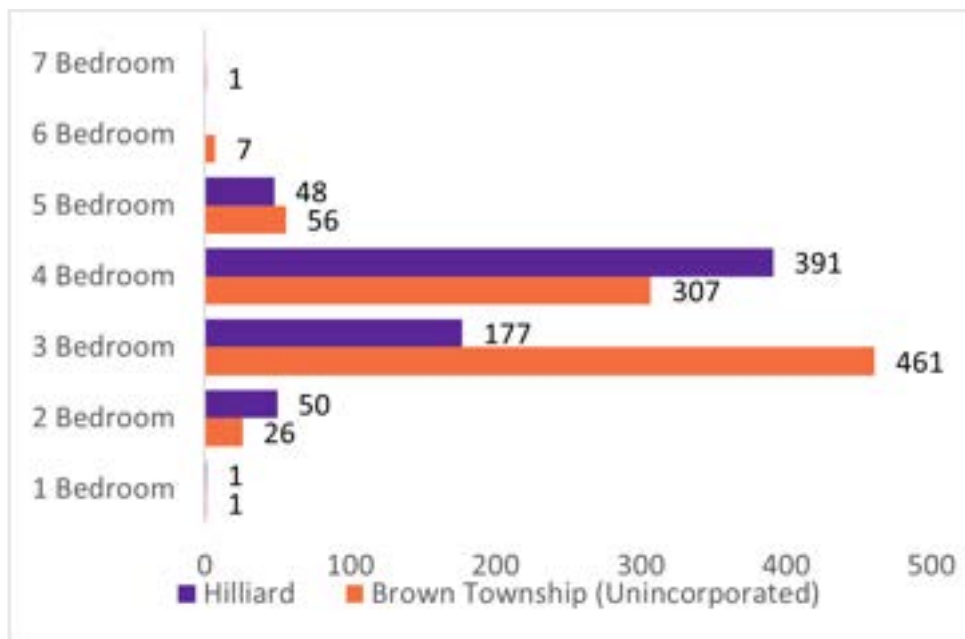


Figure 1.4: Bedrooms per Home

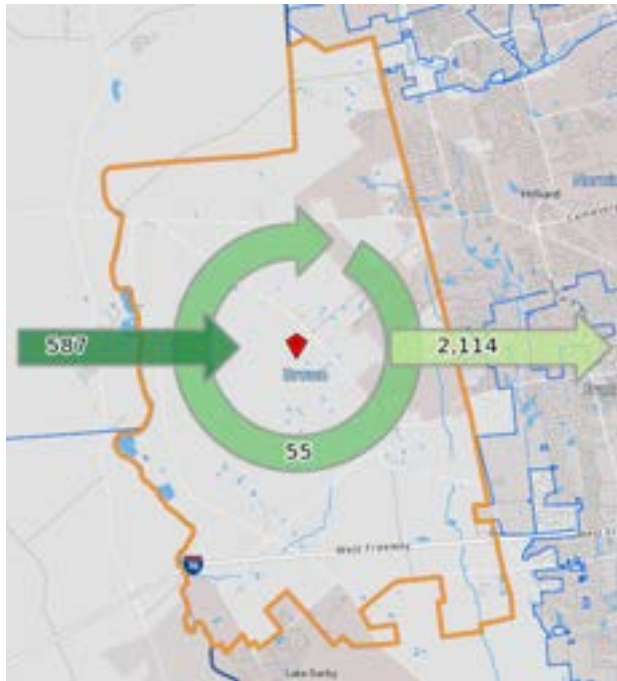
# Income & Employment

The median household income in Brown Township is \$153,281, while the mean household income is \$190,517. This large disparity indicates a small number of extremely high-earning households relative to most households in the Township. In terms of education, 56.5% of Township residents hold at least a bachelor’s degree, far above the state and regional averages. Brown Township has a 66.3% labor market participation rate, slightly lower than regional averages but above the state average. Those residents in the workforce primarily work in occupations related to management, business, science, and office work, at a rate of 81.3%.

Brown Township has a working-age population, defined as those 16 and older, of 4,248. According to 2024 data, the Township has a labor participation rate of 67.1%, and an unemployment rate of 1.8%. Individuals may not participate in the labor market for a number of reasons, with four primary drivers. Specifically related to younger and older persons, workforce participation is lower because of school enrollment or retirement, respectively. Additionally, participation is further reduced by disability status/inability to work and childrearing/childcare. Figure 1.5 shows labor participation by age group, as well as sex. Labor participation for those under 25 and especially those 65 and older is low, most likely related to schooling and retirement. Female participation is roughly 8 percentage points lower than male, potentially due to childcare or child-rearing.

Age Group	Population	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate
16+	4,248	2,800	52	1.8%	67.1%
16-24	642	340	12	3.4%	54.8%
25-54	2,216	1,979	40	2.0%	91.1%
55-64	618	423	0	0.0%	68.4%
65+	772	58	0	0.0%	7.5%
Male Age 16+	2,140	1,495	24	1.6%	71.0%
Female Age 16+	2,108	1,312	26	1.0%	63.5%

Figure 1.5: Labor Participation



The majority of the Townships' 2,000+ workers leave the Township for work on a daily basis. Given the rural nature of the Township, this is to be expected. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 data, the most recent year for which the Bureau provides data, 2,114 workers live in the Township and go elsewhere for work, while only 55 live and work in the Township. A further 587 come from elsewhere to work in the Township. Of those leaving the Township for work, most work in the city of Columbus (46%), while smaller segments work in the cities of Hilliard (9%) and Dublin (7%). The remaining workplaces are spread throughout the region.

Figure 1.6: Employment Commute



# Economy

Brown Township’s land uses revolve around agriculture. However, agriculture is not necessarily a significant source of employment within the Township. According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2022 data, agriculture doesn’t provide a measurable source of employment. Data shows educational services to be the single largest, comprising 39% of all jobs. Given the presence of three Hilliard City School District schools, this is not surprising. A further 17% of jobs are in the accommodation and food services industry, and 11.2% are in healthcare & social assistance. All three of these industries are heavily supported by the school district presence in the Township, making the schools a vital source of jobs for the Township. Other services (7%) and construction (7%) are the remaining industries providing over 5% of jobs, with the final 16% spread across numerous industries.

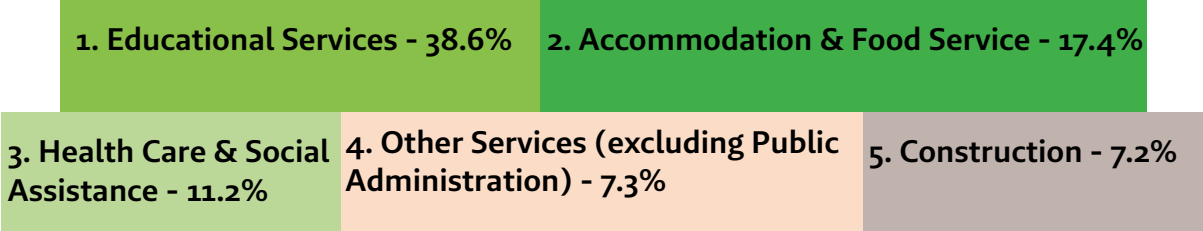


Figure 1.7: Popular Employment Industries

An analysis of business located in the Township using Environmental Science Research Institute (ESRI) data. A search found 64 businesses within the Township. Businesses included the schools, non-profits like churches, and new housing development sales offices. When those listings were removed, 50 businesses remained. Data reported showed approximately \$52 million in sales for 50 significant businesses.

Business	Income	Percentage
Kuhlwein Petroleum Co.	\$24,084,000	45.99%
Haywire and Co.	\$4,666,000	8.91%
Premiere Plant Solutions	\$3,269,000	6.24%
U-Haul Neighborhood Dealer	\$3,155,000	6.02%
Woodmark Forest Industries	\$2,813,000	5.37%
Cable Technology	\$1,837,000	3.51%
A R Building Co.	\$1,720,000	3.28%
Decks	\$1,032,000	1.97%
<b>All Others</b>	<b>\$9,797,000</b>	<b>18.70%</b>

Figure 1.8: Business Breakdown

Fourteen of the businesses listed did not report income. Of those remaining 36 businesses with income listed, \$24 million was derived from Kuhlwein Petroleum Co. accounting for nearly half of all reported income. In all, 8 businesses report income greater than \$1 million. Conversely, 23 businesses reported incomes of less than half a million dollars, indicating a high percentage of smaller businesses within the Township.

# Annexation

From 1845 until relatively recently, Brown Township’s borders remained unchanged. Starting in 1990, however, Hilliard and Columbus began accepting annexations from land within unincorporated Brown Township. These initial annexations were done via what is known as “Type I” annexation. Under a Type I annexation, the lands are removed from the Township entirely. There were two such annexations, both completed in the 1990’s.

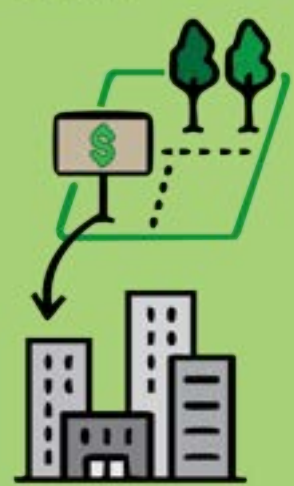
Beginning with annexations in 2005, the process, and outcome, shifted. Annexing municipalities in the area began utilizing “Type II” annexations over Type I annexations. The major difference between the two types is that Type II leaves the annexed land within the Township. In this way, the Township remains underneath the municipality, effectively incorporated township land. The Township continues to collect its inside millage, typically benefiting from improvements on the property that raise taxable value.

The Big Darby Accord set aside lands which Hilliard would annex in the future as the Hilliard Growth Area. It is an identified area of high densities, with access to sanitary sewer and municipal water. It is anticipated that Hilliard will annex the entirety of this area.

ANNEX TYPE	DATE	ACREAGE	CITY	TOTAL PARCELS
Pre-Type	1990	67.7	Hilliard	92
Type II	10/28/1996	4.4	Hilliard	1
Type II	4/11/2005	6.9	Hilliard	1
Type I	7/18/2005	17.9	Columbus	1
Type II	3/12/2007	7.8	Hilliard	2
Type II	3/11/2009	480.2	Hilliard	112
Type II	3/11/2009	1.8	Hilliard	0
Type II	7/22/2009	420.8	Hilliard	451
Type II	1/11/2010	7.2	Hilliard	3
Type II	3/14/2011	21.3	Hilliard	3
Type II	1/11/2016	111.2	Hilliard	229
Type II	8/22/2016	127.4	Hilliard	3
Type II	1/28/2019	24.8	Columbus	1
Type II	12/17/2024	136.4	Columbus	2
Type II	Unknown	389.8	Hilliard	184
<b>Total Acreage Annexed</b>		<b>1825.6</b>		

### Annexation

Annexation in the State of Ohio is the process in which a municipality expands its boundaries to include nearby unincorporated land. There are multiple types of annexation. The most common type of annexation is Type 2 Expedited.



### Majority

A type of annexation when a simple majority (51%) of landowners present a valid petition for annexation to the adjacent municipality.

**Type 1 - Expedited**

Occurs when all property owners, townships, and municipal corporations consent to the annexation of land. The land is removed from the Township and added to the municipality.

**Type 2 - Expedited**

Occurs when property owners consent to annexation. The consent of townships and municipal corporations is not required. Land becomes part of both the Township and municipality unless boundaries are conformed.

**Type 3 - Expedited**

Must meet the same requirements as Type 2 Expedited but the annexation must result in an economic development project.

Figure 1.9: Brown Township Annexation Breakdown

# Infrastructure

As a township on the periphery of development, Brown Township is seeing some transition from rural to exurban. This is well reflected in infrastructure and transportation networks. The Township has a mix of rural roads, country highways, and suburban streets. There is also a mix of centralized utilities and private systems. However, there is also strong access to more suburban utilities like high speed internet and TV.



# Transportation

Brown Township’s Road network is primarily rural, especially in the unincorporated areas. Roads are maintained by either the county or the state in unincorporated areas, and by the city in the incorporated areas. The Township itself maintains very little of the roadway network, with responsibility for less than eight miles of roadway, making up 12.6% of all roads within the Township. Franklin County is responsible for roughly 36 miles and 59% of all roads. The State of Ohio maintains 7.5 miles of Interstate 70; note that each direction is treated as a separate roadway, given the separate nature of the highway. The 1.9 miles of private roadway in the Township are mostly within Heritage Preserve apartments, but also accounts for Scenic Darby Way, Adams Lane, and Abbey Chase Court, all of which are private roads.

Authority	Miles	Pct
County	36.3	59.0 %
City	8.1	13.1 %
Private	1.9	3.1 %
State	7.5	12.2 %
Township	7.7	12.6 %
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61.8</b>

Figure 1.10: Road Typologies

Township-maintained roads are 55 MPH, and speed is governed by the County Engineer’s Office. Township roads are mostly residential, with some agricultural uses along and accessed from Roads maintained by Franklin County are paved and marked, often having an improved shoulder. These roads tend to be high-speed, typically 55 MPH, but can be signed as otherwise when design, topography, or surrounding land uses dictate, such as parks access roads. They are wider to accommodate higher-speed traffic and trucks that may use the roads to access regional or national connections. The County maintains and controls the Metro Parks access roads within the township.

Speed	State	County	City	Township	Private	Total
25	0.00	1.16	8.05	0.00	1.85	11.33
35	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.74
55	0.00	34.72	0.00	7.73	0.00	42.17
65	7.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.48</b>	<b>36.62</b>	<b>8.05</b>	<b>7.73</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>61.72</b>

Figure 1.11: Speed Limits

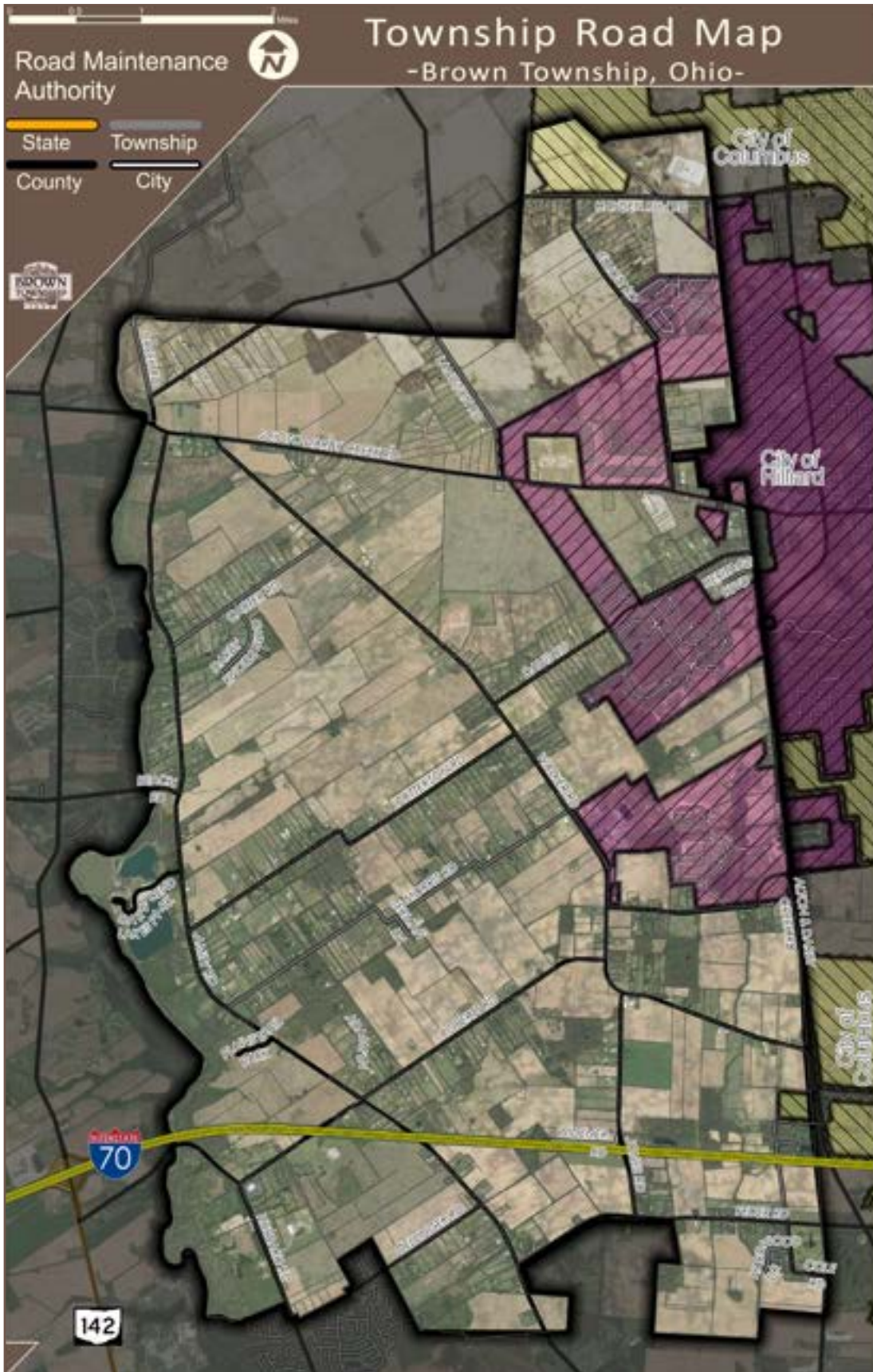
Hilliard maintains around eight miles of local roads in the incorporated areas of the Township. These roads are almost exclusively neighborhood residential roads, located in the Heritage Preserve, Alton Place, Hill Farm, and Tarleton Meadows developments.

Non-motorized transportation within the Township is relegated to two areas, incorporated developments and Metro Parks lands. Incorporated Township areas within Hilliard have sidewalks and walking trails throughout developments, with some trails connecting into the wider network. Trails in Heritage Preserve connect to Alton Darby Creek Rd. and to the rest of Hilliard, providing access to the nearby Hilliard Recreation Center. Additionally, trails for Alton Place, a development currently under construction, will connect not just to the rest of Hilliard, but also to the Hilliard City School District Campus on Walker Rd.

Over the last decade, there has been increasing discussion about trail connections in the Columbus region. There is a gap between Hilliard and Prairie Oaks Metro Park that necessitates some sort of multi-modal path through Brown Township. Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that serves Central Ohio, has conducted multiple studies and limited outreach to people in and around Brown Township. The outcome has typically been general support for some manner of trail connection through the Township, though no location has been settled on.

The Steering Committee for this plan had discussions regarding the potential location of a trail connection. Outreach for the plan, including questions on the survey and a board at the open house, directly asked about the trail. The open house board proposed two locations favored by MORPC. The results were inconclusive, with a major theme emerging; residents of Brown Township recognize the need for, and value of, a trail connecting Prairie Oaks Metro Park and Hilliard/Greater Columbus. Conversely, residents also realize the siting of a trail is a delicate subject that requires intense scrutiny before placing any lines on a map. Property owners whom the trail would affect must be consulted, and residents surrounding any potential trail must be included in all conversations. Therefore, this plan will not make a decision as to the location of a potential multi-modal trail connection.





Map 1.2: Township Roads

# Land Use

Brown Township has historically been an agricultural community. Within Franklin County, it remains among the most significant farming areas, providing wheat, corn, and soybeans to area markets and cattle farms. Today there are still 7,600 acres of farmland in production, making up over half (56%) of the Township. However, given the development pressures in the area, that number creeps lower each year. In addition to agricultural lands, there is also about 1,050 acres of parks and open space, almost exclusively contained within, or controlled by, Franklin County Metro Parks as part of Prairie Oaks Metro Park. A further 363 acres is part of development open space within housing developments in the incorporated areas of the Township.

Use	Acres	Parcels
Single-Family SubLot	670	1003
Single-Family Rural	2,851	701
Multi-Family, HD	28	3
<b>Residential Total</b>	<b>3,549</b>	<b>1,707</b>
Commercial	29	5
Public Utility	55	1
<b>Commercial/Utility Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Public/ School/ Civic Total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>20</b>
Parks/Open Space	1,049	40
PUD Open Space	363	83
<b>Protected Open Space Total</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>123</b>
Farmland	7,658	200
Vacant	231	50
<b>Farmland &amp; Undeveloped Total</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,481</b>	<b>2,108</b>

Figure 1.12: Land Use Breakdown

The majority of remaining land uses are residential, and are almost exclusively single-family, split between rural style housing and platted lots. There is also a large footprint of institutional uses in the Township, as a campus of Hilliard City School District, is within the Township. The campus includes Brown Elementary, Hilliard Memorial Middle, and Hilliard Bradley High School, along with an athletics complex serving the high school. Finally, there is a minor amount of commercial and public utility uses, but no industrial uses.

Existing land uses can be further broken down into controlling jurisdiction. As of 2024, Hilliard has annexed 1,436 acres of land, while Columbus has annexed 25 acres. In total, about 11% of the Township is incorporated. About half of this incorporated land is undeveloped, while residential and protected open space make up most of the remaining half, along with some public exempt and undeveloped land.

Use Type	Unincorporated Brown Township	Hilliard -Incorporated Township	Columbus Incorporated Township	Grand Total
Commercial/Utility	77	7		84
Protected Open Space	1,142	362		1,504
Public-Exempt	284	147	25	456
Residential	3,281	269		3,549
Undeveloped	7,237	652		7,889
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12,021</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13,481</b>

Figure 1.13: Land Use Breakdown by Controlling Jurisdiction

## Land Values & Fiscal

As standalone political subdivisions, Ohio townships are not permitted to collect income tax. While there are mechanisms that enable a township to collect an income tax, such as a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD), those require a willing municipality and specific conditions. Because of this lack of ability to levy income tax, townships are funded primarily through property tax revenue.

Property taxes are directly related to, and driven by, property values. Property values tend to be higher on a per-acre basis in a dense environment with many smaller lots. The values are also driven higher typically by proximity to jobs and amenities. The lots within incorporated township areas, with access to centralized utilities and complete roadway infrastructure like curbs and sidewalks, have a significantly higher value than those in the unincorporated areas. Typically, townships lack centralized water and sanitary sewer service. Additionally, townships can lack the robust public services and amenities of a more densely built city or village, contributing to land valuation.

Map 1.3 demonstrates this phenomenon through comparison of lots located in unincorporated and incorporated Brown Township. On a per acre basis, the smaller lots in Brown Township have a far greater taxable value.

The Township sees financial benefit from development in the form of increased property taxes because these parcels remain in the Township. Since the Township still collects their 1.6 mill inside millage (the legal minimum levy collected which does not require voter approval), they receive increased revenues.

For the tax year 2024, Franklin County parcel data showed a total taxable value of property of around \$159 million in the unincorporated Township, and about \$183 million in the incorporated areas. Assuming the Township's minimum 1.6 mill inside millage, the Township would have collected nearly \$550,000 in property taxes. Of those tax revenues, over half come from incorporated areas within Hilliard. Thus, despite occupying 10.7% of the Township, incorporated areas bring in 53.5% of all property tax revenues, helping to fund Township operations.



In addition to revenues gained from development, the Township also loses revenue through different tax rules. In 2024, Brown Township lost out on around \$190,000 in tax revenue. The largest loss of potential revenue comes from schools, specifically the Hilliard City School District campus, which are exempt from property taxes.

The two other ways in which the Township loses potential revenue are less pronounced. Churches and other religious institutions are generally exempt from property taxes as nonprofit entities. Brown Township loses out on almost \$27,000 in potential tax revenue from these uses. The other potential tax revenue loss is by way of CAUV. About \$22,000 is lost from agricultural property being certified as CAUV. However, given the Township’s desire to remain rural and agricultural, this is a small amount of revenue to sacrifice to preserve agricultural uses in the Township.

Potential tax revenues can also be lost through incentives. The most prevalent incentive in Central Ohio is property tax abatement. Not usable for single-family residential projects, the property tax abatement is commonly utilized in non-residential projects as a tool to entice developers to bring businesses, which in turn brings jobs. Because municipalities are primarily funded through income tax, the decision to trade property tax for income tax is a net benefit for municipalities seeking additional funding, and for developers seeking reduced income tax encumbrances. However, property tax abatement exempts property taxes on the improvements constructed for a set number of years, so property tax abatements disproportionately and negatively impact townships.

There are no tax-abated properties within the Township.

Area	Taxable Value	1.6 Mill Levy	Share
Unincorporated Brown Township	\$ 158,698,050	\$ 253,917	46.48%
Incorporated Brown Township - Hilliard	\$ 182,618,310	\$ 292,189	53.49%
Incorporated Brown Township - Columbus	\$ 111,440	\$ 178	0.03%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 341,427,800</b>	<b>\$ 546,284</b>	

Figure 1.14: Taxable Value

Area	CAUV	Institutional	Religious	School	Totals	Lost Tax Revenue
Unincorporated Brown Township	\$ 11,885,300	\$ 1,632,700	\$ 6,441,500	-	\$ 19,959,500	<b>\$ 31,935.20</b>
Incorporated Brown Township - Hilliard	\$ 1,600,800	-	\$ 8,594,400	\$ 88,889,200	\$ 99,084,400	<b>\$ 158,535.04</b>
Incorporated Brown Township - Columbus	\$ 318,400	-	-	-	\$ 318,400	<b>\$ 509.44</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 13,804,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,632,700</b>	<b>\$ 15,035,900</b>	<b>\$ 88,889,200</b>	<b>\$ 119,362,300</b>	<b>\$ 190,979.68</b>
<b>Lost Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 22,087.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,612.32</b>	<b>\$ 24,057.44</b>	<b>\$ 142,222.72</b>	<b>\$ 190,979.68</b>	

Figure 1.15: Lost Tax Revenue

# Agriculture

Brown Township’s history and identity is tied closely to agriculture. Even today, over half of the Township, roughly 7,600 acres, is dedicated to agricultural uses, as recorded by the Franklin County Auditor’s parcel data. Map 1.3 demonstrates the reach of agricultural uses throughout the Township. Agricultural uses persist in most areas of the Township, aside from areas adjacent to the Big Darby Creek, residential properties along Morris and Patterson Rds., and the new development to the East within the incorporated areas. Map 1.4 depicts areas that are considered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as prime farmland. The largest amount of prime farmland is found along the western side of the Township. However, farming does not occur along much of this portion due to its proximity to the Big Darby Creek as most of this land is protected by, or a part of the Prairie Oaks Metro Park. Much of the land in the center of the Township that is used for agricultural purposes would be considered prime farmland if the land was drained according to the USDA designation.

Brown Township’s built environment is organized to facilitate farming and agricultural uses of land with much of the housing as very low density. Houses in unincorporated Brown Township sit on multiple acres of land creating large amounts of open space. This style of housing development is often considered “agricultural” in nature. Neighbors are far apart and open space is abundant and often agricultural. Even with development pressures in the region, Brown Township has continued to embrace its agricultural character.



Another way to determine working agricultural land is the Current Agricultural Use (CAUV) data, a program offered to each Ohio county as a benefit for working farms. CAUV works by valuing land at its current agricultural use rather than its most profitable, or highest and best use, which is how land is often valued. The resultant reduction in land value often results in tax bill reduction, which in turn helps farms remain financially viable. To qualify, a parcel of land must either have ten or more acres devoted strictly to commercial agriculture, or have an average yearly gross income of \$2,500.

Figure 1.16 shows the amount of CAUV land within Brown Township. When compared with Map 1.4, there is near total overlap between agricultural uses and CAUV parcels. This means that most lands used for agriculture are part of commercial farming operations, reinforcing the value of agriculture for Brown Township.

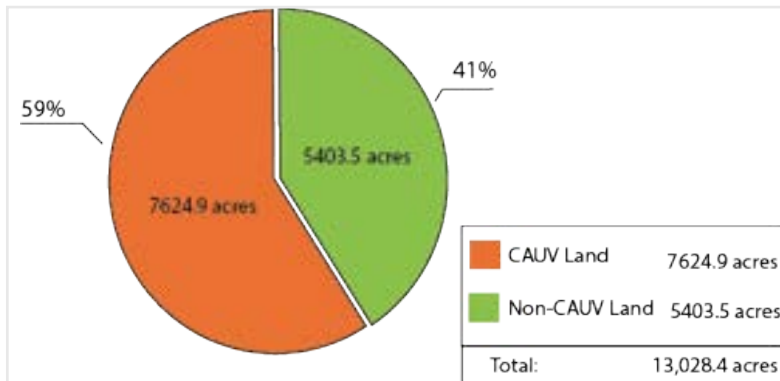
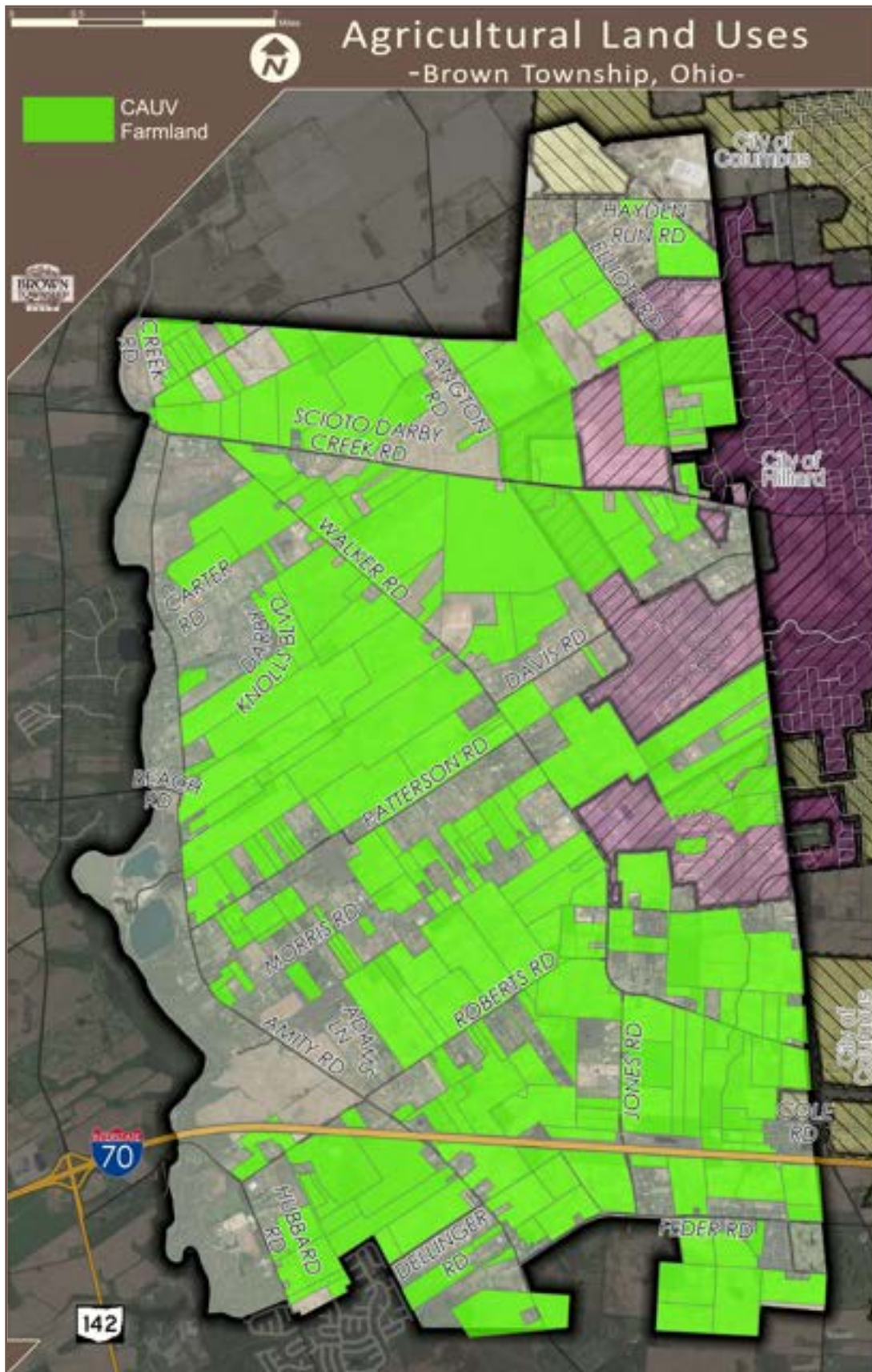


Figure 1.16: CAUV Breakdown



Map 1.4: Agricultural Land Uses

# Open Space Preservation, Conservation, & the Environment

Brown Township has a strong interest in environmental conservation, owing to its location along the Big Darby Creek. The identity of the Township is strongly tied to the Big Darby Creek, and the Township desires to maintain its high water-quality. A large part of that is dependent on the Big Darby Accord, adherence to which is a primary concern of the Township (see past planning efforts).

Environmental features including floodplains and wetlands can be found along the western and eastern sides of the Township. Map 1.6 shows locations of waterways, wetlands, floodplains, and floodways. The western side of the Township faces greater flood-risk due from the Big Darby Creek, though the safety risk from flooding is mitigated due to a majority of floodplain and floodway being held by the Metro Parks as protected land. There is some additional floodplain and floodway on the East side of the township along Hamilton Run. These wetlands and flood hazard areas play an important role in managing stormwater runoff and water quality within the Big Darby Creek and watershed, especially as development continues to occur.

It is important to monitor the impact of development in and around the Big Darby Creek and watershed, as it relates to aquatic species. According to Midwest Biodiversity Institute, in an analysis of Ohio EPA data, fish biodiversity begins declining when developed land hits 5%, and plummets when developed land reaches 15%. Brown Township's portion of the watershed mirrors development across the entire watershed. As of 2021, 10% of land in Brown Township's portion of the Big Darby Creek Watershed is developed, and approximately 10% of the total Big Darby Creek watershed is developed, meaning Brown Township is developing on pace with the greater watershed.

How well soils drain have an impact on stormwater runoff and water quality, as poorly draining soils cause pooling of stormwater and can lead to sheet flows across surfaces, ultimately increasing levels of effluent and turbidity in the Big Darby Creek. Conversely, well draining soils supports good water quality because stormwater drains through the soil, allowing for natural filtration and keeping sediment out of the Big Darby Creek. Maps A2 and A3 demonstrate the drainage of soils in the Township using USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS). Many of the soils are classified as "Very Poorly Draining", indicating roughly 93% of the soils are hydric or non-draining. The majority of remaining soils in the Township are "Somewhat Poorly Drained" indicating at least 71% of hydric soils. Extreme northern portions of the Township, as well as those areas roughly east of Amity Rd., are at least "Moderately Well Drained".

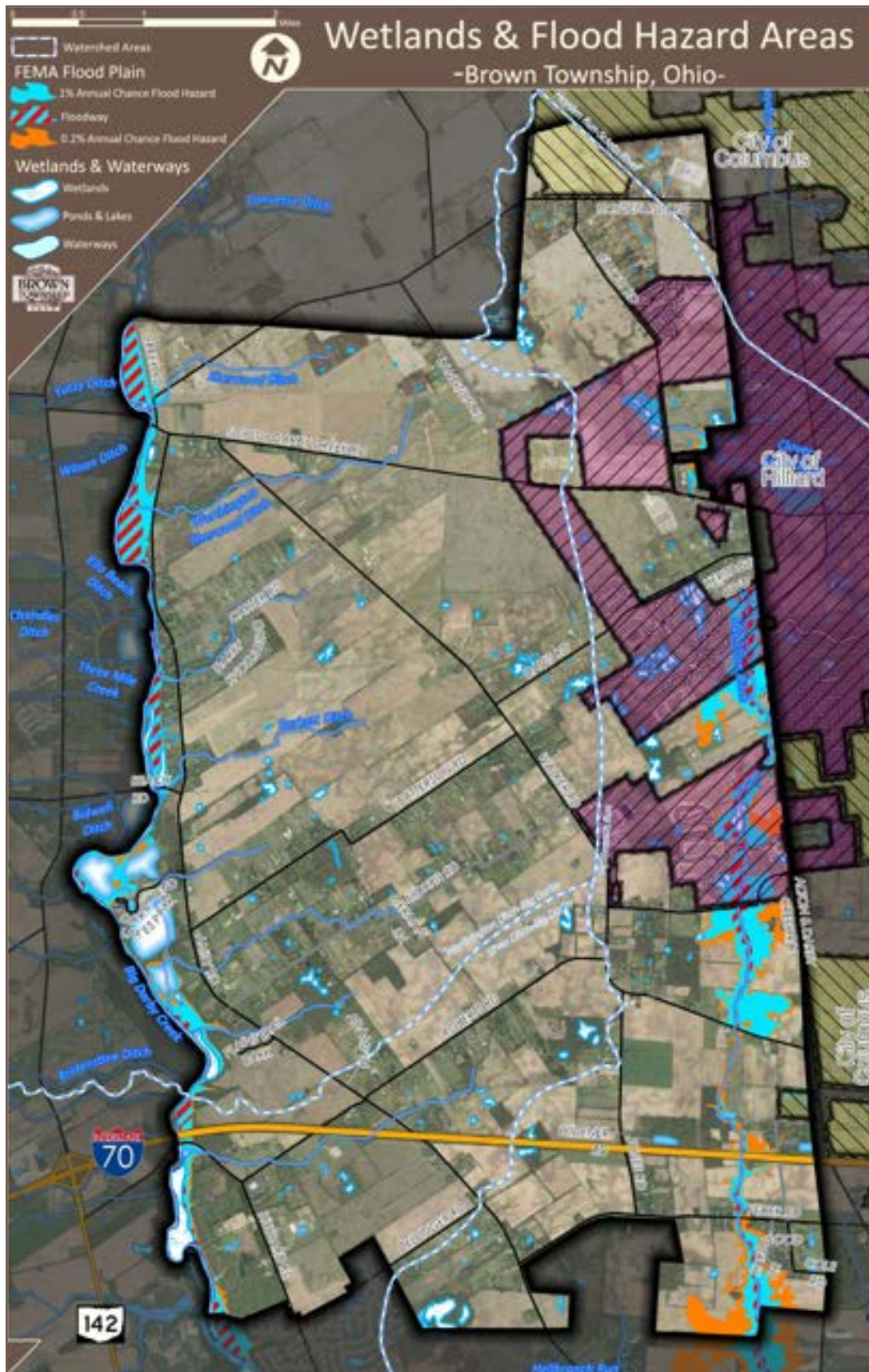
Water quality in the Big Darby Creek is also a concern for residential drinking water. Most, if not all, of the Township's unincorporated residents draw drinking water from private wells, and any increase in development or changes in drainage patterns poses a threat to

personal drinking water supplies. Ohio EPA data can be mapped to better understand the vulnerability of groundwater supplies. Map A1 demonstrates vulnerability on an Ohio EPA scoring scale of 45 to 223, with a higher number indicating more vulnerable groundwater resources. This score is based on seven natural topographical and hydrological factors, including distance to groundwater, slope, hydrologic conductivity, and type of soils. As shown in the map, most of the unincorporated Township falls within the 120-139 range, indicating moderate threat to groundwater resources.

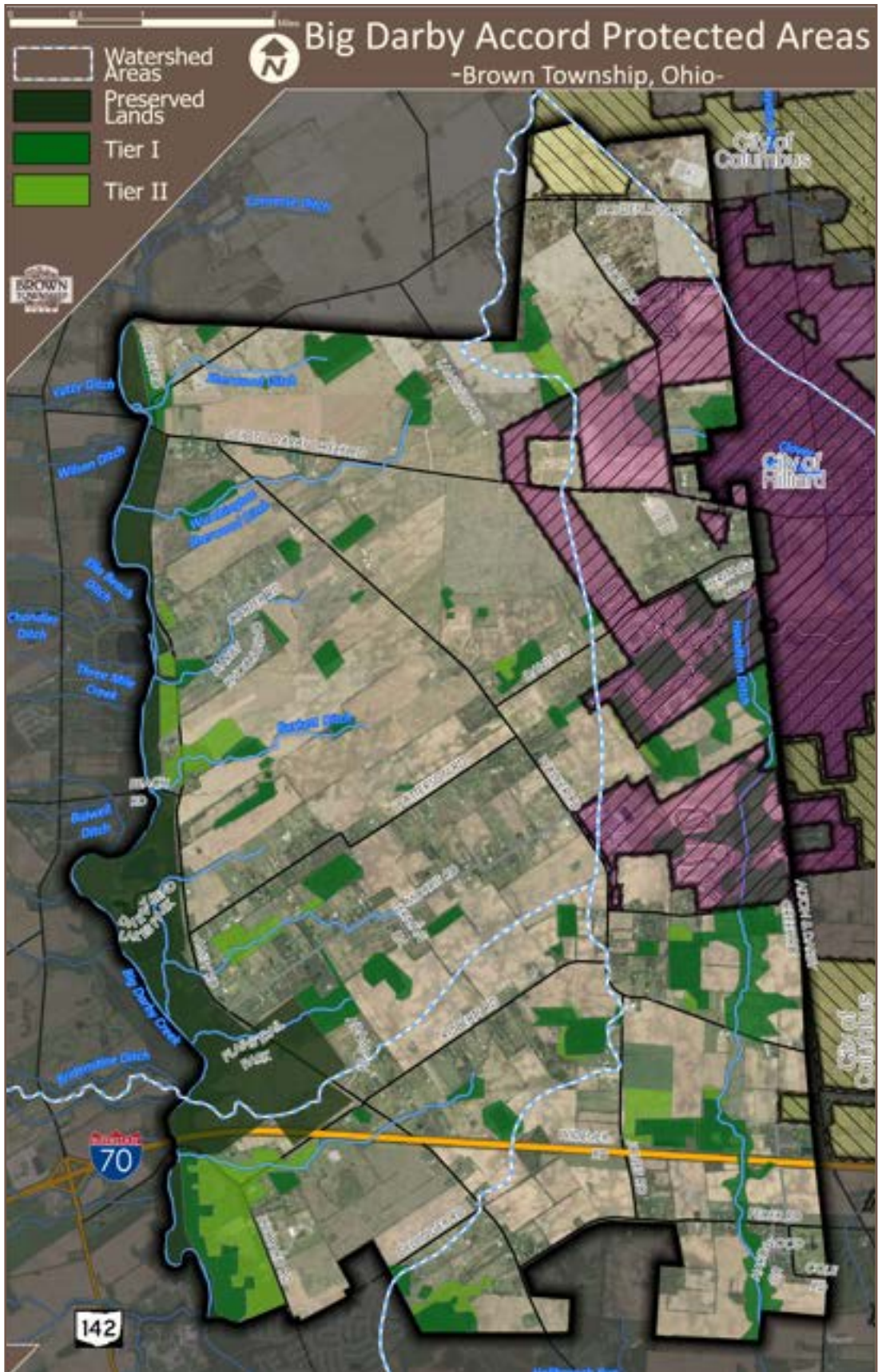
A 2014 Ohio EPA Assessment of the watershed indicated that water quality in the eastern portion of the Township was fair. Results from the same Ohio EPA Assessment indicate areas of high-density development correlate with areas of fair and poor water quality. Whereas areas with land uses indicated as hay/pasture, cultivated crops, and deciduous forest tend to be near areas of good and excellent water quality. This is due in no small part to the increase in impervious surfaces and alteration of drainage that comes with suburban development.

Water table depth is another confounding factor in water quality and runoff issues. Map A4 demonstrates the average depth of the water table in the Township. A large portion of the Township has a water table of zero to five inches below the surface. High water table depth indicates strong potential for flooding, as soils become easily saturated and unable to drain.





Map 1.5: Wetlands & Floodplains



# Parks & Recreation

Brown Township has one park, Brown Township Nature Preserve, located behind Fire Station #82 and the Dever Building along Walker Rd. The township does not have a parks department or park board of its own. Brown Township benefits from being adjacent to both Hilliard and Columbus which offer comprehensive parks and open spaces. Additionally, Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks (Metro Parks) have two park facilities within the Township. Prairie Oaks Metro Park occupies the east bank of the Big Darby Creek within the Township east of Amity Rd. The Heritage Trail cuts across the extreme northeast of the Township.

## Columbus & Franklin County Metroparks

Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks is an independent political subdivision under the Ohio Revised Code Section 1545 with a goal of conserving natural resources while providing outdoor spaces for people to enjoy. Metro Parks was established in 1945 with the first park opening in 1948. Metro Parks currently oversees twenty (20) parks with over 28,000 acres of water and open space.

## Prairie Oaks Metropark

The Prairie Oaks Metro Park is over 2,000 acres and runs along the Big Darby Creek. The metro park is situated on both sides of the Big Darby Creek, making the area rich in natural features. Although most of the park is located just west of the Township, a portion of the park, specifically the Sycamore Plains Area, is located within Township boundaries. This area gives access to the Sycamore Trail, a moderately difficult trail that winds through the Sycamore trees and grasslands. There are several more portions on the western side of the Township with park and recreation amenities. The Darby Bend Lakes and corresponding Darby Creek Greenway are located more centrally along the western side of the Township. The Darby Creek Greenway is an easy walking, hiking, and biking path that is just over three miles in length. The path winds through the Darby Bend Lakes and crosses over the Big Darby Creek via the Big Darby Creek Bridge. The Darby Bend Lakes also offer two shelters providing visitors with a place to sit in the shade. The Darby Bend Lakes permits several opportunities for recreation, such as boating, canoing, kayaking, and fishing all permitted. Additionally, the Prairie Oaks Dog Beach is a popular destination in the Darby Bends Lake Area, giving pets a fun place to play and cool off.



## Heritage Trail Park

The Heritage Trail Park is located next to the Heritage Rail Trail. The Heritage Rail Trail is the portion of the park that is in Brown Township. The trail, in the northeast corner of the Township, is an approximately 6-mile multi-use trail perfect for walking, hiking, and biking. The Bridle trail runs parallel to the Heritage Rail Trail starting from the Hayden Run Road access point. Unlike the multi-use trail, this trail is sandy and used primarily for horseback.



## Additional Recreational Amenities

### Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Camp Ken-Jockey

Camp Ken-Jockey is approximately 220 acres in size and was voted one of the top 500 camps in America by Newsweek. The camp site has cabins, lodges, and areas to set up tents. It offers challenge courses, canoing, fishing, and archery. This site is a day camp area for Girl Scouts during the summer months and offers troop camping opportunities as well. The site also offers educational field trips for schools during the spring and fall where students can learn about wildlife, survival skills, and STEM.



# Services & Facilities

Brown Township provides limited direct services to residents. At present, the only service provided by the Township is maintenance of Township roads.



Map 1.7: Township Facilities

# Police

The County Sheriff’s office provides police protection for those unincorporated areas of Franklin County lacking local law enforcement. While Ohio Revised Code gives townships the ability to levy and fund their own police department, such as in Clinton and Franklin Townships in Franklin County, Brown Township relies exclusively on the Franklin County Sheriff for basic law enforcement coverage in the unincorporated areas. Because Brown Township has no local police, the county sheriff is, per Ohio Revised Code, responsible for preservation of public peace as a basic service without additional charge.

In Ohio, many townships, and even some municipalities, enter into a separate contract with the county sheriff for dedicated services. Such services typically include an agreed-upon number of contractually obligated officers whose sole purpose is to provide law enforcement services to one community exclusively, sometimes involving a substation or other outpost. While Brown Township has no such agreement, Prairie Township operates under this model. Similarly, the Township does not contract with neighboring Hilliard for law enforcement services, as is sometimes the case between neighboring or nearby townships and cities.

Aside from basic law enforcement services as provided by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, Hilliard Police provide law enforcement services for the incorporated portions of the Township within Hilliard, while Columbus does the same for its areas of Brown Township. These agencies do not directly patrol the unincorporated areas, but they may provide adjacent and sometimes pass-through coverage in case of emergency.

# Fire & EMS

Brown Township does not offer its own dedicated fire department. Instead, the Township contracts with neighboring Norwich Township Fire Department, which also provides coverage for the entire City of Hilliard. Norwich Township Fire Department is a highly-rated, full-time, and professional fire department, offering 24-hour service with dual fire/EMS staff through three stations, with a fourth under construction.

Norwich Fire is a department, rather than a district under ORC 505.371. The administration of the department falls under the purview of Norwich Township. Its services to Brown Township are bound by a contract and not an established service district. Brown Township has no official say or control over the direction or administration of the fire department outside of what the contract states.

The Township contract with Norwich Fire dates back to the 1980s. As part of that contract, Brown Township must peg their fire levy to that of Norwich Township. The current levy stands at 5.12 mills. In the past, the Township has experienced trouble passing fire levies, However, the fire levy was approved by township voters in May 2025, maintaining Brown Township’s access to high-quality professional fire and EMS service.

In 2024, Norwich fire answered 339 for calls for service. Of these calls, 270 were EMS and 69 were general fire, such as false alarms and outdoor burning complaints. With the opening of Station 84 on Alton Darby Creek Rd., quicker response times will exist in the northern and eastern parts of the township. Together with existing Station 82, Station 84 will ensure complete coverage of Brown Township and the growing areas of Norwich Township.

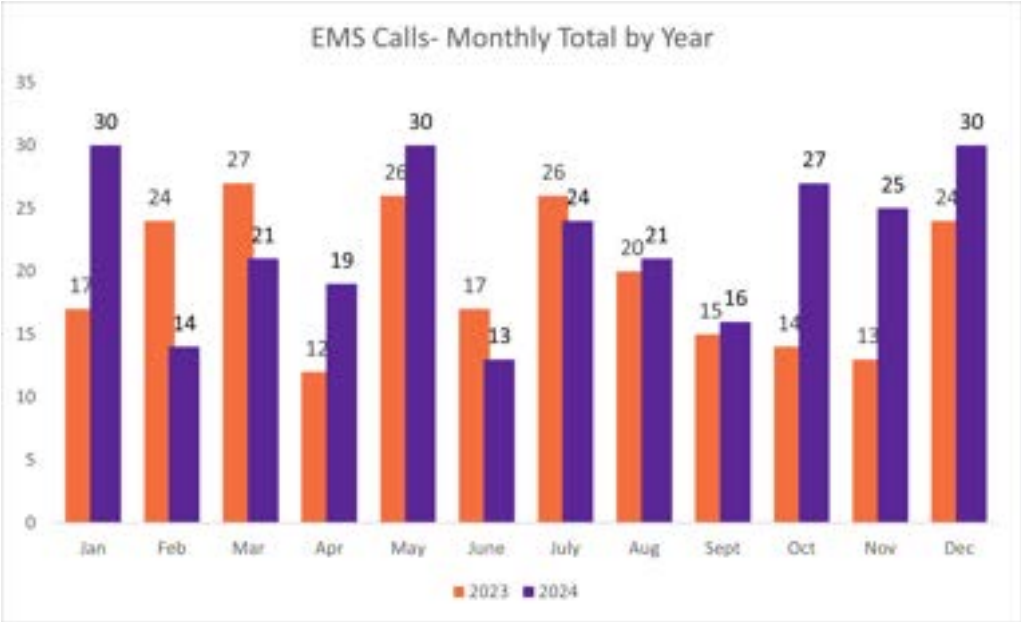


Figure 1.17: EMS Calls by Month

## Township Facilities

### Dever Building - Brown Township Hall

Brown Township Hall is located at 2495 Walker Road in the unincorporated portion of the Township. It was dedicated on May 29, 2025 in memory of long-time trustee Gary Dever. The building houses township meeting space and the maintenance garage, and can be used to fulfill various Township needs. The Dever Building can also be rented out to township residents.



### Fire Station 82 and Township Administrative Offices

Brown Township Fire Station 82, opened in 1999 and renovated in 2022, is located at 2491 Walker Road. It's adjacent to Brown Township Hall and has become the meeting place for Township Trustee meetings as the space is also the current Township office. The second floor of the building houses space for the Fiscal Officer and the Trustees Assistant. In addition to hosting public meetings, the building is also staffed by the Norwich Township Fire Department.



### School District – Hilliard City School District

Brown Township is served by the Hilliard City School District. The district is expansive with has 22 schools. The district is comprised of fourteen (14) elementary schools, two (2) sixth grade schools, three (3) middle schools, and three (3) high schools. Three of those schools, Brown Elementary School, Hilliard Memorial Middle School, and Hilliard Bradley High School, are all located within Township boundaries. The school district serves over 16,000 students and is the eighth largest school district in Ohio.



Brown Elementary School has a rich history with the original school building being built in 1931. The building saw several additions as well as an annex building addition as the school district expanded. In the early 1980s, the original school building was torn down and the existing building is located where the original once stood. The current building can hold up to 600 students ranging from kindergarten to 5th grade.



With passage of the Hilliard City School District's bond issue, a new Brown Elementary School will be constructed just north of Memorial Middle School, on Walker Rd. The current Brown Elementary School will become the district's third 6th grade building.



# Section 2: Public Engagement



# Public Engagement Events

## Introduction

Community engagement is vital during the comprehensive planning process. A plan can only be tailored to a specific community through interactions with residents and stakeholders throughout the process.

The community engagement strategy for Brown Township was robust. There were many opportunities and different mediums to provide feedback on the planning process. A steering committee was created to meet monthly planning staff and guide the plan process. Additionally, conversational interviews were conducted at the beginning of the planning process to learn more about the community and its needs from residents and relevant agencies. A pop-up event was held to hear initial feedback from community members. Next, an open house gathered input on a larger. Finally, a survey was dispersed both electronically and on paper for community members to complete.



## Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consisted of sixteen (16) members as well as one (1) Township Trustee and one (1) Township staff convened monthly during the planning process for a total of eight (8) meetings. Brown Township’s Steering Committee comprised of involved individuals with different backgrounds, ensures unique perspectives and diverse backgrounds were present at each meeting. During these meetings, planning staff provided information on a plethora of topics including annexation, transportation, land use, and vision and goals. Some meetings were more educational while others were interactive. Committee members provided their thoughts on various planning issues to help and create innovative solutions to better the Township.

Responsibilities of the Steering Committee include:



## Conversational Interviews

Conversational interviews were held during the first phase of the planning process. Planning staff met with key stakeholders including Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Health, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Hilliard City Planners, Hilliard City School District, a Pleasant Township Trustee, and several other stakeholders. Interviews were conducted over two (2) days in late August 2024 and lasted approximately 30 minutes. Many interviewees spent time talking about the Big Darby Creek and watershed, water quality, and sewer hook-ups, as well as residential development along the Hilliard/Brown Township border.

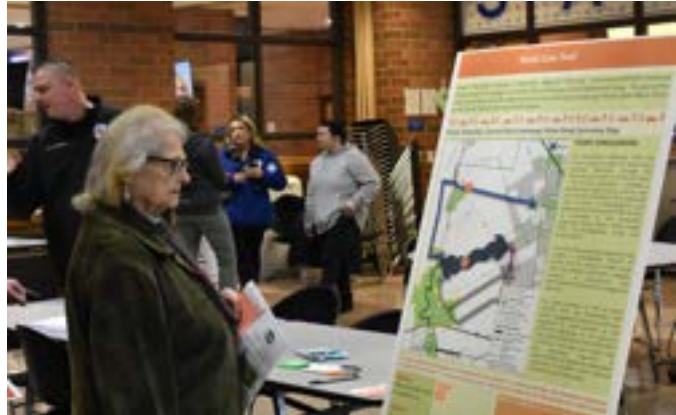
## Pop-Up Event

The first engagement event was held at the Brown Township Firehouse on October 5th, 2024. During the event, residents were informed about the planning process and interacted with display boards asking about community character, and concerns they have about Brown Township's future. The pop-up event helped to gain initial feedback and further tailor the plan to the community. Participants expressed their love for easy access to amenities and employment centers, while also expressing concern about additional annexations.



## Community Open House

The Community Open House was held at Hilliard Bradley High School on the evening of Wednesday, March 5th, 2025. More substantial than the pop-up event, planning staff provided many boards to inform community members about the planning process and Brown Township as well as several interactive boards covering a variety of topics. The Norwich Fire Department was also present at the event to inform community members of the upcoming fire levy and its importance to Township safety. The event was a huge success with over 100 community members attending and interacting with the display boards.



There was a total of seven (7) interactive boards which discussed vision and goals, development types, open-ended questions, multi-use trails, and open space. Responses on all boards provided significant feedback to advance the plan. A full summary of the boards and responses is in Appendix B. Key takeaways are discussed in the paragraphs below.

One interactive board discussed future land use and development in the Township. This board provided a wide range of development styles and introduced a concept called “Conservation Development”. Participants rated agri-retail, farmhouses, and single-family dwellings on multiple acres as their preferred styles of development. Additionally, participants leaned towards being against Conservation Development in the Township along with being unsupportive of any form of apartment complex.

Another interactive board had 5 open-ended questions. Residents expressed a strong desire for the Township to administer its own zoning code and noted development and encroachment as the largest issues currently facing the Township.

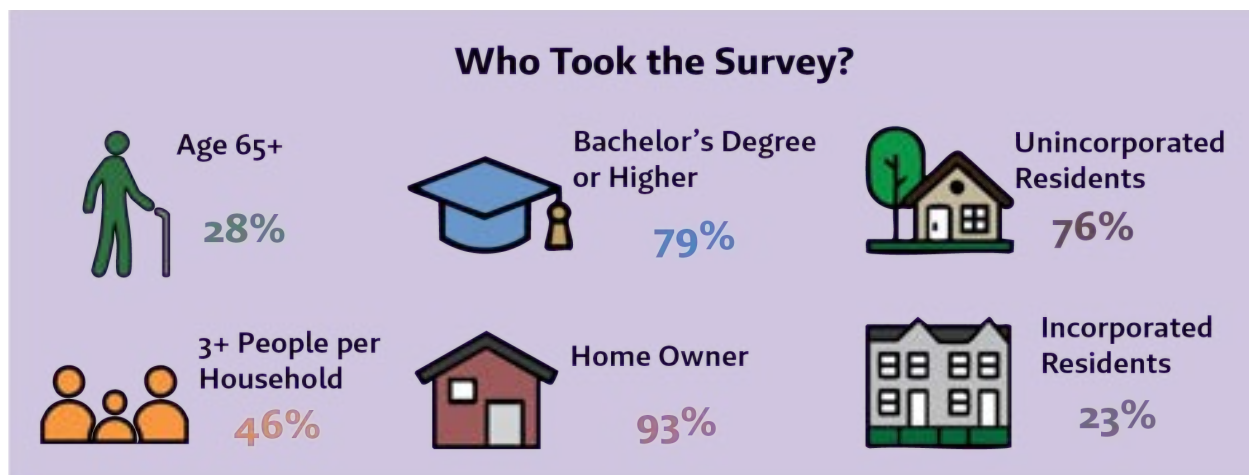
The Open House provided substantial feedback from residents who were passionate about the planning process, made evident through conversations, feedback on display boards, and the overall number of attendees.



## Community Survey

Another way feedback was received from Brown Township residents was a community survey. The survey was offered both on paper and online. The survey was anonymous, and all questions were. The community survey had a total of 315 responses and was open for 8 weeks. The survey was 20 questions and included a “Demographics” section to gain insight on the backgrounds of people completing the survey. Topics in the survey include the Big Darby Creek, housing, zoning, community character, annexation, and development. Questions were a mixture of short answer, multiple choice, and multiple answer. A full survey report can be found Appendix C.

Survey results indicated several priorities of residents and stakeholders over the next five years including the preservation of rural lands, protecting against annexations, and abiding by the Big Darby Accord. Many questions of this survey proved to show that local zoning is very important to residents and stakeholders alike. 93% of respondents living in unincorporated areas of the Township noted a desire for more local control over zoning. Almost 57% of unincorporated respondents strongly agree that Brown Township is a welcoming place for their family. The majority of respondents overwhelmingly agreed the Brown Township is a desirable place to live. Residents think very highly of their community and the people in it and hope their priorities are heard.



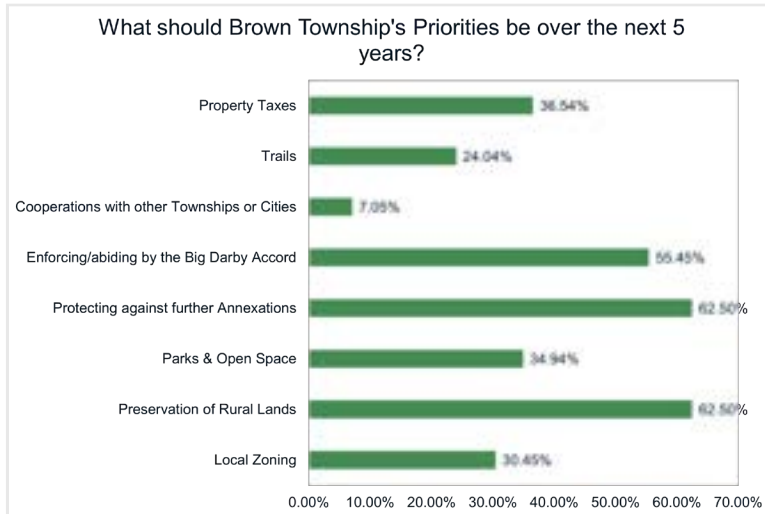


Figure 2.1: Brown Township in 5 Years

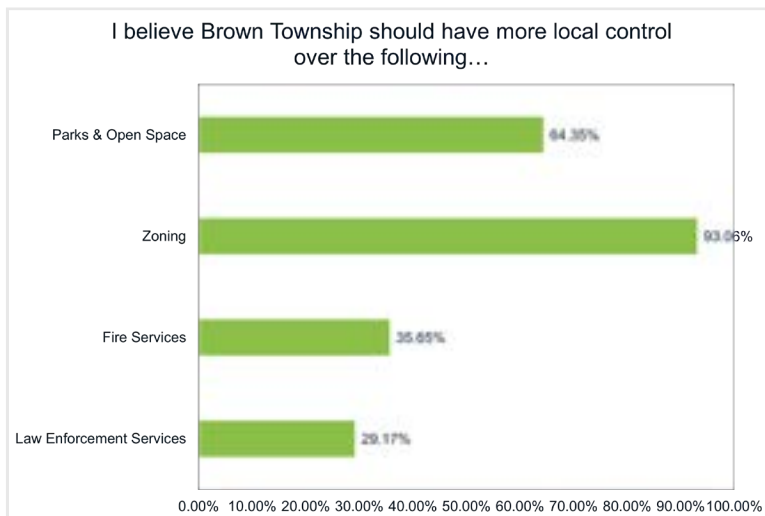


Figure 2.2: Local Control

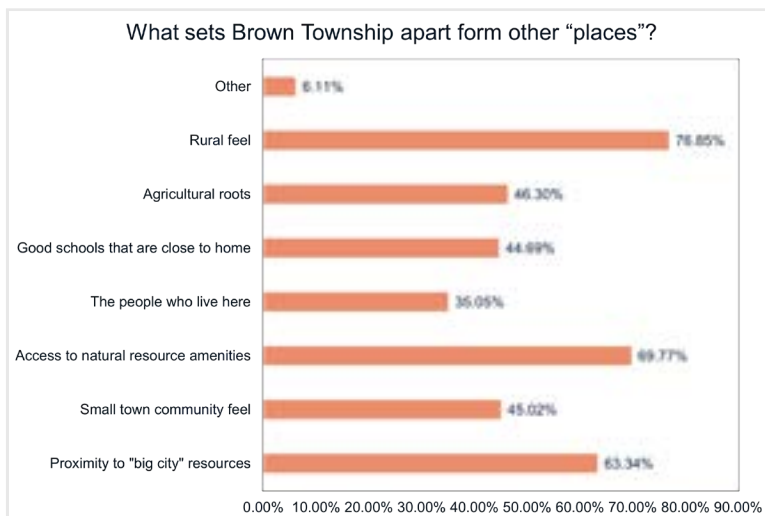


Figure 2.3: Brown Township & Other Places



# **Section 3: Future Land Use**

# Future Land Use Map

The Future Land Use (FLU) map represents one of the core products of a comprehensive plan. As the primary means of visual representation of future development patterns, the FLU lays the framework for what development will look like in the Township for years to come, informing policy changes and development decisions. The FLU is also a geospatial representation of the goals, objectives, and strategies set forth in the plan. Boundaries between use areas in the FLU map are not absolute, and do not always adhere to existing property lines. There may be room from blending use areas to respond to market conditions, topography, and to create a more natural transition between development types. Boundaries between uses should therefore not be considered absolute boundaries.

The FLU is not a standalone document; it requires the descriptions of the future land use types to fully comprehend. Measured via density/intensity rather than general use typology, the FLU offers maximum flexibility in development patterns and land use planning. This method also allows for better preservation of sensitive areas as identified in the Big Darby Accord, as Tiered areas must be preserved and are not eligible for development.

By leaning away from specific uses, the Township can quickly and adequately respond to changes in the market while protecting the interests of the Township. The land use types take into account the following:

- Land uses and mixes
- Infrastructure needs
- Size and scale of buildings
- Residential density
- Non-residential intensity
- Design Aspects

Finally, the FLU identifies gateway areas. These areas represent points of ingress/egress to the Township and provide an opportunity to welcome residents and visitors while conveying Brown Township's values through design.

# Conservation Development Principles & the Big Darby Accord

Conservation Development is the preferred residential land use within Brown Township and is encouraged by the Big Darby Accord. Conservation Development is characterized by the extensive preservation of land, usually in the form of protected natural areas, but in some cases protecting agricultural lands. Residential lot sizes are made smaller in exchange for protecting adjacent property from development. In this way, the total number of homes does not increase over that which would've been allowed had the entire site been developed.

When creating conservation development, developers should refer to the latest version of the Big Darby Accord to determine if any Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III lands fall within the development. Any of those lands identified in the Big Darby Accord must be conserved. Conserved lands must be placed in a conservation easement or an agricultural land easement, or a mix, depending on the intended land use. All easements must be perpetual, and be held by either the Township, or a willing third party as approved by the Township: Conservation Development shall have internal roadways for access to individual properties. Housing areas may opt to provide trails or sidewalk, but those shall be held and maintained by the HOA, and not the Township.

All preserved lands within Conservation Developments must be at least 20 acres. Preserved lands must further be at least 75% contiguous. Developments must be at least 20 contiguous acres in size. These requirements are stipulated by the Big Darby Accord.



# Very Low Density Intensity & the Agricultural Preservation Overlay

<b>Use Mix:</b>	100% Residential/Agricultural
<b>Use Types:</b>	Detached Single Family Residential Agricultural Uses, including businesses
<b>Utilities:</b>	Individual wastewater systems (i.e. septic) Individual water wells (municipal water through agreement with City of Columbus, where feasible)
<b>Transportation:</b>	Narrow internal roads for Conservation Development
<b>Density:</b>	1 unit per 5+ acres Up to .4 units per acre with Conservation Development
<b>Intensity:</b>	Maximum 2 stories Clear setbacks and building envelopes in subdivided areas
<b>Design:</b>	Conservation Development Emphasis on preserving agricultural uses Preservation of natural features Detached Single-Family Housing



Existing VLDI is characterized by a mix of large-lot residential and agricultural development. Residences are accessed from a mix of high-speed rural roads and low-speed internal roads. Roads typically lack curbs and sidewalks. There is no central sewer or municipal water service on these properties.

Future developments are expected to be 5+acre lots residences served by on-site septic systems and individual water wells. Existing residential uses should be permitted, and should not be made non-conforming by any zoning resolution or policy. Agricultural development may include working farms and agricultural business and farms with residential homes. These properties often have multiple accessory structures to support agricultural operations. Agricultural businesses like farmers markets and public harvesting are encouraged, provided there is safe access and parking.

Conservation Development is also an allowable and encouraged residential land use pattern. It is specifically noted in the Big Darby Accord and is encouraged throughout the township, but especially in environmentally sensitive areas. Conservation Development within VLDI spaces must still gross 5 or more acres per dwelling, but may provide lots as small as 2.5 acres, meeting open space set aside requirements and as specified in Figure 3.2 below.

Water utility service should be provided, but is not an explicit requirement of Conservation Development within VLDI areas. Similarly, centralized alternative waste systems are highly encouraged, but not a requirement. All Conservation Development in VLDI areas are subject to approval of wastewater systems by Franklin County Health and the Ohio EPA. Figure 3.1 below demonstrates the infrastructure and amenity requirements for VLDI Conservation Development.

Amenity	Minimum Requirement
Water Utility	Well
Wastewater	Individual system
Roads	Internal
Non-Motorized Transportation	None

Figure 3.1: Very Low Density Min. Requirements

Conservation Set Aside	Allowable Net Density of Remaining Land
50%	.25 units per acre
55%	.3 units per acre
+60%	.4 units per acre

Figure 3.2: Net Density

Many areas within the LDI overlay apply the Agricultural Preservation Overlay. This overlay helps to identify and preserve spaces with large swaths of agricultural land. Lands within this overlay may have additional resources and assistance from the Township in obtaining grants and carrying out uses that support and preserve agricultural activities. Areas within this overlay will also be prioritized for any purchase of development rights, transfer of development rights, or open space/conservation land acquisitions.

# Low Density Intensity

**Use Mix:** 95% Residential  
5% Neighborhood Commercial

**Use Types:** Detached Single Family Residential  
Retail/Personal Service Commercial Use in a single structure of 5,000 SF or less

**Density:** 1 unit per 3 to 5 acres base  
Up to 1 unit per .75 acres utilizing Conservation Development

**Intensity:** Commercial at 30% lot coverage  
Maximum 2 stories for residential development, 2.5 for commercial development  
Moderate setbacks (30-50 feet)

**Utilities:** Alternative sewerage systems may be required, and are highly encouraged  
Water utility access is highly encouraged (required for Conservation Development)

**Transportation:** Accessible roadways (i.e. sidewalk/path)  
Narrow internal roads for Conservation Development

**Design:** Conservation Development  
Detached Single-Family Housing  
Neighborhood commercial where appropriate  
Agriculture



Existing LDI areas are mostly residential in nature, with agricultural uses interspersed. Existing LDI development is similar to existing VLDI development in built form, transportation network, and utility access. Existing residential uses should be allowed to continue and should not be made non-conforming by any zoning resolution or policy.

Future LDI developments are intended to be mostly residential, allowing for a small amount of neighborhood commercial/retail space. These spaces should be limited to single-use structures and shall be limited to low-impact uses that are harmonious with the surrounding area. Agri-business and agricultural-oriented businesses in LDI shall continue to be an integral part of the township. LDI shall also allow home occupations under specific conditions as determined by the applicable zoning resolution.



New traditional residential development in LDI areas must abide by the 3-acre lot minimum density requirements. Housing in the LDI is highly discouraged from direct access to high speed rural roads and are encouraged to utilize internal roads similar to existing Darby Knolls development within the unincorporated township.

Residential development is highly encouraged to utilize the Conservation Development format. If a landowner opts to create housing using the Conservation Development mechanism, net density can be as high as .75 units per acre when alternative wastewater systems are approved by Franklin County and/or the Ohio EPA, and when adequate land set-aside has been achieved in accordance with Figure 3.4 below. Figure 3.3 below demonstrates the infrastructure and amenity requirements for Conservation Development with LDI areas.

Amenity	Requirement
Water Utility	Municipal, per agreement with City of Columbus
Wastewater	Alternative System
Roads	Internal
Non-Motorized Transportation	Sidewalk or internal trail

Figure 3.3: Low Density Minimum Requirement

Conservation Set Aside	Allowable Net Density of Remaining Land
50%	.5 units per acre
55%	.6 units per acre
+60%	.75 units per acre

Figure 3.4: Low Density Net Density

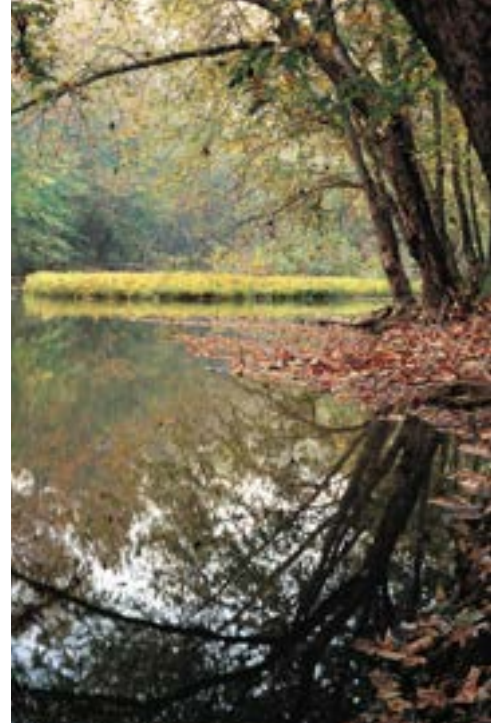
## Conservation & Open Space

**Use Mix:** Parks, Open Space, Agriculture, Conservation

**Design:** No development activities  
Pedestrian trails permitted  
No sports fields or other improvements

COS areas intend to protect natural spaces and environmentally sensitive areas. Development should be highly discouraged in these areas; this include seemingly compatible uses such as developed parks and sports fields. Lands in COS areas are encouraged to be protected through easements, agreements, and transfer of development rights. COS areas are integral to protecting the water quality of the Big Darby Creek.

Existing residential and rural uses in these areas should be encouraged to continue operating into perpetuity. Such uses should also be encouraged to observe practices that protect the Big Darby watershed and avoid detracting from water quality.



# Hilliard Big Darby Use Area (HBD)

This group of lands falls within the Hilliard Service Area and Hilliard is anticipated to annex these areas in the future. Areas within this land use type are either enclaves within the city, or adjacent to already developed areas within Hilliard. Future uses are already accounted for in Hilliard’s comprehensive plan. Thus, Brown Township, rather than designating a future land use that may not agree with Hilliard, opts to refer use of these areas to the future uses listed in the Big Darby Accord.



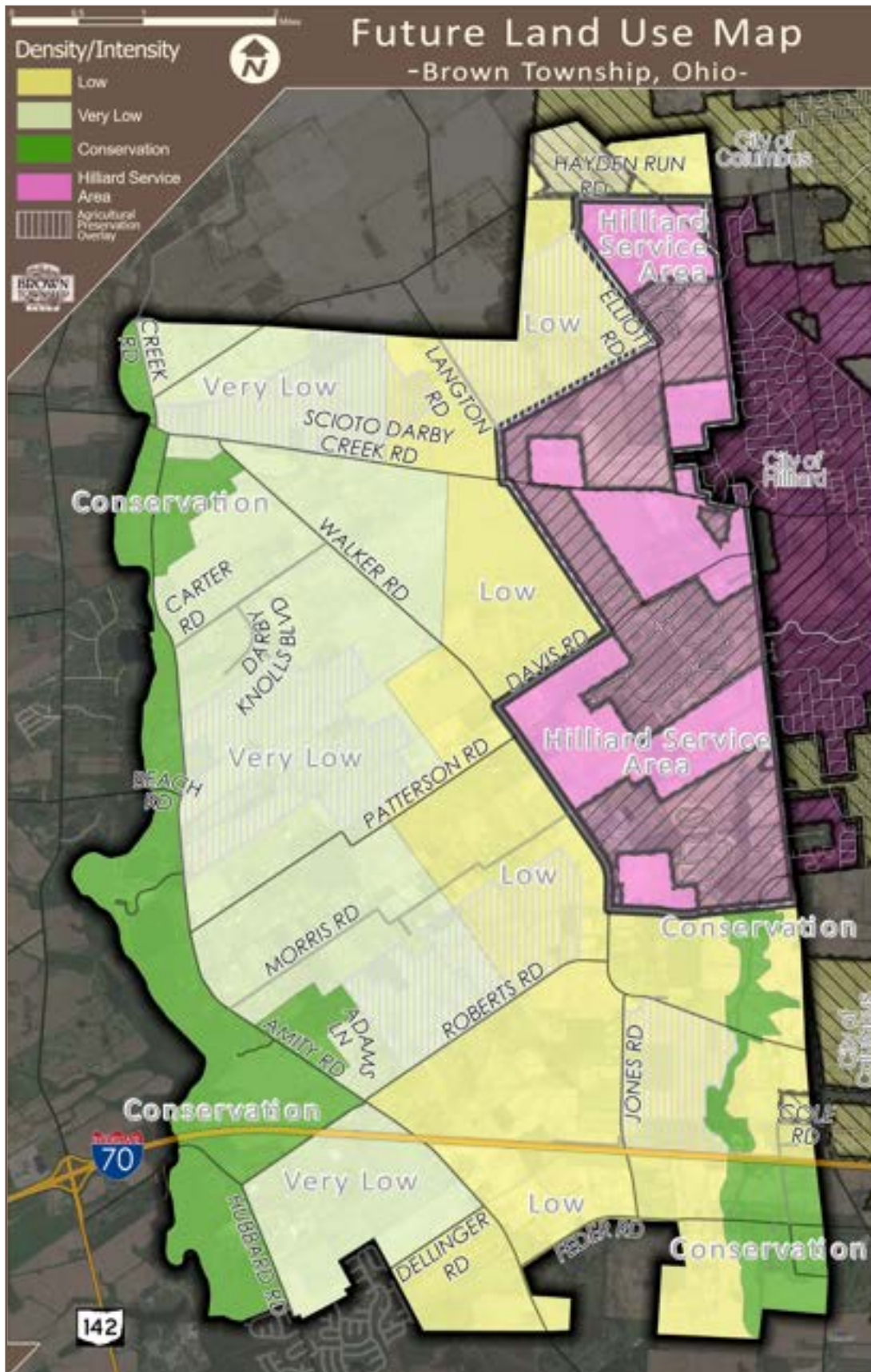
## Community Gateways

Located at key entry points of high traffic, community gateways are the primary front-facing aspect of the township. They greet visitors and residents, and provide a sense of the community. As the first opportunity for impression, gateways should convey the essence and values of the township.

Each gateway should display consistent branding, colors, and imagery. The materials and layout may vary slightly based on the location and surrounding area. For instance, the gateway on Amity Rd. may reflect a more rural design, while the gateways on Roberts and Davis Roads may be more modern, and the gateway on Roberts Rd. might be designed with civic uses (i.e. schools and government buildings) in mind.

There are two types of gateways; primary and secondary. Primary gateways should be designed with significant signage. They may have manicured landscaping in beds around the signage, where even the coloration of flowers and types of plants should reflect the values and branding of the township. Materials for primary gateways should be enduring, such as finished woods, metals, and even brick, or masonry. Secondary gateways are intended to be smaller and more discrete due to their location along less traveled routes. These gateways should focus on smaller signage of wooden materials and possibly metals.

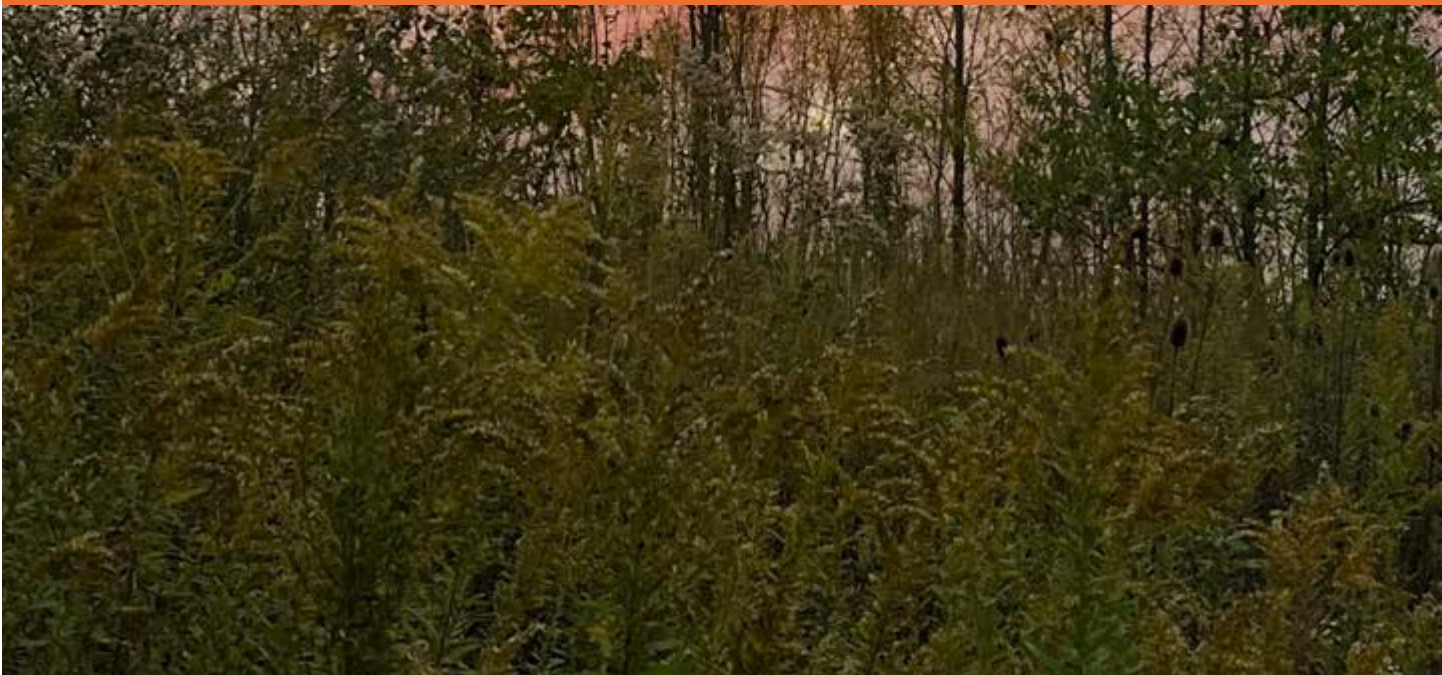




Map 3.1: Future Land Use



# **Section 4: Brown Township Tomorrow**



# Vision

A vision statement is an essential piece of a comprehensive plan. The vision statement is a “big-picture” statement that captures what community members most value about their community, and the shared image of what they want their community to become. It inspires community members to work together to achieve their vision. A thoughtful vision statement helps form a forward-looking strategic framework that provides a holistic perspective necessary to make rational and often incremental decisions on community issues as they arise.

The following statement represents Brown Township’s vision for the future:

*Brown Township is a family-oriented and welcoming rural community. It seeks to support and encourage the protection of the Big Darby Creek watershed and the protection of the rural landscapes found within the Township, while being open to sensible development that compliments the Township’s existing large swaths of open space, agricultural land uses, and low-density, single-family housing.*

This vision statement highlights the elements that make the Township unique. There is a clear desire to maintain the rural character which is so important to residents. The Township wants to work to promote the continued preservation of natural resources and the high-quality of life of its residents. The Township wants to create tailored solutions to address its challenges. Brown Township’s Steering Committee shaped the vision statement with the assistance of the consulting team. During the Open House, community members had the opportunity to give their input on the vision statement to further tailor it to the Township’s overall vision for the future. The final vision statement is representative of Township residents and stakeholders.

The following section outlines goals for the Plan that provide the framework for policies and strategies that will help achieve this vision.

# Goals & Objectives



## **Environmental Preservation**

The environment, and specifically the Big Darby Creek, are important to the image and lifestyle of Brown Township. The Township will work to protect the natural environment, addressing issues of water pollution, light pollution, and stormwater runoff.



## **Land Use & Development Patterns**

Land Uses and development patterns should support and enhance the sense of place in Brown Township. Built forms should convey the values of the community through high-quality materials and thoughtful architectural forms. Land use should reflect a rural and environmentally-focused community, providing a gradient from suburban to rural, while also keeping in mind that rural and less-dense development is typically more expensive to maintain.



## **Protection of Community Character & Agricultural Roots**

Brown Township has strong roots in agriculture and open, natural space. Township policy should reflect those important community aspects and work to support the Township's unique rural character.



## **Maintain Rural Transportation Network**

As development continues to encroach on and influence the fabric of the community, transportation planning is essential to ensuring safe, equitable, and accessible transportation networks.



## **Protect the Interests of the Township**

As a Township government, Brown Township is more limited in options for self-governance and self-determination. The Township needs to leverage relationships with other political entities to fill in gaps that cannot be achieved through local governance. Brown Township must also take a larger role in planning activities to help guide development.

## Goal 1. Environmental Preservation



*The environment, and specifically the Big Darby Creek, are important to the image and lifestyle of Brown Township. The Township will work to protect the natural environment, addressing issues of water pollution, light pollution, and stormwater runoff.*

### 1.1 Protect the Big Darby.

- 1.1.1 Continue to abide by the Big Darby Accord (BDA).
- 1.1.2 Work with the BDA Working Group as a signatory of the Accord to keep the Accord updated based on best available science.
- 1.1.3 Explore state grant funding sources to continue support of water quality within the watershed.
- 1.1.4 Develop policies that align with the future findings of ODNR's IPS Study.
- 1.1.5 Encourage wetland and tributary restoration to help prevent stormwater runoff from negatively impacting the Big Darby Creek.

### 1.2 Protect wildlife.

- 1.2.1 Determine where animal strikes are occurring and work to implement countermeasures to protect wildlife.
- 1.2.2 Implement dark sky policies for lighting in the Township.
- 1.2.3 Complete an inventory of existing wildlife habitats and areas within the Township.
- 1.2.4 Support efforts to remove the Darby Dan Farm dam to improve fish and wildlife diversity.

### 1.3 Protect Watershed and Groundwater

- 1.3.1 Enact policies to encourage use of green infrastructure, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)
- 1.3.2 Work to protect quality of residential water wells in the face of development encroachment.
- 1.3.3 Promote native plantings by providing a list of recommended native plants for residents, as well as identifying invasive species for residents to remove.
- 1.3.4 Work with Franklin County on ditch management and maintenance to ensure protection of water quality and native plantings.

## Goal 2. Land Use & Development Patterns



*Land Uses and development patterns should support and enhance the sense of place in Brown Township. Built forms should convey the values of the community through high-quality materials and thoughtful architectural forms. Land uses should reflect a rural and environmentally-focused community, providing a gradient from suburban to rural, while also keeping in mind that rural and less-dense development is typically more expensive to maintain.*

### **2.1 Implement land use regulations that reflect the rural nature of Brown Township.**

**2.1.1** Encourage conservation development as the primary style of new development within the township and utilize existing agreements to leverage access to water service from the City of Columbus.

**2.1.2** Encourage events like farmer’s markets and other temporary events/uses to reinforce the rural nature of the community.

### **2.2 Enact policies that encourage sustainable development.**

**2.2.1** Work with a certified arborist to identify the best plant types for Brown Township and encourage residents and developers to plant them.

**2.2.2** Develop specific landscaping and screen policies that guide plantings and design to minimize visual intrusion of development and protect rural views.

### **2.3 Focus development to protect rural and agricultural spaces.**

**2.3.1** Encourage transfer of development rights to centralize and contain growth and density while perpetually preserving rural and natural areas.

**2.3.2** Develop a strategy to “buy down” density on agricultural land to keep farms in production.

## Goal 3. Protection of Community Character & Agricultural Roots



*Brown Township has strong roots in agriculture. It is defined by farming and open, natural spaces. Policies and land uses in the Township policy should reflect those important community aspects and work to support the Township's unique rural character.*

### **3.1 Preserve Open Space**

**3.1.1** Complete an Open Space Preservation and Trails Plan.

**3.1.2** Pursue grant funding through the state of Ohio to purchase land for open space preservation.

**3.1.3** Explore the possibility of an open space preservation fund, funded by an open space levy, similar to the levy in Granville Township, Licking County.

### **3.2 Maintain agricultural and natural areas, and encourage parks.**

**3.2.1** Leverage federal programs to support farmers and remove sensitive lands from production to support conservation.

**3.2.2** Limit solar development on arable farmland

**3.2.3** Work with developers to trade additional density allowances in exchange for conveying open space or agricultural lands to the Township for conservation.

**3.2.4** Explore establishment of a parks department to offer additional amenities to residents and facilitate preservation of land for public enjoyment.

### **3.3 Promote conservation and agricultural easements.**

**3.3.1** Work to encourage farming activities and support active agricultural uses in the Township.

**3.3.2** Leverage federal programs to keep agricultural lands from being developed.

**3.3.3** Prioritize wetlands and tributaries in conservation easements.

## Goal 4. Maintain Rural Transportation Network



*Traffic and transportation planning must take an ever-increasing level of importance in Brown Township. As development continues to encroach on and influence the fabric of the community, transportation planning becomes essential to ensuring safe, equitable, and accessible transportation networks.*

### **4.1 Plan the transportation network.**

4.1.1 Create a transportation plan.

4.1.2 Work with Hilliard Local School District on traffic management for the high school and any potential new school facilities in the area.

4.1.3 Determine the best course of action for a multi-use path that connects Hilliard and Prairie Oaks Metro Park.

### **4.2 Work to limit high-volume access to the Township.**

4.2.1 Lobby at the state level to ensure a major interchange is not constructed in Brown Township.

4.2.2 Partner with surrounding townships to coordinate transportation planning efforts and ensure roads remain rural.

4.2.3 Maintain Township roads under Township authority to prevent unnecessary expansion.

### **4.3 Improve the transportation network for all users.**

4.3.1 Explore creation of a roadway safety action plan.

4.3.2 Create an active transportation plan.

## Goal 5. Protect the Interests of the Township



*As a Township government, Brown Township is more limited in options for self-governance and self-determination. The Township needs to leverage relationships with other political entities to fill in gaps that cannot be achieved through local governance. Brown Township must also take a larger role in planning activities to help guide development.*

### **5.1 Develop agreements to protect and maintain open space and public gathering spaces.**

**5.1.1** Enter into an annexation agreement with the City of Hilliard barring annexation of the lands outside of the areas described in this plan as the Hilliard Planning Area, and secure Hilliard's agreement in creating an open space buffer between incorporated and unincorporated areas.

**5.1.2** Enter into an annexation agreement with the City of Columbus preventing annexation of unincorporated Township lands.

**5.1.3** Further develop the township hall and the property to act as a community center and gathering space.

### **5.2 Enact policies that allow the Township to practice self-governance.**

**5.2.1** Explore the establishment of a water conservancy district, as described in Chapter 6101 of the Ohio Revised Code, to allow for control of development in unincorporated areas through provision of potable water.

**5.2.2** Enact a local zoning resolution, allowing the Township to control its own zoning and development decisions.

**5.2.3** Implement a communications strategy to ensure residents are always informed of Township events and happenings, building on the quarterly newsletter currently offered.

### **5.3 Protect the financial future of the Township**

**5.3.1** Develop a table of development fees to ensure new development pays its fair share.

**5.3.2** Create policies relating to transfer of development rights and open space dedication requirements for development to ensure new development balances revenue benefits with community character.

**5.3.3** Explore creation of a JEDD along Walker Rd. between Jones Rd. and Alton Darby Creek Rd. to support income tax generation, control development in that area, and prevent further annexation.

**5.3.4** Evaluate new development proposals through a fiscal lens to ensure it generates enough revenue to support infrastructure requirements.

**5.3.5** Collaborate with Norwich Township Fire to work towards ensuring future fire levies and funding models are equitable and fair for the township and its residents, and levies are kept to a sustainable level.

# Strategic Action Plan

It is intended that this Comprehensive Plan be used by the Township, as well as property owners and developers, when deciding where, when and how to make investments in Brown Township. A viable implementation program is one that sets forth specific action items to ensure that the recommendations are acted upon.

Action steps generally fall into four categories:

1. Regulatory control: adopting/revising regulations and enforcement procedures, potentially adopting a Township Zoning Resolution.
2. Administrative actions: including enacting or expanding programs.
3. Capital improvement projects.
4. Partnerships and collaboration: including taking intentional action to collaborate with other organizations, and/or influencing county-level or other governmental agencies.

## Regulatory Control

Zoning is the most important tool a Township has to implement the land use policies. Throughout the plan process, steering committee members and residents during engagement opportunities expressed desire for local zoning control enacted by Brown Township.

## Administrative Actions & Programs

Some of the following strategies do not include adopting or modifying laws but rather establish or redirect Township efforts. Some goal elements may require additional studies that go beyond the scope of a comprehensive planning process. These studies are identified for future consideration.

## Capital Improvement Projects

A capital improvement is the addition of a permanent structural change or the restoration of some aspect of a property that will either enhance the property's overall value, increase its useful life or adapt it to new uses. For local governments, capital improvement projects are investments in buildings and infrastructure, including the construction, repair, or replacement of buildings, roadways, bridges, and parks. Capital improvement projects are necessary to sustain, support, and grow healthy and functional communities and economies.

## Partnerships and Collaboration

The Township is responsible for some of the implementation strategies. However, given the Township's limited authority and public budget constraints, many actions will require the coordinated efforts of individuals and organizations representing the public, private, and civic sectors. This includes working closely with County agencies, such as the County Engineer, the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), Franklin County Sanitary Engineering and the Soil and Water District. From an economic development perspective, partnerships share the financial risks between public and private entities. While the use of public funds

in private development is often controversial, research indicates that communities that invest in strategic projects receive returns in jobs and recurring tax revenues.

## Funding Support

Funding for township improvements and services will always be a challenge given the constraints of Ohio Revised Code and how Townships in Ohio can be funded. However, with a plan and place and the understanding of where to look, funding does not have to be as monumental of a barrier that it is made out to be. Any government entity today, must leverage funding from a variety of sources, including federal, state, and local government programs, institutional/foundational support, and private partners. Brown Township must explore both traditional financing strategies and innovative methods to maintain the township in good fiscal health and implement priority projects. The following are some funding mechanisms beyond property tax collected, that can be used as a starting point to explore funding strategies and opportunities.

1. **Levy** - Ohio townships can impose a tax to fund expenses related to parks and recreation, open space acquisition for conservation, fire service, and other services and resources for residents.
2. **Partnerships**- Collaborating with non-profit organizations, private businesses, philanthropic foundations, healthcare entities, and other neighboring jurisdictions can provide additional funding and resources for the Township.
3. **Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)**- A special-purpose territorial district created by contract between municipal corporations and townships in Ohio. The primary goal of a JEDD is to encourage economic development, create jobs, and improve the economic welfare of citizens.
4. **Tax Increment Financing**- A public financing tool to support community improvements. A TIF allows for the increase in assessed value (increment), of property in an established Tax Improvement District (TID), to be exempt from property tax and reinvested into the development project. In the context of parks and recreation, TIF can be used to finance costs related to public infrastructure, land acquisition, demolition, utilities, and more. This mechanism allows municipalities to stimulate growth through targeted public investments financed by future tax revenues.

## Funding Opportunities and Grant Technical Assistance & Management

The programs below exist as of the date of plan adoption. Funding programs can shift or terminate on the Federal, State and local level with limited or no notice.

### State Funding Opportunities

- **HB 315**: House Bill 315 includes a provision for township zoning grants. The bill directs the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to make grants to townships to update their zoning codes. The total amount available is \$1.5 million.
- ODOT State Infrastructure Bank (SIB)
- Township Safety Sign Grant Program- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

- Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)- ODOT
- Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF)Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)- OEPA
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Recreational Trails Program
- ODNR NatureWorks
- H2Ohio Wetland Grant Program (ODNR)
- Clean Water Fund- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
- Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program (OPWC)
- National Resource Assistance Council (NRAC) Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Grant
- Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEFF)

### **National or Regional Funding Opportunities**

- Waste Reduction Grants- Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)- U.S. DOT
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)- U.S. DOT
- Rural and Tribal Assistance Program- U.S. DOT
- Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)- Federal Highway Administration (must partner with incorporated area to be eligible)
- Farm Loan Programs- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

### **Non-Profit and Other Funding Opportunities**

- Arbor Day Foundation
- AARP Community Challenge



# Appendix



Cost: \$=minimal or none, \$\$=low, \$\$\$=medium, \$\$\$\$=high | Timeframe: Immediate=now, Short=within 2 years, Medium=2 to 5 years, Long=greater than 5 years

Priority: L=Low M=Medium H=High

<b>Goal A. ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION. The environment, and specifically the Big Darby Creek, are important to the image and lifestyle of Brown Township. The township will work to protect the natural environment, addressing issues of water pollution, light pollution, and stormwater runoff.</b>						
<b>Goal/Objective/Strategy</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Funding Sources (if required)</b>	
<b>1.1 Protect the Big Darby</b>						
1.1.1 Continue to abide by the Big Darby Accord	Immediate	\$	H			
1.1.2 Work with BDA Working Group as a signatory of the the Accord to keep the Accord updated based on best available science	Short	\$	H			
1.1.3 Explore state grant funding sources to continue support of water quality within the watershed		\$	M	ODNR		H2Ohio Wetland Grant
1.1.4 Develop policies that align with the future findings of ODNR's IPS Study	Medium	\$	M			
1.1.5 Encourage wetland and tributary restoration to help prevent stormwater runoff from negatively impacting the Big Darby Creek	Short	\$	M	ODNR		H2Ohio Wetland Grant
<b>1.2 Protect wildlife</b>						
1.2.1 Determine where animal strikes are occurring and work to implement countermeasures to protect wildlife	Long	\$\$	L	FCSO, FCE		SS4A
1.2.2 Implement dark sky policies for lighting in the Township	Medium	\$	M	Dark Sky International		
1.2.3 Complete an inventory of existing wildlife habitats and important wildlife areas in the township	Medium	\$\$	L	ODNR, USFWS, Nature Conservancy		
1.2.4 Support efforts to remove the Darby Dan Farm dam to improve fish and wildlife diversity	Medium	\$	M	Dark Sky International		
<b>1.3 Protect Watershed and Groundwater</b>						
1.3.1 Enact policies to encourage use of green infrastructure, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)	Medium	\$\$	L	FCE, FCEDP		
1.3.2 Work to protect water quality of residential water wells in the face of development encroachment	Immediate	\$	H	FCE, FCEDP		
1.3.3 Promote native plantings by providing a list of recommended native plants for residents, as well as identifying invasive species for residents to remove	Medium	\$	M	OSU Extension, FSWCD		
1.3.4 Work with Franklin County on ditch management and maintenance to ensure protection of water quality and native plantings	Medium	\$	L	FCE, FCEDP		

**Goal 2. LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS.** Land Uses and development patterns should support and enhance the sense of place in Brown Township. Built forms should convey the values of the community through high-quality materials and thoughtful architectural forms. Land uses should reflect a rural and environmentally-focused community, providing a gradient from suburban to rural, while also keeping in mind that rural and less-dense development is typically more expensive to maintain.

Goal/Objective/Strategy	Timeframe	Cost	Priority	Partners	Funding Sources (if required)
<b>2.1 Implement land use regulations that reflect the rural nature of Brown Township</b>					
2.1.1 Encourage conservation development as the primary style of new development within the township and utilize existing agreements to leverage access to water service from the City of Columbus	Short	\$	H	City of Columbus, City of Hilliard	
2.1.2 Encourage events like farmer's markets and other temporary events/uses to reinforce the rural nature of the community	Immediate	\$	M	Hilliard Chamber of Commerce, FCEDP	
<b>2.2 Enact policies that encourage sustainable development</b>					
2.2.1 Work with a certified arborist to identify the best plant types for Brown Township and encourage residents and developers to plant them	Short	\$\$	L	ODNR, Metro Parks	General Fund
2.2.2 Develop specific landscaping and screening policies that guide plantings and design to minimize visual intrusion of development and protect rural views	Short	\$\$\$	M	City of Hilliard	
<b>2.3 Focus development to protect rural and agricultural spaces</b>					
2.3.1 Encourage transfer of development rights to centralize and contain growth and density while perpetually preserving rural and natural areas	Medium	\$	H		
E.3.2 Develop a strategy to "buy down" density on agricultural land in order to keep farms in production	Medium	\$\$	H	ODOD, USDA, Ohio Dept of Ag	Open Space Levy

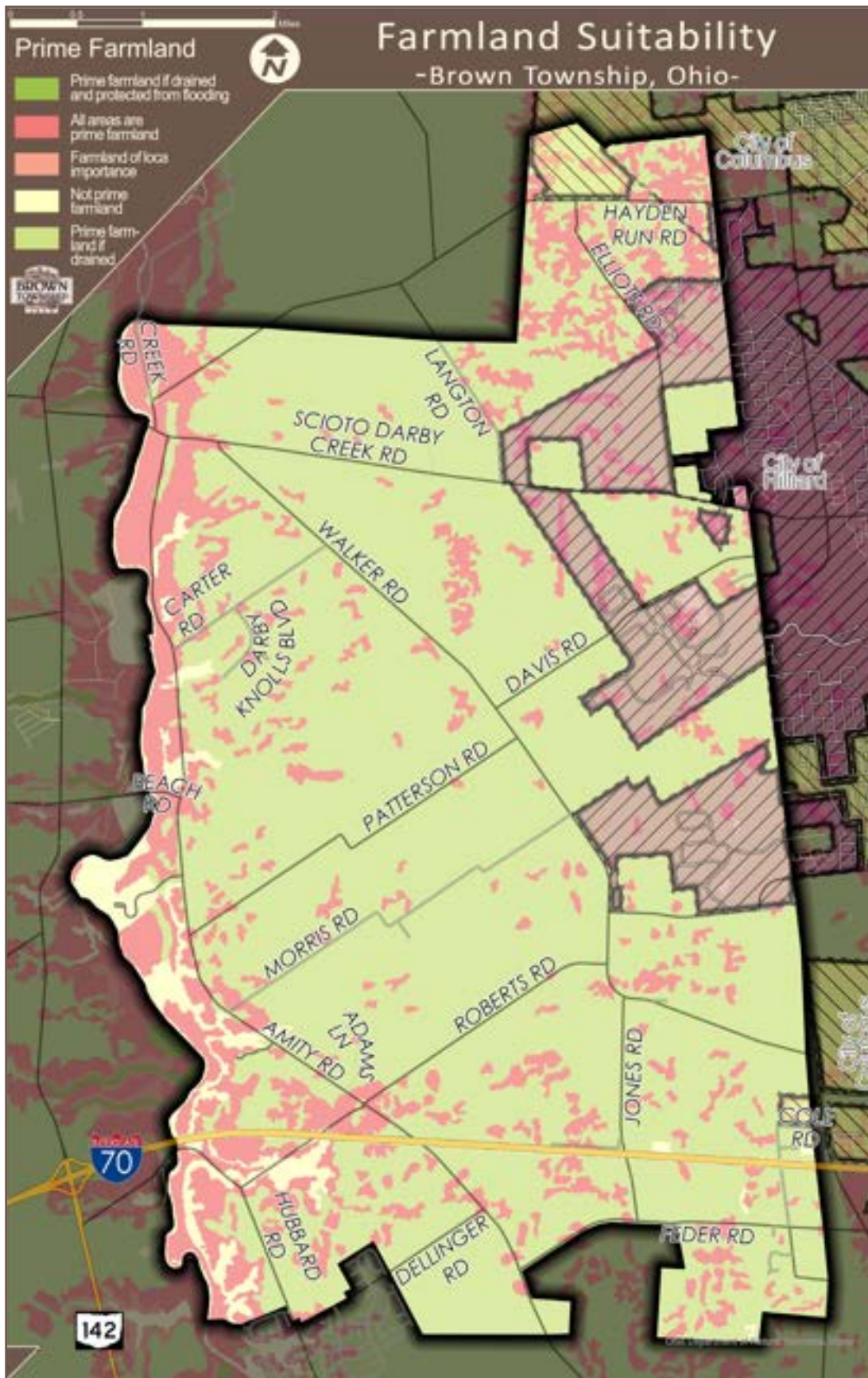
**Goal 3. PROTECT COMMUNITY CHARACTER & AGRICULTURAL ROOTS.** Brown Township has strong roots in agriculture. It is defined by farming and open natural spaces. Policies and land uses in the township should reflect those important community aspects and work to support the township's unique rural character.

Goal/Objective/Strategy	Timeframe	Cost	Priority	Partners	Funding Sources (if required)
<b>3.1 Preserve open space</b>					
3.1.1 Complete an Open Space Preservation and Trails Plan	Short	\$\$	H	MORPC	
3.1.2 Pursue grant funding through the State of Ohio to purchase land for open space conservation or parks use	Long	\$	M	Conservancy Agency (i.e., TNC), ODNR, Metro Parks	OPWC Clean Ohio Fund, ODNR LWCF, Ohio NatureWorks Grant

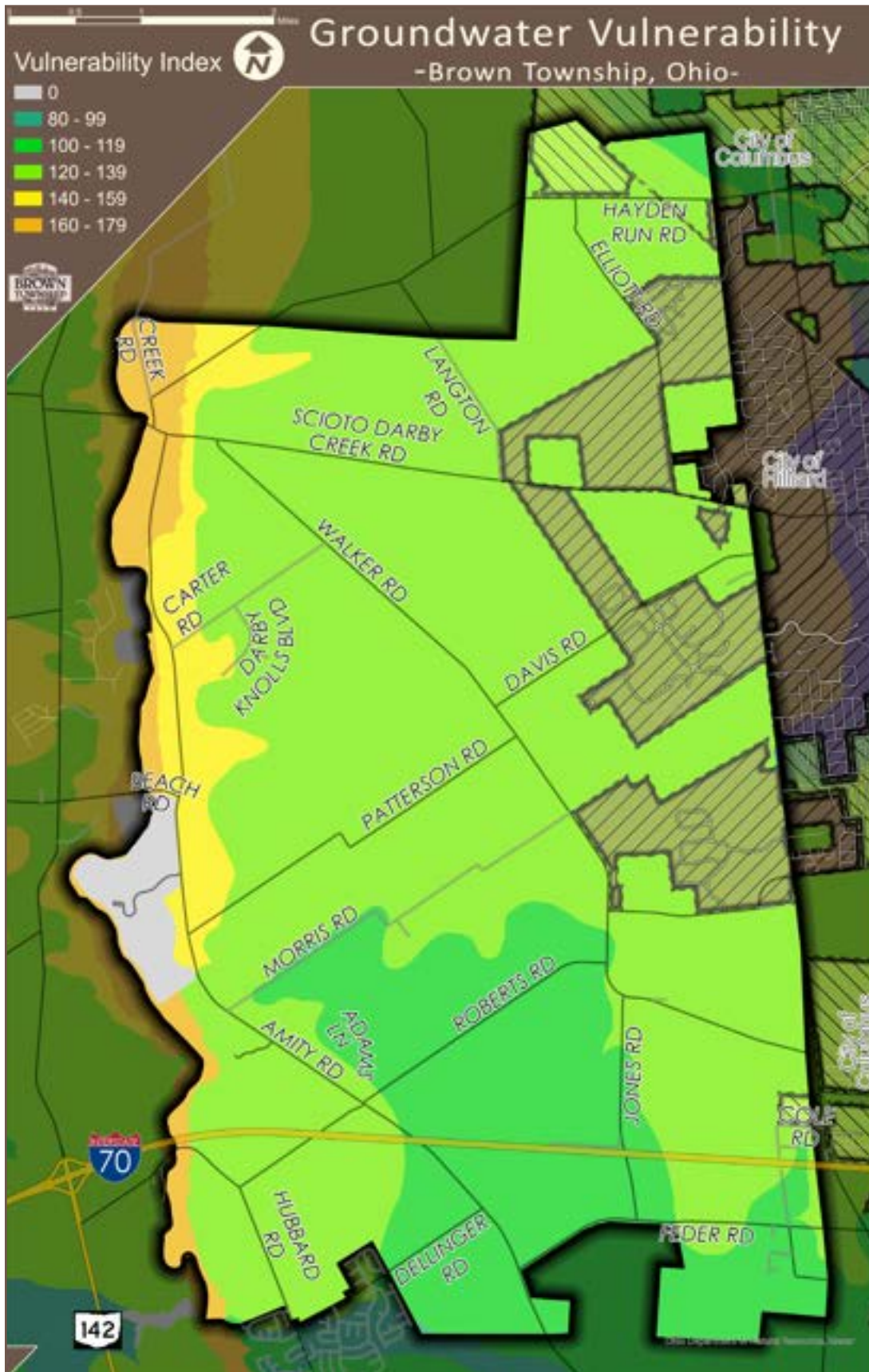
3.1.3 Explore the possibility of an open space preservation fund, funded by an open space levy, similar to the levy in Granville Township, Licking County	Medium	\$	H	Licking Land Trust, Nature Conservancy, RAPID 5	
<b>3.2 Maintain agricultural and natural areas, and encourage parks</b>					
3.2.1 Leverage federal programs to support farmers and remove sensitive lands from production to support conservation	Short	\$	M	USDA, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Farmland Preservation Office Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Conservation Reserve Program	
3.2.2 Limit solar development on arable farmland	Immediate	\$	L	USDA, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Farmland Preservation Office	
3.2.3 Work with developers to trade additional density allowances in exchange for conveying open space or agricultural lands to the township for conservation	Short	\$	M	Developers, FCEDP	
3.2.4 Explore establishment of a parks department or park board to offer additional amenities to residents and facilitate preservation of land for public enjoyment	Immediate	\$\$	H		
<b>3.3 Promote conservation and agricultural easements</b>					
3.3.1 Work to encourage farming activities and support active agricultural uses in the township	Short	\$	H	Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Dept of Ag Agricultural Easement Donation Program	
3.3.2 Leverage federal programs to keep agricultural lands from being developed	Medium	\$	H	USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	
3.3.3 Prioritize wetlands and tributaries in conservation easements	Medium	\$	M		
<b>Goal 4. MAINTAIN RURAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK. Traffic and transportation planning must take an ever-increasing level of importance in Brown Township. As development continues to encroach on and influence the fabric of the community, transportation planning becomes essential to ensuring safe equitable, and accessible transportation networks.</b>					
<b>Goal/Objective/Strategy</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Funding Sources (if required)</b>
<b>4.1 Plan the transportation network</b>					
4.1.1 Create a transportation plan	Long	\$\$\$	L	USDOT, ODOT	USDOT Rural-Tribal Assistance Program
4.1.2 Work with Hilliard Local School District on traffic management for the high school and any potential new facilities in the area	Medium	\$\$	M	Hilliard Local School District, FCE, ODOT	Safe Routes to School, ODOT Township Signage Grant, SIB

4.1.3 Determine the best course of action for a multi-use path that connects Hilliard and Prairie Oaks Metro Park	Long	\$\$	L	MORPC	
4.2 Work to limit high-volume access to the Township					
4.2.1 Lobby at the state level to ensure a major interchange is not constructed in Brown Township	Medium	\$\$\$	L		
4.2.2 Partner with surrounding townships to coordinate transportation planning efforts and ensure roads remain rural	Medium	\$\$	M	Prairie Twp, Pleasant Twp, Canaan Twp	
4.2.3 Maintain township roads as such to prevent expansion of roads	Immediate	\$\$	M		General Fund, Gas Tax Rebates, ODOT SIB
4.3 Improve the transportation network for all users					
4.3.1 Explore creation of a roadway safety action plan	Short	\$	L		SS4A
4.3.2 Create an active transportation plan	Medium	\$	M		ODOD, ODOT, USDOT
<p><b>Goal 5. PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE TOWNSHIP. As a township government, Brown Township is more limited in options for self-governance and self-determination. The township needs to leverage relationships with other political entities to fill in gaps that cannot be achieved through local governance. Brown Township must also take a larger role in planning activities to help guide development.</b></p>					
					<b>Funding Sources (if required)</b>
<b>Goal/Objective/Strategy</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners</b>	
5.1 Develop agreements to protect and maintain open space and public gathering spaces					
5.1.1 Enter into an annexation agreement with the City of Hilliard regarding the lands outside of the areas described in this plan as the Hilliard Planning Area, and secure Hilliard's agreement in creating an open space buffer between incorporated and unincorporated areas	Short	\$	H	City of Hilliard	
5.1.2 Enter into an annexation agreement with the City of Columbus preventing further annexation of unincorporated Township lands	Short	\$	H	City of Columbus	
5.1.3 Further develop the Township hall and the property to act as a community center and gathering space	Medium	\$\$	L	Private businesses	Tax Levy, Bonds, General Fund
5.2 Enact policies that allow the township to practice self-governance					
5.2.1 Explore establishment of a water conservancy district, as described in Chapter 6101 of the Ohio Revised Code, to allow for control of development in unincorporated areas through provision of potable water	Long	\$\$\$\$	L	PUCO, USDA, Ohio Rural Water Association	WSRLA
5.2.2 Enact a local zoning resolution, allowing the township to control its own zoning and development decisions	Medium	\$\$\$\$	H	FCEDP, FCE, MORPC, OTA	General Fund, ODOD via HB315
5.2.3 Implement a communications strategy to ensure residents are always informed of township events and happenings, building on the quarterly newsletter currently offered	Immediate	\$	L		
5.3 Protect the financial future of the township					

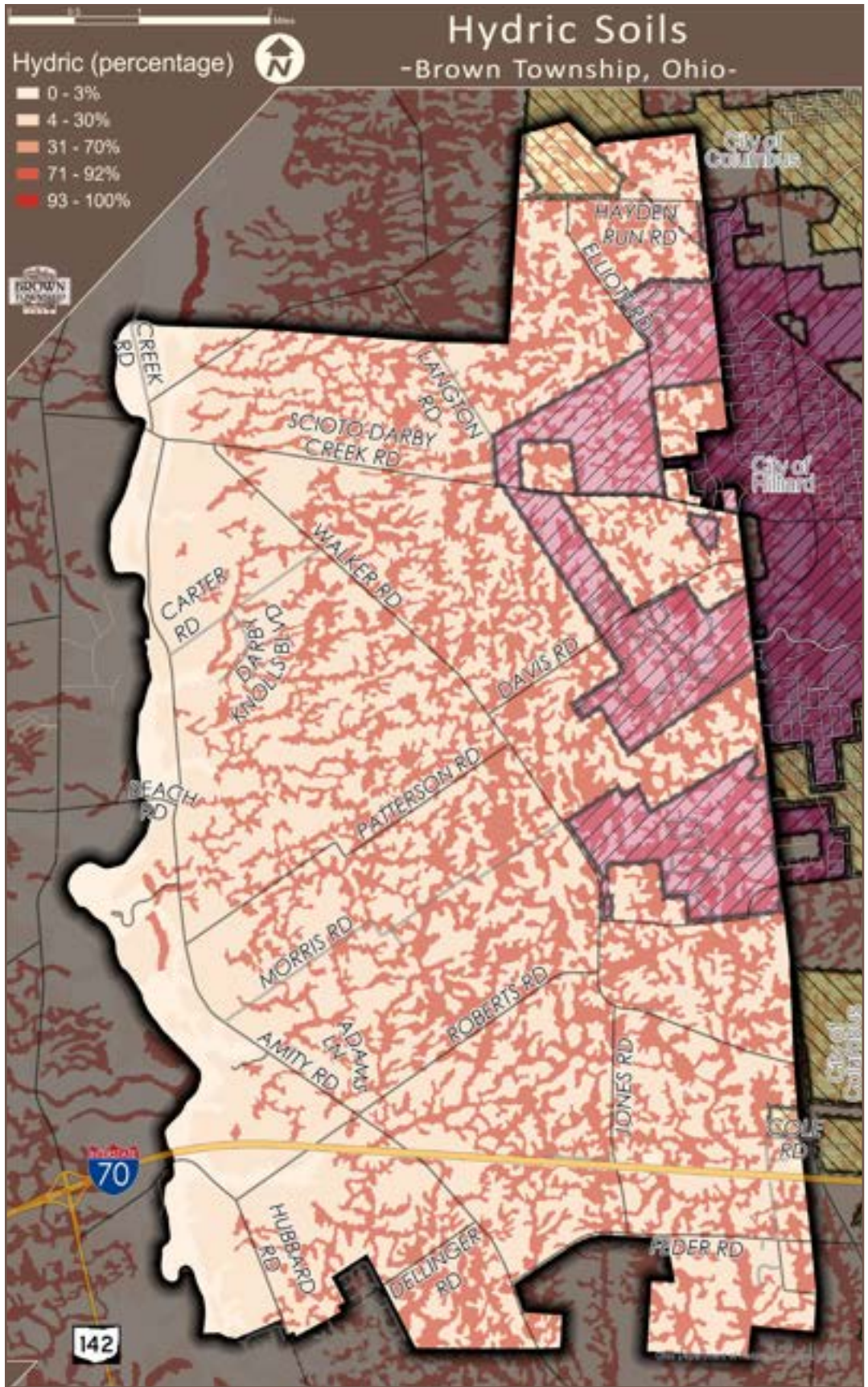
5.3.1 Develop a table of development fees to ensure new development pays its fair share	Short	\$\$	M	OTA	General Fund
5.3.2 Create policies relating to transfer of development rights and open space dedication requirements for development to ensure new development balances revenue benefits with community character	Short	\$\$	M		
5.3.3 Explore creation of a JEDD along Walker Rd. between Jones Rd. and Alton Darby Creek Rd. to support income tax generation, control development in that area, and prevent further annexation	Short	\$	H	City of Hilliard, City of Columbus	
5.3.4 Evaluate new development proposals through a fiscal lens to ensure development generates enough revenue to support infrastructure requirements	Immediate	\$\$\$	H		
A.3.5 Collaborate with Norwich Township Fire to work towards ensuring future fire levies and funding models are equitable and fair for the township and its residents, and levies are kept to a sustainable level	Immediate	\$	H	Norwich Township, Norwich Township Fire Department	



Map A.1: Prime Farmland



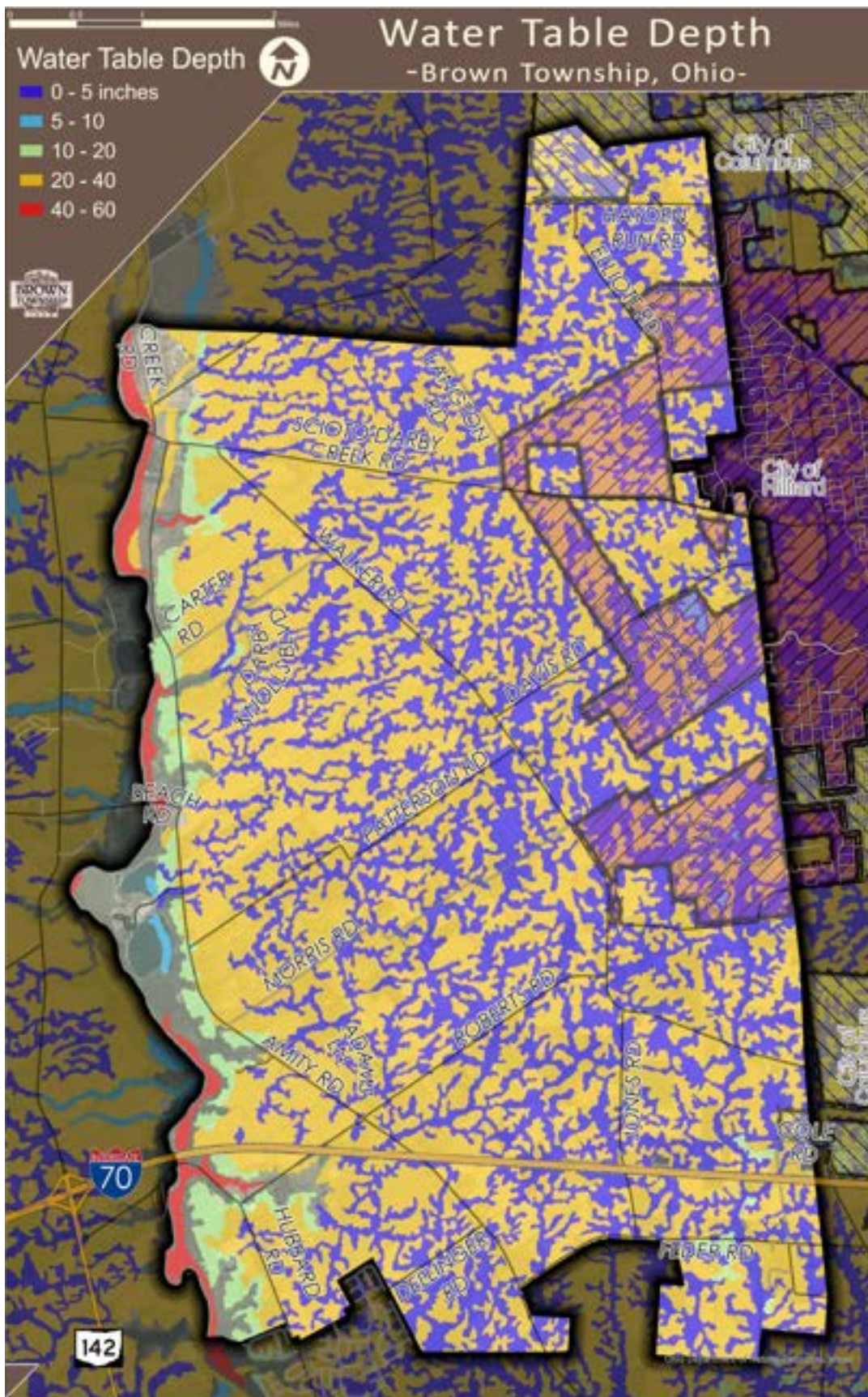
Map A.2: Groundwater Vulnerability



Map A.3: Hydric Soils



Map A.4: Soils Drainage



Map A.5: Water Table Depth

## Public Engagement Report

**Project:** Brown Township Comprehensive Plan 2024 Update  
**Community:** Brown Township, Ohio  
**Event:** Brown Township Firehouse 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Location:** Brown Township Firehouse (2491 Walker Rd.)  
**Attendees:** 100-200  
**Date/Time:** Sunday, 10/05/2024, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
**Staff:** Darryll Wolnik AICP, Sarah Jammal, AICP

Stakeholder Groups Present
Families
Children
Couples
Visitors to Brown Township
Seniors

General Event Goals and Outcomes	
Stated intention of the public engagement event	To spread awareness of the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update process, and to inform residents of the ongoing opportunities for engagement. Also to gather high-level input on the area.
Engagement type	Pop-up event
How did the meeting inform the community about the project?	By providing two visual posters, one with plan information and one with a map and space for comments, and ½ sheet handouts with dates and a QR code to project website, and by having face-to-face interactions with residents
Did the event meet the intended goals of the engagement?	Yes

<b>Approximate Number of Interactions: 30</b>
Questions/Comments from Interactions
How can I get involved?
What is the purpose of the plan?
Communication needs to be improved for people to feel good about the process
Trail shouldn't be through open land
Bike lane/trail should be along Scioto Darby Creek Rd., Morris Rd., or Patterson Rd.
Who will maintain sidewalks and paths?
Trail should not be along Scioto Darby Creek Rd.
Township needs to work with Hilliard to get benefits from development and annexations
People value the open space and rural feel.
Moved here to be close to amenities but far enough away to be in the countryside
Hilliard should provide residents who may be annexed with free water tap/hookup

## General Summary

Staff arrived and set up an easel with a poster containing information about the planning process. Another poster was placed on the long table provided to staff, along with post-its and markers. The poster on the table contained a land-use map of the township, along with two questions. The first question asked residents to list a single word describing the township, while the other question asked for challenges facing the township.

The event was in the fire station and featured “touch-a-truck” events, as well as tables and representatives from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office and their K-9 unit, as well as SWACO (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio). There was food and ice cream for visitors, as well as police and fire demonstrations.

Staff heard from many residents of the township. Interactions were primarily with families, though a few couples came through as well. Many residents provided answers to the questions (photo attached). The general sentiment among those who spoke with staff was that Brown Township has a rural feel yet has quick and easy access to amenities and jobs that drew people to live and stay there. There was a surprising number of adult children and their parents who both live in the township, with the former opting to stay in Brown or move back after schooling, and the latter either already living here or following their adult children here.

Many residents expressed concern about Hilliard annexations and encroaching development. There was a consensus that development was likely to continue, but residents generally felt the Township should get some sort of benefit from the development, and that policies and/or agreements should be put in place to protect the rural portions of Brown Township.

The trail connection from Hilliard to Metro Parks land along Big Darby Creek was another important issue for residents. There were many conflicting ideas and viewpoints regarding how and where the connection should happen. Some residents were in favor of building a separated multi-use path along an existing roadway like Morris Rd., Patterson Rd., or Scioto Darby Creek Rd. One resident was against the path along Scioto Darby Creek Rd., because he lives there and doesn’t believe there is enough space between the road and his home (especially due to the steep terrain fronting his home). Other residents did not want to see the path cut across open land, as it would cause conflicts with cattle and other farm animals in the area.

A couple residents expressed concern as to who would pay to maintain sidewalks and paths that are constructed. One resident was also skeptical of the quality of construction of paths.

A major theme that seemed related, but an also separate issue among residents was the communication of the Township with residents. Many who spoke with staff thought there should be more updates on social media at the very least, though they were appreciative of the quarterly newsletter. They also expressed some frustration regarding follow-up info, specifically relating to things presented or discussed in the newsletter, and then never discussed again.

## Public Engagement Report

**Project:** Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update  
**Community:** Brown Township, Ohio  
**Event:** Brown Township Community Open House  
**Location:** Hilliard Bradley High School  
**Attendees:** ~125  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:30 – 7:30PM  
**Staff:** Darryll Wolnik AICP, Sarah Jammal AICP, Connor Roehrig

Stakeholder Groups Present
Residents- Brown Twp, Brown Twp Incorporated
Township Staff
Township Trustees
Norwich Township Fire Company

General Event Goals and Outcomes	
Stated intention of the public engagement event	To spread awareness of the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan update and receive feedback from residents on the plan vision and goals.
Engagement type	Open House
How did the meeting inform the community about the project?	Verdantas provided nine visual and interactive posters and staffed the event to have one-on-one conversations with residents.
Did the event meet the intended goals of the engagement?	Exceeded expectations.

<i>Approximate Number of Interactions: 80</i>
Questions/Comments from Interactions
How does annexation work?
Who is in charge of annexation?
Is there anything we can do to protect Brown Township?
We keep getting promised things and they don't happen (i.e. township zoning code, no development, etc.)
Money talks

### General Summary

Staff arrived with posters to facilitate the engagement as well as supplies to interact with the display boards. Norwich Fire Department brought flyers and circulated throughout the event to bring awareness and answer any questions about the upcoming Fire Levy. Posters informed residents about what a comprehensive plan is, provided opportunities for interaction with questions about appropriate development styles for the Township, Township zoning, multi-use trails, Township goals, and spaces for any other questions and/or comments. One poster allowed participants to

place a sticky dot on the general location of their household in Brown Township. Another board allowed participants to draw items they believe represent Brown Township.

The weather throughout the day and leading up to the event was rainy and windy. However, this did not stop residents and stakeholders from attending the event. Community members arrived promptly at 4:30 to discuss Township concerns, interact with the Fire Department, and provide their feedback on the plan thus far. There was a steady stream of community members for the first two (2) hours of the event with one point of the engagement being considered “wall-to-wall” due to the large number of community members who were present. Participation slowed between 6:30 to 7:30 but community members still showed up until the last minutes of the event.

Of those who placed a dot on the map to indicate the location of their household, all were Brown Township residents. Sticky dots were dispersed to all parts of the Township including Incorporated areas. Participants engaged heavily with all the boards. Boards were covered in post-it notes and sticky dots, and residents were very passionate about the topics being covered. Residents seemed particularly interested in the “Multi-Use Trails” board with over a dozen residents asking questions to Verdantas staff during one part of the event. Staff from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) attended the event to gain more information regarding the extension of bike trails in Brown Township and conversed with Verdantas staff about the possibilities and benefits of trails connected to other areas of the state.

Another board that was quite popular was the “Question Board”. This board asked participants to fill out post-it notes to answer five (5) open-ended questions. By the end of the event, the board was completely covered in post-it notes and some participants used sticky dots to indicate an answer since there wasn’t enough space for more post-it notes. Community members felt very strongly about the following two questions, “In one word, what is the largest issue facing the Township?” and “Are you in favor of the Township administering its own Zoning Code. Why or why not?” These two questions had the most responses from participants. All comments from all boards are summarized in the documents following this report.

One additional piece of engagement Verdantas staff asked participants to complete was their own land preservation map. Maps asked community members to color in areas of the Township they wished to see preserved as natural open space or farmland. Verdantas staff analyzed completed maps after the engagement event and noted that the maps differed greatly in the amount of land desired to be preserved as natural open space or farmland. Many of the completed maps favored preservation on the western half of the Township, closest to the Big Darby. Several maps also detailed the preservation of open space on the lower south-east side of the Township.

The remaining pages of this report record the exact comments of community members from the boards. Verdantas staff found the following items were repeated the most often or rated the most highly:

1. Residents strongly favor (52 sticky dots) that Land Use Development should reflect a lower-density and environmentally focused community.
2. Residents support 5 – 10 acre lots for housing
3. Community members heavily support single-family housing on multiple acres is an appropriate form of development in the Township.
4. Many residents noted that development is one of the biggest issues facing the Township, with several responses indicating so.

5. Residents are also heavily in favor of the Township administering its own zoning code.
6. Community members support an on-street path via Scioto Darby Creek (45 sticky dots) as illustrated on the “Multi-Use Trails” board.

## Engagement Boards Transcribed-

### Welcome Board:

All 57 open house participants that filled out the board live within Township boundaries

*In one word, what makes Brown Township special?*

- Rural

*What defines Brown Township’s character?*

- Single family large lots, acres, farming, 4-H
- Big Darby
- Big Darby Creek, woods, natural wet areas, open space/agricultural, wildlife

### Vision & Goals:

#### *Environmental Preservation*

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
48	0	0	0	0

#### *Community Character and Agriculture*

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
46	1	0	0	0

#### *Land Use Development*

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
52	0	0	0	0

#### *Transportation*

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
43	0	0	0	0

*Governance and Collaboration*

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
42	1	0	0	0

**Environmental Preservation & Open Space:**

*Using the map provided and displayed to the right, color in areas of the Township that you would like to see preserved. Please leave additional comments and questions here.*

- Stop developments and promote 5-10 acre lots. Keep Brown Township rural. Stop stressing the schools. (2 sticky dots)
- No high density (2 sticky dots)
- No more developments or roundabouts. Keep Brown Township the way it is. (1 sticky dot)
- Stop letting Hilliard Proper take our land
- Elliot Road is so busy. All summer huge concrete trucks come barreling past and shake the house
- Now with Hill 2 it will be more of the same
- Work with Metro Parks
- Res. Lots at a min of 5-acres
- Protect rural feel, 5-10 acres, no high density
- Preserve: farmland, swap, woods, prairie. Low-density housing on multiple acres (1 sticky dot)
- Keep it country. 5-10 acre lots if people want to build

**Future Land Use & Development:**

*Would you like to see Conservation Development in Brown Township?*

- Yes: 14 sticky dots
- No: 22 sticky dots

*Development Types and Land Use Photos*

- Agri-Retail: 22 sticky dots
- Agri-Tourism: 18 sticky dots
- Small Retail: 10 sticky dots
- Farmhouse: 36 sticky dots
- Single Family on Multiple Acres: 42 sticky dots
- Single Family Medium Lot: 4 sticky dots
- Single Family Small Lot: 2 sticky dots
- Patio Homes: 4 sticky dots
- Single Family Attached: 1 sticky dot
- Garden Apartments: 0 sticky dots
- Low Rise Apartments: 0 sticky dots
- Mid-Rise Apartment: 0 sticky dots
- Light Industry: 0 sticky dots
- Logistics: 0 sticky dots

*Please leave any additional comments here:*

- Identify Resources FIRST, before anybody builds any
- No more parkland, more farmland taking away from food supplies (4 sticky dots)
- Heritage Preserve (good model) with single-family and detached patio homes (woods, ponds, and repeat)
- Leave land open (1 sticky dot)
- Detached patio homes in nature
- Hill 2 is concerning, but I do like the bike trails
- We do not want to look like the rest of Hilliard
- More Parks (bike, run, dog, nature (1 sticky dot)
- Remember, Please 2006 Big Darby Accord!
- No lots smaller than 5-acres (5 sticky dots)
- Preserve farmland (4 sticky dots)
- Stick with min. 5 acre lots (3 sticky dots)
- No lots smaller than 2 acres (2 sticky dots)
- Mostly 5-10 acre lots, a few 2 acre lots for young families and older. 1-floor ranch homes! No condos, no high rise, no apartments – blocks sunsets (1 sticky dot)

### Question Board:

- Note to put this plan on Brown Township website

*Define what rural landscape means to you.*

- Farms
- Peaceful, farms, fields, tractors (1 sticky dot)
- Peaceful/quiet, farmland/green open
- Quiet, open fields (2 sticky dot)
- Open fields (1 sticky dot)
- Endless possibility of beauty (1 sticky dot)
- 90% non-hard surface so soil can drain
- Fields, wooded areas (1 sticky dot)
- Nature trails to walk, ponds, wooded areas to walk thru/around
- Nature, a peaceful setting (3 sticky dots)
- Unobstructed Views, quiet (1 sticky dot)
- Open areas, trees and woods (1 sticky dot)
- Farms, agriculture no more apts, condos, suburbs (1 sticky dot)
- Open space/parks/forests/natural areas are preserved. Conservation development with open space, if development must occur
- Farms (2 sticky dots)
- Farms and community feel (4 sticky dots)
- Farms, small family farms, no developments, sunsets, open space (2 sticky dots)
- 5+ acre lots, 1 home per lot, ability to have 1-5 animals (1 sticky dot)

*What is the most important aspect of the Township to preserve?*

- Low density house development, acreage necessity (1 sticky dot)
- Big Darby Accord
- Without the Big Darby, Brown Twp would be developed like Hilliard and Columbus

- Protecting Darby, acreage requirement (1 sticky dot)
- Preserve Darby and Farmland, no more apts, condos, suburbs
- Keep Darby Creek clean/water. Follow any guidelines/laws (3 sticky dots)
- All of Brown Township needs preserved (1 sticky dot)
- Low density acreage requirement
- Darby Creek
- Open land
- Darby, minimal housing
- Nature preserve (1 sticky dot)
- Rural way of life, large lots with one home (5-10 acres), safety
- Watershed protection, open spaces (1 sticky dot)
- Protecting Darby Creek and natural spaces Big Darby (2 sticky dots)
- Rural agriculture (3 sticky dots)
- Forests/tree lots, open space whether rural, agricultural land, or natural areas
- Farmland and rural feel (1 sticky dot)

*In one word, what is the largest issue facing the Township?*

- Encroachment
- City Encroachment, Columbus and Hilliard
- Safety – police presence as people move out and use parks
- Increased traffic
- Development
- Development (2 sticky dots)
- Zoning Issues
- Encroachment
- Mando ditch petition costs are unnecessary, only requested by very few and extraordinarily expensive with no ability to decline/say no. NO MANDO DITCH! (3 sticky dots)
- Density
- \$\$ Greed, Development, change ag zoning, imminent domain (1 sticky dot)
- Hilliard and Columbus gobbling up and developing (7 sticky dots)
- Encroachment, greed to take \$ and push development (1 sicky dot)
- Home builder density (1 sticky dot)
- Encroachment of developments and apartments (1 sticky dot)
- Mass development without natural open areas
- Litter control!
- City government
- Greed developers
- Hill Farm 2
- Density and Zoning – prefer no commercial; single family include detached patio – prefer if needed

*What is the greatest need in the Township right now?*

- Improved drainage (2 sticky dots)
- Develop self-governance plan
- Block developers and block annexation (1 sticky dot)
- Land conservation (2 sticky dots)

- Listen to needs of residents
- Zoning rules (1 sticky dot)
- Parks/nature preserve area, paths or trails that encourage residents to be active while enjoying the rural landscape
- Drainage (2 sticky dots)
- Ability to push back against development we don't want (5 sticky dots)
- Land Use
- Leadership Vision Planning
- Drainage Roberts Rd-Amity (1 sticky dot)
- Stop retail and development, leave it single-family rural (1 sticky dot)

*Are you in favor of the Township administering its own Zoning Code. Why or why not?*

- Yes (x14)
- Yes, to preserve rural atmosphere (1 sticky dot)
- Yes, Hilliard is too big to understand our needs
- Preservation of Farmland (2 sticky dots)
- Yes, to prevent city from annexing
- Yes, better control over decisions made
- Yes, keep Ag homes on 10+ acres (1 sticky dot)
- Adopt Township zoning (1 sticky dot)
- Yes, it would help retain the character of the area instead of being a patchwork of city plans
- Listen to residents of Brown Township, not Columbus
- Stand up to developers that ignore the plans (2 sticky dots)
- We know what would go in certain areas
- Yes, set standards and allow thoughtful planning
- Yes! Local voice and control (1 sticky dot)
- Yes, greater control → preserve areas
- Yes, to protect from City and County interest

### Multi-Use Trails:

Option 1 – Off-street path north of Patterson Rd: 16 sticky dots

Option 2 – On-street path via Scioto Darby Creek Rd: 44 sticky dots (plus one sticky dot on the actual map trail)

*Please note additional comments or concerns*

- Keep green space between road and path for safety, either path
- Keep it out of here
- Do both? Significant development from Dublin and Columbus on N side
- On-street could be dangerous
- Scioto Darby route is a less desirable one because there is no shoulder connectivity to POMP (Prairie Oaks Metro Park) from Scioto Darby Rd
- It is, I am scared when I am on my bike
- #2 diagram shows a continued trail that could go to park off Trabue Rd
- Do not take property to build bike paths, use existing county roads

# Photographs of Boards Asking for Participation

To visualize how the process worked and participation level. All sticky notes and dots are recorded in the pages above to be more legible.





# Final Survey Report

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Date	April 14, 2025
To	Brown Township Steering Committee
From	Darryll Wolnik, AICP

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## Survey Data

The Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update planning process had a robust public engagement plan. As part of the public engagement plan, the city has prepared a community survey, with the purpose of gathering input on Township vision, goals, priorities, strengths, and weaknesses. The survey was comprised of twenty questions, including multiple choice, ranked choice, and open-ended questions. The survey garnered 315 responses in total.

Brown Township is a special place for so many people. When asked what sets the Township apart from other places, three responses soared. 76.85% (n=239) noted the Township's rural feel as a unique trait. The Township's access to natural resources amenities including parks, trails, and open spaces were noted by 69.77% of respondents (n=217). Thirdly, the Township's proximity to "big city" resources was marked by 63.34% of people (n=197) as the Township is outside of Hilliard and Columbus.

Almost two-thirds of respondents, 62.5%, want the preservation of rural land and protection of the Township from further annexations as top priorities for the Township over the next five years. Enforcing/abiding by the Big Darby Accord is also a top priority for a majority of respondents (55.45%). Other priorities include property taxes, parks and open space, and local zoning.

The Big Darby Creek is a natural resource located on the western side of Brown Township. Several of the survey questions asked about the resource and responses emphasized the Creek's importance to the Township. 82.58% of respondents noted "strongly agree" when provided with the following statement: The Big Darby is an important natural feature that should be protected from pollution. A majority of residents noted that the Big Darby Creek is an integral part of Township identity with 58.01% strongly agreeing with the statement. Additionally, when provided with this statement: The Big Darby is a nice creek, but it shouldn't stop us from developing land around it, 63.14% of respondents indicated they strongly disagree. Respondents also noted that work should be done to protect waterways from pollution even if land development (63.67% strongly agree) and housing construction (67.63% strongly agree) are restricted.

For certain questions, the survey was specifically designed to separate responses based on respondent residence. Data responses of those who live in unincorporated Brown Township and those who live in incorporated Brown Township/City of Hilliard are distinct. In alignment with the design of the survey the following paragraphs will separate data from both Unincorporated Township responses and Incorporated Township responses.

When asked about the desirability of the Township, almost three-quarters (72.07%) of Unincorporated Township respondents strongly agreed that Brown Township is a desirable place to live with 56.56% of respondents also strongly agreeing that the Township is welcoming to their family. When Incorporated or Hilliard residents were given the same 2 statements, 44.62% strongly agreed that Brown Township is a desirable place to live with 40.63% strongly agreeing that the Township was welcoming to their family. When given the following statement: Brown Township is more desirable now than it was 5 years ago, 35.29% (the most popular response) of

unincorporated residents indicated a neutral response. Incorporated/Hilliard residents indicated they agreed with the statement with the most populous response (37.5%).

When asked about their feelings regarding certain township elements, 63.8% of unincorporated residents noted they feel positively about Township services including fire, police, and roads. Additionally, 62.9% of residents feel positive about parks and open space with another 61.82% feel positively about the Township's agricultural uses. When given the same options as unincorporated residents, a majority Incorporated/Hilliard residents (67.69%) noted they felt most positively about schools, followed by public services (65.08), and current crime rates (57.81%).

When given the ability to rank 10 Township challenges from most important to least important, Quality of Life was noted as the most important by both Unincorporated and Incorporated residents with 32.00% and 28.13% ranking it at #1, respectively. Additionally, when provided a list of Township elements, both Unincorporated and Incorporated residents noted that Quality of Life was most important with 82.51% and 80.95% respectively. Both unincorporated and incorporated residents also agree that the Township should have more local control over zoning. A large majority of Unincorporated residents, 93.06%, indicated this with 74.55% of incorporated residents noting the same.

Regarding questions about development, 72.89% of unincorporated residents noted protected open space as the preferred form of development with 52.44% also noting that Brown Township doesn't need any more development. Unincorporated residents (81.33%) also indicated single-family housing on 5+ acre lots as a good fit for Brown Township. Incorporated residents had different answers regarding development with 69.84% of respondents noting a desire for more multi-use paths and trails with the second most prioritized form of development was protected open space with 61.9% of respondents indicating so. Regarding housing development, incorporated residents indicated that single family housing on 1 to 5 acre lots is a good fit in Brown Township with 64.06% of residents indicating so. Additionally, 58.73% of incorporated residents indicated single family housing on 5+ acre lots would also be a good fit for Brown Township.

Finally, the survey asked two open-ended questions regarding 3-5 words that describe Brown Township and what rural living means to the respondent. An in-depth analysis is required to determine the content of all comments, but the word cloud below offers a representation of the most popular words seen in responses.

The first open-ended questions asked respondents to list 3-5 words that come to mind when they think of Brown Township. This question received 248 responses, with the most common displayed in the word cloud below.



The second open ended question asked respondents, what rural living meant to them. The following word cloud is a summation of the most common words and phrases utilized. This

question was asked to both unincorporated residents and incorporated residents. The word cloud below represents the 193 responses from unincorporated residents.



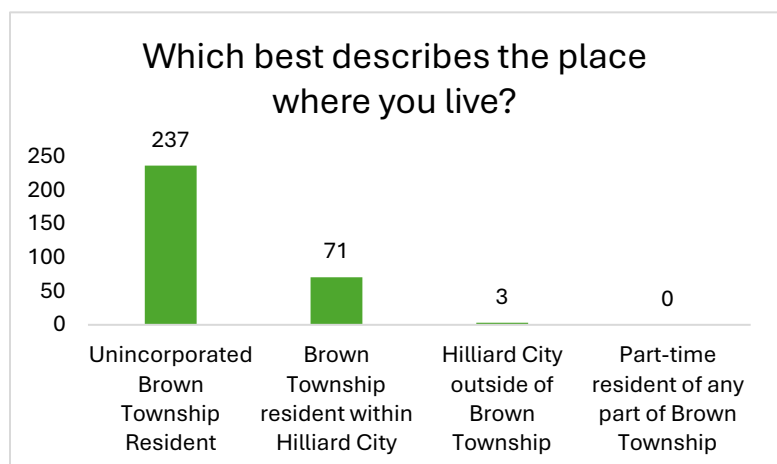
The following word cloud is representative of 45 responses from incorporated residents:



## Discussion

This survey was taken by 315 unique people. The survey was designed to allow only one response, multiple responses from the same device are not possible.

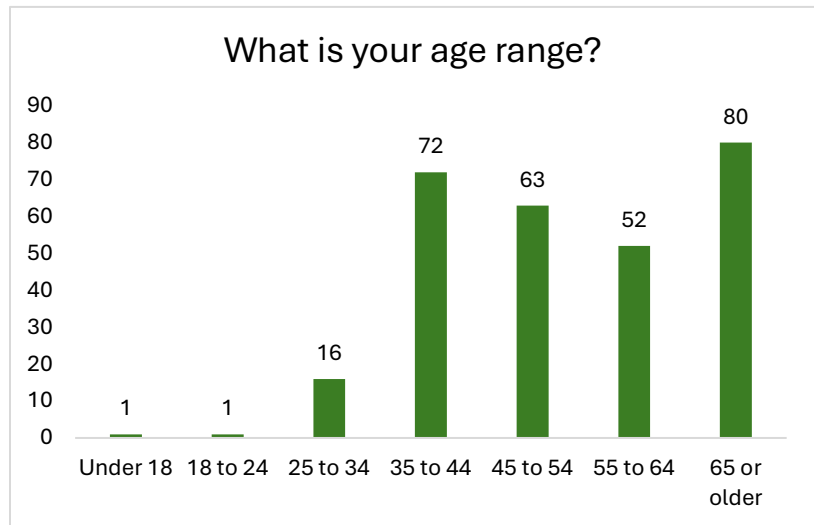
Of the 315 total respondents, 76.21% (n=237) of respondents live in unincorporated Brown Township, 22.83% (n=71) of respondents live in the incorporated areas of Brown Township, and 0.96% (n=3) of respondents live outside of Brown Township, in City of Hilliard, and 4 respondents chose not to answer this question. Of the respondents that live in Brown Township, 62.78% of them are longtime residents, residing in the Township



for 10 or more years. The next most common response was 7 to 10 years, making up 13.45% of Brown Township respondents. In contrast, of those that live in the incorporated areas, 47.69% indicated they've lived in the Township area for 4 to 6 years with the next most popular response

being 1 to 3 years (20%, n=13). Although between the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the Township, the survey reached both long-term and newer residents, the survey did fail to those who have lived in the area for less than a year. The survey also failed to reach newer residents in the unincorporated areas of the Township and longtime residents of the incorporated area. These groups of residents may make up less of the total population.

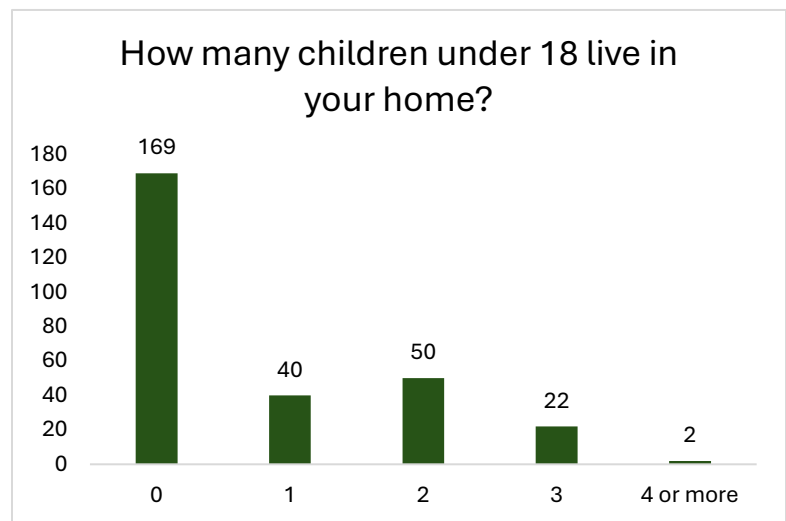
Demographically, the survey is representative of most age groups. Of the 285 respondents who answered the question, 80 of them noted they were 65 years old or older (28.07%), 63 people indicated they were between 45 and 54 years old (22.11%), and 72 respondents noted they were between the ages of 35 and 44 (25.26%). The age range that is severely underrepresented is those that are under the age of 34. There were only 16 respondents who were between the ages of 24 and 34 (5.61%), and only 2 respondents who were 24 or younger (0.70%).



This amounts to a failure to reach the very young population within the community. Engaging under twenty-five populations is exceedingly hard in community planning. Those groups tend to use social media outside of those channels in which the city operates, such as TikTok and Snapchat.

Survey respondents were also heavily, highly educated individuals. Over one-third of respondents earned their bachelor's degree (37.81%) and another 40.99% obtained their master's degree or higher. A handful of respondents earned their associate's degree. Additionally, a vast majority of respondents were homeowners, making up 93.06% of respondents. None of the respondents rented and only 20 respondents indicated that they lived with family (6.94%).

When asked about their household size, 117 respondents indicated there were only 2 people (including the respondent) living in the house with another 117 respondents indicating there were a total of 3 or 4 persons in the household. Another question asked about people in the household, how many children under 18 currently live in the home. 59.72% of respondents indicated 0 with the next most common answer being 2 people under the age of 18 making up 17.67% of responses. This data aligns with the fact that many respondents were middle-aged to older adults who may have adult children that may or may not live at home.



The survey data provided in the above section, indicates the priority of unincorporated and incorporated residents' desire to keep the Township rural. This is indicated through the Township

priorities, the importance of the Big Darby Creek, word cloud, and the preferred development and housing styles in the Township.

## Conclusion

On its face, the survey provides solid information on Township priorities and desires. Large lots, low density housing, and resource preservation are important, and those things should be reflected in the final plan. Many respondents also expressed their dislike for both commercial and high-density residential development, and further annexation of the Township. It's important that preventative measures are mentioned in the final plan as well.

Focus should be given to the future land map which indicates future density, and alignment with the Big Darby Accord. Additionally, the plan should explore how best to maintain the rural character of the community while understanding the growth of surrounding areas.

Darryll W. Wolnik, AICP

Planning Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Wolnik', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

# Public Engagement Report

**Project:** Brown Township Comprehensive Plan 2024 Update  
**Community:** Brown Township, Ohio  
**Event:** Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update Public Meeting  
**Location:** Brown Township Firehouse (2491 Walker Rd.)  
**Attendees:** 3  
**Date/Time:** Tuesday, 07/15/2025, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
**Staff:** Darryll Wolnik AICP, James Condo, Andrew Giovinazzo EIT

Stakeholder Groups Present
Individuals
Families
Seniors

General Event Goals and Outcomes	
Stated intention of the public engagement event	To spread awareness of the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update’s final goals and objectives, and the Future Land Use Map.
Engagement type	Planned Public Meeting
How did the meeting inform the community about the project?	By providing a PowerPoint presentation to orient residents to the planning process, the goals/objectives/strategies, and the Future Land Use Map. Also to educate residents on the purpose and role of the Comprehensive Plan. Provided one-page handouts on the plan and process, and provided 6 stations for residents to provide detailed feedback and ask questions.
Did the event meet the intended goals of the engagement?	Yes

<i>Approximate Number of Interactions: 3</i>
Questions/Comments from Interactions
What is the purpose of the plan?
What does future land use mean?
Will this affect my zoning?

## General Summary

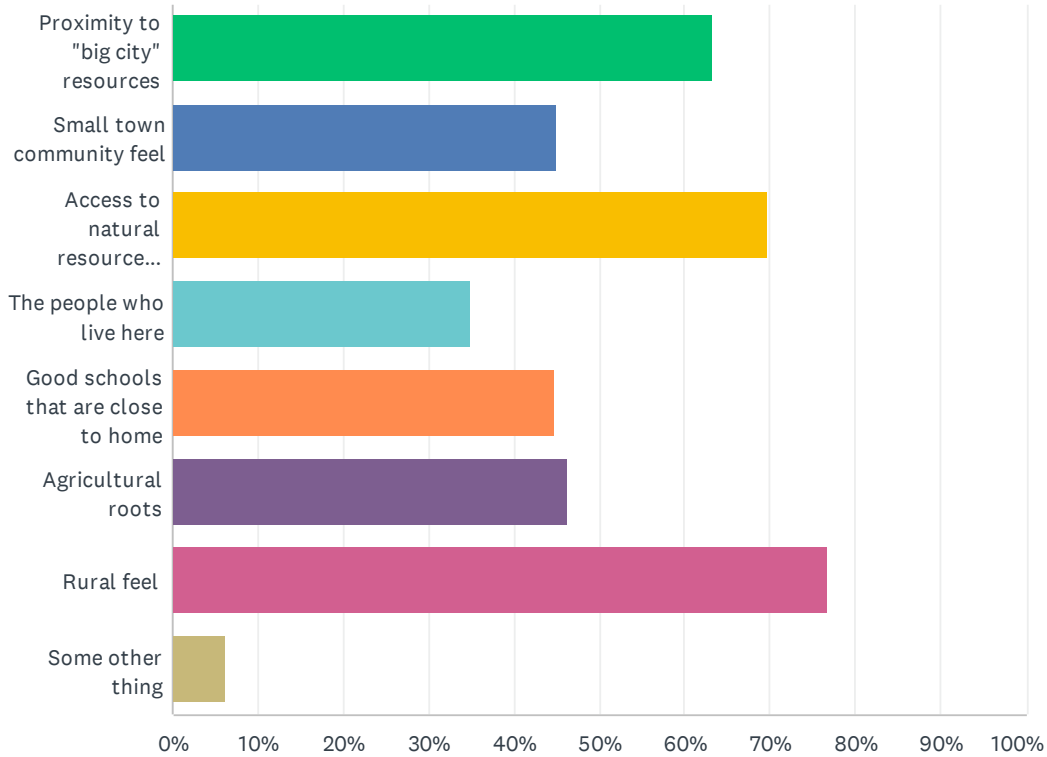
Staff set in the fire station bay, with around 40 chairs facing the TV screen where a presentation would be displayed while staff spoke. 6 stations were set up behind the chairs for interaction after the presentation. Each station had a table with a 36" by 48" print out of one of the goals, along with its objectives and strategies. Tables had post-it notes and markers for questions and comments. The Future Land Use Map was also placed at one of the stations. Staff and Township officials were on hand at each station to answer questions.

Only 3 residents attended the meeting, not including Steering Committee members, Verdantas staff, and Township officials. Staff gave the presentation on the plan, process, and outcomes with no questions from the audience. Staff then allowed residents unlimited time to explore the stations and ask questions. One resident asked some questions related to their property, and if this plan would affect zoning. They also had general questions relating to the plan purpose and future land use.

Staff kept the meeting open until 7:30 PM, well after the initial visitors had left, to ensure no other residents would arrive to engage.

### Q1 What sets Brown Township apart from other "places" (cities, townships, villages, etc.)? Select as many or as few as you'd like.

Answered: 311 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to "big city" resources	63.34%	197
Small town community feel	45.02%	140
Access to natural resource amenities (parks, trails, open space, etc.)	69.77%	217
The people who live here	35.05%	109
Good schools that are close to home	44.69%	139
Agricultural roots	46.30%	144
Rural feel	76.85%	239
Some other thing	6.11%	19
Total Respondents: 311		

#	SOME OTHER THING	DATE
1	Distance between homes, privacy, space for family	3/6/2025 10:20 AM
2	Country living no apartments	3/5/2025 1:44 PM
3	Big Darby Creek	3/3/2025 8:10 PM

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4	Not paying Hilliard city tax	2/26/2025 5:54 PM
5	5 acre minimums for property- keeps the country feel	2/22/2025 3:54 PM
6	Big Darby Accord	2/22/2025 9:54 AM
7	Space btwn properties	1/30/2025 8:21 PM
8	Small and rural	1/29/2025 4:36 PM
9	It really hasn't distinguished itself from the other rural townships on the edges of population centers	1/27/2025 6:49 PM
10	The dark night sky. Please make parking lots turn off at least half their lights at night	1/25/2025 4:32 PM
11	natural wooded areas, bald eagle nests, fishing, open fields	1/25/2025 5:39 AM
12	No city lights! Quiet! Peaceful living. Space to play safely. Little crime.	1/23/2025 11:04 PM
13	Regulations preventing businesses from operating in residential areas	1/23/2025 6:00 PM
14	Horse trails	1/23/2025 10:43 AM
15	Ability to have animals, grow food and plants and space for larger machinery.	1/23/2025 7:54 AM
16	Space between homes	1/22/2025 6:25 PM
17	Property values maintained	1/21/2025 9:40 PM
18	Ability to own farm animals	1/21/2025 5:58 PM
19	Larger lot sizes, quiet area	1/17/2025 5:16 PM

## Q2 What 3-5 words come to mind when you think of Brown Township?

Answered: 248 Skipped: 67

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Rural residential community	3/8/2025 5:36 PM
2	Open, Natural, Safe	3/8/2025 10:47 AM
3	Small town feel, open spaces!!	3/7/2025 8:22 AM
4	Open spaces, farms, quiet, peaceful	3/6/2025 7:36 PM
5	Quiet, less populated	3/6/2025 11:09 AM
6	Privacy, land, agriculture, quiet,	3/6/2025 10:20 AM
7	peaceful, low density housing, friendly	3/6/2025 10:20 AM
8	Small, quiet, farming	3/6/2025 9:25 AM
9	Danger of overdevelopment by Hilliard/ Columbus	3/5/2025 9:36 PM
10	Acreage, horses, fields	3/5/2025 8:15 PM
11	Country Setting. Farms. Homes with large lots	3/5/2025 1:38 PM
12	Rural, open spaces, farm fields	3/5/2025 11:55 AM
13	Not a subdivision	3/4/2025 12:53 PM
14	Big Darby Creek and Prairie Oaks	3/3/2025 8:10 PM
15	Rural, proximity, quiet, scenic	3/3/2025 1:53 PM
16	scenic, natural, agricultural	3/2/2025 3:34 PM
17	Friendly-home-beautiful	3/2/2025 2:26 PM
18	Rural quiet peaceful agricultural	3/1/2025 1:32 PM
19	Country, quite, beautiful	2/26/2025 5:59 PM
20	Close-knit, rural, community-focused	2/26/2025 5:54 PM
21	Hilliard	2/25/2025 9:56 AM
22	Farm land, chickens, country	2/24/2025 9:11 PM
23	Quiet, open, nature	2/24/2025 11:42 AM
24	Where I grew up	2/24/2025 8:21 AM
25	Growth, Big Darby, Rural	2/23/2025 7:11 PM
26	Rural, country, peaceful	2/23/2025 7:10 PM
27	country feel / space between house	2/23/2025 11:29 AM
28	Quiet & peaceful	2/22/2025 7:27 PM
29	Country, good neighbors, quiet, peaceful, beautiful	2/22/2025 3:54 PM
30	Nature, Space, distance	2/22/2025 2:01 PM
31	Country, quiet, accommodating	2/22/2025 1:01 PM
32	Quiet, freedom, parks	2/22/2025 11:12 AM
33	Farming, changing, wholesome	2/22/2025 10:38 AM

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34	Space, pretty,quiet	2/22/2025 10:18 AM
35	Country values and nature.	2/22/2025 9:54 AM
36	Mostly nice. Some trashy yards	2/21/2025 9:11 PM
37	MAGA yard signs, McMansions in fields, trash-filled ditches	2/21/2025 5:33 PM
38	Farm, rural, deer, Darby creek	2/21/2025 5:01 PM
39	Rural, growing too quickly	2/21/2025 4:16 PM
40	The country near the city	2/21/2025 2:12 PM
41	Community, agriculture, spacious	2/20/2025 8:57 PM
42	Quiet, open, undeveloped, peaceful, clean	2/20/2025 11:53 AM
43	Quiet Country Living!	2/20/2025 11:47 AM
44	private, country, safe, farming, wildlife	2/19/2025 7:32 AM
45	Peaceful, safe, country feel	2/16/2025 11:56 AM
46	Country feeling	2/15/2025 10:12 AM
47	Home, haven, belonging, wide open spaces	2/14/2025 12:39 PM
48	Open Spaces, Fresh Air, Quiet, Agriculture, Peaceful	2/14/2025 10:35 AM
49	Metro parks	2/14/2025 10:22 AM
50	Rural Community Green Space	2/11/2025 9:06 PM
51	Quiet, nature, Big Darby	2/10/2025 6:30 PM
52	Friendly, close to the Big Darby	2/10/2025 6:25 PM
53	Rural large lot community	2/9/2025 10:21 PM
54	Rural conservative values	2/9/2025 4:25 PM
55	Agriculture, Rural, large lots, independent	2/9/2025 9:38 AM
56	Peaceful. Relaxing. Friendly. Openness.	2/8/2025 2:14 PM
57	Rural, Safe, Freedom, Independant	2/7/2025 2:40 PM
58	Rural home	2/6/2025 8:45 PM
59	Quiet	2/6/2025 6:15 PM
60	Country, rural, farms	2/5/2025 1:46 PM
61	Undeveloped, wildlife, my happy place	2/4/2025 1:08 PM
62	Peaceful, welcoming,	2/3/2025 9:08 PM
63	Traditional farming community	2/3/2025 7:22 PM
64	Quiet rural friendly relaxed	2/3/2025 5:09 PM
65	Open space country living	2/3/2025 12:56 PM
66	Rural peaceful continently located	2/2/2025 6:53 PM
67	Home, rural residential	2/2/2025 5:25 PM
68	Expensive	2/2/2025 12:34 PM
69	country neighbors minimal lights	2/2/2025 11:52 AM
70	Space and peace	2/2/2025 10:38 AM
71	Rural, convenient, safe	2/2/2025 8:54 AM

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72	Quiet	2/1/2025 12:15 PM
73	Home, wet, open	2/1/2025 11:22 AM
74	Farmland, neighborhoods, families	2/1/2025 11:11 AM
75	Rural nature green space	2/1/2025 10:33 AM
76	Parks rural no traffic	1/31/2025 5:35 PM
77	Quiet, private, safe, location	1/30/2025 9:14 PM
78	Country feel but city close	1/30/2025 8:21 PM
79	Home, land, beautiful sunsets	1/30/2025 8:06 PM
80	Quite, relaxing, small	1/30/2025 8:58 AM
81	Country	1/29/2025 7:04 PM
82	Small and rural	1/29/2025 4:36 PM
83	Not overly crowded	1/29/2025 3:23 PM
84	Peaceful, history, friendly	1/29/2025 9:40 AM
85	Nature, open spaces	1/29/2025 7:58 AM
86	Rural country feel	1/28/2025 9:43 PM
87	Rural, easy access to amenities	1/28/2025 9:39 PM
88	Laid back	1/28/2025 8:42 PM
89	Rural feel	1/28/2025 5:58 PM
90	Farming legacy	1/28/2025 5:23 PM
91	Peaceful, open space, natural, clean	1/28/2025 11:05 AM
92	Friendly, quiet, rural	1/28/2025 9:51 AM
93	Small, Easy Going, Rual	1/28/2025 9:38 AM
94	Farming, Prairie Oaks Metro Park	1/28/2025 9:09 AM
95	Schools, parks, but no trails	1/27/2025 6:49 PM
96	It used to be quiet.	1/27/2025 4:04 PM
97	Peaceful Rural Nature	1/27/2025 2:44 PM
98	Rural, land ownership, 5 acre lots	1/27/2025 1:20 PM
99	Private, spacious and convenient	1/27/2025 12:13 PM
100	Peace and quiet	1/27/2025 11:16 AM
101	Country History Escape from City	1/27/2025 9:56 AM
102	Low crime	1/27/2025 9:44 AM
103	Farming Community and natural resources	1/27/2025 8:18 AM
104	Rural, adjacent, home	1/27/2025 7:17 AM
105	Good people, good community	1/26/2025 3:46 PM
106	Nature, rural feel, biking, private, community	1/26/2025 3:07 PM
107	Big lots for homes	1/26/2025 2:51 PM
108	Quiet, Nature, Rural	1/26/2025 10:45 AM
109	Rural open setting	1/26/2025 9:42 AM

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110	Community, friendly, shrinking	1/26/2025 8:52 AM
111	Convenience with country style	1/26/2025 8:41 AM
112	Home	1/26/2025 7:27 AM
113	Country, privacy, friendly	1/26/2025 4:59 AM
114	Too much growth	1/25/2025 6:59 PM
115	Great place to live	1/25/2025 6:55 PM
116	Rural but city	1/25/2025 6:08 PM
117	high property taxes	1/25/2025 5:46 PM
118	Home	1/25/2025 4:32 PM
119	Country living,home, friendly	1/25/2025 4:06 PM
120	Open Space, farmland and wildlife	1/25/2025 2:51 PM
121	Country, parks, not over crowded	1/25/2025 2:49 PM
122	Small, rural	1/25/2025 2:43 PM
123	Growing too much	1/25/2025 2:01 PM
124	Country close to the city	1/25/2025 6:46 AM
125	Country	1/25/2025 5:39 AM
126	Rural	1/24/2025 9:33 PM
127	Trails, lack of good food	1/24/2025 9:13 PM
128	Local, friendly people, fun	1/24/2025 6:14 PM
129	Rural. Flat. Nature	1/24/2025 2:12 PM
130	Quiet; friendly; Hilliard schools	1/24/2025 11:20 AM
131	Peaceful home sites	1/24/2025 9:49 AM
132	Closeness to nature; the vistas	1/24/2025 9:48 AM
133	rural, neighborhood, open space	1/24/2025 9:08 AM
134	peaceful, neighborly, agrarian	1/24/2025 8:57 AM
135	Beautiful, community, quiet, calm, peaceful	1/23/2025 11:05 PM
136	Family, quiet, safe.	1/23/2025 11:04 PM
137	Open space, farmland	1/23/2025 11:00 PM
138	Spread out, rural	1/23/2025 9:06 PM
139	Open green space, growing	1/23/2025 6:00 PM
140	Rural	1/23/2025 5:32 PM
141	Darby, rural, farm	1/23/2025 4:17 PM
142	Quiet. Clean. Peaceful. Friendly.	1/23/2025 4:02 PM
143	Country living	1/23/2025 3:18 PM
144	Beautiful farm land	1/23/2025 3:18 PM
145	Quiet, rural, wildlife, nature	1/23/2025 12:58 PM
146	Rural, nature, farm, land	1/23/2025 12:55 PM
147	Just outside the city	1/23/2025 12:23 PM

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148	Farming community that is going away	1/23/2025 11:19 AM
149	Wide Open spaces	1/23/2025 10:43 AM
150	Cornfields, low crime, no developers	1/23/2025 10:43 AM
151	Quiet rural and convenient	1/23/2025 8:58 AM
152	Land, sunsets, rainbows, big lawns.	1/23/2025 8:37 AM
153	A nice blend between suburban and rural	1/23/2025 8:13 AM
154	Quiet, natural resource protection	1/23/2025 7:54 AM
155	Home, safe, quiet	1/23/2025 7:06 AM
156	Expensive	1/23/2025 6:55 AM
157	Not congested, rural vibe	1/22/2025 10:05 PM
158	Country, quaint, fields, hard to get to from the highway	1/22/2025 9:53 PM
159	Green neighborhood	1/22/2025 8:56 PM
160	Location, exclusive, underrated, secret, rural.	1/22/2025 8:51 PM
161	Country ish, quaint, good school	1/22/2025 8:44 PM
162	Space. Calm. Nature.	1/22/2025 8:40 PM
163	Quite neighborhoods with more nature than buildings	1/22/2025 8:27 PM
164	Green, trees, farms	1/22/2025 8:24 PM
165	Hilliard, friendly, growing	1/22/2025 8:22 PM
166	Nature. Preserve. Darby. Space	1/22/2025 8:19 PM
167	rural	1/22/2025 8:13 PM
168	best rural living for now	1/22/2025 8:11 PM
169	Freedom, space, Big Darby	1/22/2025 8:02 PM
170	Peaceful community feeling	1/22/2025 7:53 PM
171	Peaceful, nature, welcoming	1/22/2025 7:52 PM
172	Acreage, country, privacy	1/22/2025 7:45 PM
173	Rural	1/22/2025 7:32 PM
174	country close to the city	1/22/2025 7:15 PM
175	Peaceful, not crowded	1/22/2025 7:04 PM
176	wildlife, open, green	1/22/2025 6:59 PM
177	Expensive taxes	1/22/2025 6:41 PM
178	Poor management by trustees	1/22/2025 6:40 PM
179	We like the rural space	1/22/2025 6:25 PM
180	Calm, peaceful, relaxing	1/22/2025 6:19 PM
181	Country, farming and minimal light pollution	1/22/2025 5:59 PM
182	Community, space, schools	1/22/2025 5:53 PM
183	Growing too fast	1/22/2025 5:23 PM
184	Open spaces and relaxing	1/22/2025 4:48 PM
185	Well Run.	1/22/2025 3:29 PM

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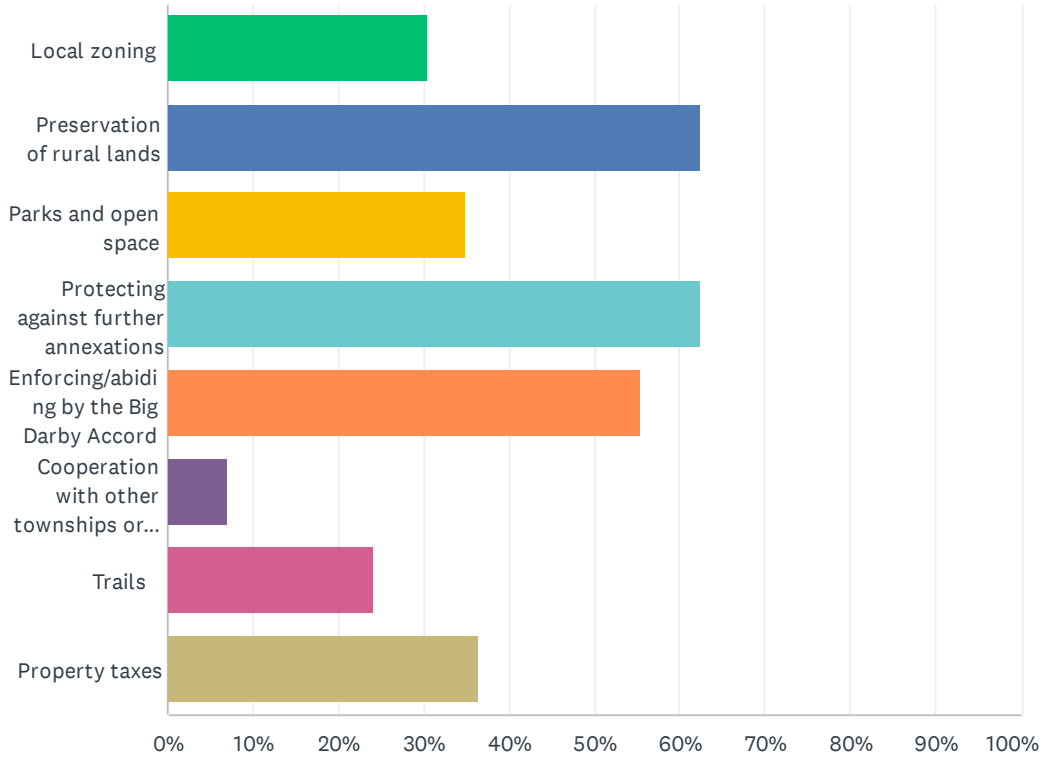
186	Parks, people, contentment	1/22/2025 3:01 PM
187	Country living	1/22/2025 1:42 PM
188	Country, rural, community	1/22/2025 1:23 PM
189	family roots, open farmland	1/22/2025 1:15 PM
190	rural, peaceful, low density	1/22/2025 12:31 PM
191	Rural America, good neighbors	1/22/2025 12:20 PM
192	small, tight, friendly	1/22/2025 12:17 PM
193	Park, prairie, farmland, wildlife.	1/22/2025 11:55 AM
194	Semi Rural close to city	1/22/2025 11:53 AM
195	Far west side	1/22/2025 11:34 AM
196	High taxes, flooding, selective infrastructure improvements	1/22/2025 10:43 AM
197	friendly country community	1/22/2025 10:24 AM
198	Columbus without high density housing	1/22/2025 10:22 AM
199	High taxes	1/22/2025 9:54 AM
200	Relaxing, quiet, nature	1/22/2025 9:27 AM
201	Space convenience rural	1/22/2025 8:21 AM
202	peaceful, rural community	1/22/2025 7:35 AM
203	Keeps on growing	1/22/2025 7:29 AM
204	Quiet, beautiful, open	1/22/2025 6:52 AM
205	rural, small, quiet	1/22/2025 6:50 AM
206	Home, country, easy access to anywhere	1/22/2025 3:06 AM
207	Beautiful nature preserve	1/22/2025 12:36 AM
208	Rural but suburban	1/21/2025 9:40 PM
209	Rural, space, freedom, neighborly	1/21/2025 8:57 PM
210	Fields, parks, country	1/21/2025 8:41 PM
211	Peaceful safe friendly	1/21/2025 8:08 PM
212	Open spaces. Well connected.	1/21/2025 8:02 PM
213	close to but far away from everything	1/21/2025 7:58 PM
214	Common sense	1/21/2025 7:56 PM
215	Peaceful, Rural, Friendly	1/21/2025 7:54 PM
216	Country, affluent, space	1/21/2025 7:37 PM
217	Quiet, rural, space, farms	1/21/2025 7:12 PM
218	Spacious, friendly,	1/21/2025 7:04 PM
219	The color brown	1/21/2025 6:54 PM
220	Peaceful, uncrowded, undeveloped	1/21/2025 6:54 PM
221	Not quite Columbus	1/21/2025 6:48 PM
222	Flooding	1/21/2025 6:47 PM
223	Opportunity for growth	1/21/2025 6:42 PM

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224	Peaceful, quiet, nature, Home	1/21/2025 6:35 PM
225	Wide open spaces	1/21/2025 6:25 PM
226	Starry nights, wildlife, ruralish	1/21/2025 6:03 PM
227	Home, safe, rural	1/21/2025 5:59 PM
228	Rural, spacious, peaceful	1/21/2025 5:58 PM
229	Country, farms,	1/21/2025 5:52 PM
230	Nature quiet open	1/21/2025 5:46 PM
231	Rural feel green space nature	1/21/2025 5:44 PM
232	Wildlife, creeks, parks	1/21/2025 5:38 PM
233	Rural small quiet	1/21/2025 5:16 PM
234	Community, resources, growth	1/21/2025 5:14 PM
235	Country But Close	1/21/2025 5:13 PM
236	Amenities, rural nature, park	1/21/2025 5:07 PM
237	Quiet, natural, peaceful	1/21/2025 4:41 PM
238	Open spaces, diversity of land usage	1/21/2025 4:28 PM
239	Green space, farms	1/21/2025 4:07 PM
240	Spacious lots, metro park	1/21/2025 3:43 PM
241	Community, safe, rural	1/21/2025 3:06 PM
242	Space, close to resources	1/21/2025 2:40 PM
243	Community, family, residential, rural	1/21/2025 1:48 PM
244	Room to breathe	1/21/2025 1:16 PM
245	Safe, clean	1/21/2025 1:00 PM
246	Comfortable, Clean, Simple	1/18/2025 5:39 PM
247	Freedom Independence safe	1/17/2025 7:02 PM
248	Small, quiet, and farm land	1/17/2025 5:16 PM

### Q3 What should Brown Township's priorities be over the next 5 years (select up to 3)?

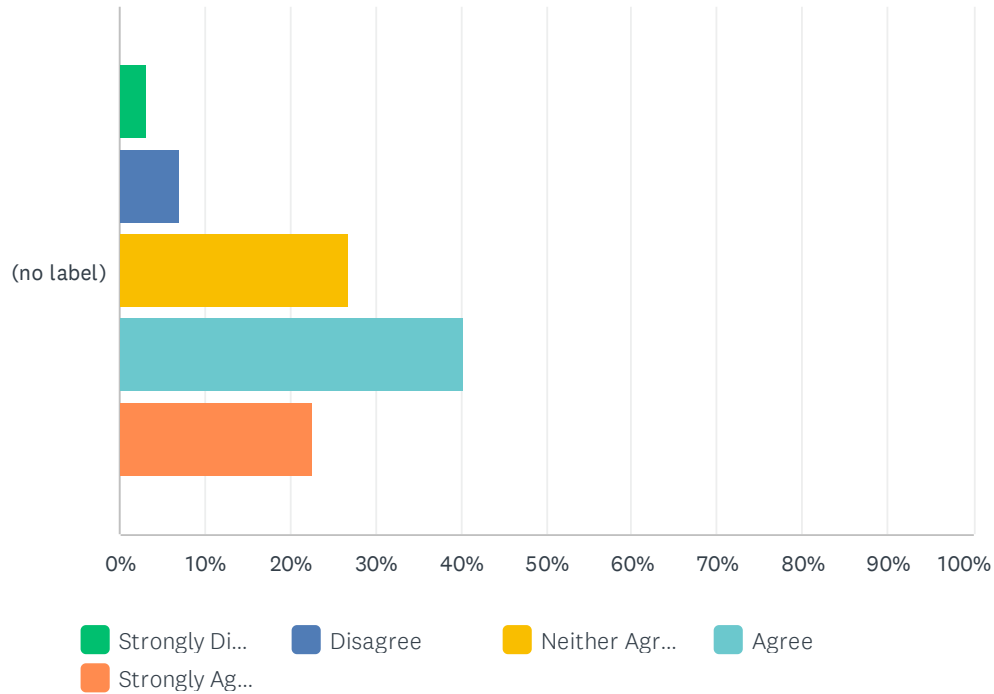
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local zoning	30.45%	95
Preservation of rural lands	62.50%	195
Parks and open space	34.94%	109
Protecting against further annexations	62.50%	195
Enforcing/abiding by the Big Darby Accord	55.45%	173
Cooperation with other townships or cities	7.05%	22
Trails	24.04%	75
Property taxes	36.54%	114
Total Respondents: 312		

## Q4 Brown Township has a well-defined character that separates it from surrounding communities.

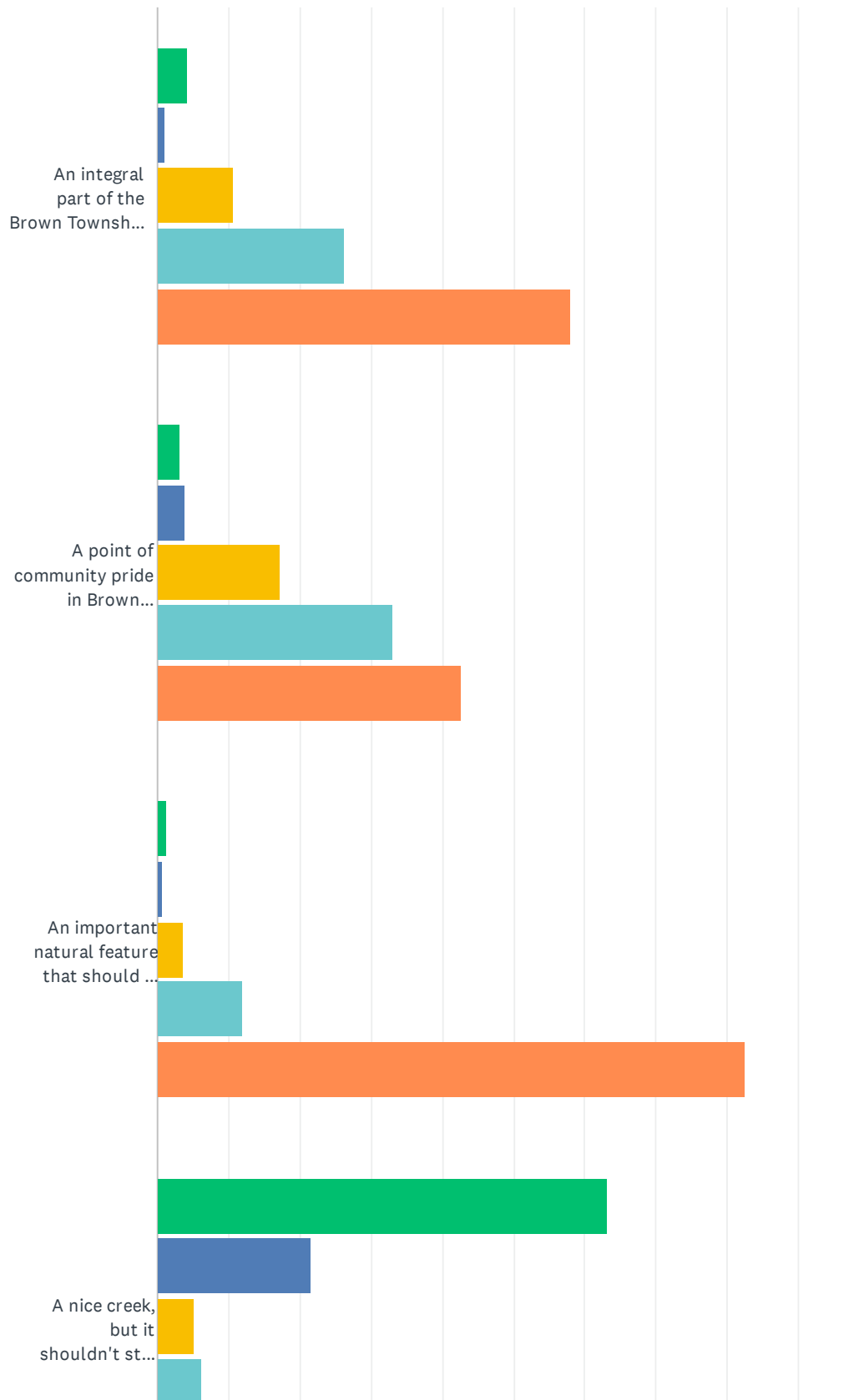
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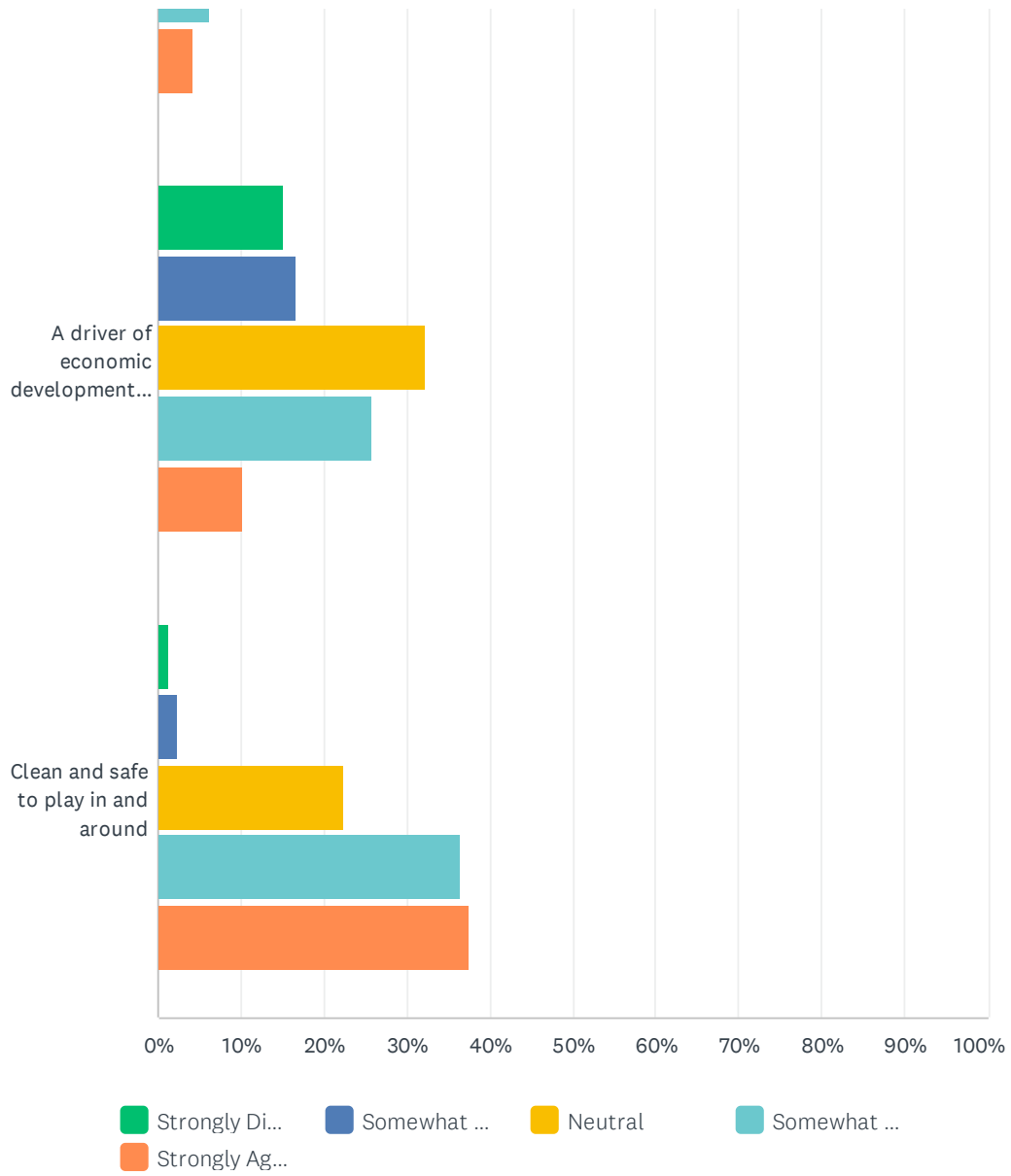
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(no label)	3.23% 10	7.10% 22	26.77% 83	40.32% 125	22.58% 70	310	2.11

### Q5 The Big Darby Creek is...

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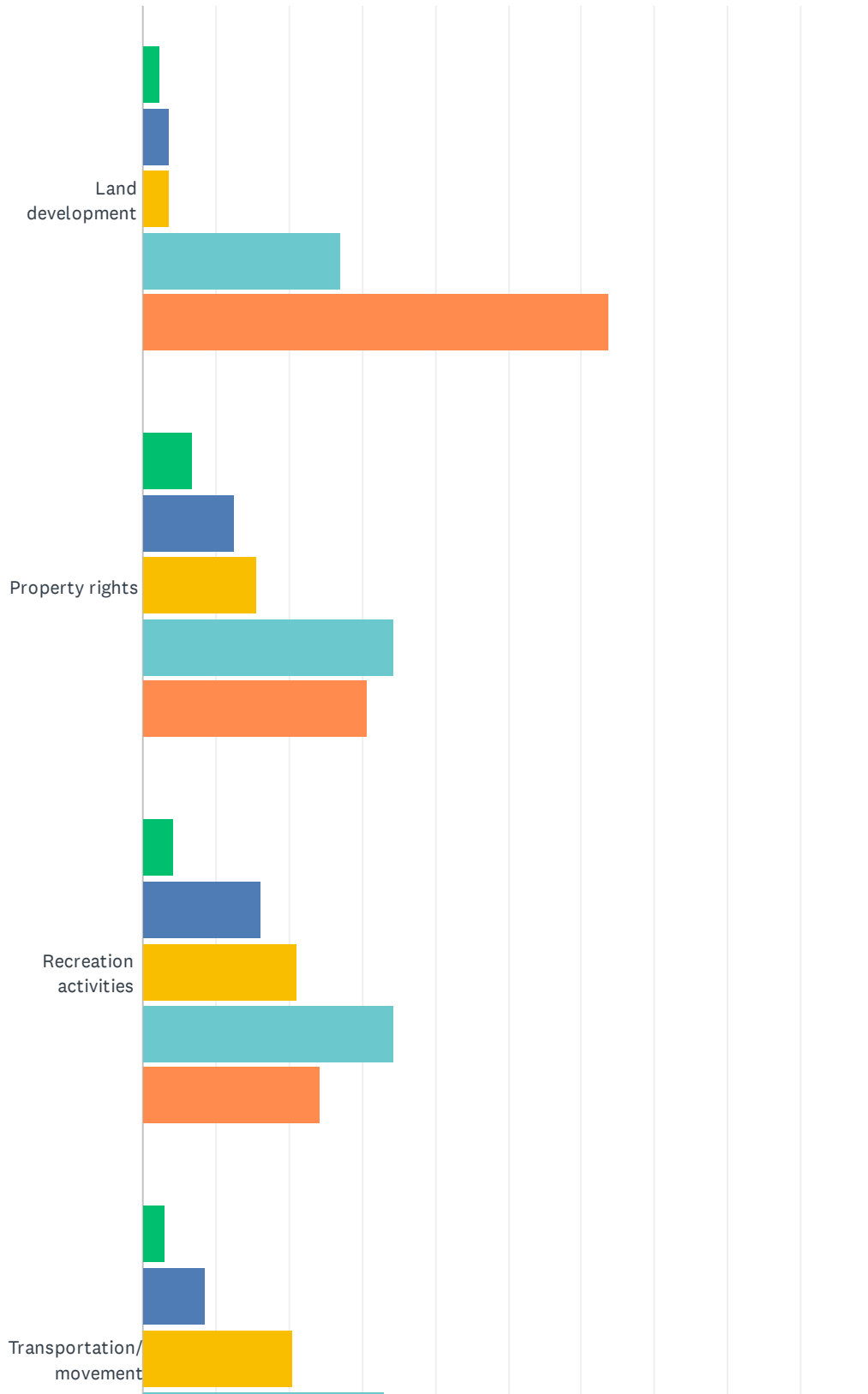


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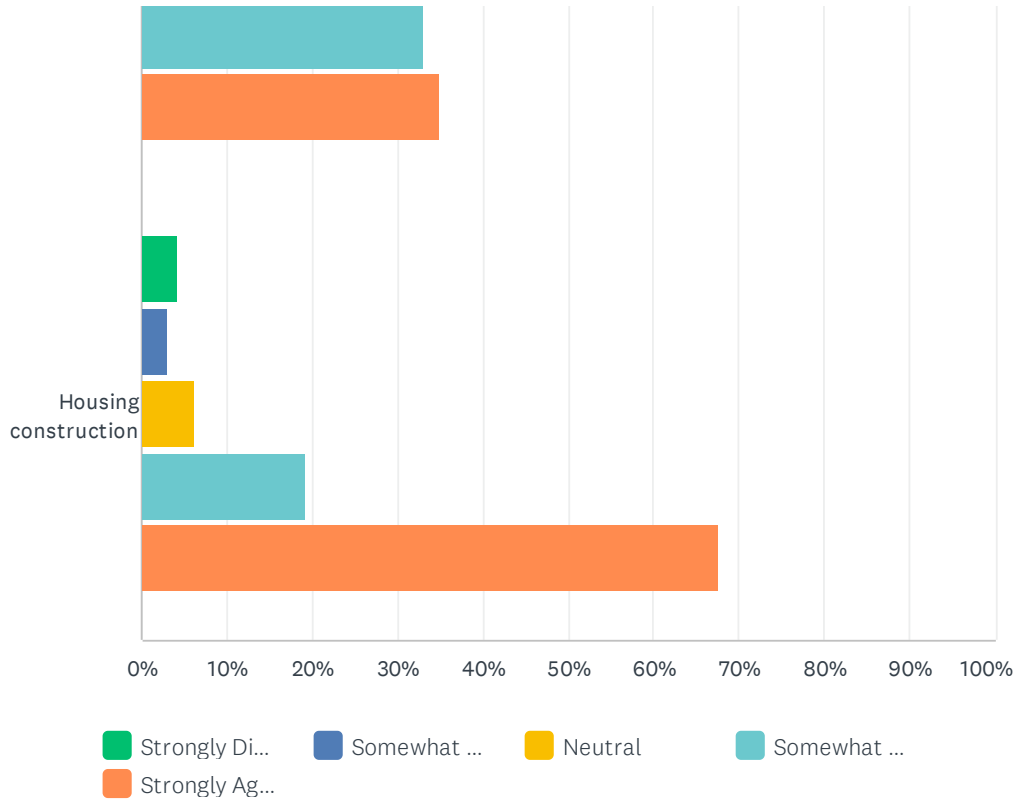
	<b>STRONGLY DISAGREE</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT DISAGREE</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT AGREE</b>	<b>STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE</b>
An integral part of the Brown Township identity	4.17% 13	0.96% 3	10.58% 33	26.28% 82	58.01% 181	312	4.33
A point of community pride in Brown Township	3.21% 10	3.85% 12	17.31% 54	33.01% 103	42.63% 133	312	4.08
An important natural feature that should be protected from pollution	1.29% 4	0.65% 2	3.55% 11	11.94% 37	82.58% 256	310	4.74
A nice creek, but it shouldn't stop us from developing land around it	63.14% 197	21.47% 67	5.13% 16	6.09% 19	4.17% 13	312	1.67
A driver of economic development through tourism and recreation	15.11% 47	16.72% 52	32.15% 100	25.72% 80	10.29% 32	311	2.99
Clean and safe to play in and around	1.28% 4	2.24% 7	22.44% 70	36.54% 114	37.50% 117	312	4.07

# Q6 We should work to protect our area waterways from pollution and habitat destruction, even if it means restricting...

Answered: 312 Skipped: 3



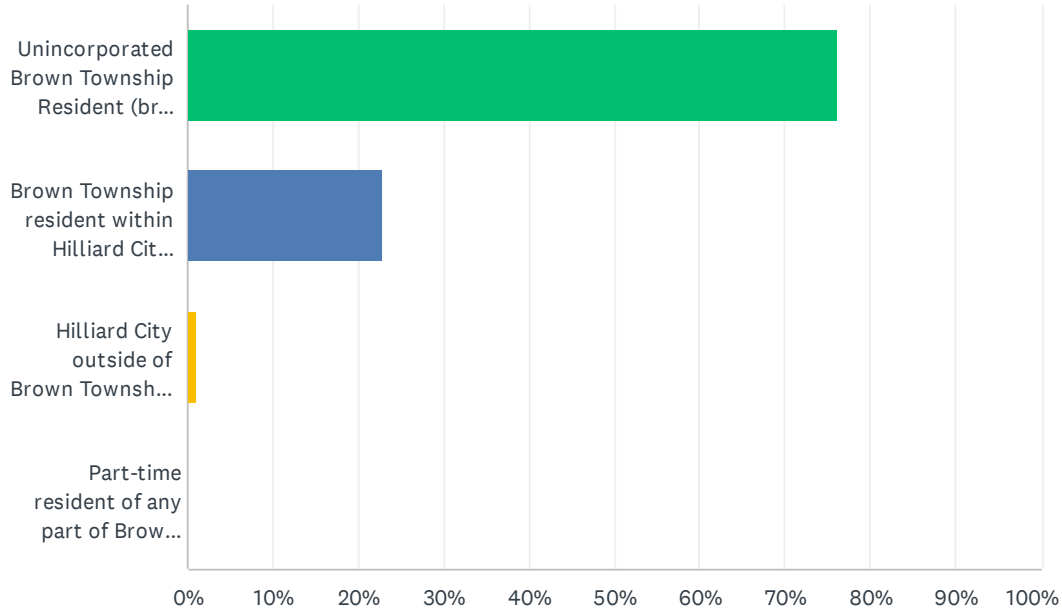
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Land development	2.25% 7	3.54% 11	3.54% 11	27.01% 84	63.67% 198	311	4.46
Property rights	6.80% 21	12.62% 39	15.53% 48	34.30% 106	30.74% 95	309	3.70
Recreation activities	4.21% 13	16.18% 50	21.04% 65	34.30% 106	24.27% 75	309	3.58
Transportation/movement	2.92% 9	8.44% 26	20.45% 63	33.12% 102	35.06% 108	308	3.89
Housing construction	4.17% 13	2.88% 9	6.09% 19	19.23% 60	67.63% 211	312	4.43

### Q7 Which best describes the place where you live (using the map above as a reference, if needed)?

Answered: 311 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Unincorporated Brown Township Resident (brown areas of map above)	76.21%	237
Brown Township resident within Hilliard City (brown areas with black diagonal hatch lines)	22.83%	71
Hilliard City outside of Brown Township (grey areas with black diagonal hatch lines)	0.96%	3
Part-time resident of any part of Brown Township (college student, snow bird, etc)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>311</b>

## Q8 In a few sentences, talk about what rural living means to you.

Answered: 193 Skipped: 122

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Peace, quiet, open spaces	3/8/2025 5:41 PM
2	Farmland, 5 plus acre lands	3/7/2025 7:45 PM
3	Being able to enjoy living in an area that is open and less populated. I have been able to watch wildlife and witness a bald eagle hunt, something fascinating to see! I love the open space and wildlife!!!	3/7/2025 8:43 AM
4	Living in a beautiful quiet peaceful setting	3/6/2025 7:44 PM
5	Independence. Land ownership and privacy around us with wonderful neighbors and community support. Minimal traffic and noise and no commercial properties. Enjoying land for 4-H and gardening and livestock.	3/6/2025 10:40 AM
6	Decent lot sizes giving independence from high density housing. Ability to hobby farm or children in agriculture type clubs(4H). Fairly uncongested lifestyle.	3/6/2025 10:40 AM
7	Farming with land with no interruption	3/6/2025 9:32 AM
8	Clean air and open vistas.. Option to farm and have animals. Peace and quiet with little traffic, until recent massive housing developments.	3/5/2025 9:48 PM
9	Properties are large and neighbors are at a nice distance. Residents have freedom to build as they please. Firearms are present and able to be safely discharged.	3/5/2025 8:27 PM
10	Open spaces and undeveloped farm fields. Quiet with plenty of space for wildlife to roam. NO APPARTMENTS	3/5/2025 1:55 PM
11	Enjoy wild life, private, accessible to Big Darby. My granddaughter is named Darby	3/5/2025 12:13 PM
12	Privacy and less traffic. Room to play	3/4/2025 12:59 PM
13	Quiet (mostly!), mix of natural area and agriculture	3/3/2025 8:16 PM
14	less congestion. More space and freedom. Peaceful and safe.	3/2/2025 3:44 PM
15	Peaceful and nature views	3/2/2025 2:37 PM
16	A quiet close knit community aware of neighbors but mindful. Sparse housing allowing view of the landscape. The roads devoid of clutter and traffic.	3/1/2025 1:43 PM
17	Peace and quiet. Being able to come home and relax from the hustle of the day.	2/27/2025 9:50 AM
18	Having space, enjoying hobby farming, kayaking on the river, being away from conjust	2/26/2025 6:06 PM
19	Quiet living with land	2/26/2025 6:00 PM
20	Not having neighbors living on top of me. Being able to have my land more natural because I don't have to comply with HOA rules.	2/24/2025 11:48 AM
21	No housing developments. Keeping well water	2/24/2025 8:25 AM
22	Enjoying nature.	2/23/2025 7:20 PM
23	Privacy, quiet, low traffic	2/23/2025 7:14 PM
24	less noise and traffic. space between homes	2/23/2025 11:37 AM
25	Having space between houses and not being overpopulated	2/22/2025 7:35 PM
26	It means we have a little bit of country - our land and our community. We support agricultural areas and natural landmarks (big Darby) and want to see them preserved. Our pace is slower	2/22/2025 4:05 PM

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on purpose - narrow roads allow us to walk our community (to the park, or just up and down our streets) because traffic is slow. It's quiet here - peaceful. Safe.

27	Ability to garden, have space, property	2/22/2025 2:05 PM
28	living in a quiet yet safe area that is not overcrowded but supplies much needed services to its residents .	2/22/2025 1:13 PM
29	It is attractive because there are less people and density. I love having a little bit of land and being able to improve my land as I see fit. We love to garden, keep chickens, keep bees and help our neighbors. I don't have to worry about HOAs. I can park my work truck and my families vehicles on my property and have room for guests to park and visit without worry that someone will complain or give me a citation. My dogs are able to have space to run. It is really very stress free except for speeding cars and loud heavy concrete trucks that roar past from the Hilliard housing builds.	2/22/2025 11:35 AM
30	Being able to have animals without my neighbor telling I can't. Driving down a back road. Farm fields and trees not giant houses or buildings.	2/22/2025 10:44 AM
31	Decreased traffic, no traffic lights, quiet and less light noise, more nature and peaceful	2/22/2025 10:35 AM
32	Everything	2/22/2025 10:05 AM
33	Beauty	2/21/2025 9:14 PM
34	It used to mean being able to cross the road to walk a dog without being run down by people driving 75 mph on Davis Rd.	2/21/2025 5:42 PM
35	Acreage, seeing farmland, horses and other livestock and enjoying the peace and quiet away from the city and sub	2/21/2025 5:30 PM
36	Open spaces and agricultural	2/21/2025 2:16 PM
37	To me, rural living means being uninfluenced by city sprawl. The ability to respectfully and responsibly enjoy recreational activities (farming, motorsports, etc.) without the restrictions that are placed on city residents. Close knit community.	2/20/2025 8:57 PM
38	I live in the far eastern edge of Brown Twp. which is now becoming more suburban. We miss the quiet, rural feel we had 26 yrs. ago!	2/20/2025 12:47 PM
39	Freedom, space and peace. Low crime and wholesome living	2/20/2025 11:58 AM
40	Freedom from city zoning and HOAs. Opportunity to farm w/o interference and enjoy wildlife.	2/19/2025 7:42 AM
41	Not being cramped up against other houses and developments	2/18/2025 6:40 PM
42	It means living in a peaceful, non- crowded place where you can breathe fresh air and not having other homes on every side. You still have neighbors, but they aren't looking in your house from every angle.	2/16/2025 12:07 PM
43	Valuing and prioritizing farmers	2/16/2025 9:53 AM
44	Quiet enjoyment with very low density housing.	2/15/2025 10:20 AM
45	Friendly neighbors with lots of space between us, can see a lot of green space and trees and wildlife, a wonderful farming community, and just a great place to live but with close amenities and the firehouse close by.	2/14/2025 10:49 AM
46	Living in an area with 5+ acre lots where you are allowed to raise livestock	2/14/2025 10:31 AM
47	Open space with the ability to enjoy it through recreational activities such as walking, hiking, jogging, and kayak/canoeing. An abundance of wildlife and quiet natural spaces.	2/11/2025 9:12 PM
48	Farms and small farms, nature and wildlife. Sunsets, quiet, fresh air, peaceful	2/10/2025 6:47 PM
49	Peaceful, close to nature	2/10/2025 6:31 PM
50	Living on large lots with maintaining my property rights to have livestock and make modifications to my property	2/9/2025 10:32 PM
51	Large land, properties, pastures, woods, waterways, agriculture. Not apartments, condominiums, new builds of hundreds of houses, increase taxes, and increase school levy's.	2/9/2025 4:34 PM

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52	Slower paced, friendly waves from neighbors, Not living in a HOA. Not being on top of one another, and no apartments.	2/9/2025 9:59 AM
53	It means being able to have neighbors, but they're not two feet away from my house. It offers privacy to live like I want to. I enjoy the openness and the wildlife.	2/8/2025 2:21 PM
54	Open space with lots of nature and scenic 55mph roads. Homes on large parcels. Rural living near suburban / urban center.	2/7/2025 2:46 PM
55	Lack of congestion, good spacing between properties, privacy	2/6/2025 8:50 PM
56	Open spaces, no housing developments, wildlife, quietness, nature, relaxed zoning. I love looking at the farm across from my yard, hearing and seeing wildlife, and being able to landscape in a way not possible in a city. I love the skinny rural roads. I love being outside without being assaulted by city noise pollution. I can safely bike from my house. I can still see stars at night, although that is getting increasingly difficult.	2/4/2025 1:19 PM
57	My family chose to live here because of the rules in place of minimum 5acre lots. We enjoy having the room to have a gentleman's farm with animals and room for large garden space.	2/3/2025 7:34 PM
58	Quiet peaceful and safe, with trees and gardens	2/3/2025 5:17 PM
59	No large housing developments going in around me, open spaces and protection or natural resources. Also, no large structures around me (ie huge religious buildings).	2/3/2025 1:04 PM
60	Property utilization freedom	2/2/2025 5:34 PM
61	Low density housing	2/2/2025 12:42 PM
62	minimal housing around property, few stores agriculture	2/2/2025 12:00 PM
63	Safety and peace	2/2/2025 10:43 AM
64	Open space to do what the property owner wants to do on it.	2/1/2025 11:32 AM
65	Bought totally to be in rural area with some acreage. Love small road with little traffic. Love no shopping malls	1/31/2025 5:45 PM
66	Raising a family outside of the city and enjoying a beautiful view.	1/30/2025 8:19 PM
67	Having space away from neighbors, enjoying the quote character of the area	1/30/2025 9:01 AM
68	Open safe space	1/29/2025 4:42 PM
69	Neighbors are nice but not too close. Diversity of wild animals	1/29/2025 3:33 PM
70	It means living peacefully away from most of the hustle around us. It means taking pride in the history of the land and the people who live here-some for decades. It means nature, friendly neighbors and respect for everything around us.	1/29/2025 9:50 AM
71	No multi family housing	1/28/2025 9:50 PM
72	Relaxation from the city yet close enough to enjoy the perks of the city.	1/28/2025 8:50 PM
73	Spaced housing not "developments". Natural areas and feel. Less hustle and bustle.	1/28/2025 6:06 PM
74	I like not being in a crowded area or neighborhood with a lot of people.	1/28/2025 5:35 PM
75	beautiful farm fields, friendly, long term neighbors and township residents. Quiet	1/28/2025 5:29 PM
76	Natural beauty. Opposite of urban development	1/28/2025 12:30 PM
77	Peace and quiet. Safe place to live.	1/28/2025 11:41 AM
78	I grew up in SE Ohio on 26 acres, have lived in Columbus apartments/ subdivisions since 2004 until buying a 5+ acre plot in Brown township. We wanted some space for horses, and to enjoy some unimpeded sky. When you grow up rural it sounds fun to be very close to people and amenities, but you miss working on maintaining a property and livestock. We refer to Brown township as country lite, we're not 10 minutes from major amenities rather than 30-40, but we still have the rural feel with currently plenty of buffer to keep it that way.	1/28/2025 10:03 AM
79	Quiet, limited traffic, open space	1/28/2025 9:57 AM

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80	No development within 10 miles of my home, farm land, and no traffic	1/28/2025 9:44 AM
81	Small town feel, friendly and safe.	1/28/2025 9:17 AM
82	The need to be a good steward of the land	1/27/2025 6:56 PM
83	We have our space, not overcrowded.	1/27/2025 4:13 PM
84	Nature Peaceful Quiet	1/27/2025 2:50 PM
85	Rural living is owning at least an acre of land outside of the city. It is the ability to use the land, within reason, to do what would best meet the needs of your family. It's being able to enjoy nature without the pollution of noise, lights, and overcrowding.	1/27/2025 1:41 PM
86	Larger lots and enjoying more space without housing developments or apartments around every corner.	1/27/2025 12:21 PM
87	It allows me easy access to highway to go downtown for work, but more importantly I have beautiful land, a large garden, chickens, dogs, cats. It gives me a peaceful area to rest, relax. I have wonderful neighbors and we all help one another. We have the amazing Prairie Oaks park. It's just the best place to live.	1/27/2025 11:24 AM
88	The ability to use our property as we want and enjoy the beautiful views afforded us by the countryside.	1/27/2025 10:01 AM
89	Being able to enjoy nature. Do what I feel is best with my property... within reason.	1/27/2025 9:52 AM
90	Partnering with farming, space between families	1/27/2025 8:22 AM
91	I grew up around agriculture and farming. It's important to protect our countries food resources as we grow.	1/27/2025 7:23 AM
92	Space, fields, land plots at least 5 acres, gardens, friendly neighbors,	1/26/2025 9:06 PM
93	Allows for privacy, no HOAs, ability to live around nature, ability to send my kids to a good school district	1/26/2025 3:23 PM
94	Freedom and privacy	1/26/2025 2:57 PM
95	It used to be much more quiet. Traffic used to be much less. Growth seems to be inevitable, Hilliard will continue to gobble up the township. Ohio townships have no control over their fate being next to a big city.	1/26/2025 9:02 AM
96	Having space around me. Being able to get away from noise.	1/26/2025 7:38 AM
97	Rural means rural. As defined in Webster dictionary	1/25/2025 7:12 PM
98	I like 3-5 acre lots, minimal traffic, and a safe community.	1/25/2025 7:04 PM
99	Peace and well-being. The rural living is the primary reason I built my dream home here.	1/25/2025 4:37 PM
100	We like privacy and be able to have animals such as horses and dogs.	1/25/2025 3:06 PM
101	Wildlife, country feel, importance of parks,	1/25/2025 3:01 PM
102	Quiet, away from traffic and sidewalks	1/25/2025 2:49 PM
103	Supporting agricultural economy and being able to enjoy outdoor recreation without public intervention.	1/25/2025 2:09 PM
104	That's what drive is here - close to the city but not in the city	1/25/2025 12:05 PM
105	We enjoy the peaceful, nature around us. We enjoy the feeling of living in the county. We enjoy the small town feel of Plain City and supporting local business there as much as possible. We do not want to see us look like Hilliard, Dublin, etc.	1/25/2025 5:45 AM
106	Having space between houses, no developments, no apartments, farming, fields, greenspace	1/24/2025 9:41 PM
107	Doing things myself, hunting, metro parks are made better by living in Brown Township. Farmers markets like Kiilweins make it awesome.	1/24/2025 6:20 PM
108	Having some wooded areas with good animal habitat	1/24/2025 2:21 PM

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109	I like living in a fairly quiet and undeveloped area. I like having a large lot that gives me privacy.	1/24/2025 11:29 AM
110	Being around open, natural space.	1/24/2025 10:19 AM
111	Rural living should not mean that you can do anything you want. You still have neighbors and you should be respectful of that. Rural living means you get to enjoy wide open spaces while protecting natural resources.	1/24/2025 10:05 AM
112	I want to live in a rural, agricultural area when I can enjoy quiet, wide-open spaces with plenty of elbow room. I want to keep traffic to a minimum. I don't mind driving to get to amenities. I want to restrict housing to single homes on five acre lots to maintain the character and uncrowded neighborhood feel of Morris and other nearby roads.	1/24/2025 9:20 AM
113	Peaceful living, not constantly bombarded with traffic, hustle and bustle. Beautiful sunsets not marred by buildings and other development. Walking outside first thing in the morning and hearing a rooster crow.	1/24/2025 9:05 AM
114	Rural living means watching the farmers every spring getting their land ready for crops. Watching the crops grow all summer and being excited to share the road with farm equipment in the fall as they harvest the crops. It means quiet. It means stary nights and bonfires. It means a less stressful way of life.	1/23/2025 11:17 PM
115	Access to nature, privacy, and not feeling too close to my neighbors	1/23/2025 9:15 PM
116	Open green spaces without high density housing. Less crime and traffic. No businesses operating in residential areas (except agricultural).	1/23/2025 6:06 PM
117	Open spaces. Little pollution. Not much traffic	1/23/2025 4:11 PM
118	Non housing developments at my back door. Country feeling large yards to play in. Neighbor not 5-10 for away	1/23/2025 3:24 PM
119	I love that we're close to the city but still have space to live on our own. Prairie Oaks is incredible and we love how clean and protected the park is. We moved here to live rurally, outside of overdeveloped Blacklick.	1/23/2025 1:01 PM
120	Having peace and quiet around your home, the ability to grow and raise your own food	1/23/2025 11:31 AM
121	Country space, gun rights, low crime, night sky	1/23/2025 10:57 AM
122	Quiet, undestrurbed	1/23/2025 10:55 AM
123	Connection to rural/farm heritage	1/23/2025 10:43 AM
124	Agriculturally based or mostly undeveloped lands, specifically emphasizing on a lack of housing developments. Larger pieces of property with less structure. Fields, trees, and creeks.	1/23/2025 9:02 AM
125	Freedom from over regulation, oppressive government and unhelpful special interest groups	1/23/2025 8:51 AM
126	We live in a community, not a rural setting	1/23/2025 8:21 AM
127	Rural living is having space between farms and houses such that farming or outdoor work minimally impacts neighbors. Rural living is being able to use one's land in safe but low restricted ways for crops, animal farming or rearing.	1/23/2025 8:03 AM
128	Away from noise and traffic, housing farther apart	1/23/2025 6:57 AM
129	It means escaping the heavy traffic, congestion, noise, and crime of city life. It helps you feel closer to nature and more at peace.	1/22/2025 10:38 PM
130	Having enough land that I, and my neighbors, can do farming activities such as producing crops or having livestock. We are also free of HOA's and most zoning associated with "city living."	1/22/2025 8:59 PM
131	Space for kids. Parks and trails. Lack of traffic	1/22/2025 8:44 PM
132	I love the freedom of not having an HOA. Having sole parking for my husband's work vehicles without fear of community fines. I love creating gardens, keeping bees, developing meadows and prairies and raising chickens. I like having a barn and lots of equipment. I like being able to ride my bikes on rural roads with quick access to the rails to trails for safe riding. I like that my dogs have room to run and play. I like that my kids have views of farmland and wide open	1/22/2025 8:16 PM

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space. It helps my own mental health to not be on top of other people but still have access to the amazing city of Columbus.

133	Privacy, beautiful scenery, and room to enjoy life. Acreage for children to play, get-togethers and a pool. Yet still close to schools, stores and restaurants.	1/22/2025 7:57 PM
134	Not having your neighbor too close to your house	1/22/2025 7:44 PM
135	Not important. I value my neighborhood and neighbors more than some myth of rural life	1/22/2025 7:20 PM
136	When I think of Brown Township I think of a beautiful community where everyone has enough space to do as they plet without being bothered by HOAs or significant restrictions. No neighborhoods with 4 foot side yards, and most importantly, NO APARTMENTS/CONDOS/MEDIUM to HIGH DENSITY HOUSING Brown Township is no place for apartments of ANY kind. I love it here BECAUSE of the single family homes on large lots and the surrounding farms. Neighborhoods/condos/apartments= death of Brown Township's beauty and identity	1/22/2025 7:12 PM
137	Being close to nature, having space, quiet nights, stars	1/22/2025 7:09 PM
138	Having space on your property and not have neighbors and/or others in your 'business'	1/22/2025 7:08 PM
139	Semi rural	1/22/2025 6:54 PM
140	Keeping it rural and limit sales of farmland for development	1/22/2025 6:53 PM
141	Not worrying about apartment building or any large developments so you can enjoy the land	1/22/2025 6:23 PM
142	Minimal light pollution, farming, sunsets	1/22/2025 6:08 PM
143	Agriculture and wide open spaces, low traffic, not highly populated. Generational farming.	1/22/2025 5:58 PM
144	A larger plot of land that is close enough to every day necessities	1/22/2025 4:54 PM
145	I like to have some distance between me and my next-door neighbors. Also, I enjoy a large garden.	1/22/2025 3:36 PM
146	Enjoying my slice of heaven	1/22/2025 3:09 PM
147	Scenic view of Big Darby with wildlife enjoyment	1/22/2025 1:57 PM
148	Rural living is of utmost importance to me. We built our house here for that very reason, to have neighbors but also surrounding farm land. It is very concerning that farm land is being purchased and turned into developments with apartments and houses that are encroaching on any semblance of rural left.	1/22/2025 1:32 PM
149	No big housing developments or businesses, local/light traffic, lots of trees and natural surroundings.	1/22/2025 1:31 PM
150	Low density, open spaces, rural feel, low traffic, quiet, and peaceful.	1/22/2025 12:37 PM
151	Safe low crime area with large open spaces between neighbors. We know our neighbors and watch out for them . A sense we share the similar value.	1/22/2025 12:35 PM
152	less people, less traffic, closer community feel, nature.	1/22/2025 12:25 PM
153	Friendly neighbors , no city congestion, moderate traffic, country type living without being way out.	1/22/2025 12:07 PM
154	Less hectic, self-sufficiency, cleaner, calmer.	1/22/2025 11:55 AM
155	We loved it when we first moved out here, but now the traffic is getting bad and a lot more houses are being built which adds to the congestion	1/22/2025 11:51 AM
156	Rural living means quiet, peaceful, and uncrowded living.	1/22/2025 10:57 AM
157	Living in a rural setting with farms, barns, grain bins and horse stables (typical farm infrastructure) in my line of sight from my house-not a temple right out my back window. Also the friendly, close community where people are always willing to help each other out.	1/22/2025 10:32 AM
158	Away from high density housing in a quiet area farmtown feel.	1/22/2025 10:28 AM
159	No new congested housing, at least 5 acres lots	1/22/2025 10:04 AM

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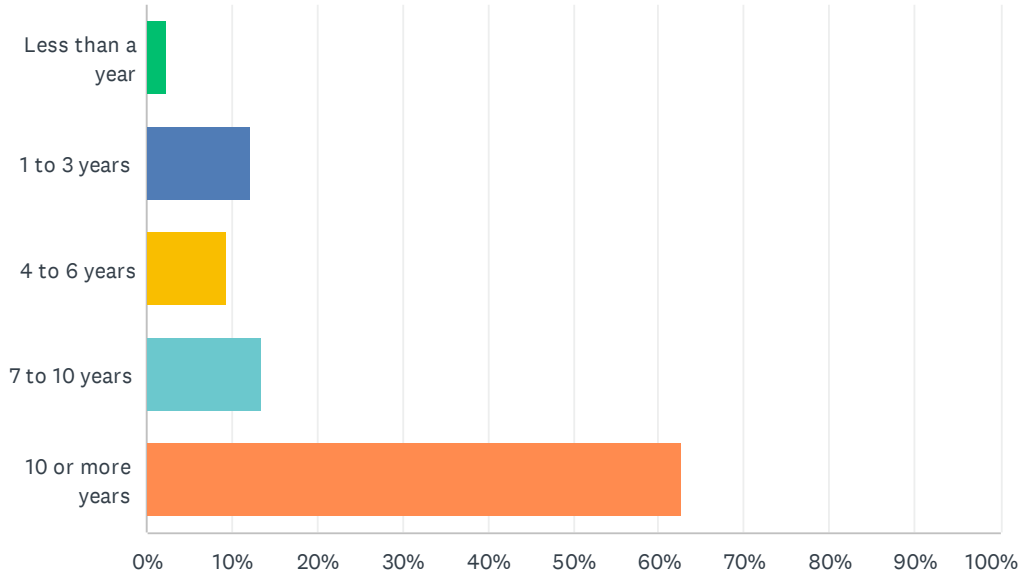
160	Peaceful & quiet. Abundant wildlife with parks & trails to enjoy it. Farming.	1/22/2025 9:34 AM
161	Low traffic. Open space. Low housing density, without apartment Complexes. Agricultural farms within.	1/22/2025 8:34 AM
162	We enjoy living a quiet life, on our farm without the noise and crowding of the cities. Close enough to access required amenities but far enough out not to have to deal with traffic, noise and other nuisances.	1/22/2025 7:42 AM
163	Quiet without too much traffic and minimal crime.	1/22/2025 6:56 AM
164	No traffic.	1/21/2025 9:48 PM
165	A slower pace of life that prioritizes our planet's long-term health over our human desires. Sustainable living, circular economies, and leaving only footprints. Caring for one another and for the land. Standing up for what we believe and fighting back against the greed of others.	1/21/2025 9:07 PM
166	It means having open space, not population dense, land	1/21/2025 9:01 PM
167	Living in a farming area	1/21/2025 8:17 PM
168	Homes a few hundred yards from each other. Quiet, much less traffic and nature.	1/21/2025 8:09 PM
169	Enjoy the peace and quiet and more space. Room for family to enjoy nature and parks.	1/21/2025 8:07 PM
170	acreage to plant organic garden, wide open space, privacy	1/21/2025 8:05 PM
171	It's quiet. Although traffic is terrible before and after school, it's usually easy to get around. If you need something done on your property, you can usually find someone to help.	1/21/2025 7:24 PM
172	Having an abundance of wildlife, easy access to necessities but in a non-crowded community with space to live.	1/21/2025 7:15 PM
173	Peace, quiet, less traffic, uncrowded living and the ability to keep animals and farm. Nobody is parking in the streets, traffic is minimal and my neighbors are all fantastic and respectful of each other.	1/21/2025 7:04 PM
174	I appreciate living in close proximity to the town and city while not being completely tied up "in" it. Having a little bit more space for my family and having a bit bigger yard is important to me.	1/21/2025 6:55 PM
175	Space and freedom	1/21/2025 6:53 PM
176	Rural living means having the space and land to grow crops and a garden for food source and enjoyment. It means being able to go outside and hear and see nature that has not been altered or damaged.	1/21/2025 6:52 PM
177	Keeping as much of the natural landscaping intact. No housing/apartment complexes/developments. A space for wild life to thrive and exist amongst human development.	1/21/2025 6:44 PM
178	I grew up in Clinton county Ohio and prefer rural living to suburbs or city. Rural living means farmers, fields, animals, wells, being able to be outside without neighbors on top of you.	1/21/2025 6:10 PM
179	The rural feel is why we live here.	1/21/2025 6:06 PM
180	Land, animals, freedom, well water and sewer.	1/21/2025 6:05 PM
181	Enjoying wildlife, having open green spaces, living rural life	1/21/2025 5:55 PM
182	Clean ,land farming ,clean waterways, animals	1/21/2025 5:55 PM
183	Homesteading, wildlife, gardening, farming, outdoor recreation.	1/21/2025 5:45 PM
184	Peace, quiet and distance from my nearest neighbors.	1/21/2025 5:21 PM
185	Rural living is open spaces, tight knit communities and a sense of ease. The feeling that I know my neighbors and I enjoy my community.	1/21/2025 5:19 PM
186	Having less congested country roads	1/21/2025 5:19 PM
187	Less congestion of homes/people; being away from noise and light pollution, with the ability to enjoy the quiet and darkness of the night sky.	1/21/2025 4:39 PM

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188	Interacting with open spaces, enjoying the quiet, enjoying the darkness and night sky, interacting with wildlife, protecting the Darby. quiet, dark,	1/21/2025 4:13 PM
189	Peace and quiet in a country setting with good neighbors that are not too close .	1/21/2025 3:58 PM
190	Open land area larger housing lots	1/21/2025 2:47 PM
191	Freedom to enjoy my property the way I see fit without government interference. Enjoying the rural atmosphere and beautiful scenery.	1/21/2025 1:24 PM
192	Clean air, quiet, with an abundance of wildlife. Water here is clean, neighborhood are friendly and respectful, and I have few restrictions on how I live and keep my property (within reason).	1/18/2025 5:43 PM
193	Slower living, preservation of land, and generational small businesses	1/17/2025 5:20 PM

## Q9 Which answer best describes the number of years you have lived in Brown Township?

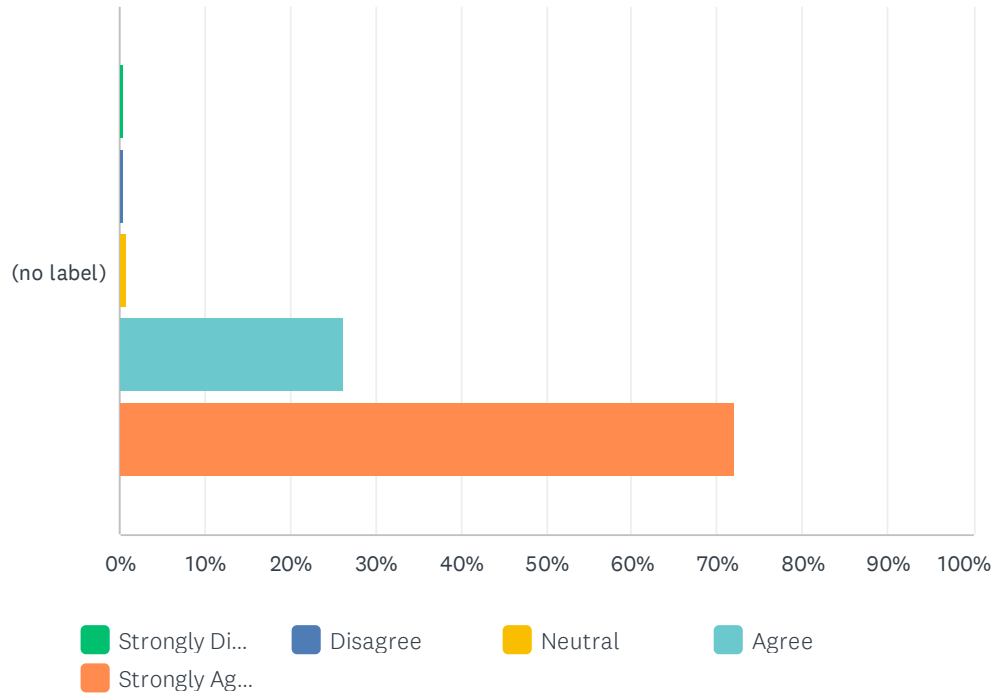
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	2.24%	5
1 to 3 years	12.11%	27
4 to 6 years	9.42%	21
7 to 10 years	13.45%	30
10 or more years	62.78%	140
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>223</b>

## Q10 Brown Township is a desirable place to live.

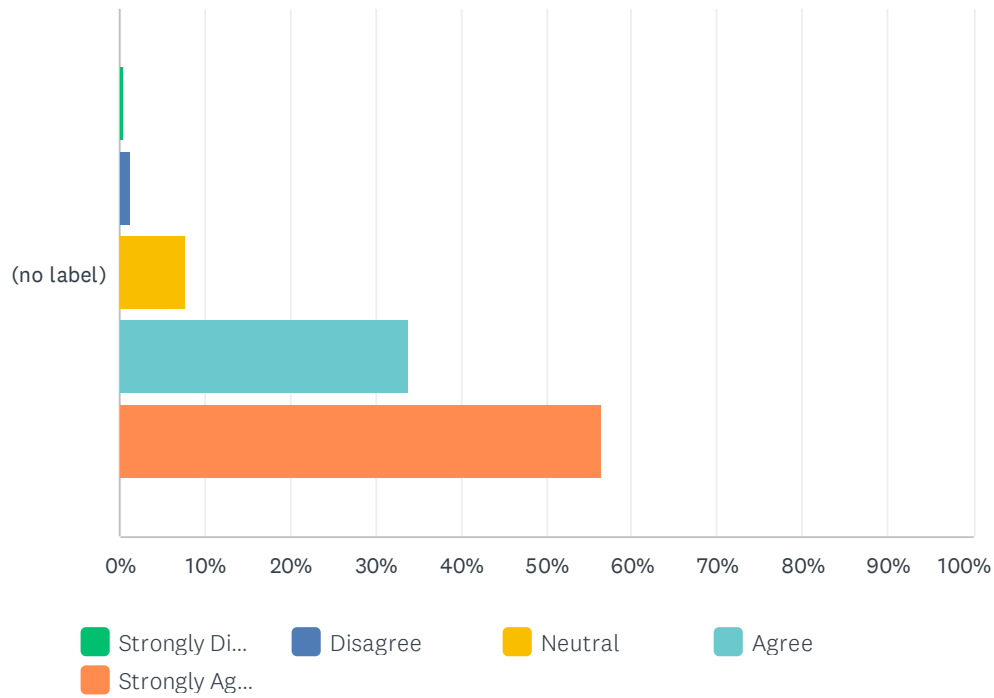
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.45% 1	0.45% 1	0.90% 2	26.13% 58	72.07% 160	222	4.69

### Q11 Brown Township feels welcoming to me and my family.

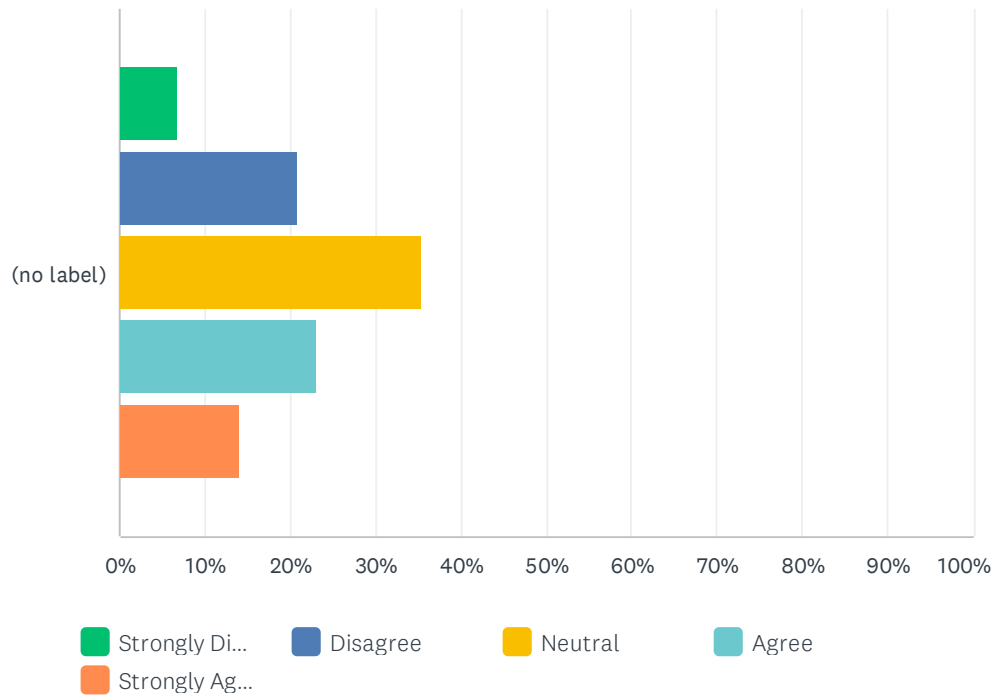
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(no label)	0.45%	1.36%	7.69%	33.94%	56.56%	221	4.45
	1	3	17	75	125		

### Q12 Brown Township is more desirable now than it was five years ago.

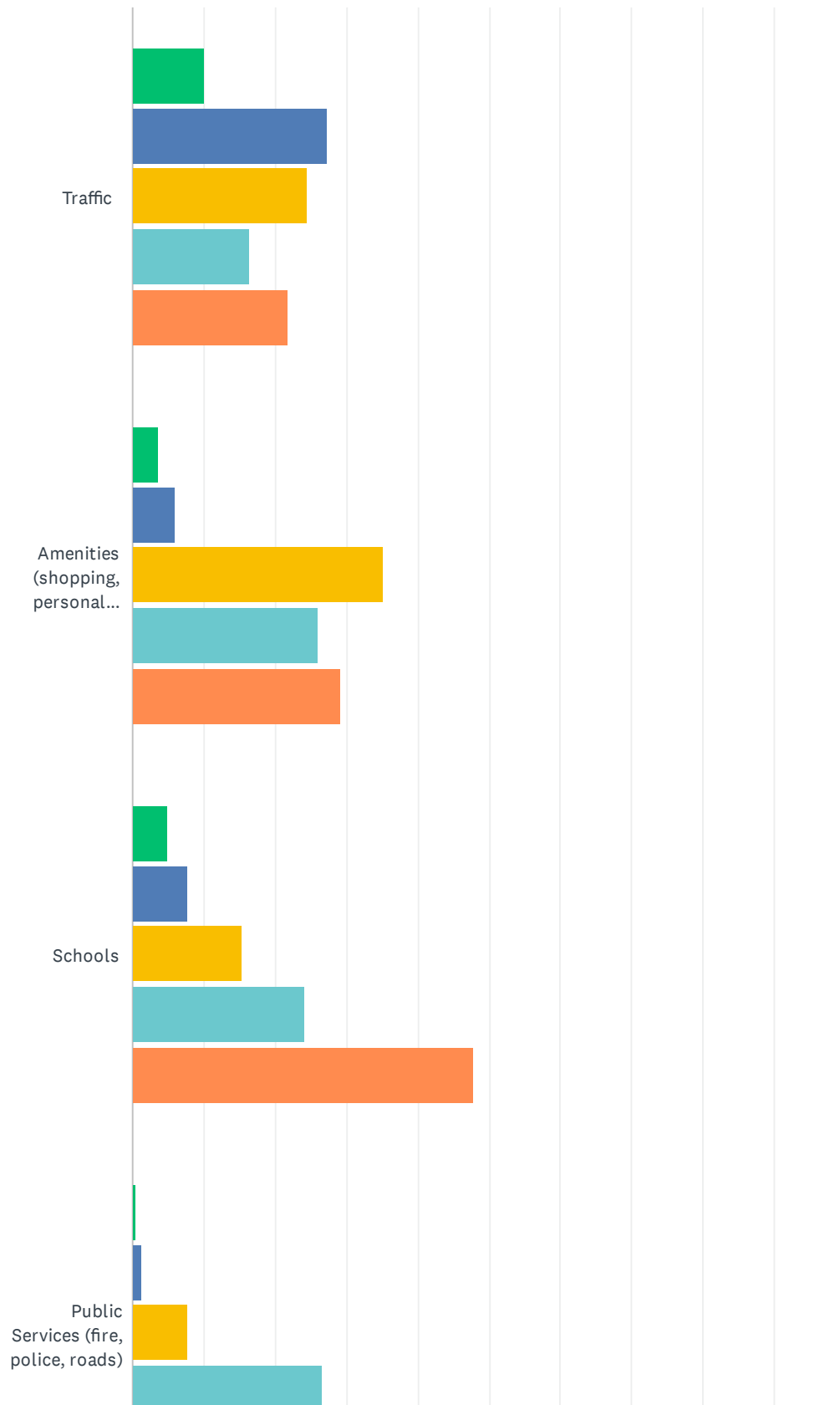
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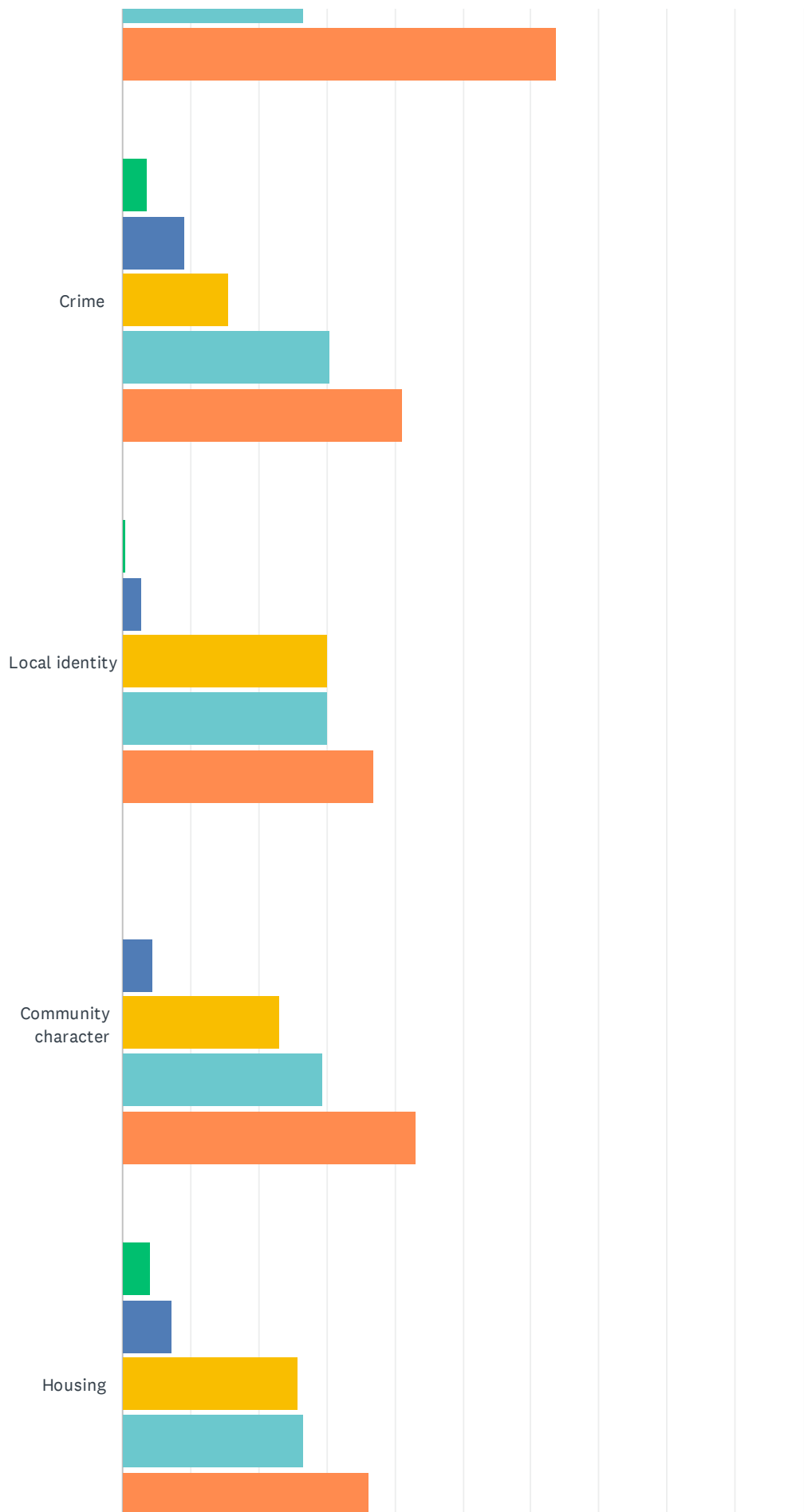
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	6.79% 15	20.81% 46	35.29% 78	23.08% 51	14.03% 31	221	3.17

### Q13 How do you feel about the following things in Brown Township?

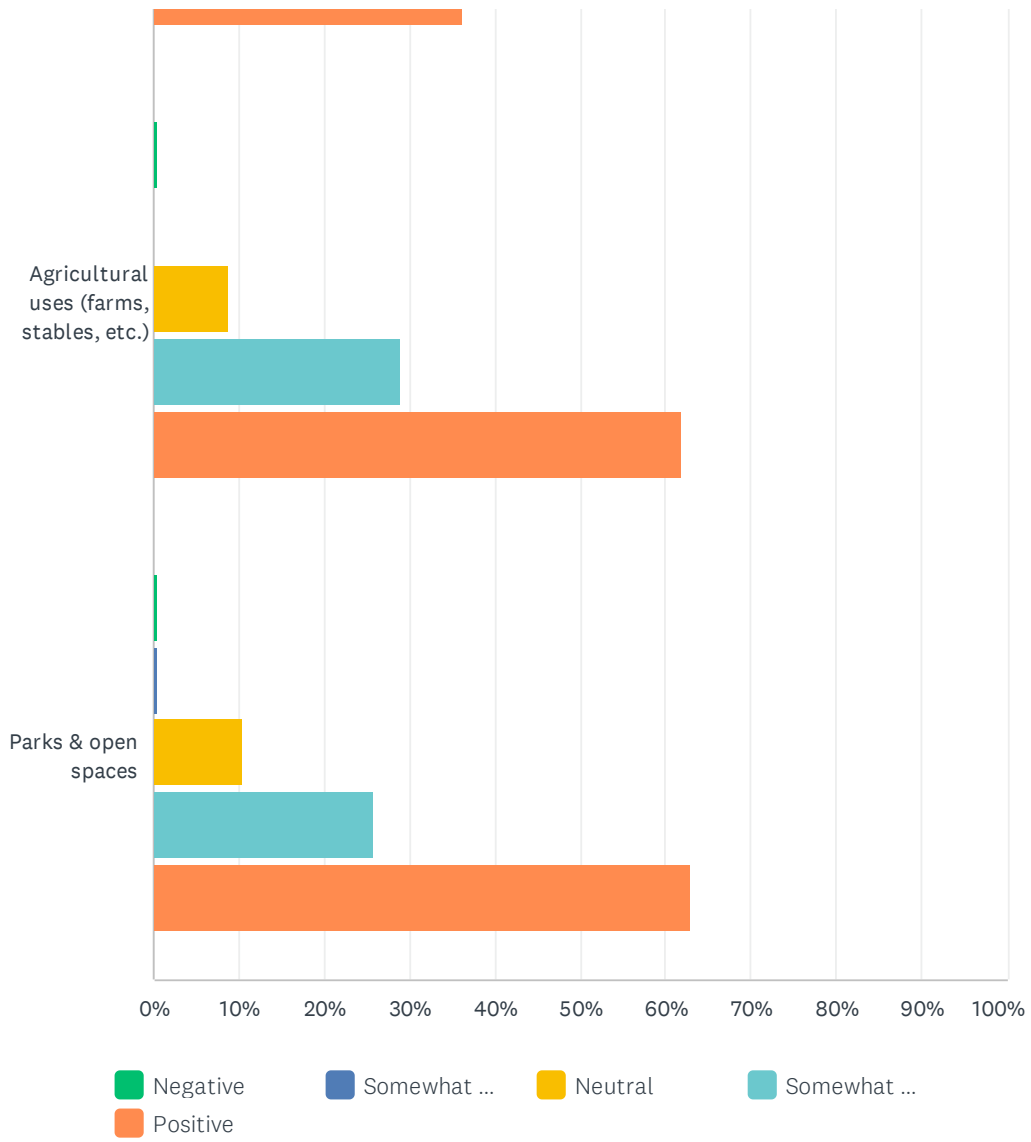
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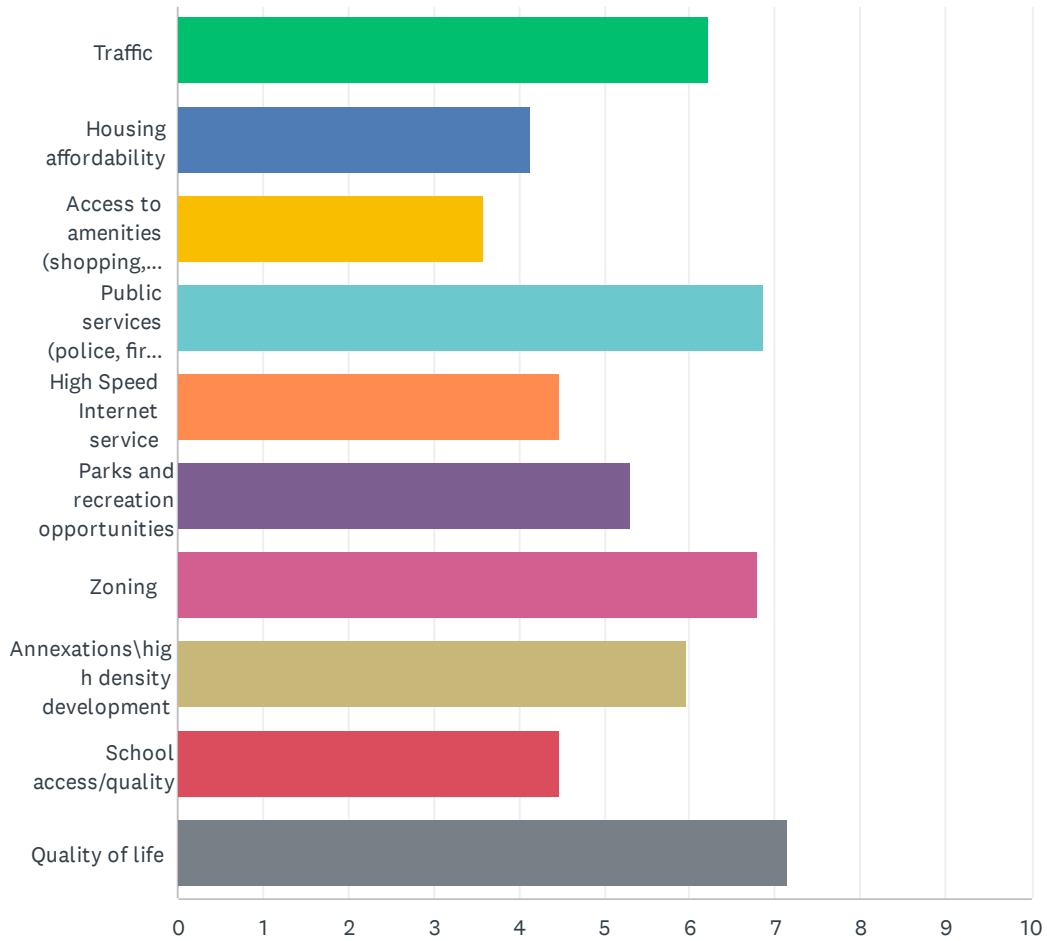


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	NEGATIVE	SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT POSITIVE	POSITIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Traffic	10.00% 22	27.27% 60	24.55% 54	16.36% 36	21.82% 48	220	3.13
Amenities (shopping, personal services, etc.)	3.65% 8	5.94% 13	35.16% 77	26.03% 57	29.22% 64	219	3.71
Schools	5.00% 11	7.73% 17	15.45% 34	24.09% 53	47.73% 105	220	4.02
Public Services (fire, police, roads)	0.45% 1	1.36% 3	7.69% 17	26.70% 59	63.80% 141	221	4.52
Crime	3.65% 8	9.13% 20	15.53% 34	30.59% 67	41.10% 90	219	3.96
Local identity	0.45% 1	2.73% 6	30.00% 66	30.00% 66	36.82% 81	220	4.00
Community character	0.00% 0	4.52% 10	23.08% 51	29.41% 65	42.99% 95	221	4.11
Housing	4.07% 9	7.24% 16	25.79% 57	26.70% 59	36.20% 80	221	3.84
Agricultural uses (farms, stables, etc.)	0.45% 1	0.00% 0	8.64% 19	29.09% 64	61.82% 136	220	4.52
Parks & open spaces	0.45% 1	0.45% 1	10.41% 23	25.79% 57	62.90% 139	221	4.50

### Q14 Rank the following 10 issues in regard to their effect on all of Brown Township, where 1 is the most important and 10 is the least important.

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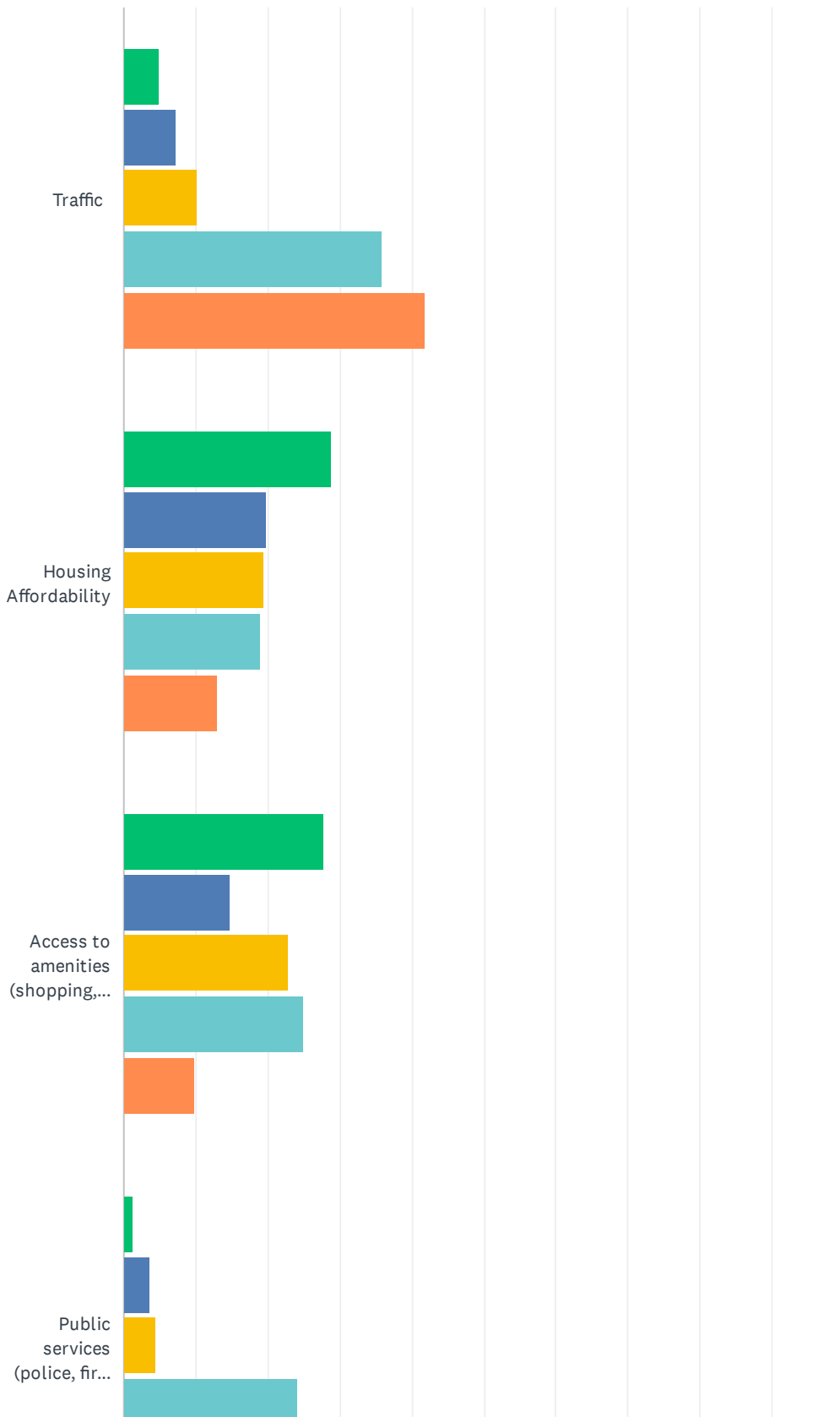


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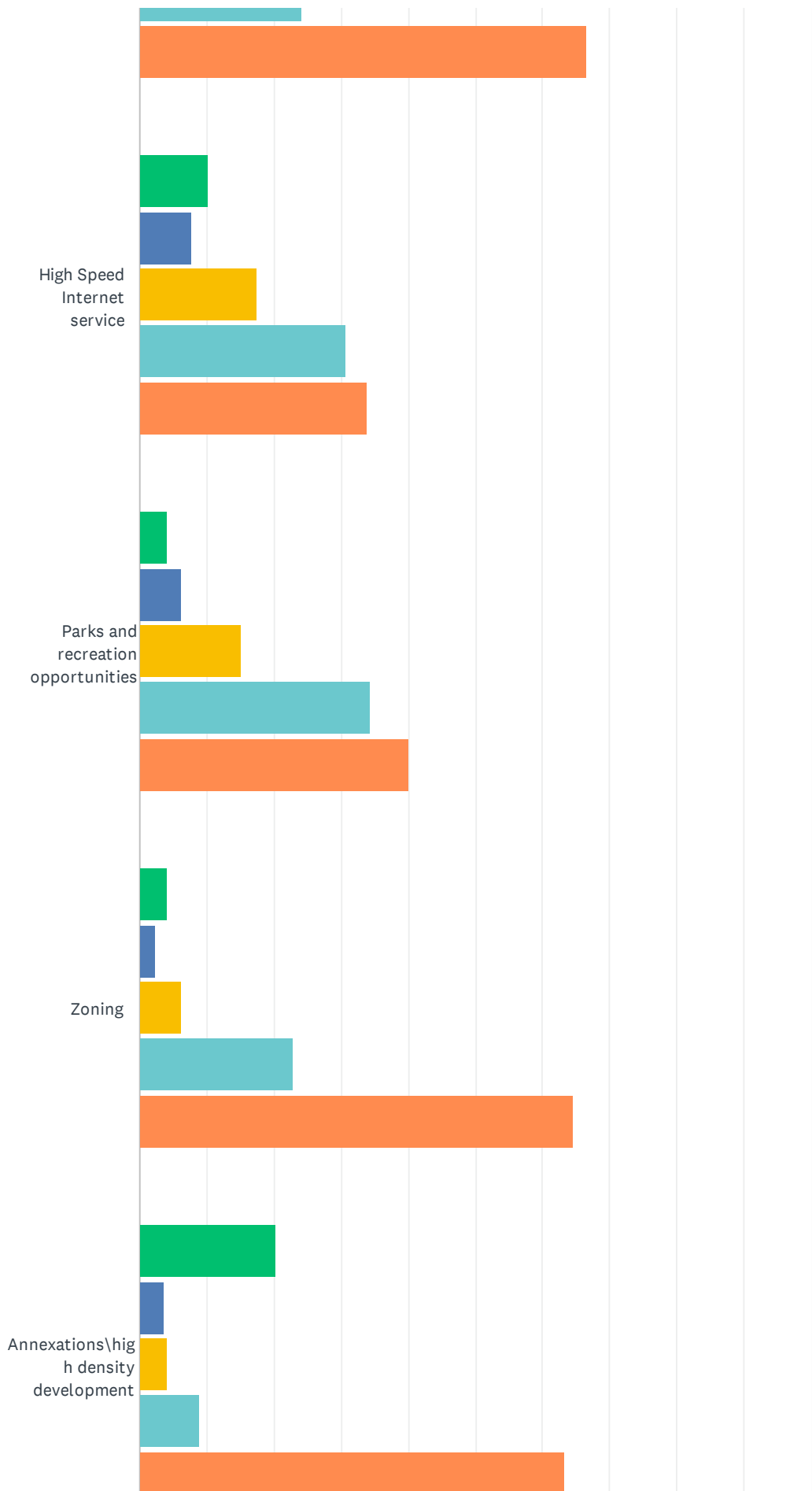
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Traffic	9.33% 21	14.67% 33	11.11% 25	13.78% 31	12.44% 28	11.56% 26	10.22% 23	8.44% 19	5.33% 12	3.11% 7	22
Housing affordability	4.00% 9	7.11% 16	6.22% 14	6.22% 14	4.89% 11	6.67% 15	13.33% 30	15.11% 34	18.67% 42	17.78% 40	22
Access to amenities (shopping, personal services, etc.)	0.44% 1	2.67% 6	5.78% 13	3.56% 8	8.44% 19	9.78% 22	12.44% 28	15.56% 35	21.78% 49	19.56% 44	22
Public services (police, fire, roads)	4.89% 11	13.78% 31	20.44% 46	23.11% 52	17.78% 40	8.44% 19	6.67% 15	3.56% 8	1.33% 3	0.00% 0	22
High Speed Internet service	2.22% 5	3.11% 7	7.56% 17	10.67% 24	12.00% 27	13.33% 30	10.22% 23	14.22% 32	13.78% 31	12.89% 29	22
Parks and recreation opportunities	4.00% 9	7.11% 16	8.44% 19	9.78% 22	13.33% 30	17.33% 39	14.67% 33	15.56% 35	8.89% 20	0.89% 2	22
Zoning	13.33% 30	20.89% 47	12.00% 27	11.56% 26	9.33% 21	12.00% 27	9.33% 21	6.22% 14	4.89% 11	0.44% 1	22
Annexations\high density development	25.78% 58	15.11% 34	9.33% 21	4.44% 10	2.22% 5	2.67% 6	3.56% 8	5.33% 12	7.56% 17	24.00% 54	22
School access/quality	4.00% 9	4.44% 10	8.44% 19	5.78% 13	10.67% 24	12.00% 27	13.33% 30	13.33% 30	14.22% 32	13.78% 31	22
Quality of life	32.00% 72	11.11% 25	10.67% 24	11.11% 25	8.89% 20	6.22% 14	6.22% 14	2.67% 6	3.56% 8	7.56% 17	22

# Q15 How important is each of the following to you personally?

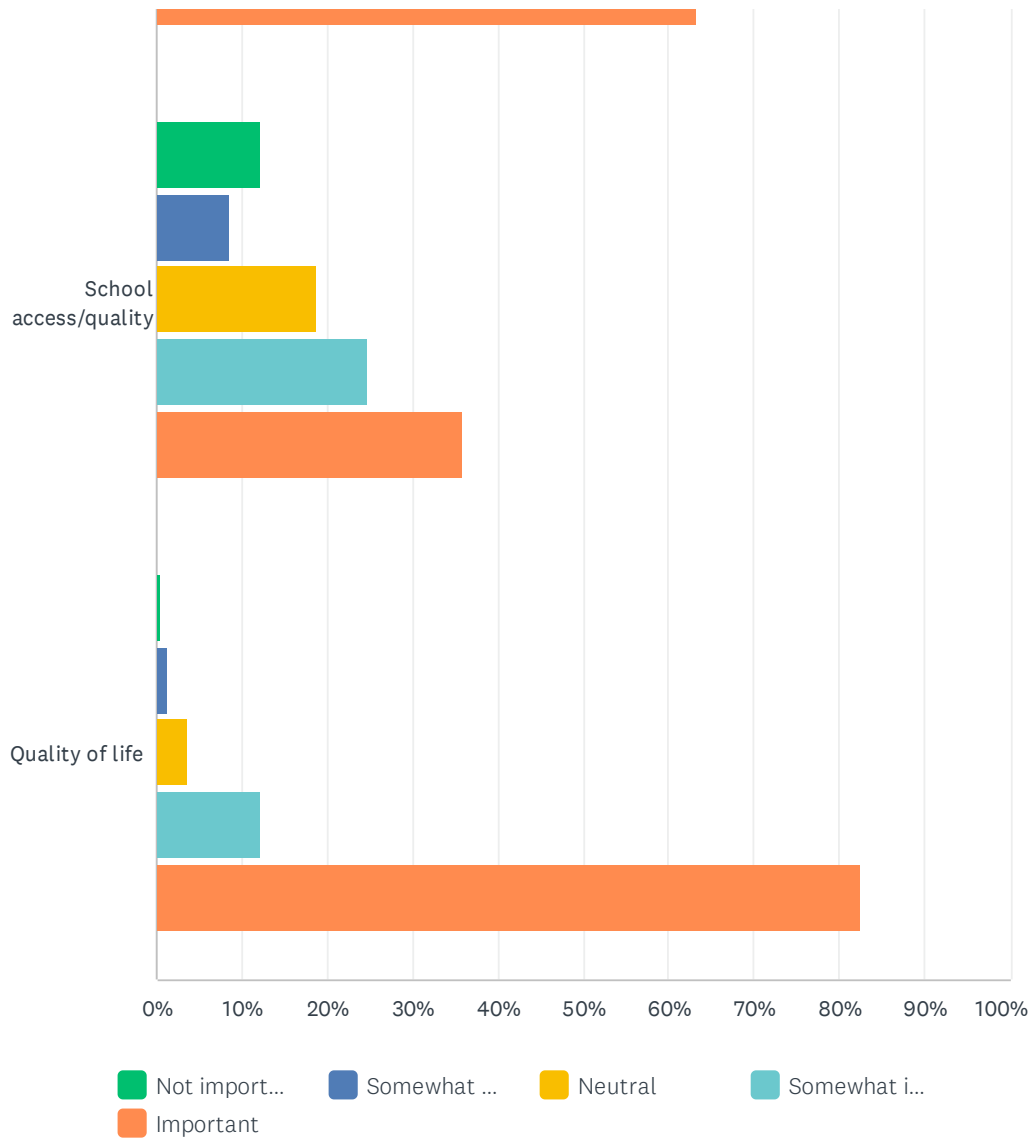
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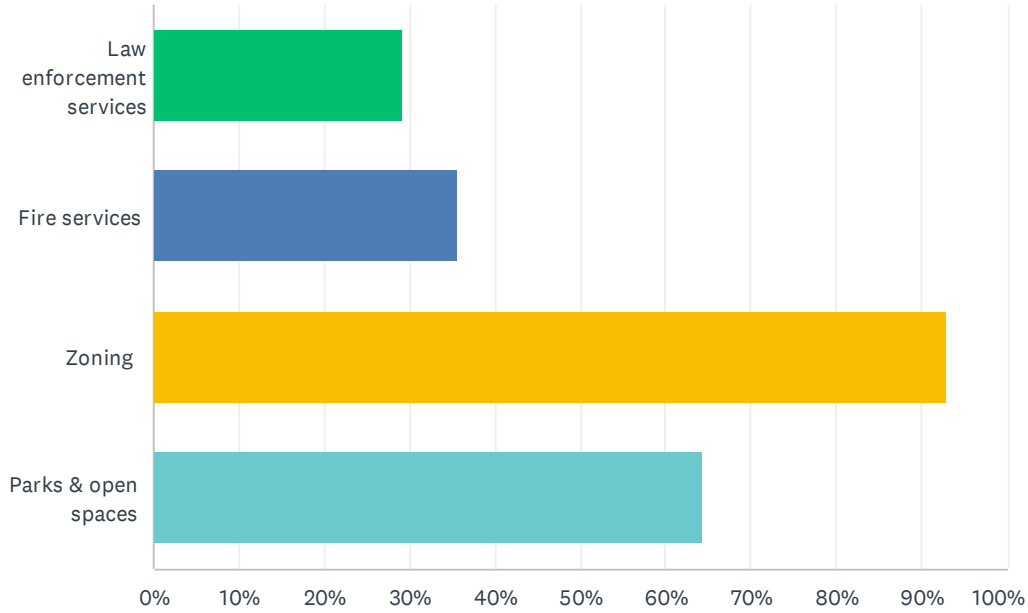


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	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT NOT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Traffic	4.93% 11	7.17% 16	10.31% 23	35.87% 80	41.70% 93	223	4.02
Housing Affordability	28.83% 64	19.82% 44	19.37% 43	18.92% 42	13.06% 29	222	2.68
Access to amenities (shopping, personal services, etc.)	27.68% 62	14.73% 33	22.77% 51	25.00% 56	9.82% 22	224	2.75
Public services (police, fire, roads)	1.34% 3	3.57% 8	4.46% 10	24.11% 54	66.52% 149	224	4.51
High Speed Internet service	10.27% 23	7.59% 17	17.41% 39	30.80% 69	33.93% 76	224	3.71
Parks and recreation opportunities	4.02% 9	6.25% 14	15.18% 34	34.38% 77	40.18% 90	224	4.00
Zoning	4.04% 9	2.24% 5	6.28% 14	22.87% 51	64.57% 144	223	4.42
Annexations\high density development	20.18% 45	3.59% 8	4.04% 9	8.97% 20	63.23% 141	223	3.91
School access/quality	12.11% 27	8.52% 19	18.83% 42	24.66% 55	35.87% 80	223	3.64
Quality of life	0.45% 1	1.35% 3	3.59% 8	12.11% 27	82.51% 184	223	4.75

### Q16 I believe Brown Township should have more local control over the following (select as many as you would like).

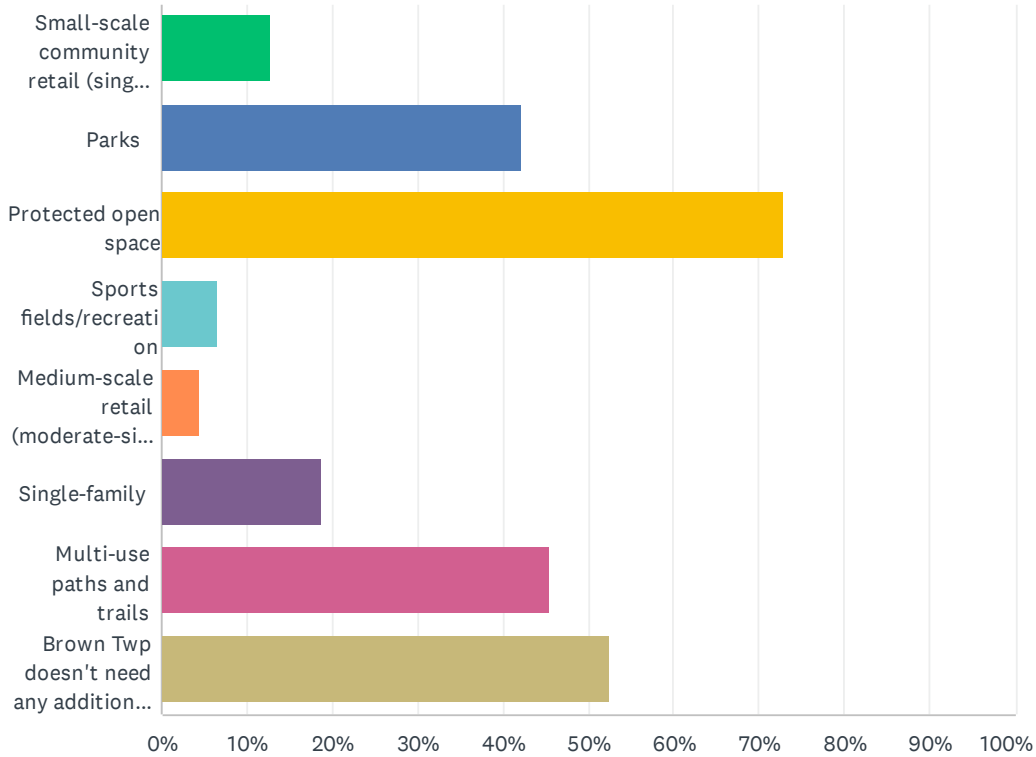
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Law enforcement services	29.17%	63
Fire services	35.65%	77
Zoning	93.06%	201
Parks & open spaces	64.35%	139
Total Respondents: 216		

### Q17 I would like to see the following types of development in Brown Township (select as many as you would like).

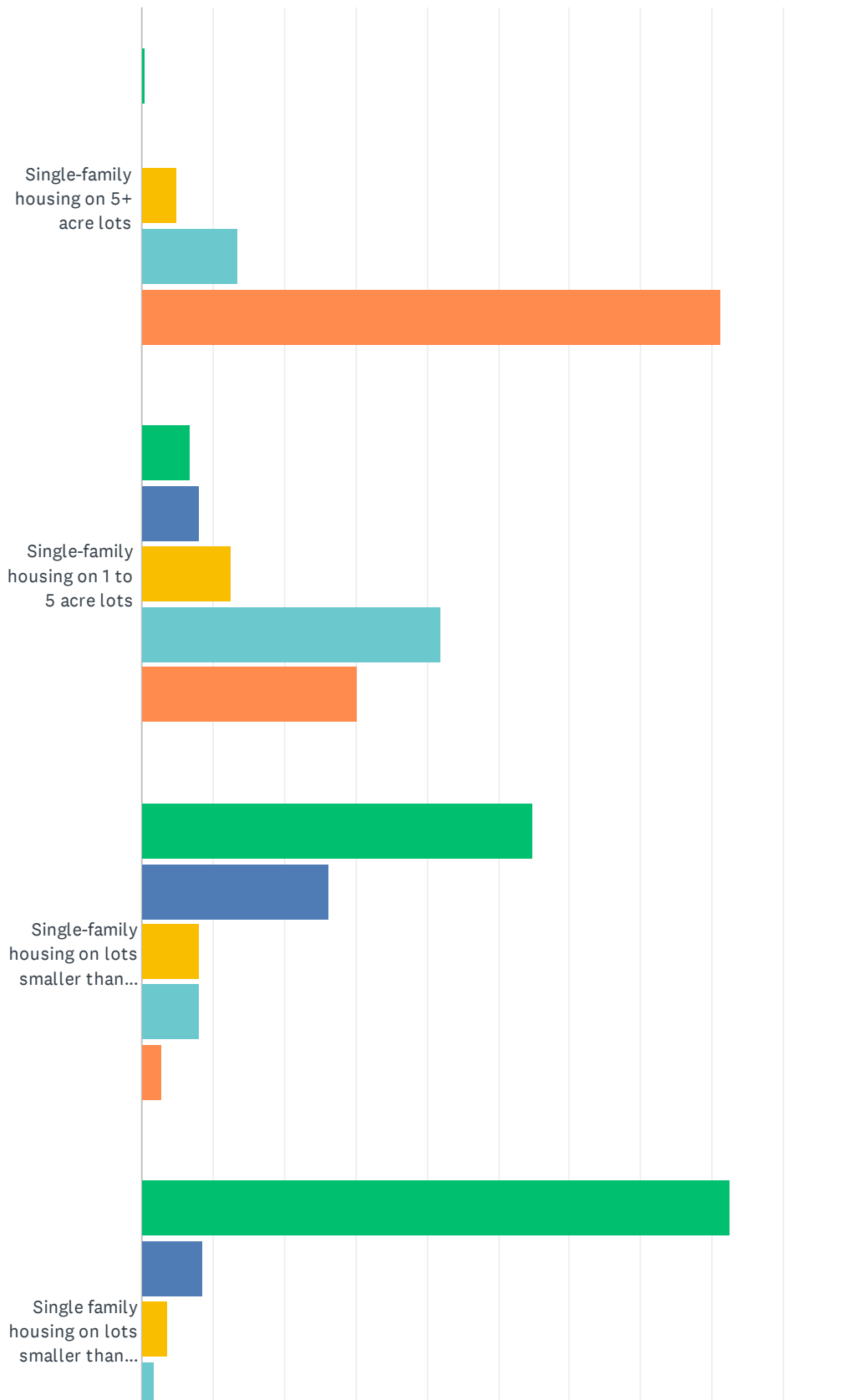
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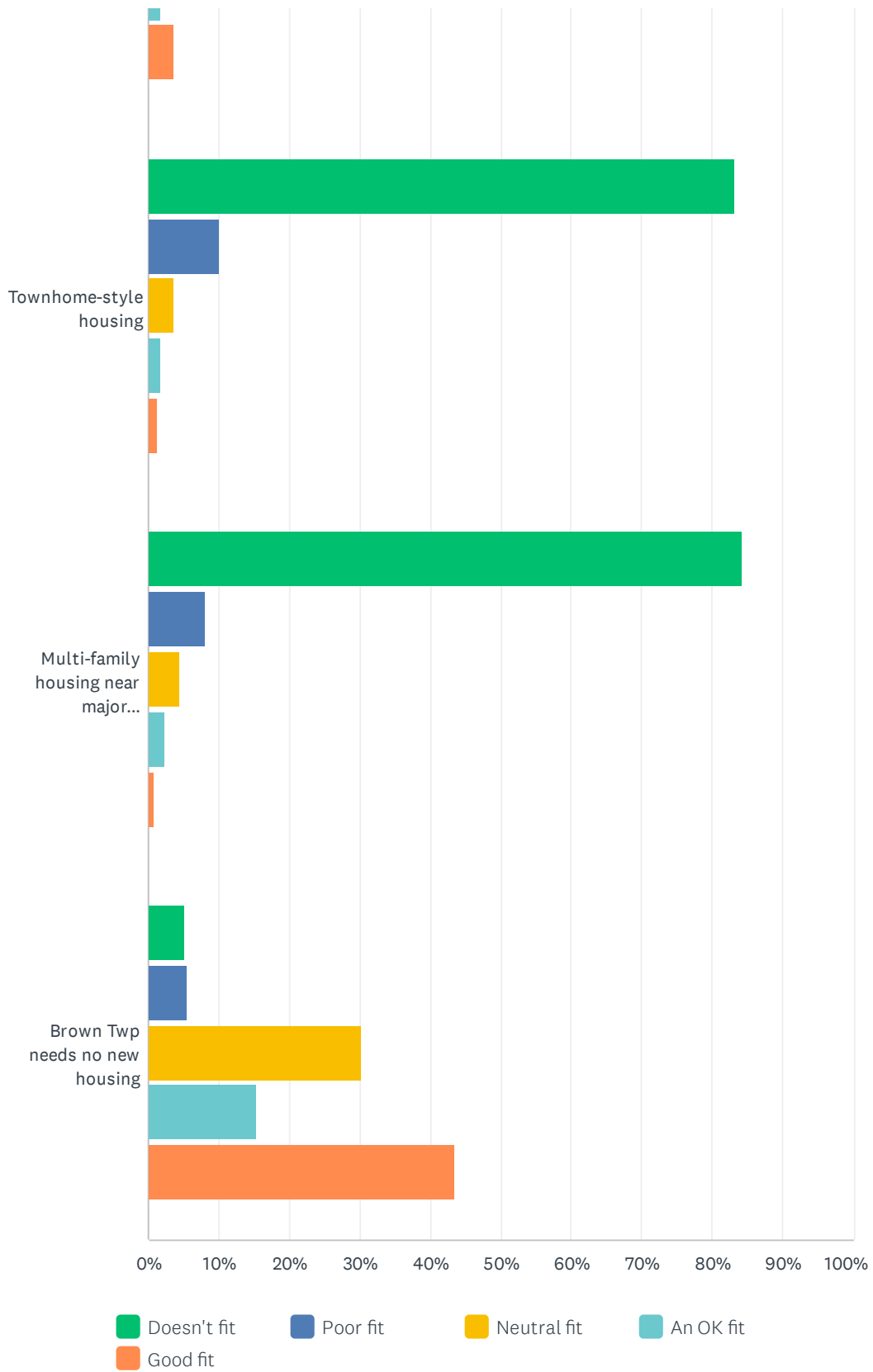
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Small-scale community retail (single shops)	12.89%	29
Parks	42.22%	95
Protected open space	72.89%	164
Sports fields/recreation	6.67%	15
Medium-scale retail (moderate-sized buildings with 2-4 storefronts)	4.44%	10
Single-family	18.67%	42
Multi-use paths and trails	45.33%	102
Brown Twp doesn't need any additional development	52.44%	118
Total Respondents: 225		

### Q18 The following housing types fit Brown Township best.

Answered: 225 Skipped: 90



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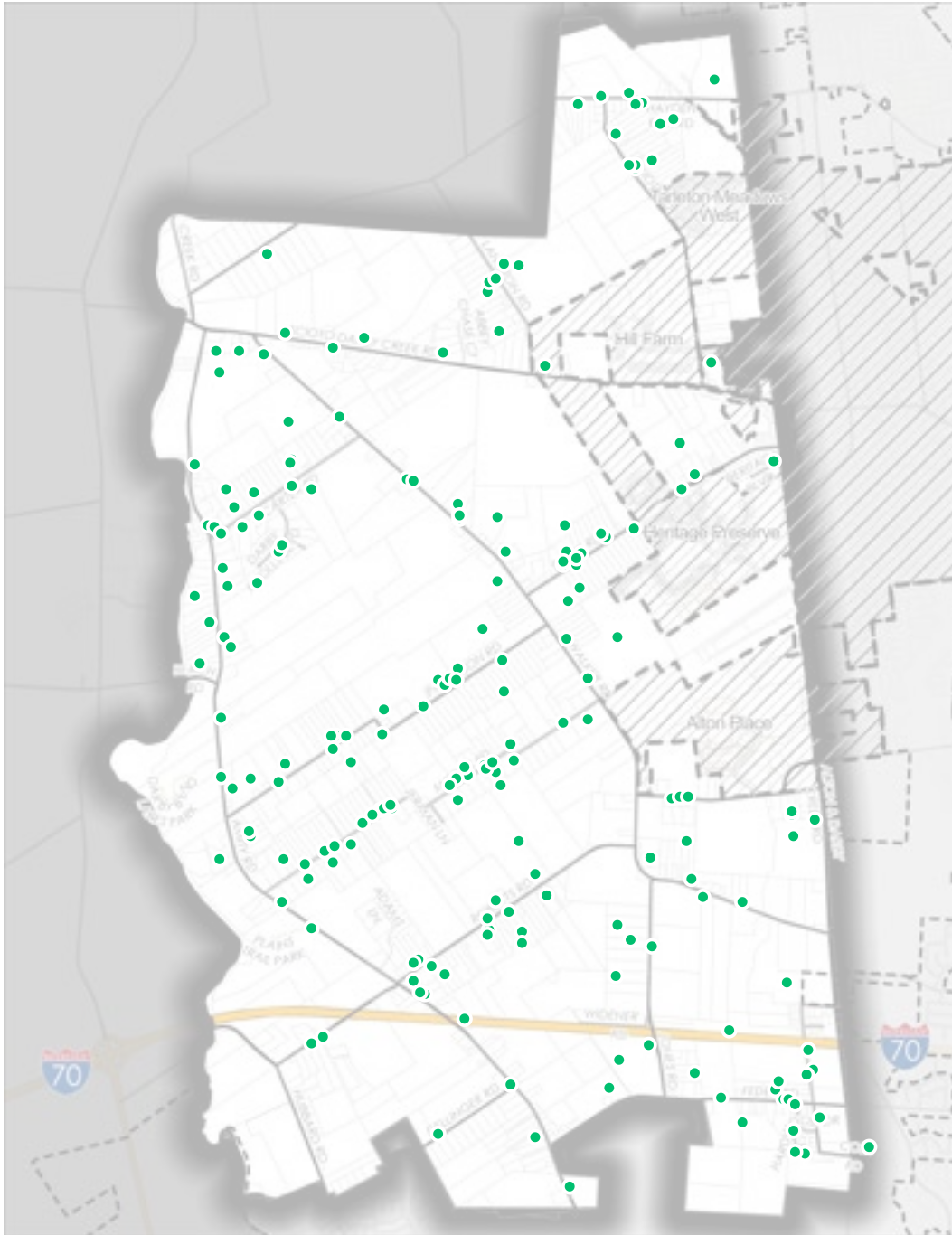


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	DOESN'T FIT	POOR FIT	NEUTRAL FIT	AN OK FIT	GOOD FIT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Single-family housing on 5+ acre lots	0.44% 1	0.00% 0	4.89% 11	13.33% 30	81.33% 183	225	4.75
Single-family housing on 1 to 5 acre lots	6.79% 15	8.14% 18	12.67% 28	42.08% 93	30.32% 67	221	3.81
Single-family housing on lots smaller than 1 acre	54.75% 121	26.24% 58	8.14% 18	8.14% 18	2.71% 6	221	1.78
Single family housing on lots smaller than .25 acres with ample community open space	82.43% 183	8.56% 19	3.60% 8	1.80% 4	3.60% 8	222	1.36
Townhome-style housing	83.26% 184	9.95% 22	3.62% 8	1.81% 4	1.36% 3	221	1.28
Multi-family housing near major intersections	84.23% 187	8.11% 18	4.50% 10	2.25% 5	0.90% 2	222	1.27
Brown Twp needs no new housing	5.14% 11	5.61% 12	30.37% 65	15.42% 33	43.46% 93	214	3.86

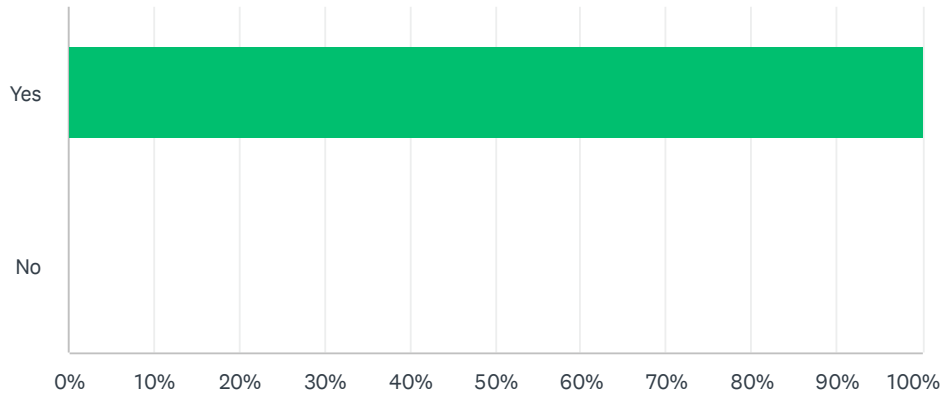
Q19 In order to help determine if we're hearing from residents in all parts of Brown Township, please select the road you live on, the area you live in, or the development you live in. (simply click the map to record your answer)

Answered: 199 Skipped: 116



**Q20 This is a control question to ensure you are a real, live, human.  
Please select "yes".**

Answered: 227 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	227
No	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>227</b>

## Q21 In a few sentences, talk about what rural living means to you.

Answered: 45 Skipped: 270

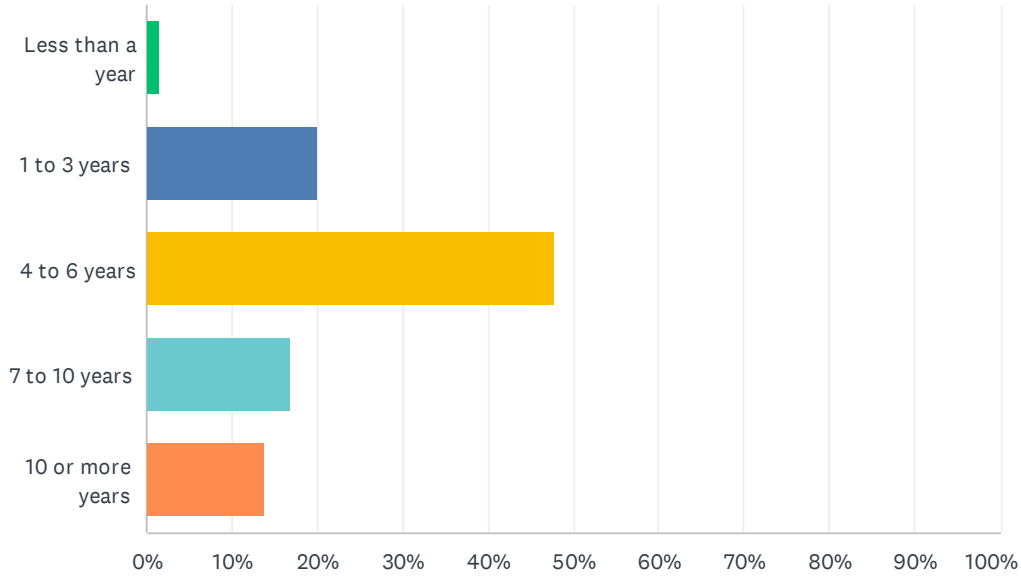
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Being able to walk to the edge of my Neighborhood and finding nature. Unobstructed Sunsets. Peace and Quiet.	3/8/2025 10:55 AM
2	Safe lower density neighborhoods, good schools and some suburban amenities balanced with a natural and agricultural environment.	3/1/2025 7:37 AM
3	Quieter, Less traffic, lots of green space	2/25/2025 10:01 AM
4	I feel blessed to live in a place with wooded areas, ponds and I can enjoy nature.	2/24/2025 11:38 PM
5	Quiet peaceful living	2/21/2025 4:29 PM
6	Rural living means very very low density housing, mature tree stands, wild life and less restrictions on what land owners can do with their property	2/6/2025 2:58 PM
7	Fresh air, slower pace & less traffic	2/3/2025 9:45 PM
8	Peaceful freedom comforting safe clean	2/2/2025 6:58 PM
9	I live in Heritage Preserve and love the open spaces and trails.	2/2/2025 12:09 AM
10	Proximity to open farm land, parks, and trails. Small family businesses. Neighborhoods with green space.	2/1/2025 11:17 AM
11	It means it's quiet and more private with access to nature.	1/30/2025 9:19 PM
12	Quiet, peaceful	1/29/2025 8:03 AM
13	Open spaces with wide vistas. Neighbors that care about each other. Agricultural heritage.	1/28/2025 9:45 PM
14	Limited light pollution to protect the wildlife that made this their home first. Limiting development especially commercial and industrial to protect the open land and agricultural feel. Limiting dense development to not hinder the Big Darby Creek. Maintaining green space and preserving agricultural land.	1/26/2025 10:51 AM
15	Freedom to do what I want on my property.	1/26/2025 5:07 AM
16	Open space, slower feel	1/25/2025 6:51 AM
17	Preserving the environment for future generations. Clean air, healthier environment.	1/24/2025 9:24 PM
18	This is such a beautiful place in this busy, chaotic world. Brown Township is a quiet community with wonderful neighbors. We love how it is peaceful and far enough away from the hustle and bustle of the city but close enough to drive to work. What a wonderful opportunity to live in a quiet suburb with so few cars and people right next door. The sunsets here are absolutely incredible and the stars at night, too. Again, without the lights and other distractions of too many people in a small area, we can truly appreciate the beauty of nature here.	1/23/2025 11:17 PM
19	Quiet and nice paths	1/23/2025 7:06 PM
20	Seeing undeveloped land, forests, creeks, farm fields etc. Larger lots, no apartments, no large commercial buildings or retail.	1/23/2025 12:32 PM
21	I don't think of myself as living in a rural area. I like the proximity to Columbus, downtown Hilliard, stores, etc. I do appreciate the quiet and beauty of the area.	1/23/2025 7:12 AM
22	It surrounds me but doesn't define me	1/22/2025 9:54 PM
23	Green spaces, clean air, affordability	1/22/2025 9:04 PM
24	Quiet and country feel while close to city and amenities	1/22/2025 8:51 PM

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25	Quiet area with great schools and minimal growth.	1/22/2025 8:36 PM
26	Being able to sleep with my windows open and not hear traffic all through the night. Low light pollution and a preservation of natural areas.	1/22/2025 8:32 PM
27	Less traffic, lots of green areas, walking trails	1/22/2025 8:30 PM
28	I'm unhappy with the number of houses being built without any planning as to infrastructure. Alton Darby road is a disaster to travel on. I built a house on heritage preserve to have some space and less congestion and it's awful to get around.	1/22/2025 8:28 PM
29	isolation	1/22/2025 8:16 PM
30	I appreciate that where I live has access to Columbus proper, but is much quieter and less dense than Columbus proper. We have quiet neighbors that we get along with, and a sense of community	1/22/2025 8:02 PM
31	Being near nature and peaceful areas to get away from the city	1/22/2025 7:57 PM
32	Freedom from overcrowding	1/22/2025 5:27 PM
33	Beautiful nature Preserve	1/22/2025 12:43 AM
34	Quiet neighborhoods, less buildings, less neighborhoods, less apartments. Friendly neighbors.	1/21/2025 10:51 PM
35	It means a quiet environment and fresh air near the beauty of nature and farming.	1/21/2025 8:52 PM
36	Living far away from the city. Well water.	1/21/2025 8:15 PM
37	Open spaces of green	1/21/2025 7:52 PM
38	Corn fields	1/21/2025 7:02 PM
39	Required to drive to get almost anywhere with access to decent bike/walking trails.	1/21/2025 6:47 PM
40	Can't see your neighbors	1/21/2025 5:58 PM
41	Peace and quiet, low population, getting more in touch with nature.	1/21/2025 5:29 PM
42	Ability to garden, proximity to large open spaces. Able to see animals, trees, wild areas.	1/21/2025 5:18 PM
43	Being able to take a long walk without driving to a trailhead. Having trees and green space nearby.	1/21/2025 4:44 PM
44	Living on the outskirts of town near farms. Living amongst the beauty of nature. Quiet and serene, away from the busyness of city life.	1/21/2025 2:08 PM
45	Less traffic, more land, less restrictions on personal property	1/21/2025 1:05 PM

## Q22 Which answer best describes the number of years you have lived in Brown Township?

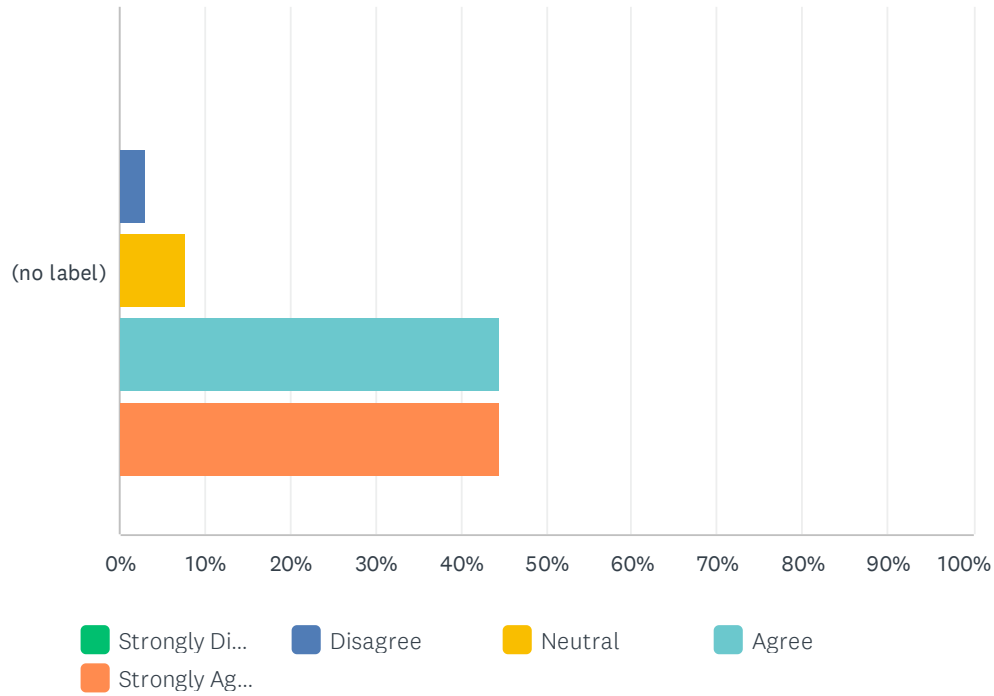
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less than a year	1.54% 1
1 to 3 years	20.00% 13
4 to 6 years	47.69% 31
7 to 10 years	16.92% 11
10 or more years	13.85% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>

## Q23 Brown Township is a desirable place to live.

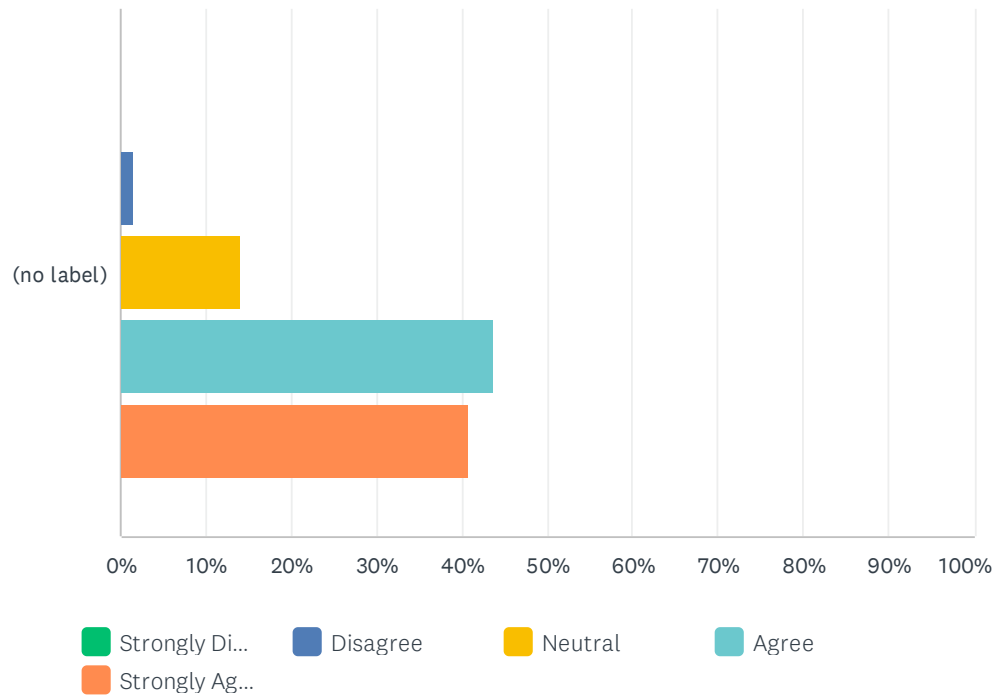
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	3.08% 2	7.69% 5	44.62% 29	44.62% 29	65	4.31

## Q24 Brown Township feels welcoming to me and my family.

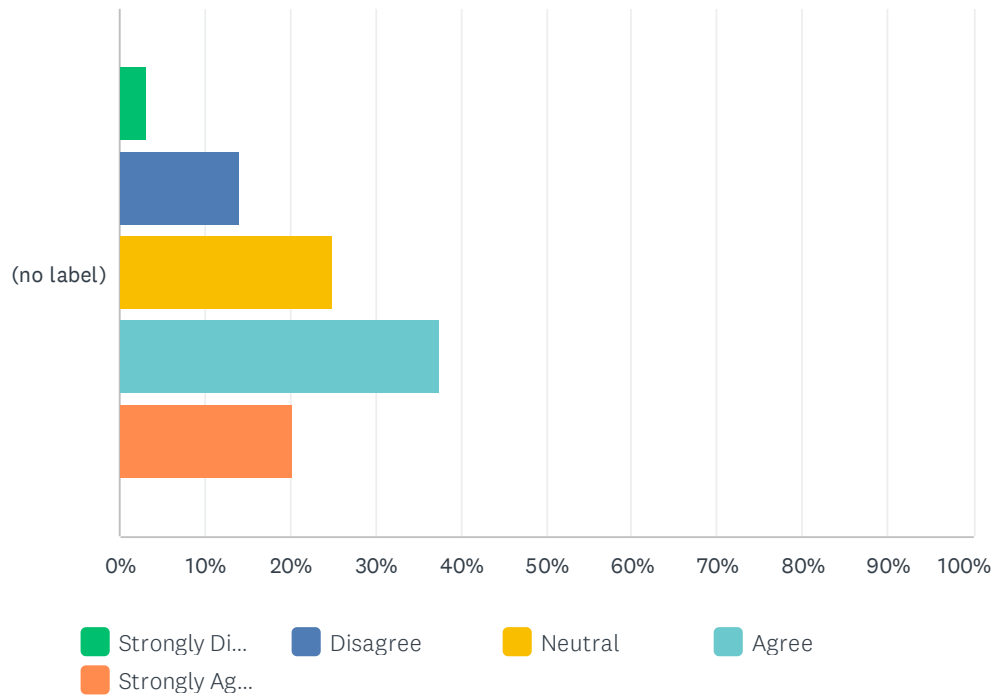
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	1.56% 1	14.06% 9	43.75% 28	40.63% 26	64	4.23

## Q25 Brown Township is more desirable now than it was five years ago.

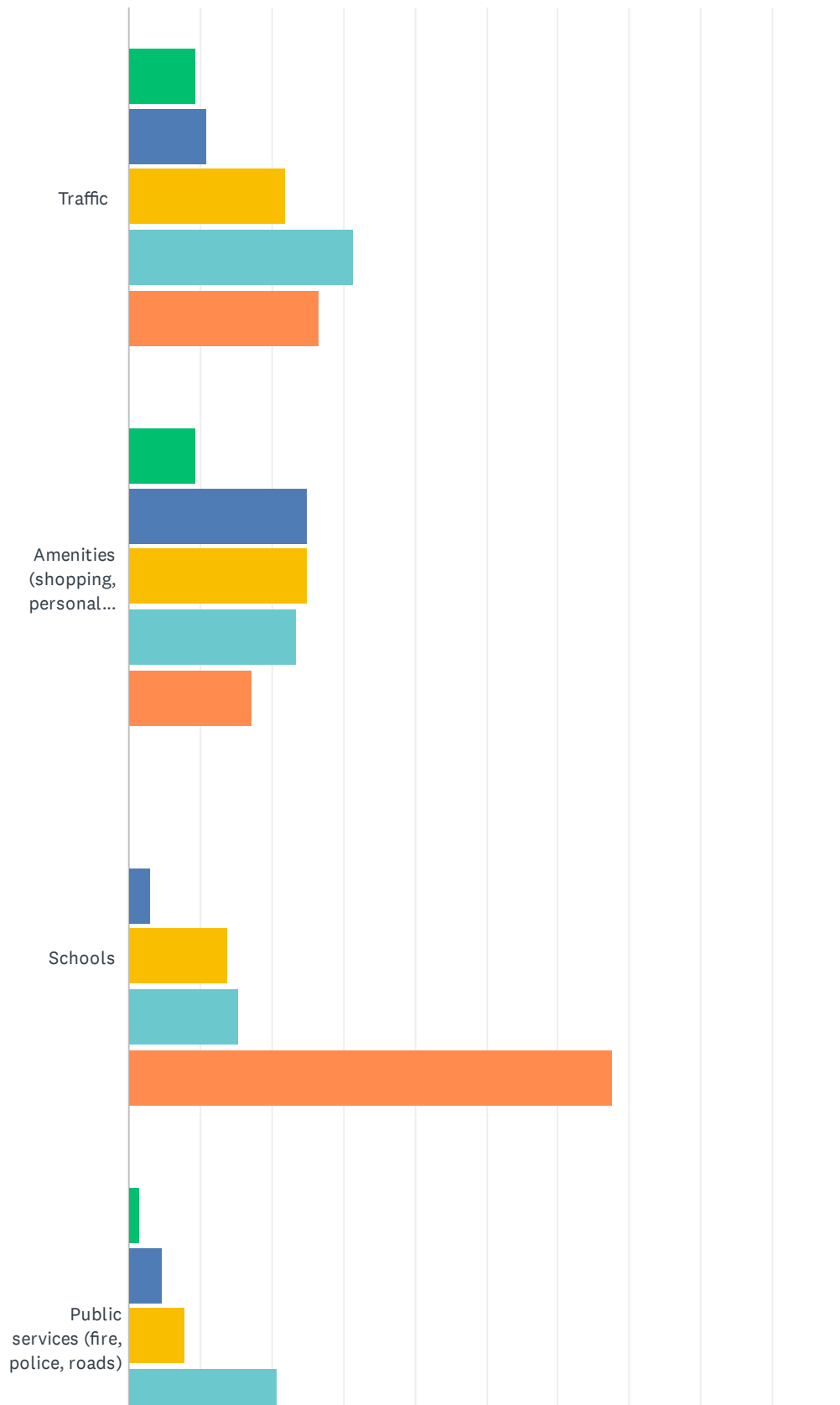
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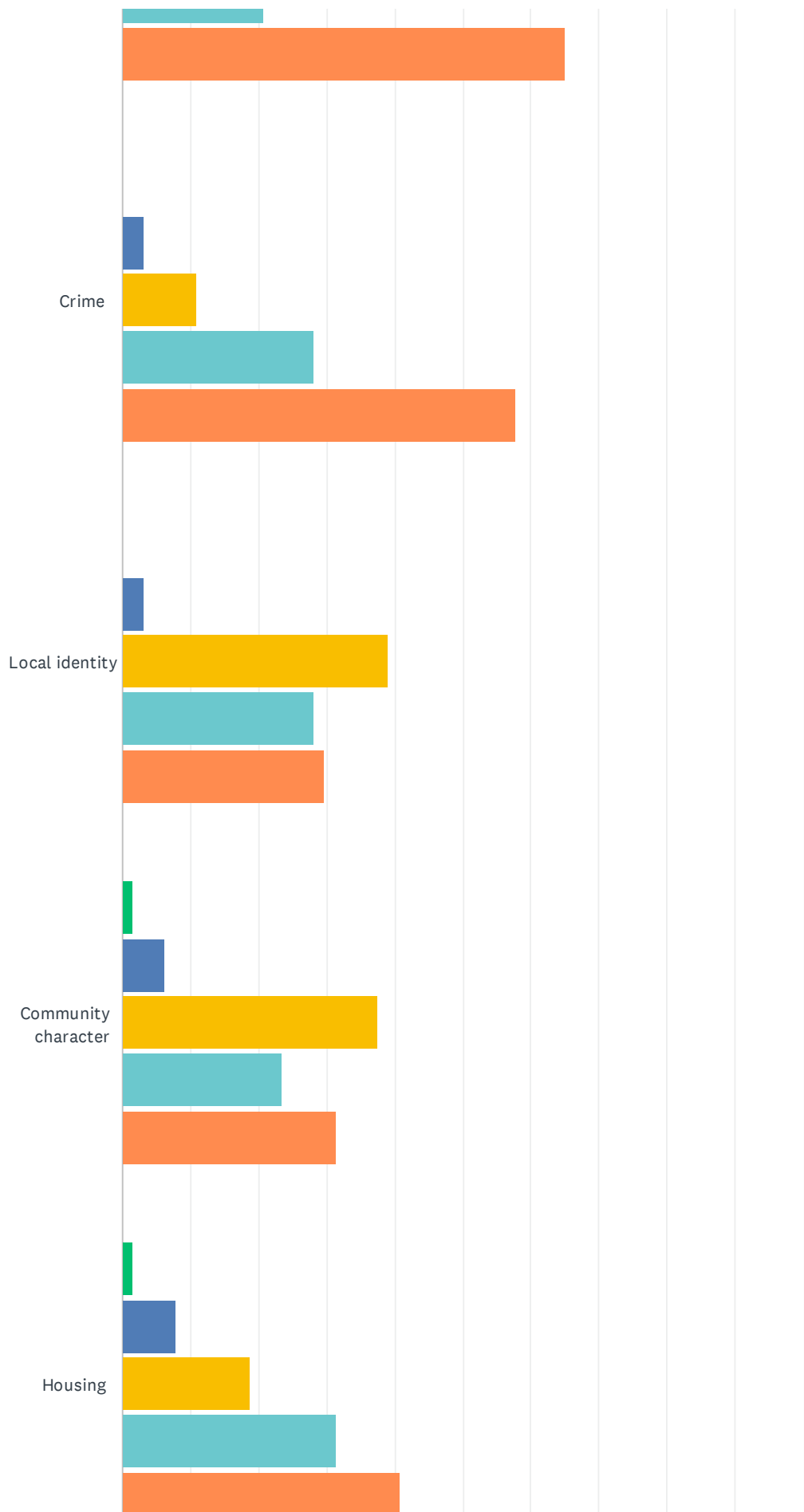
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	3.13%	14.06%	25.00%	37.50%	20.31%	64	3.58
	2	9	16	24	13		

## Q26 How do you feel about the following things in Brown Township?

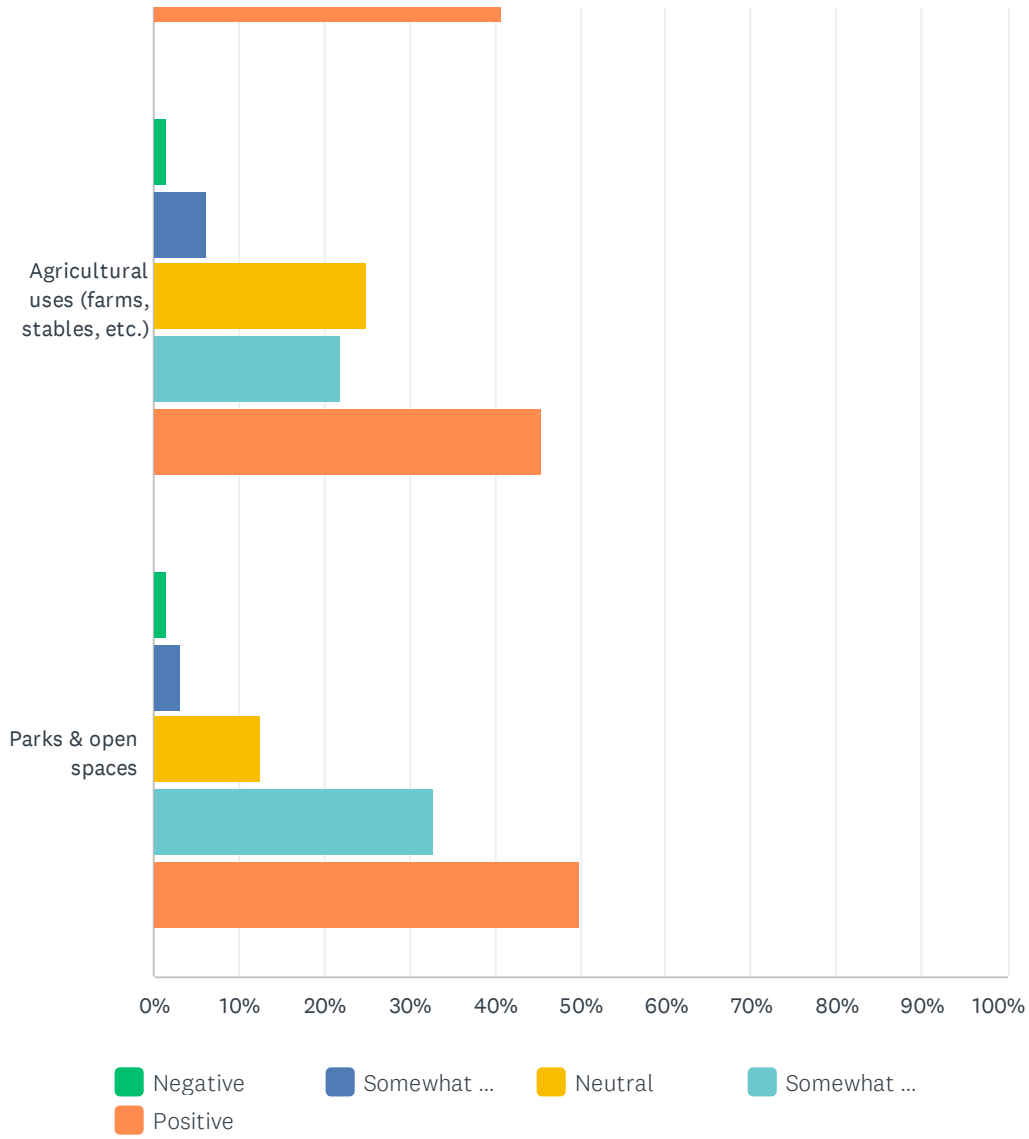
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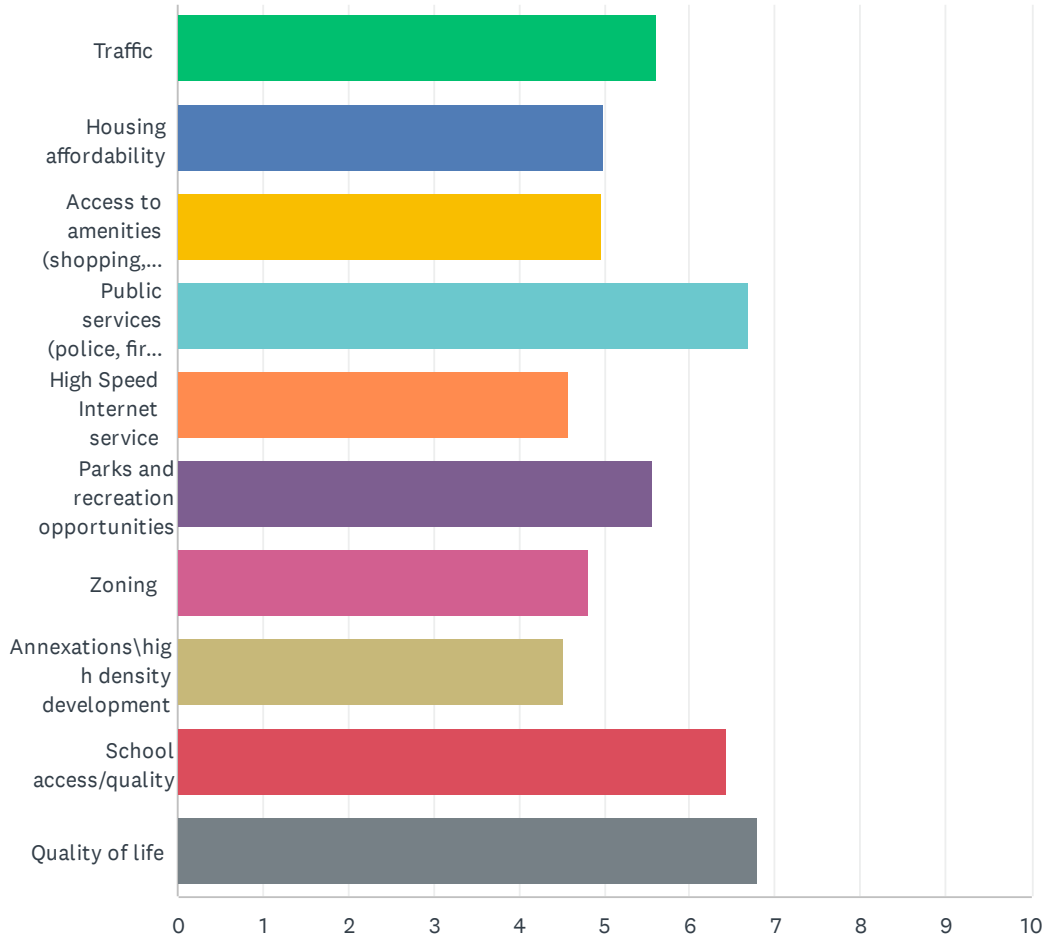


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	NEGATIVE	SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT POSITIVE	POSITIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Traffic	9.38% 6	10.94% 7	21.88% 14	31.25% 20	26.56% 17	64	3.55
Amenities (shopping, personal services, etc.)	9.38% 6	25.00% 16	25.00% 16	23.44% 15	17.19% 11	64	3.14
Schools	0.00% 0	3.08% 2	13.85% 9	15.38% 10	67.69% 44	65	4.48
Public services (fire, police, roads)	1.59% 1	4.76% 3	7.94% 5	20.63% 13	65.08% 41	63	4.43
Crime	0.00% 0	3.13% 2	10.94% 7	28.13% 18	57.81% 37	64	4.41
Local identity	0.00% 0	3.13% 2	39.06% 25	28.13% 18	29.69% 19	64	3.84
Community character	1.56% 1	6.25% 4	37.50% 24	23.44% 15	31.25% 20	64	3.77
Housing	1.56% 1	7.81% 5	18.75% 12	31.25% 20	40.63% 26	64	4.02
Agricultural uses (farms, stables, etc.)	1.56% 1	6.25% 4	25.00% 16	21.88% 14	45.31% 29	64	4.03
Parks & open spaces	1.56% 1	3.13% 2	12.50% 8	32.81% 21	50.00% 32	64	4.27

### Q27 Rank the following 10 issues in regard to their effect on all of Brown Township, where 1 is the most important and 10 is the least important.

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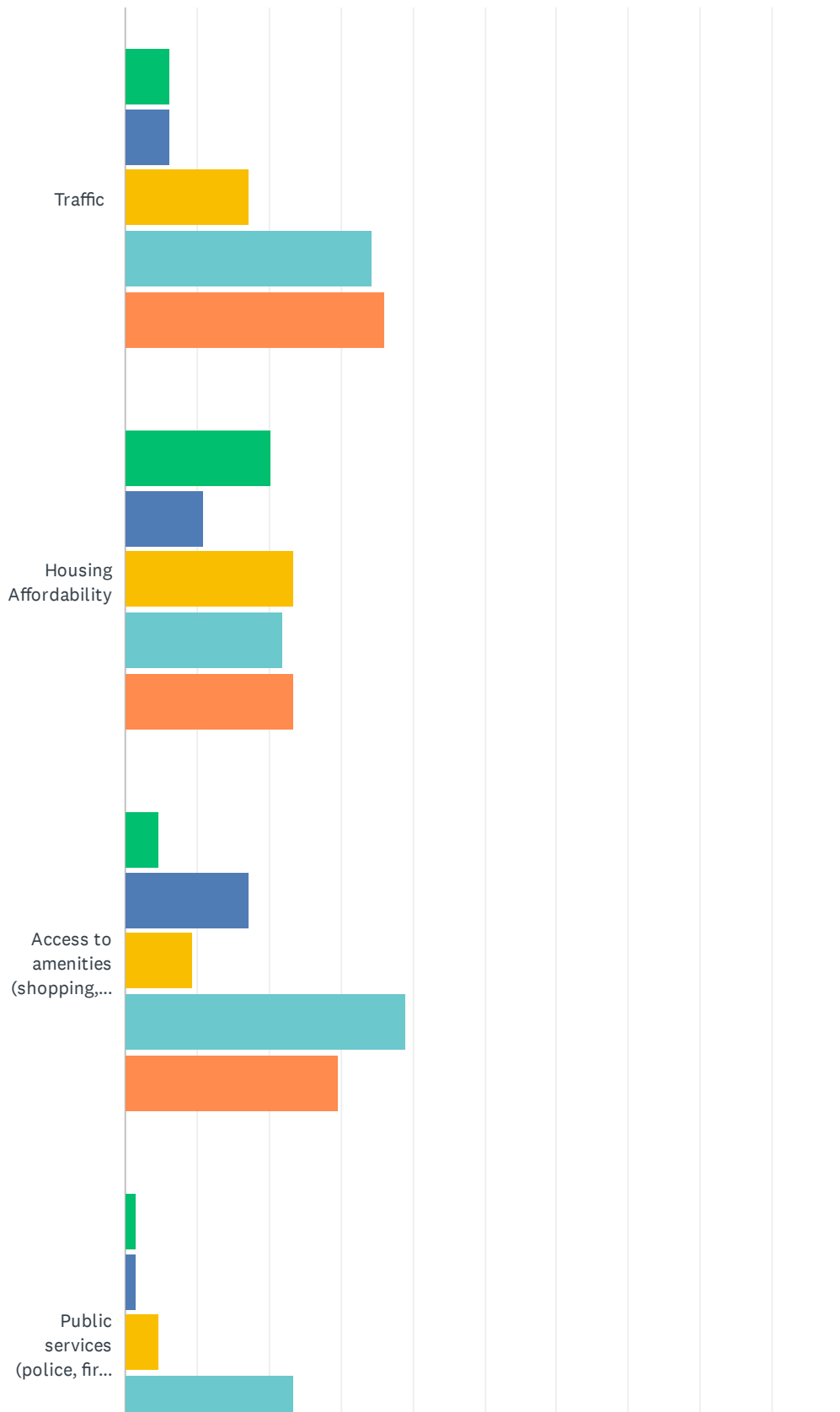


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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Traffic	9.38% 6	7.81% 5	12.50% 8	10.94% 7	9.38% 6	10.94% 7	17.19% 11	6.25% 4	6.25% 4	9.38% 6	6
Housing affordability	7.81% 5	7.81% 5	7.81% 5	14.06% 9	7.81% 5	6.25% 4	6.25% 4	17.19% 11	10.94% 7	14.06% 9	6
Access to amenities (shopping, personal services, etc.)	7.81% 5	4.69% 3	6.25% 4	9.38% 6	15.63% 10	4.69% 3	21.88% 14	7.81% 5	10.94% 7	10.94% 7	6
Public services (police, fire, roads)	9.38% 6	18.75% 12	12.50% 8	18.75% 12	9.38% 6	15.63% 10	1.56% 1	9.38% 6	3.13% 2	1.56% 1	6
High Speed Internet service	1.56% 1	6.25% 4	9.38% 6	7.81% 5	9.38% 6	14.06% 9	10.94% 7	12.50% 8	20.31% 13	7.81% 5	6
Parks and recreation opportunities	7.81% 5	9.38% 6	10.94% 7	7.81% 5	7.81% 5	18.75% 12	10.94% 7	17.19% 11	6.25% 4	3.13% 2	6
Zoning	6.25% 4	4.69% 3	7.81% 5	7.81% 5	12.50% 8	10.94% 7	10.94% 7	15.63% 10	15.63% 10	7.81% 5	6
Annexations\high density development	10.94% 7	10.94% 7	9.38% 6	1.56% 1	3.13% 2	6.25% 4	7.81% 5	7.81% 5	12.50% 8	29.69% 19	6
School access/quality	10.94% 7	21.88% 14	9.38% 6	18.75% 12	7.81% 5	6.25% 4	4.69% 3	3.13% 2	7.81% 5	9.38% 6	6
Quality of life	28.13% 18	7.81% 5	14.06% 9	3.13% 2	17.19% 11	6.25% 4	7.81% 5	3.13% 2	6.25% 4	6.25% 4	6

## Q28 How important is each of the following to you personally?

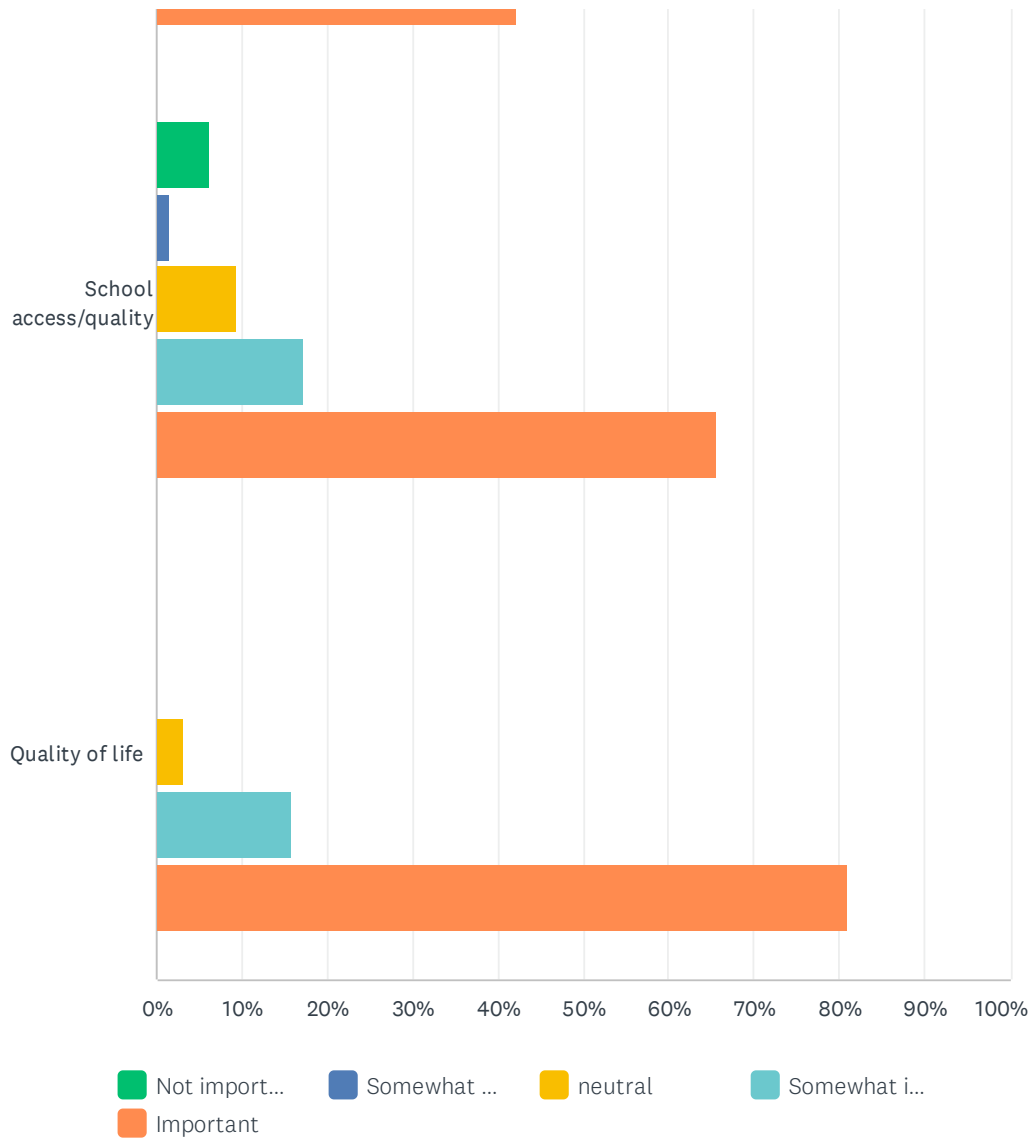
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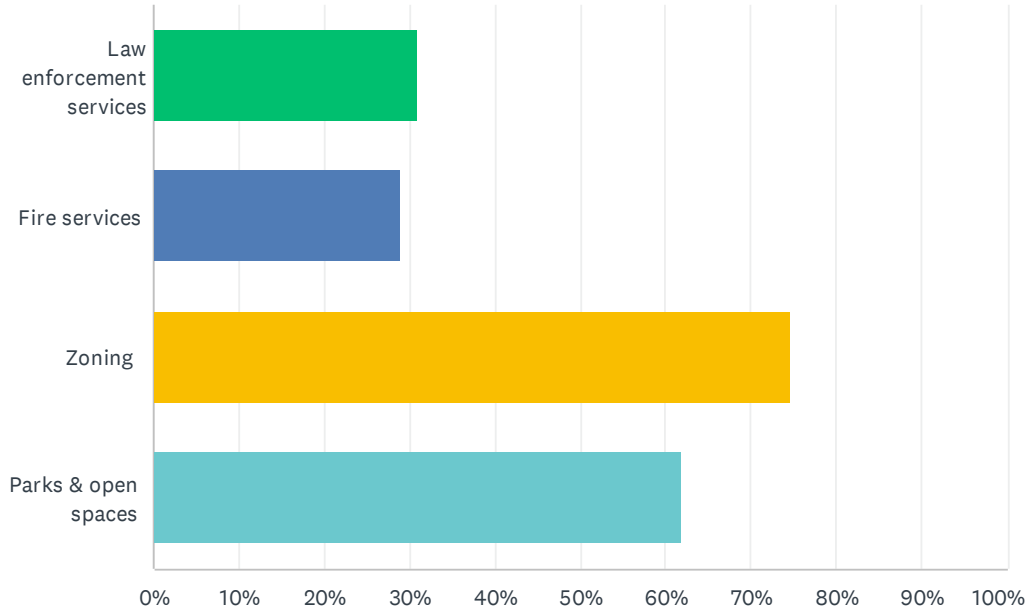


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	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT NOT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Traffic	6.25% 4	6.25% 4	17.19% 11	34.38% 22	35.94% 23	64	3.88
Housing Affordability	20.31% 13	10.94% 7	23.44% 15	21.88% 14	23.44% 15	64	3.17
Access to amenities (shopping, personal services, etc.)	4.69% 3	17.19% 11	9.38% 6	39.06% 25	29.69% 19	64	3.72
Public services (police, fire, roads)	1.56% 1	1.56% 1	4.69% 3	23.44% 15	68.75% 44	64	4.56
High Speed Internet service	6.25% 4	3.13% 2	15.63% 10	35.94% 23	39.06% 25	64	3.98
Parks and recreation opportunities	1.56% 1	4.69% 3	12.50% 8	32.81% 21	48.44% 31	64	4.22
Zoning	1.56% 1	6.25% 4	18.75% 12	39.06% 25	34.38% 22	64	3.98
Annexations\high density development	18.75% 12	6.25% 4	17.19% 11	15.63% 10	42.19% 27	64	3.56
School access/quality	6.25% 4	1.56% 1	9.38% 6	17.19% 11	65.63% 42	64	4.34
Quality of life	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.17% 2	15.87% 10	80.95% 51	63	4.78

## Q29 I believe Brown Township should have more local control over the following (select as many as you would like).

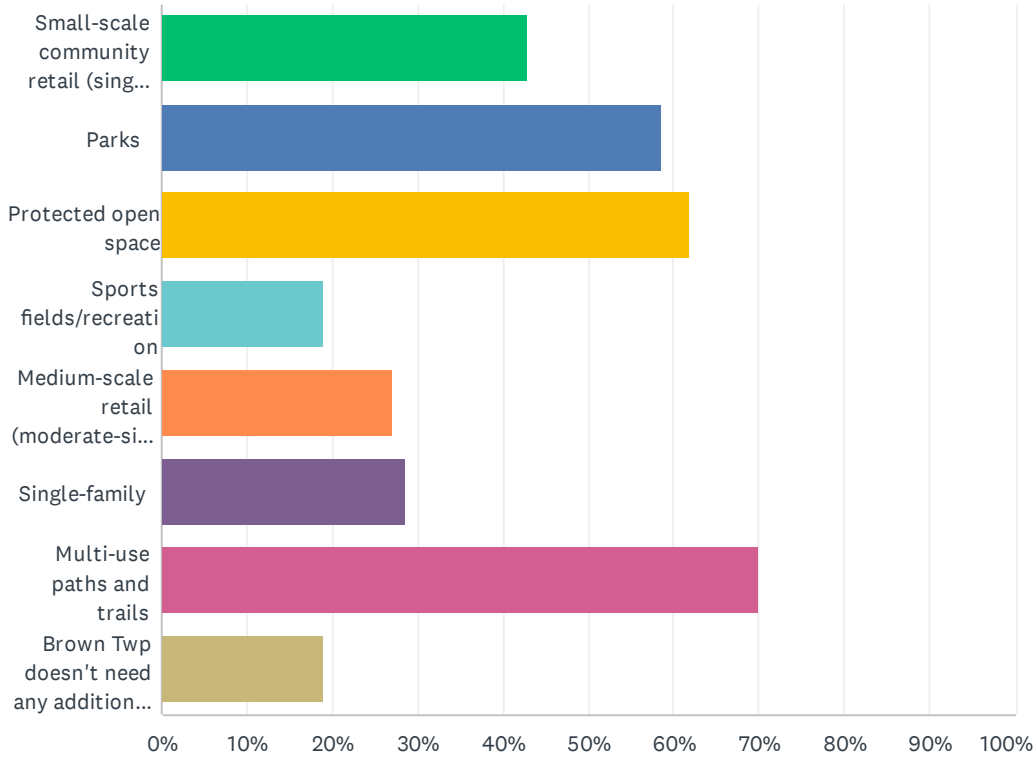
Answered: 55 Skipped: 260



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Law enforcement services	30.91% 17
Fire services	29.09% 16
Zoning	74.55% 41
Parks & open spaces	61.82% 34
Total Respondents: 55	

### Q30 I would like to see the following types of development in Brown Township (select as many as you would like).

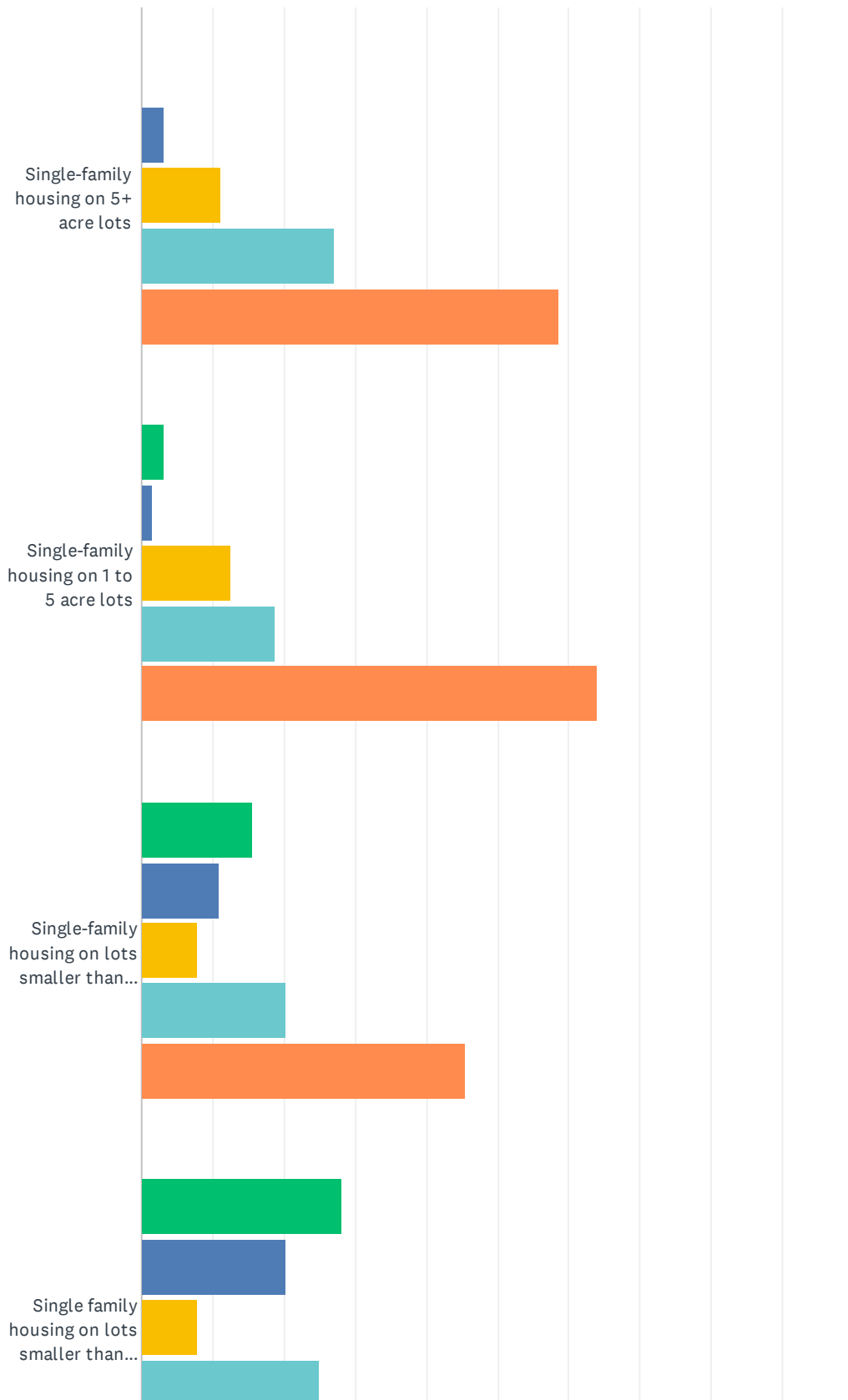
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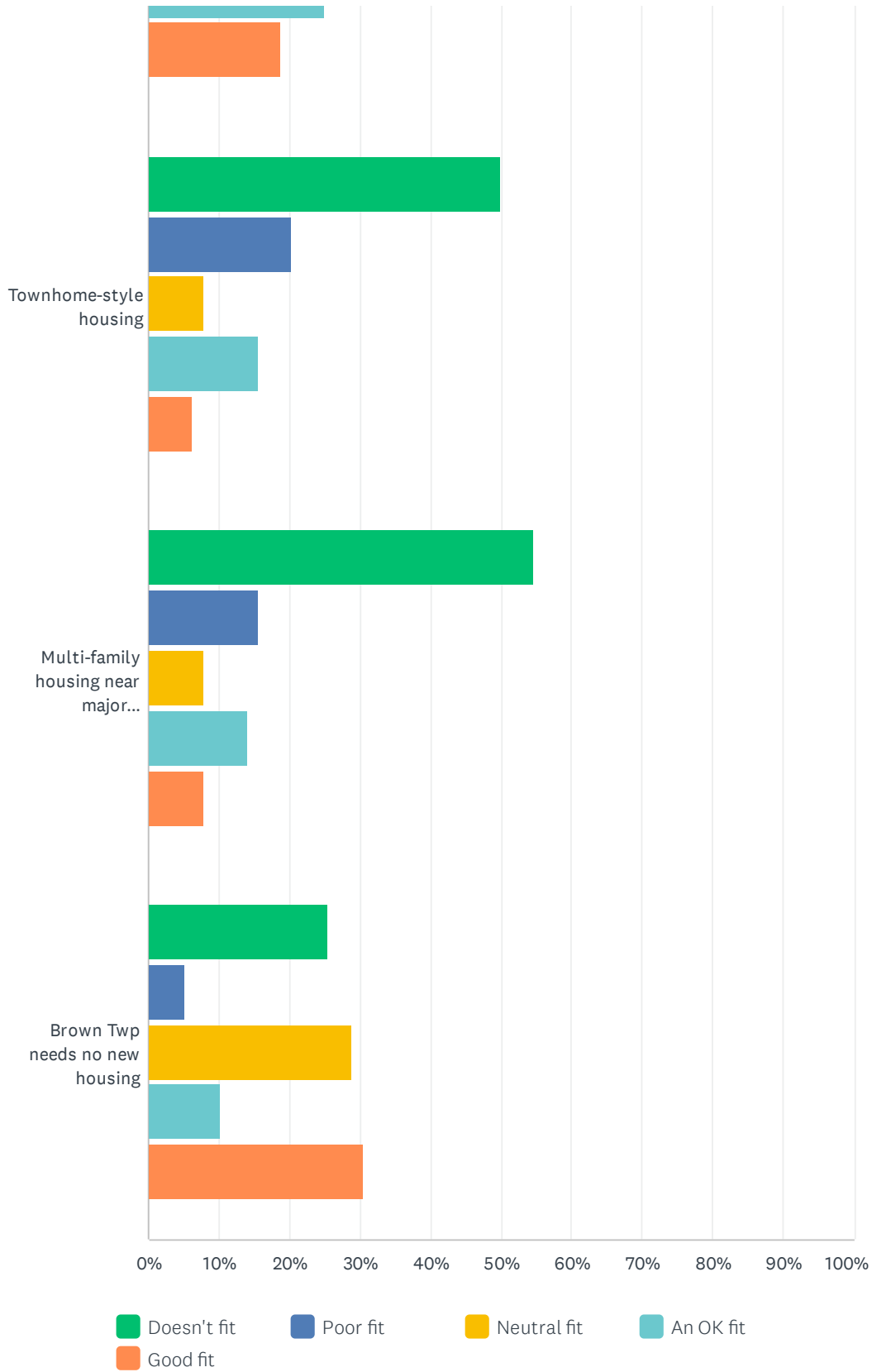
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Small-scale community retail (single shops)	42.86%	27
Parks	58.73%	37
Protected open space	61.90%	39
Sports fields/recreation	19.05%	12
Medium-scale retail (moderate-sized buildings with 2-4 storefronts)	26.98%	17
Single-family	28.57%	18
Multi-use paths and trails	69.84%	44
Brown Twp doesn't need any additional development	19.05%	12
Total Respondents: 63		

### Q31 The following housing types fit Brown Township best.

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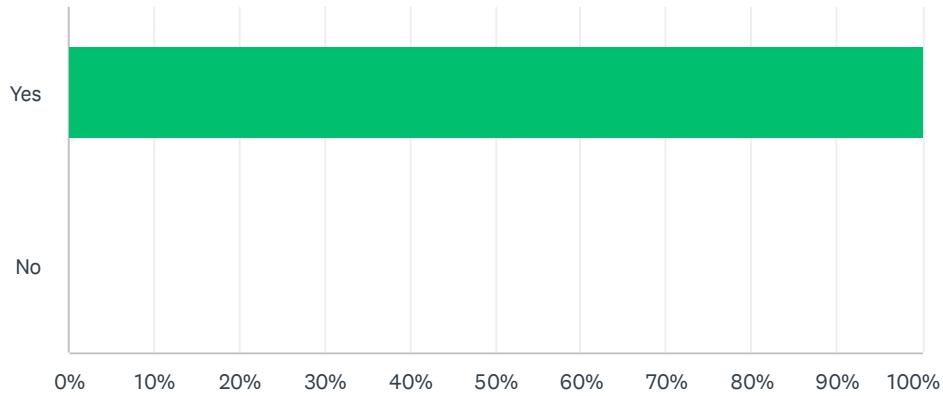
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	DOESN'T FIT	POOR FIT	NEUTRAL FIT	AN OK FIT	GOOD FIT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Single-family housing on 5+ acre lots	0.00% 0	3.17% 2	11.11% 7	26.98% 17	58.73% 37	63	4.41
Single-family housing on 1 to 5 acre lots	3.13% 2	1.56% 1	12.50% 8	18.75% 12	64.06% 41	64	4.39
Single-family housing on lots smaller than 1 acre	15.63% 10	10.94% 7	7.81% 5	20.31% 13	45.31% 29	64	3.69
Single family housing on lots smaller than .25 acres with ample community open space	28.13% 18	20.31% 13	7.81% 5	25.00% 16	18.75% 12	64	2.86
Townhome-style housing	50.00% 32	20.31% 13	7.81% 5	15.63% 10	6.25% 4	64	2.08
Multi-family housing near major intersections	54.69% 35	15.63% 10	7.81% 5	14.06% 9	7.81% 5	64	2.05
Brown Twp needs no new housing	25.42% 15	5.08% 3	28.81% 17	10.17% 6	30.51% 18	59	3.15



**Q33 This is a control question to ensure you are a real, live, human.  
Please select "yes".**

Answered: 65 Skipped: 250



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	65
No	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>65</b>

## Q34 Which best describes your relationship with Brown Township?

Answered: 0 Skipped: 315

 No matching responses.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
College student who returns to Brown Twp to visit or on break	0.00%	0
Temporary worker in the area	0.00%	0
Snowbird, second homeowner, etc.	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

## Q35 How long has this description fit you?

Answered: 0 Skipped: 315

 No matching responses.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less than a year	0.00% 0
1 to 3 years	0.00% 0
4 to 6 years	0.00% 0
7 to 10 years	0.00% 0
More than 10 years	0.00% 0
TOTAL	0

## Q36 In number of months per calendar year, how often do you reside in Brown Township?

Answered: 0 Skipped: 315

 No matching responses.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
less than 1	0.00% 0
1	0.00% 0
2	0.00% 0
3	0.00% 0
4	0.00% 0
5 or more	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>

**Q37 This is a control question to ensure you are a real, live, human.  
Please select "yes".**

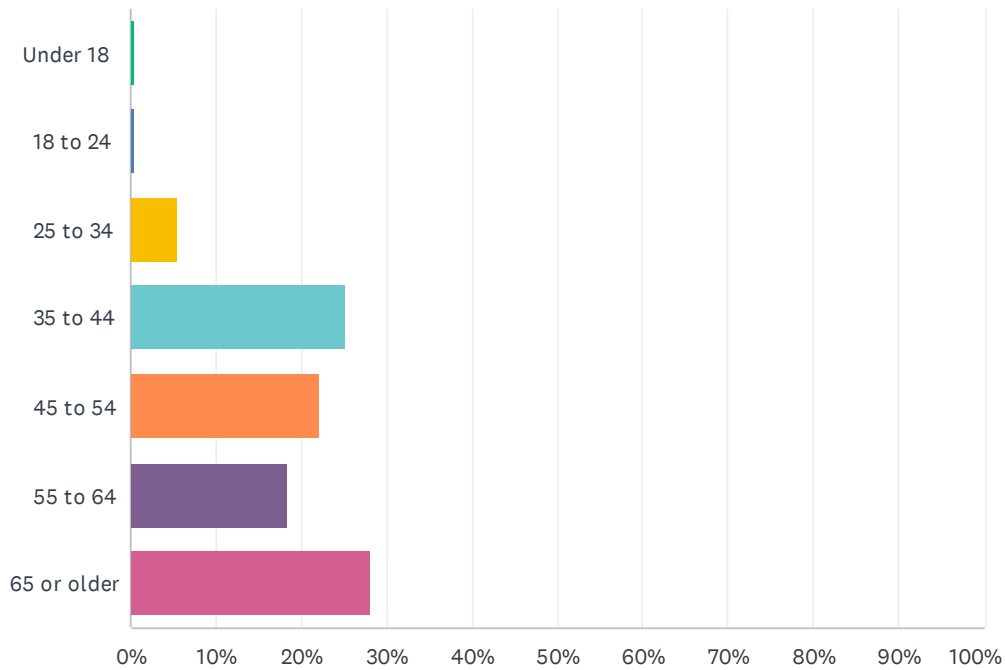
Answered: 0 Skipped: 315

 No matching responses.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		0

### Q38 What is your age range?

Answered: 285 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.35%	1
18 to 24	0.35%	1
25 to 34	5.61%	16
35 to 44	25.26%	72
45 to 54	22.11%	63
55 to 64	18.25%	52
65 or older	28.07%	80
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>285</b>

## Q39 Enter your gender below.

Answered: 263 Skipped: 52

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4	Male	3/7/2025 8:48 AM
5	female	3/6/2025 7:45 PM
6	male	3/6/2025 10:42 AM
7	female	3/6/2025 10:41 AM
8	Female	3/6/2025 9:33 AM
9	female	3/5/2025 9:49 PM
10	M	3/5/2025 8:28 PM
11	Female	3/5/2025 1:55 PM
12	Male	3/5/2025 12:15 PM
13	Female	3/4/2025 1:00 PM
14	Male	3/3/2025 8:17 PM
15	M	3/2/2025 3:45 PM
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17	Female	3/2/2025 2:35 PM
18	Male	3/1/2025 1:44 PM
19	Male	3/1/2025 7:38 AM
20	female	2/27/2025 9:50 AM
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32	Male	2/22/2025 4:05 PM
33	Male	2/22/2025 2:06 PM

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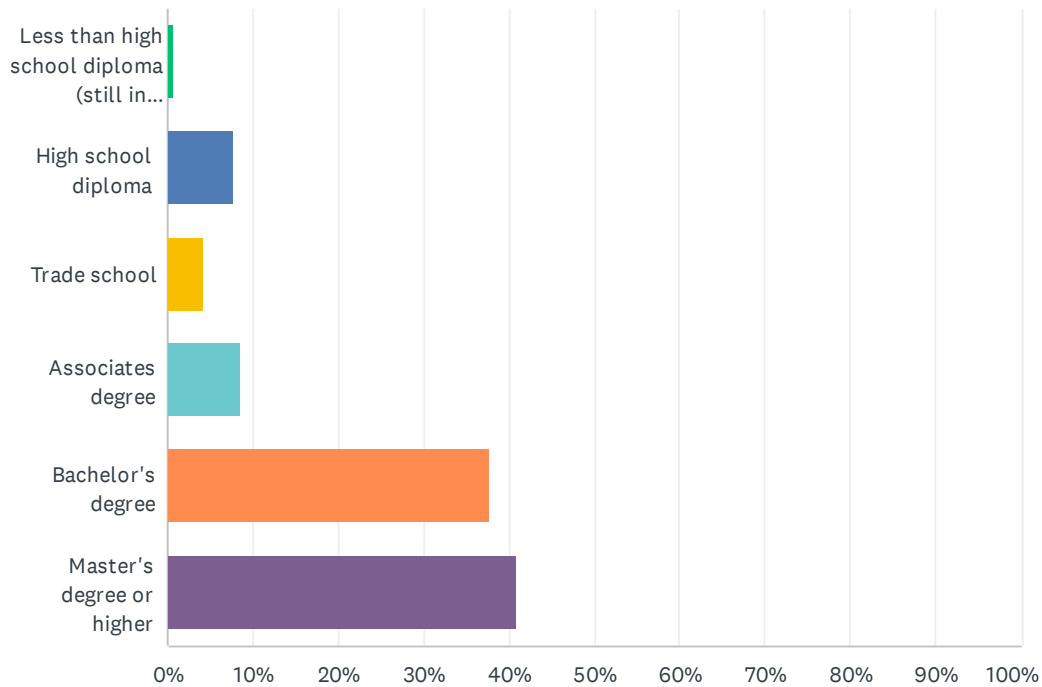
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263	Female	1/17/2025 5:21 PM

## Q40 What is your highest level of educational attainment?

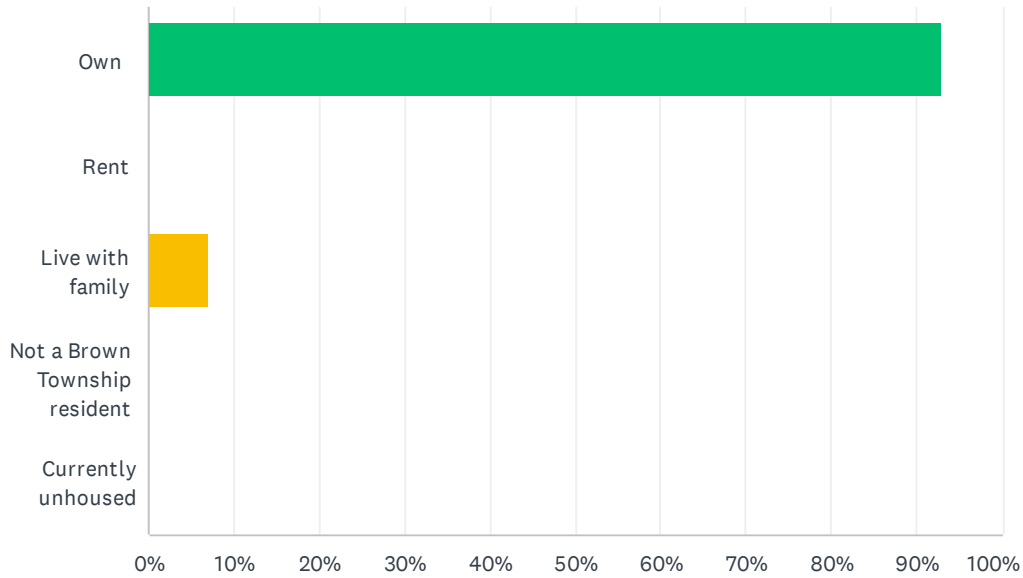
Answered: 283 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than high school diploma (still in school, etc.)	0.71%	2
High school diploma	7.77%	22
Trade school	4.24%	12
Associates degree	8.48%	24
Bachelor's degree	37.81%	107
Master's degree or higher	40.99%	116
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>283</b>

## Q41 Which answer best describes your living arrangements?

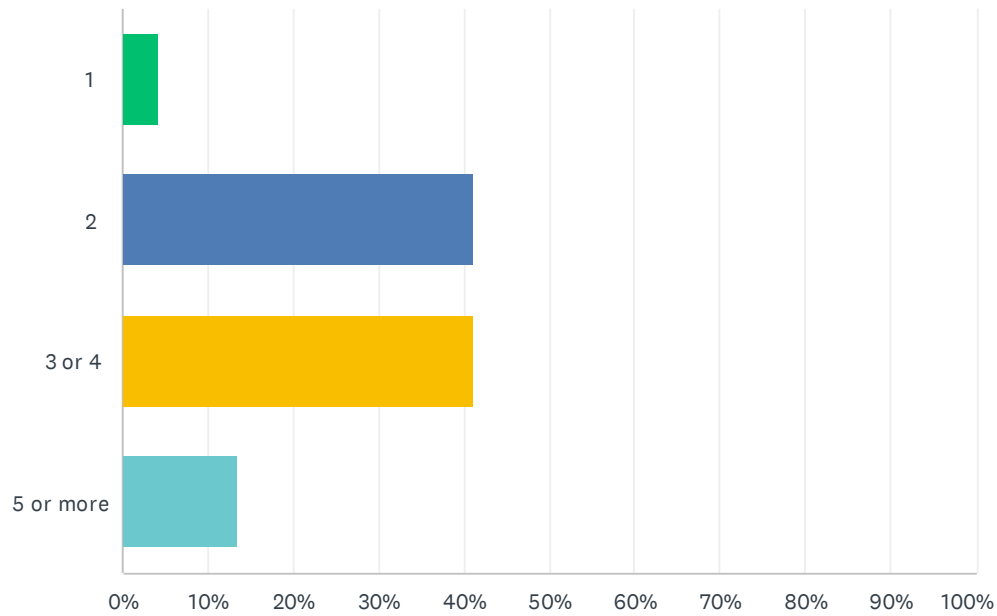
Answered: 288 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	93.06%	268
Rent	0.00%	0
Live with family	6.94%	20
Not a Brown Township resident	0.00%	0
Currently unhoused	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>288</b>

## Q42 How many persons, including yourself, live in your home?

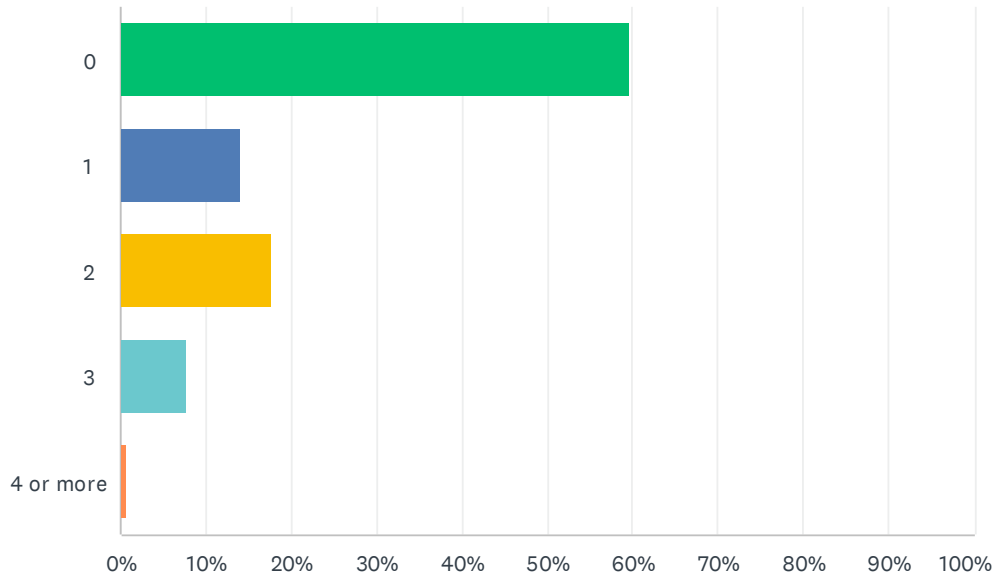
Answered: 284 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	4.23%	12
2	41.20%	117
3 or 4	41.20%	117
5 or more	13.38%	38
TOTAL		284

### Q43 How many children under 18 currently live in your home?

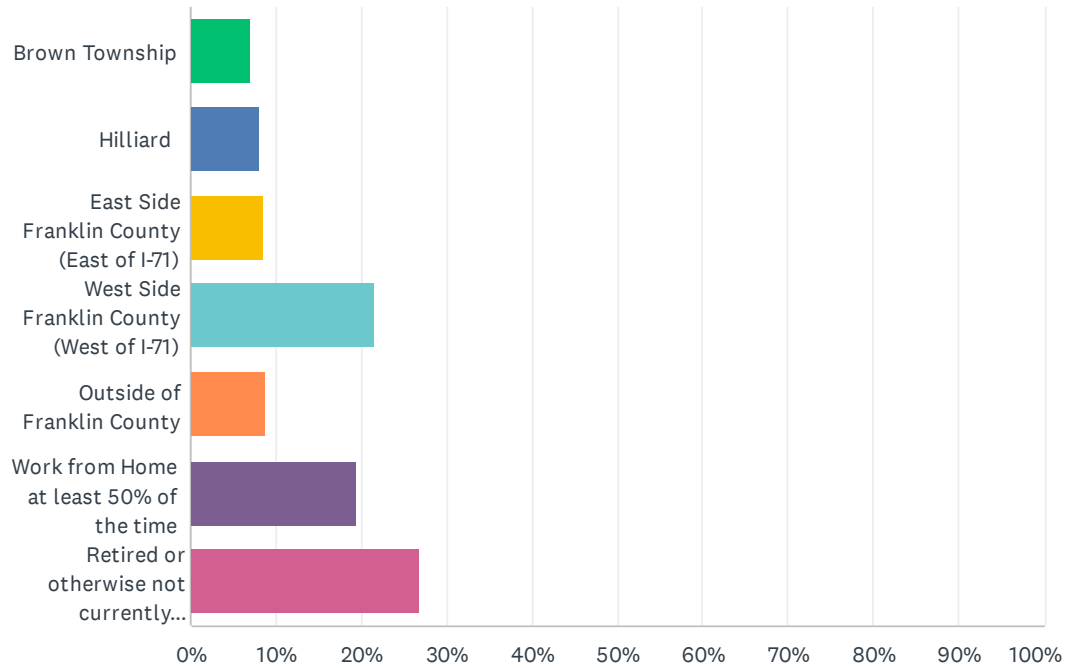
Answered: 283 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	59.72%	169
1	14.13%	40
2	17.67%	50
3	7.77%	22
4 or more	0.71%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>283</b>

## Q44 Which best describes your primary place of work?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Brown Township	7.04%	20
Hilliard	8.10%	23
East Side Franklin County (East of I-71)	8.45%	24
West Side Franklin County (West of I-71)	21.48%	61
Outside of Franklin County	8.80%	25
Work from Home at least 50% of the time	19.37%	55
Retired or otherwise not currently working	26.76%	76
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>284</b>

**Q45 I would like to hear more about opportunities to get involved in the Brown Township 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, and track its progress!  
If this describes you, enter your email below.**

Answered: 120 Skipped: 195

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	haris.khan.08@gmail.com	3/8/2025 10:56 AM
2	raccooncreeks@gmail.com	3/7/2025 8:48 AM
3	sledders2@yahoo.com	3/6/2025 7:45 PM
4	gshamilton4@gmail.com	3/6/2025 10:42 AM
5	the questions and answer options are misleading!	3/6/2025 10:41 AM
6	bkbee@ameritech.net	3/5/2025 9:49 PM
7	Ccjoreman@yahoo.com	3/5/2025 1:55 PM
8	asasson@aol.com	3/3/2025 8:17 PM
9	mikegro@gmail.com	3/3/2025 2:07 PM
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11	Rwilkinson366@gmail.com	3/2/2025 2:38 PM
12	melanieshahid@gmail.com	3/2/2025 2:35 PM
13	hambleton.tim@gmail.com	3/1/2025 7:38 AM
14	Austincsluss@gmail.com	2/26/2025 6:07 PM
15	czimm22@gmail.com	2/26/2025 6:01 PM
16	Victoria.e.rice13@gmail.com	2/24/2025 9:19 PM
17	alefeld24@gmail.com	2/24/2025 2:56 PM
18	wm.j.scipio@gmail.com	2/24/2025 8:26 AM
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20	wamplertools@gmail.com	2/22/2025 10:46 AM
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33	cathalal@yahoo.com	2/4/2025 1:20 PM
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35	goodie7415@gmail.com	2/3/2025 5:18 PM
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39	jfbaseball13@gmail.com	1/30/2025 9:20 PM
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42	kaybeattie@yahoo.com	1/28/2025 5:30 PM
43	richardcostin11@gmail.com	1/28/2025 12:31 PM
44	jeffmol@aol.com	1/28/2025 11:42 AM
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46	johnnysharp7+browntownship@gmail.com	1/27/2025 12:57 PM
47	josey.neidhart@gmail.com	1/27/2025 12:22 PM
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71	dickerson.d@gmail.com	1/22/2025 8:45 PM
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