

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA  
COMMUNITY ATTITUDE SURVEY**

2006 Community Master Plan Update

<b>1. Please rank the following factors as to why you chose to live in Caledonia Township.</b>	<b>5 Very Important</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1 Not Important At All</b>
a. Close to Grand Rapids	159	195	193	61	36
b. Quality of schools	331	149	98	26	80
c. Rivers, trees, natural features	384	174	86	20	15
d. Low crime rate	419	171	65	10	11
e. Churches	143	154	193	86	105
f. Reasonable housing prices	216	226	189	41	43
g. Quality of neighborhoods	326	224	83	19	16
h. Open spaces/rural atmosphere	357	135	63	25	13
i. Found the type of housing that I wanted	313	186	105	27	39
j. Closer to my job	119	160	180	81	137
k. Small town feel	307	186	109	38	36
l. Family/friends live nearby	156	115	144	80	191
m. Investment potential	117	154	164	114	159
n. Availability of larger lots	245	147	117	61	109
o. Progressive, growing community	91	153	199	90	149

<b>2. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about living in Caledonia.</b>	<b>5 Strongly Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1 Strongly Disagree</b>
a. If I were to move to another residence now, I would remain in Caledonia.	197	136	220	69	59
b. I think Caledonia should stay a rural, small town community.	355	119	133	58	31
c. I will continue to live in Caledonia even if it becomes more developed.	177	182	180	87	72
d. The Township should try to save its farmland, even if it means that farmers could not sell their land for development.	226	116	176	71	109
e. The Southbelt Freeway will change Caledonia from a rural to a suburban community.	392	210	190	31	24
f. Commercial development should be allowed along the entire M-37 corridor in the Township.	128	139	143	92	146
g. I prefer to live on a large lot (minimum of 1-2 acres).	396	89	90	49	38
h. I prefer to live on a small lot (maximum of ¼ to ½ acre.)	31	38	101	114	373
i. I prefer to live on a small lot (maximum of ¼ to ½ acre), with open space available nearby.	59	51	137	117	319

<b>3. Please indicate which <u>ONE</u> statement best describes your opinion about growth and development in Caledonia.</b>	
29	a. Growth and development should be encouraged, without any interference from the township government.
286	b. Growth and development should be encouraged, but the township government should control things such as the quality and location of development.
38	c. The township should neither encourage, nor limit growth and development in Caledonia.
185	d. Growth and development should be somewhat restricted by the township government.
88	e. Growth and development should be severely limited by the township government.

<b>4. Please indicate to what extent each of the following conditions is a problem in Caledonia.</b>	<b>1 Serious Problem</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Not a Problem</b>
a. Traffic congestion in general	152	168	227	92	53
b. Commercial development along M-37	103	110	227	135	115
c. Traffic around the schools	82	134	263	120	64
d. Homes being built on smaller lots	203	145	164	90	79
e. Traffic along M-37	243	212	155	49	30
f. Loss of rural character	228	175	174	82	36
g. Road access across the Thornapple River	36	57	220	126	171
h. Physical condition of streets	89	185	258	103	104
i. Parking in the Village downtown	67	99	204	160	105
j. Lack of parks	44	155	195	153	166
k. Lack of sidewalks or bike paths	104	160	188	93	121
l. Number of homes using septic systems	28	69	206	144	204
m. Noise from the Kent County Airport	56	136	139	163	228
n. Loss of agricultural land	198	165	165	104	56
o. Unpaved roads	67	73	212	166	183
p. Quality of cellular communications	114	141	150	109	153
q. Light pollution	43	76	214	165	165

<b>5. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.</b>	<b>5 Strongly Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1 Strongly Disagree</b>
a. Development should only be allowed if adequate public services are available, such as water, sewer, roads, police, fire, schools, etc.	352	154	117	35	43
b. Farmland should be preserved in the township, with the use of public tax revenues.	123	131	182	106	140
c. The Township should try to preserve some land along the Thornapple River for public use and enjoyment.	358	175	113	28	21
d. Commercial and industrial development is needed to keep my taxes reasonable.	169	193	206	66	71
e. Growth and development is all right as long as the Township's natural resources are preserved.	212	209	174	49	44
f. Growth is inevitable, and the Township has little control over it.	64	81	138	162	234
g. The Township needs more employment opportunities.	94	141	229	97	76
h. The Township needs more commercial and retail development.	70	131	226	145	110
i. Caledonia should have a wide range of housing available for all income levels.	120	122	172	138	130
j. More intensive growth should be allowed where public sewers are available.	86	125	225	128	108
k. Development should be concentrated closer to M-37.	107	182	234	87	65
l. Larger acreage parcels (5 acres or more) should be preserved for uses such as farms or 'hobby farms'.	159	143	206	87	77
m. I do not mind traveling outside the Township for my regular shopping needs.	285	192	132	50	32
n. The Township needs more housing options for the elderly population.	106	128	282	101	68

<b>6. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about public services in Caledonia.</b>	<b>5 Strongly Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1 Strongly Disagree</b>
a. The surrounding area has enough parks, trails and other recreational facilities.	99	118	208	150	106
b. Public sewer should be made available to more land in the area	98	151	251	109	93
c. Public water should be made available to more land in the area	97	118	236	16	107
d. Public water or sewer service should only be made available in areas where needed to solve environmental problems.	160	156	178	98	77
e. The Township should develop more parks, trails and recreational facilities.	182	157	181	91	71

<b>7. How important are these amenities to you?</b>	<b>5 Very Important</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5 Not Important</b>
a. Street lighting	164	144	144	94	147
b. Public water	112	109	149	112	200
c. Public sanitary sewer	144	132	145	95	173
d. Sidewalks	121	118	143	101	182

<b>8. Which of the following best describes your type of residence in Caledonia?</b>	
618	a. Single-family house
17	b. Manufactured/Mobile home
11	c. Apartment or Flat
38	d. Condominium
2	e. Duplex

<b>9. Which of the following categories describes how long have you lived in Caledonia?</b>	
29	a. Less than a year
46	b. More than a year, but less than 3 years
76	c. More than 3 years, but less than 5 years
139	d. More than 5 years, but less than 10 years
396	e. More than 10 years

<b>10. Which of the following categories describes your age?</b>	
6	a. Less than 25 years
350	b. 25 to 50
234	c. 51-64
99	d. More than 64

**11. Please provide your definition of 'rural character'.**

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**12. Please add any additional comments that you might have regarding the master planning process in Caledonia Township.**

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**Thank you for taking the time to give us your input by completing this survey.**

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