

Jamestown Charter Township – Master Plan Update 2019

Community Input Summary

Community participation is an integral component of the master planning process. In Jamestown Charter Township, community input was collected through multiple formats. In the summer of 2018, a township wide community survey was available to the public, which sought their perspectives on numerous community attributes related to land development. Over 400 surveys were completed, and a summary of the results was discussed at a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and Township Board in October 2018. The Planning Commission and Township Board agreed to seek additional public input through community workshops. As such, three separate public input workshops were held at the Jamestown Charter Township Hall in February 2019¹. Each public workshop contained a specific focus area (residential, Village of Jamestown, and agricultural properties), and attendees provided input in various formats (Mentimeter surveys, Visual Preference Surveys, SWOT analyses). Given the variety of community participation methods, we have prepared this document to summarize the results.

Community Survey Results (Summer 2018)

- Respondents ranked the quality of life, quality of neighborhoods, as well as the Township as a place to raise children as “excellent.”
- Respondents ranked the educational opportunities in the Township as “excellent,” but also left room for improvement regarding recreational opportunities, with the majority of respondents ranking recreational opportunities as “good.”
- The majority of respondents stated that growth is occurring too quickly in the Township.
- Agricultural elements of the Township remain very important to respondents. Respondents indicated that residential development within agricultural lands should maximize the preservation of farmland and open spaces in exchange for smaller lot sizes.
- A majority of respondents indicated that the preservation of trees, vegetation, wildlife habitat, and other natural areas are important.
- Respondents indicated that sidewalks should be mandated in all new residential development.
- Additional multi-family development is not supported.
- Traditional city/village store front façade was preferred by respondents, as two-story buildings. Additionally, store fronts with varying roof lines, entry accents, significant glass, and multiple façade materials were favored by respondents.
- Forty-three percent (43%) of respondents support allowing mixed-use buildings, whereas approximately thirty-five percent (35%) disagree with allowing mixed-use buildings.

¹ Prior to the public input workshops, Township staff also conducted agricultural stakeholder interviews with Jamestown Charter Township farmers. The results of those interviews are outlined in the Public Workshop Summary document, and were discussed at the Agricultural public workshop in 2019.

Community Workshop Results (February 2019)

- The resounding theme from each of the workshops is that residents would like to maintain the rural character of Jamestown Charter Township through strategic, carefully considered development.
- Visual Preference Survey results (further detailed in the Workshop Results and Summary documents) indicated that while large lots for residential land was supported, there was similar support for clustering of residential development.
- There was strong support for open space areas within neighborhoods, buffer areas between land uses, and multi-use pathways.
- The majority of respondents strongly “disliked” all of the imagery associated with multi-family residential design.
- The Visual Preference survey administered at the Village of Jamestown workshop revealed a strong dislike for mixed-use development in the Village. Respondents did indicate support of more “traditional” village architecture, including brick buildings with wall-mounted signage and goose-neck lighting. There was also support shown for varying rooflines, awnings, and hanging signage
- Support was strong for components of agricultural land use, such as small roadside stands, farmers markets, agricultural tourism, and “you pick” activities

Community Input Inconsistencies

While there were very apparent themes that emerged in common between the community survey and the community workshops, there were some inconsistencies that should be examined.

- The community survey indicated a generalized lack of support for mixed-use buildings in the Village of Jamestown, a sentiment that was echoed at the community workshops. However, both the survey and workshops indicated support of more “traditional” village architecture, which was illustrated through images of smaller-scale mixed-use buildings. When workshop participants understood that even smaller-scale mixed-use buildings often have residential units on the upper floors of the structures, some participants indicated their support of apartment-style living depending on the quality of the structure and the number of units. However, this support is inconsistent with the generalized response to multi-family housing throughout the township.
- At the agricultural stakeholder interviews conducted in late 2018, a strong theme emerged in support of higher-density residential development, which could lead to reduced development pressure on agricultural lands. When this concept was presented at the community workshops in 2019, respondents dramatically supported agricultural land uses and methods of preserving farmland, but were not supportive of increased residential density in Jamestown Charter Township.

Community Input Themes

The common themes that emerged between the community survey and the community workshops were as follows.

- The resounding theme from each of the public input methods is that residents would like to maintain the rural character of Jamestown Charter Township through strategic, carefully considered development.
- Preservation of agricultural lands as well as wildlife habitat and other natural areas is important.
- There is strong support for expanding recreational opportunities through public parks and multi-use pathways.

- Additional multi-family development is not supported.
- Respondents support a traditional architectural style for the Village of Jamestown, with the potential for limited, two-story mixed-use development.

Jamestown Charter Township – Master Plan Update 2019 Public Input Workshop Summary

As part of the master plan update process, three separate public input workshops were held at the Jamestown Charter Township Hall. Each public workshop contained a specific focus area, and attendees provided input in various different ways. Workshops were held as follows:

Workshop Date	Focus Area	Attendees (Based on Sign-In Sheets)
February 5, 2019	Residential Land	69 ¹
February 7, 2019	Village of Jamestown	20
February 12, 2019	Agricultural Land	25

During each public workshop, input was provided through methods including interactive surveys, SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analyses, visual preference surveys, and comment cards. Comments were also received by e-mail, letter, comment post card, and etcetera after the public workshops. A complete report of the results of the visual preference surveys, SWOT analyses, and public input that was received is following this Workshop Summary. The following provides a summary of the comments and feedback that was received during and after the public workshops.

What Do You Appreciate About Jamestown Charter Township?

The resounding theme from each of the workshops is that residents would like to maintain the rural character of Jamestown Charter Township through strategic, carefully considered development. This was evidenced from the beginning of the Village and Agricultural workshops when attendees were asked what attracts them to the Village (Village workshop), as well as what attendees enjoy about agricultural lands (Agricultural workshop).² Approximately 30 percent of the Village workshop attendees responded that the small-town feel is what attracts them to the Village. While the response to the question in the Agricultural workshop was split more evenly between options, rural character did garner the greatest response rate at 28 percent. The following table provides a summary of the responses:

What attracts you to the Village of Jamestown? (Question allows selection of multiple answers)	Small-town Feel	Local Businesses	Walkability	Community Amenities	Easy Access to Other Areas	Friendliness of Locals	Other
	30%	8%	10%	8%	18%	18%	10%

¹ Visual Preference Survey results for the Residential Workshop were a greater number of survey responses than attendees listed above. The number of attendees above, as noted, are based on the sign-in sheets. It is evident based on survey results that a number of attendees did not sign in.

² As explained in the Public Workshop Results document, Mentimeter surveys were not used at the Residential Land workshop due to the open house format of the event. As such, all of the survey questions asked at the Residential workshop were completed through a Visual Preference Survey.

What do you enjoy about agricultural lands? (Question allows the selection of multiple answers)	Rural Character	Open Spaces	Farm Operations (Crops/Animals)	Farm Buildings	None of These
	28%	25%	26%	21%	0%

Key takeaway: Accommodating growth while maintaining rural character is a challenge faced by many growing communities. It will be important to consider preservation of rural character when making development decisions.

Visual Preference Surveys

Each workshop was provided a photographic set of various characteristics that may be considered when master planning for the future of each respective focus area. At the Residential Land workshop, images were printed on poster boards and hung around Township Hall. Participants were asked to fill out a paper survey, indicating their response to each image on a scale of one (1) to five (5) to capture their dislike or like of the image, respectively. The surveys were submitted to staff, who then tallied and totaled the response rate to each image. At the Village and Agricultural workshops, the majority of participants used Mentimeter, an online polling tool further described in the Workshop Results, to complete the Visual Preference Survey. For participants without an LTE or WIFI capable device, they were provided with a paper survey to fill out, which was then submitted to staff and added into the Mentimeter results. Below is a summary of the visual preference survey findings for each workshop:

Residential Land

- While large lots were supported, the visual preference survey revealed similar support for clustering of residential development
- The majority of respondents “liked” inter-connected neighborhoods
- There was strong support for open space areas within neighborhoods and buffer areas between land uses
- Respondents strongly “disliked” imagery depicting multi-family housing as well as PUDs with multiple land uses
- Support for a pocket park in the Township was mixed
- There was strong support for multi-use pathways and providing pathways between neighborhoods
- The majority of respondents did not prefer accessory dwelling units
- In considering residential design, garages alongside houses or side-loading garages were preferred
- Traditional suburban home design was largely supported
- Tiny homes were not supported by participants
- Home occupations were neither “liked” nor “disliked” by participants
- The majority of respondents strongly “disliked” all of the images associated with multi-family design and public transportation. However, there were two (2) images depicting tree buffers surrounding parking areas, which the majority of respondents “liked”
- There was strong support for the images depicting agriculture, including the intended depiction of concepts such as rural preservation, conservation development, and wildlife corridors

Village of Jamestown

- The visual preference revealed a strong dislike for mixed-use development in the Village
- While survey results still indicate a dislike for mixed-use buildings, participants did indicate slightly less dislike for smaller scale mixed-use buildings (two (2) to three (3) stories, less than one (1) block in area)
- When comparing different architectural styles, participants indicated stronger support of brick buildings with wall-mounted signage and goose-neck lighting. There was also support shown for varying rooflines, awnings, and hanging signage.
- There was strong support for images that showed village buildings set back from the street with wide sidewalks
- Participants indicated they liked dining options with outdoor seating
- The concept of a pocket park in the Village received both strong support (28 percent) and strong dislike (38 percent)
- Higher residential building setbacks in the Village were strongly supported. A range of residential setback photographs were shown (10, 25, 50, and 150 feet); as the setback increased, support for the photograph generally grew
- Garages alongside residences and side-loading garages received significant support
- Participants did not like the images shown for rear-access or alley-access garages

Agricultural Lands

- While responses were mixed between two (2) different large lot versus clustering of development illustrations, the common theme that resulted was that participants do not like large lots with long roadways (and the potential associated loss of farmland), but have neutral feelings regarding smaller lots and clustered development (47 percent neither like nor dislike)
- Support was provided for buildings containing higher quality material (wood or masonry) and/or design that did not include basic pole barn metal
- Support for buffers between land uses, as well as a farmland greenbelt/development boundaries in the agricultural district was significant
- Support was strong for small roadside stands, farmers markets, agricultural tourism, and “you pick” activities in Jamestown Charter Township
- The response regarding multi-use paths in the agricultural district was polarized – 27 percent of participants “really liked” multi-use paths, while 27 percent “really did not like” multi-use paths

Key findings: Participants clearly identified that the rate of development is a concern for the community, and the means to control that development is an important process to be determined by Jamestown Charter Township. Support exists for development tools that protect farmland and rural character, encourage pedestrian pathway development, and ensure high quality building and site design within the entire township. There is strong sentiment expressed by citizens against multi-family housing, a response that was initially captured through the survey completed in 2018.

SWOT Analyses (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

A SWOT analysis of each focus area was completed during the Village of Jamestown and Agricultural Land workshops. At the Village of Jamestown workshop, after the completion of the Visual Preference Survey, attendees were divided into small groups and were asked to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the Village. After the analysis was completed, the major themes were presented to the attendees and they were asked to prioritize these themes using Mentimeter. Below is a summary of the prioritization of the major themes for the Village workshop:

Village of Jamestown

- Strengths: Preservation of the small-town feel was identified as the top strength. Thirty-four percent (34%) of the attendees selected small town feel preservation as the top strength.
- Weaknesses: Lack of consistent code application was identified as the top weakness. Forty-two percent (42%) of the respondents found that this was the primary weakness in Jamestown Charter Township.
- Opportunities: Preservation of rural feel was identified as the primary opportunity. Fifty-four percent (54%) of the respondents prioritized this a top opportunity for Jamestown Charter Township.
- Threats: High-density residential development was determined to be the top threat to Jamestown Charter Township. Sixty-six (66%) of the respondents identified this threat as being a major concern.

Key Findings: Preserving/maintaining rural character and limiting high-density residential development are the major themes that were presented by attendees. With that in mind, a careful review of the areas zoned and master planned for higher-density residential development should be considered.

Agricultural Land

As described in the Workshop Results, attendees at the Agricultural Land workshop participated in two (2) SWOT analyses. The first analysis focused on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that were identified through agricultural stakeholder interviews conducted in December 2018. Stakeholders identified clustered development as the strength, property rights infringement as the weakness, public education as the opportunity, and traffic as the threat associated with agriculture in Jamestown Charter Township. Participants at the workshop in February 2019 were asked to reflect on those themes utilizing the standard SWOT format, but then to identify challenges associated with the strengths and opportunities, as well as solutions associated with the weaknesses and threats. The second analysis completed at the Agricultural Land workshop was a generalized SWOT analysis of agriculture in Jamestown Charter Township. Results from both analyses are outlined below; due to workshop time constraints, participants did not rank the SWOT findings, as was done at the Village workshop.

- Strengths (Clustered Development): Increased efficiencies in terms of utilities and roadways were identified as strengths associated with clustered development. Conversely, proper planning for the location of cluster development was identified as a top challenge.
- Weaknesses (Property Rights): Participants identified the legal issues surrounding trespassing on agricultural lands as one of the greatest weaknesses for property rights. They identified an increased Sheriff presence and public education as potential solutions.
- Opportunities (Public Education): There were a number of opportunities for public education identified, including but not limited to farmer's markets, public educational events, direct mailings, and farm tours. Challenges associated with public education included making sure that the people presented with the information were those receptive to it.
- Threats (Traffic): Participants emphasized that increased residential development has led to increased traffic and speed around agricultural vehicles. It was also frequently noted that the dedicated truck routes throughout the township limit access to the roads necessary for agriculture. Potential solutions proposed to address these threats included driver safety campaigns as well as systematic development of land.

Agricultural Land Generalized SWOT Analysis

- Strengths: Providing food and employment opportunities to the community, as well as providing the rural atmosphere of the area (open space, fertile land, wildlife, roadside stands, history) were identified as the top strengths.
- Weaknesses: The cost of business (price of land, tax rates) and development pressures were identified as the primary weaknesses.
- Opportunities: Planning development with greater focus on availability of public utilities, lot size, buffer strips, and growth boundaries was identified, as well as public education, as the top opportunities.
- Threats: Cost of business, development pressures, and public perceptions were identified as the biggest threats.

Key Findings: Protecting rural character and strategically planning for residential development are the major themes that were presented by attendees at the Agricultural Land workshop. While preservation programs are valuable to achieving both of these themes, participants did not express interest due to the cost and availability of these programs. Rather, they seemed to focus more on mounting development pressure and altering public perception of the realities of living in an agricultural community.

Jamestown Charter Township – Master Plan Update 2019 Public Input Workshop Results

Overview

The following information was obtained from public input sessions during three separate public workshops held at the Jamestown Charter Township Hall. Each public workshop had a specific focus area, and attendees provided input in various ways. Workshops were held as follows:

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The following report is categorized in the following four (4) parts:

Part 1 – Visual Preference Survey Results

A separate, hard-copy visual preference survey was designed for the Residential Land workshop, with graphics and questions related to the future use of residential land in Jamestown Charter Township. The completed visual preferences surveys can be found in Appendix. General comments were also provided through comment sheets that were attached to the surveys.

Part 2 – Mentimeter Results

Mentimeter is a third-party interactive survey tool. Attendees were encouraged to bring their WI-FI or LTE capable devices and participate in interactive surveys during the Village of Jamestown and the Agricultural Land workshops. The first Mentimeter survey at both workshops was designed to obtain basic information and allow users to get acquainted with Mentimeter. The second Mentimeter survey at both workshops was a Visual Preference Survey, designed to obtain attendee input on images tailored first to the Village of Jamestown, then to Agricultural Land at the final workshop. A third Mentimeter survey, utilized only at the Village of Jamestown workshop, provided an opportunity for attendees to prioritize input obtained through the SWOT analysis (see description below). Mentimeter results were provided to attendees in real-time.

Part 3 – SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

During the Village of Jamestown and Agricultural Land workshops attendees participated in SWOT analyses within small groups. Attendees provided input regarding the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats related to each focus area. The most common themes between groups of attendees participating in the SWOT analysis during the Village of Jamestown workshop were prioritized using Mentimeter (see description above). At the Agricultural Land workshop, attendees participated in two (2) SWOT analyses. The first analysis focused on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities,

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Part 4 – Comments

General comments were received in a variety of ways. Comment cards and comment sheets were provided to attendees at each workshop to allow for additional input on the Master Plan. Also, contact information for providing comments was available through the Master Plan website, Twitter, and Facebook pages.

Part 1 – Visual Preference Surveys

Visual Preference Survey Results

Residential Land Workshop – February 5, 2019

Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
Images 1-18 – Neighborhood Design						
1 – Large Individual Lots (1)	9.8%	23.2%	6.1%	34.1%	26.8%	82
2 - Large individual Lots (2)	7.3%	20.7%	11.0%	25.6%	35.4%	82
3 – Cluster Development (1)	14.6%	22.0%	17.1%	35.4%	11.0%	82
4 – Cluster Development (2)	17.1%	23.2%	14.6%	31.7%	13.4%	82
5 – Isolated Neighborhoods (1)	8.5%	18.3%	22.0%	30.5%	18.3%	80
6 – Isolated Neighborhoods (2)	14.6%	30.5%	20.7%	18.3%	15.9%	82
7 – Inter-connected Neighborhoods (1)	22.0%	13.4%	25.6%	29.3%	9.8%	82
8 – Inter-connected Neighborhoods (2)	11.0%	6.1%	19.5%	43.9%	19.5%	82
9 – Open Space (1)	0.0%	7.3%	19.5%	36.6%	34.1%	80
10 – Open Space (2)	1.2%	8.5%	12.2%	39.0%	37.8%	81
11 – Buffer Areas (1)	1.2%	0.0%	12.2%	42.7%	43.9%	82
12 – Buffer Areas (2)	1.2%	0.0%	12.2%	42.7%	42.7%	81
13 – Multi-family with Natural Buffer (1)	52.4%	15.9%	11.0%	11.0%	7.3%	80
14 – Multi-family with Wooded Buffer (2)	50.0%	18.3%	7.3%	17.1%	6.1%	81
15 – Multi-family with Wooded Buffer (3)	42.7%	18.3%	7.3%	20.7%	9.8%	81

Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
16 – Multi-family with Natural Buffer (4)	52.4%	14.6%	14.6%	13.4%	4.9%	82
17 – PUDs with Multiple Land Uses (1)	53.7%	18.3%	6.1%	11.0%	11.0%	82
18 – PUDs with Multiple Land Uses (2)	57.3%	19.5%	7.3%	7.3%	8.5%	82
Images 19-37 – Neighborhood Elements						
19 – Pocket Park (1)	20.7%	19.5%	29.3%	19.5%	12.2%	83
20 – Pocket Park (2)	13.4%	15.9%	24.4%	28.0%	20.7%	84
21 – Pocket Park (3)	9.8%	17.1%	24.4%	30.5%	19.5%	83
22 – Pocket Park (4)	9.8%	15.9%	28.0%	29.3%	18.3%	83
23 – Multi-Use Pathways (1)	0.0%	2.4%	11.0%	40.2%	46.3%	82
24 – Neighborhoods without Sidewalk (1)	50.0%	28.0%	8.5%	8.5%	6.1%	83
25 – Neighborhoods without Sidewalk (2)	53.7%	30.5%	7.3%	6.1%	3.7%	83
26 – Multi-Use Pathways (2)	3.7%	1.2%	8.5%	46.3%	42.7%	84
27 – Multi-Use Pathways Between Neighborhoods (1)	1.2%	4.9%	13.4%	37.8%	42.7%	82
28 – Multi-Use Pathways Between Neighborhoods (2)	3.7%	6.1%	14.6%	42.7%	32.9%	82
29 – Multi-Use Pathways Between Neighborhoods (3)	4.9%	13.4%	23.2%	31.7%	28.0%	83
30 – Gazebos in Community Spaces	13.4%	8.5%	36.6%	23.2%	18.3%	82
31 – Water Bottle Filling Stations	13.4%	9.8%	26.8%	32.9%	18.3%	83
32 – Community Garden – Shared Plot	17.1%	19.5%	29.3%	23.2%	12.2%	83

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33 – Community Garden – Through Neighborhood Design	20.7%	26.8%	24.4%	15.9%	13.4%	83
34 – Accessory Dwelling Units (1)	24.4%	15.9%	32.9%	25.6%	2.4%	83
35 – Accessory Dwelling Units (2)	29.3%	26.8%	29.3%	19.5%	2.4%	88
36 – Residential Access. Bldgs. With Size Limitations	29.3%	18.3%	28.0%	19.5%	6.1%	83
37 – Residential Access. Bldgs. Without Size Limitations	3.7%	7.3%	17.1%	32.9%	41.5%	84
Images 38-67 – Residential Design						
38 – Predominant Garage	12.2%	22.0%	43.9%	18.3%	4.9%	83
39 – Garage Alongside House	1.2%	0.0%	35.4%	46.3%	17.1%	82
40 – Side-Loading Garage	4.9%	4.9%	39.0%	35.4%	15.9%	82
41 – Detached Garage, Set Back from House	19.5%	9.8%	39.0%	24.4%	4.9%	80
42 – Garage Behind Residences	39.0%	17.1%	31.7%	8.5%	6.1%	84
43 – Access Garage through Alley	78.0%	12.2%	7.3%	1.2%	1.2%	82
44 – Residence (1)	58.5%	26.8%	11.0%	4.9%	1.2%	84
45 – Residence (2)	34.1%	26.8%	23.2%	12.2%	6.1%	84
46 – Residence (3)	32.9%	22.0%	22.0%	20.7%	4.9%	84
47 – Residence (4)	34.1%	25.6%	20.7%	15.9%	6.1%	84
48 – Duplex (1)	46.3%	19.5%	22.0%	8.5%	3.7%	82
49 – Duplex (2)	31.7%	12.2%	11.0%	32.9%	12.2%	82
50 – Duplex (3)	42.7%	17.1%	24.4%	13.4%	3.7%	83
51 – Duplex (4)	56.1%	17.1%	14.6%	11.0%	2.4%	83
52 – Vinyl Finish (1)	6.1%	13.4%	36.6%	32.9%	12.2%	83

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53 – Vinyl Finish (2)	3.7%	4.9%	28.0%	51.2%	13.4%	83
54 – Vinyl Finish (3)	13.4%	18.3%	40.2%	24.4%	4.9%	83
55 – Mixed Masonry (1)	3.7%	13.4%	30.5%	24.4%	29.3%	83
56 – Mixed Masonry (2)	1.2%	9.8%	20.7%	36.6%	34.1%	84
57 – Mixed Masonry (3)	2.4%	9.8%	24.4%	28.0%	37.8%	84
58 – Mixed Exterior (1)	1.2%	3.7%	15.9%	42.7%	37.8%	83
59 – Mixed Exterior (2)	1.2%	2.4%	11.0%	40.2%	46.3%	83
60 – Mixed Exterior (3)	9.8%	20.7%	25.6%	26.8%	17.1%	82
61 – Tiny House (1)	64.6%	14.6%	19.5%	2.4%	1.2%	84
62 – Tiny House (2)	72.0%	13.4%	17.1%	0.0%	0.0%	84
63 – Tiny House (3)	67.1%	12.2%	20.7%	2.4%	0.0%	84
64 – Home Occupation (1)	22.0%	20.7%	34.1%	19.5%	4.9%	83
65 – Home Occupation (2)	19.5%	11.0%	43.9%	20.7%	4.9%	82
66 – Home Occupation (3)	12.2%	13.4%	32.9%	32.9%	8.5%	82
67 – Home Occupation (4)	22.0%	14.6%	39.0%	18.3%	4.9%	81
Images 68-83 – Multi-Family Design						
68 – Townhouses (1)	34.1%	15.9%	18.3%	20.7%	13.4%	84
69 – Townhouses (2)	50.0%	25.6%	17.1%	6.1%	3.7%	84
70 – Townhouses (3)	46.3%	28.0%	19.5%	6.1%	2.4%	84
71 – Townhouses (4)	36.6%	15.9%	18.3%	23.2%	6.1%	82
72 – Apartments (1)	65.9%	23.2%	6.1%	4.9%	2.4%	84
73 – Apartments (2)	46.3%	13.4%	9.8%	23.2%	9.8%	84

Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
74 – Apartments (3)	62.2%	15.9%	12.2%	8.5%	3.7%	84
75 – Apartments (4)	76.8%	19.5%	2.4%	3.7%	0.0%	84
76 – Multi-Family & Single-Family (1)	48.8%	18.3%	12.2%	22.0%	1.2%	84
77 – Multi-Family & Single-Family (2)	47.6%	18.3%	11.0%	24.4%	1.2%	84
78 – Multi-Family & Single-Family (3)	48.8%	24.4%	13.4%	13.4%	2.4%	84
79 – Multi-Family & Single-Family (4)	62.2%	26.8%	11.0%	3.7%	0.0%	85
80 – Public Transportation (1)	43.9%	19.5%	26.8%	7.3%	1.2%	81
81 – Park & Ride (2)	35.4%	19.5%	32.9%	13.4%	1.2%	84
82 – Tree Buffers Around Parking (1)	17.1%	7.3%	15.9%	42.7%	18.3%	83
83 – Tree Buffers Around Parking (2)	15.9%	6.1%	17.1%	41.5%	22.0%	84
Images 84-101 – Agriculture						
84 – Current Development Ordinances	57.3%	15.9%	12.2%	12.2%	3.7%	83
85 – Rural Preservation	1.2%	3.7%	4.9%	24.4%	61.0%	78
86 – Conservation Development (1)	6.1%	2.4%	20.7%	41.5%	30.5%	83
87 – Conservation Development (2)	11.0%	17.1%	32.9%	20.7%	18.3%	82
88 – Conservation Development (3)	9.8%	6.1%	24.4%	34.1%	25.6%	82
89 – Conservation Development (4)	3.7%	4.9%	19.5%	39.0%	32.9%	82
90 – Wildlife Corridor (1)	3.7%	3.7%	25.6%	40.2%	26.8%	82
91 – Wildlife Corridor (2)	2.4%	2.4%	28.0%	40.2%	26.8%	82
92 – Wildlife Corridor (3)	0.0%	4.9%	24.4%	42.7%	28.0%	82
93 – Wildlife Corridor (4)	2.4%	6.1%	22.0%	41.5%	28.0%	82
94 – Farm Stand (1)	1.2%	7.3%	12.2%	32.9%	47.6%	83

Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
95 – Farm Stand (2)	2.4%	9.8%	15.9%	34.1%	39.0%	83
96 – Village Farmers Market (1)	1.2%	3.7%	13.4%	35.4%	46.3%	82
97 – Church Lot Farmers Market (2)	4.9%	6.1%	18.3%	31.7%	39.0%	82
98 – Ag Tourism (1)	3.7%	3.7%	15.9%	29.3%	48.8%	83
99 – Ag Tourism (2)	2.4%	3.7%	17.1%	30.5%	47.6%	83
100 – “You-Pick” (1)	2.4%	1.2%	9.8%	36.6%	51.2%	83
101 – “You-Pick” (2)	1.2%	2.4%	8.5%	36.6%	53.7%	84

Part 2 – Mentimeter Results

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Introduction Survey Results

Questions	Yes	No	Somewhat	Total
Have you ever used Mentimeter?	0	11	n/a	11
Have you participated in a public workshop before?	4	9	n/a	13
Have you participated in a SWOT analysis before?	2	14	n/a	16
Do you the purpose of a zoning ordinance?	15	0	1	16
Do you know the purpose of a master plan?	13	0	3	16
Do you know how a zoning ordinance and master plan work together?	4	2	10	16

What attracts you to the Village of Jamestown? (Question allows selection of multiple answers)	Small-town Feel	Local Businesses	Walkability	Community Amenities	Easy Access to Other Areas	Friendliness of Locals	Other
	30%	8%	10%	8%	18%	18%	10%

What do you expect from tonight? (rate importance 1-5)	Average Responses
To learn	4.4
To contribute	4.1
To make difference	4.1
To be heard	4.3
Good coffee	2.1

Visual Preference Survey – Village of Jamestown Results

What do you consider the Village of Jamestown?						
Image 1	10					
Image 2	2					
Image 3	5					
Total Responses	17					
Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
Do you think that the scale of this mixed-use development is appropriate for the Village?						
2-Story Mixed-Use Development Complex	35%	35%	6%	6%	18%	17
1 Block of 2-Story Mixed-Use Development	56%	19%	0%	18%	7%	16
Individual Building of 3-Story Mixed-Use Development	71%	6%	6%	12%	5%	17
How would you feel walking down this street, in relation to the scale of the buildings?						
3-4 Story, Large Scale Mixed-Use Buildings	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	18
3 Story, Block Length of Mixed-Use Buildings	61%	22%	17%	0%	0%	18
2-3 Story, Smaller Scale Mixed-Use Buildings	28%	22%	22%	22%	6%	18
2 Story, Smaller Scale Mixed-Use Buildings	35%	24%	12%	18%	11%	17

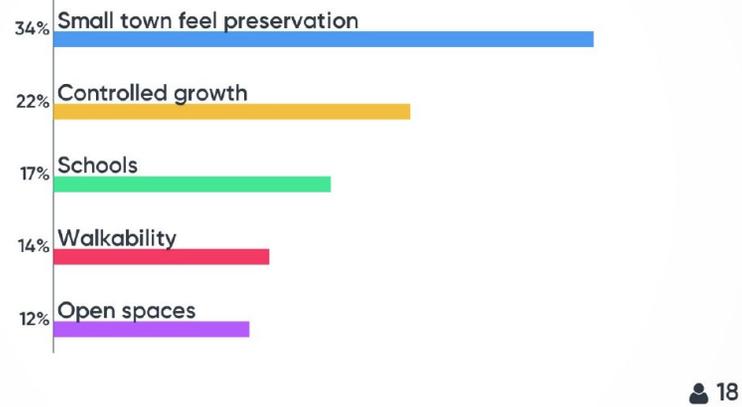
Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
Do you like how far set back the buildings are from the street?						
Large commercial development with parking lots adjacent to street	72%	11%	6%	11%	0%	18
Do you like the height and size of the signage, as viewed from the street?						
Large commercial signs adjacent to street	72%	10%	6%	6%	6%	18
Do you like this style of building design for the Village?						
2-Story, Brick Mixed-Use Buildings with Wall-Mounted Signage, Goose-Neck Lighting	33%	22%	28%	6%	11%	18
Painted Masonry Building, Setback from Street, Parking Adjacent to Street	50%	11%	11%	11%	17%	18
Reutilization of Existing Gas Station, Adjacent to Street, Parking Behind Building	78%	0%	22%	0%	0%	18
Do you like the building location, in relation to the street, for the Village?						
Wider sidewalks, building setbacks	6%	22%	22%	17%	33%	18
Even wider sidewalks, greater building setbacks	22%	33%	17%	17%	11%	18
How visually appealing is this building facade?						
Painted concrete masonry, large windows, 1 story facade	61%	28%	0%	0%	11%	18

Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
Masonry and vinyl siding façade, smaller windows, painted bench	82%	6%	6%	0%	6%	18
Varying roofline, awnings, hanging signage	11%	22%	22%	34%	11%	18
Varying building colors, varying rooflines, wall signs	28%	32%	17%	17%	6%	18
Varying building colors, varying rooflines, hanging signs	11%	11%	39%	22%	17%	18
How appealing is the outdoor seating in this image?						
Small café with limited outdoor seating	22%	6%	28%	33%	11%	18
Restaurant with increased outdoor seating in fenced area	17%	22%	33%	11%	17%	18
Would you like to have a pocket park in the Village?	38%	6%	11%	17%	28%	18
How visually appealing are the gateway banners in this image?	49%	17%	6%	11%	17%	18
How visually appealing is the street lighting in this image?	38%	11%	6%	28%	17%	18
How visually appealing is this streetscaping (lighting, sidewalk width, benches)?	18%	12%	41%	12%	17%	17
Do you support having public garbage cans in the Village?	35%	18%	18%	12%	17%	17
Do you think this 10 foot building setback is appropriate for a single-family residence in the Village?	71%	6%	17%	6%	0%	18
Do you think this 25 foot building setback is appropriate for a single-family residence in the Village?	12%	18%	29%	41%	0%	17
Do you think this 50 foot building setback is appropriate for a single-family residence in the Village?	11%	17%	33%	17%	22%	18

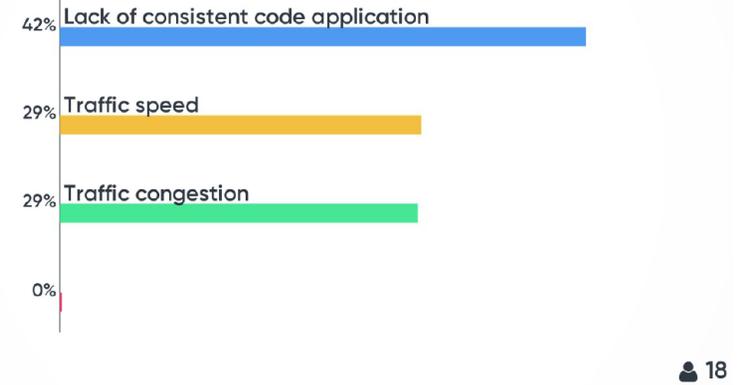
Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
Do you think this 150 foot building setback is appropriate for a single-family residence in the Village?	26%	16%	26%	21%	11%	19
Do you like this predominant garage style for a single-family residence in the Village?	46%	16%	11%	16%	11%	19
Do you like this garage alongside the house for a single-family residence in the Village?	0%	6%	17%	44%	33%	18
Do you like this side-loading garage style for a single-family residence in the Village?	11%	16%	5%	37%	31%	19
Do you like this detached, set-back garage style for a single-family residence in the Village?	32%	16%	26%	16%	10%	19
Do you like this rear-access garage style for a single-family residence in the Village?	58%	11%	15%	11%	5%	19
Do you like this alley access garage style for a single-family residence in the Village?	85%	5%	5%	0%	5%	19

SWOT Prioritization Survey Results

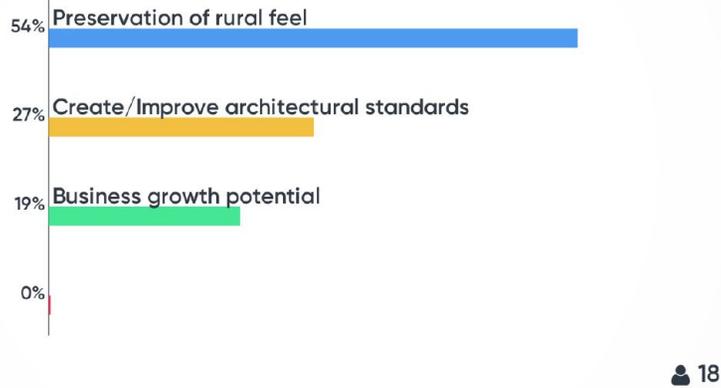
Strengths



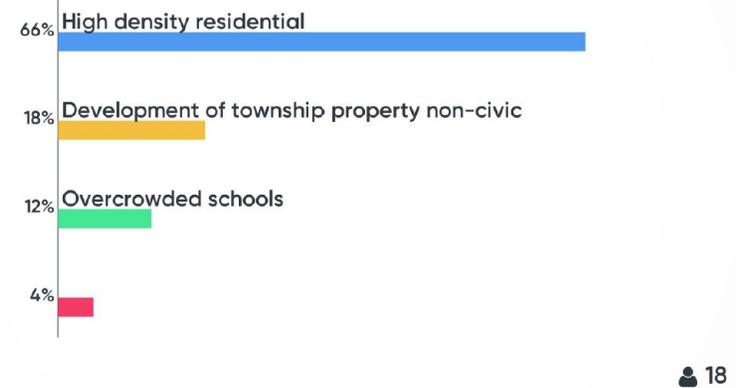
Weaknesses



Opportunities



Threats



How would you describe tonight?

Mentimeter



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Agricultural Land Workshop – February 12, 2019

Introduction Survey Results

Questions	Yes	No	Somewhat	Total
Have you ever used Mentimeter?	3	18	n/a	21
Have you participated in a public workshop before?	11	10	n/a	21
Do you the purpose of a zoning ordinance?	8	4	10	22
Do you know the purpose of a master plan?	8	2	12	22
Do you know how a zoning ordinance and master plan work together?	3	7	12	22

What do you enjoy about agricultural lands? (Question allows the selection of multiple answers)	Rural Character	Open Spaces	Farm Operations (Crops/Animals)	Farm Buildings	None of These
		20	18	19	15

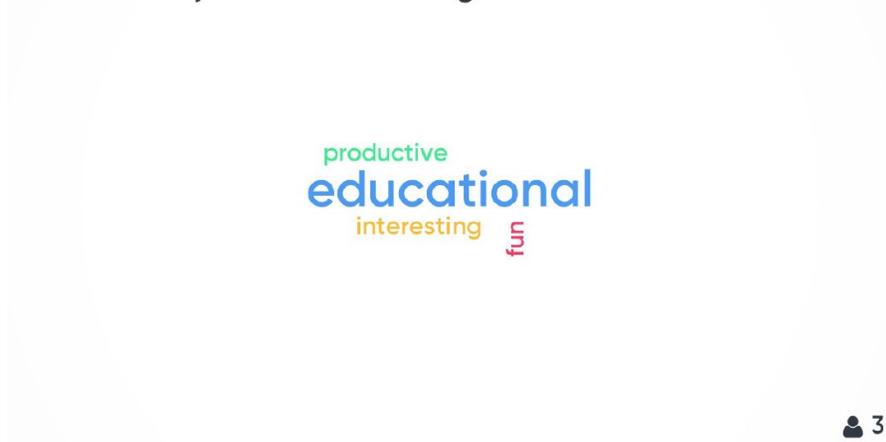
What do you expect from tonight? (rate importance 1-5)	Average Responses
To learn	4.7
To contribute	3.7
To be heard	3.5
To make a difference	3.8
Good coffee	1.7

Visual Preference Survey – Agricultural Land Results

Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
What is your opinion on this residential lot design?						
Large lots, long roadways, potential use of productive farmland	33%	29%	14%	5%	19%	21
Smaller lots, clustered development, shorter roadways, potential farmland preservation	19%	0%	47%	29%	5%	21

Question	1 Really don't like	2 Don't like	3 Neither like nor dislike	4 Like	5 Really like	Total Responses
How visually appealing are these building materials?						
Metal Barn	15%	5%	55%	20%	5%	20
Wood Barn	0%	0%	33%	29%	38%	21
Masonry Barn	5%	5%	42%	20%	28%	21
Vinyl Barn	10%	2%	63%	15%	10%	21
How would you feel about buffers between land uses in the agricultural district?	5%	0%	9%	36%	50%	22
How would you feel about multi-use paths in the agricultural district?	27%	18%	5%	23%	27%	22
How would you feel about small roadside stands in the agricultural district?	0%	9%	9%	27%	55%	22
How would you feel about farmers markets in Jamestown Township?	0%	5%	13%	22%	60%	22
How would you feel about agricultural tourism in Jamestown Township?	18%	9%	27%	14%	32%	22
How do you feel about "you pick" activities in Jamestown Township?	5%	5%	14%	29%	47%	21
How do you feel about agricultural traffic?	5%	0%	18%	9%	68%	22
Do you support a farmland greenbelt/development boundary?	9%	0%	29%	24%	38%	21

How would you describe tonight?



Part 3 – SWOT Responses (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

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Strengths

- Low crime
- Sidewalks/walking path
- Bike paths/multi-use paths
- Schools
- Library
- Small town/country feel
- Unique architecture; character of buildings
- Open spaces, large lots, big setbacks
- Farms
- Lower density
- Police presence and response
- Country hills are well kept
- Increasing ownership rates
- Amenities due to closeness to Grand Rapids
- Highway access
- Traditional values
- Small businesses
- Shorter cul-de-sacs
- Green space
- Public utilities
- Lower height structures
- Lack of multi-family housing
- Community engagement
- Streetlight spacing (lack of light pollution)
- Controlled growth means community is not built-out
- “Good old boy” network is decreasing

Weaknesses

- Higher taxes
- Adequacy/level of governmental management in township
- Distribution of high density land uses
- Lack of controlled growth
- Lack of commitment to current zoning being based on current master plan
- “Good old boy” network remains
- Government does not listen to community input
- Heavy traffic surrounding growth and single lane roadways
- Speed and noise of traffic
- Possibility of property values decreasing
- Overcrowding of schools/splitting schools
- Crime
- Lack of parks
- Lack of quality control of construction
- Flipping owner-occupied condos to rental units
- Poor foundation for future growth
- Land-locked community
- Sewer system
- Lack of parking for future growth
- Regional commercial growth
- Speed of growth in region
- Better mix of business types
- Lack of communications on development projects
- Police patrol of speed
- Poor snow removal
- Lack of plan for 32nd
- Selective enforcement of building codes
- Rusty water
- Poor social media presence
- Confusing/difficult website
- Lack of recreational opportunities

Opportunities

- Fair and equitable treatment of all businesses
- Plan for 32nd
- Social media campaign for the township
- Phone blasts from township (i.e. text message blasts)
- Utilize email for communication
- Ensure property owners know about rezonings
- Need a designated public works manager
- Economic development – support for small businesses
- Redevelopment potential – plan now for growth
- Creek Natural Area/Park
- Streetscaping
- DDA
- Preserving what we have/how it is
- Traffic calming
- Control growth for sequential development
- Architectural design standards
- Business growth potential
- Foster growth per community-identified strengths
- Expansion of family-friendly green spaces
- Land Preservation
- Promote rural feel
- Expansion of multi-use paths

Threats

- Property devaluation
- Crime
- Increased taxes
- Land use regulations
- Master plan does not reflect community desires
- High density residential
- Growth rate needs to slow down and be managed
- Over-crowded classrooms
- Pressure from developers
- Utilizing township property for community benefit (green space)
- Lack of a sub-area plan
- Development of township property on 24th Street
- Increased traffic

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Strengths (Clustered Development)

- Connections to public utilities
- More efficient use of utilities, roadways
- Focus on existing residential areas of density
- More land to create buffers with possible residential responsibility for maintenance
- Make clustered development larger than the remainder after Mason St. Stables were sold off
- Challenge – creates smaller parcels that are too small to farm
- Challenge – High density needs to be placed in a proper location
- Challenge – Putting high density near the Jamestown Lower School
- Challenge – Water drainage
- Challenge – Road expansion
- Challenge – Lack of communication to farmers
- Challenge – Bike paths
- Challenge – Lack of mobility in farming activities
- Challenge – Loss of freedom
- Challenge – Crop drainage/trespassing

Weaknesses (Property Rights)

- Neighbors ill-informed about realities of agriculture
- Legal issues regarding trespassing, hunting
- Taxes increase while rights are taken away
- Solution – Township Deputy being aware of issues
- Solution – consider tax rate structure and correlate to level of service
- Solution – provide hunter safety courses
- Solution – provide public education that focuses on value of agriculture in Jamestown

Opportunities (Public Education)

- Agricultural forum with emphasis on challenges of agricultural regulation
- “Breakfast on the farm” event
- Jamestown Farmer’s Market – consider the Library meeting room
- Educational event at the Memorial Day Parade
- Direct mailing to township residents – newsletter in tax bill
- Get children involved – possible school tours
- Agritourism/working together as farms to educate residents

- Harvest party/farm pot luck
- Farm to plate dinners
- Church/non-profit partnerships
- Provide an experience to educate residents about where food comes from
- Provide additional educational materials when someone purchases agricultural land

- Inform residents about the history of farming in Jamestown
- Challenge – getting the “right people” in front of you, that want to learn about agriculture
- Challenge – how to reach the “nay-sayers”
- Challenge – how you (as the farmer) respond to people

Threats (Traffic)

- You have to clean-up anything on the road (farmers are more aware of the implications of spills)
- Off-road vehicles (on both farm property and the roads)
- People passing on the double yellow
- As residential land use increases, traffic and speed increases
- Dedicated truck routes limit access to roads necessary for agriculture

- Solution – pulling over to let people pass
- Solution – systematic development
- Solution – plan for growth on primary roadways
- Solution – provide signaling
- Solution – different regulations for paved vs. gravel roads

Strengths (General Agriculture)

- Provide food/feeds the community
- Rural atmosphere/open space feel
- Mostly nice people
- Support local farm industry
- Employment opportunities
- Protection of fertile land/high quality land

- Good growing season
- Wildlife in area
- Good for community
- Does not require large school systems
- Provides roadside stands
- Provide history to area

Weaknesses (General Agriculture)

- Losing land to development
- Cost of maintaining business as input costs increase
- Local tax rates
- Limited communications and hours of township staff

- Truck route map
- Lack of opportunity to obtain additional land
- Development prices of farmland

Opportunities (General Agriculture)

- Stay in business
- Improved relationship/communication with township (possible email blasts/newsletter)

- Consideration of regulations regarding lot size
- Land division regulations
- Educating neighbors

- Smaller, niche-market farms (aka “truck farms”)
- Agricultural tourism buildings
- Classes
- Ottawa County Agricultural Preservation Board
- Water/sewer master plan
- Purchase of Development Rights program
- Diversity of uses on a farm

Threats (General Agriculture)

- Development pressure
- Restrictions on trucking
- Safety (faster speeds, more cars)
- Willful ignorance on the realities of agriculture
- Public perception that open land = public land
- Lack of affordability of farming (capital intensive, required scale of agriculture)

- Public education on the reality of farming and protection of farming activities
- Growth boundaries based on agricultural preservation/availability of utilities
- Farmer organizations/medical advisory committee
- Buffer strips/clear delineation of uses

- Number of farmers as compared to number of residents (popular vote rules, it is difficult to get your voice heard)
- Increasing taxes
- Cost of improvements related to residential developments (farmers pay for expanded utilities they do not benefit from)
- Additional regulations from the township that impact farmers
- Growing surrounding cities
- Additional national chains/commercial growth

Part 4 – Comments

Comment Sheets

Residential Workshop – February 5, 2019

Name	Contact Information	Comment
Not provided	Not provided	Absolutely dislike the concept of multi-family housing. I do like new business coming into Jamestown as long as the buildings are placed in downtown areas and not in home owners' backyards.
Not provided	Not provided	Absolutely dislike the concept of multi-housing & multi-family apartments and townhomes in the Jamestown area. We have an opportunity to create a beautiful and useful area for our community to enjoy. The use of baseball fields, basketball courts, amphitheaters, farmers market with large lot homes is optimal for our Jamestown community to grow together, get to know each other, and have a gorgeous area to look at. Apartment buildings will ruin the view for so many residents who have moved to Jamestown to get away from city-like living. This will take away from the beauty of our township. Please continue to consider keeping Jamestown quaint and beautiful.
Not provided	Not provided	We need, especially with recent new residential and planned new construction, more park/free space, soccer fields, etc. Spring Grove is not sufficient with the boom of construction. Not only is the constant new construction taking away from the small town feel, we are currently not accommodating the residents we do have in this area.
Not provided	Not provided	I don't believe this community needs multi-family housing at this time.
Jeff Schams	schams@sbcglobal.net	1. Need better communication about these meetings! Only found out about this meeting from Facebook post full of misinformation about purpose of the meeting. Why wasn't this date on the recent postcard mailed to township residents? 2. Do not want any more high density housing...apartments, condos or townhouses. Would prefer to keep rural, small town feel to the area. 3. Opposed to the fancier pocket parks with gazebos and structures requiring maintenance and upkeep. Experience indicates these facilities, while look nice, do not get much use. 4. Thank you for offering the opportunity to take part in this forum.

Not provided	Not provided	Minimal high-density housing. Where are the plans for recreational areas? I don't see any land zoned residential in the Master Plan. We need recreational areas in addition to agricultural land preservation/wildlife corridors. In reference to images 3 & 4, I like the idea of having slightly smaller lots to preserve the farmland surrounding neighborhoods, but am concerned that the preserved farmland would eventually be sold off and developed, too.
Not provided	Not provided	I really like community spaces. I think that places to meet other people are important. And since the weather is unfriendly a lot of the time, an indoor community space would be great as well as an outdoor space. A great, inviting café/brewery/tap house would be fun in J-town! I'm not a huge fan of "cookie-cutter houses" that all look the same all lined up in neighborhoods, but I think that's hard to avoid with developments/associations. I just want everyone to have a house to live in, so I don't really care what it looks like.
C. Allen	callen454@yahoo.com	I want Jamestown to remain a community where families come to plant roots, raise their families, become part of the community. I do not want more apartments and multi-family homes. I do not want lots of strip malls. I want a safe, family oriented, friendly community that has recreational space for all residents to use and enjoy. I understand single-family high-density homes are becoming more popular, but create a community and environment where people want to stay and will feel safe and will know their neighbors. Jamestown should be a place where people want to become established residents. Nothing to attract a transient population.
Not provided	Not provided	Use existing township land for community use.
Not provided	Not provided	A good master plan WILL include consideration for multi-family housing - I know others will be up in arms over it but Jamestown is too attractive a community to "slow down growth". We can and should accommodate a diversity of residents in our community which will make for a healthy township. Please don't STOP development but PLAN for it. So thankful for this opportunity. Let's get more parks and gathering opportunities so people can gather in Jamestown.
Not provided	Not provided	Future development I hope would not include apartments or condos! Our area has grown so much, including all the businesses and commercial along 32nd Avenue. Any single family homes should be a smaller development. I enjoy my home and hope to see development slow down!

Not provided	Not provided	I do not want any more multi-family housing in Jamestown. (This statement is repeated 5 more times.) Growth has been too rapid. There was a survey sent to Jamestown residents and the majority of residents overwhelmingly were in support of recreation for the plan for the parcel owned by Jamestown, not multi-family dwellings.
Not provided	Not provided	I am strongly against any multi-family units (townhomes, apartments, duplexes). It does not align with the vision of the Jamestown community. We moved to Jamestown for the rural feel, not to live by numerous apartment complexes. Our schools are already crowded - multi-unit housing will only lead to more overcrowding. We need more park areas for our children and more preserved natural habitat areas.
Nick Fedewa	nfedewa2@gmail.com	At this time I see no need to push further multi-family development. The township is growing too fast and the schools and other services are starting to fall behind. The township should not push to be the next Grandville or Gaines Township. It will just hurt in the long run when the rural aspect is paved over. There's no going back from there. I feel the Board is trying to change the image of the township for the worse. I also feel if the Board wanted a true opinion of those they represent, the survey would have been put online for residents that couldn't make it tonight.
Andrew Barnes	Andrew.G.Barnes17@gmail.com	No parks shown imagery. Feel like private interests are being addressed rather than the voice of our community. Overwhelming lack of creativity.
Not provided	Not provided	For each zone please include a detailed minimum around appearance, vegetation and preservation required by that zone.
Not provided	Not provided	I, like many others, do not want apartments built on Greenly by the new firehouse. The survey has already shown people do not want them. There is a great proposal already for a community building with parks and soccer fields...that would be much more appealing. Hopefully, whatever is decided, the non-motorized pathway can finally be finished like it was supposed to be years and years ago. No apartments/multi-family housing. Something with parks, trails, and hopefully a dog park.
Aaran Chambers	3241 Jamesfield	I would like to see a slow-down in residential growth. I would like to see purposeful planning in developing our community to preserve our small-town, close knit, walkable feel. I would also like complete transparency in all transactions and the avoidance of even the appearance of a conflict of interest. I feel like we have to work to achieve and maintain the special character of Jamestown. I appreciate the opportunity for input.

Darrell & Angie Faraci	616-889-8505	I would like to see more areas for families to have outside activity like a dog park, playground, splash pad. We need more areas for families and friends to gather. I would like to see developments for single housing and not multi-families. Developments with larger lots and farther apart not these developments that are so close to each others. I like developments to have different builders or designs so not all houses look the same. We need more bike paths down Greenly & Riley. I would like to keep the rural feel and not bring more commercial to our area. We need to slow down the residential growth and give time to build more parks.
Not provided	Not provided	This community is a small town farming community that has grown quickly over the years. I would hope planning officials would consider limiting growth of commercial use and multi-family dwellings. We already have apartments and trailer park. Due to the nature of that type of housing they generally lower property value and tend to not care so much for upkeep of the neighborhood. The people of the community want to be heard. I'd hope we aren't ignored for the sake of a buck.
Tara Reibel	616-405-5478	First of all, I don't think this is the correct process. I am very confused on why we are discussing the look of a townhome or apartment before we are discussing when it's happening or how we feel about it. I also don't think that it's fair to discuss a master plan for Jamestown when the master plan isn't even printed or shown at this meeting. I feel there needs to be a lot more discussion on what is happening. I also feel that there are a lot of things that are unclear and it's very frustrating. On another note, I feel that we do need sidewalks on both Greenly & Riley for the safety of our children.
Mark Verema	616-371-7311	I really appreciate that the input of residents is being requested. I see value of smaller lots but individually, I prefer a larger space and a place to put a pole barn, my boat, camper, etc. It is great to live in a place where I can store my stuff and enjoy life. There is value to smaller lots and multi-unit housing, but it is difficult to always see those benefits. I'm not excited about multi-unit housing, but if it is necessary, then I'd prefer wooded buffers, and for them to be visually appealing. Our family loves walkways, agricultural view, and wilderness. That is part of what attracted us to this area. We hope that these great elements can be furthered and preserved.

Not provided	Not provided	Jamestown can become a destination living space not just a pass through community. This should limit multi-family and high density housing. We should also prevent high density neighborhoods near school zones. Not that there is higher crime but you are introducing a higher percentage of individuals near a high concentration of our young children. Development of parks and paths will invite new residents to the community while preserving the beauty of our community. Plan well and this could be a Holland or East Grand Rapids.
Not provided	Not provided	As a whole, we are largely in favor of Jamestown maintaining its rural, country feel. Larger lots, yet close knit. In cases of new development we would like to maintain high quality, tasteful construction (no cookie-cutter development).
Jon Vander Laan	616-780-0544	I don't want to see any additional multi family or apartments added. I am all for holding and maintaining a prestige or elegance to Jamestown. I feel like Jamesfield Estates is a great model if any further establishments or developments need to be added. Houses are not on top of each other, sidewalks are almost there, there are standards in place.
Not provided	hvilledc@yahoo.com	Living in the Spring Meadows neighborhood, I'm concerned about being surrounded by "high density" residential areas. I would not like to see any more apartment complexes in the area. I do not believe the school system has the ability to support a sudden increase in the student body. If I were moving to the area, partially attracted by the schools, I would be quite upset to find my children cannot attend and have to use school of choice elsewhere due to over full classrooms in my area. I would also like to see cooperation with surrounding villages, townships, etc. to further connect bike pathways. Having a designated bike loop is ok, but the ability to connect with major trail systems through several communities if necessary would be great. Our greatest asset is being close to highways, downtowns, city access, etc. but yet being removed from the city development. I feel it is critical for Jamestown to remain a country, farming, natural, open-feeling community. I love the ability to visit the city if I choose, but keep my distance if I choose.

Phil Ophoff	phil.ophoff@gmail.com	Speaking with those that have lived in Jamestown longer than my family (since 2011), we share the sentiment that we came here for high quality and non-crowded neighborhoods and schools. The fear, seemingly unanimously, is that the master plan will veer toward low quality and high density, and we will then lose what we came here for. Many friends and acquaintances seem more than willing to relocate if this happens. We've only heard of plans for park/activity/sports-related development for the land across from the "lower elementary", with possibly a church on a portion of it. No one I've heard from opposed that, but many will if any type of "high density" use is proposed. We will see plenty commercial development in the future, we need to be careful with plans for acres like those, and retain some of what we moved here for.
Not provided	Not provided	Big ideas: single family dwellings, sidewalks within neighborhoods, trails connecting developments/township. Greatest asset: rural, family friendly, bike trails.
Not provided	Not provided	I love the idea of living within walking distance of grocery store, barber shop, hardware store, and restaurants. I don't know if we can pull it off in Jamestown, but it's a vision worth careful planning and consideration. We should strongly promote compact land development to preserve rural land, minimize the infrastructure burden we build for our grandchildren to rebuild.
Not provided	Not provided	I understand the inevitability of growth in our community. I appreciate the conscientious approach the township is taking. I know that my family and those who I speak to came here for the quality of schools, and quality of community. Jamestown has a unique intermingling of rural, residential, and commercial. I feel that preserving the balance of these things is vital for the future of current and future residents. I know we can't shut off growth and exclude everyone, I just want everything to be carefully considered and regulated to ensure it adds overall value to what we have created thus far.
Not provided	Not provided	Well, the only thing I would want considered is what most residents have requested. I do not want multi-family or apartments on the proposed land. They would be in my backyard, and we moved here because yoming was going to do the exact same thing. What happened to the open spaces and parks that were proposed just south of Spring Meadows? That plan was infinitely more appealing than anything else I have seen. The only better would be to leave it farmland. Consider it.

Dave Mahaney	616-581-5529	Large lots. Lots of open space - can be wooded. No high density developments for rentals. Out buildings behind houses and built to match. More parks and ballfields. Bike path east on Riley St. to 16th.
Not provided	Not provided	I like the country feel, close to everything but not overdeveloped like 28th Street. No public buses, no massive multiple apartments or rentals. Keep it upscale but not 1% and not 99% affordable. Currently have good mix of homes, apartments, condos, plus industrial. Love parks, open spaces, community areas (downtowns, farmers markets, etc.).
Not provided	Not provided	We have enough high density residential already. I would move away if public transportation city buses ever came to Jamestown. No housing should be higher than 2 stories tall to block the sunset views. We don't want to create spaces for people to get into trouble such as stoops on the front of residences, dimly lit areas, carports, gazebos in unattended parks, etc. Would love to have a "Downtown Jamestown" with a real post office, maybe a mom-n-pop restaurant, some little shops or businesses, farmers market, hardware store, pharmacy - small scale. NO splash pad - there are enough of them around. Area across from Jamestown lower elementary should be saved for recreation park/natural conservation instead of high density residential. LOVE community garden idea. Large lots are nice. 2 to 5+ acres each.
Not provided	Not provided	Prefer less multi-unit housing; fewer apartments. Like parks...small park won't make difference. Need to decide if we want to be more like Jenison (condensed, fast food, chain stores) or Zeeland (walkable, unique stores, family restaurants). If we attract younger people, need activities for them (gym, parks, restaurants etc.). If we build to attract older folks (condos), need things for them...walking paths, coffee shops, community center...make sure we are prepared for who we are going to get.
Not provided	Not provided	Preserve wetlands and large green spaces. No large buildings and condos as they detract from the hometown feeling. Connect the pathway on Greenly Street.
Not provided	Not provided	More open spaces/parks (large ones). Less development. Less multi-unit housing. Preserve farmland. Room for kids to roam within the safety of a small community. Preserve wildlife and wetlands. Less houses/development. More pathways/connect pathways.

Not provided	Not provided	Jamestown is a great community and we love it! In talking with many neighbors and others in Jamestown we love the schools, parks and neighborhood-feel. I would say that things like apartment complexes and rental housing (multi-family) are not needed. We have Valley Vista and many other options that are close. The appeal of Jamestown is we have the nice neighborhoods with bigger lot sizes and the farm/rural feel. If we over-develop or develop too quickly, we run the risk of damaging the appeal. If we do have development let's make sure there are large lot sizes, large setbacks and plenty of large buffer areas between neighborhoods, developments, etc.
Not provided	Not provided	I'm really concerned about the addition of new apartment developments, we already have so many right now which will bring our property values down. I would prefer not to see these types of developments around the schools especially. The reason why we moved here was because we have the convenience of town down the road with country living in our backyard. I would like to continue to look in my backyard and see country, not giant apartment buildings.
Don Blough	Not provided	No apartment style developments! I assure the Board I will run for election if the option above is pursued.
Mike Long	milongs1986@gmail.com	1. Preserve farmland; example, bean field behind 4517 Bridlewood Dr. 2. Make any developments natural, spacious and trail accessible. 3. Trails, trails, trails. 4. If farmland were to be developed behind Bridlewood, make it a park or an equestrian center managed by Jamestown Township. 5. Preserve natural beauty.
Not provided	Not provided	Please, PLEASE, PLEASE...preserve our farmland! Just west of Bridlewood Avenue is a beautiful little field leased to a farmer. We LOVE this. Please leave it natural. It promotes peace, nature, and the rural character of where we live.
Not provided	Not provided	I am hoping that less apartments will be built due to the traffic overload on 32nd in the morning (7-8 AM).
Mike Byrnes	mbyrnesopim@gmail.com	Keep open spaces. Natural open spaces. Very limited multi-family housing. Keep the rural feel. That is why everyone is here. Do not let cheap builders create a lot of cheap housing. Our builder, Eastbrook Homes, talked a good game but their design and finish quality are very poor. We moved out to Jamestown to be in a rural area. Please keep it that way. Thank you!

Not provided	Not provided	Keep open spaces. There seems to be little regard for the amount of traffic that will be generated when all these young families have children who are driving. It feels like the township just keeps developing housing.
Not provided	Not provided	No apartments!
Not provided	Not provided	Please! No apartments!
Sara Raredon	634-3868	I am currently employed in Wyoming as a teacher. We are one of THE MOST TRANSIENT districts in Kent County. To give an accurate picture, my kindergarten students in September are not present in June. THEY'VE MOVED! Every single child. Multi-family units are not community-building or family-friendly. Over 80% of Wyoming police calls are from between (hand-drawn map of area in Wyoming), where apartments are. Once you move in this direction, there's no turning back.
Rob Raredon	634-3867	Please, please, please isolate apartment complexes away from residential areas. For example, the apartments across from the neighborhood on Quincy is poor. That should be in the block to the west of 32nd Avenue between Greenly and Quincy or Greenly and Riley. Multi-family housing next to single-family is disappointing. We have a young family. Would like a single family home near other single family homes. Isolate neighborhoods. Jamestown doesn't have the parks or police or library to support many more apartments or multi-family in small space developing. The area behind the now fire barn should be kept green - park or the like. Maybe with some 1 family houses. NOT multi-family or apartments or duplexes. Lived with that in Kentwood before moving here. May as well move back. It is called "rentwood" for a reason. Not something to aspire to.
Not provided	Not provided	I would like to see farmland and the country feel preserved in Jamestown Township.
Not provided	Not provided	Would prefer NOT to see any more apartments or multi-family homes in Jamestown.
Not provided	Not provided	No more multi-family dwellings. No more rental properties. No more retail. And please no public transportation and no low income/Section 8 property. Please keep Jamestown the way it is!
Cory Dykstra	cory.dykstra@gmail.com	I have a significant concern regarding more apartment/multi-family housing being built in this area. Quincy Street already has a large apartment complex(s). Spring Meadows has a number of high density sites as well. Condos/townhouses. Ottawa County recently expressed in a news story that it is going to try to preserve farmland. Is Jamestown going the opposite direction?

Not provided	Not provided	I came mostly to comment on the land across from JT Lower. We were told it would be a parks and rec area and now rumor has it the Board (or certain members of) are pushing for apartment complexes. You must be transparent with this and go with the will of the people - almost none of whom wish to see more apartments in JT.
Not provided	Not provided	No more apartments. PLEASE!!! Killing our community. No more duplexes and townhomes. Need more recreational areas for families. No big box stores. Let's make this a unique Jamestown culture surrounding Meijer.
Todd Loughlin	todd.loughlin@axa-advisors.com	Please no more multi-family housing developments. Don't feel it matches with the community focus.
Paul Witte	paulrexpress@gmail.com	I love Jamestown! Our family enjoy the rural/urban feel and experience and want that to continue. We think it is important to preserve open spaces, wetlands, and buffers. These areas are becoming less available and will make Jamestown more distinct in a growing area. Developments stacked upon development (though tax revenue is enhanced) will decrease our current demand and potentially harm property values. Thanks for the chance to comment and review.
Not provided	Not provided	Strongly against high density housing. Preserving land and not getting too many residents is very important and why I have lived in Jamestown for 15 years. Thank you for allowing residents to provide input.
Not provided	Not provided	I believe the pace of building needs to slow way down. We moved here from the M61 Metro Health Hospital area because of an interest in a more rural, small town feeling. I'm concerned that if the pace doesn't slow considerably, in 5 years Jamestown Township residents will look back and realize those attributes of the community (rural, small town) are gone. We may end up in the same densely-populated, high-traffic volume situation as the Grandville/Wyoming panhandle area. Additionally, I believe the idea of sports fields/amphitheater-type park space should continue to be explored as a way of providing local services to the multitude of families already living here, and a continued opportunity to establish Jamestown as a community.

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Name	Contact Information	Comment
Not provided	Not provided	The road commission and drain commission need to work together. Some of the land doesn't drain. No more bike paths!! No regulations on building materials. Not ag relative.

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Name	Contact Information	Comment
Not provided	Not provided	I think we should first fill the area in Section Four (4) of Jamestown Township with high density housing before moving farther down the expressway exit.
Not provided	Not provided	If more apartment housing is built in Jamestown Township, it is my opinion that it should be located near Valley Vista apartments.
Laurie Van Huitema	laurievh@yahoo.com	We enjoyed talking with other area farmers, but we were extremely disappointed that there seemed to be a haphazard method for who received notices of these meetings. It should have been comprehensive. We received no notices.
Not provided	Not provided	I would like to see apartments kept in the north side of the township near the expressway.

Appendix

- Residential Workshop Visual Preference Survey results
- Village of Jamestown Workshop Visual Preference Survey results
 - Agricultural Workshop Visual Preference Survey results