



# PUBLIC INPUT

Community input is critical in ensuring the master plan reflects the current and future needs and desires of all Township residents.

Every effort was made to collect public input from as many residents and local stakeholders as possible. In addition to the required public hearing, public review period, and public notices, and number of other innovative engagement techniques were employed.

The following summarizes those engagement methods and the input that was received.

## PROJECT WEBSITE

A project website was developed as a tool for gathering input, place to review draft maps and documents, and to house the community survey. There was a link

to the master plan website from the Township website and also an opportunity for members of the public to provide input through the project website.

## INPUT STATIONS

A number of stations were set up throughout the community encouraging residents and visitors share their vision for Banks Township. The posters were placed at the Front Porch, the Township Hall, Friskes Farm Market, the Good Samaritans, others...(?)

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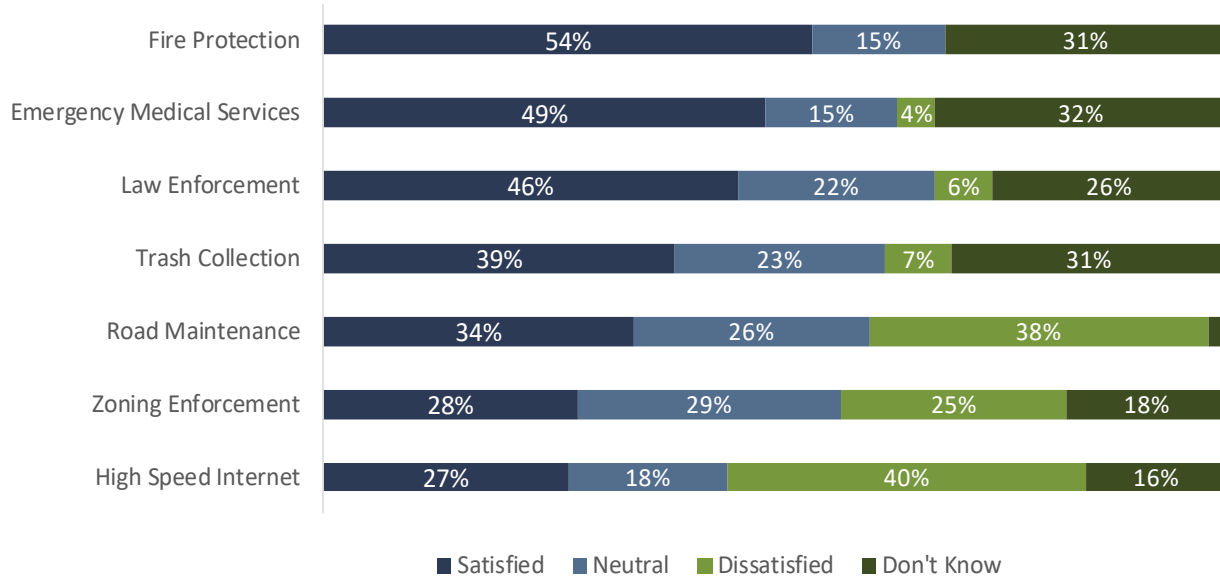
## COMMUNITY SURVEY

A community-wide survey was developed and targeted towards households and businesses in

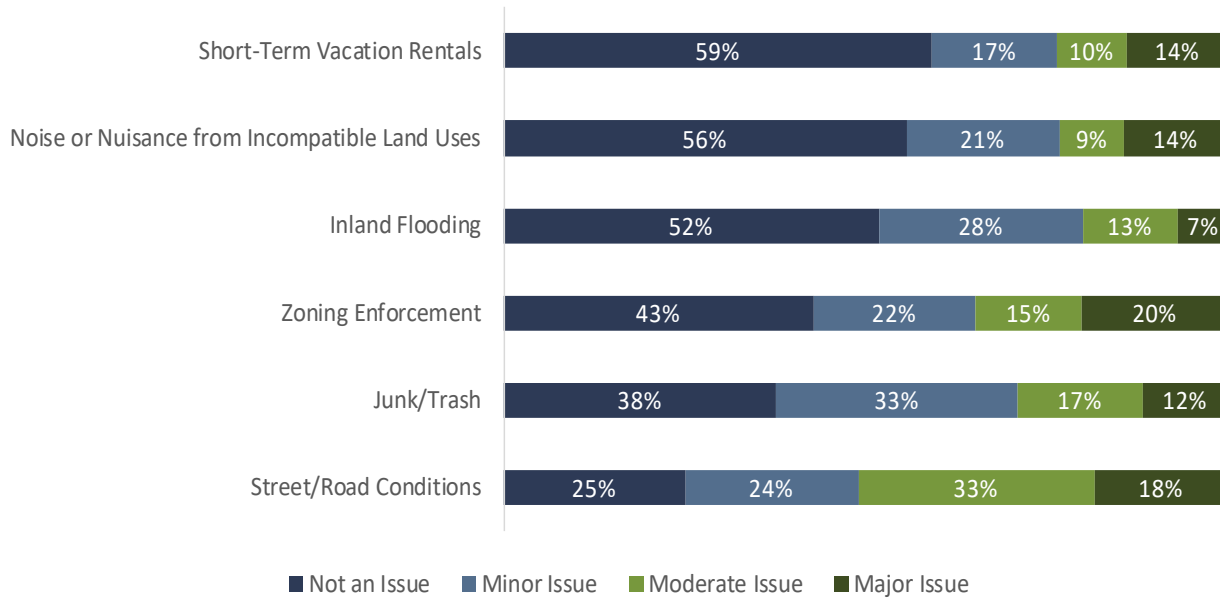
the Township. The survey was developed with input from the planning commission and Township Board and was open from June - August 2018. In July 2018 the postcard was sent to all residents and businesses within the Township, with a link to the electronic survey. Hard copies of the survey were also available for people to pick up at the Township Hall and other community locations. Residents could also call and request that a survey be mailed to their home.

A total of 96 individuals completed the survey. The following summarizes the results from the survey and was used to identify goals and prioritize actions.

**Question 1:** How would you rate your satisfaction with the following public services?



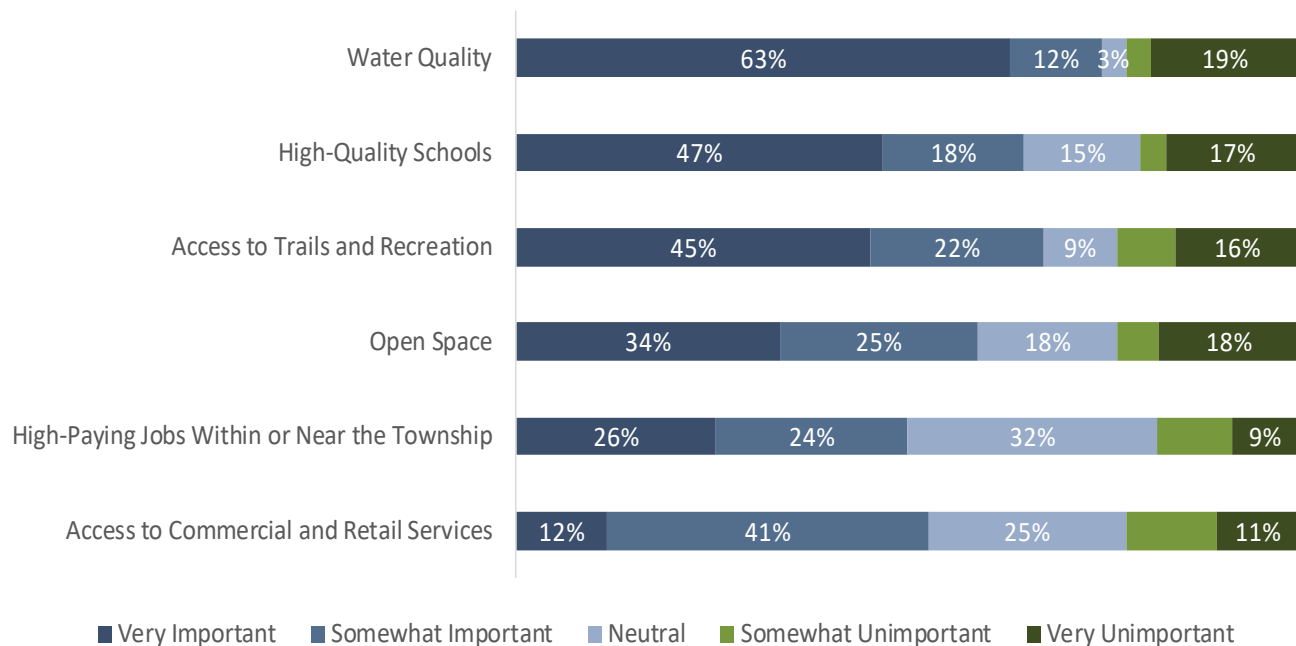
**Question 2:** Please rate how much of a problem, if at all, each of the following are in the Township:



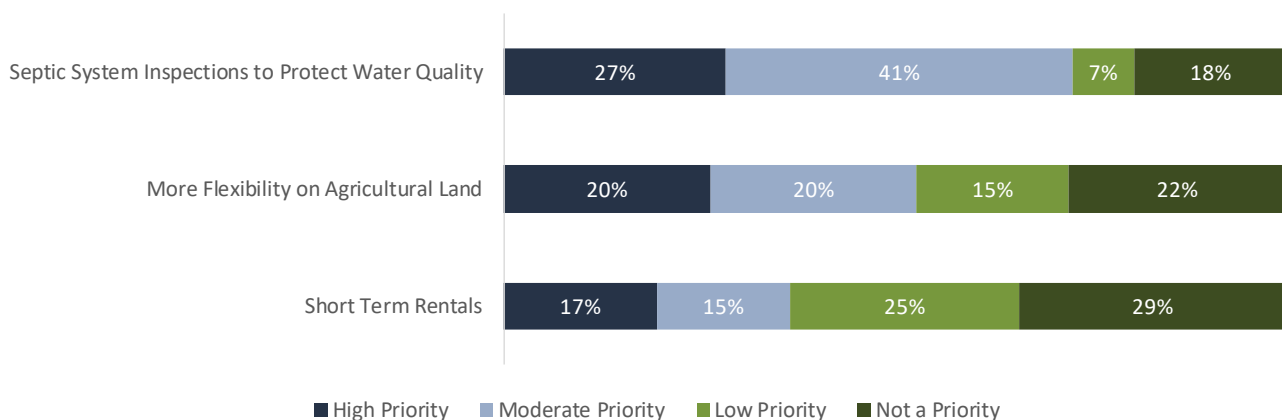
**Question 2:** The second part of this question asked respondents to expand on their responses, and specifically to identify any other major zoning issues. A total of 21 people provided additional issues. Four respondents noted a need to address the flooding issues. Three respondents noted a desire for less regulation, while two respondents desired better zoning enforcement. Two people also noted there was too much noise in the Township and two people said that taxes were too high. Two individuals commented on road conditions - one was in favor of more paving while the other wanted to preserve their gravel drive. Single issues (not necessary with a basis in zoning) noted by one person only included:

- Better speeding enforcement
- Desire for boat launch facilities
- Desire for more revenue generating businesses
- Concern of hotels being run in single family neighborhoods.
- Pollution from outdoor wood furnaces
- Lack of reasonably price high speed Internet

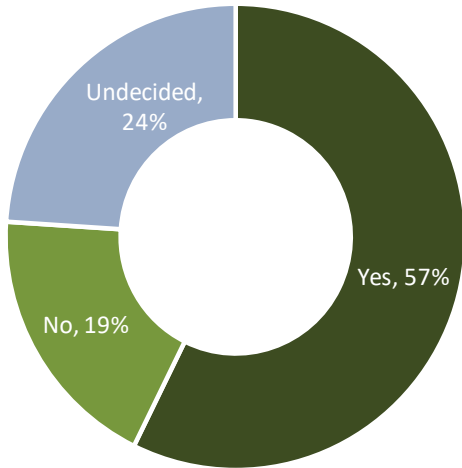
**Question 3:** How important are the following in Banks Township?



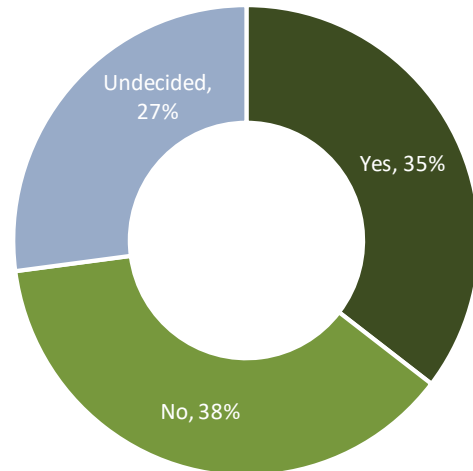
**Question 4:** Rate each of the following zoning issues as a priority for the Township.



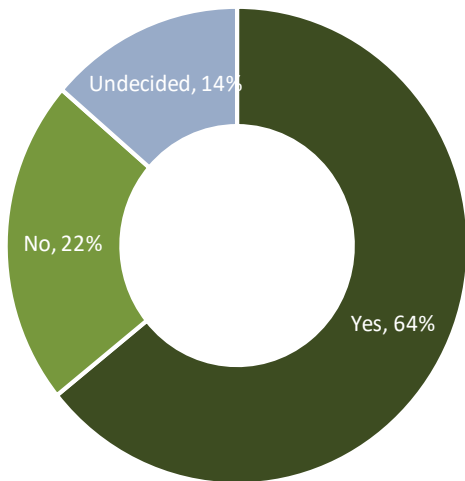
**Question 5:** Should Banks Township partner with conservancies and others to protect farmland and other important natural features?



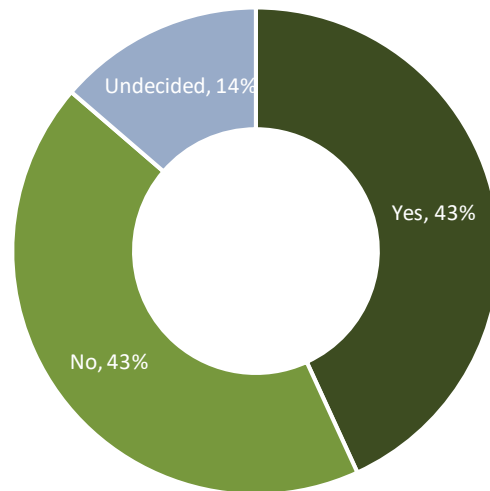
**Question 6:** Would you support an increased Township millage to repair and upgrade roads in the Township?



**Question 7:** Would you be supportive of non-motorized trails and expanded recreational opportunities for Township residents and visitors?



**Question 8:** Would you be supportive of expanded snowmobile trails for Township residents and visitors?

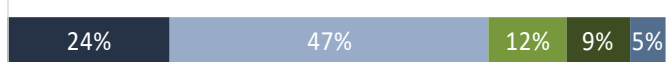


**Question 9:** Do you agree with the following statements?

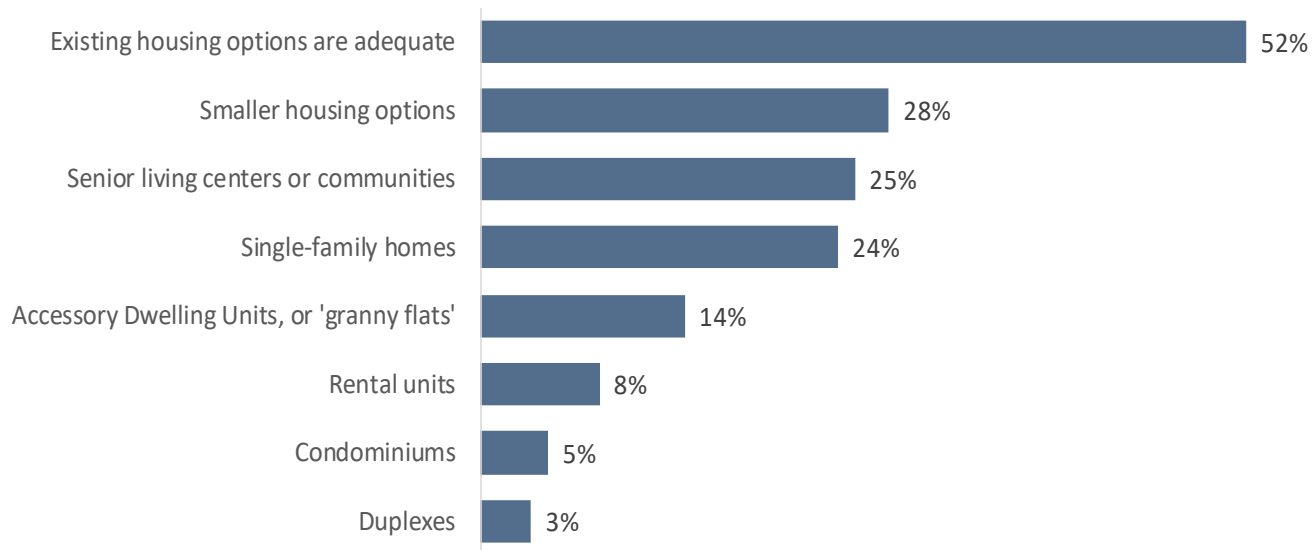
Banks Township should work to attract appropriate light industrial development in designated areas.



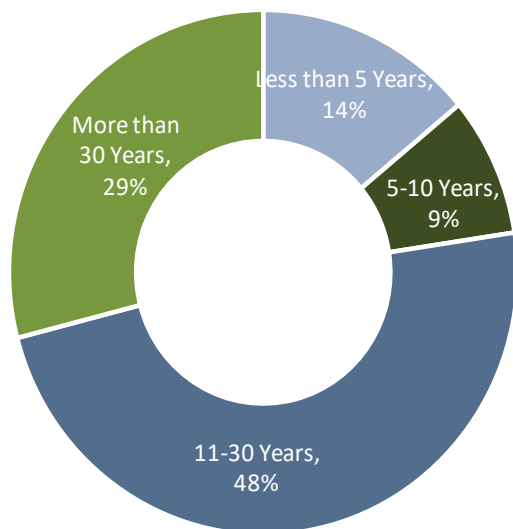
Banks Township would benefit from more commercial development in existing commercial centers.



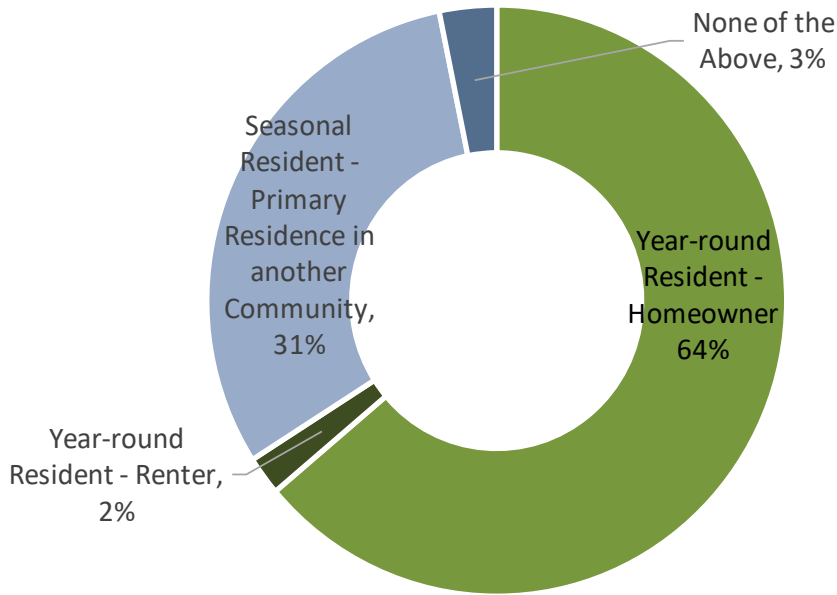
**Question 10:** What type of housing (if any) does Banks Township need more of? Please check all that apply



**Question 11:** How long have you lived in Banks Township?



**Question 12:** Please classify your residency in Banks Township



**Question 13:** Please indicate the zip code where you work (if applicable)

A map was created to illustrate the locations that residents of Banks Township work. A total of 44 people responded with their work zip code, representing a total of 22 different zip codes. Please see map for a detailed breakdown.

**Question 14:** What category is your age?

