

The town of Grover has no land assessed for manufacturing processes. In the future manufacturing may occur along the state highway 64 corridor and county highway M if necessary facilities are in place.

TOWN OF GROVER SMART GROWTH SURVEY

On 9-17-02 the town of Grover mailed 237 Smart Growth Survey questionnaires to residents. Eighty-three were received, forty from town residents and forty-three from non-town residents that own land in the Town of Grover. The following is a summary of the survey responses.

1. Are you generally satisfied living in the Town of Grover?

YES	NO
68	1

2. What aspects do you like best about the Town of Grover?

Safety	Country Atmosphere	Friendly People	Good Service	Good Government	Location	Air/Water Quality	Other
44	74	44	12	23	37	38	7

Comments included the condition of the roads, high taxes, and unsightly, junky residences. Comments stated that major improvements should be for paved roads, better road maintenance, and a junk ordinance to clean-up junky residences.

Industrial and Commercial Development

3. Do you feel that protecting and preserving our town’s soil, water, and wetland is important?

YES	NO
74	0

4. Do you feel that there is a problem with contamination of groundwater in the Town of Grover?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
7	61	3

5. Are you concerned about the water quality of lakes, ponds, and rivers in the Town of Grover?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
60	15	1

Land Use

6. Do you feel that the rural and agricultural character of the Town of Grover should be preserved?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
71	0	12

7. Are you opposed to the use of agricultural land for commercial or industrial development?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
64	17	15

8. Should landowners in the Town of Grover have the right to sell their farmland for a purpose other than farmland?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
54	7	21

Comments were not in favor of sales to developers, big housing developments, or multiple family dwellings such as apartment houses.

9. Should there be a limit on the size of new parcels?

YES	NO	NOT SURE
44	20	13

Comments included suggestions that zoning should address acreage requirements for new housing.

10. Choose the minimum acreage for new parcels developed in an existing rural area, not near a town or existing subdivision.

50 acres	35 acres	20 acres	10 acres	5 acres	1 acres	No Minimum	Other
0	0	8	17	35	1	14	9

11. Single family residential development throughout the town should have a minimum size of ...

1 acres	5 acres	10 acres	20 acres	35 acres	No Acreage Limit	Other
11	21	11	9	0	17	6

Comments stated this should be dependent on how much development we want in the future.

12. Should the township proceed to develop a land use plan?

YES	NO
61	8

13. Should the land use plan address:

	YES	NO
Junk yards (eyesores within public view)	68	7
Abandoned, unmaintained residences / mobile homes	69	9
Unsightly or environmentally damaging logging practices	69	7
Placement of housing within the township	46	20
Density of housing within the township	54	13

Comments included suggestions that septic system compliance is needed to protect groundwater, and that shore land restoration / protection is needed. Comments included statements that although some logging practices are unsightly, they are environmentally sound and some people do not understand the purpose of logging.

	Promote	Neutral	Limit	Prohibit
Large Scale Industry, such as mining		1	25	53
Cottage Industry	41		34	8
Current types and sizes of farms	11	1	18	5
Tourism	47		21	3
Large confinement lots	6	2	32	29
Subdivisions in existing rural areas			37	27
Land ownership for recreational purposes, such as ATV trails	25		38	13
Public Parks	49		18	4
Public Hunting Grounds	46		26	4
Establishing a minimum set back for buildings from property lines and town roads	49		15	10
Establishing minimum standards for private access roads or driveways	39		26	12
Development of communication towers	18	2	52	16

14. Do you think the natural beauty of the town's roadways and scenic views should be preserved?

YES	NO
83	0

If yes, which of the following approaches do you favor?

Forest Buffers	Sign Ordinance	Vegetative Screening	Structure Setback Requirements	Architectural Guidelines
49	52	28	44	9

15. Do you think that the Town of Grover needs more blacktopped roads?

Yes	No	Not Sure
24	49	9

16. Is preserving undeveloped areas in the Town of Grover important to you?

Yes	No	Not Sure
66	10	2

17. Your vision of residential development in the Town of Grover in the year 2020 is...

Rural: (5 Acres or more)	Suburban: Cluster Houses
67	4

18. Are you satisfied with the way the town is developing under present land use regulations?

YES	NO	Not Sure
35	8	32

19. Should zoning be used to limit various types of development to specific areas of the township?

YES	NO	Not Sure
64	8	6

20. Would you be favor of zoning and/or ordinances that restrict subdivision by land speculators?

YES	NO	Not Sure
68	9	1

21. Would you be in favor of zoning and/or ordinances that restrict subdivisions to specific areas such as near a town or lake?

YES	NO	Not Sure
60	18	1

22. Do you feel your property rights are threatened by zoning?

YES	NO	Not Sure
23	48	1

23. Do you feel threatened by the lack of zoning?

YES	NO	Not Sure
41	31	3

24. What describes your present housing?

Single Family House	Mobile Home	Modular home	Farm Home	Water Front Home	Cottage	Apartment	Other
35	3	0	4	11	15	0	13

25. What describes your residency?

Year round home	Year round renter	Seasonal Owner	Seasonal Renter	Non-Resident owner
42	0	15	0	14

26. Do you feel the Town government has the responsibility to protect the interests of owners within the town?

YES	NO	Not Sure
65	2	7

27. Do you feel the Town should set standards for business advertising and billboards?

YES	NO	Not Sure
65	4	6

28. Please rate the following services within budget restraints:

<u>Road Maintenance:</u>				
Excellent 7	Good 37	Fair 15	Poor 10	No Opinion 3
<u>Snowplowing:</u>				
Excellent 9	Good 38	Fair 6	Poor 5	No Opinion 9
<u>Fire Protection:</u>				
Excellent 7	Good 9	Fair 11	Poor 11	No Opinion 30
<u>Emergency Medical:</u>				
Excellent 7	Good 10	Fair 14	Poor 9	No Opinion 29
<u>Solid Waste/Recycling</u>				
Excellent 13	Good 30	Fair 14	Poor 1	No Opinion 16
<u>Brushing:</u>				
Excellent 13	Good 32	Fair 16	Poor 8	No Opinion 10