

Union Township Residents' Views of Community Issues

**Report of Findings**

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## **BACKGROUND**

In late summer, 2009, the Charter Township of Union contracted with the Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies (CARRS) of Central Michigan University (CMU) to complete a telephone interview study of township residents. The purpose of the study was to explore residents' views about township services and needs. Findings would be useful to the township's staff in their strategic planning and Master Plan efforts.

The Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies was created through a Michigan Research Excellence Fund grant in 1995. Its primary focus is addressing issues of concern to central and northern Michigan. The function of CARRS is to utilize the resources and academic expertise of Central Michigan University to assist governmental units, social agencies, and non-profit organizations in addressing social, economic, and community development concerns.

This project was undertaken in conjunction with the faculty responsible for and students enrolled in research methods courses in sociology, social work, and political science at Central Michigan University. Students were involved in critiquing the interview schedule and fielding the interview.

The survey instrument for this project was developed by CARRS in consultation with the township staff and consultants involved in the township's planning efforts. The complete text of the interview schedule is found in Appendix A.

## **INTERVIEWING AND THE SAMPLE**

Interviews for this project were completed in the Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) laboratory associated with CARRS. Some of the interviewers were research methods students (in PSC 280 and SOC 350) who were introduced to survey research and telephone

interviewing through their coursework. Additional interviewers were employees of CARRS, who had received previous training on telephone interviewing. All interviewers attended a focused training session for this specific study. The pretest of the interview schedule took place on Sunday, October 18, 2009, and modifications to the interview schedule were made after the pretest session. Actual interviewing began, as scheduled, on Monday, October 19 and concluded on Saturday, October 31, 2009.

Two samples of telephone numbers were used in this telephone interview study. First, Union Township provided a list of all addresses in the county. This list was matched against a reverse telephone database maintained by Genesys Sampling Systems of Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, nationally recognized experts in the field of sampling for telephone interviewing. The reverse telephone database provided names and telephone numbers associated with those discrete street addresses that did not include apartment numbers. Of course, one disadvantage of this kind of sample is that it excludes people who choose not to have their land-line telephone numbers available on public lists such as telephone books. We will refer to this sample as the “residents sample” in the discussion that follows.

Second, given the growth in apartments in the township in the last several years and the reasonable assumption that large numbers of those apartments are rented by CMU students, a sample of all students with the zip code 48858 was obtained from the Information Technology unit at CMU. This list was then culled by CARRS’s staff and Union Township staff to include only those addresses within the township. Telephone numbers were available for most students

from CMU records. We will refer to this sample as the “student sample” in the discussion below.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately one week before interviewing began, households in the listed sample with known addresses received a postcard informing them of the upcoming telephone survey. The text of the postcard is found in Appendix B. The postcard helps to establish the legitimacy of the project for the potential respondent and provides assurances of confidentiality.

### **Contacting Residents Sample**

In the end, interviewers placed calls to 1,543 different telephone numbers that were available from the Genesys sample. Interviewers began the interview by confirming that the phone number was associated with a residence in Union Township and that the individual speaking on the telephone was 18 years of age or older. This project has received approval through CMU’s Institutional Review Board process, provided that only adults are interviewed. No attempt was made to interview a random adult within the household. The assumption was that any household member could adequately report on the behavior and opinion of household members.

While Genesys Sampling Systems pre-screens numbers to increase the likelihood that the numbers generated through the reverse telephone match are associated with working telephones, nonetheless, 450 numbers dialed were linked to wrong numbers, fax machines, or out-of-service telephones. An additional 16 calls were made to households where the relevant individual was incapable of speaking on a telephone or was not available until after the end of the study period. Eighteen respondents told interviewers that they did not live in Union Township.

Computer modems were programmed to call each telephone number multiple times over a number of different days. In fact, the average telephone number in the sample of residents was

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<sup>1</sup> Students living in Union Township are, of course, township residents. We are using the terminology “residents sample” and “student sample” simply to maintain a clear distinction between the samples.

called 2.4 times, and 20 percent of numbers were dialed five or more times. For 239 telephone numbers, the final call resulted in the failure to “pick up” the phone (e.g., an answering machine), and for 27 numbers the final call resulted in a conversation with a household member who told interviewers that the relevant household member was “not at home” or with a household member who was not willing to talk at the time calls were made.

Completed interviews were obtained from 450 residents of Union Township who are part of the residents sample. Some 343 household members who spoke with interviewers refused to take part in the study. Hence, the percentage of completed interviews out of the total number of calls made to eligible respondents who actually spoke to our interviewers was 57 percent.

The average resident interview lasted for 16.4 minutes, with the median being 15 minutes. Only one percent were completed in 10 minutes or less, and 16 percent took 20 or more minutes to complete.

### **Contacting Student Sample**

Interviewers placed calls to 876 different telephone numbers that were in the student sample. Interviewers began the interview by confirming that the phone number was associated with a residence in Union Township and that the individual speaking on the telephone was 18 years of age or older. Interviewers asked to speak with a specific respondent in the sample. It is possible that two or more students who share an apartment were each interviewed for this project.

While CMU asks students to update their contact information each semester, some students choose not to do so. Consequently, 85 numbers dialed were linked to wrong numbers, fax machines, or out-of-service telephones. An additional 56 calls were made to students where the relevant individual was incapable of speaking on a telephone or was not available until after the end of the study period.

The average telephone number in the student sample was called 2.6 times, and 21 percent of numbers were dialed five or more times. For 328 telephone numbers, the final call resulted in the failure to “pick up” the phone (e.g., an answering machine), and for 50 numbers the final call resulted in a conversation with a household member who told interviewers that the relevant household member was “not at home” or with a household member who was not willing to talk at the time calls were made. Forty-nine respondents told interviewers that they did not live in Union Township (which may or may not have been accurate information), and 13 calls resulted in a code of quota filled (which constitutes an interviewer error).

Completed interviews were obtained from 177 students in Union Township.<sup>2</sup> Some 119 household members who spoke with interviewers refused to take part in the study. Hence, the percentage of completed interviews out of the total number of calls made to student respondents who actually spoke to our interviewers was 60 percent.

The average student interview lasted for 14.6 minutes, with the median being 14 minutes. Six percent were completed in 10 minutes or less , and six percent took 20 or more minutes to complete.

Readers should remember that all random samples have associated with them a margin of error. Given the population of Union Township, a sample of 450 yields a margin of error of about 4.6 percentage points, at the 95 percent confidence level. That is, a reader can be 95 percent confident that the population of Union Township falls within plus or minus 4.6 percentage points of the sample statistics presented in this report about residents. A sample of 177 yields a margin of

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<sup>2</sup> The Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing software maintains two files—one for the data and one for the sample. The sample file only recognizes 176 completed interviews, which is in error by one.

error of about 7.4 percentage points, at the 95 percent confidence level.<sup>3</sup> Consequently, small differences between subgroups in the samples or between the results from one question and another should be discounted. CARRS gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and assistance of all of the respondents who spent time on the telephone with our interviewers.

## **DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SAMPLES**

Respondents in the two samples were asked a number of questions about their background. They were assured that their confidentiality would be maintained and that this information would be used—as here—for summary purposes only. The information from the sample of residents is summarized in Table A, using percentage distributions. Comparable information from the sample of students is found in Table B.

**Table A: Demographic Characteristics of the Residents Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Own</b>	<b>Rent/Lease</b>
Present residence ownership	94.2	5.8
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Residence sits on land considered farmland	24.5	75.5

	<b>1-5</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>11-20</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>31-50</b>	<b>51 or more</b>
Years in township	16.7	16.0	25.1	15.6	16.7	10.0
Years in county	7.8	7.3	17.6	16.5	31.6	19.2

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<sup>3</sup> This assumes that our sample of students is drawn from a large population of students (that would share similar characteristics across years). In point of fact, we contacted a high percentage of all students living in Union Township, but do not report the finite population correction factor here.

	<b>None</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five or more</b>
People living in household	--	21.1	44.9	12.7	12.0	9.3
Number of seniors	63.8	19.5	16.6	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number of children	81.6	7.6	8.0	2.0	0.4	0.4
Number of teenagers	84.4	11.1	3.8	0.7	0.0	0.0

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Currently a student in a college or university	4.0	96.0
Full-time student	35.3	
Part-time student	64.7	

	<b>Less than \$25,000</b>	<b>25,000 up to 50,000</b>	<b>50,000 up to 75,000</b>	<b>75,000 up to 100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000 or More</b>	<b>Refusal/Don't Know</b>
Household Income	12.7	26.9	23.2	12.7	13.4	11.1
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>				
Gender	35.5	64.5				
	<b>1915-38</b>	<b>1939-58</b>	<b>1959-78</b>	<b>1979-1990</b>		
Year of Birth	19.9	43.6	32.1	4.5		

The vast majority of respondents in the residents sample report that they own their residence, and about one quarter of them report that their residence sits on land that they consider farmland (even if it is not being farmed currently). About one third of respondents report that they have lived in the township for 10 years or less, while another 10 percent of respondents in the residents sample have been township residents for 51 years or more. The average tenure in the township is 23.1 years, while the average period of time lived in the county is necessarily longer at 33.9 years.

About one respondent in five lives alone, with another 45 percent living in a two-person household. Thirty-six percent of households contain one or more senior citizen, while 18 percent of households have children 12 years of age or younger and 16 percent have teenagers 13 to 17

years of age in the household. As we would expect, given the way the sample was designed, very few respondents in the residents sample are students and most of these are part-time students.

About 40 percent of respondents report a household income of \$50,000 or less. Note that about one respondent in ten does not want to provide information on household income. The sample is disproportionately female, which is common when one asks to speak with any adult in the household (rather than a randomly chosen adult). Given the sample design, we would expect to find relatively few respondents who are 30 years of age or younger (they were born in 1979 or later), and that is the case; about 20 percent of respondents are more than 70 years of age (they were born in 1938 or earlier).

**Table B: Demographic Characteristics of the Student Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Own</b>	<b>Rent/Lease</b>
Present residence ownership	9.1	90.9
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Residence sits on land considered farmland	5.6	94.4

	<b>1-5</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>11-20</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>31-50</b>	<b>51 or more</b>
Years in township	85.2	9.1	4.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
Years in county	80.1	11.4	3.4	4.0	1.1	0.0

	<b>None</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five or more</b>
People living in household	--	11.9	34.1	23.3	23.9	6.8

	<b>None</b>	<b>One or more</b>
Number of seniors	100.0	0.0
Number of children	98.3	1.7
Number of teenagers	97.7	2.3

	<b>YES</b>
Currently a student in a college or university	100.0
Full-time student	92.4
Part-time student	7.6

	<b>Less than \$25,000</b>	<b>25,000 up to 50,000</b>	<b>50,000 up to 75,000</b>	<b>75,000 up to 100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000 or More</b>	<b>Refusal/ Don't Know</b>
Household Income	73.4	13.0	6.2	1.7	2.3	3.4
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>				
Gender	44.6	55.4				
	<b>1915-38</b>	<b>1939-58</b>	<b>1959-78</b>	<b>1979-1990</b>		
Year of Birth	0.0	1.1	4.0	94.9		

As expected, the demographic characteristics of the student sample differ considerably from the demographic characteristics of the sample of residents. The vast majority of respondents in the student sample report that they rent or lease their residence, and only about five percent tell interviewers that their residence sits on land that they consider farmland. More than 80 percent of student respondents have lived in the township and in the county for five years or less. In fact, one half of the students have lived in the township for three years or less, and one half have lived in the county for four or fewer years. About one student respondent in eight lives alone, and almost 60 percent live in a two- or three-person household. Very few student households include senior citizens, children, or teenagers. Given the sample design, all respondents are students and most of these are full-time students.

More than 85 percent of student respondents report a household income of \$50,000 or less. The sample is disproportionately female, and approximates the male/female split that exists

within the CMU student population. Ninety-five percent of the sample is 30 years of age or younger; in fact, 43 percent of the student sample were born in 1987 or 1988 (making them 21 or 22 years of age).

## **FINDINGS**

The substantive findings from the telephone interviews are organized into four main sections.

- We begin by discussing respondents' views about the quality of services they receive in Union Township, giving particular attention to opinions about law enforcement and the parks.
- Then, we discuss respondents' opinions about priority initiatives for the township.
- The next section of the report focuses on respondents' views about change, generally, and about a series of specific changes that have been proposed in the township.
- Finally, a short section of the report focuses on the ways in which respondents receive information about the township and on their additional comments.

Throughout, responses from the residents sample and from the student sample will be provided. No effort is made to make statistical comparisons between the two samples. In each section of the report, the findings from the residents sample will be discussed first followed by a discussion of the findings from the student sample.

## Quality of Services

The interview began by asking respondents “to rate the quality of various services that Union Township provides.” They were asked to “think of the grading system that the schools use—where A is excellent, B is good, C is adequate, D is fair, and E is poor.” Table 1a provides percentage distributions for the residents sample and Table 1b provides comparable information for the student sample. For this table, two panels of results are reported—the first includes only those respondents who had an opinion on the issue. That is, individuals who responded with “don’t know” when asked their opinion about a service are *excluded*. The second panel *includes* those respondents who reported that they had “no opinion” on the service, as well as the ones who responded with a grade of “A” through “E.” Table 1a and 1b and all tables that follow are arranged with the “positive” findings in descending order, so that the service with the highest percentage of “A” ratings appears first in the tables and the service with the lowest percentage of “A” ratings is last.

**Table 1a: Ratings of Union Township Services—Residents Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

**Respondents with an Opinion Only (“Don’t Know” Excluded)**

	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>B Good</b>	<b>C Adequate</b>	<b>D Fair</b>	<b>E Poor</b>
Grade fire services of Mt. Pleasant to Union Township	48.6	42.2	7.4	1.2	0.6
Grade State Police services	44.9	39.2	12.9	1.5	1.5
Grade Isabella County Sheriff services	36.3	45.6	13.9	2.4	1.9
Grade water and sewer services, for those with township service (N=307)	29.0	41.0	17.3	6.5	6.2
Grade government services	12.2	43.8	33.4	7.3	3.3

**Respondents Including Those with “Don’t Know” Response**

	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>B Good</b>	<b>C Adequate</b>	<b>D Fair</b>	<b>E Poor</b>	<b>Don’t Know</b>
Grade fire services of Mt. Pleasant to Union Township	35.1	30.4	5.3	0.9	0.4	27.8
Grade State Police services	33.4	29.2	9.6	1.1	1.1	25.6
Grade Isabella County Sheriff services	30.2	38.0	11.6	2.0	1.6	16.7
Grade water and sewer services, for those with township service (N=314)	28.3	40.1	16.9	6.4	6.1	2.2
Grade government services	10.7	38.6	29.5	6.5	2.9	11.8

- By and large, residents give township services high ratings. In no case, do more than 15 percent of residents give grades of “D” or “E” to a service.
- Meanwhile, the lowest ratings are given to “the government services provided by Union Township overall” with only about one respondent in eight giving a grade of “A.”
- “Don’t know” respondents are higher than one might expect, with at least 10 percent and at times more than 25 percent of respondents reporting that they had no opinion on the quality of the service in question.

**Table 1b: Ratings of Union Township Services—Student Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

**Respondents with an Opinion Only (“Don’t Know” Excluded)**

	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>B Good</b>	<b>C Adequate</b>	<b>D Fair</b>	<b>E Poor</b>
Grade Isabella County Sheriff services	43.1	39.4	10.0	3.1	4.4
Grade fire services of Mt. Pleasant to Union Township	43.0	49.2	5.5	1.6	0.8
Grade State Police services	41.3	39.1	16.7	1.4	1.4
Grade water and sewer services, for those with township service (N=161)	18.0	51.6	21.1	5.6	3.7
Grade government services	16.4	67.8	13.0	2.1	0.7

### Respondents Including Those with “Don’t Know” Response

	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>B Good</b>	<b>C Adequate</b>	<b>D Fair</b>	<b>E Poor</b>	<b>Don’t Know</b>
Grade Isabella County Sheriff services	39.0	35.6	9.0	2.8	4.0	9.6
Grade State Police services	32.2	30.5	13.0	1.1	1.1	22.0
Grade fire services of Mt. Pleasant to Union Township	31.4	36.0	4.0	1.1	0.6	26.9
Grade water and sewer services, for those with township service (N=171)	17.0	48.5	19.9	5.3	3.5	5.8
Grade government services	13.6	56.3	10.8	1.7	0.6	17.0

- Student responses are similar to those in the residents sample. Very few students—less than 10 percent—give any township service a low grade of “D” or “E.”
- Again, the lowest ratings are given to “the government services provided by Union Township overall” with only about one respondent in six giving a grade of “A.”
- And, again, “don’t know” responses are relatively high, ranging up to 27 percent.

A series of specific questions was developed focusing on law enforcement in the township. Table 2a presents the percentage distributions summarizing residents’ responses, while Table 2b presents the comparable data for students. “Don’t know” responses are included and discussed only when they represent a sizeable percentage of the sample.

**Table 2a: Ratings of Law Enforcement Services and Desire for Enhanced Services—  
Residents Sample: Percentage Distributions**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>			
Contact with law enforcement in Union Township (excluding those who responded “don’t know”)	57.4	42.6			
	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>B Good</b>	<b>C Adequate</b>	<b>D Fair</b>	<b>E Poor</b>
Grade experience with law in Union Township, for those with contact who had an opinion (N = 254)	50.0	31.9	12.6	1.6	3.9

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Don’t Know</b>
Support contract with county sheriff and state police (excluding “don’t know” responses)	50.1	49.9	--
Support contract with county sheriff and state police	43.7	43.4	12.9
Percentages below based on the total sample size, although questions only asked to those who supported contract with county sheriff and state police			
Add traffic enforcement	33.1		
Add crime prevention activities	38.4		
Add police patrols	36.9		
Add community policing activities	31.8		

- Almost 60 percent of residents answered affirmatively when they were asked whether they had “ever been contacted by or sought contact with law enforcement officers while in Union Township.”
- These respondents were then asked to rate the quality of their “experience with law enforcement officers you had contact with,” and 50 percent of those with contact gave the top grade of “A.”
- Residents were also asked: “Would you support Union Township entering into a contract to provide additional, designated police services in addition to those currently provided by the Isabella County Sheriff and the Michigan State Police?” Among those with an opinion, the sample is virtually split 50/50 between those answering “yes” and those

answering “no.” Note, however, that about one in eight residents—13 percent—answered this question with “don’t know.”

- The respondents in favor of a new contract were asked “in what areas would you like to see the additional police services provided.” Roughly equal numbers of respondents were interested in each of the areas mentioned—adding traffic enforcement, adding crime prevention activities, adding police patrols, and adding community policing activities. Approximately, one third of the total sample (including those who were not explicitly asked the question because they did not support a new contract) is in favor of each of these additional service options. A small percentage of residents told interviewers that they wanted some “other” service provided. These responses, organized into categories by CARRS’s staff, are found in Appendix C.

**Table 2b: Ratings of Law Enforcement Services and Desire for Enhanced Services—  
Student Sample: Percentage Distributions**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>		
Contact with law enforcement in Union Township (excluding those who responded “don’t know”)	54.6	45.4	--		
	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>B Good</b>	<b>C Adequate</b>	<b>D Fair</b>	<b>E Poor</b>
Grade experience with law in Union Township, for those with contact (N = 95). (There were no “don’t know” responses.)	43.2	32.6	11.6	7.4	5.3

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Support contract with county sheriff and state police (excluding “don’t know” responses)	50.3	49.7	--
Support contract with county sheriff and state police	46.9	46.3	6.8
Percentages below based on the total sample size, although questions only asked to those who supported contract with county sheriff and state police			
Add traffic enforcement	29.9		
Add crime prevention activities	40.1		
Add police patrols	28.8		
Add community policing activities	27.7		

- About 55 percent of students reported that they had “been contacted by or sought contact with law enforcement officers while in Union Township.”
- More than 40 percent of these students gave the top grade of “A” to their experience with officers they had contact with.
- Students were also almost evenly split between those supporting and those opposing a new contract with the county sheriff and state police.
- Students were most interested in additional crime prevention activities, although the percentages of students endorsing the other kinds of additional police services is only about 10 percentage points lower. The responses of the small percentage of students who mentioned some “other” desired police service are also available in Appendix C.

Respondents in the two samples were asked a series of questions about the parks in Union Township and the county. They were reminded that the Township parks are McDonald Park near the Township Hall at Lincoln and Pickard and Jameson Park off of Pickard. Table 3a and Table 3b present responses for the residents and student samples, respectively. Additional questions about the parks were interspersed throughout the interview, and responses to these questions are provided later in the report.

**Table 3a: Views about the Parks—Residents Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Not at all 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Completely 5</b>
Local parks meet your needs <sup>4</sup>	25.6	7.3	23.8	15.5	27.7
	<b>Regular Users</b>	<b>Occasional Users</b>	<b>Infrequent Users</b>	<b>Non- Users</b>	
Household’s use of all parks	22.0	37.9	20.5	19.6	

<sup>4</sup> Based on residents who had an opinion (N=386). Note that 13.6 percent of the residents sample answered “don’t know” when asked this question.

	<b>Never</b>	<b>1 to 5 Times</b>	<b>6 or More</b>
McDonald Park	55.1	24.7	20.2
Jameson Park	66.0	25.7	8.3
County Parks	30.8	20.7	48.5

- Residents were asked “how well do the existing Union Township parks meet the recreational needs of your household members.” They were asked to respond “using a 5-point scale where 1 is ‘not at all’ and 5 is ‘completely.’” While more than 40 percent of residents respond that the parks completely or “almost” completely (code “4” or five) meet their needs, more than 30 percent say that their needs are met “not at all” or almost not at all (code “2”).
- Respondents are split when asked to describe their “household’s use of local parks in the township and elsewhere.” About 40 percent describe their household as “infrequent users” or “non-users,” and only 22 percent define themselves as “regular users.”
- About 55 percent of respondents never use McDonald Park, and more than 65 percent never use Jameson Park. On the other hand, almost 50 percent of residents report using other parks in Isabella County six or more times in the last year.

**Table 3b: Views about the Parks—Student Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Not at all 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Completely 5</b>
Local parks meet your needs	15.3	9.7	28.2	33.9	12.9
	<b>Regular Users</b>	<b>Occasional Users</b>	<b>Infrequent Users</b>	<b>Non- Users</b>	
Household’s use of all parks	14.0	41.9	23.3	20.9	

	<b>Never</b>	<b>1 to 5 Times</b>	<b>6 or More</b>
McDonald Park	63.1	23.2	13.7
Jameson Park	61.3	29.2	9.5
County Parks	29.0	29.6	41.4

- More than 45 percent of students report that the existing Union Township parks completely or “almost” completely (code “4” or five) meet their needs, while 25 percent say that their needs are met “not at all” or almost not at all (code “2”).
- Students are divided when asked to describe their “household’s use of local parks in the township and elsewhere.” More than 40 percent describe their household as “infrequent users” or “non-users,” and only 14 percent define themselves as “regular users.”

- More than 60 percent of students never use McDonald Park and never use Jameson Park. More than 40 percent of student respondents report using other parks in Isabella County six or more times over the past year.

## PRIORITIES

A number of questions in the interview schedule focused on the priorities of people living in the township. Interviewers began this section of the interview by noting that: “Because resources are limited, Union Township wants to know about the priorities of its residents.” Then, respondents were asked whether each of a series of initiatives was “a high priority, a medium priority, or a low priority for you?” Table 4a provides percentage distributions summarizing the residents’ views; the companion table for students is Table 4b.

**Table 4a: Priorities—Residents Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Medium Priority</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>
Improve roads	73.5	21.4	5.1
Enhance cooperation with local governments	60.8	32.9	6.3
Provide alternative energy sources	50.7	35.1	14.3
Union Township inspect rentals	34.3	35.9	29.7
Enhance sidewalks	32.7	37.6	29.8
Increase zoning enforcement	29.1	42.2	28.7
Bike paths	20.9	30.4	48.6
Community swimming pool	20.9	28.3	50.8
Regulate outside sales	16.7	25.6	57.8
Provide more parks	7.6	30.4	62.1

- Fortunately, respondents were able to make distinctions between initiatives. The range of “high priority” responses ranges from seven to more than 70 percent.
- More than 50 percent of residents give high priority ratings to three projects—“improving roads in the township,” “enhancing cooperation between the township and local governmental units such as the city of Mount Pleasant and the County,” and “working to

provide alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, or biofuel to power the Township facilities.”

- Meanwhile, four initiatives are given “low priority” ratings by about 50 percent or more of the residents sample. They are: “providing more bike paths in the township,” “working with other governmental units and groups in the county to provide a community swimming pool, “providing regulation of outside sales--such as parking lot sales of puppies, fireworks, and so forth in the township,” and “providing more parks in the township.”

**Table 4b: Priorities—Student Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Medium Priority</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>
Improve roads	63.3	28.2	8.5
Enhance sidewalks	62.7	26.6	10.7
Provide alternative energy sources	58.6	33.9	7.5
Enhance cooperation with local governments	41.8	45.3	12.9
Union Township inspect rentals	28.6	40.6	30.9
Provide more parks	20.3	44.1	35.6
Bike paths	19.3	46.6	34.1
Community swimming pool	16.1	27.6	56.3
Increase zoning enforcement	14.3	47.8	37.9
Regulate outside sales	11.4	26.7	61.9

- Students also make distinctions among the initiatives presented to them. They do not see everything as a “high” (or “low”) priority.
- More than 50 percent of students give high priority ratings to three projects—“improving roads in the township,” “enhancing sidewalks and the ability to walk places,” and “working to provide alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, or biofuel to power the Township facilities.” The most marked disagreement in priorities between the residents and the students concerns sidewalk enhancement.
- More than 60 percent of students rate the “regulation of outside sales” as a low priority.

## Views about Change

A number of sections in the interview explicitly focused on proposed changes in the township or its services. Interviewers introduced one section of the interview by acknowledging that “people have different opinions about changes in Union Township.” They then asked respondents whether they “definitely favor, probably favor, probably oppose, or definitely oppose change in a number of areas.” Table 5a provides the responses of residents to these questions, while Table 5b provides the student perspective.

**Table 5a: Support for Change—Residents Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Definitely Support</b>	<b>Probably Support</b>	<b>Probably Oppose</b>	<b>Definitely Oppose</b>
Curbside recycling	57.1	17.5	8.5	16.8
Protect existing farmland	46.5	44.0	7.4	2.1
Develop more affordable low income housing	36.1	39.1	14.9	9.9
Growth in industrial development	33.9	40.6	14.4	11.1
Creating cohesive neighborhood	22.3	24.4	34.0	19.3
Growth in commercial development	20.9	46.2	21.8	11.1
Develop more upscale housing	8.3	27.3	36.0	28.5
Develop more rental housing	2.5	10.9	30.3	56.3

- Respondents’ opinions vary considerably depending upon the issue at hand. There is neither knee-jerk support nor opposition to the specific proposals discussed.
- The “township’s plan to begin curbside recycling services” received a great deal of support, with the highest percentage of “definitely support” responses and only about one quarter of respondents registering any level of objection. Similarly, “protecting existing farmland in the township,” developing more affordable housing for low income, working people,” and “growth in industrial development in the township—that is, factories and manufacturing” receive definite or probable support from at least three quarters of residents.
- Residents’ opposition is most pronounced in three areas: “developing more rental housing,” developing more upscale, high income housing, and “creating cohesive neighborhoods -- that is, keeping homes near one another rather than scattered throughout

open land.” At least 50 percent of the residents sample is probably or definitely opposed to these changes.

**Table 5b: Support for Change—Student Sample:  
Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Definitely Support</b>	<b>Probably Support</b>	<b>Probably Oppose</b>	<b>Definitely Oppose</b>
Curbside recycling	80.7	17.0	1.1	1.1
Develop more affordable low income housing	65.9	26.1	6.3	1.7
Protect existing farmland	35.5	58.4	5.4	0.6
Growth in commercial development	32.2	48.0	15.8	4.1
Creating cohesive neighborhood	26.8	42.7	26.8	3.8
Develop more rental housing	23.3	32.0	29.7	15.1
Growth in industrial development	10.7	40.2	34.3	14.8
Develop more upscale housing	3.0	42.8	38.6	15.7

- Student respondents’ opinions also vary considerably depending upon the issue at hand, although differences are most marked in terms of the percentage definitely supporting rather than definitely opposing a proposed change.
- The new curbside recycling program received the highest level of support, with 80 percent “definitely support” responses and only two percent of students expressing any level of opposition. Similarly, at least 80 percent of student respondents give definite or probable support to “developing more affordable housing for low income, working people,” “protecting existing farmland in the township,” and “growth in commercial development in the township -- that is, the growth of offices and stores.”
- Students’ opposition is most pronounced in three areas. About 50 percent of the student sample is probably or definitely opposed to developing more upscale housing and to the growth in industrial development. Interestingly, 45 percent of the student sample is also probably or definitely opposed to developing more rental housing in the township.

Another set of questions did not mention the word “change” explicitly, but nonetheless asked respondents to indicate the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with a series of statements about proposed changes in the township. The statements either focused on doing “more” or doing less than what is being done currently. Table 6a provides the responses of

residents to these agree/disagree questions, while Table 6b provides the comparable responses from students.

**Table 6a: Level of Agreement with Proposed Changes—Residents Sample: Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
More effort to reduce noise and controlling parties	31.3	41.8	23.0	4.0
Limit advertising signs and building appearance	28.9	52.2	14.4	4.5
More activities for teens 13 to 18	28.4	44.2	23.2	4.3
More land as ‘open space’	27.5	46.7	20.1	5.7
More activities for 12 and younger	24.9	46.5	23.2	5.4

- At least 70 percent of residents express some level of agreement with each of the proposed changes. And, at least one fifth of respondents express disagreement, although that disagreement is rarely “strong.” That is, residents agree with more effort directed to “reducing noise and to controlling parties in the township,” more effort “directed to limiting advertising signs and enhancing the appearance of buildings and roads in the township,” more activities for children (12 and under) and more activities for teens (13 to 17), and setting aside more land in the township “to remain as ‘open space’—that is, space that is not developed.”

The residents who desired “more activities for children” and those who wanted “more activities for teenagers” were asked an open-ended follow-up question—“what kinds of activities for children (or teenagers) would you like to see.” CARRS’s staff coded these responses into a series of discrete categories. The responses, organized by category are found in Appendix C.

- When the focus was on activities for children 12 years of age and younger, the two most common responses with about 70 responses each were more activities that are not sports-related and more sports activities (that is, activities that are organized into teams). Examples of the former response are “educational/nature programs that are affordable for all,” “creative activities that everyone can do,” and “hands-on museum.” Examples of suggestions focused explicitly on sports activities are “any kind of outdoor sports;” baseball, football, soccer, physically active activities,” and “gymnastics.”
- When asked about the activities they desire for teenagers 13 to 17 years of age, two types of responses predominate. Almost 90 respondents talk about activities that are not

explicitly related to sports. For example, one respondent provided a variety of suggestions: “a teen center, chaperoned dances, talent shows, music lessons, art lessons.” Another mentioned “crafts, more things for girls, dance classes.” And, several residents suggested activities related to skating or 4-H. In addition, 55 residents told interviewers that they thought teenagers need a community center or place to go. Examples of responses coded into this category include: “a place to just hang out,” “a youth activity center with games and music,” and a “teen center with teen dances and other activities such as tutoring opportunities.”

**Table 6b: Level of Agreement with Proposed Changes —Student Sample: Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
More activities for 12 and younger	32.3	59.1	8.5	0.0
More activities for teens 13 to 18	30.0	55.6	14.4	0.0
Limit advertising signs and building appearance	25.3	55.9	15.9	2.9
More land as ‘open space’	15.6	48.8	28.8	6.9
More effort to reduce noise and controlling parties	14.6	35.7	36.3	13.5

- Student responses are more varied. While vast majorities agree with more activities for children and teens, more than one third oppose more land for open space and about one half oppose more efforts to reduce noise and control parties.
- The most common responses of students who wanted more activities for children were also either focused on sports or on other activities that did not have an explicit sports emphasis. These responses, as recorded by interviewers, were also organized by CARRS’s staff into discrete categories. They are located in Appendix C.
- When asked about activities for teens, student respondents were most likely to mention activities not related to sports, a community center, and sports-related activities. Appendix C also contains a complete listing of responses, organized into categories.

Respondents were also asked some questions designed to gauge their general views about change and the quality of life in the township and county. Table 7a provides a summary of the responses from the residents sample, and Table 7b provides the findings from the student sample.

**Table 7a: General Views about Growth and the Quality of Life—Residents Sample: Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Rapid Growth</b>	<b>Moderate Growth</b>	<b>Slow Growth</b>	<b>No Growth</b>
Preferred growth in Union Township in 10 years	7.3	58.2	26.8	7.7
Preferred growth in Isabella County in 10 years	8.0	61.8	24.5	5.7
	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
Quality of life in Union Township	32.4	56.2	10.3	1.1
	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Stay About the Same</b>	
Expect change in quality of life in 10 years	37.6	8.4	54.0	

- At least 65 percent of residents would like to see “rapid” or “moderate growth” in both the township and the county in the next 10 years.
- The vast majority of residents describe “the quality of life living in Union Township” as “excellent” or “good.”
- While most residents expect the quality of life to “stay about the same,” more than one third expect to see the quality of life in the township improve and less than 10 percent foresee a decline in the next 10 years.
- Respondents were asked: “What do you believe is the most important issue affecting the quality of life in Union Township?” Three types of responses were most common with about 45 comments in each. Some respondents focused on roads, transportation, and traffic. Examples of comments included in this category are “bad roads need to be fixed,” “traffic congestion,” and “traffic control.” Other residents saw the quality of life being affected by growth and development. Comments included in this category are: “it would be nice if there was planned land use or if the land use planned to maintain the current flavor of rural Union Township,” “taking a bunch of the farmland and making it into sub-divisions,” and “the exponential growth in the number of low quality apartment complexes.” A comparable number of respondents were concerned with jobs and the economy. Examples of these comments are: “to financially survive, more jobs needed,” “job availability,” and “not enough decent paying jobs to provide a decent lifestyle.”

**Table 7b: General Views about Growth and the Quality of Life— Student Sample: Percentage Distributions**

	<b>Rapid Growth</b>	<b>Moderate Growth</b>	<b>Slow Growth</b>	<b>No Growth</b>
Preferred growth in Union Township in 10 years	17.6	61.8	18.2	2.4
Preferred growth in Isabella County in 10 years	20.6	62.4	15.9	1.2
	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
Quality of life in Union Township	18.3	72.6	8.6	0.6
	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Stay About the Same</b>	
Expect change in quality of life in 10 years	43.1	2.9	54.0	

- More than 75 percent of students would like to see “rapid” or “moderate growth” in both the township and the county in the next 10 years.
- The vast majority of students also rate the quality of life in the township as “excellent” or “good.”
- While most students expect the quality of life to “stay about the same,” more than 40 percent expect to see the quality of life in the township improve and less than three percent foresee a decline.
- Student responses were similar to those of residents when asked about “the most important issue affecting the quality of life in Union Township.” The largest number of comments focused on “roads, transportation, and traffic” or on “jobs and the economy.”

### **WAYS OF RECEIVING INFORMATION AND FINAL COMMENTS**

Union Township staff was interested in how respondents receive information about the township. Interviewers told respondents: “I am going to read you methods that people rely on to get information about local issues. Tell me which method you rely on MOST to inform yourself

about local issues.” Tables 8a and 8b summarize responses for the residents’ and students’ samples, respectively.

**Table 8a: How Information on Township Is Received— Residents Sample: Percentage Distributions**

<b>How do you receive information on the Township</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Newspaper	59.8
Television	17.4
Word of Mouth	9.6
Radio	6.5
Other	2.9
Township Web Site	2.5
Attend Township Meetings	1.3

- Newspapers remain the most popular way that residents receive information on local issues, with almost 60 percent reporting this method as the one they prefer.
- Very few residents—less than five percent—receive information by attending township meetings or consulting the township web site.

**Table 8b: How Information on Township Is Received— Student Sample: Percentage Distributions**

<b>How do you receive information on the Township</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Newspaper	44.8
Word of Mouth	21.3
Television	16.1
Radio	10.9
Township Web Site	6.3
Attend Township Meetings	0.0
Other	0.6

- More than 40 percent of students also report that they are most likely to receive township information through newspapers.
- Very few students—less than 10 percent—receive information by attending township meetings or consulting the web site maintained by the township.

Finally, respondents in each sample were asked: “Is there anything you would like to add about issues in the township that we haven't already discussed?” These comments, organized into categories developed by CARRS’s staff, are found in Appendix C.

- While students made a number of comments, no one type of comment predominated.
- By contrast, two types of comments stand out in the residents sample. About 40 residents made comments about government or administrative issues. For example, one resident told interviewers that sh/e is “against taxes going against anything but public safety.” Another said that “college students should not be allowed to vote for city officials.” Yet another noted that s/he: “likes to hear that the Union Commission is striving for a stronger relationship with the city commission.” And, another township resident reported that “people should have to clean up their yards so it doesn't deteriorate the neighbors property.”
- A comparable number of residents made comments about maintenance and/or the roads in the township. Examples of comments coded into this category include: “believes Deerfield road should be paved to decrease traffic through Broomfield into the college area,” “drainage could be better,” “expand the sewer system,” and “major issue is the bad condition of the roads—Bluegrass, Meridian, Broomfield.”

## **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

This report summarizes the responses of 627 Union Township residents, interviewed by telephone in late October, 2009. Findings from two samples are summarized—one sample consists of 450 residents located through a reverse phone database matching process; the second sample consists of 177 Central Michigan University students located through the university’s record-keeping system. Key findings are found below.

- Respondents in both the residents sample and the student sample give township services high ratings. Less than 15 percent of respondents give ratings of “D” or “E” to any service discussed. The lowest ratings are given to “the government services provided by Union Township overall,” with less than 20 percent giving an “A” grade.
- Both residents and students were split in their views about whether Union Township should enter into a contract to provide more, designated police services in addition to those currently provided by the Isabella County Sheriff and the Michigan State Police.

- While more than 40 percent of residents respond that the parks completely or “almost” completely (code “4” or five) meet their needs, more than 30 percent say that their needs are met “not at all” or almost not at all (code “2”). The comparable percents for students are 45 percent for needs completely or almost completely met and 25 percent for needs “not at all” or almost not at all met.
- More than 50 percent of residents give high priority ratings to three projects—“improving roads in the township,” “enhancing cooperation between the township and local governmental units such as the city of Mount Pleasant and the County,” and “working to provide alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, or biofuel to power the Township facilities.” The most marked disagreement in priorities between members of the residents sample and the student sample concerns sidewalk enhancement; more than 50 percent of students give a high priority rating to improving sidewalks.
- The “township’s plan to begin curbside recycling services” received a great deal of support from members of both the residents and the student sample, with the highest percentage of “definitely support” responses and only about one quarter of residents and two percent of students registering any level of objection. Similarly, “protecting existing farmland in the township,” developing more affordable housing for low income, working people,” and “growth in industrial development in the township—that is, factories and manufacturing” receive definite or probable support from at least three quarters of residents. Students agree with residents in terms of protecting farmland and providing affordable housing. However, students are somewhat less committed to industrial development and more committed to commercial development: at least 80 percent of student respondents give definite or probable support to the “growth in commercial development in the township -- that is, the growth of offices and stores.”
- At least 70 percent of residents express some level of agreement with more effort directed to “reducing noise and to controlling parties in the township,” more effort “directed to limiting advertising signs and enhancing the appearance of buildings and roads in the township,” more activities for children (12 and under), more activities for teens (13 to 17), and setting aside more land in the township “to remain as ‘open space’—that is, space that is not developed.” Student responses are more varied. While vast majorities agree with more activities for children and teens, more than one third oppose more land for open space and about one half oppose more efforts to reduce noise and control parties.
- At least 65 percent of residents and at least 75 percent of students would like to see “rapid” or “moderate growth” in both the township and the county in the next 10 years, and the vast majority of residents and of students describe “the quality of life living in Union Township” as “excellent” or “good.”
- Newspapers remain the most popular way that residents and students receive information on local issues.

## **APPENDIX A**

### Interview Schedule

Q: HELLO

T:3

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I'm calling from the Center for Applied Research at CMU to speak with someone 18 years or over. You should have received a postcard from us telling you about the survey we're doing for Union Township.

T:14

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling from the Center for Applied Research at CMU to complete an interview with \_\_\_\_\_ that we began earlier.

Q: CONFIRM

T:3

Just to confirm--do you live in Union Township and are you 18 years of age or over?

T:6

YES  
NO  
don't know

Q: IRB

T:3

I want to assure you that all of your responses will remain confidential. Your participation in this project is totally voluntary. If you don't want to answer any particular question, just tell me and we'll move on. The interview will take about 10 to 15 minutes.

Q: FIRE

T:3

The first questions ask you to rate the quality of various services that Union Township households receive. Please think of the grading system that the schools use -- where A is excellent, B is good, C is adequate, D is fair, and E is poor.

How would you grade the fire services provided to the township by the City of Mount Pleasant?

T:12

A (excellent)  
B (good)  
C (adequate)  
D (fair)  
E (poor)  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: WATER

T:3

(How would you grade) Union Township's water and sewer services?  
(Think of that A-B-C-D-E grading system.)

INTERVIEWER: Some respondents do not receive these services.

T:8

A (excellent)  
B (good)  
C (adequate)  
D (fair)  
E (poor)  
do not have water/sewer provided by the township  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: GOVT

T:3

(How would you grade) the government services provided by Union Township overall?  
(Think of that A-B-C-D-E grading system.)

INTERVIEWER: If asked to define "government services" --  
just say "whatever they mean to you."

T:9

A (excellent)  
B (good)  
C (adequate)  
D (fair)  
E (poor)  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: CONPOL

T: 3

The next few questions focus on your views about police and law enforcement.

Have you ever had contact with law enforcement officers while in Union Township?

INTERVIEWER: This includes contact initiated by the  
resident OR by the police.

T:12

YES  
NO  
don't know  
refusal

Q: CONIF

T: 3

How would you grade your experience with these law enforcement officers, using that A-B-C-D-E grading system?

T:7

A (excellent)

B (good)

C (adequate)

D (fair)

E (poor)

don't know/no opinion

refusal

Q: POLISAB

T:3

(How would you grade) the police services provided to the township by the Isabella County Sheriff's department?

(Think of that A-B-C-D-E grading system.)

T:7

A (excellent)

B (good)

C (adequate)

D (fair)

E (poor)

don't know/no opinion

refusal

Q: POLSTATE

T:3

(How would you grade) the police services provided to the township by the Michigan State Police?

(Think of that A-B-C-D-E grading system.)

T:7

A (excellent)

B (good)

C (adequate)

D (fair)

E (poor)

don't know/no opinion

refusal

Q: SUPPOL

T: 3

Currently, the Isabella County Sheriff and the Michigan State Police provide police services to Union Township.

Would you support Union Township entering into a contract to provide additional, designated police services?

T:9

- YES
- NO
- don't know/it depends
- refusal

Q: ADDPOL

T: 3

In which of the following areas would you like to see the additional police services provided? Just tell me "yes" or "no."

INTERVIEWER: READ EACH CATEGORY AND CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

T:8

- TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
- CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES
- ADDITIONAL POLICE PATROLS
- COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITIES
- don't know
- refusal

Q: ADDPOL2

T: 5 1

Is there any other area where you would like to see additional police services?

INTERVIEWER: If YES, write down the additional areas.  
Write NO if there are no additional services.

Q: BIKE

T:3

Because resources are limited, Union Township wants to know about the priorities of its residents.

Is providing more bike paths in the township a high priority, a medium priority, or a low priority?

T:10

- HIGH PRIORITY
- MEDIUM PRIORITY
- LOW PRIORITY
- don't know
- refusal

Q: SALES

T:3

Is providing regulation of outside sales -- such as parking lot sales of puppies, fireworks, and so forth in the township a high priority, a medium priority, or a low priority?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: ZONING

T:3

Is increasing the enforcement of zoning regulations a high, medium, or low priority?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: GREN

T:3

Think about alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, or biofuel. Is working to provide alternative energy sources to power the Township facilities a high, medium, or low priority?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: ROADS

T:3

Is improving roads in the township a high, medium, or low priority?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: SWIM

T:3

Is a community swimming pool a high, medium, or low priority, assuming that Union Township would work with other governmental units and county groups to provide it?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: MORPARK

T:3

Is providing more parks in the township a high, medium, or low priority?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: MORWALK

T:3

Is enhancing sidewalks and the ability to walk places a high, medium, or low priority?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: INSPRENT

T:3

Currently the City of Mount Pleasant and the University inspect all of their rental housing units, but the township does NOT do this kind of inspection.

Is the addition of rental unit inspection by the township a high, medium, or low priority?

T:10

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: MORCOOP

T:3

Is enhancing cooperation between the township and local governmental units such as the city of Mount Pleasant and the County a high, medium, or low priority?

T:8

HIGH PRIORITY  
MEDIUM PRIORITY  
LOW PRIORITY  
don't know  
refusal

Q: FARM

T:3

People have different opinions about changes in Union Township. I'm going to ask you whether you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose change in a number of areas.

How about protecting existing farmland in the township (-- do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose protecting existing farmland in the county?)

T:11

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE  
DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: COMDEVEL

T:3

(How about) growth in commercial development in the township -- that is, the growth of offices and stores (-- do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose growth in commercial development in the county?)

T:8

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE  
DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: INDDEVEL

T:3

(How about) growth in industrial development in the township -- that is, factories and manufacturing (-- do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose growth in industrial development in the county?)

T:8

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE

DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: NEIGH

T:3

(How about) creating cohesive neighborhoods -- that is, keeping homes near one another rather than scattered throughout open land (-- do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose creating cohesive neighborhoods in the township?)

T:8

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE  
DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: RENTAL

T:3

(How about) developing more rental housing (-- do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose developing more rental housing in the township?)

T:8

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE  
DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: HOUSLO

T:3

(How about) developing more affordable housing for low income, working people (-- do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose developing more affordable housing in the township?)

T:8

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE  
DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: HOUSHI

T:3

(How about) developing more upscale, high income housing (-- do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose developing more upscale housing in the township?)

T:8

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE  
DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: RECYC

T:3

Curbside recycling has begun. Do you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose curbside recycling.

T:8

DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY SUPPORT  
PROBABLY OPPOSE  
DEFINITELY OPPOSE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: CHILD

T:3

Now, I'm going to read you a series of statements. I'll ask you the extent to which you agree or disagree with each.

The township needs to provide more activities for children 12 years and younger.  
(Do you STRONGLY AGREE, AGREE, DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE?)

T:11

STRONGLY AGREE  
AGREE  
DISAGREE  
STRONGLY DISAGREE  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: WHATCHILD

T:3

What kinds of activities for children would you like to see?

INTERVIEWER: Write down the activities.  
Write "don't know" or refusal if no answer.

Q: TEEN

T:3

The township needs to provide more activities for teenagers 13 to 17 years old.  
(Do you STRONGLY AGREE, AGREE, DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE?)

T:10

STRONGLY AGREE  
AGREE  
DISAGREE  
STRONGLY DISAGREE  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: WHATTEEN

T:3

What kinds of activities for teenagers would you like to see?

INTERVIEWER: Write down the activities.  
Write "don't know" or refusal if no answer.

Q: OPNSPAC

T:3

More land in the township should be set aside to remain as "open space" -- that is,  
space that is NOT developed.  
(Do you STRONGLY AGREE, AGREE, DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE?)

INTERVIEWER: "Open space" means "not developed."

T:10

STRONGLY AGREE  
AGREE  
DISAGREE  
STRONGLY DISAGREE  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: ADLIMIT

T:3

More effort should be directed to limiting advertising signs and enhancing the appearance  
of buildings and roads in the township.

T:10

STRONGLY AGREE  
AGREE  
DISAGREE  
STRONGLY DISAGREE  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: PARTIES

T:3

More effort should be directed to reducing noise and controlling parties in the township.  
(Do you STRONGLY AGREE, AGREE, DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE?)

T:8

STRONGLY AGREE  
AGREE  
DISAGREE  
STRONGLY DISAGREE  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: PARKNEED

T:2

These next questions focus on parks in the township and elsewhere. The Township parks are McDonald Park near the Township Hall at Lincoln and Pickard and Jameson Park off of Pickard.

How well do the existing Union Township parks meet the recreational needs of your household members. Please answer using a 5-point scale where 1 is "not at all" and 5 is "completely."

T:11 10

1 NOT AT ALL  
2  
3  
4  
5 COMPLETELY  
6 don't know  
7 refusal

Q: HOUSUSE

T:3

Which of the following best describes your household's use of local parks -- in the township or elsewhere -- regular users, occasional users, infrequent users, or non-users?

T:8

REGULAR USERS  
OCCASIONAL USERS  
INFREQUENT USERS  
NON-USERS  
don't know  
refusal

Q: MCDUSE

T:3

Over the past year, how many times did you or members of your household use McDonald Park at Lincoln and Pickard behind the Township Hall? Just estimate.

INTERVIEWER: USE 999 FOR REFUSAL AND DON'T KNOW

Q: MCJAMES

T:3

Over the past year, how many times did you or members of your household use Jameson Park off of Pickard? Just estimate.

INTERVIEWER: USE 999 FOR REFUSAL AND DON'T KNOW

Q: CNTYUSE

T:3

Over the past year, how many times did you or members of your household use OTHER parks in Isabella County? Just estimate.

INTERVIEWER: USE 999 FOR REFUSAL AND DON'T KNOW

Q: PARKUSE

T:3

Of all of the parks in the township or county, which one do you use the most?

INTERVIEWER: Write down the park name.  
Write "don't know" or refusal if no answer.

Q: PARKHOME

T:3

Of all of the parks in the township or county, which one is closest to your home?

INTERVIEWER: TYPE Don't Know if Respondent does not know.

Q: GRWTOWN

T:3

Generally speaking, would you like to see rapid growth, moderate growth, slow growth, or no growth in Union Township over the next 10 years?

T:8

RAPID GROWTH  
MODERATE GROWTH  
SLOW GROWTH  
NO GROWTH  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: GRWISAB

T:3

Generally speaking, would you like to see rapid growth, moderate growth, slow growth, or no growth in the rest of Isabella County over the next 10 years?

T:8

RAPID GROWTH  
MODERATE GROWTH

SLOW GROWTH  
NO GROWTH  
don't know/no opinion  
refusal

Q: QUALLIF

T:3

Generally speaking, how would you describe your quality of life living in Union Township -- excellent, good, fair, or poor?

T:8

EXCELLENT  
GOOD  
FAIR  
POOR  
don't know  
refusal

Q: QUALTOWN

T:3

Generally speaking, do you expect the quality of life in Union Township to increase, decrease, or stay about the same over the next 10 years?

T:8

INCREASE  
DECREASE  
STAY ABOUT THE SAME  
don't know/no opinion/it depends  
refusal

Q: WhyQual

T:3

What do you believe is the MOST IMPORTANT issue affecting the quality of life in Union Township?

INTERVIEWER: Write down the answer.  
Write "don't know" or refusal if no answer.

Q: INFO

T: 3

I am going to read you methods that people rely on to get information about local issues.

Tell me which method you rely on MOST to inform yourself about local issues -- the newspaper, radio, television, the township web site, attending township meetings, or word of mouth?

T: 11

NEWSPAPER  
RADIO

TELEVISION  
TOWNSHIP WEB SITE  
ATTEND TOWNSHIP MEETINGS  
WORD OF MOUTH  
OTHER  
don't know  
refusal

Q: YEARTOWN

T:3

These last questions focus on your background. This information is used for summary purposes only. Your responses will, of course, remain confidential.

How many years have you lived in Union Township altogether?

Q: YRCOUNTY

T:3

How many years have you lived in Isabella County, including your years in the township?

Q: Own

T:3

Do you own or rent your present residence?

T:5

OWN  
RENT/LEASE  
don't know  
refusal

Q: FARMRES

T: 3

Does your residence sit on land that at this time would be considered "farmland." It does not matter if you receive income from the land or not.

T:6

YES  
NO  
don't know  
refusal

Q: Age

T:5

In what year were you born?

Q: SIZE

T:3

How many people -- INCLUDING YOURSELF -- live in your household?

T:5

ONE  
TWO  
THREE  
FOUR  
FIVE  
SIX  
SEVEN  
EIGHT OR MORE  
refusal

Q: SIZEKID

T:3

How many children 12 and under live in your household?

T:5

NONE  
ONE  
TWO  
THREE  
FOUR  
FIVE  
SIX  
SEVEN  
EIGHT OR MORE  
refusal

Q: SIZETEEN

T:3

How many teenagers 13 to 17 live in your household?

T:5

NONE  
ONE  
TWO  
THREE  
FOUR  
FIVE  
SIX  
SEVEN  
EIGHT OR MORE  
refusal

Q: SIZESR

T:3

How many senior citizens 65 years and over live in your household?

T:5

NONE

ONE

TWO

THREE

FOUR

FIVE

SIX

SEVEN

EIGHT OR MORE

refusal

Q: STUD

T:3

Are you currently a student in a college or university?

T:5

YES

NO

Refusal

Q: TYPSTUD

T:3

Are you a full-time or part-time student?

T:5

FULL-TIME

PART-TIME

Refusal

Q: INCOME

T:3

I am going to read you five broad categories. Please tell me the category that best describes your yearly household income.

T:8

CATEGORY A: LESS THAN \$25,000

CATEGORY B: \$25,000 UP TO \$50,000

CATEGORY C: \$50,000 UP TO \$75,000

CATEGORY D: \$75,000 UP TO \$100,000

CATEGORY E: \$100,000 OR MORE

don't know

refusal

Q: COMMENT

T:3

Is there anything you would like to add about issues in the township that we haven't already discussed?

Q: SEX

T:3

MALE

FEMALE

Q: THANKS

T:5

Thanks very much for your time. Have a pleasant [evening] [afternoon].

Q: END

T:3

Our survey is designed for residents of Union Township. I'm sorry for bothering you. Thank you.

Q: NOTQAL

T:5

Thanks very much for your time. We have now completed our study.

## **APPENDIX B**

Postcard

Dear Union Township Resident:

CMU's Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies is working with Union Township to learn about the ways in which residents evaluate services and think about future needs. Classes of CMU students are assisting with this project. Beginning on October 19, we will be calling you to conduct a short, scientific survey with a member of your household.

Your household was selected randomly, and the call will be used solely for the purposes of gathering information about your views and experiences. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential, and the interview will not take long to complete. If we call at a bad time, just tell us and we will be happy to call back at a time that is convenient for you.

We hope we can count on your participation! Findings from this project will be shared with Union Township and will help with planning for the future. Please call me at 774-2336 if you have any questions about this project. Thank you.

*Mary S. Senter*

Mary S. Senter, Director  
Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies, CMU

**APPENDIX C**  
**Open End Responses**

## **Non-Student**

**Is there any other area where you would like to see additional police services?**

### **Specific Geographic Area – Neighborhoods = 10**

Reference 1 - 0.92% Coverage

549 ADDPOL2 FOOT PATROLS, RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Reference 2 - 1.20% Coverage

1116 ADDPOL2 in sub divisions our area has some problems

Reference 3 - 1.65% Coverage

585 ADDPOL2 in the south end of town, the student areas where the parties are

Reference 4 - 1.71% Coverage

353 ADDPOL2 jameson park is not patrolled well. cars drive fast by. gravel road.

Reference 5 - 1.60% Coverage

702 ADDPOL2 More police patrols of Mission Creek-park with a sledding hill.

Reference 6 - 0.98% Coverage

711 ADDPOL2 more services near deerfield twnbsp

Reference 7 - 1.84% Coverage

1292 ADDPOL2 On Mission Street with traffic patrols, see the police become more active

Reference 8 - 1.18% Coverage

528 ADDPOL2 patrolling the student housing more closely

Reference 9 - 1.62% Coverage

116 ADDPOL2 Watch the speeders on Isabella Rd. Not shifting traffic onto Rd.

Reference 10 - 2.05% Coverage

381 ADDPOL2 would like more police on mission st. due to speeders and people running red lights.

## **Children – Youth = 6**

Reference 1 - 0.68% Coverage

447    ADDPOL2    After school traffic

Reference 2 - 1.18% Coverage

152    ADDPOL2    checking in on elderly, more child services

Reference 3 - 2.22% Coverage

78    ADDPOL2    in relationship to young children. children are walking home and no service for their safety

Reference 4 - 0.81% Coverage

542    ADDPOL2    Involvement with the youth

Reference 5 - 0.41% Coverage

745    ADDPOL2    Schools

Reference 6 - 0.56% Coverage

727    ADDPOL2    youth programs

## **Drugs – Speeding – Specific Crimes = 6**

Reference 1 - 0.66% Coverage

1487    ADDPOL2    drugs and firearms

Reference 2 - 0.77% Coverage

85    ADDPOL2    Drunk driving enforcement

Reference 3 - 1.71% Coverage

353    ADDPOL2    jameson park is not patrolled well. cars drive fast by. gravel road.

Reference 4 - 1.62% Coverage

116    ADDPOL2    Watch the speeders on Isabella Rd. Not shifting traffic onto Rd.

Reference 5 - 2.05% Coverage

381 ADDPOL2 would like more police on mission st. due to speeders and people running red lights.

Reference 6 - 0.73% Coverage

1192 ADDPOL2 yes, drug enforcement

### **Parks = 3**

Reference 1 - 0.34% Coverage

47 ADDPOL2 Parks

Reference 2 - 1.18% Coverage

39 ADDPOL2 parks need more policing, like Meridian Park

Reference 3 - 1.33% Coverage

778 ADDPOL2 'Police services in the parks. Mission creek park.

### **Other = 12**

Reference 1 - 0.92% Coverage

210 ADDPOL2 Among students on party nights.

Reference 2 - 0.68% Coverage

1444 ADDPOL2 apartment complexes

Reference 3 - 1.18% Coverage

152 ADDPOL2 checking in on elderly, more child services

Reference 4 - 2.95% Coverage

1700 ADDPOL2 crime investigation needs to be stepped up, people can easily get away with crime because things aren't properly investigated

Reference 5 - 2.18% Coverage

779 ADDPOL2 Especially be more visible at night and in the evenings. Improved response time is needed.

Reference 6 - 2.39% Coverage

684 ADDPOL2 LIKE IN LANSING, IF YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN A WHILE, POICE WILL DO DRIVE BYS TO CHECK OUT YOUR RESIDENCE

Reference 7 - 1.15% Coverage

279 ADDPOL2 monitoring noise level for college parties

Reference 8 - 0.81% Coverage

27 ADDPOL2 monitoring the college kids

Reference 9 - 0.62% Coverage

56 ADDPOL2 More officer hired

Reference 10 - 1.41% Coverage

898 ADDPOL2 Mount Pleasant city police help with policing of Union

Reference 11 - 2.74% Coverage

590 ADDPOL2 patrolling by former state home; recording didnt go out to everyone; more patrol bc there are not any traffic lights

Reference 12 - 7.18% Coverage

1712 ADDPOL2 take more stand when a woman gets raped. need to protect our own citizens especially in regards to rights against rape, I believe some of the cops are very biased like they dont want to deal with it. Feel sympathy towards prisoner instead of victim. More cops to prevent sexual crimes against anyone. More victim's rights.

**No – Don't Know = 101**

## **Student**

**Is there any other area where you would like to see additional police services?**

### **Specific Geographic Area – Neighborhoods = 5**

Reference 1 - 8.20% Coverage

583    ADDPOL2    MORE ON-CAMPUS, OUTSKIRTS OF IT, WHERE THE CITY POLICE AND CAMPUS POLICE MEET, THE BORDER BETWEEN THEM

Reference 2 - 2.95% Coverage

733    ADDPOL2    More police patrols on campus

Reference 3 - 1.51% Coverage

127    ADDPOL2    On campus

Reference 4 - 1.51% Coverage

334    ADDPOL2    On Campus

Reference 5 - 1.29% Coverage

488    ADDPOL2    school

### **Drugs – Speeding – Specific Crimes = 2**

Reference 1 - 2.73% Coverage

563    ADDPOL2    more drunk driving patrols

Reference 2 - 2.44% Coverage

411    ADDPOL2    Too many drunk drivers

### **Other = 1**

Reference 1 - 2.16% Coverage

565    ADDPOL2    Construction areas

### **No – Don't Know = 58**

## **Non-Student**

### **What kinds of activities for children would you like to see?**

#### **Activity – NOT sports = 75**

Reference 1 - 0.09% Coverage

381 WHATCHLD 4H

Reference 2 - 0.23% Coverage

1263 WHATCHLD activities in the winter

Reference 3 - 0.74% Coverage

728 WHATCHLD along the lines of organized things like PEAK, group activities that are supervised. big Brother, Big sister.

Reference 4 - 0.35% Coverage

1360 WHATCHLD Any type of physical activity, team sports.

Reference 5 - 0.26% Coverage

432 WHATCHLD athletics, arts, and sciences

Reference 6 - 0.45% Coverage

898 WHATCHLD Athletics, artistic, educational experiences nature workshops

Reference 7 - 0.20% Coverage

310 WHATCHLD Better skating rink

Reference 8 - 0.54% Coverage

1182 WHATCHLD biking activities, sports clinics, dollar skates, at more reasonable times

Reference 9 - 0.54% Coverage

1712 WHATCHLD community center, arts and crafts, and physical activity, or a petting zoo

Reference 10 - 0.32% Coverage

908 WHATCHLD Creative activities that everyone can do

Reference 11 - 0.16% Coverage

9 WHATCHLD discovery museum

Reference 12 - 0.47% Coverage

1682 WHATCHLD educational focused activities - not just the sports activities  
Reference 13 - 0.65% Coverage

1447 WHATCHLD EDUCATIONAL, HELP STUDENTS TO DEVELOP, INSTRUCTIONAL, BEHAVIOR...  
WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC, ETC  
Reference 14 - 0.41% Coverage

79 WHATCHLD Educational/nature programs that are affordable for all  
Reference 15 - 0.55% Coverage

812 WHATCHLD For really young - maybe a hands on museum of some sort. Organized playgroups  
Reference 16 - 0.50% Coverage

279 WHATCHLD gymnastics programs, soccer, reading and educational activities, arts  
Reference 17 - 0.17% Coverage

511 WHATCHLD hands-on museum  
Reference 18 - 0.16% Coverage

187 WHATCHLD Hands-on play  
Reference 19 - 0.64% Coverage

247 WHATCHLD holiday activities, especially Halloween, since there isn't an opportunity to trick or  
treat  
Reference 20 - 1.01% Coverage

1440 WHATCHLD i want them to be able to ride their bikes, and play outside! I would be really cool  
to just be able to be kids. non- organized recreational activities  
Reference 21 - 0.93% Coverage

711 WHATCHLD i would like to have cheerleading/cheaper gymnastics. something for children  
under the age of 4 and there is nothing for him to get involved  
Reference 22 - 0.56% Coverage

550 WHATCHLD I would say more parks and recreation type stuff. Also, a public swimming pool.  
Reference 23 - 0.41% Coverage

1387 WHATCHLD indoor activities. Winter months, more things indoors  
Reference 24 - 0.31% Coverage

1701 WHATCHLD just more options, interactive things

Reference 25 - 0.99% Coverage

693 WHATCHLD keeping them active, exercise, learning opportunities, encouraging college, activities geared toward shy kids that don't engage in school activities.

Reference 26 - 0.53% Coverage

1596 WHATCHLD Leadership Programs; Programs to teach inclusive behaviors Park programs

Reference 27 - 1.01% Coverage

1116 WHATCHLD maybe movie nights its hard to find activities for such a big range of students ..maybe a pool for them, roller skate or the use of the sac for sports.

Reference 28 - 0.28% Coverage

1408 WHATCHLD More 4-H and sporting activities

Reference 29 - 0.77% Coverage

498 WHATCHLD More activities at parks, similar to rec in Mt. Pleasant; educational support programs, tutoring, mentor programs

Reference 30 - 0.33% Coverage

492 WHATCHLD more activities, such as sports and music

Reference 31 - 0.48% Coverage

668 WHATCHLD More activities... like roller skating, community center perhaps.

Reference 32 - 0.93% Coverage

757 WHATCHLD More adult mentoring program for the children to have good role models, tutoring and reading services at lower costs for those who need it.

Reference 33 - 0.20% Coverage

535 WHATCHLD More art activities

Reference 34 - 0.29% Coverage

835 WHATCHLD More biking activities and sports.

Reference 35 - 0.52% Coverage

727 WHATCHLD more character development, volunteer organizations, physical activities

Reference 36 - 0.68% Coverage

889 WHATCHLD More community based things were children can go and have more fun days like Easter egg hunts, etc.

Reference 37 - 0.91% Coverage

1565 WHATCHLD More daycare facilities, more literacy programs, all supported on a volunteer basis by retired faculty or professors at the University.

Reference 38 - 0.79% Coverage

542 WHATCHLD More educational activities that are in conjunction with the university. Recreational activities in the park system.

Reference 39 - 0.21% Coverage

326 WHATCHLD more music activities

Reference 40 - 0.69% Coverage

646 WHATCHLD more physical activities for kids to get involved with other children that get them out of the house

Reference 41 - 0.54% Coverage

1098 WHATCHLD More physical activities, and opportunities for kids that are not athletic.

Reference 42 - 0.49% Coverage

998 WHATCHLD MORE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE PARKS; SKATEBOARDING, ROLLERBLADING

Reference 43 - 0.63% Coverage

779 WHATCHLD More playgrounds, more soccer programs during summer, arts and crafts, volunteer programs.

Reference 44 - 0.22% Coverage

353 WHATCHLD more sports, horseshoes

Reference 45 - 0.47% Coverage

152 WHATCHLD nice skate park, nice pool, more parks that are police patrolled

Reference 46 - 1.24% Coverage

704 WHATCHLD nights out like to movies. They could build a huge bonfire and invite just children 12 years and younger and parents. A big campout in the township. Canoe or kayak trips through the township.

Reference 47 - 0.21% Coverage

981 WHATCHLD opportunities to bike

Reference 48 - 0.71% Coverage

886 WHATCHLD OTHER ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN SPORTS, ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES WHERE FAMILIES CAN GET TOGETHER AND DO THINGS.

Reference 49 - 0.55% Coverage

1368 WHATCHLD outdoor activities and more music and art activities. educational activities

Reference 50 - 0.85% Coverage

292 WHATCHLD park development, skating rink, pool for younger kids, snowboarding in winter, recreation center to keep them safe from traffic

Reference 51 - 0.21% Coverage

90 WHATCHLD Parks and rec. \$2 Pool.

Reference 52 - 0.24% Coverage

1289 WHATCHLD parks and recs programs

Reference 53 - 0.72% Coverage

947 WHATCHLD Places for them to go and play in the winter, some sort of indoor activities. Someplace to run and climb.

Reference 54 - 0.43% Coverage

1474 WHATCHLD Public Pool Afterschool activities YMCA type organization

Reference 55 - 0.24% Coverage

1090 WHATCHLD roller rink swimming pool

Reference 56 - 0.43% Coverage

134 WHATCHLD Science museum concept, athletics, after school activities

Reference 57 - 0.14% Coverage

338 WHATCHLD skate bowl

Reference 58 - 0.57% Coverage

667 WHATCHLD SKATEBOARDING PLACE, MAYBE A SAFE-AREA HANGOUT, WITH COMPUTER GAMES OR SOMETHING.

Reference 59 - 0.29% Coverage

216 WHATCHLD Skating and more winter activities.

Reference 60 - 0.34% Coverage

1619 WHATCHLD SOME KIND OF A REC CENTER: PING PONG, POOL  
Reference 61 - 0.62% Coverage

78 WHATCHLD some sport activities, other than soccer, A swimming sport. Classes in things like music.

Reference 62 - 0.54% Coverage

1699 WHATCHLD sports activities, art classes, cooking classes, community resource classes

Reference 63 - 0.32% Coverage

22 WHATCHLD Sports for the children and social clubs.

Reference 64 - 0.34% Coverage

1322 WHATCHLD Summer fests, fairs, races, go-kart track

Reference 65 - 0.13% Coverage

768 WHATCHLD swimming

Reference 66 - 1.17% Coverage

73 WHATCHLD Swimming pool -- there could be swimming lessons, etc. Places for younger kids to go and gather and do things. Skate park and water park are great now, but there should be more.

Reference 67 - 0.65% Coverage

1700 WHATCHLD swimming pool, group reading activities, after school programs to keep kids from doing drugs

Reference 68 - 0.71% Coverage

167 WHATCHLD Swimming pool, more afterschool programs, more outdoor activities, programs for skiing and snowboarding

Reference 69 - 0.26% Coverage

298 WHATCHLD swimming, ice skating, golfing

Reference 70 - 0.13% Coverage

383 WHATCHLD swimming.

Reference 71 - 0.31% Coverage

217 WHATCHLD Theatre or arts and crafts activities

Reference 72 - 0.61% Coverage

575 WHATCHLD there should be putt-putt, go carts, arcade, swimming pool, indoor soccer and softball.

Reference 73 - 0.32% Coverage

1288 WHATCHLD They can go to courts and play sports.

Reference 74 - 0.66% Coverage

39 WHATCHLD things that younger kids can do, like gymnastics. where little kids can do it younger, like tball

Reference 75 - 0.59% Coverage

1001 WHATCHLD Volleyball or badminton, a place for children to go and play, games that kids play

### **Sports – Organized Activity = 65**

Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage

61 WHATCHLD a few additional sports activities, particularly basketball

Reference 2 - 0.48% Coverage

528 WHATCHLD a swimming pool or organized sports like little league and hockey

Reference 3 - 1.01% Coverage

119 WHATCHLD additional sporting activities and activities that kids can do in the summer. in the past there were summer camps like recreational activities and such

Reference 4 - 0.24% Coverage

580 WHATCHLD Any kind of outdoor sports.

Reference 5 - 0.35% Coverage

1360 WHATCHLD Any type of physical activity, team sports.

Reference 6 - 0.39% Coverage

1411 WHATCHLD ANYTHING OUTDOORS; BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL.

Reference 7 - 0.26% Coverage

432 WHATCHLD athletics, arts, and sciences

Reference 8 - 0.45% Coverage

898 WHATCHLD Athletics, artistic, educational experiences nature workshops

Reference 9 - 0.43% Coverage

114 WHATCHLD Baseball, football, soccer, physically active activities.

Reference 10 - 0.54% Coverage

1182 WHATCHLD biking activities, sports clinics, dollar skates, at more reasonable times

Reference 11 - 0.29% Coverage

1329 WHATCHLD Cheerleading for sporting events.

Reference 12 - 0.23% Coverage

330 WHATCHLD Continuation of athletics

Reference 13 - 0.63% Coverage

531 WHATCHLD Continue softball & baseball programs, using the parks as educational tools, nature hikes.

Reference 14 - 0.24% Coverage

955 WHATCHLD Different sports activities

Reference 15 - 0.20% Coverage

249 WHATCHLD DIFFERNT KINDS TEAMS

Reference 16 - 0.19% Coverage

202 WHATCHLD dON'T KNOW, SPORTS

Reference 17 - 0.40% Coverage

145 WHATCHLD don't know; maybe a youth golf program; youth bowling

Reference 18 - 0.14% Coverage

207 WHATCHLD Gymnastics

Reference 19 - 0.50% Coverage

279 WHATCHLD gymnastics programs, soccer, reading and educational activities, arts

Reference 20 - 0.89% Coverage

702 WHATCHLD I think they do a nice job, I like any outdoor activities. Soccer or more winter activities. In door soccer, basketball and swimming.

Reference 21 - 0.70% Coverage

922 WHATCHLD I think we need to do more races like 5k through the parks and increase the participation in children.

Reference 22 - 0.93% Coverage

711 WHATCHLD i would like to have cheerleading/cheaper gymnastics. something for children under the age of 4 and there is nothing for him to get involved

Reference 23 - 0.18% Coverage

11 WHATCHLD involved in sports

Reference 24 - 0.49% Coverage

391 WHATCHLD keep scores at games?, provide children with challenges and teamwork

Reference 25 - 1.01% Coverage

1116 WHATCHLD maybe movie nights its hard to find activities for such a big range of students ..maybe a pool for them, roller skate or the use of the sac for sports.

Reference 26 - 0.28% Coverage

1408 WHATCHLD More 4-H and sporting activities

Reference 27 - 0.33% Coverage

492 WHATCHLD more activities, such as sports and music

Reference 28 - 0.32% Coverage

333 WHATCHLD more affordable sports without the fees

Reference 29 - 0.23% Coverage

913 WHATCHLD MORE BASEBALL AND HOCKEY

Reference 30 - 0.29% Coverage

835 WHATCHLD More biking activities and sports.

Reference 31 - 0.16% Coverage

1292 WHATCHLD More football

Reference 32 - 0.66% Coverage

1226 WHATCHLD more involvement with the arts, assistance with tutoring, more role models, physical activities

Reference 33 - 0.55% Coverage

203 WHATCHLD More outside activities; sporting events; good baseball program, maybe expand  
Reference 34 - 0.63% Coverage

779 WHATCHLD More playgrounds, more soccer programs during summer, arts and crafts, volunteer programs.

Reference 35 - 0.23% Coverage

756 WHATCHLD more sporting activities

Reference 36 - 0.49% Coverage

1052 WHATCHLD More sporting activities, more tennis or swimming type activities.

Reference 37 - 0.15% Coverage

232 WHATCHLD more sports

Reference 38 - 0.35% Coverage

264 WHATCHLD more sports and games and physical activities

Reference 39 - 0.21% Coverage

903 WHATCHLD More sports for girls.

Reference 40 - 0.24% Coverage

1035 WHATCHLD More sports opportunities.

Reference 41 - 0.46% Coverage

937 WHATCHLD more sports related facilities and leagues other than baseball

Reference 42 - 0.42% Coverage

1609 WHATCHLD more sports, and activities in parks, winter activities

Reference 43 - 0.22% Coverage

353 WHATCHLD more sports, horseshoes

Reference 44 - 0.15% Coverage

777 WHATCHLD MORE SPORTS.

Reference 45 - 0.46% Coverage

1473 WHATCHLD ORGANIZED SPORTS, SOMETHING SO THAT THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO.

Reference 46 - 1.10% Coverage

788 WHATCHLD Other areas should be developing the activities. We have the land for it. The sporting stuff is good for them. Suggests dance activities. It would have be self funded.

Reference 47 - 0.35% Coverage

301 WHATCHLD parks and recreational programs i.e. sports.

Reference 48 - 0.43% Coverage

134 WHATCHLD Science museum concept, athletics, after school activities

Reference 49 - 0.15% Coverage

844 WHATCHLD Soccer teams

Reference 50 - 0.62% Coverage

78 WHATCHLD some sport activities, other than soccer, A swimming sport. Classes in things like music.

Reference 51 - 0.16% Coverage

254 WHATCHLD sport leagues

Reference 52 - 0.12% Coverage

987 WHATCHLD sports

Reference 53 - 0.34% Coverage

1122 WHATCHLD sports activities, after school programs.

Reference 54 - 0.54% Coverage

1699 WHATCHLD sports activities, art classes, cooking classes, community resource classes

Reference 55 - 0.32% Coverage

22 WHATCHLD Sports for the children and social clubs.

Reference 56 - 0.18% Coverage

1557 WHATCHLD sports programs

Reference 57 - 0.39% Coverage

961 WHATCHLD SPORTS PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES TO KEEP KIDS OF STREETS

Reference 58 - 0.80% Coverage

1307 WHATCHLD sports, organized events of some type, the swimming pool seems like a good idea and the ice arena could be used more.

Reference 59 - 0.21% Coverage

977 WHATCHLD sports, volunteer work

Reference 60 - 0.56% Coverage

629 WHATCHLD Swimming pool for the kids, have football leagues for younger kids, more sports

Reference 61 - 0.31% Coverage

896 WHATCHLD swimming pool, more rec league sports

Reference 62 - 0.61% Coverage

575 WHATCHLD there should be putt-putt, go carts, arcade, swimming pool, indoor soccer and softball.

Reference 63 - 0.32% Coverage

1288 WHATCHLD They can go to courts and play sports.

Reference 64 - 0.63% Coverage

1102 WHATCHLD THINGS INVOLVING SPORTS... LIKE A POOL. ALSO, ACTIVITIES THAT DON'T COST A LOT OF MONEY.

Reference 65 - 0.23% Coverage

1199 WHATCHLD varsity in sports offered

### **Outdoor space – Outdoor activity = 39**

Reference 1 - 0.37% Coverage

1695 WHATCHLD activities using the parks, the SAC, and so on

Reference 2 - 0.24% Coverage

580 WHATCHLD Any kind of outdoor sports.

Reference 3 - 0.39% Coverage

1411 WHATCHLD ANYTHING OUTDOORS; BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL.

Reference 4 - 0.21% Coverage

139 WHATCHLD Bike paths, sidewalks

Reference 5 - 0.63% Coverage

531 WHATCHLD Continue softball & baseball programs, using the parks as educational tools, nature hikes.

Reference 6 - 0.32% Coverage

988 WHATCHLD I think they could use more playgrounds.

Reference 7 - 0.89% Coverage

702 WHATCHLD I think they do a nice job, I like any outdoor activities. Soccer or more winter activities. In door soccer, basketball and swimming.

Reference 8 - 1.01% Coverage

1440 WHATCHLD i want them to be able to ride their bikes, and play outside! I would be really cool to just be able to be kids. non- organized recreational activities

Reference 9 - 0.56% Coverage

550 WHATCHLD I would say more parks and recreation type stuff. Also, a public swimming pool.

Reference 10 - 0.77% Coverage

498 WHATCHLD More activities at parks, similar to rec in Mt. Pleasant; educational support programs, tutoring, mentor programs

Reference 11 - 0.18% Coverage

615 WHATCHLD more ball fields.

Reference 12 - 0.37% Coverage

218 WHATCHLD More outdoor activities, year-round if possible.

Reference 13 - 0.55% Coverage

203 WHATCHLD More outside activities; sporting events; good baseball program, maybe expand

Reference 14 - 0.15% Coverage

1603 WHATCHLD More parks

Reference 15 - 0.24% Coverage

1075 WHATCHLD MORE PARKS, CYCLING TRAILS

Reference 16 - 0.48% Coverage

1280 WHATCHLD more play areas, park areas and swings in other areas of the city

Reference 17 - 0.49% Coverage

998 WHATCHLD MORE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE PARKS; SKATEBOARDING, ROLLERBLADING

Reference 18 - 0.18% Coverage

510 WHATCHLD More playgrounds

Reference 19 - 0.40% Coverage

682 WHATCHLD More playgrounds and more current toys, not antiques.

Reference 20 - 0.63% Coverage

779 WHATCHLD More playgrounds, more soccer programs during summer, arts and crafts, volunteer programs.

Reference 21 - 0.42% Coverage

1609 WHATCHLD more sports, and activities in parks, winter activities

Reference 22 - 0.77% Coverage

447 WHATCHLD more swings and an after school program for kids. Interviewee doesn't like children going home to an empty house.

Reference 23 - 0.47% Coverage

152 WHATCHLD nice skate park, nice pool, more parks that are police patrolled

Reference 24 - 0.39% Coverage

582 WHATCHLD nicer playgrounds, swings, things to climb and such

Reference 25 - 0.48% Coverage

262 WHATCHLD No soccer fields, football, sports in general to keep them active.

Reference 26 - 0.55% Coverage

1368 WHATCHLD outdoor activities and more music and art activities. educational activities

Reference 27 - 0.85% Coverage

292 WHATCHLD park development, skating rink, pool for younger kids, snowboarding in winter, recreation center to keep them safe from traffic

Reference 28 - 0.46% Coverage

684 WHATCHLD PARKS, HIKING, PINICING, FAMILY AREA, BALL PARKS, SWIMMIG POOL

Reference 29 - 0.15% Coverage

270 WHATCHLD playgrounds

Reference 30 - 0.15% Coverage

1534 WHATCHLD playgrounds

Reference 31 - 0.77% Coverage

1657 WHATCHLD playgrounds, baseball and soccer fields, swimming pool(s), support for anything that allows for active children.

Reference 32 - 0.56% Coverage

967 WHATCHLD sidewalks so they can safely ride their bikes and walk. Especially on Crawford

Reference 33 - 0.63% Coverage

1485 WHATCHLD Soccer fields should be available for the children, other sports facilities would be nice.

Reference 34 - 0.99% Coverage

1629 WHATCHLD soccer program not until age 5 and others start at age three, sports for younger kids and t-ball community swimming pool swimming lessons. more parks

Reference 35 - 0.44% Coverage

1269 WHATCHLD some more fun activities for the kids that go to the parks

Reference 36 - 0.62% Coverage

1505 WHATCHLD something outdoors, more middle age programs in parks, more access to baseball diamonds

Reference 37 - 0.34% Coverage

1322 WHATCHLD Summer fests, fairs, races, go-kart track

Reference 38 - 0.71% Coverage

167 WHATCHLD Swimming pool, more afterschool programs, more outdoor activities, programs for skiing and snowboarding

Reference 39 - 0.69% Coverage

227 WHATCHLD water park was a good start. At least one or two more similar parks that would appeal to older kids.

## Swimming Pool = 36

Reference 1 - 0.17% Coverage

322 WHATCHLD a swimming pool

Reference 2 - 0.48% Coverage

528 WHATCHLD a swimming pool or organized sports like little league and hockey

Reference 3 - 0.32% Coverage

132 WHATCHLD Center for children. Civic center, pool

Reference 4 - 0.77% Coverage

590 WHATCHLD community pool. use of some vacant buildings for monthly activities: recreational things, basketball, rec center.

Reference 5 - 0.56% Coverage

550 WHATCHLD I would say more parks and recreation type stuff. Also, a public swimming pool.

Reference 6 - 0.27% Coverage

56 WHATCHLD indoor play center, swimming pool

Reference 7 - 1.01% Coverage

1116 WHATCHLD maybe movie nights its hard to find activities for such a big range of students ..maybe a pool for them, roller skate or the use of the sac for sports.

Reference 8 - 0.45% Coverage

1697 WHATCHLD more outside of baseball, community swimming pool would help

Reference 9 - 0.47% Coverage

152 WHATCHLD nice skate park, nice pool, more parks that are police patrolled

Reference 10 - 0.85% Coverage

292 WHATCHLD park development, skating rink, pool for younger kids, snowboarding in winter, recreation center to keep them safe from traffic

Reference 11 - 0.21% Coverage

90 WHATCHLD Parks and rec. \$2 Pool.

Reference 12 - 0.46% Coverage

684 WHATCHLD PARKS, HIKING, PINICING, FAMILY AREA, BALL PARKS, SWIMMIG POOL

Reference 13 - 0.48% Coverage

1623 WHATCHLD Places to go; roller skating rinks, swimming pools, recreation

Reference 14 - 0.77% Coverage

1657 WHATCHLD playgrounds, baseball and soccer fields, swimming pool(s), support for anything that allows for active children.

Reference 15 - 0.43% Coverage

1474 WHATCHLD Public Pool Afterschool activities YMCA type organization

Reference 16 - 0.21% Coverage

1580 WHATCHLD Public swimming pool

Reference 17 - 0.24% Coverage

1090 WHATCHLD roller rink swimming pool

Reference 18 - 0.99% Coverage

1629 WHATCHLD soccer program not until age 5 and others start at age three, sports for younger kids and t-ball community swimming pool swimming lessons. more parks

Reference 19 - 0.80% Coverage

1307 WHATCHLD sports, organized events of some type, the swimming pool seems like a good idea and the ice arena could be used more.

Reference 20 - 0.27% Coverage

1163 WHATCHLD Summer programs; swimming pool

Reference 21 - 0.16% Coverage

233 WHATCHLD Swimming Pool

Reference 22 - 0.16% Coverage

263 WHATCHLD Swimming Pool

Reference 23 - 0.16% Coverage

1042 WHATCHLD Swimming pool

Reference 24 - 1.17% Coverage

73 WHATCHLD Swimming pool -- there could be swimming lessons, etc. Places for younger kids to go and gather and do things. Skate park and water park are great now, but there should be more.

Reference 25 - 0.56% Coverage

629 WHATCHLD Swimming pool for the kids, have football leagues for younger kids, more sports

Reference 26 - 0.74% Coverage

468 WHATCHLD SWIMMING POOL IS A GOOD IDEA. SHE USED TO HAVE ONE AS A CHILD AND IT WAS A GOOD THING FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Reference 27 - 0.16% Coverage

260 WHATCHLD swimming pool,

Reference 28 - 0.31% Coverage

16 WHATCHLD Swimming pool, after school activities

Reference 29 - 0.65% Coverage

1700 WHATCHLD swimming pool, group reading activities, after school programs to keep kids from doing drugs

Reference 30 - 0.71% Coverage

167 WHATCHLD Swimming pool, more afterschool programs, more outdoor activities, programs for skiing and snowboarding

Reference 31 - 0.31% Coverage

896 WHATCHLD swimming pool, more rec league sports

Reference 32 - 0.29% Coverage

400 WHATCHLD swimming pool, more summer programs

Reference 33 - 0.35% Coverage

1232 WHATCHLD Swimming pool. Ice rink and such for cheap.

Reference 34 - 0.47% Coverage

85 WHATCHLD Swimming pool; low cost programs; e.g. cannot afford skating rink

Reference 35 - 0.61% Coverage

575 WHATCHLD there should be putt-putt, go carts, arcade, swimming pool, indoor soccer and softball.

Reference 36 - 0.63% Coverage

1102 WHATCHLD THINGS INVOLVING SPORTS... LIKE A POOL. ALSO, ACTIVITIES THAT DON'T COST A LOT OF MONEY.

## **Community Center – Place to go = 28**

Reference 1 - 0.37% Coverage

446 WHATCHLD A place for them to go other than on the streets  
Reference 2 - 0.48% Coverage

1479 WHATCHLD A place they can go and have organized functions and activities.

Reference 3 - 0.37% Coverage

1695 WHATCHLD activities using the parks, the SAC, and so on

Reference 4 - 0.65% Coverage

1453 WHATCHLD activity center like the midland center, the one downtown is too away, after school programs

Reference 5 - 0.18% Coverage

1063 WHATCHLD Activity centers

Reference 6 - 0.32% Coverage

132 WHATCHLD Center for children. Civic center, pool

Reference 7 - 0.18% Coverage

496 WHATCHLD Community Center

Reference 8 - 0.29% Coverage

435 WHATCHLD Community Center for 8-12 year olds

Reference 9 - 0.54% Coverage

1712 WHATCHLD community center, arts and crafts, and physical activity, or a petting zoo

Reference 10 - 0.27% Coverage

796 WHATCHLD Community center, not expensive

Reference 11 - 0.40% Coverage

215 WHATCHLD Community Center; similar to SAC but family friendly

Reference 12 - 0.77% Coverage

590 WHATCHLD community pool. use of some vacant buildings for monthly activities: recreational things, basketball, rec center.

Reference 13 - 0.20% Coverage

51 WHATCHLD community rec center

Reference 14 - 0.45% Coverage

362 WHATCHLD i would like to see something like a YMCA, like a rec center

Reference 15 - 0.35% Coverage

513 WHATCHLD indoor activities such as boys or girls clubs

Reference 16 - 0.27% Coverage

56 WHATCHLD indoor play center, swimming pool

Reference 17 - 0.48% Coverage

668 WHATCHLD More activities... like roller skating, community center perhaps.

Reference 18 - 0.85% Coverage

292 WHATCHLD park development, skating rink, pool for younger kids, snowboarding in winter, recreation center to keep them safe from traffic

Reference 19 - 0.26% Coverage

1743 WHATCHLD Parks or recreational center.

Reference 20 - 0.72% Coverage

947 WHATCHLD Places for them to go and play in the winter, some sort of indoor activities. Someplace to run and climb.

Reference 21 - 0.48% Coverage

1623 WHATCHLD Places to go; roller skating rinks, swimming pools, recreation

Reference 22 - 0.23% Coverage

1663 WHATCHLD preteen community center

Reference 23 - 0.57% Coverage

667 WHATCHLD SKATEBOARDING PLACE, MAYBE A SAFE-AREA HANGOUT, WITH COMPUTER GAMES OR SOMETHING.

Reference 24 - 0.34% Coverage

1619 WHATCHLD SOME KIND OF A REC CENTER: PING PONG, POOL

Reference 25 - 0.32% Coverage

846 WHATCHLD someplace to go and have fun and be safe

Reference 26 - 0.10% Coverage

810 WHATCHLD YMCA

Reference 27 - 0.25% Coverage

1192 WHATCHLD YMCA, after school programs

Reference 28 - 0.16% Coverage

1659 WHATCHLD youth center,

### **After school programs = 17**

Reference 1 - 0.65% Coverage

1453 WHATCHLD activity center like the midland center, the one downtown is too away, after school programs

Reference 2 - 0.29% Coverage

475 WHATCHLD affordable things like what peak is

Reference 3 - 0.48% Coverage

19 WHATCHLD after school activities. something of interest for that age group.

Reference 4 - 0.21% Coverage

1011 WHATCHLD after school programs

Reference 5 - 0.76% Coverage

553 WHATCHLD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS --peak PROGRAM COMBO OF EDUCATION, CREATIVITY (ART MUSIC ACTING ECT) AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Reference 6 - 1.49% Coverage

567 WHATCHLD After school programs, programs on days where schools are closed due to professional development, things that the children can do and be occupied and constructive and not left home alone, too many children taking care of themselves

Reference 7 - 0.74% Coverage

728 WHATCHLD along the lines of organized things like PEAK, group activities that are supervised. big Brother, Big sister.

Reference 8 - 0.56% Coverage

764 WHATCHLD More afterschool activities that still supports learning in areas like reading.

Reference 9 - 0.77% Coverage

447 WHATCHLD more swings and an after school program for kids. Interviewee doesn't like children going home to an empty house.

Reference 10 - 0.43% Coverage

1474 WHATCHLD Public Pool Afterschool activities YMCA type organization

Reference 11 - 0.43% Coverage

134 WHATCHLD Science museum concept, athletics, after school activities

Reference 12 - 0.34% Coverage

1122 WHATCHLD sports activities, after school programs.

Reference 13 - 0.29% Coverage

1347 WHATCHLD supervised after school activities

Reference 14 - 0.31% Coverage

16 WHATCHLD Swimming pool, after school activities

Reference 15 - 0.65% Coverage

1700 WHATCHLD swimming pool, group reading activities, after school programs to keep kids from doing drugs

Reference 16 - 0.71% Coverage

167 WHATCHLD Swimming pool, more afterschool programs, more outdoor activities, programs for skiing and snowboarding

Reference 17 - 0.25% Coverage

1192 WHATCHLD YMCA, after school programs

**Other – Miscellaneous = 30**

Reference 1 - 0.19% Coverage

1031 WHATCHLD affordable sports

Reference 2 - 1.49% Coverage

567 WHATCHLD After school programs, programs on days where schools are closed due to professional development, things that the children can do and be occupied and constructive and not left home alone, too many children taking care of themselves

Reference 3 - 0.23% Coverage

925 WHATCHLD big brothers/big sisters.

Reference 4 - 0.20% Coverage

713 WHATCHLD cheaper activities.

Reference 5 - 0.27% Coverage

796 WHATCHLD Community center, not expensive

Reference 6 - 0.57% Coverage

1259 WHATCHLD contribute towards existing mt. pleasant programs, new stuff shouldn't be formed

Reference 7 - 0.20% Coverage

464 WHATCHLD don't charge so much

Reference 8 - 0.37% Coverage

1487 WHATCHLD don't know. something cheap for the kids to do

Reference 9 - 0.29% Coverage

1416 WHATCHLD kids interacting with other kids.

Reference 10 - 0.29% Coverage

556 WHATCHLD likes what they do at parks and rec

Reference 11 - 0.91% Coverage

1565 WHATCHLD More daycare facilities, more literacy programs, all supported on a volunteer basis by retired faculty or professors at the University.

Reference 12 - 0.81% Coverage

926 WHATCHLD more group activities with attention to low income families so that we don't have to pay so much for her to be involved.

Reference 13 - 0.45% Coverage

1697 WHATCHLD more outside of baseball, community swimming pool would help

Reference 14 - 0.24% Coverage

1148 WHATCHLD more than what they have.

Reference 15 - 0.13% Coverage

1243 WHATCHLD not sure

Reference 16 - 1.10% Coverage

788 WHATCHLD Other areas should be developing the activities. We have the land for it. The sporting stuff is good for them. Suggests dance activities. It would have be self funded.

Reference 17 - 0.25% Coverage

1436 WHATCHLD Parent-supported activities

Reference 18 - 0.53% Coverage

1078 WHATCHLD programs in general for kids 5-9, ones that haven't reached middle school

Reference 19 - 0.99% Coverage

1629 WHATCHLD soccer program not until age 5 and others start at age three, sports for younger kids and t-ball community swimming pool swimming lessons. more parks

Reference 20 - 0.62% Coverage

1505 WHATCHLD something outdoors, more middle age programs in parks, more access to baseball diamonds

Reference 21 - 0.80% Coverage

1307 WHATCHLD sports, organized events of some type, the swimming pool seems like a good idea and the ice arena could be used more.

Reference 22 - 0.21% Coverage

977 WHATCHLD sports, volunteer work

Reference 23 - 0.18% Coverage

579 WHATCHLD summer activities

Reference 24 - 0.18% Coverage

626 WHATCHLD summer activities

Reference 25 - 0.15% Coverage

81 WHATCHLD summer camps

Reference 26 - 0.35% Coverage

122 WHATCHLD Summer Playground Programs as in Mt. Pleasant  
Reference 27 - 0.27% Coverage

1163 WHATCHLD Summer programs; swimming pool

Reference 28 - 0.29% Coverage

400 WHATCHLD swimming pool, more summer programs

Reference 29 - 0.35% Coverage

1232 WHATCHLD Swimming pool. Ice rink and such for cheap.

Reference 30 - 0.47% Coverage

85 WHATCHLD Swimming pool; low cost programs; e.g. cannot afford skating rink

## **Student**

### **What kinds of activities for children would you like to see?**

#### **Activity NOT sports = 33**

Reference 1 - 1.06% Coverage

136 WHATCHLD after school program more recreational sports non school

Reference 2 - 1.08% Coverage

334 WHATCHLD After school program; sports; something to keep them busy

Reference 3 - 0.62% Coverage

537 WHATCHLD Anything athletic, exercise

Reference 4 - 0.39% Coverage

178 WHATCHLD art programs

Reference 5 - 1.17% Coverage

565 WHATCHLD athletic activities, community activities, museums for children

Reference 6 - 1.37% Coverage

149 WHATCHLD educational activities to prepare them for high school and college mentoring

Reference 7 - 0.28% Coverage

125 WHATCHLD Fairs

Reference 8 - 0.55% Coverage

88 WHATCHLD fairs; don't really know

Reference 9 - 0.62% Coverage

187 WHATCHLD interactive places or parks

Reference 10 - 0.34% Coverage

139 WHATCHLD kick ball

Reference 11 - 0.60% Coverage

250 WHATCHLD lot's of school activities

Reference 12 - 0.43% Coverage

390 WHATCHLD More Activities

Reference 13 - 1.06% Coverage

822 WHATCHLD more activities for kids on international children's day

Reference 14 - 1.06% Coverage

200 WHATCHLD More after-school programs & fitness related activities.

Reference 15 - 1.66% Coverage

36 WHATCHLD More community activities, and bonding. more involvement with the schools initiating activities.

Reference 16 - 1.76% Coverage

362 WHATCHLD more educational activities. children's museum affordable yet fun and incorporating physical activity

Reference 17 - 1.12% Coverage

488 WHATCHLD more fairs and public opportunities for kids to get together

Reference 18 - 0.75% Coverage

698 WHATCHLD More hands on learning opportunities

Reference 19 - 0.94% Coverage

107 WHATCHLD More recreational activities in the rural areas.

Reference 20 - 0.54% Coverage

414 WHATCHLD More safety activities

Reference 21 - 0.66% Coverage

747 WHATCHLD More safety awareness programs

Reference 22 - 0.51% Coverage

966 WHATCHLD More sports, walking

Reference 23 - 1.56% Coverage

240 WHATCHLD more youth sports, extracurricular out door activities, positive education opportunities

Reference 24 - 1.25% Coverage

391 WHATCHLD nothing specific but things around the holiday that special for them

Reference 25 - 1.29% Coverage

583 WHATCHLD ORGANIZED SPORTS PROGRAMS, ART AND DANCE CLASSES, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Reference 26 - 1.05% Coverage

164 WHATCHLD park activities, community involvement, hands on museum

Reference 27 - 0.97% Coverage

145 WHATCHLD Promotion and awareness for 4H clubs for children.

Reference 28 - 1.03% Coverage

126 WHATCHLD Rec leagues, more parks, organized activities for play

Reference 29 - 0.72% Coverage

341 WHATCHLD roller skating rink would be nice.

Reference 30 - 0.37% Coverage

366 WHATCHLD socializing

Reference 31 - 3.59% Coverage

561 WHATCHLD Something to keep them after school hours, keeps them from walking up and down streets. I see a lot of kids walking around town unsupervised, it's dangerous with so many college kids and drinking. Maybe more skate parks.

Reference 32 - 0.59% Coverage

912 WHATCHLD Video games or paint ball

Reference 33 - 0.62% Coverage

676 WHATCHLD youth camps, community pool

### **Sports – Organized activity = 22**

Reference 1 - 1.06% Coverage

679 WHATCHLD ACTIVITIES LIKE SPORTS PROGRAMS THAT ARE EASY TO GET TO.

Reference 2 - 1.08% Coverage

334 WHATCHLD After school program; sports; something to keep them busy

Reference 3 - 0.62% Coverage

537 WHATCHLD Anything athletic, exercise

Reference 4 - 1.17% Coverage

565 WHATCHLD athletic activities, community activities, museums for children

Reference 5 - 2.02% Coverage

262 WHATCHLD I don't know what is available but more sports and more cooperation with high schools and the university is important.

Reference 6 - 1.17% Coverage

5 WHATCHLD More generalized sports (lacrosse, dance, rugby, gymnastics, etc)

Reference 7 - 1.00% Coverage

173 WHATCHLD More seasons for recreational sports at Morey Courts

Reference 8 - 0.68% Coverage

18 WHATCHLD more sport activities more parks

Reference 9 - 0.51% Coverage

733 WHATCHLD More sporting events

Reference 10 - 0.86% Coverage

451 WHATCHLD more sporting programs keep busy and active  
Reference 11 - 0.37% Coverage

894 WHATCHLD more sports

Reference 12 - 0.59% Coverage

403 WHATCHLD more sports related stuff

Reference 13 - 0.68% Coverage

827 WHATCHLD More sports, long-term programs

Reference 14 - 0.51% Coverage

966 WHATCHLD More sports, walking

Reference 15 - 1.31% Coverage

31 WHATCHLD More township organized athletic activities beside baseball and softball.

Reference 16 - 1.56% Coverage

240 WHATCHLD more youth sports, extracurricular out door activities, positive education opportunities

Reference 17 - 1.29% Coverage

583 WHATCHLD ORGANIZED SPORTS PROGRAMS, ART AND DANCE CLASSES, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Reference 18 - 1.79% Coverage

543 WHATCHLD PEAK MORE FUNDING PROMOTION FOR SPORTS FOR YOUTH THE ICE ARENEA FOR CHILDREN MORE SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Reference 19 - 1.03% Coverage

126 WHATCHLD Rec leagues, more parks, organized activities for play

Reference 20 - 1.93% Coverage

753 WHATCHLD Some more sporting activities, because I think they are kind of limited around here and maybe a basketball team.

Reference 21 - 0.31% Coverage

523 WHATCHLD Sports.

Reference 22 - 0.39% Coverage

878 WHATCHLD Youth Sports

### **After school programs = 16**

Reference 1 - 0.39% Coverage

526 WHATCHLD after school

Reference 2 - 0.55% Coverage

217 WHATCHLD after school activities

Reference 3 - 1.06% Coverage

136 WHATCHLD after school program more recreational sports non school

Reference 4 - 1.08% Coverage

334 WHATCHLD After school program; sports; something to keep them busy

Reference 5 - 0.52% Coverage

536 WHATCHLD after school programs

Reference 6 - 1.08% Coverage

181 WHATCHLD Expansion of the PEAK program. Make PEAK more affordable.

Reference 7 - 3.16% Coverage

65 WHATCHLD Latchkey programs, boys and girls club YMCA, corporation with local schools for after school children, Outreach programs where families can have activities at local parks supported by township.

Reference 8 - 1.02% Coverage

287 WHATCHLD more after school activities that monitored by adults

Reference 9 - 1.34% Coverage

554 WHATCHLD more after school activities, more like big brother big sister type things

Reference 10 - 1.17% Coverage

735 WHATCHLD More after school activities: reading or science programs, etc.

Reference 11 - 0.59% Coverage

389 WHATCHLD more after school program

Reference 12 - 0.59% Coverage

25 WHATCHLD More after school programs

Reference 13 - 1.06% Coverage

200 WHATCHLD More after-school programs & fitness related activities.

Reference 14 - 1.29% Coverage

583 WHATCHLD ORGANIZED SPORTS PROGRAMS, ART AND DANCE CLASSES, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Reference 15 - 1.79% Coverage

543 WHATCHLD PEAK MORE FUNDING PROMOTION FOR SPORTS FOR YOUTH THE ICE ARENEA FOR CHILDREN MORE SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Reference 16 - 3.59% Coverage

561 WHATCHLD Something to keep them after school hours, keeps them from walking up and down streets. I see a lot of kids walking around town unsupervised, it's dangerous with so many college kids and drinking. Maybe more skate parks.

## **Outdoor space – Outdoor activity = 14**

Reference 1 - 0.62% Coverage

187 WHATCHLD interactive places or parks

Reference 2 - 3.16% Coverage

65 WHATCHLD Latchkey programs, boys and girls club YMCA, corporation with local schools for after school children, Outreach programs where families can have activities at local parks supported by township.

Reference 3 - 0.55% Coverage

411 WHATCHLD More outdoor activities

Reference 4 - 0.57% Coverage

1033 WHATCHLD More outdoor activities

Reference 5 - 0.32% Coverage

1      WHATCHLD   more parks

Reference 6 - 0.34% Coverage

24     WHATCHLD   More parks

Reference 7 - 0.35% Coverage

354   WHATCHLD   more parks

Reference 8 - 0.55% Coverage

50     WHATCHLD   More parks and sidewalks

Reference 9 - 0.68% Coverage

18     WHATCHLD   more sport activities more parks

Reference 10 - 1.56% Coverage

240   WHATCHLD   more youth sports, extracurricular out door activities, positive education opportunities

Reference 11 - 1.05% Coverage

164   WHATCHLD   park activities, community involvement, hands on museum

Reference 12 - 1.03% Coverage

126   WHATCHLD   Rec leagues, more parks, organized activities for play

Reference 13 - 0.48% Coverage

260   WHATCHLD   something outdoors

Reference 14 - 2.02% Coverage

177   WHATCHLD   VARIOUS FUNCTIONS, LIKE GATHERINGS TO EVEN GO TO PARKS TO GET KIDS OUTSIDE WITH OTHER GROUPS SOCIALIZING AND LEARNING.

### **Community Center – Place to go = 10**

Reference 1 - 1.56% Coverage

349 WHATCHLD A little community place to hang out, and possibly have a counselor for them to talk to.

Reference 2 - 0.71% Coverage

74 WHATCHLD Boys and Girls Club. At Risk Youth

Reference 3 - 0.45% Coverage

801 WHATCHLD community center

Reference 4 - 0.45% Coverage

854 WHATCHLD Community center

Reference 5 - 0.59% Coverage

540 WHATCHLD community or youth center

Reference 6 - 3.16% Coverage

65 WHATCHLD Latchkey programs, boys and girls club YMCA, corporation with local schools for after school children, Outreach programs where families can have activities at local parks supported by township.

Reference 7 - 1.12% Coverage

310 WHATCHLD maybe a teen center or somewhere for them to go after school

Reference 8 - 0.69% Coverage

563 WHATCHLD some kind of youth or rec center

Reference 9 - 0.43% Coverage

115 WHATCHLD sport complexes

Reference 10 - 0.28% Coverage

749 WHATCHLD YMCA.

## **Swimming Pool = 2**

Reference 1 - 0.26% Coverage

132 WHATCHLD pool

Reference 2 - 0.62% Coverage

676 WHATCHLD youth camps, community pool

**Other – Miscellaneous = 12**

Reference 1 - 0.75% Coverage

128 WHATCHLD anything to keep them out of trouble

Reference 2 - 0.71% Coverage

74 WHATCHLD Boys and Girls Club. At Risk Youth

Reference 3 - 0.59% Coverage

399 WHATCHLD don't know, summer camps?

Reference 4 - 2.02% Coverage

262 WHATCHLD I don't know what is available but more sports and more cooperation with high schools and the university is important.

Reference 5 - 3.16% Coverage

65 WHATCHLD Latchkey programs, boys and girls club YMCA, corporation with local schools for after school children, Outreach programs where families can have activities at local parks supported by township.

Reference 6 - 1.66% Coverage

36 WHATCHLD More community activities, and bonding. more involvement with the schools initiating activities.

Reference 7 - 1.34% Coverage

84 WHATCHLD More community based work e.g. with delinquents or underprivileged children

Reference 8 - 0.69% Coverage

352 WHATCHLD more involvement with university

Reference 9 - 0.68% Coverage

827 WHATCHLD More sports, long-term programs

Reference 10 - 1.16% Coverage

524 WHATCHLD not really sure about the townships. Like the cities programs.

Reference 11 - 1.59% Coverage

872 WHATCHLD Stuff that keeps kids out of trouble, get them involved with the community at an early age

Reference 12 - 1.46% Coverage

276 WHATCHLD They should make the deadlines very well known for baseball. Other sports as well.

**Don't Know – No Comment = 60**

**What kinds of activities for teenagers would you like to see?  
Non-Student**

**Activity NOT sport = 88**

Reference 1 - 0.24% Coverage

1408 WHATTEEN 4-H, sporting activities

Reference 2 - 0.57% Coverage

85 WHATTEEN a place to just hang out ; play basketball without having to pay; pool tables

Reference 3 - 0.55% Coverage

684 WHATTEEN A TEEN CENTER, CHAPORONED DANCES, TALENT SHOWS, MUSIC LESSONS, ART LESSONS,

Reference 4 - 0.65% Coverage

1354 WHATTEEN After school activities, boys/girls clubs, field trips, something to peak their interests.

Reference 5 - 0.26% Coverage

355 WHATTEEN Any type of physical activity

Reference 6 - 0.63% Coverage

764 WHATTEEN Anything that would have to do with adults being presents at dances or other activities.

Reference 7 - 0.18% Coverage

11 WHATTEEN arcade or similar

Reference 8 - 1.55% Coverage

1565 WHATTEEN Basically more team sports, activities at the library and activities to encourage literacy and reading, I think it would be a good idea to use professors at the CMU or retired people in general to participate in some youth programs.

Reference 9 - 0.43% Coverage

310 WHATTEEN Better skating rink, more athletics, low cost activities

Reference 10 - 0.41% Coverage

998 WHATTEEN BUILDING FOR ACTIVITIES, ACTIVITY CENTER; PLAY GAMES

Reference 11 - 0.80% Coverage

1289 WHATTEEN chaperoned dances/events, skating programs/skate nights, sponsored nights at morley courts. get kids off streets

Reference 12 - 0.45% Coverage

435 WHATTEEN Community Center with supervision: dances, parties, sports

Reference 13 - 1.07% Coverage

879 WHATTEEN Community center would be good, but that's more than sports oriented. needs to games, pool, ping-pong. Center needs to include more than athletic activities.

Reference 14 - 0.42% Coverage

496 WHATTEEN Community Center: dances, pool, athletics, video games

Reference 15 - 0.52% Coverage

150 WHATTEEN Community dances, sports related activities, 4-H sponsored activities.

Reference 16 - 0.35% Coverage

977 WHATTEEN community service, educational competition

Reference 17 - 0.36% Coverage

903 WHATTEEN Crafts, more things for girls, dance classes.

Reference 18 - 0.46% Coverage

1712 WHATTEEN creative outlet, more into arts, and more physical activity,

Reference 19 - 0.40% Coverage

119 WHATTEEN dance parties, community gathering social and such

Reference 20 - 0.26% Coverage

593 WHATTEEN Dances and community center.

Reference 21 - 0.23% Coverage

446 WHATTEEN Dances and other things

Reference 22 - 0.91% Coverage

889 WHATTEEN Dances for them to do to, areas for them to go hang out where they can play basketball where they are not going ot get into trouble.

Reference 23 - 1.75% Coverage

292 WHATTEEN dances, bowling leagues, NOT ARCADES, physical activities and social activities that keep them from playing video games all day, volunteer groups for mowing lawns and helping the elderly, give an award from the town for citizenship

878 WHATTEEN dances, canoe trips,

Reference 24 - 0.36% Coverage

788 WHATTEEN Dances, social events in a safe environment.

Reference 25 - 0.12% Coverage

47 WHATTEEN Dances.

Reference 26 - 0.37% Coverage

1 WHATTEEN dances. like in the old days. every Friday night

Reference 27 - 0.17% Coverage

317 WHATTEEN dancing places

Reference 28 - 0.21% Coverage

1623 WHATTEEN Dancing, supervised

Reference 29 - 0.30% Coverage

39 WHATTEEN do like a dance, social activities.

Reference 30 - 1.07% Coverage

1184 WHATTEEN don't know if there is a work training program. something to keep them busy. something to know more about our government and getting ready for the workforce.

Reference 31 - 0.48% Coverage

122 WHATTEEN Don't Know; Maybe a teen club - play games; youth center; dances

Reference 32 - 0.31% Coverage

841 WHATTEEN Educational, constructive activities

Reference 33 - 0.18% Coverage

1571 WHATTEEN fun with music

Reference 34 - 0.74% Coverage

1226 WHATTEEN getting involved in assisting other people - activities for developing self with, and mentoring programs

Reference 35 - 0.23% Coverage

145 WHATTEEN golf & bowling programs

Reference 36 - 0.25% Coverage

218 WHATTEEN Group outings- dances, etc.

Reference 37 - 1.11% Coverage

757 WHATTEEN Group recreation with supervision where the teenagers can get together to do more organized games and have guest speakers to be a positive influence for teenagers.

Reference 38 - 0.20% Coverage

187 WHATTEEN Hands-on activities

Reference 39 - 1.87% Coverage

1700 WHATTEEN homework, schoolwork, after school projects and help for those things, educational opportunities, opportunities to work with computers or read, swimming programs, sports programs, anything to keep them from getting bored and doing drugs and drinking alcohol - maybe mentoring programs

Reference 40 - 0.23% Coverage

56 WHATTEEN Indoor things for winter

Reference 41 - 1.09% Coverage

839 WHATTEEN interaction sports. they have no place to go, and there are good kids that hang out downtown. roller rinks are good idea. bus to college to use their facilities

Reference 42 - 0.40% Coverage

1416 WHATTEEN interaction. roller skate park. events, ski, etc.

Reference 43 - 0.25% Coverage

1539 WHATTEEN intramural sports, dances

Reference 44 - 0.16% Coverage

542 WHATTEEN Maybe Dances?

Reference 45 - 0.38% Coverage

835 WHATTEEN Maybe roller skating or ice skating activities.

Reference 46 - 0.45% Coverage

81 WHATTEEN mentor type things for school. orient them to go to college

Reference 47 - 0.29% Coverage

492 WHATTEEN more activities, sports and music

Reference 48 - 0.90% Coverage

252 WHATTEEN More dances, and things of that nature. Can get together and do things, do something that's a bit more recreational.. video games.

Reference 49 - 0.25% Coverage

326 WHATTEEN more general fitness stuff

Reference 50 - 0.45% Coverage

185 WHATTEEN More things at the ice arena. More classes and activities.

Reference 51 - 0.44% Coverage

690 WHATTEEN no ideas maybe a club with a pool table and maybe a dance

Reference 52 - 0.55% Coverage

498 WHATTEEN Organized activities -- like parties. A mentor program for at-risk youth.

Reference 53 - 0.38% Coverage

1322 WHATTEEN party at Jameson, ping pong, air hockey, pizza

Reference 54 - 0.60% Coverage

1619 WHATTEEN PLACE WHERE THEY COULD HOLD DANCES, OR REC CENTER, MINIATURE GOLF COURSE, GO-KARTS

Reference 55 - 0.34% Coverage

1473 WHATTEEN POOL, SKATEBOARD PARK. ORGANIZED SPORTS.

Reference 56 - 0.33% Coverage

1182 WHATTEEN rated G/PG movie nights, social nights,

Reference 57 - 0.22% Coverage

898 WHATTEEN Recreational, concerts

Reference 58 - 0.44% Coverage

1368 WHATTEEN Recreational, music or drama and arts, social activities

Reference 59 - 0.39% Coverage

510 WHATTEEN roller skating rinks, things that don't cost much  
Reference 60 - 0.24% Coverage

90 WHATTEEN Roller Skating, skate park

Reference 61 - 0.40% Coverage

1695 WHATTEEN roller skating, a community facility or rec center

Reference 62 - 0.35% Coverage

152 WHATTEEN same as previous answer, maybe some dances

Reference 63 - 0.76% Coverage

553 WHATTEEN SAME OF FOR YOUNGER KIDS AFTE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, POSITIVE ACTIVITIES,  
SUPERVISION ART, CREATIVITY, SPORTS, ECT...

Reference 64 - 0.15% Coverage

925 WHATTEEN skate parks

Reference 65 - 0.41% Coverage

247 WHATTEEN sledding activities, safe party environments, dances

Reference 66 - 0.77% Coverage

1447 WHATTEEN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, DANCING, SPORTING EVENTS; INTERACTION WITH SENIORS  
(VISITING NURSING CARE FACILITIES, ETC)

Reference 67 - 0.22% Coverage

22 WHATTEEN Social clubs and sports

Reference 68 - 0.22% Coverage

1534 WHATTEEN something educational  
Reference 69 - 0.18% Coverage

987 WHATTEEN sports, skating  
Reference 70 - 0.48% Coverage

777 WHATTEEN SPORTS; MORE NATURE STUFF, HIKING, RIVER RAFTING, ACTIVE STUFF.  
Reference 71 - 0.64% Coverage

167 WHATTEEN Swimming pool, more outdoor physical activities, gymnastics center, more science programs  
Reference 72 - 0.24% Coverage

298 WHATTEEN swimming, skating, dances  
Reference 73 - 0.19% Coverage

1232 WHATTEEN Swimming, sports.  
Reference 74 - 0.28% Coverage

21 WHATTEEN Teach them dance craft, boarding  
Reference 75 - 0.58% Coverage

217 WHATTEEN Teen center with teen dances and other activities such as tutoring opportunities  
Reference 76 - 0.58% Coverage

668 WHATTEEN Teen dance, place for teens to go and play basketball/racquetball. Supervised.  
Reference 77 - 0.48% Coverage

475 WHATTEEN teen dances. need place to get together safety. like island park  
Reference 78 - 0.12% Coverage

207 WHATTEEN Tennis  
Reference 79 - 0.95% Coverage

78 WHATTEEN The same as children but maybe dances. Get them involved in gathering food for community. Food drive and learn importance of volunteering  
Reference 80 - 0.41% Coverage

264 WHATTEEN the same as for children, maybe videogame tournaments  
Reference 81 - 0.43% Coverage

157 WHATTEEN Things that would participate in. Dancing, etc... Cheap.

Reference 82 - 0.83% Coverage

1411 WHATTEEN USED TO HAVE SOUND LOUNGE, THAT WAS REALLY COOL. IT WAS OVER BY KMART. REC CENTER, NO VIDEO GAMES, MORE SOCIALIZATION.

Reference 83 - 0.62% Coverage

908 WHATTEEN various types both physical or creative. Not too costly to help low income households

Reference 84 - 0.48% Coverage

779 WHATTEEN Volunteering programs, exercise groups, bowling leagues, crafts.

Reference 85 - 0.62% Coverage

227 WHATTEEN Water parks designated for older teenagers. Community center, more affordable options.

Reference 86 - 0.16% Coverage

1697 WHATTEEN youth dances

Reference 87 - 0.18% Coverage

66 WHATTEEN youth dances, etc

Reference 88 - 1.09% Coverage

926 WHATTEEN youth programs where they could earn a little money, such as helping with habitat for humanity home. if they help out, get a free session of skating at ice arena

### **Community Center – Place to go = 55**

Reference 1 - 0.57% Coverage

85 WHATTEEN a place to just hang out ; play basketball without having to pay; pool tables

Reference 2 - 0.55% Coverage

684 WHATTEEN A TEEN CENTER, CHAPORONED DANCES, TALENT SHOWS, MUSIC LESSONS, ART LESSONS,

Reference 3 - 0.36% Coverage

1280 WHATTEEN a youth activity center with games and music

Reference 4 - 0.48% Coverage

922 WHATTEEN a youth club or maybe a boys and girls club afterschool program.

Reference 5 - 0.26% Coverage

1659 WHATTEEN activities center - indoors

Reference 6 - 0.50% Coverage

1102 WHATTEEN ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT COST A LOT, BUT A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GO.

Reference 7 - 0.31% Coverage

333 WHATTEEN affordability of sports, youth center

Reference 8 - 0.65% Coverage

1354 WHATTEEN After school activities, boys/girls clubs, field trips, something to peak their interests.

Reference 9 - 0.92% Coverage

362 WHATTEEN Also the YMCA. a place where they can go and hang out, with clubs and programs for teenager, like video games and shooting pool. YWCA

Reference 10 - 0.40% Coverage

1042 WHATTEEN an available gym to kids on Saturdays and Sundays

Reference 11 - 0.48% Coverage

575 WHATTEEN arcade, swimming pools, indoor sports (basketball, soccer), YMCA

Reference 12 - 0.43% Coverage

1353 WHATTEEN area where they could play board games and video games

Reference 13 - 0.41% Coverage

998 WHATTEEN BUILDING FOR ACTIVITIES, ACTIVITY CENTER; PLAY GAMES

Reference 14 - 0.27% Coverage

79 WHATTEEN Club house, affordable for all.

Reference 15 - 0.27% Coverage

16 WHATTEEN Community building for hang out

Reference 16 - 0.36% Coverage

1663 WHATTEEN community center - something for them to do

Reference 17 - 0.27% Coverage

9 WHATTEEN community center that affordable

Reference 18 - 0.45% Coverage

435 WHATTEEN Community Center with supervision: dances, parties, sports

Reference 19 - 1.07% Coverage

879 WHATTEEN Community center would be good, but that's more than sports oriented. needs to games, pool, ping-pong. Center needs to include more than athletic activities.

Reference 20 - 0.41% Coverage

796 WHATTEEN Community center, place to congregate... inexpensive.

Reference 21 - 0.42% Coverage

496 WHATTEEN Community Center: dances, pool, athletics, video games

Reference 22 - 0.20% Coverage

51 WHATTEEN community rec center

Reference 23 - 0.21% Coverage

176 WHATTEEN Community rec center.

Reference 24 - 0.26% Coverage

593 WHATTEEN Dances and community center.

Reference 25 - 0.91% Coverage

889 WHATTEEN Dances for them to do to, areas for them to go hang out where they can play basketball where they are not going ot get into trouble.

Reference 26 - 0.48% Coverage

122 WHATTEEN Don't Know; Maybe a teen club - play games; youth center; dances

Reference 27 - 0.45% Coverage

582 WHATTEEN had a place where we could go and dance that is chaperoned

Reference 28 - 0.27% Coverage

768 WHATTEEN i dont know maybe a dance club

Reference 29 - 1.09% Coverage

839 WHATTEEN interaction sports. they have no place to go, and there are good kids that hang out downtown. roller rinks are good idea.bus to college to use their facilities

Reference 30 - 0.28% Coverage

1609 WHATTEEN more clubs and gathering places

Reference 31 - 0.65% Coverage

374 WHATTEEN more places for them to go, like how mount pleasant has a skating park, like a teen center

Reference 32 - 0.44% Coverage

690 WHATTEEN no ideas maybe a club with a pool table and maybe a dance

Reference 33 - 0.21% Coverage

1148 WHATTEEN open a youth center

Reference 34 - 0.38% Coverage

1399 WHATTEEN place to hang out with activities. teen center

Reference 35 - 0.30% Coverage

809 WHATTEEN Place to hang out with supervision.

Reference 36 - 0.46% Coverage

447 WHATTEEN Place where they can go to play basketball, video games, etc.

Reference 37 - 0.60% Coverage

1619 WHATTEEN PLACE WHERE THEY COULD HOLD DANCES, OR REC CENTER, MINIATURE GOLF COURSE, GO-KARTS

Reference 38 - 0.41% Coverage

301 WHATTEEN places they can hang out i.e. dances, or group movies

Reference 39 - 0.18% Coverage

73 WHATTEEN Places to gather.

Reference 40 - 0.14% Coverage

260 WHATTEEN rec center

Reference 41 - 0.15% Coverage

590 WHATTEEN rec center.

Reference 42 - 0.40% Coverage

1695 WHATTEEN roller skating, a community facility or rec center

Reference 43 - 0.62% Coverage

1699 WHATTEEN skating park like Mount Pleasants, indoor activities like the boys' and girls' clubs

Reference 44 - 0.37% Coverage

1150 WHATTEEN someplace to go with activities (games, etc)

Reference 45 - 0.29% Coverage

846 WHATTEEN someplace to have fun and be safe

Reference 46 - 0.34% Coverage

947 WHATTEEN Someplace with music, dancing, socialize.

Reference 47 - 0.58% Coverage

217 WHATTEEN Teen center with teen dances and other activities such as tutoring opportunities

Reference 48 - 0.58% Coverage

668 WHATTEEN Teen dance, place for teens to go and play basketball/racquetball. Supervised.

Reference 49 - 0.48% Coverage

475 WHATTEEN teen dances. need place to get together safety. like island park

Reference 50 - 0.68% Coverage

1085 WHATTEEN they've gotta have a place where they can go where drug dealers can't get to them, and be safe.

Reference 51 - 0.83% Coverage

1411 WHATTEEN USED TO HAVE SOUND LOUNGE, THAT WAS REALLY COOL. IT WAS OVER BY KMART. REC CENTER, NO VIDEO GAMES, MORE SOCIALIZATION.

Reference 52 - 0.62% Coverage

227 WHATTEEN Water parks designated for older teenagers. Community center, more affordable options.

Reference 53 - 0.26% Coverage

1192 WHATTEEN YMCA, after school programs

Reference 54 - 0.21% Coverage

810 WHATTEEN YMCA, sports. cheap.

Reference 55 - 0.41% Coverage

416 WHATTEEN Youth Center, something to help lower income children

### **Sports – Organized activity = 42**

Reference 1 - 0.24% Coverage

1408 WHATTEEN 4-H, sporting activities

Reference 2 - 0.40% Coverage

534 WHATTEEN a sports oriented activity geared toward age level

Reference 3 - 0.31% Coverage

333 WHATTEEN affordability of sports, youth center

Reference 4 - 0.26% Coverage

896 WHATTEEN affordable rec league sports

Reference 5 - 0.19% Coverage

1031 WHATTEEN affordable sports

Reference 6 - 0.30% Coverage

134 WHATTEEN Afterschool and athletic activities

Reference 7 - 0.48% Coverage

575 WHATTEEN arcade, swimming pools, indoor sports (basketball, soccer), YMCA

Reference 8 - 0.14% Coverage

402 WHATTEEN Athletics

Reference 9 - 0.21% Coverage

913 WHATTEEN BASEBALL AND HOCKEY.

Reference 10 - 1.55% Coverage

1565 WHATTEEN Basically more team sports, activities at the library and activities to encourage literacy and reading, I think it would be a good idea to use professors at the CMU or retired people in general to participate in some youth programs.

Reference 11 - 0.62% Coverage

1116 WHATTEEN basically the same for the younger groups, group activities such as sports or a pool.

Reference 12 - 0.38% Coverage

1001 WHATTEEN basketball and recreational sports after school

Reference 13 - 0.59% Coverage

279 WHATTEEN basketball, baseball, sports in general, after school mentor or tutoring programs

Reference 14 - 0.43% Coverage

310 WHATTEEN Better skating rink, more athletics, low cost activities

Reference 15 - 0.45% Coverage

435 WHATTEEN Community Center with supervision: dances, parties, sports

Reference 16 - 0.42% Coverage

496 WHATTEEN Community Center: dances, pool, athletics, video games

Reference 17 - 0.52% Coverage

150 WHATTEEN Community dances, sports related activities, 4-H sponsored activities.

Reference 18 - 1.87% Coverage

1700 WHATTEEN homework, schoolwork, after school projects and help for those things, educational opportunities, opportunities to work with computers or read, swimming programs, sports programs, anything to keep them from getting bored and doing drugs and drinking alcohol - maybe mentoring programs

Reference 19 - 1.09% Coverage

839 WHATTEEN interaction sports. they have no place to go, and there are good kids that hang out downtown. roller rinks are good idea. bus to college to use their facilities

Reference 20 - 0.54% Coverage

954 WHATTEEN Intramural sports where there's not as much emphasis on physical ability.

Reference 21 - 0.25% Coverage

1539 WHATTEEN intramural sports, dances

Reference 22 - 0.29% Coverage

492 WHATTEEN more activities, sports and music

Reference 23 - 1.08% Coverage

1505 WHATTEEN more soccer stuff, traveling teams, organized short term seasons for sports, running, cross country, more outdoor programs!, more frequent changes in programs

Reference 24 - 0.15% Coverage

483 WHATTEEN more sports

Reference 25 - 0.25% Coverage

91 WHATTEEN organized sports like soccer

Reference 26 - 0.34% Coverage

1473 WHATTEEN POOL, SKATEBOARD PARK. ORGANIZED SPORTS.

Reference 27 - 0.76% Coverage

553 WHATTEEN SAME OF FOR YOUNGER KIDS AFTE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, POSITIVE ACTIVIES, SUPERVISION ART, CREATIVITY, SPORTS, ECT...

Reference 28 - 0.22% Coverage

22 WHATTEEN Social clubs and sports

Reference 29 - 0.31% Coverage

955 WHATTEEN Sport activities, not out on streets

Reference 30 - 0.17% Coverage

65 WHATTEEN sporting events

Reference 31 - 0.33% Coverage

682 WHATTEEN Sporting events and more indoor courts.

Reference 32 - 0.12% Coverage

202 WHATTEEN SPORTS

Reference 33 - 0.19% Coverage

254 WHATTEEN sports activities

Reference 34 - 0.60% Coverage

702 WHATTEEN Sports in the winter time and maybe other things just to keep them out of trouble.

Reference 35 - 0.54% Coverage

667 WHATTEEN SPORTS OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES -- LIKE THE BIKE PATHS. PERHAPS A DOG RUN.

Reference 36 - 0.18% Coverage

1629 WHATTEEN sports programs

Reference 37 - 0.24% Coverage

327 WHATTEEN sports related activities

Reference 38 - 0.18% Coverage

987 WHATTEEN sports, skating

Reference 39 - 0.48% Coverage

777 WHATTEEN SPORTS; MORE NATURE STUFF, HIKING, RIVER RAFTING, ACTIVE STUFF.

Reference 40 - 0.24% Coverage

626 WHATTEEN summer activities, sports

Reference 41 - 0.21% Coverage

810 WHATTEEN YMCA, sports. cheap.

Reference 42 - 0.20% Coverage

981 WHATTEEN youth soccer/ adult

### **Outdoor Space – Outdoor Activity = 18**

Reference 1 - 0.15% Coverage

615 WHATTEEN ball fields

Reference 2 - 0.65% Coverage

1657 WHATTEEN bike paths, and any place for biking, rollerblading, skating. ball fields, soccer fields.

Reference 3 - 0.31% Coverage

139 WHATTEEN Bike paths, sidewalks, playing fields

Reference 4 - 0.45% Coverage

1324 WHATTEEN hunter safety forum, fishing programs, outdoor activities

Reference 5 - 0.72% Coverage

550 WHATTEEN I would like to see more parks, recreation, and swimming. I am a big supporter of the community pool.

Reference 6 - 0.21% Coverage

592 WHATTEEN More athletic fields

Reference 7 - 1.08% Coverage

1505 WHATTEEN more soccer stuff, traveling teams, organized short term seasons for sports, running, cross country, more outdoor programs!, more frequent changes in programs

Reference 8 - 0.45% Coverage

1307 WHATTEEN organized events taking advantage of the parks in some way

Reference 9 - 0.44% Coverage

469 WHATTEEN outdoor activity clubs such as a biking club or something

Reference 10 - 0.25% Coverage

1740 WHATTEEN Outdoor recreation center

Reference 11 - 0.38% Coverage

1322 WHATTEEN party at Jameson, ping pong, air hockey, pizza

Reference 12 - 0.62% Coverage

1699 WHATTEEN skating park like Mount Pleasants, indoor activities like the boys' and girls' clubs

Reference 13 - 0.59% Coverage

1743 WHATTEEN Skating, basketball courts, tennis courts, and a place where they can ride bikes

Reference 14 - 0.41% Coverage

247 WHATTEEN sledding activities, safe party environments, dances

Reference 15 - 0.44% Coverage

203 WHATTEEN something that will keep out of trouble ; outdoors, parks

Reference 16 - 0.54% Coverage

667 WHATTEEN SPORTS OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES -- LIKE THE BIKE PATHS. PERHAPS A DOG RUN.

Reference 17 - 0.64% Coverage

167 WHATTEEN Swimming pool, more outdoor physical activities, gymnastics center, more science programs

Reference 18 - 0.19% Coverage

1232 WHATTEEN Swimming, sports.

### **Swimming Pool = 15**

Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage

1469 WHATTEEN A pool for teenagers, but other than that I don't know

Reference 2 - 0.48% Coverage

575 WHATTEEN arcade, swimming pools, indoor sports (basketball, soccer), YMCA

Reference 3 - 0.62% Coverage

1116 WHATTEEN basically the same for the younger groups, group activities such as sports or a pool.

Reference 4 - 0.17% Coverage

556 WHATTEEN community pool

Reference 5 - 0.85% Coverage

267 WHATTEEN community pool, a more economic sports complex, low income families are often unable to take advantage of these facilities.

Reference 6 - 0.31% Coverage

1568 WHATTEEN don't have teenagers. swimming pool

Reference 7 - 0.72% Coverage

550 WHATTEEN I would like to see more parks, recreation, and swimming. I am a big supporter or the community pool.

Reference 8 - 0.28% Coverage

468 WHATTEEN NOT SURE. AGAIN SWIMMING POOL .

Reference 9 - 0.34% Coverage

1473 WHATTEEN POOL, SKATEBOARD PARK. ORGANIZED SPORTS.

Reference 10 - 0.16% Coverage

233 WHATTEEN Swimming Pool

Reference 11 - 0.16% Coverage

330 WHATTEEN Swimming Pool

Reference 12 - 0.17% Coverage

1701 WHATTEEN swimming pool

Reference 13 - 0.26% Coverage

511 WHATTEEN swimming pool at morey court

Reference 14 - 0.64% Coverage

167 WHATTEEN Swimming pool, more outdoor physical activities, gymnastics center, more science programs

Reference 15 - 0.66% Coverage

1564 WHATTEEN Swimming pool. Place to go without having to pay for services. or very cheap to skate, etc.

### **After School Program = 8**

Reference 1 - 0.48% Coverage

922 WHATTEEN a youth club or maybe a boys and girls club afterschool program.

Reference 2 - 0.63% Coverage

1421 WHATTEEN after school activities similar to what the city does with some of their Peak programs

Reference 3 - 0.65% Coverage

1354 WHATTEEN After school activities, boys/girls clubs, field trips, something to peak their interests.

Reference 4 - 0.21% Coverage

489 WHATTEEN after school programs

Reference 5 - 0.30% Coverage

134 WHATTEEN Afterschool and athletic activities

Reference 6 - 0.59% Coverage

279 WHATTEEN basketball, baseball, sports in general, after school mentor or tutoring programs

Reference 7 - 0.76% Coverage

553 WHATTEEN SAME OF FOR YOUNGER KIDS AFTE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, POSITIVE ACTIVIES, SUPERVISION ART, CREATIVITY, SPORTS, ECT...

Reference 8 - 0.26% Coverage

1192 WHATTEEN YMCA, after school programs

### **Other – Miscellaneous = 36**

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage

1102 WHATTEEN ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT COST A LOT, BUT A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GO.

Reference 2 - 0.53% Coverage

580 WHATTEEN Activities that they like to do.. something other than look for trouble.

Reference 3 - 0.89% Coverage

567 WHATTEEN Along the same lines of what she said before, and thinks they should be highly supervised...dont be afraid to hurt their feelings

Reference 4 - 0.94% Coverage

1436 WHATTEEN Anything that keeps them from getting into trouble. Make sure parental supervision is involved. Things that they like, but supervised.

Reference 5 - 0.63% Coverage

764 WHATTEEN Anything that would have to do with adults being presents at dances or other activities.

Reference 6 - 0.55% Coverage

482 WHATTEEN ANYTHING to keep them from getting into drugs and alcohol. keep them busy.

Reference 7 - 0.65% Coverage

579 WHATTEEN anything to keep them out of trouble

1580 WHATTEEN Anything to keep them out of trouble :)

Reference 8 - 0.43% Coverage

310 WHATTEEN Better skating rink, more athletics, low cost activities

Reference 9 - 0.19% Coverage

464 WHATTEEN cheaper activities

Reference 10 - 0.15% Coverage

132 WHATTEEN Cicil cener

Reference 11 - 0.85% Coverage

267 WHATTEEN community pool, a more economic sports complex, low income families are often unable to take advantage of these facilities.

Reference 12 - 0.20% Coverage

1199 WHATTEEN daytime activities

Reference 13 - 0.45% Coverage

1487 WHATTEEN don't know. something inexpensive- help to decrease crime

Reference 14 - 0.46% Coverage

693 WHATTEEN encourage for college, provide help, financial opportunities

Reference 15 - 0.42% Coverage

1596 WHATTEEN Encourage interaction with CMU to help push academics

Reference 16 - 0.74% Coverage

704 WHATTEEN have the teenagers decide on what they would want. Create a teenage group to decide what would work best.

Reference 17 - 0.45% Coverage

104 WHATTEEN I don't know, just stop relying on the city for it so much

Reference 18 - 0.37% Coverage

1440 WHATTEEN in the city where we are all working together

Reference 19 - 0.38% Coverage

391 WHATTEEN just keep them busy so they stay out of control

Reference 20 - 0.13% Coverage

19 WHATTEEN lock ins

Reference 21 - 1.08% Coverage

1505 WHATTEEN more soccer stuff, traveling teams, organized short term seasons for sports, running, cross country, more outdoor programs!, more frequent changes in programs

Reference 22 - 0.47% Coverage

263 WHATTEEN Promoting more of what we already have: car track, horse track

Reference 23 - 0.60% Coverage

532 WHATTEEN Put them to work. Get them more jobs to give them something to do besides mischief.

Reference 24 - 0.18% Coverage

1259 WHATTEEN same as before

Reference 25 - 0.19% Coverage

1474 WHATTEEN Same as children

Reference 26 - 0.33% Coverage

727 WHATTEEN similar to children, but age-appropriate

Reference 27 - 0.25% Coverage

323 WHATTEEN some like the SAC for them

Reference 28 - 0.22% Coverage

900 WHATTEEN Something constructive

Reference 29 - 0.44% Coverage

203 WHATTEEN something that will keep out of trouble ; outdoors, parks

Reference 30 - 0.43% Coverage

711 WHATTEEN something to keep them off the streets destroying things

Reference 31 - 0.60% Coverage

702 WHATTEEN Sports in the winter time and maybe other things just to keep them out of trouble.

Reference 32 - 0.24% Coverage

626 WHATTEEN summer activities, sports

Reference 33 - 0.40% Coverage

174 WHATTEEN Supervised activities, anything to keep them busy.

Reference 34 - 0.66% Coverage

1564 WHATTEEN Swimming pool. Place to go without having to pay for services. or very cheap to skate, etc.

Reference 35 - 0.81% Coverage

123 WHATTEEN there needs to be something because kids are getting into trouble these days. gaming shops should be more publicized

### **Don't Know – No Comment = 78**

#### **What kinds of activities for teenagers would you like to see?**

##### **Student**

#### **Activity NOT sports = 21**

Reference 1 - 0.46% Coverage

178 WHATTEEN art programs

Reference 2 - 2.76% Coverage

149 WHATTEEN educational about substance abuse and sex education. some other types recreation fun center maybe something at CMU after school dances

Reference 3 - 0.57% Coverage

389 WHATTEEN fitness activities

Reference 4 - 1.96% Coverage

240 WHATTEEN getting them out of the house, sports, community dances & activities, carnivals, skating rink

Reference 5 - 3.59% Coverage

65 WHATTEEN intramural sports, and only intramural sport programs, boys and girls, big brothers, big sister, working with local FA, YMCA, school district outreach programs for latchkey programs.

Reference 6 - 0.89% Coverage

411 WHATTEEN More in style activities, laser tag

Reference 7 - 1.20% Coverage

36 WHATTEEN More organized bike ride, downtown activities, sports

Reference 8 - 0.70% Coverage

200 WHATTEEN More physical activities.

Reference 9 - 2.61% Coverage

173 WHATTEEN More seasons for recreational sports at Morey Courts; College prep (e.g. test taking, opportunities to visit other universities)

Reference 10 - 1.48% Coverage

294 WHATTEEN More skateboarding & general stuff for teens to keep out of trouble

Reference 11 - 0.94% Coverage

733 WHATTEEN More summer camps, sporting activities

Reference 12 - 0.70% Coverage

912 WHATTEEN paintball and video games

Reference 13 - 3.94% Coverage

181 WHATTEEN Places for that age group to go and hang out. Being a college town, there is a lot of trouble and not a lot of places to stay out of trouble. More places like Morey Courts, with additional activities.

Reference 14 - 0.68% Coverage

132 WHATTEEN pool, roller rink, shows

Reference 15 - 1.29% Coverage

128 WHATTEEN preparing them for jobs and the real world. Job shadowing

Reference 16 - 0.50% Coverage

139 WHATTEEN roller skating

Reference 17 - 0.83% Coverage

488 WHATTEEN skating rinks, more alternatives

Reference 18 - 0.54% Coverage

88 WHATTEEN social activities

Reference 19 - 1.11% Coverage

18 WHATTEEN sports activities tutoring school related stuff

Reference 20 - 0.57% Coverage

537 WHATTEEN Sports, exercising

Reference 21 - 1.11% Coverage

187 WHATTEEN supervised skating rinks, supervised activities

### **Sports – Organized Activity = 17**

Reference 1 - 0.80% Coverage

391 WHATTEEN a sporting event or tournament

Reference 2 - 1.22% Coverage

136 WHATTEEN after school programs recreational sports non school

Reference 3 - 2.02% Coverage

276 WHATTEEN Anyway to provide more competition, encouraging kids to continue playing sports and be involved.

Reference 4 - 1.96% Coverage

240 WHATTEEN getting them out of the house, sports, community dances & activities, carnivals, skating rink

Reference 5 - 3.59% Coverage

65 WHATTEEN intramural sports, and only intramural sport programs, boys and girls, big brothers, big sister, working with local FA, YMCA, school district outreach programs for latchkey programs.

Reference 6 - 1.20% Coverage

36 WHATTEEN More organized bike ride, downtown activities, sports

Reference 7 - 2.61% Coverage

173 WHATTEEN More seasons for recreational sports at Morey Courts; College prep (e.g. test taking, opportunities to visit other universities)

Reference 8 - 0.44% Coverage

966 WHATTEEN More sports

Reference 9 - 1.59% Coverage

672 WHATTEEN more sports activities, keeping them more active to stay away from drugs.

Reference 10 - 0.94% Coverage

733 WHATTEEN More summer camps, sporting activities

Reference 11 - 1.15% Coverage

543 WHATTEEN PEAK NON HIGHSCHOOL SPORTS MORE INTERMERAL SPORTS

Reference 12 - 0.63% Coverage

451 WHATTEEN same sport activities

Reference 13 - 0.52% Coverage

115 WHATTEEN sport complexes

Reference 14 - 0.35% Coverage

334 WHATTEEN Sports

Reference 15 - 0.35% Coverage

523 WHATTEEN Sports

Reference 16 - 1.11% Coverage

18 WHATTEEN sports activities tutoring school related stuff

Reference 17 - 0.57% Coverage

537 WHATTEEN Sports, exercising

### **Community Center – Place to go = 17**

Reference 1 - 0.55% Coverage

23 WHATTEEN A community center

Reference 2 - 1.37% Coverage

349 WHATTEEN A place to hangout and have a counselor available to talk to.

Reference 3 - 1.68% Coverage

565 WHATTEEN A Rec center to hold dances, and evening activities and holds athletic events.

Reference 4 - 0.63% Coverage

563 WHATTEEN a rec or youth center

Reference 5 - 0.80% Coverage

362 WHATTEEN activities at community center

Reference 6 - 0.70% Coverage

698 WHATTEEN Arcade or gathering place

Reference 7 - 0.61% Coverage

517 WHATTEEN arcades; game places

Reference 8 - 0.54% Coverage

854 WHATTEEN community center

Reference 9 - 0.67% Coverage

652 WHATTEEN Community Gaming Center

Reference 10 - 2.76% Coverage

149 WHATTEEN educational about substance abuse and sex education. some other types  
recreation fun center maybe something at CMU after school dances

Reference 11 - 0.41% Coverage

1033 WHATTEEN Key club

Reference 12 - 2.09% Coverage

127 WHATTEEN More community activities to get to know each other and find peer groups, a  
community center or YMCA

Reference 13 - 3.94% Coverage

181 WHATTEEN Places for that age group to go and hang out. Being a college town, there is a lot  
of trouble and not a lot of places to stay out of trouble. More places like Morey Courts, with additional  
activities.

Reference 14 - 0.57% Coverage

526 WHATTEEN recreation centers

Reference 15 - 1.35% Coverage

536 WHATTEEN some place to go at night to hang out and not get in trouble

Reference 16 - 1.11% Coverage

310 WHATTEEN something similar to west midland family center

Reference 17 - 1.24% Coverage

262 WHATTEEN Youth facilities and clubs to keep them out of trouble

### **After School Programs = 7**

Reference 1 - 0.61% Coverage

24 WHATTEEN After school programs

Reference 2 - 0.61% Coverage

84 WHATTEEN After school programs

Reference 3 - 1.22% Coverage

136 WHATTEEN after school programs recreational sports non school

Reference 4 - 3.59% Coverage

65 WHATTEEN intramural sports, and only intramural sport programs, boys and girls, big brothers, big sister, working with local FA, YMCA, school district outreach programs for latchkey programs.

Reference 5 - 0.78% Coverage

107 WHATTEEN More after school activities.

Reference 6 - 0.70% Coverage

25 WHATTEEN More after school programs

Reference 7 - 1.15% Coverage

543 WHATTEEN PEAK NON HIGHSCHOOL SPORTS MORE INTERMERAL SPORTS

## **Outdoor Space – Outdoor Activity = 2**

Reference 1 - 0.67% Coverage

260 WHATTEEN more outdoor activities

Reference 2 - 0.33% Coverage

354 WHATTEEN parks

## **Swimming Pool = 1**

Reference 1 - 0.68% Coverage

132 WHATTEEN pool, roller rink, shows

## **Other – Miscellaneous = 19**

Reference 1 - 0.31% Coverage

1 WHATTEEN a mall

Reference 2 - 1.00% Coverage

250 WHATTEEN Activities that keep them away from drugs

Reference 3 - 0.78% Coverage

216 WHATTEEN cheap recreational activities

Reference 4 - 0.52% Coverage

676 WHATTEEN church programs

Reference 5 - 2.02% Coverage

561 WHATTEEN CMU puts on some things but they aren't always available to high school students. Concerts, etc.

Reference 6 - 2.76% Coverage

149 WHATTEEN educational about substance abuse and sex education. some other types recreation fun center maybe something at CMU after school dances

Reference 7 - 0.31% Coverage

125 WHATTEEN Fair

Reference 8 - 1.31% Coverage

177 WHATTEEN GROUP GATHERINGS, DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RELIGIOUS, BUT CAN BE

Reference 9 - 0.33% Coverage

399 WHATTEEN mall?

Reference 10 - 1.07% Coverage

414 WHATTEEN More activities on campus available to public

Reference 11 - 2.09% Coverage

127 WHATTEEN More community activities to get to know each other and find peer groups, a community center or YMCA

Reference 12 - 1.74% Coverage

197 WHATTEEN More things that could be done in the Winter, like enclosed areas and activities.

Reference 13 - 0.68% Coverage

524 WHATTEEN more volunteer programs.

Reference 14 - 0.68% Coverage

126 WHATTEEN same as for children <12

Reference 15 - 1.11% Coverage

187 WHATTEEN supervised skating rinks, supervised activities

Reference 16 - 2.42% Coverage

516 WHATTEEN The township doesn't seem to have many options. The County seems to do it all. The township should have more programs.

Reference 17 - 0.89% Coverage

633 WHATTEEN volunteer better experience overall

Reference 18 - 0.55% Coverage

74 WHATTEEN Wilderness Therapy

Reference 19 - 1.61% Coverage

872 WHATTEEN With the university they should have more involvement with the high school

**Don't Know – No Comment = 59**

**Is there anything you would like to add about issues in the township that we haven't already discussed?**

**Non-Student**

**Government – Administration - Relations = 42**

Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage

1115 COMMENT Against taxes going against anything but public safety, has issues with the road commission.

Reference 2 - 0.41% Coverage

1447 COMMENT BETTER COOPERATION BETWEEN CITY AND TOWNSHIP, THERE'S TOO MUCH OVERLAPPING OF GOVERNMENT

Reference 3 - 0.70% Coverage

223 COMMENT College students should not be allowed to vote for city officials. Allow them to vote for President and such but not Union Township members running for office.

Reference 4 - 0.70% Coverage

176 COMMENT Communication to residents needs to be improved. Plans need to be better addressed to residents, and officials should work to spread word that is well planned.

Reference 5 - 1.29% Coverage

779 COMMENT Complaints need to be better handled and arbitrated by the Township. ie we have a neighbor with a garage sale going on for 8 months straight, and there was no way to get it resolved. We needs to be a better way to handle disputes and is knowledgeable about the rules and laws for referral, arbitration, etc.

Reference 6 - 0.32% Coverage

249 COMMENT CONSERNED ABOUT THE TYPE OF GROWTH, WANTS IT TO BE CAREFULLY PLANNED

Reference 7 - 1.97% Coverage

232 COMMENT Curbside recycling: feels poll stated majority not in favor of recycling; township says it is free but is actually costing in taxes; feels this should be put to a vote instead of forcing it on residents Budget: Services (eg water/sewage) are all tax-based, nothing is provided free of charge. High taxes & nothing to show for what we're being taxed for road plowing only service taxes being used for; Township has let big business off hook not paying fair share of taxes

Reference 8 - 4.75% Coverage

660 COMMENT Discussed more than I should have, I just like to be able to have things, the way I want them. Let's get our township running more smoothly and get some of these things fixed that need to be repaired over the last 15 years, because we most likely need to fix it. If I had an Indian living on this road, I would have a well maintained road. They don't know what they've all done on Crawford road 25 years ago. When was the last time the road was blacktopped? The township doesn't keep track of anything so if someone's gonna contract something out, we need to know what's going on. Why are they calling me? Someone needs to keep better records. The township has too much dead weight working in that office, it needs to be thinned out. They should all be arrested. Drain Commissioner doesn't even know what he's talking about when referring to my land. Yellow old pieces of paper, they need to get their crap together. The Democrats needs to be taken out of control and it's all to blame on the 20,000 students who voted straight Democrat. These are the things that bother me about Union Township, one hand doesn't know what the other one is doing.

Reference 9 - 0.87% Coverage

1485 COMMENT do not contract police services, they are obligated to come if needed, contracting is a waste of money should have a choice to not participate in the recycling effort. not happy that there was no choice

Reference 10 - 0.30% Coverage

746 COMMENT Don't tell people what their land can and cannot be used for.

Reference 11 - 1.12% Coverage

777 COMMENT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, SHE CALLS TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR SOMETHING, AND THEY'RE ALWAYS VERY GOOD ABOUT GETTING HER THE ANSWER. SHE REALLY LIKES LIVING IN UNION TOWNSHIP BECAUSE SHE FEELS LIKE SHE CAN JUST CALL THEM UP AND THEY CAN GET HER TO THE PLACE SHE NEEDS TO GO!

Reference 12 - 0.19% Coverage

813 COMMENT Government spending, on all levels.

Reference 13 - 1.25% Coverage

1567 COMMENT Has an issue with his street. he had to resurface his street there was no union township or Isabella County assistance. So the homeowners had to pay for everything. he did not think this was right. there is not enough support for the people in the township. Better outreach by political officials

Reference 14 - 0.62% Coverage

1657 COMMENT heard from city commissioners, and likes to hear that the Union Commission is striving for a stronger relationship with the city commission.

Reference 15 - 0.97% Coverage

666 COMMENT how will we pay for recycling services in the township, township management have ideas that are, in her opinion, accurate. However, she thinks they need to lower expectations in what kind of demands they impose on the community

Reference 16 - 0.99% Coverage

1481 COMMENT I think the biggest issue is that the township has not responded to requests from some of the petitions from residents for maintenance in older household subdivisions. The customer service at the township desk is lacking and poor.

Reference 17 - 0.87% Coverage

1505 COMMENT irrigation system along Pickard - waste of money!, recycling options - bins at Township Hall and other public places instead of just curbside pick up. More communication with administration and public.

Reference 18 - 0.61% Coverage

667 COMMENT ISSUE BETWEEN THE CITY AND UNION TOWNSHIP THAT HAS GONE ON FOR YEARS. THEY NEED TO WORK A LOT MORE COOPERATIVELY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTIES.

Reference 19 - 1.11% Coverage

704 COMMENT just a little more cooperation with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe. don't like how they've put the rentals between Isabella and US 127 south of Broomfield. They look like big old monopoly hotels. I'd like them to do something with the Mount Pleasant Center.

Reference 20 - 0.13% Coverage

1399 COMMENT just property taxes

Reference 21 - 0.14% Coverage

1194 COMMENT land taxes, too high.

Reference 22 - 0.84% Coverage

292 COMMENT Let the people have more input, they need to be asked or at least made more aware of when decisions are going to be made so they can have input. The local swimming pool should also be emphasized.

Reference 23 - 0.45% Coverage

1698 COMMENT Need more government overview/ regulations of w/ how mobile home parks can treat their residents.

Reference 24 - 0.27% Coverage

1032 COMMENT need to collaborate with city more to share resources

Reference 25 - 0.98% Coverage

1289 COMMENT needs to be an outdoor hockey/skating rink. township supervisor is not utilizing human resources available to the best of his ability. he's taking people off of boards that belong there any putting ones there that don't belong.

Reference 26 - 0.39% Coverage

878 COMMENT neighbors with junk on property; blight ordinance, not getting any response from U.T.

Reference 27 - 1.05% Coverage

1244 COMMENT Not happy with bringing new appointees to commission at the township. People from out of town are being appointed because they have a higher level of education. They however do not know about the township or the values of people in the township.

Reference 28 - 0.41% Coverage

467 COMMENT People should have to clean up there yards so it don't deteriorate the neighbors property.

Reference 29 - 4.07% Coverage

296 COMMENT RACE TRACK IS OVERLY LOUD AND CAUSES EMBARRASSMENT WHEN VISITORS COME. TOO MUCH NOISE. NOT ENOUGH ACCOUNTABILITY. KILLS SUMMER WEEKENDS. COMPLETELY UNENJOYABLE NOT ABLE TO VISIT OR ENTERTAIN GUESTS. LIVES A COUPLE MILES AWAY AND IT DROWNS OUT TV EVEN WITH AIRCONDITIONER ON. THEY HAVE CONCERNS WITH PARTIES BUT RACE TRACK IS MUCH MORE ANNOYING AND PROBLEMATIC. THERE IS NO CONTROL. SHE IS EMBARRASSED ABOUT SPRINKLER SYSTEM ON PICKARD. ECONOMY IS HURTING AND WE'RE DOING A SPRINKLER SYSTEM??? ALSO ECOLOGICALLY WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS? IT'LL CAUSE GRASS TO GROW WHICH CAUSES MORE CUTTING WHICH IS WORSE FOR ENVIRONMENT. BAD CYCLE OF MONEY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. FIND ANOTHER PURPOSFUL USE FOR STIMULUS MONEY THAT IS MORE BENEFICIAL TO COMMUNITY. RESIDENTS HAVE TO MONITOR SPRINKLING YET THEY CAN DO THIS? IT WATERS THE CEMENT MORE THAN ANYTHING... ALSO NEIGHBORS ARE UPSET ABOUT RECYCLING SYSTEM HOW IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS FORCED ON THEM FINANCIALLY RATHER THAN OPTIONAL.

Reference 30 - 0.46% Coverage

1258 COMMENT regulations are reasonable now. township stays out of his business. problems with zoning violations.

Reference 31 - 0.58% Coverage

1063 COMMENT Sewer system is terrible, and she has to pay. Mission Creek sewer something. Concerned with work on Lincoln road. Keep taxes low!

Reference 32 - 0.29% Coverage

727 COMMENT staff at union township office are difficult and not helpful

Reference 33 - 0.60% Coverage

590 COMMENT taxes - too high, but not seeing any street lights, if taxes are going up, where is the money going and what is it supposed to improve?

Reference 34 - 0.78% Coverage

167 COMMENT Taxes are too high, too much sporadic building, especially apartments, downtown is not used enough, too many office building not being utilized, should not be allowed to build more.

Reference 35 - 0.50% Coverage

449 COMMENT the township is concentrating on the wrong things and they are not being conservative enough with their spending

Reference 36 - 1.09% Coverage

964 COMMENT they need to understand that a fund balance to be carried in order to have money for emergency situations; the news board is all green and they are very concerned about there spending policies. if something goes bad we need to have money to take care of it

Reference 37 - 1.36% Coverage

763 COMMENT Thinks there are some skewed questioned regarding the parks, poor survey techniques, thinks they are not valid. Concerned about the excessive assessing of the township, questionable techniques. Concerned about the current administration desire to use up the surplus that has been saved up over the years. Afraid of deficit

Reference 38 - 0.68% Coverage

46 COMMENT Township is spending too much money. Recycling too much; residents should take to recycling center themselves. Compost should be picked up with recycling.

Reference 39 - 0.57% Coverage

1238 COMMENT Township should be more fiscally sound, setting up budgets and not trying to increase more taxes on individuals in the township.

Reference 40 - 0.24% Coverage

702 COMMENT Wants taxes to stay low on housing and property.

Reference 41 - 2.41% Coverage

615 COMMENT We want the govnt to keep agriculture in mind when planning, Keep in mind that it is important, even though we are the hair on a bald man... just a little around the sides of the township. we all gotta eat. also, The river tubers on the chip river should be encouraged to exit the

river in the park across from the Coca Cola factory rather than exiting the river on Lincoln Rd. It is dangerous for those half-drunk kids to be getting out into traffic. We should charge a small fee or put it on the shoulders of the tube renters to have the tubers get out of the river at the park.

Reference 42 - 0.16% Coverage

1700 COMMENT Wishes to see taxes lowered

### **Maintenance – Roads – Facilities = 38**

Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage

1115 COMMENT Against taxes going against anything but public safety, has issues with the road commission.

Reference 2 - 0.37% Coverage

387 COMMENT be sure to fix the first mile from old mission from Millbrook north toward town.

Reference 3 - 0.46% Coverage

531 COMMENT Believes Deerfield road should be paved to decrease traffic through Broomfield into the college area.

Reference 4 - 1.36% Coverage

116 COMMENT Corvallis Dr. is a one way off Isabella. Two bad parts of the road. Road commission will not fix correctly. Roads need to improve. Gravel ends up in property. Bumpy dusty roads. Can't even open window. Speed limits always broken. Rentals at end of street don't care, break laws. Don't follow road signs. Additional patrol.

Reference 5 - 1.36% Coverage

279 COMMENT Crawford rd is very busy because of college students commuting. accidents are common here because the rd is so narrow. runners, bikers, walkers, etc. have nowhere to walk on that rd to get to the city. people are at risk walking along the rd. there should be more attention paid to people driving recklessly on this rd.

Reference 6 - 4.75% Coverage

660 COMMENT Discussed more than I should have, I just like to be able to have things, the way I want them. Let's get our township running more smoothly and get some of these things fixed that need to be repaired over the last 15 years, because we most likely need to fix it. If I had an Indian living on this road, I would have a well maintained road. They don't know what they've all done on Crawford road 25 years ago. When was the last time the road was blacktopped? The township doesn't keep track of anything so if someone's gonna contract something out, we need to know what's going on. Why are they calling me? Someone needs to keep better records. The township has too much dead weight working in that office, it needs to be thinned out. They should all be arrested. Drain Commissioner doesn't even know what he's talking about when referring to my land. Yellow old pieces of paper, they need to get their crap together. The Democrats needs to be taken out of control and it's all to blame on the 20,000 students who voted straight Democrat. These are the things that bother me about Union Township, one hand doesn't know what the other one is doing.

Reference 7 - 0.15% Coverage

264 COMMENT drainage could be better

Reference 8 - 0.15% Coverage

1226 COMMENT expand the sewer system

Reference 9 - 0.42% Coverage

1682 COMMENT Expand the sewer to include some different neighborhoods, Lincoln road should open up again

Reference 10 - 1.01% Coverage

1296 COMMENT Experience problems with police controlling the noise in the neighborhood. Called police for a noise complaint and no police showed. And timing the road projects and when roads are closed off, don't wait until October to start a project.

Reference 11 - 1.25% Coverage

1567 COMMENT Has an issue with his street. he had to resurface his street there was no union township or Isabella County assistance. So the homeowners had to pay for everything. he did not think this was right. there is not enough support for the people in the township. Better outreach by political officials

Reference 12 - 0.46% Coverage

353 COMMENT Isabella road is pretty bad. pave bud street it runs by the park and the baseball games drive up dust.

Reference 13 - 0.23% Coverage

163 COMMENT Isabella road: ordinance concerning setbacks?

Reference 14 - 0.82% Coverage

1202 COMMENT It would be nice to have shoulders on the roads that support bicycles it doesn't necessarily need to be bike paths, but some room for bikers to ride would definitely increase this activity.

Reference 15 - 0.41% Coverage

961 COMMENT IT'S A PRIORITY TO EXPAND THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP.

Reference 16 - 0.41% Coverage

207 COMMENT Like to see natural gas to all of the community. Water expanded. Excited about recycling

Reference 17 - 0.92% Coverage

900 COMMENT Loud radios in cars on her road, leaf pickup, and traffic patterns and traffic lights. Every single cross street to mission should have dedicated left turn lights. Also other roads but Mission and Preston especially.

Reference 18 - 0.37% Coverage

1574 COMMENT Major issue is the bad condition of the roads. Bluegrass, Meridian, Broomfield.

Reference 19 - 0.54% Coverage

947 COMMENT More activities in the winter months for families with children. More traffic lights (Intersection of Bradley & Pickard)

Reference 20 - 0.27% Coverage

1065 COMMENT Narrowing the roads, doesn't agree with the decision.

Reference 21 - 0.11% Coverage

145 COMMENT No; The Roads!

Reference 22 - 0.44% Coverage

1439 COMMENT plow the roads in the winter. She had to personally shovel the road to get out. More salt/sand.

Reference 23 - 0.30% Coverage

552 COMMENT really want better road repair because potholes are horrible.

Reference 24 - 0.32% Coverage

323 COMMENT Road construction taking to long. Tear up roads every 3 or 4 years.

Reference 25 - 0.21% Coverage

1199 COMMENT roads are bad sewer needs to be better

Reference 26 - 0.14% Coverage

483 COMMENT roads is most important

Reference 27 - 0.14% Coverage

1001 COMMENT roads must be fixed!!

Reference 28 - 0.17% Coverage

761 COMMENT Roads, water treatment facility

Reference 29 - 0.22% Coverage

1243 COMMENT seriously concerned with the road issues

Reference 30 - 0.58% Coverage

1063 COMMENT Sewer system is terrible, and she has to pay. Mission Creek sewer something. Concerned with work on Lincoln road. Keep taxes low!

Reference 31 - 0.11% Coverage

1539 COMMENT The dirt roads

Reference 32 - 0.75% Coverage

1042 COMMENT The road construction down Lincoln road, we did not have any advanced notice of the construction so we had no way to plan around it. This was not a very pleasant experience.

Reference 33 - 0.18% Coverage

728 COMMENT the roads need to be a priority.

Reference 34 - 0.67% Coverage

788 COMMENT There's a need to prioritize money. There's been a lot of discussion about pathways, but that needs to be tabled for other needs like roads and sidewalks.

Reference 35 - 0.77% Coverage

109 COMMENT Traffic and better planning in the future with road closures. Back to back road closures are a hassle. Also, better plowing of roads in the winter, specifically Broomfield Rd.

Reference 36 - 0.54% Coverage

1690 COMMENT widen the roads a bit and make a bicycle lane or provide bike paths separate from the road - this is an important issue.

Reference 37 - 2.17% Coverage

750 COMMENT Yeah, the roads are terrible. From Riverwood Golf Course where it turns into Whiteville Road is one of the most horrible roads in the world, and I drive that every day. Riverwood down to Deerfield is a horrible road. Stop patching and just repave the road. Horrible horrible road and I wish you would repave that. I think its dangerous because there are Bud Fisher trucks that, you know, there's nothing on the sides of the road for bikers or runners and it is just a horrible stretch of road. too patchy too dangerous.

Reference 38 - 0.99% Coverage

1565 COMMENT Yes, there is a sign put out by the local Lutheran church on Riverroad that is a neon sign and I would like see it taken down. I suspect this sign goes against zoning laws but I am not sure. River road east of Winn road needs paving.

### **Recreation Activity – Areas = 17**

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage

1699 COMMENT A farmers market at Mcdonald park would be a good idea, an indoor playground or park might be a good idea too

Reference 2 - 0.09% Coverage

1609 COMMENT add zoo

Reference 3 - 0.21% Coverage

571 COMMENT I would like to see an indoor gun range.

Reference 4 - 0.84% Coverage

292 COMMENT Let the people have more input, they need to be asked or at least made more aware of when decisions are going to be made so they can have input. The local swimming pool should also be emphasized.

Reference 5 - 0.54% Coverage

947 COMMENT More activities in the winter months for families with children. More traffic lights (Intersection of Bradley & Pickard)

Reference 6 - 0.21% Coverage

1182 COMMENT More family oriented social activities.

Reference 7 - 0.19% Coverage

1263 COMMENT need bike paths around college etc

Reference 8 - 0.98% Coverage

1289 COMMENT needs to be an outdoor hockey/skating rink. township supervisor is not utilizing human resources available to the best of his ability. he's taking people off of boards that belong there any putting ones there that don't belong.

Reference 9 - 0.23% Coverage

926 COMMENT One of the parks to be turned into a dog park

Reference 10 - 0.35% Coverage

906 COMMENT parks- the on Bamber road (Mission Creek), do better job of keeping it safe

Reference 11 - 0.23% Coverage

889 COMMENT Put a park on the south side of the township.

Reference 12 - 0.89% Coverage

157 COMMENT The biggest concern is adding activities for teenagers. Supervised and cheap activities that teenagers would enjoy to participate in. programs are hard to come by, and often don't do well, so plan carefully.

Reference 13 - 0.71% Coverage

1354 COMMENT the lack of activities or the lack of involvement of the children that live on farms in the area. more attention directed to the group of children on the farms.

Reference 14 - 0.92% Coverage

1629 COMMENT township trash pickup more parks bike paths fixing the roads live on a s curve and they have small children and there are no police patrolling there, speed limit sign for speeders, corner of Whiteville and Millbrook

Reference 15 - 1.07% Coverage

879 COMMENT Water treatment plant, [Name] was a liar for telling us that it would not smell. It does, and smells terrible. The race track is allowed to run more than it is supposed to be, everyone in the city is affected by that. The park system needs a dog park.

Reference 16 - 0.13% Coverage

896 COMMENT we need a dog park!

Reference 17 - 2.41% Coverage

615 COMMENT We want the govnt to keep agriculture in mind when planning, Keep in mind that it is important, even though we are the hair on a bald man... just a little around the sides of the township. we all gotta eat. also, The river tubers on the chip river should be encouraged to exit the river in the park across from the Coca Cola factory rather than exiting the river on Lincoln Rd. It is

dangerous for those half-drunk kids to be getting out into traffic. We should charge a small fee or put it on the shoulders of the tube renters to have the tubers get out of the river at the park.

## **Recycle = 16**

### Reference 1 - 1.97% Coverage

232 COMMENT Curbside recycling: feels poll stated majority not in favor of recycling; township says it is free but is actually costing in taxes; feels this should be put to a vote instead of forcing it on residents Budget: Services (eg water/sewage) are all tax-based, nothing is provided free of charge. High taxes & nothing to show for what we're being taxed for road plowing only service taxes being used for; Township has let big business off hook not paying fair share of taxes

### Reference 2 - 0.87% Coverage

1485 COMMENT do not contract police services, they are obligated to come if needed, contracting is a waste of money should have a choice to not participate in the recycling effort. not happy that there was no choice

### Reference 3 - 0.16% Coverage

560 COMMENT Glad that we have recycling.

### Reference 4 - 0.15% Coverage

1534 COMMENT going to enjoy recycling

### Reference 5 - 0.97% Coverage

666 COMMENT how will we pay for recycling services in the township, township management have ideas that are, in her opinion, accurate. However, she thinks they need to lower expectations in what kind of demands they impose on the community

### Reference 6 - 0.40% Coverage

901 COMMENT I'm concerned recycling the township did not want it but they went ahead with it anyway

### Reference 7 - 0.23% Coverage

11 COMMENT none, upset about having to pay for recycling

### Reference 8 - 4.07% Coverage

296 COMMENT RACE TRACK IS OVERLY LOUD AND CAUSES EMBARRASSMENT WHEN VISITORS COME. TOO MUCH NOISE. NOT ENOUGH ACCOUNTABILITY. KILLS SUMMER WEEKENDS. COMPLETELY UNENJOYABLE NOT ABLE TO VISIT OR ENTERTAIN GUESTS. LIVES A COUPLE MILES AWAY AND IT DROWNS OUT TV EVEN WITH AIRCONDITIONER ON. THEY HAVE CONCERNS WITH PARTIES BUT RACE

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Reference 9 - 0.29% Coverage

693 COMMENT really happy about the recycling. improved garbage pick up.

Reference 10 - 0.20% Coverage

1171 COMMENT Recycling extended to the apartments.

Reference 11 - 0.12% Coverage

318 COMMENT recycling is great

Reference 12 - 0.58% Coverage

1456 COMMENT recycling- learning more about it, it's going to cost money some where in favor of discontinue. There is not such thing as free.

Reference 13 - 0.37% Coverage

855 COMMENT Recycling should be brought to the people instead of being put on the tax bill.

Reference 14 - 0.19% Coverage

437 COMMENT the recycling bins should be larger

Reference 15 - 0.68% Coverage

46 COMMENT Township is spending too much money. Recycling too much; residents should take to recycling center themselves. Compost should be picked up with recycling.

Reference 16 - 0.26% Coverage

395 COMMENT Wonders how recycling passed after it got voted down

### **Other – Miscellaneous = 68**

Reference 1 - 0.49% Coverage

1699 COMMENT A farmers market at Mcdonald park would be a good idea, an indoor playground or park might be a good idea too

Reference 2 - 0.12% Coverage

756 COMMENT add more industry

Reference 3 - 0.49% Coverage

1098 COMMENT Better communication with residents, and sewer and water they have none on there road. The water is crappy.

Reference 4 - 0.83% Coverage

1411 COMMENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS IN UNION TOWNSHIP, HE THINK UNION TOWNSHIP SHOULD REIMBURSE UNION TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS FOR THE TUITION THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY TO GO TO COLLEGE THERE OR AT LEAST PART OF IT.

Reference 5 - 1.36% Coverage

116 COMMENT Corvallis Dr. is a one way off Isabella. Two bad parts of the road. Road commission will not fix correctly. Roads need to improve. Gravel ends up in property. Bumpy dusty roads. Can't even open window. Speed limits always broken. Rentals at end of street don't care, break laws. Don't follow road signs. Additional patrol.

Reference 6 - 4.75% Coverage

660 COMMENT Discussed more than I should have, I just like to be able to have things, the way I want them. Let's get our township running more smoothly and get some of these things fixed that need to be repaired over the last 15 years, because we most likely need to fix it. If I had an Indian living on this road, I would have a well maintained road. They don't know what they've all done on Crawford road 25 years ago. When was the last time the road was blacktopped? The township doesn't keep track of anything so if someone's gonna contract something out, we need to know what's going on. Why are they calling me? Someone needs to keep better records. The township has too much dead weight working in that office, it needs to be thinned out. They should all be arrested. Drain Commissioner doesn't even know what he's talking about when referring to my land. Yellow old pieces of paper, they need to get their crap together. The Democrats needs to be taken out of control and it's all to blame on the 20,000 students who voted straight Democrat. These are the things that bother me about Union Township, one hand doesn't know what the other one is doing.

Reference 7 - 0.87% Coverage

1485 COMMENT do not contract police services, they are obligated to come if needed, contracting is a waste of money should have a choice to not participate in the recycling effort. not happy that there was no choice

Reference 8 - 1.01% Coverage

1296 COMMENT Experience problems with police controlling the noise in the neighborhood. Called police for a noise complaint and no police showed. And timing the road projects and when roads are closed off, don't wait until October to start a project.

Reference 9 - 0.18% Coverage

713 COMMENT Fire hydrant moved. In driveway.

Reference 10 - 1.10% Coverage

697 COMMENT FIRE INSPECTIONS- CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXTENT OF FIRE PROTECTION AND WHAT IT INCLUDES POLICE- TO COVER POLICE EXPENSIVES, CHARGE SURCHARGE TO APARTMENTS RENTERS. SINCE 17-30YR OLDS HAVE THE MOST INCIDENTS (OFTEN ALCOHOL OR DRUG RELATED- ACCORDING TO MORNING SUN)

Reference 11 - 0.28% Coverage

542 COMMENT Great Questionnaire. Please thank Mary and the Township.

Reference 12 - 0.15% Coverage

553 COMMENT HAPPY ABOUT THE RESEARCH

Reference 13 - 0.18% Coverage

383 COMMENT hope that [Name] gets sentenced

Reference 14 - 0.19% Coverage

844 COMMENT I think major issues were mentioned.

Reference 15 - 0.14% Coverage

270 COMMENT I'd like more sidewalks

Reference 16 - 0.34% Coverage

362 COMMENT I lived in a few places and this is the best place I have liked so far.

Reference 17 - 0.82% Coverage

1444 COMMENT in general I like the direction that the boards is following. Focus less on recreation. Basic services, crime prevention, and improving the environmental quality needs to be focused more on.

Reference 18 - 0.87% Coverage

1505 COMMENT irrigation system along Pickard - waste of money!, recycling options - bins at Township Hall and other public places instead of just curbside pick up. More communication with administration and public.

Reference 19 - 0.81% Coverage

119 COMMENT ITS IMPORTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO LOOK AT HOW TO HELP SENIOR CITZENS. NOT MANY QUESTIONS ADDRESSED THESE ISSUES. MORE COVIENCE IN LOCATION FOR GROCERY STORES. ESP ON WEST SIDE OF COUNTY.

Reference 20 - 1.11% Coverage

704 COMMENT just a little more cooperation with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe. don't like how they've put the rentals between Isabella and US 127 south of Broomfield. They look like big old monopoly hotels. I'd like them to do something with the Mount Pleasant Center.

Reference 21 - 0.10% Coverage

254 COMMENT lack of jobs

Reference 22 - 0.41% Coverage

207 COMMENT Like to see natural gas to all of the community. Water expanded. Excited about recycling

Reference 23 - 0.92% Coverage

900 COMMENT Loud radios in cars on her road, leaf pickup, and traffic patterns and traffic lights. Every single cross street to mission should have dedicated left turn lights. Also other roads but Mission and Preston especially.

Reference 24 - 1.72% Coverage

1712 COMMENT Medical facilities-better care-has Addison's disease-seems like good doctors are taken and then you get very uneducated doctors or physicians assistants especially at hospital. I'm not happy with healthcare. Would like to to see more meal programs for the elderly and more structure. Wish that take a look at Ann Arbor and how they treat their citizens-the citizens come first especially children and elderly.

Reference 25 - 0.37% Coverage

903 COMMENT More sidewalks from Old Mission leading anywhere to make it safer for walkers.

Reference 26 - 0.10% Coverage

81 COMMENT need more jobs

Reference 27 - 0.15% Coverage

322 COMMENT needs to be more patriotic

Reference 28 - 0.31% Coverage

1603 COMMENT No; park benches on Pickard; put trash cans in front of benches

Reference 29 - 0.35% Coverage

184 COMMENT No; Respondent lives in subdivision, many speeders & loud cars pass through

Reference 30 - 0.21% Coverage

1479 COMMENT Noise on Lincoln needs to be addressed

Reference 31 - 0.28% Coverage

263 COMMENT Not cater to CMU so much, pay more attention to residents.

Reference 32 - 0.17% Coverage

1571 COMMENT police contract should receive

Reference 33 - 0.46% Coverage

1695 COMMENT Police patrols on Lincoln - people are driving way too fast on that road, especially tractor trailers

Reference 34 - 0.36% Coverage

1125 COMMENT Providing more information to residents, making information more accessible.

Reference 35 - 4.07% Coverage

296 COMMENT RACE TRACK IS OVERLY LOUD AND CAUSES EMBARRASSMENT WHEN VISITORS COME. TOO MUCH NOISE. NOT ENOUGH ACCOUNTABILITY. KILLS SUMMER WEEKENDS. COMPLETELY UNENJOYABLE NOT ABLE TO VISIT OR ENTERTAIN GUESTS. LIVES A COUPLE MILES AWAY AND IT DROWNS OUT TV EVEN WITH AIRCONDITIONER ON. THEY HAVE CONCERNS WITH PARTIES BUT RACE TRACK IS MUCH MORE ANNOYING AND PROBLEMATIC. THERE IS NO CONTROL. SHE IS EMBARRASSED ABOUT SPRINKLER SYSTEM ON PICKARD. ECONOMY IS HURTING AND WE'RE DOING A SPRINKLER SYSTEM??? ALSO ECOLOGICALLY WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS? IT'LL CAUSE GRASS TO GROW WHICH CAUSES MORE CUTTING WHICH IS WORSE FOR ENVIRONMENT. BAD CYCLE OF MONEY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. FIND ANOTHER PURPOSFUL USE FOR STIMULUS MONEY THAT IS MORE BENEFICIAL TO COMMUNITY. RESIDENTS HAVE TO MONITOR SPRINKLING YET THEY CAN DO THIS? IT WATERS THE CEMENT MORE THAN ANYTHING... ALSO NEIGHBORS ARE UPSET ABOUT RECYCLING SYSTEM HOW IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS FORCED ON THEM FINANCIALLY RATHER THAN OPTIONAL.

Reference 36 - 0.82% Coverage

881 COMMENT Really against any more apartments going up in the township. Too many are going unfilled. Students are naming their own prices. Too many for amount of people. Produce more jobs, not living.

Reference 37 - 0.46% Coverage

1258 COMMENT regulations are reasonable now. township stays out of his business. problems with zoning violations.

Reference 38 - 0.44% Coverage

720 COMMENT Sometimes I think those people just have a tendency not to listen. Listen to everyone's opinion.

Reference 39 - 0.24% Coverage

709 COMMENT stay away from the nike ways we don't need them

Reference 40 - 0.78% Coverage

167 COMMENT Taxes are too high, too much sporadic building, especially apartments, downtown is not used enough, too many office building not being utilized, should not be allowed to build more.

Reference 41 - 0.44% Coverage

729 COMMENT The city has pushed the traffic program onto the township and refuses to address traffic control.

Reference 42 - 0.24% Coverage

1368 COMMENT The elderly need some attention and activities.

Reference 43 - 0.71% Coverage

1354 COMMENT the lack of activities or the lack of involvement of the children that live on farms in the area. more attention directed to the group of children on the farms.

Reference 44 - 0.26% Coverage

185 COMMENT The lot rent at the crossings is a little too high.

Reference 45 - 0.28% Coverage

638 COMMENT The township doesn't have a cemetery, and this seems odd.

Reference 46 - 0.23% Coverage

1047 COMMENT The water is nasty . Smells and has a film

Reference 47 - 0.67% Coverage

788 COMMENT There's a need to prioritize money. There's been a lot of discussion about pathways, but that needs to be tabled for other needs like roads and sidewalks.

Reference 48 - 0.36% Coverage

90 COMMENT they need to put a bridge for walkers over busy road to add safety for walkers

Reference 49 - 1.36% Coverage

763 COMMENT Thinks there are some skewed questioned regarding the parks, poor survey techniques, thinks they are not valid. Concerned about the excessive assessing of the township, questionable techniques. Concerned about the current administration desire to use up the surplus that has been saved up over the years. Afraid of deficit

Reference 50 - 0.65% Coverage

375 COMMENT Too many apartment complexes. Occupancy is too low for the amount of people living there. Subdivisions need to be in closer proximity to each other.

Reference 51 - 0.35% Coverage

186 COMMENT Township cut trees on private property. Summerton valley also on River Rd.

Reference 52 - 0.92% Coverage

1629 COMMENT township trash pickup more parks bike paths fixing the roads live on a s curve and they have small children and there are no police patrolling there, speed limit sign for speeders, corner of Whiteville and Millbrook

Reference 53 - 0.77% Coverage

109 COMMENT Traffic and better planning in the future with road closures. Back to back road closures are a hassle. Also, better plowing of roads in the winter, specifically Broomfield Rd.

Reference 54 - 0.49% Coverage

841 COMMENT UNION TOWNSHIP HALL OFFICE IS HARD TO GET A RESPONSE FROM, EVEN IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE. ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Reference 55 - 0.39% Coverage

496 COMMENT Used to get newsletter about township activities, would like to receive that again.

Reference 56 - 0.68% Coverage

391 COMMENT water company - loses paperwork Meter readings are estimates going from 30 to 300 dollars in 2 months is ridiculous. Pay more attention to billing cycles.

Reference 57 - 0.21% Coverage

69 COMMENT Water is way too hard even with softener

Reference 58 - 0.30% Coverage

217 COMMENT Water quality needs to be improved, particularly iron content

Reference 59 - 0.27% Coverage

153 COMMENT Water system needs improvements as the township grows.

Reference 60 - 1.07% Coverage

879 COMMENT Water treatment plant, [Name] was a liar for telling us that it would not smell. It does, and smells terrible. The race track is allowed to run more than it is supposed to be, everyone in the city is affected by that. The park system needs a dog park.

Reference 61 - 0.58% Coverage

482 COMMENT We don't need sidewalks and bike paths to get out to the casino. We don't need so many people employed by the township government.

Reference 62 - 0.58% Coverage

582 COMMENT we need a stop light at Bambers Woods because there have been so many accidents because people are going so fast you cannot get out.

Reference 63 - 0.19% Coverage

534 COMMENT we need more marines living out here

Reference 64 - 0.14% Coverage

1259 COMMENT we need softened water

Reference 65 - 0.11% Coverage

1245 COMMENT wonderful job

Reference 66 - 0.19% Coverage

248 COMMENT Wondering about water sprinkler...

Reference 67 - 0.43% Coverage

745 COMMENT Yes, monitoring the existing laws concerning junk and mowing the lawn and enforcing those laws.

Reference 68 - 0.99% Coverage

1565 COMMENT Yes, there is a sign put out by the local Lutheran church on Riverroad that is a neon sign and I would like see it taken down. I suspect this sign goes against zoning laws but I am not sure. Riverroad east of Winn road needs paving.

**Don't Know – No Comment = 205**

**Is there anything you would like to add about issues in the township that we haven't already discussed?**

**Student**

**Recreation Activity – Area = 4**

Reference 1 - 1.68% Coverage

73 COMMENT Consider building dog parks within the township park system.

Reference 2 - 1.14% Coverage

32 COMMENT Increase the recycling across campus.

Reference 3 - 1.33% Coverage

50 COMMENT More advertisement for parks in the township.

Reference 4 - 1.94% Coverage

206 COMMENT Sidewalks and bike paths- more of them. Which avoid vehicular traffic.

**Government – Administration = 2**

Reference 1 - 2.49% Coverage

679 COMMENT MORE STRICT ENFORCEMENT ON ANIMALS SOLD IN THE WALMART PARKING LOT -- PERHAPS LOOK INTO THEM.

Reference 2 - 3.50% Coverage

653 COMMENT Need to pay attention to the voters more. I don't think the changes they have made recently have supported the entire township's wishes.

**Maintenance – Roads – Facilities = 2**

Reference 1 - 13.87% Coverage

565 COMMENT Construction on Lincoln street. Construction workers aren't nice. More communication between residence and Construction owners. Problems with them shutting of electricity, water, cable, from the construction workers. They keep blocking a drive way without informing the residence. They put a piece of equipment and didn't want other cars to use their drive ways to use it to go to High St. They have to go out of their way to get to their home, never informed

of how long construction was going on for and what they're doing. Communication has been overall very poor.

Reference 2 - 3.98% Coverage

65 COMMENT Improving water, quality need access to city water, road improvement, it would be nice to have access to a local store, where we could get groceries locally.

**Recycle = 2**

Reference 1 - 1.14% Coverage

32 COMMENT Increase the recycling across campus.

Reference 2 - 1.25% Coverage

390 COMMENT recycling more accessible to apartments

**Other – Miscellaneous = 15**

Reference 1 - 1.70% Coverage

676 COMMENT Charter cable and internet is garbage, not any other option.

Reference 2 - 1.42% Coverage

537 COMMENT Complain about tailgating. Tailgating is ruined.

Reference 3 - 4.45% Coverage

753 COMMENT Electricity, I am, generally it is good, however we do have power outages every couple times a year which does affect my satisfaction over the power in Union Township overall.

Reference 4 - 1.25% Coverage

749 COMMENT Employment opportunities need to improve.

Reference 5 - 3.98% Coverage

65 COMMENT Improving water, quality need access to city water, road improvement, it would be nice to have access to a local store, where we could get groceries locally.

Reference 6 - 1.33% Coverage

50 COMMENT More advertisement for parks in the township.

Reference 7 - 0.90% Coverage

698 COMMENT More public transportation

Reference 8 - 0.90% Coverage

451 COMMENT police issue at Jamestown,

Reference 9 - 1.09% Coverage

74 COMMENT Rather have a mall than a Wal-Mart.

Reference 10 - 1.94% Coverage

206 COMMENT Sidewalks and bike paths- more of them. Which avoid vehicular traffic.

Reference 11 - 1.68% Coverage

102 COMMENT Sidewalks from copper beach apartment complex to CMU campus

Reference 12 - 3.62% Coverage

563 COMMENT the drinking a driving is bad, noticed in the past year a lot of drunk people walking at night stumbling in road and in dark clothes in road.

Reference 13 - 6.25% Coverage

181 COMMENT The police look for you to be in trouble instead of reacting to trouble. I have a friend that was arrested for playing the harmonica too loud. The police are out of control. The police should look into what they legally can and cannot do before acting.

Reference 14 - 1.80% Coverage

912 COMMENT Yes, I don't there are enough police pulling over drunk drivers.

Reference 15 - 4.95% Coverage

854 COMMENT Yes, Isabella and Pickard, needs to be a flashing red light for the turn when your on Pickard, because other wise you get stuck at the light. It would help traffic a lot better especially at night.

**Don't Know – No Comment = 108**

**What do you believe is the MOST IMPORTANT issue affecting the quality of life in Union Township?**

**Non-Student**

**Roads – Traffic – Transportation = 44**

Reference 1 - 0.17% Coverage

387 WHYQUAL bad roads need to be fixed

Reference 2 - 0.11% Coverage

492 WHYQUAL better roads

Reference 3 - 0.29% Coverage

145 WHYQUAL Condition of the Roads; Responder lives on unpaved road

Reference 4 - 0.21% Coverage

185 WHYQUAL Cut down on traffic from the Casino.

Reference 5 - 0.10% Coverage

1539 WHYQUAL dirt roads

Reference 6 - 0.20% Coverage

756 WHYQUAL fixing the roads and more industry

Reference 7 - 0.18% Coverage

754 WHYQUAL GETTING TOO CROWDED, TRAFFIC

Reference 8 - 0.16% Coverage

1534 WHYQUAL good roads, good gov'nt

Reference 9 - 0.22% Coverage

769 WHYQUAL growth and how it is managed- roads etc

Reference 10 - 0.28% Coverage

937 WHYQUAL growth in the new housing area improvement of roads

Reference 11 - 0.58% Coverage

109 WHYQUAL Increase in traffic. The way high street used to be two lanes in each direction, now its only 1 lane in each direction

Reference 12 - 1.15% Coverage

615 WHYQUAL Keeping everything organized as population grows and keeping people from moving out into the country before the roads are improved and serviced. It isn't working. It is congested. Keep expansion down or spend the money and improve the infrastructure.

Reference 13 - 1.02% Coverage

252 WHYQUAL Need more sidewalks and trails to get from one point to the other without the use of vehicles. Also, set roads up so that it's more of an organized deal. When they make rules, need to learn to abide by them themselves.

Reference 14 - 0.16% Coverage

233 WHYQUAL Quality of Isabella Road

Reference 15 - 0.14% Coverage

585 WHYQUAL quality of the roads

Reference 16 - 0.09% Coverage

977 WHYQUAL Road care

Reference 17 - 0.51% Coverage

1485 WHYQUAL Road conditions, continue to maintain the roads that everyone are travelled on the most, but be improved

Reference 18 - 0.13% Coverage

1347 WHYQUAL road maintenance

Reference 19 - 0.11% Coverage

336 WHYQUAL Road quality

Reference 20 - 0.07% Coverage

45 WHYQUAL roads

Reference 21 - 0.07% Coverage

260 WHYQUAL roads

Reference 22 - 0.07% Coverage

761 WHYQUAL Roads

Reference 23 - 0.08% Coverage

1574 WHYQUAL Roads

Reference 24 - 0.08% Coverage

1623 WHYQUAL Roads

Reference 25 - 0.08% Coverage

1697 WHYQUAL roads

Reference 26 - 0.40% Coverage

1009 WHYQUAL roads and bike paths, difficult to safely get around for children to get around

Reference 27 - 0.17% Coverage

174 WHYQUAL Roads are in need of repair

Reference 28 - 0.72% Coverage

262 WHYQUAL Roads that were improved are not monitored well, so quality roads allow people to drive fast, resulting in accidents. they need to be better monitored.

Reference 29 - 0.12% Coverage

150 WHYQUAL Roads, Education

Reference 30 - 0.93% Coverage

788 WHYQUAL roads. Getting decent roads and sidewalks. you look down lincoln road and you can't walk down it. Thats where we should be spending our money. Pathways area great thing to have if you have the money.

Reference 31 - 0.26% Coverage

898 WHYQUAL Sidewalks, bike pathways, improved police, roads

Reference 32 - 0.18% Coverage

966 WHYQUAL taxes roads need to be better

Reference 33 - 0.12% Coverage

816 WHYQUAL The road system

Reference 34 - 0.10% Coverage

682 WHYQUAL The roads.

Reference 35 - 1.57% Coverage

496 WHYQUAL Township is forgetting about people at the outskirts of township: would like better roads, be able to connect to internet without dial up, make sure ambulance service is up to par (took forever for ambulance to arrive), no more rise of taxes if not getting anything for the raise, bring business to west side of town, especially a grocery store.

Reference 36 - 0.08% Coverage

489 WHYQUAL traffic

Reference 37 - 0.08% Coverage

943 WHYQUAL Traffic

Reference 38 - 0.15% Coverage

433 WHYQUAL traffic and road system

Reference 39 - 0.13% Coverage

629 WHYQUAL Traffic congestion

Reference 40 - 0.12% Coverage

1226 WHYQUAL traffic control

Reference 41 - 0.36% Coverage

757 WHYQUAL Traffic going towards town because Lincoln has become extremely busy.

Reference 42 - 0.11% Coverage

750 WHYQUAL Traffic issues

Reference 43 - 0.22% Coverage

638 WHYQUAL Traffic, air quality (burning of trash)

Reference 44 - 0.20% Coverage

1125 WHYQUAL Transportation, quality of roads.

### **Jobs – Economy = 43**

Reference 1 - 0.27% Coverage

1701 WHYQUAL ability to financially survive, more jobs needed

Reference 2 - 0.14% Coverage

575 WHYQUAL Bringing more jobs.

Reference 3 - 0.26% Coverage

362 WHYQUAL economic growth, support of smaller businesses.

Reference 4 - 0.09% Coverage

684 WHYQUAL ECONOMICS

Reference 5 - 0.40% Coverage

1565 WHYQUAL education at primary and secondary levels and making sure people are employed

Reference 6 - 0.09% Coverage

5 WHYQUAL Employment

Reference 7 - 0.10% Coverage

318 WHYQUAL employment

Reference 8 - 0.16% Coverage

1232 WHYQUAL Employment, health care

Reference 9 - 0.65% Coverage

1045 WHYQUAL Employment. Fair on taxes/property. Look into tax rates more often. Too high. Go down with house value. More consideration for citizens.

Reference 10 - 1.09% Coverage

1307 WHYQUAL family - traditional family development and support through regulation of the type of housing and businesses coming into the township, and recreational opportunities that bring families together, jobs that allow for families to thrive

Reference 11 - 0.09% Coverage

728 WHYQUAL financial

Reference 12 - 0.11% Coverage

19 WHYQUAL increasing jobs

Reference 13 - 0.12% Coverage

85 WHYQUAL Job availability

Reference 14 - 0.10% Coverage

323 WHYQUAL job market

Reference 15 - 0.07% Coverage

46 WHYQUAL Jobs

Reference 16 - 0.07% Coverage

374 WHYQUAL jobs

Reference 17 - 0.07% Coverage

432 WHYQUAL jobs

Reference 18 - 0.07% Coverage

578 WHYQUAL Jobs

Reference 19 - 0.07% Coverage

693 WHYQUAL Jobs

Reference 20 - 0.07% Coverage

1075 WHYQUAL JOBS

Reference 21 - 0.07% Coverage

1192 WHYQUAL jobs

Reference 22 - 0.07% Coverage

1530 WHYQUAL jobs

Reference 23 - 0.07% Coverage

1580 WHYQUAL Jobs

Reference 24 - 0.17% Coverage

1001 WHYQUAL Jobs for people need work

Reference 25 - 0.11% Coverage

51 WHYQUAL jobs or lack of

Reference 26 - 0.20% Coverage

447 WHYQUAL jobs, families that are unemployed

Reference 27 - 0.07% Coverage

1184 WHYQUAL jobs

Reference 28 - 0.24% Coverage

881 WHYQUAL keeping homes filled, jobs, lowering taxes

Reference 29 - 0.11% Coverage

187 WHYQUAL Lack of jobs

Reference 30 - 0.11% Coverage

254 WHYQUAL Lack of Jobs

Reference 31 - 0.11% Coverage

906 WHYQUAL lack of jobs

Reference 32 - 0.11% Coverage

1329 WHYQUAL Lack of jobs

Reference 33 - 0.23% Coverage

1712 WHYQUAL Lack of jobs-big gap and its really bad.

Reference 34 - 0.17% Coverage

335 WHYQUAL more jobs. biggest problem

Reference 35 - 0.31% Coverage

123 WHYQUAL not enough decent paying jobs to provide a decent lifestyle

Reference 36 - 0.12% Coverage

264 WHYQUAL not enough jobs

Reference 37 - 0.17% Coverage

1663 WHYQUAL providing jobs and income

Reference 38 - 0.46% Coverage

507 WHYQUAL The economic issues going on right now with the unemployment and the whole economy as it is.

Reference 39 - 0.10% Coverage

327 WHYQUAL the economy

Reference 40 - 0.65% Coverage

1421 WHYQUAL The economy affects the university, the Soaring Eagle, and other major employers and this will have an impact on the township as a whole

Reference 41 - 0.20% Coverage

90 WHYQUAL The pay scale. Higher paying jobs.

Reference 42 - 0.11% Coverage

897 WHYQUAL unemployment

Reference 43 - 0.32% Coverage

988 WHYQUAL Well I think there needs to be more work and jobs available.

### **Growth – Development = 43**

Reference 1 - 0.46% Coverage

553 WHYQUAL A MASTER PLAN CONTROLLING GROWTH OF HOUSING AND BUILDINGS. PRETHOUGHT OUT OF ZONING AND SUCH.

Reference 2 - 0.45% Coverage

39 WHYQUAL Being able to be outdoors. Scenery. Keeping scenery and beautifying up. Parks are important

Reference 3 - 0.69% Coverage

279 WHYQUAL building of apartments is using the land even though they're not being filled, it lowers property values, the people living there cause problems

Reference 4 - 0.12% Coverage

1557 WHYQUAL Control growth

Reference 5 - 0.23% Coverage

704 WHYQUAL control growth and low cost of government

Reference 6 - 0.13% Coverage

1289 WHYQUAL controlled growth

Reference 7 - 0.29% Coverage

1196 WHYQUAL Controlled housing; limiting large apartment complexes

Reference 8 - 0.36% Coverage

326 WHYQUAL don't like urban sprawl and development, also dislike light pollution

Reference 9 - 1.09% Coverage

1307 WHYQUAL family - traditional family development and support through regulation of the type of housing and businesses coming into the township, and recreational opportunities that bring families together, jobs that allow for families to thrive

Reference 10 - 0.20% Coverage

756 WHYQUAL fixing the roads and more industry

Reference 11 - 0.18% Coverage

754 WHYQUAL GETTING TOO CROWDED, TRAFFIC

Reference 12 - 0.22% Coverage

769 WHYQUAL growth and how it is managed- roads etc

Reference 13 - 0.28% Coverage

937 WHYQUAL growth in the new housing area improvement of roads

Reference 14 - 1.15% Coverage

615 WHYQUAL Keeping everything organized as population grows and keeping people from moving out into the country before the roads are improved and serviced. It isn't working. It is congested. Keep expansion down or spend the money and improve the infrastructure.

Reference 15 - 0.66% Coverage

1202 WHYQUAL Land use-it would be nice if there was planned land use or if the land use planned to maintain the current flavor of rural Union Township.

Reference 16 - 1.18% Coverage

435 WHYQUAL Less commercial development, if there is a housing area, township should not be allowed to build commercial buildings around it. Commercial businesses, trucking in particular, is creating dusty and dirty conditions that are not good for living environment.

Reference 17 - 0.16% Coverage

139 WHYQUAL More available open space

Reference 18 - 0.24% Coverage

134 WHYQUAL My private land, wishes to keep open space

Reference 19 - 0.66% Coverage

535 WHYQUAL Need little more space and more trees, no water softener therefore water is gross with residue in it, completely displeased with the water.

Reference 20 - 0.10% Coverage

901 WHYQUAL open areas

Reference 21 - 0.12% Coverage

232 WHYQUAL probably growth

Reference 22 - 0.12% Coverage

1103 WHYQUAL Proper planning

Reference 23 - 0.13% Coverage

1090 WHYQUAL quality of growth

Reference 24 - 0.20% Coverage

1122 WHYQUAL reasonable control of development

Reference 25 - 0.48% Coverage

1116 WHYQUAL regulating businesses from going up in the immediate area and trying to keep it more residential

Reference 26 - 0.29% Coverage

91 WHYQUAL rental units on the east side. Taxes are extremely high

Reference 27 - 0.18% Coverage

27 WHYQUAL rentals, managing effectively

Reference 28 - 0.14% Coverage

355 WHYQUAL Safety due to growth

Reference 29 - 0.37% Coverage

93 WHYQUAL Slower development, more research into land that should not be residential

Reference 30 - 0.34% Coverage

1360 WHYQUAL Taking a bunch of the farmland and making it into sub divisions.

Reference 31 - 0.51% Coverage

461 WHYQUAL The choice about growth, making smart decisions about the kind of houses and businesses that we bring in.

Reference 32 - 0.37% Coverage

1444 WHYQUAL the exponential growth in the number of low quality apartment complexes

Reference 33 - 0.33% Coverage

1384 WHYQUAL The fact that the township is getting smaller due to the growth

Reference 34 - 0.62% Coverage

1481 WHYQUAL The growth of multiple user type business or homes and maintenance of the draining systems and roads in older housing divisions.

Reference 35 - 0.15% Coverage

796 WHYQUAL the population growth

Reference 36 - 0.47% Coverage

1440 WHYQUAL the quality of things that get added to union township. quality businesses, quality homes etc.

Reference 37 - 0.36% Coverage

954 WHYQUAL The rapid growth of student housing, a lot of which is not well built.

Reference 38 - 0.25% Coverage

1211 WHYQUAL Too many apartment complexes have been built.

Reference 39 - 0.15% Coverage

1629 WHYQUAL too much development

Reference 40 - 0.12% Coverage

273 WHYQUAL too much growth

Reference 41 - 0.21% Coverage

878 WHYQUAL too much student housing/apartments

Reference 42 - 0.38% Coverage

1150 WHYQUAL uncontrolled building of student apartments that have not been filled yet

Reference 43 - 0.15% Coverage

126 WHYQUAL Uncontrolled expansion

## **Township Administration – Cooperation – Communication = 29**

Reference 1 - 0.19% Coverage

1505 WHYQUAL Administration or lack thereof

Reference 2 - 0.45% Coverage

1259 WHYQUAL collaboration with other local gov'ts, need to share resources and combine to lower costs

Reference 3 - 0.18% Coverage

1063 WHYQUAL Communication with the city

Reference 4 - 0.77% Coverage

296 WHYQUAL CONCERN THAT DECISIONS ARE MADE FOR PEOPLES BEST INTEREST AS OPPOSED TO SOME POLITICAL AGENDA/POWER TRIPS. CONSIDER RESIDENTS MORE THAN PERSONAL/POLITICAL AGENDAS

Reference 5 - 0.23% Coverage

704 WHYQUAL control growth and low cost of government

Reference 6 - 0.27% Coverage

1441 WHYQUAL Control of blight. Zoning is not always enforced.

Reference 7 - 0.17% Coverage

1436 WHYQUAL Cooperation among leaders

Reference 8 - 0.11% Coverage

709 WHYQUAL current board

Reference 9 - 0.50% Coverage

1657 WHYQUAL decisions of the previous Union Township Commissioners- offices, apartments, etc. It looks horrible.

Reference 10 - 0.76% Coverage

449 WHYQUAL freedom, the township should not regulate things as much as they currently do. the township board is pushing too much currently and getting in people's business.

Reference 11 - 0.10% Coverage

483 WHYQUAL governance

Reference 12 - 0.24% Coverage

202 WHYQUAL gOV'T OFFICIALS AND HOW TEHY HANDLE THINGS.

Reference 13 - 0.20% Coverage

690 WHYQUAL I think we need better government

Reference 14 - 0.36% Coverage

735 WHYQUAL Increase of communication to know what is going on around the township

Reference 15 - 0.18% Coverage

886 WHYQUAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Reference 16 - 0.43% Coverage

964 WHYQUAL moderate government looking after the needs of the people and not the wants of a few.

Reference 17 - 1.02% Coverage

252 WHYQUAL Need more sidewalks and trails to get from one point to the other without the use of vehicles. Also, set roads up so that it's more of an organized deal. When they make rules, need to learn to abide by them themselves.

Reference 18 - 0.41% Coverage

879 WHYQUAL neighborhood code enforcement, there is a free for all, codes need to be enforced

Reference 19 - 0.18% Coverage

383 WHYQUAL open government transparency

Reference 20 - 0.15% Coverage

697 WHYQUAL OVERBEARING GOVERMENT

Reference 21 - 0.80% Coverage

218 WHYQUAL Poor communication between the board of directors and community members, no newsletters or other forms of communication. Community members do not know what is happening.

Reference 22 - 0.23% Coverage

1740 WHYQUAL probably need a different township board

Reference 23 - 0.18% Coverage

763 WHYQUAL removal of current government

Reference 24 - 0.27% Coverage

1567 WHYQUAL responsiveness of county officials is very poor.  
Reference 25 - 0.46% Coverage

176 WHYQUAL The relationship between Union township and other groups in the area such as City and County.

Reference 26 - 1.36% Coverage

746 WHYQUAL The township screws things up when people have property to sell - they told them one thing and then changed their minds and told them they couldn't sell. They make it too difficult for people to sell their properties when they need to. They also shouldn't decide how the land is going to be used.

Reference 27 - 0.67% Coverage

1354 WHYQUAL the vision of the leaders -- are they aware of the issues we face, are they open to change, are they willing to listen to the people of U.T.

Reference 28 - 0.14% Coverage

813 WHYQUAL Too much government

Reference 29 - 0.22% Coverage

80 WHYQUAL Watching the budget, no foolish spending

## **Water – Sewer – Government Services = 26**

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage

1296 WHYQUAL A balance of public services without breaking people on taxes. A blend of taxes and public services.

Reference 2 - 0.23% Coverage

116 WHYQUAL Better response from governmental groups

Reference 3 - 0.45% Coverage

1259 WHYQUAL collaboration with other local gov'ts, need to share resources and combine to lower costs

Reference 4 - 0.54% Coverage

985 WHYQUAL Considering the opinion of the people regarding taxes and the services the township provides for the citizens.

Reference 5 - 0.18% Coverage

835 WHYQUAL Easy access to public services

Reference 6 - 0.48% Coverage

979 WHYQUAL I wish they would expand the use of their water, it's not available to everyone in Union Township

Reference 7 - 0.66% Coverage

535 WHYQUAL Need little more space and more trees, no water softener therefore water is gross with residue in it, completely displeased with the water.

Reference 8 - 0.33% Coverage

106 WHYQUAL Not having services pushed for. Such as water and sewer. Recycle

Reference 9 - 0.18% Coverage

1199 WHYQUAL quality of water-smells bad

Reference 10 - 0.20% Coverage

1077 WHYQUAL some city services not available.

Reference 11 - 0.62% Coverage

1481 WHYQUAL The growth of multiple user type business or homes and maintenance of the draining systems and roads in older housing divisions.

Reference 12 - 0.66% Coverage

1743 WHYQUAL The one affecting us is the drainage system. Anytime it rains it floods, and the township is not doing anything about and its their fault.

Reference 13 - 0.27% Coverage

812 WHYQUAL The water - it's very very hard water - lime scale

Reference 14 - 0.07% Coverage

47 WHYQUAL Water

Reference 15 - 0.07% Coverage

66 WHYQUAL water

Reference 16 - 0.07% Coverage

69 WHYQUAL Water

Reference 17 - 0.07% Coverage

446 WHYQUAL Water

Reference 18 - 0.07% Coverage

677 WHYQUAL water

Reference 19 - 0.08% Coverage

1021 WHYQUAL water

Reference 20 - 0.08% Coverage

1258 WHYQUAL water

Reference 21 - 0.13% Coverage

1243 WHYQUAL Water and Sewer -

Reference 22 - 0.29% Coverage

1397 WHYQUAL Water and sewer quality and quantity. more available

Reference 23 - 0.40% Coverage

1416 WHYQUAL Water issue. Tastes funny. Some of it. Town water does. Out of town minerals.

Reference 24 - 0.88% Coverage

660 WHYQUAL water situation, losing farm land and not getting any of the other land, all spring I have been working to get the water cleaned up, its not a good situation and we need to take care of it,

Reference 25 - 0.08% Coverage

248 WHYQUAL Water.

Reference 26 - 0.08% Coverage

556 WHYQUAL Water.

## **Safety - Crime – Police – Fire = 26**

Reference 1 - 0.18% Coverage

1487 WHYQUAL Clean up the streets. Drugs

Reference 2 - 0.13% Coverage

1468 WHYQUAL Control of drugs

Reference 3 - 0.07% Coverage

830 WHYQUAL Crime

Reference 4 - 0.13% Coverage

1690 WHYQUAL crime prevention

Reference 5 - 0.18% Coverage

1599 WHYQUAL Crime prevention and patrols

Reference 6 - 0.39% Coverage

1 WHYQUAL crime prevention. lots of growth equals lots of crime. so keep them in balance

Reference 7 - 0.36% Coverage

217 WHYQUAL Determining whether we need additional police, provided by the township

Reference 8 - 0.07% Coverage

152 WHYQUAL drugs

Reference 9 - 0.17% Coverage

104 WHYQUAL Fire and police protection

Reference 10 - 0.13% Coverage

1031 WHYQUAL increase in crime

Reference 11 - 0.21% Coverage

138 WHYQUAL Law enforcement and fire protection

Reference 12 - 0.20% Coverage

1230 WHYQUAL law enforcement or development

Reference 13 - 0.18% Coverage

122 WHYQUAL making it a safe place to live

Reference 14 - 0.18% Coverage

1223 WHYQUAL police protection- need more

Reference 15 - 0.28% Coverage

56 WHYQUAL Police support, they are laying off a lot...to many.

Reference 16 - 0.11% Coverage

1115 WHYQUAL Public safety

Reference 17 - 0.11% Coverage

1545 WHYQUAL public safety

Reference 18 - 0.44% Coverage

469 WHYQUAL public safety - places for children and teenagers to congregate in the community safely

Reference 19 - 0.07% Coverage

16 WHYQUAL Safety

Reference 20 - 0.08% Coverage

711 WHYQUAL Safety

Reference 21 - 0.08% Coverage

1238 WHYQUAL Safety

Reference 22 - 0.32% Coverage

164 WHYQUAL Safety concerns; enough law enforcement, reduce/control crime

Reference 23 - 0.14% Coverage

355 WHYQUAL Safety due to growth

Reference 24 - 0.44% Coverage

1473 WHYQUAL SECURITY, POLICE. THE AMOUNT OF POLICING.. THAT THEY'RE AROUND. SHOULD BE AROUND MORE.

Reference 25 - 0.28% Coverage

498 WHYQUAL Staffing of support resources, police and fire dept.

Reference 26 - 0.48% Coverage

531 WHYQUAL The Casino. The type of people living in the area to play and to live have increased crime rates.

**Taxes = 25**

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage

1296 WHYQUAL A balance of public services without breaking people on taxes. A blend of taxes and public services.

Reference 2 - 0.18% Coverage

352 WHYQUAL affordability - property taxes

Reference 3 - 0.54% Coverage

985 WHYQUAL Considering the opinion of the people regarding taxes and the services the township provides for the citizens.

Reference 4 - 0.23% Coverage

811 WHYQUAL dont raise taxes or we will have to move

Reference 5 - 0.65% Coverage

1045 WHYQUAL Employment. Fair on taxes/property. Look into tax rates more often. Too high. Go down with house value. More consideration for citizens.

Reference 6 - 0.64% Coverage

764 WHYQUAL I think that being able to afford your house is important, taxes are way too high and if I could sell my house I would probably move.

Reference 7 - 0.34% Coverage

1148 WHYQUAL if things stay the same, it should be okay. even taxes are good

Reference 8 - 0.24% Coverage

881 WHYQUAL keeping homes filled, jobs, lowering taxes

Reference 9 - 0.22% Coverage

1294 WHYQUAL keeping property taxes low as possible

Reference 10 - 0.12% Coverage

1524 WHYQUAL LOWER THE TAXES

Reference 11 - 0.11% Coverage

227 WHYQUAL Property tax

Reference 12 - 0.11% Coverage

810 WHYQUAL Property taxes

Reference 13 - 0.19% Coverage

1399 WHYQUAL property taxes are outrageous.

Reference 14 - 0.29% Coverage

91 WHYQUAL rental units on the east side. Taxes are extremely high

Reference 15 - 0.09% Coverage

110 WHYQUAL Taxation

Reference 16 - 0.07% Coverage

992 WHYQUAL taxes

Reference 17 - 0.08% Coverage

1474 WHYQUAL Taxes

Reference 18 - 0.35% Coverage

590 WHYQUAL taxes going higher, people cant afford taxes and will be moving out.

Reference 19 - 0.21% Coverage

203 WHYQUAL Taxes pushing people out of township

Reference 20 - 0.18% Coverage

966 WHYQUAL taxes roads need to be better

Reference 21 - 0.07% Coverage

10 WHYQUAL Taxes.

Reference 22 - 0.20% Coverage

809 WHYQUAL Taxes. Lower taxes would be nice.

Reference 23 - 0.59% Coverage

1700 WHYQUAL the taxes keep going up so people don't have the money to take care of themselves or maintain the quality of their houses

Reference 24 - 0.22% Coverage

516 WHYQUAL they have higher taxes than most places

Reference 25 - 1.57% Coverage

496 WHYQUAL Township is forgetting about people at the outskirts of township: would like better roads, be able to connect to internet without dial up, make sure ambulance service is up to par (took forever for ambulance to arrive), no more rise of taxes if not getting anything for the raise, bring business to west side of town, especially a grocery store.

### **Bike Paths – Sidewalks – Parks – Recreation = 24**

Reference 1 - 0.41% Coverage

1032 WHYQUAL create bike paths that would connect the city and university with union township

Reference 2 - 0.33% Coverage

896 WHYQUAL eco friendly initiates more sidewalks increased ability to walk

Reference 3 - 0.46% Coverage

513 WHYQUAL family - the township needs more places for families to use to enjoy themselves and have fun

Reference 4 - 1.09% Coverage

1307 WHYQUAL family - traditional family development and support through regulation of the type of housing and businesses coming into the township, and recreational opportunities that bring families together, jobs that allow for families to thrive

Reference 5 - 0.33% Coverage

947 WHYQUAL Family activities: Larger diversity of activities would be nice.

Reference 6 - 0.24% Coverage

922 WHYQUAL I think we need more walking and bike paths

Reference 7 - 0.41% Coverage

593 WHYQUAL I think what they need to do is improve sidewalks and bike paths in the community.

Reference 8 - 0.15% Coverage

153 WHYQUAL Lack of walking paths

Reference 9 - 0.22% Coverage

249 WHYQUAL MORE BIKES LANES, CAN'T RIDE INTO TOWN

Reference 10 - 0.39% Coverage

1015 WHYQUAL more development of sidewalks and better ways to get around walking biking.

Reference 11 - 0.18% Coverage

167 WHYQUAL More recreation for the kids

Reference 12 - 2.54% Coverage

468 WHYQUAL MORE THINGS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS TO DO. THERE SEEMS TO BE ENOUGH FOR THE OLDER POPULATION BUT NOT ENOUGH FOR KIDS. KIDS SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN PLACE FOR FUN THINGS AND SPECIAL TIMES. EX: ISLAND PARK HAS SKATE PARK AND WTAER PARK WHICH ARE GOOD BUT KIDS NEED MORE PLACES TO HANG OUT AND DO THINGS BECAUSE ADULTS CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT WHEN THEY WANT WHERE THEY WANT. THE SWIMMING POOL USED TO BE AROUND WHEN SHE WAS YOUNGER AND THAT WAS A GOOD PAST TIME. SHE SPENT EVERY DAY THERE IN THE SUMMERS. MORE THEATRICLE THINGS TO GO DO. LIKE LIVE THEATRES AND SUCH.

Reference 13 - 1.02% Coverage

252 WHYQUAL Need more sidewalks and trails to get from one point to the other without the use of vehicles. Also, set roads up so that it's more of an organized deal. When they make rules, need to learn to abide by them themselves.

Reference 14 - 0.24% Coverage

73 WHYQUAL Neighborhoods, some of the organized sports

Reference 15 - 0.29% Coverage

567 WHYQUAL Probably the availability of recreational facilities.

Reference 16 - 0.30% Coverage

981 WHYQUAL Rec oportunities need to improve. Roads safer for bikes

Reference 17 - 0.17% Coverage

338 WHYQUAL recreation, should increase

Reference 18 - 0.43% Coverage

413 WHYQUAL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS. MORE OF THEM. LIKE SPROTING EVENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AND WATCH

Reference 19 - 0.40% Coverage

1009 WHYQUAL roads and bike paths, difficult to safely get around for children to get around

Reference 20 - 0.18% Coverage

1098 WHYQUAL Side walks and bike trails.

Reference 21 - 0.11% Coverage

1047 WHYQUAL Side walks.

Reference 22 - 0.26% Coverage

898 WHYQUAL Sidewalks, bike pathways, improved police, roads

Reference 23 - 0.30% Coverage

1102 WHYQUAL THINGS FOR CHILDREN TO DO THAT DON'T COST A LOT OF MONEY

Reference 24 - 0.09% Coverage

713 WHYQUAL Walkways

### **Other = 88**

Reference 1 - 0.19% Coverage

267 WHYQUAL A community pool is a HUGE need.

Reference 2 - 0.12% Coverage

1007 WHYQUAL A swimming pool

Reference 3 - 0.41% Coverage

1564 WHYQUAL Ability to make changes in the town in regard to properties, etc..of the school's

Reference 4 - 0.16% Coverage

407 WHYQUAL activities for the family

Reference 5 - 0.10% Coverage

642 WHYQUAL air quality

Reference 6 - 0.20% Coverage

353 WHYQUAL being a family friendly community

Reference 7 - 0.45% Coverage

39 WHYQUAL Being able to be outdoors. Scenery. Keeping scenery and beautifying up. Parks are important

Reference 8 - 0.23% Coverage

926 WHYQUAL better quality healthcare at the hospital

Reference 9 - 0.16% Coverage

511 WHYQUAL casino, negative effects

Reference 10 - 0.18% Coverage

1092 WHYQUAL Churches. More people to go.

Reference 11 - 0.23% Coverage

207 WHYQUAL Clean air. Establishments with no smoking

Reference 12 - 0.17% Coverage

71 WHYQUAL College Kids causing trouble

Reference 13 - 0.37% Coverage

391 WHYQUAL college students, we need them - treat them better, make attitude better

Reference 14 - 0.18% Coverage

78 WHYQUAL Communication with the people

Reference 15 - 0.13% Coverage

1322 WHYQUAL community events

Reference 16 - 0.33% Coverage

1596 WHYQUAL Community involvement in health issues. (Running, Biking, etc.)

Reference 17 - 0.15% Coverage

1447 WHYQUAL DIVERSITY OF RESIDENTS

Reference 18 - 0.36% Coverage

326 WHYQUAL don't like urban sprawl and development, also dislike light pollution

Reference 19 - 0.33% Coverage

896 WHYQUAL eco friendly initiates more sidewalks increased ability to walk

Reference 20 - 0.40% Coverage

1565 WHYQUAL education at primary and secondary levels and making sure people are employed

Reference 21 - 0.16% Coverage

1232 WHYQUAL Employment, health care

Reference 22 - 0.29% Coverage

1269 WHYQUAL enjoying living in the country. it's really important

Reference 23 - 0.10% Coverage

534 WHYQUAL environment

Reference 24 - 0.15% Coverage

1603 WHYQUAL Environmental Issues

Reference 25 - 0.18% Coverage

59 WHYQUAL excessive rules and regulations

Reference 26 - 0.12% Coverage

874 WHYQUAL Family services

Reference 27 - 0.16% Coverage

592 WHYQUAL friendliness of residence

Reference 28 - 0.15% Coverage

81 WHYQUAL get cable out to farms

Reference 29 - 0.37% Coverage

1292 WHYQUAL Getting people to move into the trailer park because it is going empty.

Reference 30 - 0.48% Coverage

292 WHYQUAL Get rid of adult store next to Ihop, hypocritical to block the hooters but allow the adult store.

Reference 31 - 0.24% Coverage

467 WHYQUAL good neighbors good people and good friends

Reference 32 - 0.16% Coverage

1534 WHYQUAL good roads, good gov'nt

Reference 33 - 0.14% Coverage

79 WHYQUAL Housing affordability

Reference 34 - 0.64% Coverage

764 WHYQUAL I think that being able to afford your house is important, taxes are way too high and if I could sell my house I would probably move.

Reference 35 - 0.31% Coverage

528 WHYQUAL I think we should have more activities more senior citizens

Reference 36 - 0.34% Coverage

1148 WHYQUAL if things stay the same, it should be okay. even taxes are good

Reference 37 - 0.16% Coverage

1659 WHYQUAL improving the community

Reference 38 - 0.15% Coverage

1456 WHYQUAL inconsistent housing

Reference 39 - 0.29% Coverage

549 WHYQUAL INCREASED ENNTREPRENORIAL EMPLOYMENT ANS SPIRIT OVERALL

Reference 40 - 0.13% Coverage

971 WHYQUAL it's pretty quiet.

Reference 41 - 0.24% Coverage

881 WHYQUAL keeping homes filled, jobs, lowering taxes

Reference 42 - 0.12% Coverage

464 WHYQUAL keeping up parks

Reference 43 - 0.29% Coverage

779 WHYQUAL Kids not having things to do and getting into trouble

Reference 44 - 0.11% Coverage

727 WHYQUAL lack of funds

Reference 45 - 0.40% Coverage

839 WHYQUAL lack of maintenance in areas. needs to mow sides of roads, too tall of weeds.

Reference 46 - 0.36% Coverage

157 WHYQUAL Lack of neighborhood trash pickup, encourage cleaning, upgrade housing

Reference 47 - 0.11% Coverage

1571 WHYQUAL land values

Reference 48 - 0.14% Coverage

582 WHYQUAL Less noise to relax

Reference 49 - 0.30% Coverage

1568 WHYQUAL low income. no raise on social security. no food stamps.

Reference 50 - 0.23% Coverage

299 WHYQUAL Making things user friendly for all ages

Reference 51 - 0.17% Coverage

12 WHYQUAL Medical, improve conditions

Reference 52 - 0.24% Coverage

302 WHYQUAL More access to activities in the community

Reference 53 - 0.24% Coverage

73 WHYQUAL Neighborhoods, some of the organized sports

Reference 54 - 0.50% Coverage

1695 WHYQUAL No good theater down town, but the one on pickard sort of makes up for it. Otherwise no suggestions.

Reference 55 - 0.35% Coverage

1698 WHYQUAL no provision for trash removal where she lives, should be offered.

Reference 56 - 0.08% Coverage

1011 WHYQUAL noise

Reference 57 - 0.33% Coverage

106 WHYQUAL Not having services pushed for. Such as water and sewer. Recycle

Reference 58 - 0.78% Coverage

119 WHYQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. RESTAURANTS WITH ETHNIC FOOD AND CULTURAL EVENTS. MORE ATTENTION TO ETHNIC NEEDS SUCH AS AFRICAN AMERICAN SALONS OR BARBER SHOPS

Reference 59 - 0.08% Coverage

1194 WHYQUAL Parks

Reference 60 - 0.10% Coverage

1034 WHYQUAL Pollution

Reference 61 - 0.10% Coverage

1368 WHYQUAL Pollution

Reference 62 - 0.15% Coverage

481 WHYQUAL problems with the city

Reference 63 - 0.12% Coverage

550 WHYQUAL Property Values

Reference 64 - 0.17% Coverage

1353 WHYQUAL Providing for the homeless

Reference 65 - 0.17% Coverage

1699 WHYQUAL quality affordable housing

Reference 66 - 0.10% Coverage

1163 WHYQUAL recycling

Reference 67 - 0.18% Coverage

27 WHYQUAL rentals, managing effectively

Reference 68 - 0.12% Coverage

150 WHYQUAL Roads, Education

Reference 69 - 0.26% Coverage

898 WHYQUAL Sidewalks, bike pathways, improved police, roads

Reference 70 - 0.22% Coverage

21 WHYQUAL Small community areas. Subdivision areas

Reference 71 - 0.17% Coverage

1042 WHYQUAL The beauty of the township

Reference 72 - 0.09% Coverage

11 WHYQUAL the casino

Reference 73 - 0.48% Coverage

531 WHYQUAL The Casino. The type of people living in the area to play and to live have increased crime rates.

Reference 74 - 0.56% Coverage

542 WHYQUAL the issue is that not all groups are well-served and pleased by industry, business and govnt. Due to the diversity.

Reference 75 - 0.38% Coverage

22 WHYQUAL The livable wage. People need the income to be able to purchase homes, etc.

Reference 76 - 0.56% Coverage

1550 WHYQUAL The neighbors keeping up their property, they don't do that. They need to clean up their property and mow the lawn.

Reference 77 - 0.11% Coverage

1608 WHYQUAL THE SCHOOLS

Reference 78 - 0.24% Coverage

274 WHYQUAL the schools, having a strong school system

Reference 79 - 0.15% Coverage

967 WHYQUAL The side walks!!!!!!!

Reference 80 - 1.12% Coverage

62 WHYQUAL The transition from automobile industry in Michigan is making things hard in Michigan because of our huge dependency on that one industry. We need to find a way to transition effectively. Unemployment will probably rise if we don't diversify.

Reference 81 - 0.68% Coverage

720 WHYQUAL They need to develop a more equitable way to charge folks for sewer, recycling and waste management. Esp for people who are seasonal residents.

Reference 82 - 0.55% Coverage

263 WHYQUAL Too many codes (billing codes), getting carried away with codes. Neighborhood and highways need to be cleaned up.

Reference 83 - 0.17% Coverage

729 WHYQUAL Too many college students.

Reference 84 - 1.57% Coverage

496 WHYQUAL Township is forgetting about people at the outskirts of township: would like better roads, be able to connect to internet without dial up, make sure ambulance service is up to par (took forever for ambulance to arrive), no more rise of taxes if not getting anything for the raise, bring business to west side of town, especially a grocery store.

Reference 85 - 0.22% Coverage

638 WHYQUAL Traffic, air quality (burning of trash)

Reference 86 - 0.16% Coverage

1315 WHYQUAL trying to go more green.

Reference 87 - 0.08% Coverage

962 WHYQUAL Upkeep

Reference 88 - 0.38% Coverage

400 WHYQUAL want to see more alternative education, need more services for young people

**Don't Know – No Comment = 131**

**What do you believe is the MOST IMPORTANT issue affecting the quality of life in Union Township?  
Student**

**Jobs – Economy = 18**

Reference 1 - 0.56% Coverage

749 WHYQUAL Affordable access to health care.

Reference 2 - 0.40% Coverage

227 WHYQUAL availability of jobs

Reference 3 - 0.40% Coverage

274 WHYQUAL availability of jobs

Reference 4 - 0.40% Coverage

583 WHYQUAL AVAILABILITY OF JOBS

Reference 5 - 0.32% Coverage

139 WHYQUAL Available jobs

Reference 6 - 0.32% Coverage

912 WHYQUAL cost of living

Reference 7 - 0.24% Coverage

540 WHYQUAL economy

Reference 8 - 0.25% Coverage

528 WHYQUAL finances

Reference 9 - 0.35% Coverage

50 WHYQUAL High unemployment

Reference 10 - 0.35% Coverage

349 WHYQUAL Job availability

Reference 11 - 0.30% Coverage

31 WHYQUAL Job creation.

Reference 12 - 0.17% Coverage

5 WHYQUAL jobs

Reference 13 - 0.20% Coverage

527 WHYQUAL Jobs

Reference 14 - 0.37% Coverage

366 WHYQUAL lack of employment

Reference 15 - 0.30% Coverage

73 WHYQUAL Lack of jobs.

Reference 16 - 0.34% Coverage

426 WHYQUAL Price of living

Reference 17 - 0.29% Coverage

456 WHYQUAL the economy

Reference 18 - 0.29% Coverage

785 WHYQUAL The economy

### **Roads – Traffic – Transportation = 15**

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage

240 WHYQUAL gas prices & traffic & roads

Reference 2 - 0.94% Coverage

411 WHYQUAL Keeping drunk driving under control, and repaving Isabella road

Reference 3 - 0.82% Coverage

200 WHYQUAL Lack of sidewalks and the condition of Deerfield Road.

Reference 4 - 0.44% Coverage

327 WHYQUAL modes of transportation

Reference 5 - 1.01% Coverage

524 WHYQUAL neighborhood relations, more alternative transportations, bike route.

Reference 6 - 0.92% Coverage

679 WHYQUAL RECYCLING, MISSION STREET NEEDS TO HAVE CHANGES; TRAFFIC, ROAD

Reference 7 - 0.34% Coverage

828 WHYQUAL road conditions

Reference 8 - 0.72% Coverage

107 WHYQUAL Road conditions: Deerfield Road is ridiculous.

Reference 9 - 0.21% Coverage

457 WHYQUAL ROADS

Reference 10 - 2.23% Coverage

310 WHYQUAL roads need to be fixed and recycling needs to be more available, more bike paths, safer transportation such as bike paths so there are not people walk ride in the road

Reference 11 - 0.52% Coverage

265 WHYQUAL roads not being well developed

Reference 12 - 0.26% Coverage

391 WHYQUAL the roads

Reference 13 - 0.22% Coverage

37 WHYQUAL traffic

Reference 14 - 1.32% Coverage

830 WHYQUAL traffic around mission. Something needs to be done about Mission, and the number of accidents.

Reference 15 - 0.34% Coverage

698 WHYQUAL Traffic Control

### **Bike Paths – Sidewalks - Parks – Recreation = 13**

Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage

164 WHYQUAL accessible sidewalks

Reference 2 - 0.71% Coverage

90 WHYQUAL bike paths on Lincoln street and Pickard area.

Reference 3 - 0.94% Coverage

74 WHYQUAL Entertainment. More parks, shopping, movies. Outdoor activities.

Reference 4 - 0.80% Coverage

126 WHYQUAL Lack of accessibility to parks and lack of sidewalks

Reference 5 - 0.37% Coverage

422 WHYQUAL lack of activities

Reference 6 - 0.62% Coverage

626 WHYQUAL lack of bike paths and street lighting

Reference 7 - 0.82% Coverage

200 WHYQUAL Lack of sidewalks and the condition of Deerfield Road.

Reference 8 - 1.11% Coverage

362 WHYQUAL live off of Isabella, wish there was a side walk. Basically happy living here

Reference 9 - 1.01% Coverage

524 WHYQUAL neighborhood relations, more alternative transportations, bike route.

Reference 10 - 0.27% Coverage

713 WHYQUAL recreation

Reference 11 - 2.23% Coverage

310 WHYQUAL roads need to be fixed and recycling needs to be more available, more bike paths, safer transportation such as bike paths so there are not people walk ride in the road

Reference 12 - 1.55% Coverage

36 WHYQUAL The Lack of things to do, and the sidewalks because he walks and bikes a lot and does not like to be on the road.

Reference 13 - 1.88% Coverage

233 WHYQUAL There aren't a lot of sidewalks near Jamestown on Isabella Road. Very inconvenient if you're walking to someone else's apartment or campus.

## **Water – Sewer – Government Services = 7**

Reference 1 - 0.27% Coverage

801 WHYQUAL hard water

Reference 2 - 0.35% Coverage

390 WHYQUAL quality of water

Reference 3 - 0.34% Coverage

65 WHYQUAL the Water System

Reference 4 - 0.45% Coverage

187 WHYQUAL water and sewage control

Reference 5 - 0.74% Coverage

295 WHYQUAL Water quality- hard. Sewage smell, on Isabella.

Reference 6 - 0.35% Coverage

634 WHYQUAL water tastes bad

Reference 7 - 0.39% Coverage

216 WHYQUAL Water- tastes funny

## **Growth – Development = 6**

Reference 1 - 2.58% Coverage

672 WHYQUAL Business development, its important to have farmland...but at the same time it is important to have more development in the business and job creations, but without costing of destroying farmland.

Reference 2 - 0.34% Coverage

633 WHYQUAL business growth

Reference 3 - 0.39% Coverage

543 WHYQUAL COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY

Reference 4 - 0.44% Coverage

819 WHYQUAL Development is too slow

Reference 5 - 0.34% Coverage

125 WHYQUAL Economic Growth

Reference 6 - 0.60% Coverage

173 WHYQUAL Growth factor; need more up-to-date

### **Not enough to do = 6**

Reference 1 - 1.73% Coverage

563 WHYQUAL influx of college students and the lower number of permanent residence, there are not many activities going on in the community

Reference 2 - 0.59% Coverage

872 WHYQUAL Lack of things to do outside of CMU

Reference 3 - 0.62% Coverage

1 WHYQUAL Limited places to go to and things to do

Reference 4 - 0.64% Coverage

488 WHYQUAL nothing to do but go to casino and bars

Reference 5 - 2.99% Coverage

149 WHYQUAL slow pace city a lot of people complain about malls and there is only one movie theater so not many other activities. Suppose to be a college town but there should be more opportunities outside of CMU that would stay open later.

Reference 6 - 1.55% Coverage

36 WHYQUAL The Lack of things to do, and the sidewalks because he walks and bikes a lot and does not like to be on the road.

### **Safety – Fire – Crime – Police = 5**

Reference 1 - 0.62% Coverage

652 WHYQUAL Increased security, more crime control

Reference 2 - 0.44% Coverage

526 WHYQUAL lack of law enforcement

Reference 3 - 0.39% Coverage

470 WHYQUAL Police calming down

Reference 4 - 0.76% Coverage

451 WHYQUAL The police need to work better with the community

Reference 5 - 2.02% Coverage

181 WHYQUAL Too many different police forces interfering and regulating activities. It seems like they are looking for trouble and trying to get folks in trouble.

### **Township administration – communication – cooperation = 3**

Reference 1 - 0.82% Coverage

653 WHYQUAL Enforcement of zoning regulations and code violations.

Reference 2 - 0.69% Coverage

487 WHYQUAL Government keeping in touch with the people

Reference 3 - 1.00% Coverage

494 WHYQUAL More advertising for what Mt. Pleasant and the township has to offer

### **Other = 54**

Reference 1 - 1.87% Coverage

262 WHYQUAL Affordability of housing and availability of shopping destinations. The area has grown but there is a Wal-Mart instead of a shopping mall.

Reference 2 - 0.56% Coverage

749 WHYQUAL Affordable access to health care.

Reference 3 - 0.52% Coverage

54 WHYQUAL Cleaning the snow in the winter

Reference 4 - 0.60% Coverage

518 WHYQUAL college students - parties and noise

Reference 5 - 0.49% Coverage

23 WHYQUAL College students in the area

Reference 6 - 0.40% Coverage

178 WHYQUAL community solidarity

Reference 7 - 1.31% Coverage

145 WHYQUAL Community togetherness. more community involvement and community activities esp for children.

Reference 8 - 0.41% Coverage

565 WHYQUAL construction is awful

Reference 9 - 0.37% Coverage

88 WHYQUAL Controlling parties

Reference 10 - 0.39% Coverage

747 WHYQUAL Controlling parties

Reference 11 - 0.37% Coverage

334 WHYQUAL Crazy college kids

Reference 12 - 0.39% Coverage

516 WHYQUAL Culture activities.

Reference 13 - 0.39% Coverage

25 WHYQUAL Drinking and driving

Reference 14 - 0.50% Coverage

240 WHYQUAL gas prices & traffic & roads

Reference 15 - 0.24% Coverage

638 WHYQUAL housing

Reference 16 - 0.54% Coverage

325 WHYQUAL housing that is close to campus

Reference 17 - 0.47% Coverage

827 WHYQUAL How small the township is.

Reference 18 - 1.45% Coverage

352 WHYQUAL improving the lives of the low income families, especially by providing more housing that is affordable.

Reference 19 - 1.22% Coverage

462 WHYQUAL In my opinion, we need an off leash dog park and keep the recycling curb-side pick-up.

Reference 20 - 0.74% Coverage

892 WHYQUAL Increasing number of freshmen college students.

Reference 21 - 0.55% Coverage

84 WHYQUAL keeping appearance and atmosphere

Reference 22 - 0.94% Coverage

411 WHYQUAL Keeping drunk driving under control, and repaving Isabella road

Reference 23 - 0.62% Coverage

626 WHYQUAL lack of bike paths and street lighting

Reference 24 - 0.77% Coverage

21 WHYQUAL Lack of businesses that appeal to college students.

Reference 25 - 0.37% Coverage

416 WHYQUAL Lack of Population

Reference 26 - 0.91% Coverage

575 WHYQUAL Lack of stores, like a mall or a best buy and clothing stores

Reference 27 - 0.70% Coverage

47 WHYQUAL Making the appearance in the town look better

Reference 28 - 2.92% Coverage

561 WHYQUAL Maybe access to resources. I'm a college student and this isn't my hometown so I am unfamiliar with resources, such as parks or events in parks. I don't have any recycling here. I'm unfamiliar with businesses here as well.

Reference 29 - 0.62% Coverage

924 WHYQUAL More people and businesses are needed.

Reference 30 - 0.49% Coverage

18 WHYQUAL More stores- businesses Mall

Reference 31 - 1.01% Coverage

524 WHYQUAL neighborhood relations, more alternative transportations, bike route.

Reference 32 - 0.89% Coverage

217 WHYQUAL no emergency housing for those in need, no homeless shelter

Reference 33 - 0.31% Coverage

287 WHYQUAL Noise control

Reference 34 - 0.44% Coverage

414 WHYQUAL Out of control partying

Reference 35 - 0.24% Coverage

796 WHYQUAL parking

Reference 36 - 0.69% Coverage

823 WHYQUAL Parties and drinking problems around campus

Reference 37 - 0.21% Coverage

855 WHYQUAL peace

Reference 38 - 0.47% Coverage

127 WHYQUAL Poverty level and drug use

Reference 39 - 0.45% Coverage

822 WHYQUAL privacy, peace and quiet

Reference 40 - 0.75% Coverage

878 WHYQUAL Public schools in the area need to keep funding.

Reference 41 - 0.89% Coverage

894 WHYQUAL recycling, apt complexes don't have any facilities for this

Reference 42 - 0.92% Coverage

679 WHYQUAL RECYCLING, MISSION STREET NEEDS TO HAVE CHANGES; TRAFFIC, ROAD

Reference 43 - 0.26% Coverage

115 WHYQUAL recycling

Reference 44 - 0.40% Coverage

719 WHYQUAL Regulating partying.

Reference 45 - 0.69% Coverage

676 WHYQUAL residents and student negative interactions

Reference 46 - 2.23% Coverage

310 WHYQUAL roads need to be fixed and recycling needs to be more available, more bike paths, safer transportation such as bike paths so there are not people walk ride in the road

Reference 47 - 0.37% Coverage

554 WHYQUAL Sense of Community

Reference 48 - 0.34% Coverage

100 WHYQUAL shopping center

Reference 49 - 0.97% Coverage

401 WHYQUAL size of apartments, no washer or dryer in the units or dishwashers

Reference 50 - 0.81% Coverage

854 WHYQUAL Street lights, snow plowing and maybe cost of permits

Reference 51 - 0.42% Coverage

276 WHYQUAL The family atmosphere.

Reference 52 - 3.02% Coverage

753 WHYQUAL The most important issue is the housing crisis which I think affects a lot of farming people, people who are retiring and such want to sell their houses and cannot and people are losing their houses because of the housing crisis.

Reference 53 - 0.70% Coverage

513 WHYQUAL The positive effect CMU has on the community

Reference 54 - 0.86% Coverage

501 WHYQUAL train station would be nice for students to get home more

**Don't Know – No Comment = 68**