

2000
TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA
COMMUNITY ATTITUDE SURVEY
SURVEY RESULTS – TOTAL
(IN PERCENT ANSWERING)

Township residents: 160 (80%) Village residents: 40 (20%) TOTAL 200

1. How important were the following factors to you in your decision to move to or remain in Caledonia? (rank each)	1 Very Important	2	3	4	5 Not Important At All
a. Close to Grand Rapids	17	22	29	19	14
b. Quality of schools	43	23	11	5	18
c. Rivers, trees, natural features	51	26	17	3	4
d. Low crime rate	53	29	12	3	3
e. Church	24	22	25	11	18
f. Reasonable housing price	16	25	33	13	14
g. Quality of neighborhoods	53	29	13	3	3
h. Open spaces/rural atmosphere	59	21	14	5	2
i. House that I wanted	40	21	22	7	8
j. Closer to my job	20	11	22	16	30
k. Small town feel	37	33	19	7	5
l. Family nearby	20	14	19	11	37

2. How strongly do you agree/disagree with the following statements about living in Caledonia? (rank each)	1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree
a. If I were to move to a new home now I would still move to Caledonia.	33	15	23	16	16
b. I think Caledonia will stay a rural, small town community.	3	11	25	25	37
c. I will continue to live in Caledonia even if it becomes more developed.	29	25	20	10	17
d. The Township should try to save its farmland, even if it means that farmers could not sell their land for development.	31	17	23	13	16
e. The Southbelt Freeway will change Caledonia from a rural to a suburban community.	34	24	27	9	7
f. I want to see the Township/Village stay as it is now.	32	18	27	12	12

3. Next I will read several statements about growth and development in Caledonia. Please tell me which one statement best describes your opinion about growth and development in Caledonia?

3	a. Growth and development should be encouraged, without any interference from the township government.
37	b. Growth and development should be encouraged, but the township government should control things such as the quality and location of development.
8	c. The township should neither encourage, nor limit growth and development in Caledonia.
38	d. Growth and development should be somewhat restricted by the township government.
15	e. Growth and development should be severely limited by the township government.

4. Please tell me to what extent is each of the following conditions a problem in Caledonia? (rank each)

	1 Serious Problem	2	3	4	5 Not a Problem at All
a. Traffic congestion in general	7	19	31	26	17
b. Commercial development along M-37	14	19	32	19	17
c. Traffic around the schools	9	19	40	18	11
d. Homes being built on smaller lots	10	14	29	21	27
e. Traffic along M-37	9	8	24	19	41
f. Traffic on my street	39	11	18	12	21
g. Traffic on other streets	9	20	43	17	11
f. Loss of rural character	11	19	32	16	23
h. Road access across the Thornapple River	33	20	32	8	5
i. Physical condition of streets	9	24	44	16	8
j. Parking in the Village downtown	17	25	26	22	11
k. Lack of parks	25	21	32	15	8
l. Lack of sidewalks or bike paths	18	17	29	21	15
m. Number of homes using septic systems.	22	14	34	16	7
n. Noise from the Kent County Airport	23	15	23	19	21

5. Next, please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements? (<i>rank each</i>)	1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree
a. Development should only be allowed if adequate public services are available, such as water, sewer, roads, police, fire, etc.	41	22	16	10	12
b. Farmland should be preserved in the township.	40	18	25	9	10
c. The Township should try to preserve some land along the Thornapple River for public use and enjoyment.	62	17	16	3	2
d. Farmers should be able to sell their farmland for development.	28	18	32	14	10
e. Commercial and industrial development is needed to keep my taxes reasonable.	12	20	37	13	18
f. Growth and development is all right as long as the Township's natural resources are preserved.	30	22	23	15	11
g. Growth is inevitable and the Township and Village have little control over it.	11	17	25	23	25
h. The Township needs more employment opportunities.	14	11	38	19	19
i. Developers have too much influence over growth in Caledonia.	38	15	30	8	7
j. The Township needs more commercial development.	8	11	30	27	25
k. Caledonia should have a wide range of housing available for all income levels.	21	18	28	10	23
l. More intensive growth should be allowed where public sewers are available.	15	20	28	18	19
m. Development should be concentrated closer to M-37.	13	16	34	17	20

6. Next, please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about public services in Caledonia? (rank each)	5 Strongly Agree	4	3	2	1 Strongly Disagree
a. Caledonia should improve its planning, coordination, and communication with adjacent communities.	25	26	37	6	6
b. I would like to be connected to a public water system. (Village/Township)	30/17	10/6	16/18	8/13	43/46
c. I would like to be connected to a public sanitary sewer. (Village/Township)	30/22	5/8	23/15	5/12	38/42
d. This area has enough parks and other recreational facilities.	21	18	30	20	12
e. Public sewer should be made available to more land in the area.	18	15	37	12	18
f. Public water should be made available to more land in the area.	17	13	37	12	20
g. Public water or sewer service should only be made available in areas where needed to solve environmental problems.	27	22	26	14	12
h. Caledonia should improve its planning, coordination, and communication with the school system.	31	27	31	5	4

7. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following services.	5 Very Satisfied	4	3	2	5 Very Dissatisfied	N/A
a. snow plowing on my street	36	28	20	6	5	7
b. fire protection	34	37	24	3	1	2
c. police	32	35	25	6	3	2
d. park maintenance	29	34	32	3	1	3
e. assessing	4	19	45	21	7	6
f. library services	18	26	32	15	8	3
g. building inspections	12	21	47	7	8	7
h. street lighting	18	25	37	14	4	4
i. water	18	21	31	13	8	10
j. sanitary sewer	19	20	33	13	6	10
k. recreation programs	15	25	43	10	7	2
l. schools	40	36	14	6	4	2
m. ordinance enforcement	14	26	38	10	10	4

8. Which of the following best describes your place of residence in Caledonia?	
89	a. Single family detached home
6	b. Manufactured/Mobile home
2	c. Rented apartment
3	d. Condominium
1	e. Other
1	f. No answer

9. Which of the following categories describes how long have you lived in Caledonia?	
10	a. Less than a year
14	b. More than a year but less than 3 years
9	c. 3 years to 5 years
21	d. 5 years to 10 years
47	e. More than 10 years

10. Which of the following categories describes your age?	
2	a. Less than 25 years
79	b. 25 to 54
14	c. 55-64
5	d. More than 64
1	e. No answer/refused