

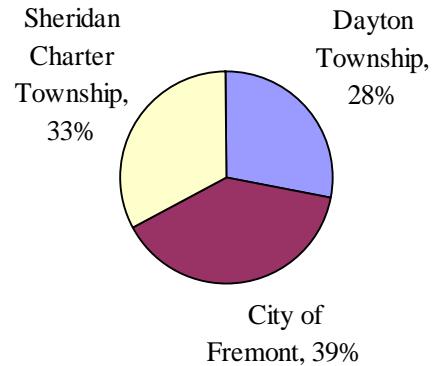


## Survey Response Summary

### Response Rate

**Total Sent:** 2,000  
**Total Responses:** 381  
**Response Rate:** 19%

### Percentage of Responses by Jurisdiction



### Existing Population by Percentage

Jurisdiction	Estimate 2005	Percent
<i>Dayton Township</i>	2,065	23%
<i>Sheridan Township</i>	2,473	28%
<i>City of Fremont</i>	4,256	48%
Total	8,794	100%

### Demographics of Responders

<b>Residence:</b>	93% Year round resident
<b>Household:</b>	52% Two-person household
<b>Tenure:</b>	95% Property owner
<b>Voter Status:</b>	93% Registered voter
<b>Residence Type:</b>	80% Single family residence
<b>Age:</b>	45% 45-64 years old, 39% 65 years and older
<b>Employment Location:</b>	60% Fremont Area is the primary place of employment
<b>Parental Status:</b>	74% No children under 18 years

### Residential Land Use

#### Top Average Scores

**Q2. The community should encourage housing affordable to all income levels.**

Average Score: 4.00

**Q8. Residential neighborhoods should be connected to other neighborhoods and commercial areas by pedestrian/bike paths.**

Average Score: 3.79

**Q1. The community should encourage a variety of housing types such as single-family homes, condominiums, townhouses, apartments and mobile or modular homes.**

Average Score: 3.61



**Common Comments**

- Pave Luce Road
- Develop more pedestrian/bicycle paths
- No more mobile home parks
- Protect countryside

## **Agricultural Land Use**

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**Top Average Scores**

**Q2. Farm and orchard land is valuable.**

Average Score: 4.61

**Q2a. If you agree that farm and orchard land is valuable, please check the reasons why.**

Economic benefits/jobs 78%

**Q1. Existing farms and orchards should be encouraged to remain in agricultural use.**

Average Score: 4.52

**Common Comments**

- Preserve farmland
- No factory farms

## **Commercial Land Use**

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**Top Average Scores**

**Q1. New, small-scale commercial uses, such as grocery stores, hair salons and offices should be encouraged.**

Average Score: 3.98

**Q4. Commercial developments should be encouraged to share road access, driveways, parking and signs.**

Average Score: 3.80

**Q5. Commercial buildings in the Fremont Area are generally attractive and well maintained.**

Average Score: 3.72



**Q7. There is adequate parking in the downtown area.**

Average Score: 3.72

***Common Comments***

- Need bypass – especially for truck
- Need more restaurants, such as Applebees
- Snow removal is a concern

## **Industrial Land Use**

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***Top Average Scores***

**Q1. Industrial development (expanding existing industries and recruiting new ones) should be encouraged.**

Average Score: 4.35

**Q3. Industries should be encouraged to locate only in the industrial park.**

Average Score: 3.38

***Common Comments***

- Fill industrial park
- Need more jobs

## **Public/Quasi-Public Land Use**

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***Top Average Scores***

**Q1. Educational facilities should be located within the City.**

Average Score: 3.59

***Common Comments***

- Keep High School in City

## **Recreation and Tourism**

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***Top Average Scores***

**Q1. The following recreation facilities are adequate for future needs.**

a. Sports fields	Average Score: 3.51
b. Playgrounds	Average Score: 3.66
c. Boat launch sites	Average Score: 3.53



**Q2. How many times a year do you visit the following recreational facilities?**

a. Branstrom 47%    c. GAR 60%    e. Veterans 59% (% visited 4+ time per year)

***Common Comments***

- Proud of parks
- Keep beaches clean
- Expand bike paths and trails
- Increase tourism

## **General Planning Concepts**

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**Q4. Protect environmentally sensitive areas such as public and private wellheads, wetlands, inland lakes and recharge areas from the impacts of development that may tend to be incompatible with the natural environment.**

Average Score: 4.35

**Q2. Guide new development in a manner that conserves natural features and environmentally sensitive areas and meets the needs of the community both today and through the next twenty years.**

Average Score: 4.34

**Q8. Relate land use primarily to the natural characteristics of the land and the long-term needs of the community, rather than to short-term, private economic gain.**

Average Score: 4.33

***Common Comments***

- Keep farmland
- Respect private property rights
- More Jobs
- No factory farms

## **Overall Impressions**

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In general, the survey responses support previous public feedback, which includes maintaining the rural/small town character of the Area, preserving agriculture and natural features, and strengthening the downtown to serve as the community center. In addition, the public is concerned about declining employment opportunities, adequate housing, truck traffic through the city, and the need to improve certain community services, such as road conditions (i.e. Luce Road) and snow plowing.