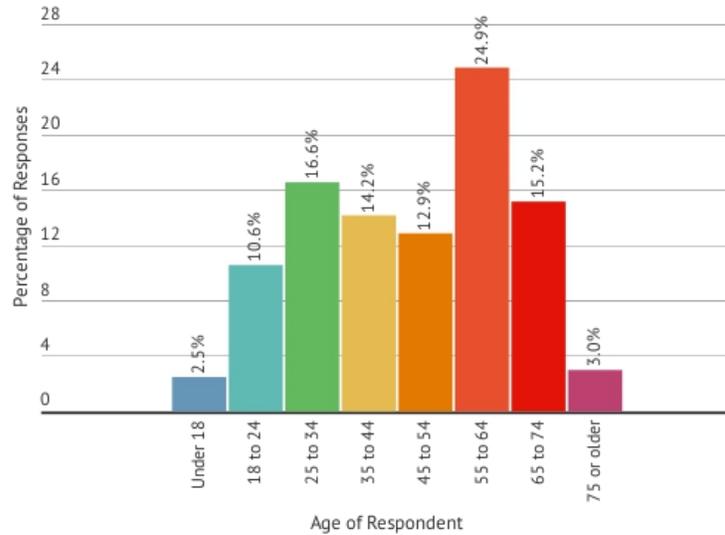


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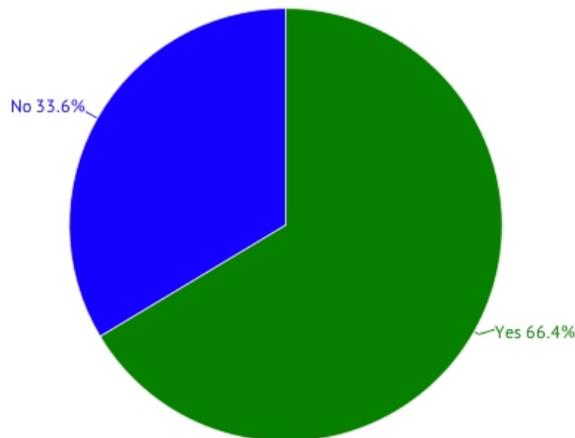
Total Responses: 930 | Completed Responses: 692 (74%)

1) What is your age?



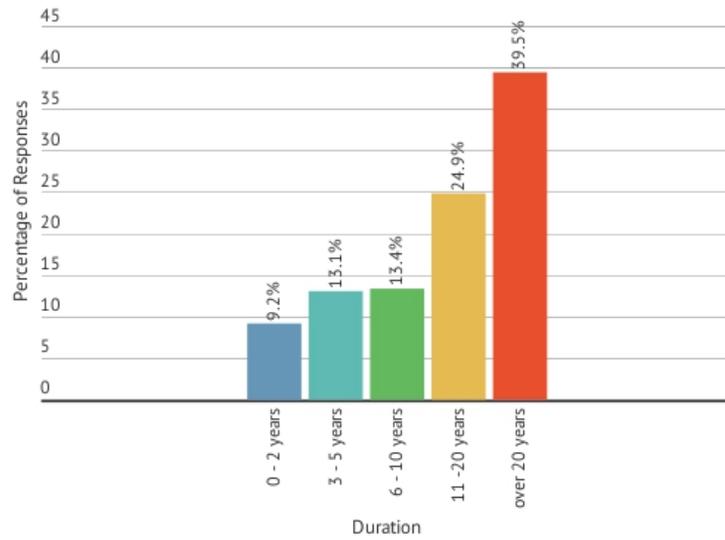
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(869 responses)

2) Are you a permanent resident of Oscoda Township?



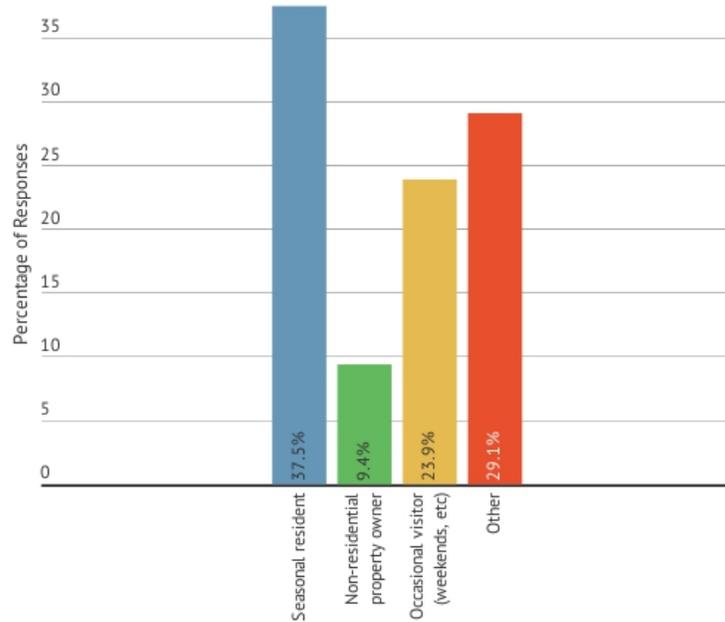
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(860 responses)

3) Because you are a permanent resident, how long have you been a year-round permanent resident of Oscoda Township?



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(567 responses)

4) Since you said in #2 that you are not a permanent resident, can you please tell us your role in the Township community?



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(309 responses)

4) Other (90 responses): Since you said in #2 that you are not a permanent resident, can you please tell us your role in the Township community?

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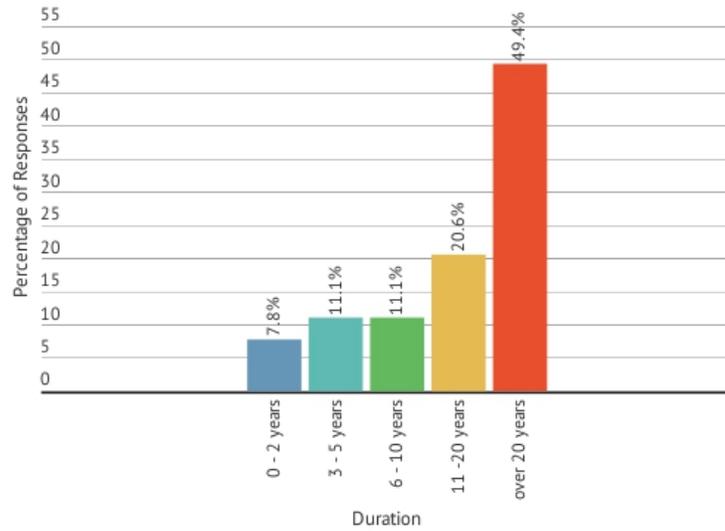


Responses

1. Live in tawas
2. Some of my family still owns and uses my childhood home. I visit every few years.
3. Grew up there and come home often
4. Business owner
5. Cottage. Visit approx. once each month year round.
6. Lived here in the 70's
7. renter
8. I grew up in Oscoda, as most of my family. Only in the recent 4 years I remarried and moved to another state, but my husband and I are now retired and are for now seasonal residents.
9. Work in Oscoda Township
10. Temporary work in Oscoda
11. Former permanent resident , frequent visitor
12. Live in Greenbush
13. work here
14. Work in Oscoda
15. Use to live here back in 2000 few yrs then move back down state
16. Greenbush resident and previous oscoda bus owner
17. Raised in Oscoda, Occasional visitor now.
18. Grew up there and still have family there. Go up and visit quite often.
19. Grew up in Oscoda, living in Harrisville, Mom still lives in Oscoda
20. Live in Glennie spend a lot of time in oscoda
21. Rent
22. Ausable township
23. Live in Alcona but in Oscoda everyday
24. Lived in Oscoda for 25 years. Kids grew up here. Moved to Harrisville. Work in Oscoda
25. Alcona resident
26. Lived in is oscoda for 4 yrs now just a occasional visitor
27. Employed
28. Parents lived there year round. 1979-2008. Spent summers with my kids there.
29. Home owner. Here 6-8 months a year
30. I grew up here and go home often
31. Visitor
32. Lived there for 18 years then moved to Colorado but family still is there and I go home once or twice a year.

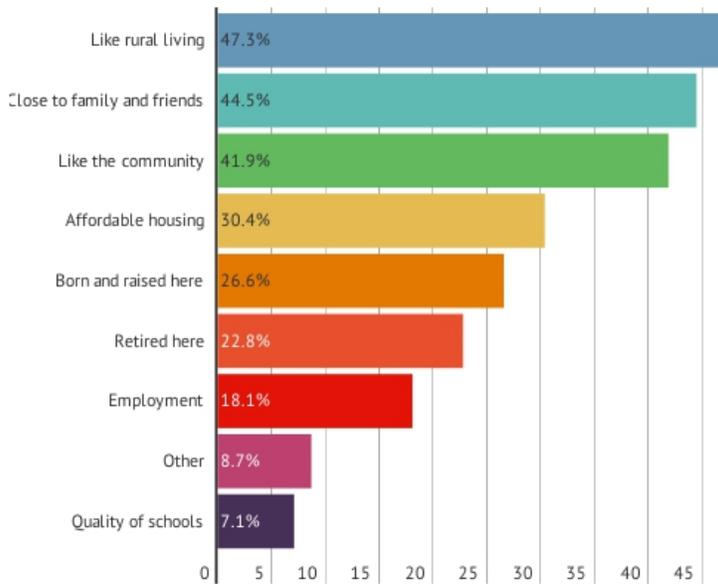
33. Born and raised in Oscoda. Now living in Wilber, but work in Oscoda.
34. Employed in, children attend school (choice)
35. Live in AuSable
36. Family to an owner of non-residential property
37. Rent
38. Family is here
39. Grew up there visit on occasion
40. work in oscoda
41. We reside in Tawas but work, play, family, church in Oscoda.
42. Grew up in Oscoda, moved out two years ago. My Hometown
43. former resident
44. recently moved away, but lived in that area all my life previously.
45. lived in oscoda for 5 years, have visited 2-3 times a year since moving away in 2004
46. Grew up in Oscoda
47. Have family in the area and grew up there.
48. I live year round in AuSable Township.
49. Ausable township resident
50. Work, Friends, Lake Huron
51. Grew up in Oscoda, moved away after high school, come home to visit on holidays and in the summer
52. i lived there for the first 23 years of my life
53. I moved away after 27 years there
54. Hunting property in the area.
55. Live in East Tawas
56. We have two separate properties in Oscoda Township. We own a senior condo on Sleep Avenue, and also own a home on Tennessee Street in Oscoda Township.
57. My parents own a house
58. family in Oscoda
59. Resident of AuSable.
60. Live in Ausable Twp.
61. resident of greenbush
62. Alcona county
63. live in hotel, haven't found permanent home we can afford yet.
64. Work in the township
65. have lived and worked inn oscoda for 34 years
66. Grew up there, occasional visitor
67. Wknds, holidays, as much as we can in the summer, but also come year round.
68. I work there.
69. I grew up in Oscoda and my parents are permanent residents of Oscoda. We visit Oscoda at least once a month.
70. Work in Oscoda
71. moved to oscoda in late 90's been here ever since
72. Lived there 8 years now work in township.
73. Live nearby
74. Own boat slip at Main Pier Marina
75. house used year around. just not every week.
76. own cabin on Van Ettan Lake
77. own cabin on Van Ettan Lake
78. Use cottage all year around.
79. Owner of 1 rental and additional home for my children when they visit. Moving here permanantly VERY soon.

5) If you are a seasonal resident, how long have you been a seasonal resident in Oscoda Township?



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(180 responses)

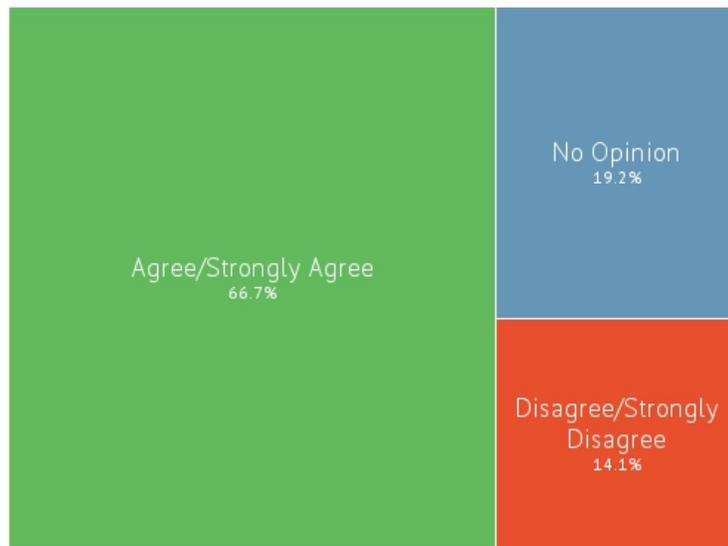
6) Check all of the following that are reasons that you live in Oscoda Township.



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(751 responses)

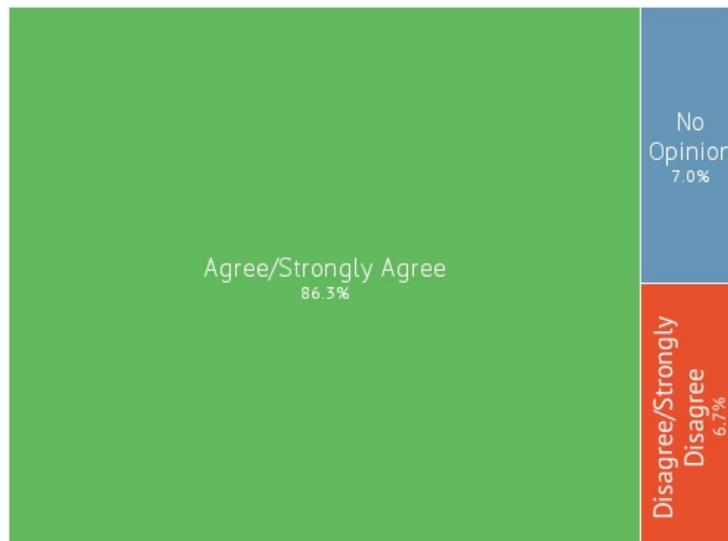
36. Inherited a house from Father-in-law
37. Started a business
38. The people
39. House wouldn't sell here so had to sell the house in the city
40. spent the summers in the area
41. Fresh air
- 42.
43. Had a seasonal home here for 20 years
44. Oscoda has a lot to offer retirees
45. Family was stationed here when base was open and never moved
46. like that the area is rustic and pristine. A great place to get back to basics and rejuvenate.
- 47.
48. grew up during vacations and summer on Lake Van Etnan
49. Beautiful beaches
50. hunting, weather
51. Grew up here in the summer. Retired here.
52. family has been in Oscoda 100+ years
53. small business owner, 3 stores
54. Like the rural inland lakefront living!
55. Beats the hell out of living in detroit by a million miles
56. Lake front
57. will probably retire here
58. Family Cabin
59. brought here at age 3 by parents
60. Surrounded by nature
61. Custom homes, community swimming pool and auditorium, generous spirit of community
62. Like to hunt and fish- state/national forests.
63. LOVE the Heart Church, free concerts in Harrisville, Oscoda, Tawas and card groups everywhere.
64. self-employed
65. Family cottage is here and has been since I was born

7) In your opinion, Oscoda Township should grow in population in the coming years.



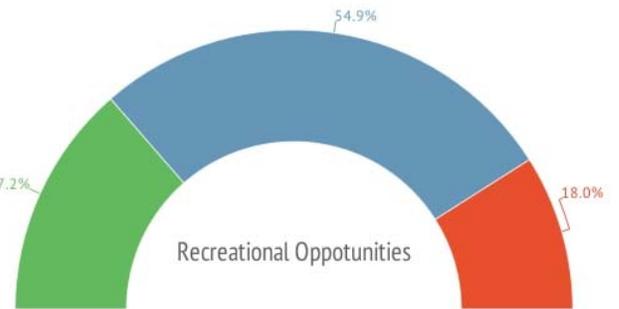
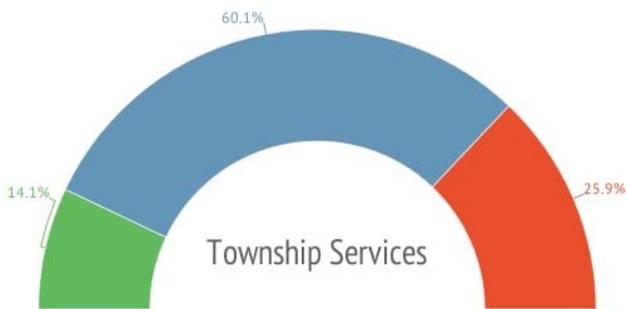
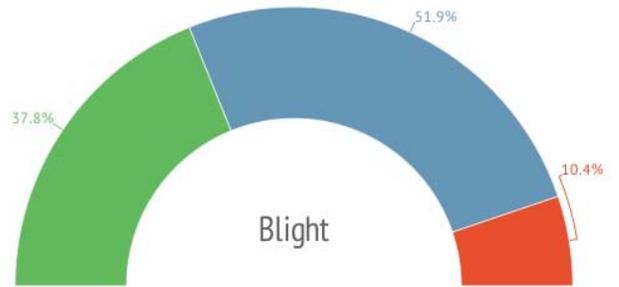
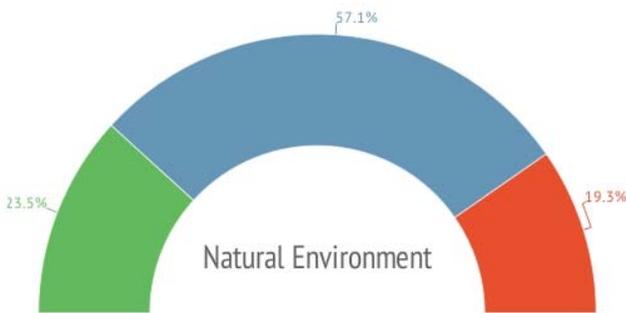
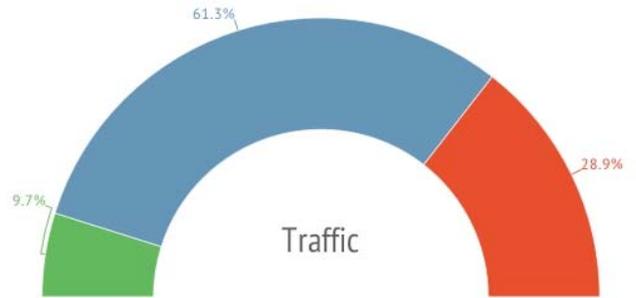
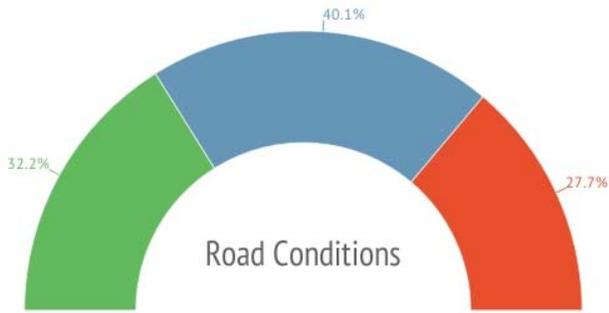
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(781 responses)

8) In your opinion, Oscoda Township should have more development in the coming years.



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(781 responses)

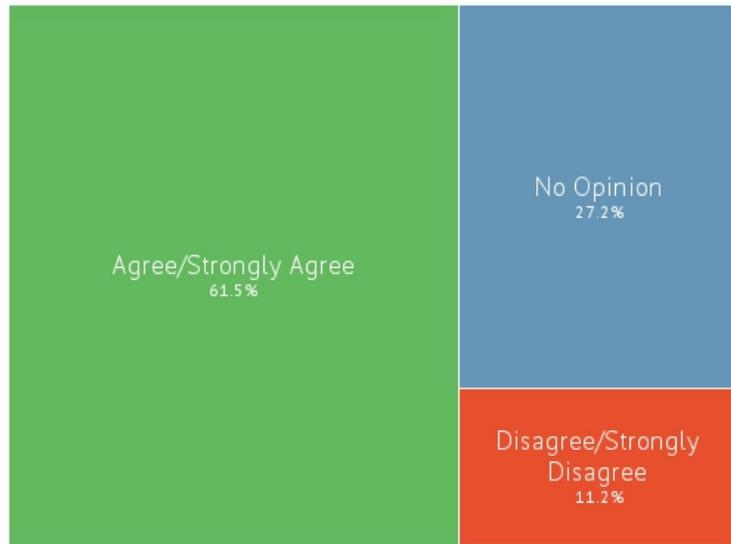
9) How do you feel the following categories have changed in Oscoda Township in the past 5 years?



● Better/Much Better ● Same ● Worse/Much Worse

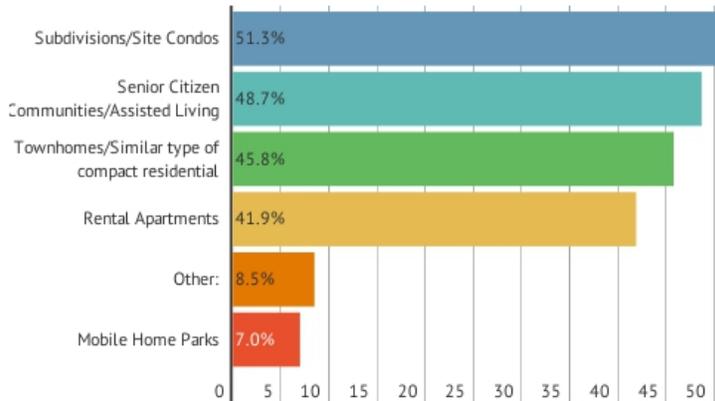
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(773 responses)

10) In your opinion, should Oscoda Township plan for more single-family homes?



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(756 responses)

11) The Township should plan for the following housing choices (check all that apply).



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(714 responses)

11) Other (61 responses): The Township should plan for the following housing choices (check all that apply).

Word Cloud Summary



Responses

1. Not site condos!
2. Fix what's already here. Make it more appealing!
3. as long as we have Kalitta, we will need affordable housing ASAP
4. Motor Home/ RV Camping
5. greedy landlords like double z properties llc need to be removed from oscoda
6. Custom homes help distinguish our town
7. There are houses empty, plan on filling them first
8. no more condos
9. N/A
10. way to many properties for sale, no need to build more housing
11. Should get rid of the old trailer homes that are not up to code , fire hazards and blight and do code enforcement and enforce keeping homes and yRds nice even if rented
12. None, there are enough empty houses
- 13.
14. Allow zonig changes to build small homes
15. Enough with this being a old folks town fuck!
16. houses with decent size lots
17. combination
18. None
19. The township should stay out of the housing business
20. None...there are plenty of empty homes, focus on filling them
21. Dog parks.
22. rental housing
23. SNF
24. Oscoda needs more high paying jobs, better schools to drive more families to the area who have money to help stimulate local businesses. We also need new younger board members who understand business development to help grow a community who have a fresher outlook on up-to-date ideas to implement proper growth and stimulation in our local economy.
- 25.
- 26.
27. Regular homes, no subdivisions.
28. All of these would be nice...if they are affirdable and kept up.....we dont need crime or more rundown areas
29. Downtown campground or hotel
30. Homes for the homeless
31. Single Family homes
32. Mixed use downtown
33. I don't know what the township base to do with it.

- 34. rental properties for temp workers
- 35. none, just look at the number of houses for rent or for sale
- 36. Income-based housing and homeless shelters
- 37. very hard to find a 3/bedroom...that will allow pets!!!!
- 38. More camping areas
- 39. ActiveAffordable Senior Housing with recreational access to Lakes, Rivers, Pools and maintenance free. Many wish to remain living independantly but the out of door upkeep gets more difficult with age and disabilities.
- 40. Residential home to house those who need good quality housing for new jobs
- 41. Sell the existing inventory of homes already on the market for 2+ years
- 42. No mobile home parks, just look at how the township has allowed Jordanville to become so trashy
- 43. Less government funded housing for the poor
- 44. Tiny Homes or Off Grid Homes allowed
- 45. no mobile home parks, small scale multiple family rental properties
- 46. Single family homes only
- 47. None of the above
- 48. renovate existing opportunities
- 49. None
- 50. none
- 51. Condos
- 52. Improve existing homes
- 53. Single Family Housing
- 54. definetly no mobile home parks the ones we have are nothing but junk holes
- 55. no opinion
- 56. homes for the homeless
- 57. mobile home camping park on beach like Tawas
- 58. demolition of vacant/blighted properties.
- 59. expand trailer-seasonal camp grounds
- 60. RV Park on the beach
- 61. help sell the homes that are for sale now

12) Which describes how you view the amount of commercial businesses (retail and services) in Oscoda Township?

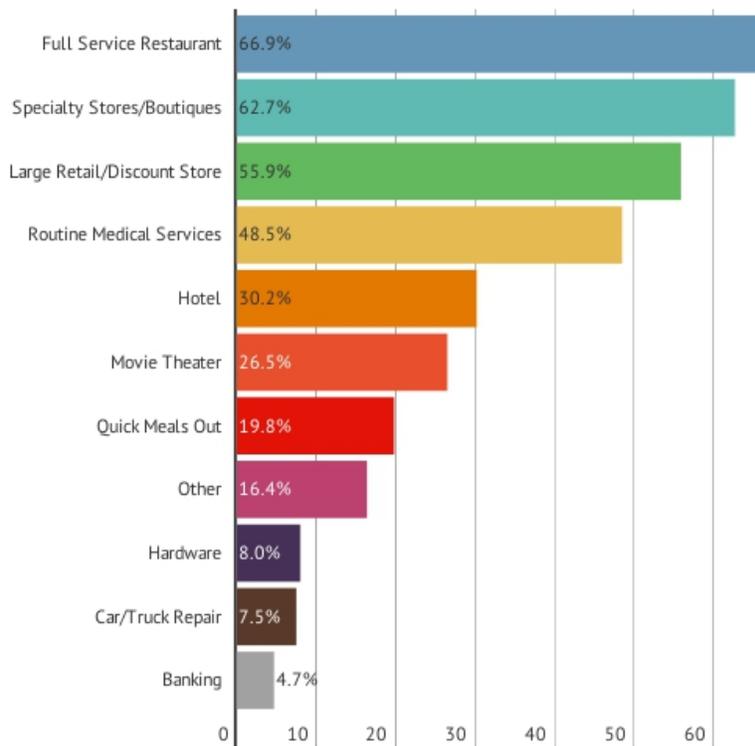


● Not enough: 86.8% ● Just right: 12.0% ● Too much: 1.2%

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(749 responses)

13) Oscoda Township needs more of the following commercial services (check all that apply).



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(724 responses)

13) Other (119 responses): Oscoda Township needs more of the following commercial services (check all that apply).

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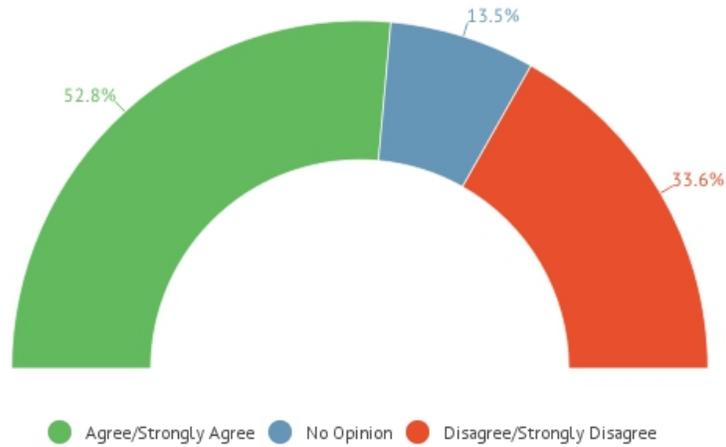
Responses

1. Lumber yard
2. Sporting goods and clothing stores
3. Sporting goods shop
4. ER Medical
5. Bring Arby's back for God sake
6. Mijer, Walmart or something like that.
7. Bigger Dairy Queen steak house
8. any decent business that would employ residents or bring in tourists
9. clothing stores, craft/hobby supply store
10. look at tawas and then make it like a tri city
11. All of these services would grow to serve the area if township officials would be more open to seeing more growth, and progressive thinking.
12. Urgent Care center
13. You need all of the above to give residents a constant income and stop depending on the airbase
14. Need to be like Tawas
15. Drag strip
16. Family recreational indoor/outdoor
17. dollar tree, home depot, game rooms, rolling skating, more recreational opportunities
18. Indoor recreational facilities
19. Clothing
- 20.
21. Business services - copy, printing
22. Resturaunt if can hire a qualified chief
23. Grocery store
24. Our
25. A mall, casino, anything this community is full if drugs and hooligans because the town consil doesnt do shit but make this town more and more boring
26. Ponderosa
27. lumber yard
28. Lacks in entertainment, late night food, quality dining (see tawas), and general service places not found here but in alpena
29. anthing to foster employeement for current and future generations. Playing to seasonal employment lends to rural poverty and economic instability.
30. Any thing for entertainment (Drag strip)
31. Something more than a K-mart.
32. Big Retail
33. Amenties that attract young people aged 20-35
34. grocery; bakery
35. New and existing businesses need to be self supporting, not propped up with government help
36. lumber yard, casino, Costco
37. Allergy friendly eating establishments. Gluten free
38. Farmers market building and a banquet hall
39. A target or meijer
40. Entertainment for younger generations
41. More things for kids. Indoor roller skating, arcade, go carts
42. A mall or something to attract people aside from the beach
43. Another Pharmacy
44. clothing stores
45. College campuses, casino, brewery, festivals to attract large crowds to the area which will help stimulate local business.
46. clothing and shoe store
47. Coffee shops
48. Outdoor stores and home improvement stores
- 49.
50. Agricultural tourism
51. Just fill all of the empty buildings to attract tourists
52. casino's these are the type of business that will draw new residents and increase our population which will increase our housing demand.

53. Things for people age 0-30 to do other than go to the river or bar. We have young children, every weekend we go down state. Nothing to do here for them. The beach park play equipment is in awful shape to the point that I won't let my children play on it. Look at Tawas they have new play equipment that is similar to Saginaw. Clean, safe and respectable looking. Try to bring in new business with new ideas other than for the senior citizens. The summer people on a rainy day have nothing to do but go to Kmart or Tawas. Tawas' Newman Street should be a model for you very inviting and not full of insurance companies and hardware stores. On our main stretch on the weekend most everything is closed. Not very walkable or inviting.
54. Casino
55. ER Medical
56. hunting fishing supply stores
57. recreational
58. entertainment
- 59.
60. Shops need to stay open later during tourist season. People want something to do after spending the day on the water or touring.
61. Game store (GameStop)
62. Casino/hotel
63. Campground
64. Strip mall/small shops in one larger building
65. There is no pet stores or any stores for any type of electronics
66. activity centers (ie. paintball, archery tag, airsoft, go karts...etc) as well as more touristy shops
67. no more hardware stores.... or bars
68. Adult Store
69. Resort hotels as a draw to vacationers
70. ER
71. Homeless shelters
72. In my opinion, this small town is overrun by chain stores. We get a decent amount of tourists in the summer especially around the holidays. When I go somewhere, I like going places that I wouldn't see or be able to go to at home.
73. Doctors, Dentists
74. We definitely need a big brand store such as a Meijers or Target that carries all personal and household items to be competitive with pricing with the few choices we have currently. This would bring many jobs to the area also they are needed.
75. Lounges/clubs
76. Large Box Retail Store (Target, Best Buy, Home Depot, Meijers)
77. Small/medium retail shops
78. Pet stores
79. Wish there was a Trader Joes or a Costco closer...an organic food store would be great too
80. Groceries like Kroger
81. Places to shop with competitive prices so residents can shop local!
82. Casino on the Lake Huron shore
83. Child/family entertainment, Dog park
84. too many vacant properties, get them filled up first!
85. A real sports and recreation complex.
86. Electronics, Pets, Gaming stores
87. ER medical
88. Oscoda needs more large employers such as factories, manufacturing plants, or corporate headquarters
89. A grocery store that doesn't price gouge the residents and sell outdated food
90. A Target or any other big store
91. Something for the young kids to do besides go to fire in the woods and drinking, that's what this town has to offer our youth. This town broadly needs to think what this has for our kids, you keep sending all big company out to other towns we need jobs here to learn this town we the people need to teach our young to work and get them ready for the world.
92. Better shopping choices for home, apparel, shoes. We currently have very little options for home goods of quality, women's clothing and shoes, trendy shops and nice restaurants.
- 93.
94. Family wage jobs
95. We need stores that have reasonable prices and aren't price gouging the residents. This goes for groceries, gasoline, restaurants, etc
96. Community Center to be open year around like other communities
97. Shoe store, bike shop, wild birds unlimited, women's clothing boutique, art gallery for local artists
98. Landscape services, grocery store not as expensive as Family Fare, discount retail that is fully stocked
99. Quality Clothing Store
100. Activities that will draw people to the area.

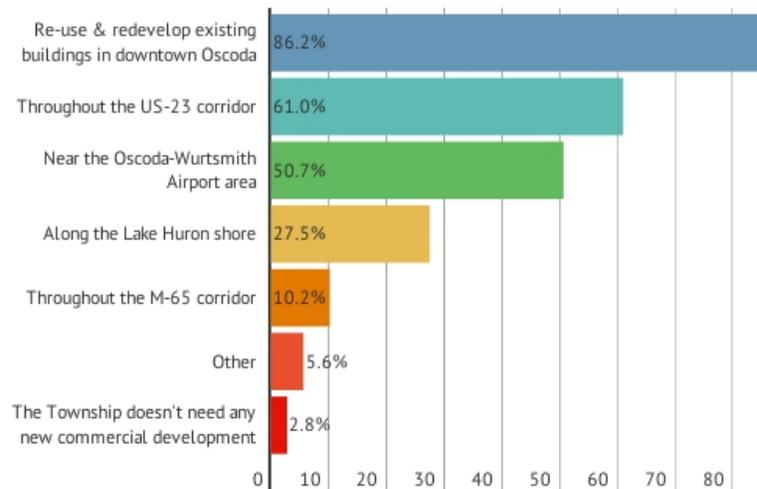
101. Meijer store
102. improved hospital capabilities
103. None.
104. Need large resort on Ausable or Huron to bring in regular crowd
105. We need an Oscoda version of Tawas's Ben Franklin. Something that has a bit of everything and is a destination in itself.
106. urgent care
107. Oscoda is getting boring! Need development! Need things to do! There is nothing to do in Oscoda! There is no shopping and no competition to keep prices competitive! Give people a reason to come to Oscoda! I go to Tawas for restaurants and shopping! I love Neimans grocery store! Put one in Oscoda! Family Fare is awful!
108. casino or race track on base sight some thing to bring people in from out of town or how about drag boat races on Vanetten Lake
109. none
110. art gallery
- 111.
112. We need something stable (a year round business) that will bring professionals in like a hospital or medical center of some sort
113. Retail; clothing, shoes, housewares, etc.
114. Would be nice to support movie theater, we have stores close because no younger people come in. Keep them going- Great Northern Books-latest example!
115. Dry Cleaners
116. Modern, clean, updated motels. We only have one.
117. Availability to medical doctors NOT physician assistants.
118. Donut/Coffee shop
119. bakery/coffee shop downtown

14) In your opinion, should future commercial development in the Township be focused on the seasonal and tourist industry?



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(746 responses)

15) Future commercial development should be located: (check all that apply).



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(746 responses)

15) Other (42 responses): Future commercial development should be located: (check all that apply).

Word Cloud Summary



Responses

1. Very nice beach, should either extend existing or develop new with shops near the area for tourists, focusing on pristine beaches, restaurants with beach side dining. fix bottleneck on 23 @ river
2. On the wurtsmith property.
3. Property owners downtown need to put more effort in their property appearance and stop thinking the township needs to do it for them.
4. NO development on the beach!!
5. redevelopment south of bridge and north of River Rd (23 corridor)
6. develop the entire town
7. Older building should be removed, so new building / opportunities may be built. Many new codes have changed the construction industry.
8. Up F41 towards the base
9. down river road, similar to the Tawas area
10. Need to tear down old building build new... drive through town all ready 50 building empty... and up 41 pretty sad..
11. Need to be seen from US 23 traffic
12. Need to focus around beach development. More middle class summer rentals for tourists. More volleyball nets at the beach, remove skate park and add nice basketball courts and more volleyball nets. Or move volleyball nets to the actual beach where people can have easier access to other people for pick up games.
13. Keep commercial development away from the lake shore, it just takes away from the natural beauty. Look at Tawas with a McDonalds and Walmart over looking the lake, it looks cheap and tacky- a huge waste of a direct visual of the lake.
14. put the farmers market in empty lot by Oscoda city beach.
15. Just make it proper commercial development. Stores, children museums, coffee shops, play parks, not car repair, hair salons, and hardwares.
16. Use the base
- 17.
18. The AuSable River should be utilized also
19. We need a year round rec center.
20. why waste money when buildings are there....some just need a facelift
21. We have a lot of empty buildings. Let's pretty them up and use them!
22. Reuse would require plans that have buildings meeting design codes that have similar architect.
23. Checkout redevelopment efforts of Port Huron, St. Clair, Marine City, Algonac, all on waterfronts.
24. Nicest beach around and used to 5 % of potential
25. so many abandon buildings..... let's do something with them!!!!
26. F41
27. Fill the empty storefronts that we have but consider a nice strip mall near or on the base.
28. You can't use the Lake Huron shore are as there is housing there now

29. The many empty buildings in Iscoda are a true eye sore. They should be torn down if no one interested in utilizing them for business purpose
30. Need some more tree lined streets downtown and parks like rotary park. Why not put a sidewalk around Burshaw Park and light it for walkers to use. Add some benches and flowers. Not everyone walks the beach.
31. On the old WAFB. Maybe the township should have a new convention facility there. Industrial development on the old WAFB
32. Oscoda is beginning to look like a Ghost Town with all of their old and empty buildings! Reuse, fix them up, and make them look nice!
33. Along Ausable riverv
- 34.
35. should restore downtown parking on US23 for downtown business (min one side north or south side parking) a Iso US23 should be divided for north /south traffic using Lake st for north traffic
36. Too many empty buildings downtown--looks very bad
37. A nice restaurant with a lake view
38. Some of our downtown needs to be leveled! But, would it be rebuilt?
39. Pack House-redevelop and open
40. Open some type of "quick stop" shop in/on Village of Oscoda.
41. Oscoda needs a harbor.
42. At the airport. A large department store to here easy access on US-41.

16) Looking to the future, industrial development in Oscoda

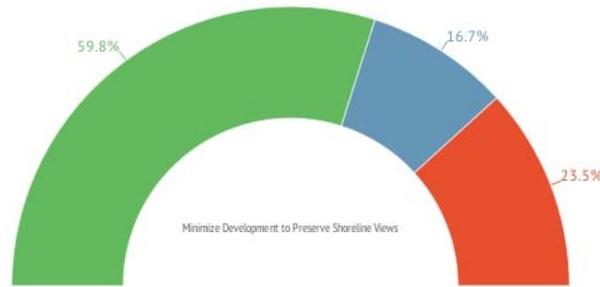
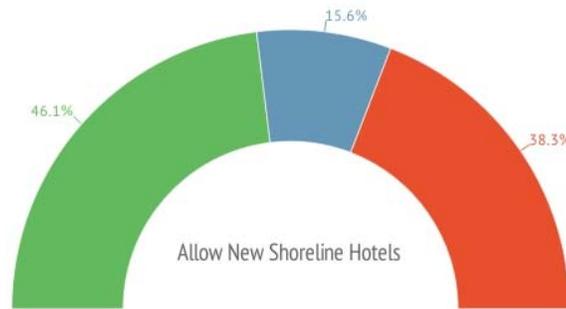
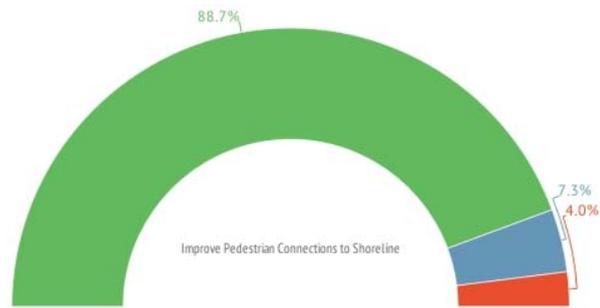
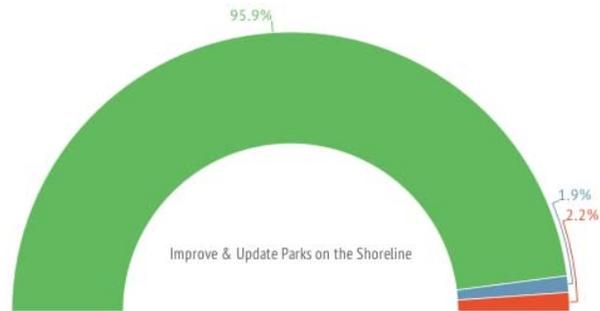
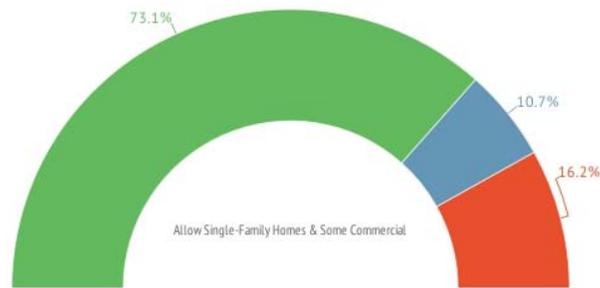
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(746 responses)

17) Currently, the Lake Huron shoreline in Oscoda Township contains a mix of single-family residences, parks, and some commercial. Please indicate your opinion about the following statements regarding shoreline land use.

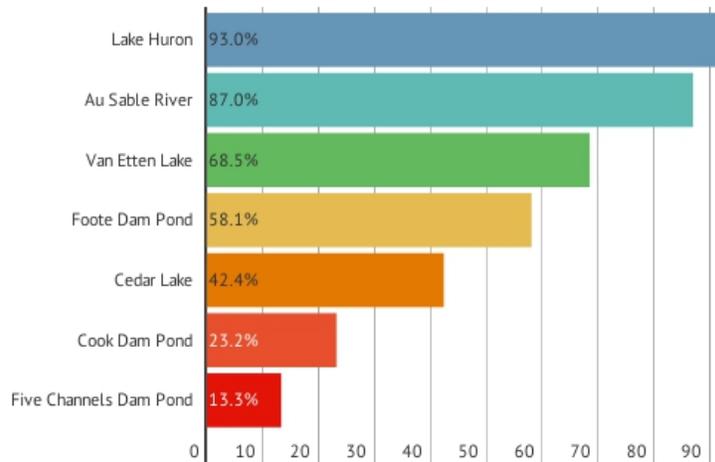


● Agree/Strongly Agree ● No Opinion ● Disagree/Strongly Disagree

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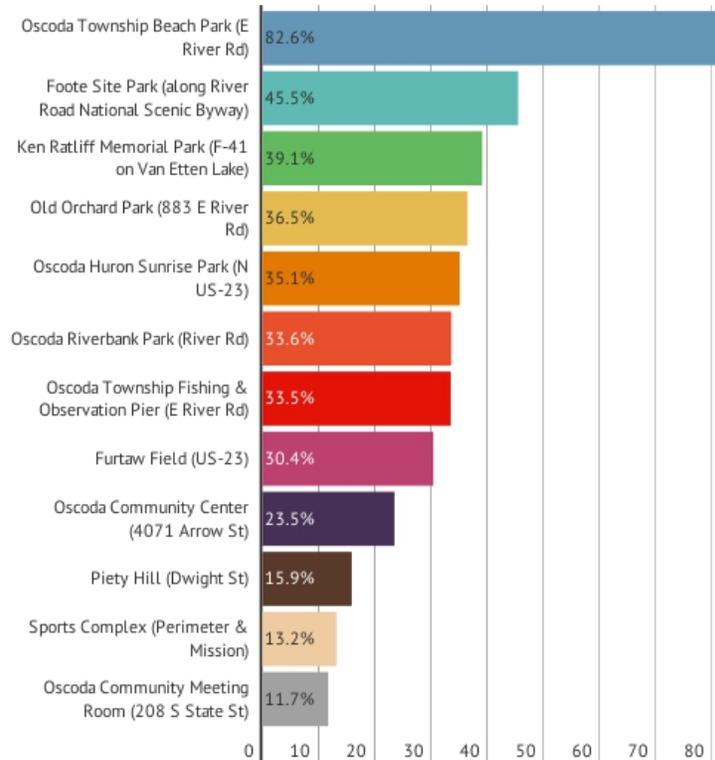
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18) Which of the following bodies of water have you visited recently? Please check all that apply.



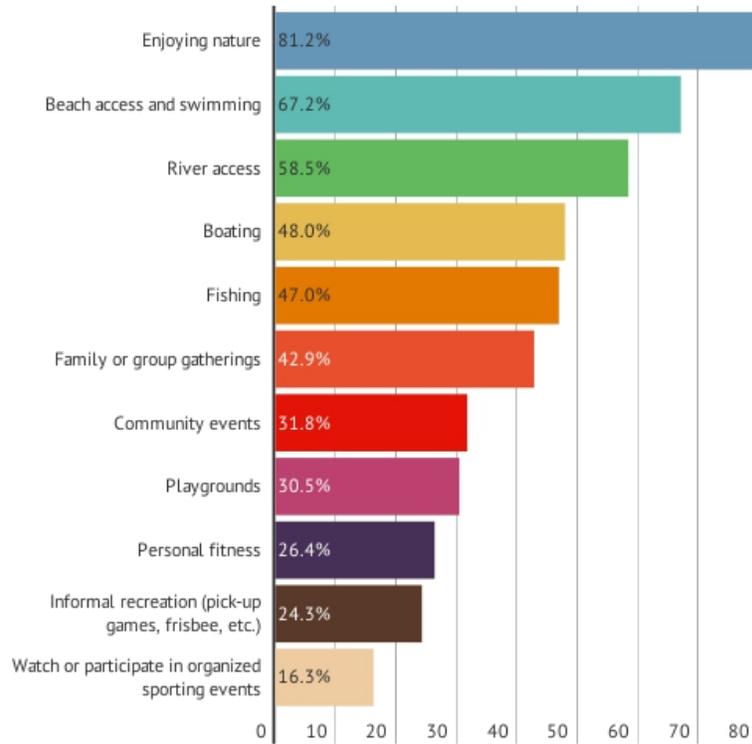
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19) Which of the following Oscoda Township properties have you visited recently? Please check all that apply.



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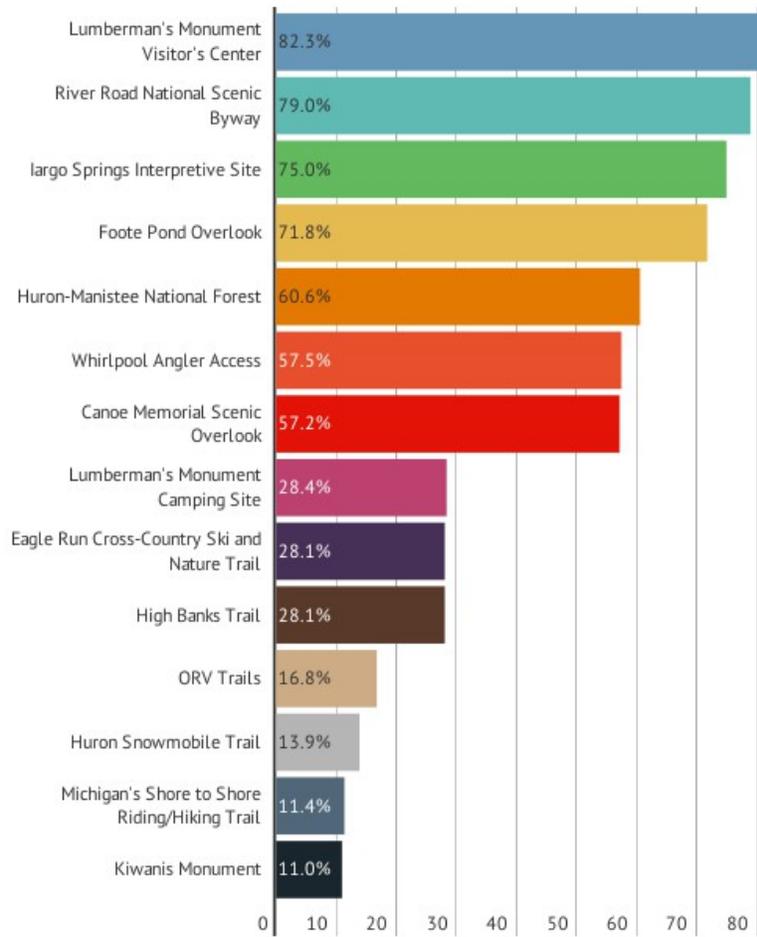
20) Why do you visit public parks or recreational facilities in the Township? Please check all that apply.



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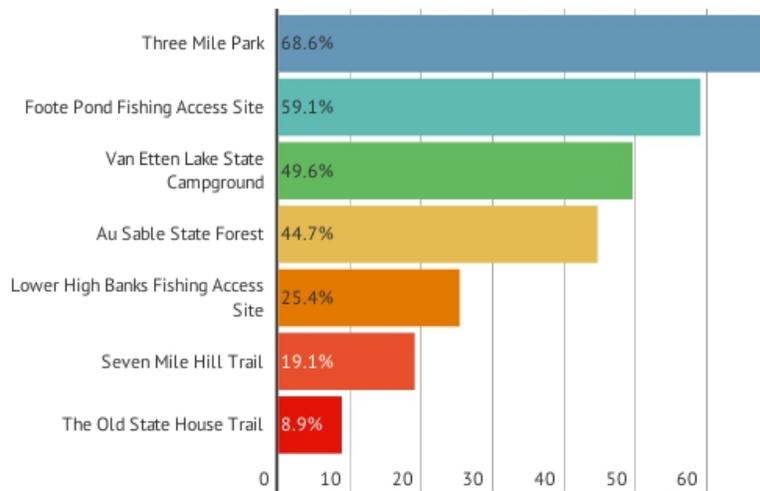
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21) Which National parks have you visited? Please check all that apply.



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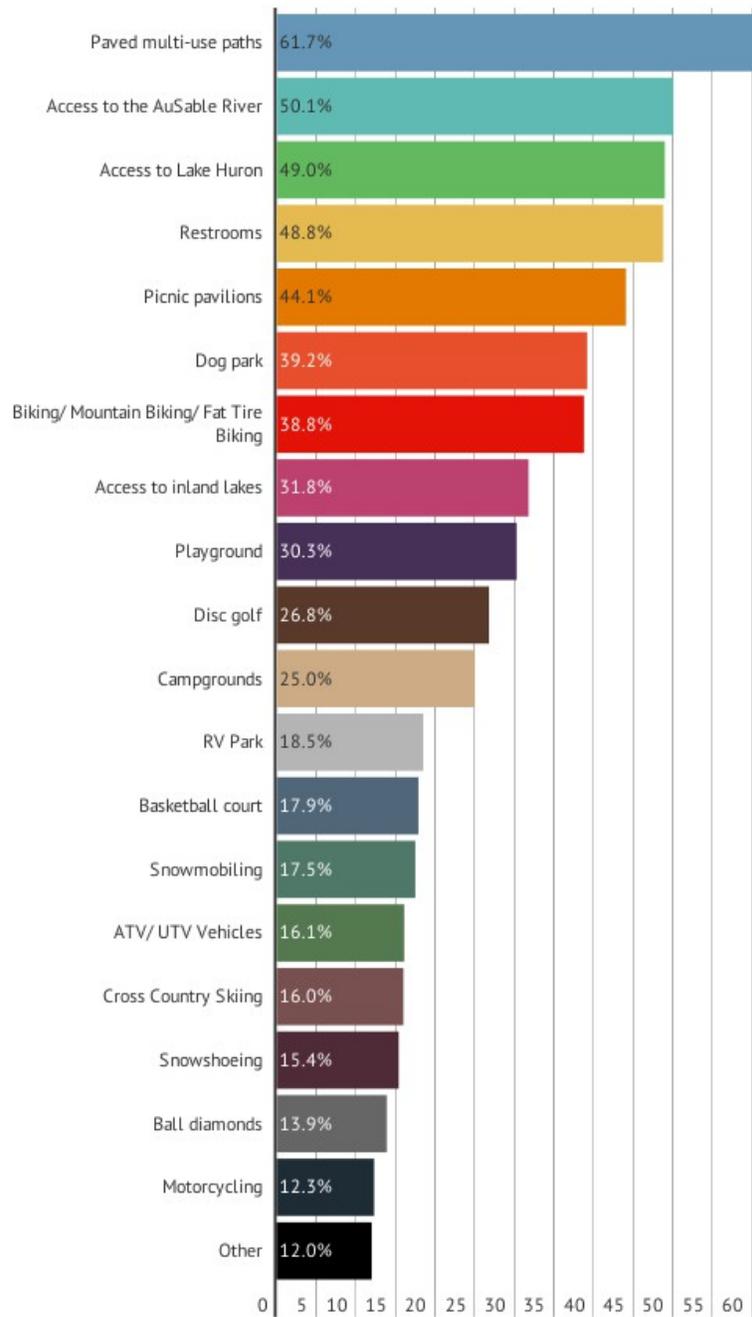
22) Which State parks have you visited? Please check all that apply.



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(570 responses)

23) What kind of additional recreation and support facilities are needed in Oscoda Township? Please check all that apply.

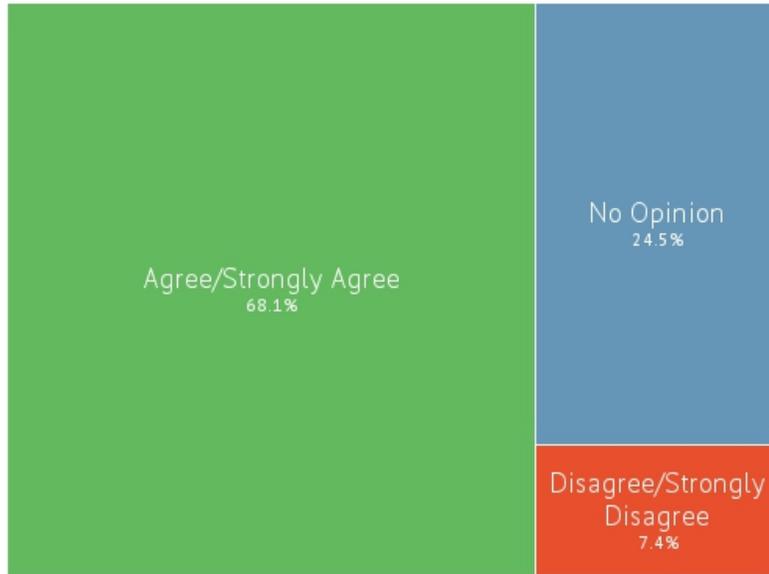


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(676 responses)

25. More boat launches at the Footsite launch
26. Fitness events like tough mudders, color run, etc
27. Dog sledding trails
28. Community Garden
29. year round upgraded community center w/classes, swimming pool
30. Any new ideas
31. non paved nature paths
- 32.
33. more handicap fishing sites
34. Year round rec center for basketball pickle ball exercise classes.
35. how about you take some of the land on the old base and make a amusement park . the one major thing that town is missing is stuff to do for the younger generations. not to mention it will create jobs and bring in more tourist. but then again you all had the chance back years ago but decided to keep it a retirement town. your loss. which is why people cant wait to move out of oscoda.
36. a better skatepark for a-dults
37. I have no time to visit crap in this town
38. A place where amusement rides could run at least through the late Spring, Summer and early Falll would do well, a water park with a slide and splash pad for children, roller and ice skating rink, mini race car track for families such as the park they have in Alpena, a nicer movie theater.
39. Year round community center
40. Utilize Furtaw for a playground area, basketball courts , pickleball/tennis courts, paved walking path around the perimeter etc. There is plenty of space and it is wasted at this point.
41. Horse back riding
42. Seasonal lake activities like sun chair rentals, water slide and climbing activities on the water and a small outdoor food shake with good and spirit's!
43. Ice skating park and groomed sled hill
44. New exercise equipment at the community center
45. Beachfront RV overnight, developed, sights. Lakefront bar/dining, refreshment facilities at the pier.
46. better marked township parking that is maintained
47. have more than enough facilities, just maintain what you have!
48. More indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts
49. Year round access to indoor recreational center (OCC)
50. Year-round community center and places for more community-based commerce (farmer's market)
51. Dog sledding trails
52. Improve old orchard
53. A multi-use paved path/trail along the river or lake would be ideal
54. Three mile park need away for the local to get down and people in wheel chair can't even get down to see and feel the water.
55. Fitness Parks
56. Birding and wildlife viewing access
57. street hockey
58. community center should be open in summer when the populations quadruples. make no sense that it isn't
59. Health/Recreation center programs and promotion!
60. Pickle ball courts
61. Your pavillions should be multi-use. Large enough for gatherings...family or class reunions....with surfaces that encourage recreation that is protected from weather.
62. Outdoor Yoga, Private Yoga Studios, Concerts, Farm Markets
63. Indoor recreation area in the summer
64. Community Center to be open year around like Hale and Tawas
65. To have the receipt center on the Base open all year round.
66. Summer indoor recreational opportunities
67. Indoor basketball
68. None
69. Fishing and fishing sites need to be improved. Fishing brought my family up here 60 years ago.
70. sporting clays, trap facilities
71. Bike/Foot Path along F41 from county line to downtown
- 72.
73. Make people want to come to Oscoda! By improving Oscoda, people will want to visit Oscoda! There will be more businesses which will generate more TAX dollars for Oscoda! We have very little in Oscoda! There is not much of a reason to come to Oscoda! Not much to do!
74. winter sports complex

75. community center open year round
76. Would greatly like a bike/hike trail on Cedar Lake Road--cars whizz by at 55 mph and we take our life in our hands!!
77. Extended access to OCC!
78. Safer access to lake huron.
79. Improve Lake Huron access. Build a harbor. Enlarge historical museum.
- 80.
81. Pickleball

24) I support the development of the Iron Belle/losco Exploration Trail which will extend from River Bank Park and generally follow the River Road Scenic Byway and M-65 to Hale.



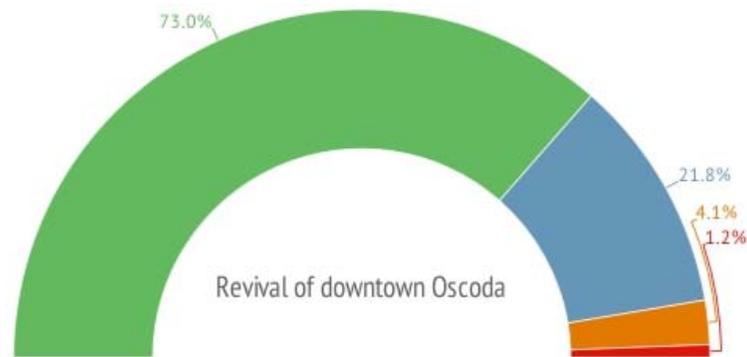
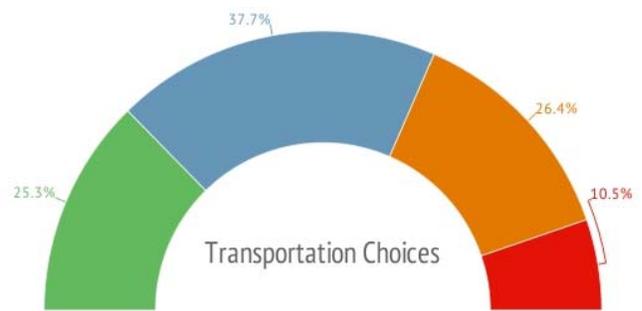
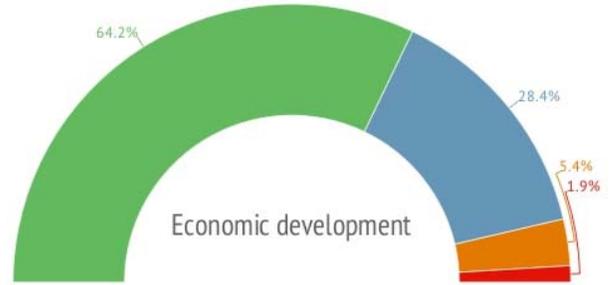
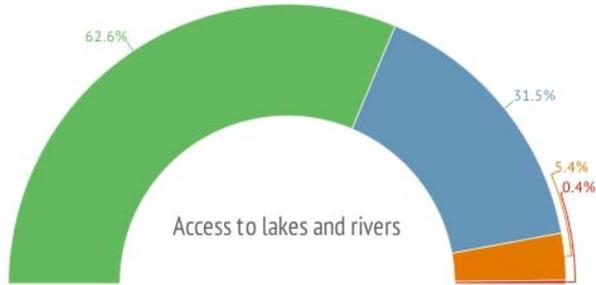
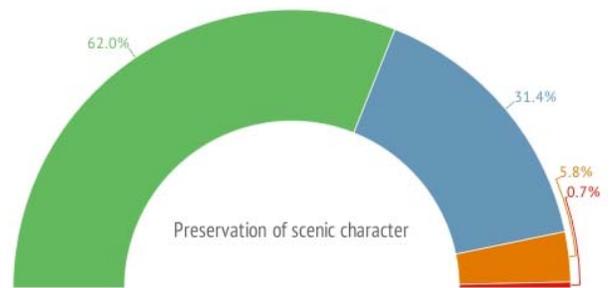
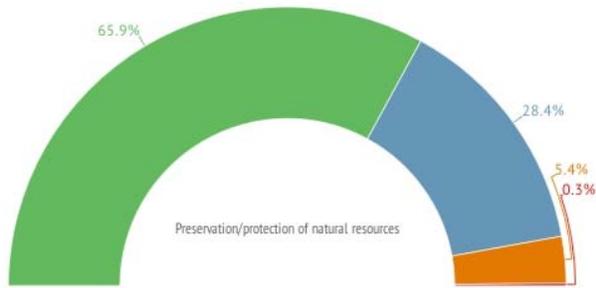
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25) I support the development of a year-round Community Center.



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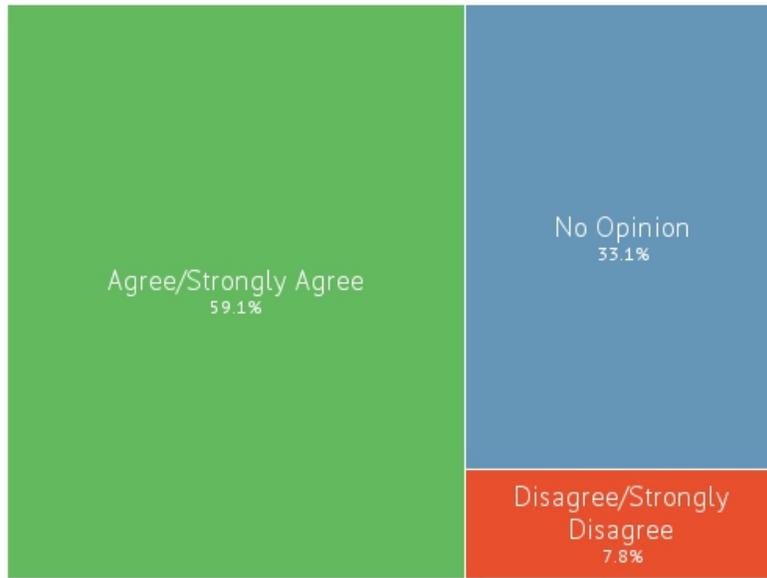
26) How important are the following issues to you?



● Extremely Important ● Important ● Somewhat Important ● Not Important

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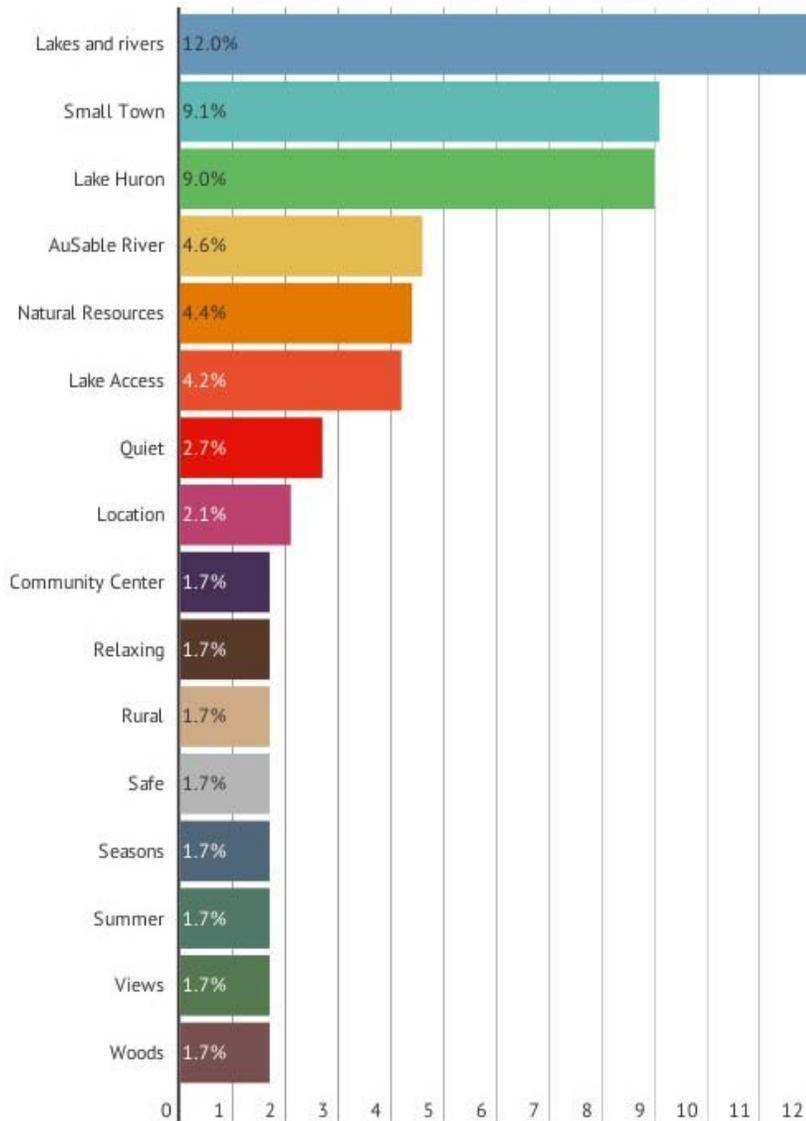
27) In your opinion, is blight an issue in Oscoda Township?



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28) What do you like best about Oscoda Township? (509 Responses)

Summary of Top Ideas



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Responses

1. I live on Lake Huron and love it. I am retired and have met many great people at the Community Center. I could not live here in the winter without the Community Center. It is a great asset to the township but the township does very little to promote it.
2. We love living on Lake Huron, where I grew up as a child in the summers. Like the slow pace and the friendly people here. Love walking the beach and swimming.

The Community Center and the Library are very important to me. I cannot imagine living here without them, especially in the winter. We get much needed exercise at the community center and meet and share time with friends there. It helps us stay healthy, physically and mentally.

The library is a welcoming place for readers as well as housing several groups I belong to. The staff is excellent.
3. Fire protection, First Responders, Police protection are all top notch. Natural resources and access to them are great.
4. Scenery & lakes.

5.	Lakes & scenery.
6.	The National Forrest and scenic over looks. The beach and Thursday night concerts.
7.	Friendly community, special events like the light parade, Lake Huron shoreline.
8.	Scenic views and the water.
9.	The abundance of natural beauty with good friends and neighbors.
10.	The people, the service clubs, the beauty of the natural resources the friendly giving people
11.	Nature, Canoeing, the Lakes-Huron, Van Etten, The AuSable River, fishing. The beauty is astounding!
12.	Lakes and river. Still small town atmosphere.
13.	River Rd beach is the best around, ausable river always has been amazing, lots of aquatic beauty
14.	The access to woods and water.
15.	sunrises at the beach.
16.	It's home
17.	It's not too big, but need to grow a little more. In the survey you missed having an option of having visited Loud Pond. I have been there recently also.
18.	Small town feel
19.	Lakes & River
20.	The water access:)
21.	The natural resources...river, inland lakes and beautiful, sandy Lake Huron beaches. Also the being near the senic rolling countryside just to our north.
22.	I think we have done a nice job improving the 23 downtown area.
23.	Water
24.	The natural beauty of the Ausable River and the lakes.
25.	The natural beauty, friendliness, access to parks, river, forest.; visibility of lake Huron along U.S.23 There are many activities, various interest groups that are welcoming-; SSLL has been a big asset to the community and area..
26.	The small town, community feel. The hard work put into the community by different organizations to keep the town looking nice.
27.	Lake Huron: relaxed atmosphere and access to clean beaches! Ease of finding dining and shopping.
28.	Great place to raise a family, however, drugs are rampant in our community and the police seem to turn a blind eye to what they KNOW is happening. Get this CRAP out of our homes and community.
29.	I like the small town feel.
30.	born and raised here its in my blood.....family
31.	This is home... My roots are in this area, and I will always have this connection here, but over the past decade I have been discouraged at how little the township has progressed. There seems to be an ongoing problem with making Oscoda a community where people want to settle, start a business, and thrive. The downtown development is a sad site of empty store fronts, and inconsistent look and upkeep of business store fronts. When I see other towns to the north and south of Oscoda and the renewal and development going on it makes me wonder why there isn't more that our township officials are doing to make this area and our amazing natural resources a place where people want to visit and live.
32.	The feel of community from people in town. The foliage improvements to the central town area. The drive for more improvement from local business owners.
33.	Being so close to nature
34.	The overall beauty of Oscoda Township is grand. The beautification teams around Oscoda bring a pride to the US 24 corridor to enhance its beauty.
35.	Lake Huron
36.	We have access to a river, a great lake, and inland lakes. Down town beach is beautiful please don't put any kind of camping there
37.	Access to Lake Huron & the AuSable River
38.	I have been coming up here since I was a child. Have lived her 3 separate times. Just love the community.
39.	I loved living there thru high school in the late 90's. But the reliance on the airbase is to heavy. Not enough other economic advantages for the average person to raise a family and stay in the area,
40.	Great place to live.
41.	Old Orchard Park Campground.
42.	The small community! atmosphere! Great fire and Police protection! My family has always felt safe in this town of Oscoda!
43.	I love the community and abundance of lakes, rivers, woods, etc.
44.	The peaceful life here.
45.	It's location and beauty.
46.	Friendliness of people.
47.	I like the people, the beautiful natural environment, lakes, rivers, the community center, feeling of community, the schools.
48.	Lake Huron with the beautiful sandy beaches
49.	The Lakes and AuSable River
50.	Small town feel but you need places to bring people back.
51.	It's up north and less busier or chaotic than E Tawas and Alpena
52.	Beach, river, people
53.	Small town community.. Beaches
54.	Huron shoreline

55.	Oscoda is a beautiful place. I think we are behind the times. We have beautiful Rivers and a great Lake. So much potential. What good is a lovely sign if we have nothing to offer that the town people and tourist want? What is there for young ones to do? We have a skate park which is a step in the right direction. Add to it.
56.	I love the water! The river, the lakes. I love to go and be able to go to a park and be able to be by the water with little trouble to do so.
57.	I love the lakes, river, access to outdoor venues. I wish I didn't have to run to Tawas for shopping.
58.	The natural sites
59.	The quiet life
60.	Small town atmosphere. Lake Huron beaches. Ausable River. Concerts at the beach. Outdoor recreation
61.	It's a quaint community. LOVE the rivers and lakes. Lots of nature to experience.
62.	It is a family orientated community.
63.	Lake Huron and the Au Sable River are by far our best attributes and need to be treasured and used even more than they are now.
64.	nature, water access
65.	The area is awesome in the summertime! So much to do and it's a great place for families to live and visit!
66.	I love Oscoda. I raised my children here and it will always be home. The natural beauty and outdoor opportunity it offers is amazing
67.	I love the Beaches and all the Bike trails and the Campsites.The People who Live here.Its a great place to live.But there needs to be more careers to keep people up here.
68.	Beach rivers
69.	The hometown feel and the water
70.	Small rural town, surrounded by natural beauty.
71.	It is a peaceful town. I have been here over 30 years, love Oscoda.
72.	scenic rivers
73.	Location
74.	River lakes
75.	Oscoda is a wonderful place to raise a family. We have so many assets - the AuSable River, Lake Huron, extensive trail systems, a great location; these are just a few examples. My family loves it here!
76.	Environment, lakes
77.	Desi's
78.	The nature and citizens Need to grow for employment si we can keep families here .
79.	I like the small town feel, I grew up going to Oscoda schools. I like how people are down to earth and willing to help each other.
80.	Very quite and friendly peoplem
81.	Up north small town atmosphere.
82.	The water
83.	The small town feel and the people.
84.	I like the year round fishing and wish some issues on the AuSable river would be addressed.
85.	Close to family, access to fishing, boating and Orv activities.
86.	The beach
87.	It's home
88.	Lake Huron...being the sunrise side !
89.	Lakes and rivers
90.	Oscoda township brings a sense of peace, harmony, and all around a great day everyday. As I have previously stated I've lived here my entire 21 years of life and I plan to always have a home In This town.
91.	The nature and access to the shoreline.
92.	The small town atmosphere. The people, for the most part are friendly to one another.
93.	Lakes, river, and beach. I love taking my boat out and floating down the river.
94.	I love that it is my escape away from home, and a nice place to visit family. We love that there are many things to do and all are family friendly.
95.	It's a beautiful place for all outdoor activities.
96.	Natural surroundings
97.	The woods and water. Small town living filled with great people.
98.	I like the access to Lake Huron and the Ausable River.
99.	The nature
100.	Quiet & low traffic(most of the time!
101.	The river and lake view. Wild life. The fishing is good here.
102.	Natural resources and sense of community
103.	Small town life. 2 street lights!
104.	Fresh water
105.	I love the beach.
106.	The nature, the small-town feel.
107.	River
108.	We love living here because of the friendly atmosphere. As we continue to grow here in this lovely town, we notice the younger generation is vastly decreasing. Which means population and development is limited. Township needs to add variety to our little Nook we call home. Let people be proud to come from Oscoda, Mi!
109.	The beautiful beaches and rivers!
110.	Nature
111.	The small town feel,four seasons,family,work

112.	Concerts in the park. The streets decorations flowers and side walks look great.
113.	Scenic overlooks, close knit community
114.	I like the area and how everything natural is preserved and how many options of bodies of water there are.
115.	Everyone is connected in some way and I always feel like home. Even when I'm gone for 6 months.
116.	Small town feel
117.	Location - access to woods, Lake Huron, and the Ausable River
118.	There are a lot of beautiful things here.
119.	The beauty of our forests, the AuSable River, inland lakes, and Lake Huron are Michigan's best kept secret. The majority of citizens are caring and friendly.
120.	Where I live is nice right on the lake Huron
121.	Small town feeling. Laid back and relaxing.
122.	Friendly residents, ease of getting around town, forward thinking township officials.
123.	The community but it is slowly turning into just a retirement home. Elder people don't want to see the town turn into anything bigger they want it to be a calm place they can Retire in. This is cool but for the future and anyone else that plans to live here you're setting them up for failure. there are few jobs you can get here that require a college degree. Prep yourself to work in a shop or talking on the phone all day.
124.	I love our beach
125.	I have grown up here and have chosen to raise my family here. When you look to the tawas area and Alpena they just seem to have something that we don't. Our family travels to both of these communities just to hang out for a day. I think that Oscoda has more to offer than both of these communities as far as outdoor and tourism but we just can't seem how to use it.
126.	The nature and serenity found throughout
127.	Downtown beach, Three Mile, Community Center,
128.	The natural resources of the area
129.	Small town aspect.
130.	Community & Beauty
131.	Small community, safety, family friendly
132.	My friends here
133.	not much
134.	downtown area is inviting even w it so many empty storefronts
135.	The community
136.	Small town feeling..friendly people
137.	The beauty that I get to call home, the wonderful people.
138.	The water, fishing and beaches.
139.	The beach.
140.	It was an excellent place to grow up as a kid with access to many different venues for outdoor recreation. Now it is a great place to vacation, for outdoor activites.
141.	The fact that I will probably not live long enough to see this community be further ruined by the politicians .
142.	Small town, rural, mostly safe place to live, raise a family and/or visit. Friendly people. Nature and wildlife.
143.	Everything you need is in a fare distance and you have a good safe area for a family and children.
144.	The relaxed beauty, access to many natural attractions, not as uppity feeling as Tawas.
145.	Nature
146.	I love the peaceful, community feeling. The river and lake are major assets to our community and need to be protected.
147.	Everything about Oscoda in the summer is great, winters can be very boring.
148.	It's a calm, quiet community that you can feel comfortable living in, and is a beautiful place to live.
149.	opportunity for improvement
150.	the accessibility to Lake Huron and the AuSable River
151.	Nature,nothing much else.
152.	River, Lakes, beach park, camping, low crime, and natural scenic beauty.
153.	The Beach
154.	I like the nature to be able to go out enjoy the beach and playgrounds with my kids on warm days.. I love to be able to take a short walk in the woods and teach my kids the good and the bad..
155.	Located on the shores of Lake Huron.
156.	Surrounded by beautiful scenery and friendly, helpful people
157.	It's Home
158.	It's charm, Great schools , close community.
159.	The large amounts of nature that can be accessed in Oscoda is its best characteristic.
160.	I love the lake and downtown park, but feel the park has not been kept up. The table, play equipment, etc., aren't in good shape. The park usually looks dirty and neglected. The beach is a very strong asset for Oscoda, yet at any given time you can find far too many dogs w/o leashes running and pooping near very small children. The grass should be watered and maintained. The downtown area also is shabby. When you drive into town everything is either beige (ugh), and a pukey green shade. The little plants way high on the poles are really not attractive. Incentives (money & supplies) should be given the merchants to try to maintain and spruce up their buildings. I especially like the community (people), but NOT the elected officials who keep their heads in the sand.

161.	The natural beauty of the area. Having the tourist season allows for many of the seasonal businesses to thrive and yet we still have the off season for the peace, solitude and serenity that comes with living in northern Michigan.
162.	The lake and the opportunities that we can make Oscoda out to be
163.	Beautiful lake Huron beaches...AuSable river overlooks...
164.	The nature
165.	The scenery and nature.
166.	Four Seasons, woods and lakes
167.	I love the small town feel.
168.	camp nissokone
169.	Home to me but think we need some change.
170.	Nothing
171.	Close knit people, the beauty it has to offer.
172.	The lakes, we need more stores.
173.	The ausable access for fishing tubing and kayaking.
174.	Access to water and nature
175.	the lakes
176.	The beauty, the beach, the sun rises
177.	Down town and school
178.	Nature
179.	I like that people can easily get to places when needed. Everyone knows each other and helps others. It's a family oriented town.
180.	All the nature around us.
181.	I enjoy the outdoor activities.
182.	I like that so many people come up here to visit during the summer because we have one of the greatest lakes; and we get to call this place home. Unfortunately some people take it for granted because there's not a whole lot to do but one day they'll realize there wasn't anything to complain about.
183.	I like the natural beauty and access to river, beach, and lakes.
184.	The people!
185.	I like the endless amount of water access. Me being a huge fisher, I love the bodies of water we are near.
186.	Oscoda is beautiful, I love coming up here to relax. The fish is fantastic and the beaches are amazing.
187.	The river, lakes and beach.
188.	Where old friends and family meet and play on the water or in the beautiful woods
189.	People Atmosphere
190.	The outdoors
191.	Nature is outside your door
192.	Love watching sunrises and sunsets at our scenic and beach areas The beauty in our area is amazing. We need some unique shops so visitors have places to visit. See small town Harbor Spings. Beauty combined with small town town atmosphere
193.	Natural resources in close proximity
194.	The beautiful park/outdoor theater on Lake Huron and all of the beauty of the lakes and rivers.
195.	Location. Familiarity. The people.
196.	the friendly people. rural living but need more city type business's to improve growth of our community.
197.	This is my home, my family and friends are here and I have a good job I love. We have recreation for every season. The best Fire Department in the state.
198.	The community I grew up here.
199.	Friendly atmosphere,
200.	The beauty and my employment is here for now. The town has potential, if the community and its leaders are willing to break the mold.
201.	Natural resources
202.	It has everything you need, beautiful little town, amazing views, amazing people, lakes, rivers, great fishing and hunting, food, bars, beaches. It's perfect
203.	The people and lake huron.
204.	That I can go boating and fishing
205.	It's home. My family has been her for 65+ years
206.	The people are the greatest, the natural resources are the best in the state, the township services (police and fire) are great. The service clubs are well organized and community involvement is great.
207.	Beaches and parks
208.	Nature. Downtown Oscoda. It's such a beautiful place that deserves some more recognition and improvement.
209.	Lake Huron
210.	Sunrises and being close to nature
211.	The natural environment.
212.	Nature.
213.	lakes & rivers
214.	Our beautiful scenery and the wonderful people who live here.Clean up the downtown and bring in new businesses, create jobs, and keep our youth engaged so they will want to stay in the area.
215.	Nothing....it's ugly and a shit hole!! Tawas Rocks!! Always things going on, music shops, always looks eye appealing and clean.

216.	Lake Huron Canoeing Tait's Bill of Fare Bike Night in Dwight Upgrades of in town park and pier
217.	the rural feel of the area
218.	I like the water and all of the scenic trails and access we have.
219.	People
220.	community, safety, and the water.
221.	the beautiful nature and lakes.
222.	Small town easy to get anywhere.
223.	Small town living
224.	The people of Oscoda Township are full of life and ideals. The nature is very beautiful yet subtle at the same time.
225.	Nature
226.	I like the climate here and the access to the area's natural amenities.
227.	Small town, with great natural resources
228.	That it was where I grew up and is a good memory of what it use to be!
229.	Lakes and rivers.
230.	I love that you can walk 15-20min from anywhere and hit water or forest. The natural beauty of this land is something you rarely find these days (and I've lived all over the world)
231.	Friendliness of people Affordability of housing Proximity to the Tawas Places to bike and walk on base Library Volunteer first responders 911 service & fire department
232.	I love the fact that Oscoda is a community where everyone knows everyone. Small and personal is what I loved most about it. The town has beautiful scenery as well as a great area for tubing get togethers.
233.	The cheap housing for everyone on welfare.
234.	It is a wonderful rural community.
235.	I can relax
236.	We have lived here full time for 6 years, but have been seasonal visitors for over 40 years. As residents we love the people in our community. We love the small town feel, the gorgeous beaches and waterways. As seasonal visitors, we camped at Old Orchard park and now all of our 4 children and grandchildren camp also. There is no other place on earth that touches our hearts like the AuSable and the Pond.
237.	The water choices, the natural enviroment.
238.	People are friendly
239.	Natural resources, especially the AuSable River, and the beautiful sandy beaches on Lake Huron.
240.	We are a community! It is peaceful. Great scenery.
241.	The easy access to Lake Huron and the Ausable River.
242.	Being able to raise my kids in the same town I was raised in we love the beach by far we have one of the best beaches in this state
243.	low crime
244.	People in the community are great I like all the outdoor year round I would like the rec center year round with pickle ball indoors And paved bike trail on river road Sports activities will bring people in money to the town
245.	Being "up north"
246.	The fact that I don't live there anymore. Before the base closed it was a very nice thriving town. But since then it has because a hole in the map.
247.	Old orchard park
248.	I love the beaches and being able to go swimming anytime during the summer, or being able to tube down the river whenever.
249.	The surrounding areas of forestry.the fishing and camping ,need more areas of those,the friendly people and bunnies and owner's.
250.	The views.
251.	Beach...pier...small town.
252.	The beach. Great Emergency services. Nice community.
253.	It's my home
254.	I love that I am so close to nature and that there isn't blight. We don't have alot here but that is okay with me. We have what God put here.
255.	The ausable river
256.	There is a lot of focus on summer recreational options in the community.
257.	Beach, community center
258.	I love that it's not a huge city.
259.	The scenery
260.	Everything is local and easy to get to and it's a beautiful community.

261.	It's beautiful year round natural recreational area. Friendliness of the people and helpfulness of the community as a whole.
262.	The people
263.	River access lake access
264.	Lake Huron access, a ausable mouth access, foote and Cooke ponds
265.	Van Etten Lake, The pier and beach park,concerts in the park the splash pad for kids
266.	Slow paced , easy going town.
267.	Small quant town. A breakaway from the down state hustle bustle.
268.	I like living in a rural area.
269.	The small town vibe
270.	The beach.
271.	I don't like anything about oscoda
272.	River and lakes
273.	1. Beaches, although this year I felt Huron beaches had a lot of weeds and looked unkept on Memorial Day. 2. Fresh air. 3. Large trees and our history with the lumbering industry.
274.	We love the low key not fancy lifestyle. Very relaxing and an easy drive from downstate.
275.	Available natural resources.
276.	Nothing theres nothing here that is good all it has is nothing
277.	We are a beautiful town, and everybody knows everybody. We're kind of like one big family.
278.	The vast opportunity to do and see so many different things.
279.	The Beach
280.	The Environment (Woods & Water) & the People (sense of community).
281.	I like that Oscoda is a friendly place where everybody knows you.
282.	The natural surroundings, lakes, rivers, beauty of the land.
283.	Splash pad
284.	Lake huron access
285.	Oscoda is beautiful in the summertime and I was able to get a very inexpensive summer home due to the poor economic conditions in Oscoda. There has been no development to speak of since the Base closed and the businesses that have come on the base have been too few. What a waste for that base to be this dilapidated. It makes me sad. I go to Tawas and Harrisville and they are thriving on summer tourism and Oscoda has not done anything to promote Tourism. It makes me sad to see the lack of progress and the lack of motivation and vision with the township. Oscoda has so much potential to thrive and be an actual destination town, rather than the place you go because you couldn't get a room in Tawas or Harrisville.
286.	The nature in all seasons, the slower pace of life.
287.	Four seasons - however the trail system for both ATV/Snowmobiles are limited access unless it trailered. I believe that there huge growth potential for Oscoda but until the township determines that Retail Box Stores are the next big step. We will continue to have poverty that destroying the next generation opportunity to excel and grow. Generation believes that welfare, food stamp and low income housing is a paycheck. Our Township Leaders are part of the blame by not expanding the area with new job opportunities and growth of our community.
288.	I have lived here all my life and still hope it will be a nice place again
289.	It's quaintness and natural resources.
290.	The trails along the river and Cedar Lake
291.	Lake Huron and the AuSable River are two great natural resources for our public enjoyment.
292.	The lake.
293.	Friendly people.and can find help when needed.
294.	Love access to the natural beauty of the area.
295.	The water and beaches
296.	I love the opportunities to be involved in nature at it's finest within minutes of our home.
297.	I love the access to water
298.	the proximity to the lakes and the river.
299.	Know everyone. Friendly town.
300.	The scenery
301.	The lakes, forest, and people
302.	Certain businesses that make you feel welcome, especially when they know you live here full time. They know you are their bread and butter during the off season.
303.	River and lake accessible
304.	Relaxing atmosphere
305.	The beautiful lake and beach views on lake Huron.
306.	The lifestyle that you can live here.
307.	The people & the parks, rivers & lakes
308.	The lakes & rivers,the slower pace of life and the rural feel of the area.
309.	I love how I can spend time with my family and enjoy the area and it's clean
310.	The chamber director is hot !

	The DDA directed is hot too!
311.	We have sugar sand beaches and access to the ausable river. Can be created into a great destination location.
312.	Outdoors recreation
313.	Small community
314.	Beautiful area lots of areas for growth. Nicest river system and beach in Northern MI.
315.	The people
316.	Very nice place to live, quiet and nice for retirees.
317.	People and nature
318.	It's where I was born and raised, the beauty is amazing, I love bringing my children to experience all the natural beauty. I plan to someday retire there. It will always be my home.
319.	It's a peaceful area and a great place to raise children.
320.	Its laid back
321.	Natural features - lakes, river, forests
322.	It's not highly commercialized and has a naturistic feel. A place to retreat from the city and unwind.
323.	This township is blessed with natural beauty and everyone, from township board members to elderly retirees and everyone in between, expresses their love of this beauty. Quality of Living is what you get as a "reward" for moving into this area, and we cannot expect to keep this "a secret". When they come (and they will), let's welcome them the way my wife and I have been welcomed!
324.	I like that my way of life is a bit slower here. It's a beautiful town with so much to offer.
325.	I like that it's a town that hasn't really changed over 30yrs but that is a detriment in today's world. Small town, light traffic and our people are friendly. I like being next to the big lake and all of the recreational activities.
326.	quiet and safe living.
327.	There is a lot of nature. And most commercial and recreation is focused around downtown, and easily accessible by foot (as long as you live in the area)
328.	Nature....people
329.	It's a small town feel, but we don't have any real draws (bring money to area) and sometimes people want a few more conveniences. So we also feel like we are slowly fizzing out.
330.	beach AuSable river
331.	Nature
332.	The friendliness.
333.	Small relaxed environment. I'm from a small town so this a great place.
334.	Peaceful, good amount of police for safety. Scenic areas are great as well. The dollar stores.
335.	Lakes and river access
336.	The natural beauty.
337.	Small town feel.
338.	It's home. The small town atmosphere with a short drive to tens of thousands of acres of forests and streams
339.	Natural resources
340.	Water near by
341.	I love all of the outdoor activities Oscoda has to offer! It's an outdoorsmen's dream!
342.	The lake, the people, the seasons!
343.	The lake
344.	Great beach and parks.
345.	I like the community and the schools and the lake access.
346.	The beaches and the wilderness
347.	Should need more to do for the visited,my guess go alpena/ tapas they don't spend money here what wrong if other town has more to offer than this town.
348.	The fact that our Wilderness has been preserved and valued. The few quaint shops that we do have and the friendliness of many of the shop owners.
349.	It is safe. In often am called out in the middle of the night for work and you rarely see any sort of loitering. I feel safe walking my dogs. This is very important.
350.	The natural beauty and the people are the best part of our town. Economic development is a must to keep our town growing and with that comes the necessary housing and services contingent on the type of business/industry that will be forthcoming. Preservation of our shore line and it's beauty is imperative - it is our one outstanding feature and must be carefully guarded. A balance of industry and tourist based business should be considered in everything that is put forward for OScoda
351.	all the lakes
352.	Small township, everybody's friendly
353.	The people, the attitudes of people, the quality of life and of course all the natural resources
354.	The way of life and access to water. Safety is also huge having kids.
355.	We enjoy living downtown and full access to Lake Huron. I enjoy the small town feel - however would love nothing more then to see us grow and thrive.
356.	Beauty
357.	Basic safe living
358.	The overall feeling of being safe
359.	the people
360.	Location near lake
361.	Van Ettan Lake

362.	I like that we have an amazing river and several lakes in the area.
363.	I like small town living and the closeness of the lakes and rivers. I like the beautiful natural setting that surrounds the township. I like being close to Lake Huron and I like that I feel relatively safe living here as opposed to a larger area. I like the doctor we have found here and also the dentist, eye doctor etc.
364.	lower temperatures than downstate safe
365.	small population
366.	Close access to so many and diverse natural resources.
367.	Not much river and lakes
368.	Love the string and the people.
369.	nice people woods and water
370.	Van Ettan Lake
371.	Sun rises & Lake Huron
372.	Friendly businesses like Louie's. Everyone says hello when you walk in. They are always friendly and helpful, plus their prices are reasonable. The township office staff are always friendly and helpful, even when you see them out and about.
373.	We keep trying...
374.	Nothing. Make it better please.
375.	It doesn't change fast. Some is good. Constant and immediate changes going on elsewhere in our world is not always better.
376.	The lakes and community.
377.	Quiet, Historic, Nature,
378.	So many beautiful places to visit within an hours drive. Friendly helpful people.
379.	Natural resources
380.	I love the Occ community center !!! It gets me out to bed , Monday We'd. Fri . I wish we had it open year found. Most of all health reasons!!! Please!
381.	I like that it is a quiet not overly touristy place. I am an occasional visitor to a cabin and I always feel like I am going home, not on a trip. I love all the options, it has a little bit of everything
382.	Beautiful Lake Huron, the nature and the level of safety we feel there.
383.	the recreational opportunities in nature. Conversely, I'm used to being able to go to a community center whenever I wanted and can't understand why the community center here is only open for 6 mos. a year.
384.	Recreational activities, tranquility, fishing, boating not a lot of traffic
385.	Cute resorts, historic character, beautiful Lake Huron, small shops
386.	ORV trails, Oscoda beach and the lakes.
387.	Getaway from everyday life and a chance to experience the beauty of the surrounding area.
388.	The beauty and affordability.
389.	The family atmosphere. Scenic view. Slower pace from the big city in Phoenix AZ.
390.	Access to lakes, rivers, beaches.
391.	Lake Huron
392.	Local feel. Closeness to lakes.
393.	The overall atmosphere, the quaint feeling of the town and Lake Huron and the Au Sable River.
394.	In the fall the Community Center, the friends we have here, the lakes and river and our community
395.	Lakewood Shores development. This should be promoted it is a great community for the money. The concerts downtown in the summer the flowers and signs in town. Fourth of July community spirit. The beach park is always kept beautiful and so clean!! It is a wonderful place to live!
396.	The quiet, the lakes, the views, the people,
397.	I like being able to get to nature and enjoy it.
398.	Lake Huron
399.	The natural beauty.
400.	Family Beaches
401.	Location is a naturalistic, beautiful area. The beach is beautiful and well kept. The park and activities at the park are nice and well maintained.
402.	has an "up north" feel to it . Also, services are available for those in need - these programs are primarily church based, but to some extent, the community does lend support - like FISH and St Vincent dePaul Emergency Food Pantry, Baby Pantry, Food Giveaways. The people are very friendly and willing to help out - for example, charity events to raise funds for a good cause. And, of course, our three great water resources - Lake Huron, VanEtten Lake, and Ausable River
403.	The friendly people and the quiet environment,
404.	IAKES , RIVER ACESS, SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE
405.	The people are warm and friendly.
406.	THE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY; THE AREA IS BEAUTIFUL; THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE GREAT, SOMETHING FOR EVERY AGE GROUP.
407.	We enjoy Lake Van Etten, and have been coming due to family having an cottages here for 60 years. It is much shorter travel time than going to northwest lower Michigan. However, it doesn't seem that the elected officials have had a plan in

	place to upgrade the area. Having been involved in economic development in the northern suburbs of Macomb County for many years, it takes a devoted, compromising, and caring core group to enhance and beautify the area. It's a lot of work that can be made very satisfying.
408.	Small town feel. The lakes and beaches. Some of the restaurants. People living here.
409.	The lifestyle, living on the lake, the beaches and parks. We do have to keep the town updated so it can thrive.
410.	The people are wonderful
411.	I love the rural setting of Oscoda Township and all the natural resources that are here.
412.	Small town feel, friendly, and nature.
413.	Low cost of living (low taxes),
414.	The small town atmosphere.
415.	Quiet and the closeness of the lakes, recreational opportunities.
416.	Waters
417.	It is like a second home to me, been coming here for 67 years. People are friendly.
418.	Environment, close proximity to lakes and rivers
419.	Friends & family have places here. Same business owners for decades- Lamrock, Wellmans, Red Barn love it.
420.	The Huron Forest, Lakes, fishing and trails
421.	I like the small town atmosphere and slower pace of year round residence, along with all of our natural beauty and resources.
422.	The easy going atmosphere. The friendliness of the area. The diverse outdoor activities.
423.	I enjoy what is left of the natural environment.
424.	The forest land, Oscoda beach, Van Etten, Lake Huron, AuSable River attractions
425.	the variety of water experiences available and the fact that it is not overrun with tourists.
426.	Love the lakes and water ways for boating fishing and swimming. Also like the available hiking trails. Available golfing and other recreational opportunities.
427.	It is relaxing, quiet and beautiful. People wave to each other.....I enjoy that. I further appreciate the affordability of the "sunrise side".
428.	I have been a summer resident for 66 years and in the last month moved here permanently. I have always loved Oscoda but I am sorry to say it has changed.
429.	Lakes, rivers, and forests
430.	Up north feeling
431.	The lakes and park facilities.
432.	It has every thing you want . Live on a lake and have the rivers and Huron all in 5 miles of you.
433.	Its slower pace, I can get almost anything i need there or close by. Peaceful. Scenic
434.	All the things that you can do in the area,hunting,fishing,boating
435.	VanEtten lake
436.	scenic
437.	Natural environment, inland lakes and Lake Huron access. The people of the area are regular down-to-earth people as opposed to some other areas in Michigan!
438.	Overall all a great place to live. The pier and township beach area is outstanding! Overall all we think the township leadership board should be given more credit. Hat is especially off to Bob Stalker!! I would hate to see the beach area add camping areas even near the current beach. It is our real treasure in our community! I lived here when we had a park there before. It took the MOB to properly deal with the problem. Keep on course. Keep improving what you are doing. I hope gathering and acting on this survey will prove helpful.
439.	Van Etten Lake
440.	Peaceful small town living.
441.	The beauty and access to the lakes.
442.	Up north feel with good amenities. Mature trees. Have a cottage on Van Etten for over 22 years and have had good times up here. Good restaurants. Like that they are trying to get the weeds out of the lake
443.	The many lakes and the AuSable River as well as the nature trails available to enjoy God's creation are very important to me. The friendly community and staff at the Township level is also a plus.
444.	Thinking
445.	been going there since I was a little kid 52 years.
446.	Outdoors mans paradise
447.	small community by lakes
448.	close to lakes and national forests
449.	People, close to hunting, fishing recreation., need to expand more to bring in more people from downstate, out of state, tourism is a huge, huge revenue for our area
450.	The festivals and Van Etten Lake.
451.	Scenic views
452.	Seems to be experiencing some economic growth.
453.	We enjoy part-time summer living on an inland lake, Van Etten.
454.	Van Etten Lake.
455.	Northern beauty.
456.	hunting fishing boating rural peace quiet
457.	Family memories.
458.	Location

459.	Access to so many bodies of water and natural areas
460.	Great place to live.
461.	I love the lakes and forest
462.	Small town w/ quiet atmosphere
463.	Access to recreational facilities. The people.
464.	Amount of access to outdoor recreation
465.	Location between Lake Huron and the Ausable River and the State and National Forests.
466.	The lakes and lake shore
467.	people are nice - helpful in stores and friendly close to Lake Huron for swimming and walking lots of restaurants good fishing stores
468.	potential
469.	The beautiful surroundings and the great people
470.	Some of the serene areas, VanEtten Lake. Most ppl are friendly and helpful. Availability of the Huron Forest.
471.	We like it mostly just like it is.
472.	I love the small town feel and all of the lovely places to enjoy nature.
473.	Access to sandy beaches and Ausable river.
474.	natural resources, easy access to shopping via US23
475.	The natural beauty of the area and access to lakes and rivers.
476.	Access to beautiful Lake Huron - the GREAT lake- as well as the smaller lakes and rivers, particularly Van Ettan.
477.	Like the small town feel.
478.	I appreciate the smallness and quaint feeling in Oscoda. I love the lakes and protection of our natural resources and conservation. It promotes a more personal and friendly experience.
479.	Overall access to varied outdoor activities. Boating, kayaking, hiking, nature viewing, fishing, motorcycling, beach concerts and events.
480.	The "up north" feel
481.	The natural resources, the beaches, the pier.
482.	quiet... fair priced... lots of opportunities to do outdoor activities...
483.	Attached to Oscoda as coming here since 3 ,years old and love big lake. Have cottage on Loud drive . however its not what is used to be. Have option of inland .lake river and Lake Huron
484.	feeling of privacy
485.	Love the Up North feeling and not being in Metro Detroit
486.	The scenic nature atmosphere and the fact it is a small town.
487.	I enjoy the natural beauty, peace and tranquility of Oscoda Township. I enjoy visiting the scenic over looks several times a year. I am very grateful that we have such a nice community center that is affordable, clean, and convenient.
488.	I like the area with all the lakes and the AuSable River for fishing, swimming and boating. I hope to retire to Oscoda.
489.	Living near Lake Huron, Community organizations and individuals who do so much for the community, and support system. Movie theater and shoreline, concerts, restaurants.
490.	I particularly like the scenery, the access to nature and the recreational opportunities.
491.	Rural Living but still some city trappings, access to Lake Huron, smaller lakes and a great river. Close community relationships.
492.	The natural beauty (we have some of the best beaches on Lake Huron, and the Au Sable River is a gem!)
493.	Comfort, safety, county fresh air, and fresh drinking waters, access to nature and convenience to services needed.
494.	The access to water on all fronts. Ausable River, Van Ellen and Cedar Lakes, and Lake Huron.
495.	Beautiful beaches.
496.	Smart enough to know your neighbors and township personnel. Hunting and fishing access. Open beaches.
497.	Lack of traffic and the potential for good fishing and hunting.
498.	Recreation on the lakes, rivers, woods. Living rural, yet close to town.
499.	It's quiet, safe, has beautiful scenery, but needs more activities and jobs to keep younger people here.
500.	Slower way of living and the quiet, peaceful living!
501.	Relaxed atmosphere and access to lake Huron.
502.	Convenient place to live and enjoy retirement. If Oscoda doesn't have it, 16 miles to Tawas and 50 to Alpena and their mall.
503.	The community atmosphere
504.	The people and the outdoor lifestyle
505.	Quiet small town atmosphere, recreational opportunities.
506.	It's peaceful and quiet most of the time. Friendly
507.	A place to live. Keep it the way it is. Just fix it up! Don't try to make it something it isn't. You have to realize that it's never going to be what it was. Young people just don't come up every weekend to use the rental cabins and resorts, you have to entertain them - Oscoda is like been that once, don't need to do it again - what other things can we do. When the Township tries to be like the Tawas's they just waste money.
508.	Definitely the city beach. My family and I spend most of recreational time there even though our cottage has a private access to both Lake Van Ettan and Lake Huron. We also love Kayaking on the Ausable, but not on the weekends - to wild. Week days are very peaceful on the river.
509.	NOTHING ANY MORE

29) What would you recommend to improve Oscoda Township? (531 Responses)

Word Cloud Summary



Responses

1.	I feel that changes need to be made in the township leadership. Also, changes need to be made in the running of the Community Center.
2.	A more progressive governing body who do not cater to tourists to the detriment of residents. I would like to see the Oscoda Community Center promoted and offer much more to people of all ages. It is a hub of the community and a priceless resource. The township does not do enough to make it all it could be. I feel the Community Center should be just as important as the parks and not be treated as a burden. With more offerings and activities and motivated management, it could draw in many more people.
3.	Have more places to go and fun things to do.
4.	Welcome the establishment of new "industry" ideas. Think a little more up to date. We cannot be the Oscoda of 1965 anymore.
5.	More businesses, more restaurants, community activities, blight removal on Cedar Lake Rd. Concerning mobile homes & neglected houses. More medical facilities. Promote Oscoda as the best place to be on Lake Huron & our town.
6.	Businesses, businesses, restaurants, theater, community activities, more medical facilities, removing blight, especially on Cedar Lake Rd. , mobile homes & abandoned homes. Bring in a sporting goods store. Promote beautiful Oscoda along Lake Huron.
7.	The OCC needs to be open all year round for the kids and tourists. The kids in Oscoda would have something to do under supervision during the summer months and keep them off the streets. On a rainy day the tourists would have a place to go too and enjoy family activities for a fee.
8.	The township board needs to be open to ideas presented by the community. They need to be fiscally responsible. The community center needs to be open year round. More activities should take place at the center. Better maintenance of roads.
9.	Hire a new Township Superintendent that values recreation and serves the township board in a transparent manner with integrity. Seek a qualified community advocate to pursue recreational Grants that are based on what the whole community would value instead of a select few making major decisions in this regard. Make a sincere effort at promoting our Community Center that should be open year round with competent management and vision.
10.	The blight, the downtown, the poor areas of the community need to be cleaned up more focus on grants for housing for seniors and poor. Year round community center and senior center relocated to serve all the community not tucked away in one corner.

11.	Take the natural amenities of the area and build on them. Get employment opportunities to keep your citizens here. Expand your medical facilities. We really need a "med express" type facility!!!
12.	Lived, worked and raised our children here for 23 years. Now we are looking to move outside the township due to over reaching and archaic ordinances. You on the planning commission keep saying you are working on them and you are aware they need improving, yet continue to enforce them? Starting petty wars among neighbors. shame. There is some blight in Oscoda. It's like porn, we know it when we see it. Making ordinances based on what might, someday, possibly, could...turn into blight is just over reaching and ridiculous.Out buildings have to all be "matchy matchy" with the main residence??? This is not Lakewood Shores or an housing association. No carports or steel buildings? It's almost like you don't know where you live. People move here to enjoy the woods and water and they have toys which need to be stored. Wake up and stop victimizing your own residents. We're moving to Tawas or Harrisville, because you've ruined the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood.
13.	Food booth at beach. Dances for young people like those once held in the old auditorium. Sidewalks cleared of snow in winter by township. I lived in Reed City and the sidewalks were cleared by a ride on mower type vehicle with a large snow shoot. Certainly helped the elderly.
14.	Downtown at River in 23, the traffic situation is retarded with the bottle neck that backs everything up everyday, and lot of urban blight along 23 is spreading, tear that crap down and plant grass or something. Another epic, well groomed beach on the north end of town or wherever would set up the scene for even more tourist dollars and more much needed Ling of sight to the lake
15.	We have a gold mine out on the old base. We need to develop that area with things like a college campus, Casino, other medical options, large stores/shopping center and more manufacturing companies to bring jobs and wealth to the area. Just look at what tawas has done and you'll know what Oscoda is no longer on the map.
16.	fix US 23 going thru town. If your going to have a left hand turn at the stop light at river road then you need to add a green arrow for left turns. The traffic back up at the light at river road is COMPLETELY unnecessary. us 23 should go back to being a 4 lane road.
17.	Grow like every other community around us. Oscoda is stuck as a retirement community and does not have enough for kids and families to do. For a family fun night out or shopping our money goes to other community's when it should stay in our hometown.
18.	For the DDA to develop a long range plan for the downtown.
19.	Don't be afraid to grow. Let more business in.
20.	Better shopping choices more entertainment and thing for our youth to do all I hear from kids. Is its boring here
21.	Do more to bring development/jobs/reuse of downtown businesses.
22.	Disc golf and dog park
23.	More stores and more attractive stores downtown. Activities for locals and tourists for inclement weather such as craft store with activities, indoor water park, more shopping, possibly arcade.
24.	Too much blight. Cheap rentals and north and south of the main upgrades on 23 look rough and uninviting. Pulling into town from river Rd and n & s on 23 all could look more attractive. Few shopping opportunities make me travel to alpena, west branch or the tri cities more often than not.
25.	More lively downtown
26.	Turn F41 campground into an RV park with electric and water AND advertise! We don't travel to places and hope to find an RV park. We search it out ahead of time. Our days of rustic / primitive camping are behind us, we enjoy the conveniences but still enjoy getting out in the forests and lakes. We spend money everywhere we travel and folks would do the same here in Oscoda.
27.	Year round community center, better communication of activities (including locations), clearing of downtown sidewalks in winter, downtown development (it is hard for shop owners to make a profit, given small and seasonal population--even Tawas has difficulty-, but it would nice not to have empty store fronts.). Do not cut the trees around the township building to build a parking lot or other building!! Get the parking lot agreement. (Seems absurd!) Cutting trees and eliminating lawn area around township hall would destroy the the friendly, open small town feeling of Oscoda,
28.	To be more welcoming. Shopping in downtown is a must. Nice clothing store,(like the old Williams) would be a great asset. Nice gift shop (similar to Windjammer). Work on having more than just the water to draw people into town. Maybe something to focus on would be being the home of Paul Bunyan. A fun thing would be to use the large Adirondack chairs like the Chamber and Lake Trail have, around different parts of the community. They could be Paul Bunyan chairs that everyone could have fun going to and taking pictures with. Think along the lines of the Quilt trails that different communities have.
29.	More access for the disabled to enjoy our offerings. More frequent events at Furtaw.
30.	Do more to expand our economic growth, offer tax incentives for local businesses to grow and thrive. Offer incentives for businesses to move here. In our town. It will take only ONE large business to move in and completely change our landscape for the better. FIND one and do everything you can to help make our home their headquarters.
31.	Fill empty buildings with new businesses.
32.	more business more development and less police.
33.	more sustainable employment opportunity
34.	Progressive thinking on the part of our local township officials !!
35.	I would recommend electing township officials that have pride in Oscoda Township and want to make it better, not keep it the same. This town has potential, it just needs the right people to put it in place.
36.	Old buildings that haven't supported businesses well in the past, need to go. Give new / young entrepreneurs the chance to build their dream, not renovate a lost one.
37.	More affordable housing for veterans, disabled, and low income individuals. Continue to bring more commercial stores to the area.

38.	Keep attracting SMALL businesses Develop things to attract visitors off season.
39.	Developing a much better way to move traffic through downtown and on into town. The backup at the stoplight at River Road and US-23 is ridiculous and very frustrating.
40.	Get the old board out get new blood in with new ideas. Stop no computation because they own a business.
41.	Economic options for residents that does not rely on Wurtsmith. They have to be jobs that low skill worker can expand there skills and support their family or the continued lose of the next generation will continue to leave and be like me and only be occasionally tourists visiting family on the way thru.
42.	Get new politions with new attitudes and ideas.
43.	Stop taking money from Old Orchard Park to the general fund and start invested back into the park a little more. Shame on Consumers Energy for changing the rule that all profits go back into the park, as it was for decades.
44.	Need to re-use all the empty business buildings downtown! If possible tear down the bulding that was dynamite Deals and build something more appealing to that part of town!
45.	I would recommend putting our money into better things and bringing in businesses.
46.	Keeping the community center open year round.
47.	More caring officials who care about the township and it's welfare for the long term not just their own agendas.
48.	Younger people involved in governmental organizations.
49.	Our township board needs to get behind and support innovative change and a new direction for improving our infrastructure, our downtown business corridor and creating a destination where there is a vital, thriving atmosphere that brings families and visitors to reside, shop, and invest in this awesome community. We need a new vision and an encouraging, supportive atmosphere from our leadership that encourages every individual and creative ideas. We need to invest in our community through the community center by revitalization and creative development. It is a community treasure that we need to invest in every aspect. People need to feel valued at every level and we need to encourage and involve our youth through volunteerism and partnerships with businesses and organizations. They are the future of Oscoda.
50.	Develop the downtown area to get more foot traffic and draw attention to the area as a great place to vacation or move to.
51.	A downtown like Tawas so you enjoy walking to the shops and along Lake Huron. Been coming up there for many many years. It needs improvements
52.	Clean up and improve the commercial corridor on 23. Start at finish line and go north just past Mcdonald. No further commercial development on f-41. By enhancing this area you will have growth .
53.	We need something special. Something like an orv park similar to Bundy hill or The Mounds. So many auto fans, and mechanics live in Oscoda who work at Kalitta and Cooper Standard. Why not build a drag strip or something auto related?
54.	Quit squashing peoples desire to make the town better, get your head out of your ass, look how good Tawas is doing at capitalizing and growing their community is such a shame how far Oscoda lags and our community leaders are so incredibly short sighted and simpletons
55.	Bike path, walking path along the shore line like they have in tawas.. More specialty shops in the downtown area, as well as restaurants.
56.	Bike trail
57.	Well, let's see. Allow snowmobiles through town. You want business in the winter? Let people, town folk and tourist alike to snowmobile the roads. You say too much danger? Okay, then we should eliminate motorcycles, bicycles and maybe cars and trucks. Everything has danger. Just take a tour to some out of the way little towns in the winter and notice the fifty - sixty snowmobiles outside the restaurants and businesses. Expand our town in another direction. Try to get businesses to open the closed stores up town at whatever cost, like no taxation for 2 years. This would allow the business to get a good foot hold. Why dress a window up with a front if it's closed? How deceitful! Start with the center of town and expand in all four directions. Our town is like a blink of the eye, 5 minutes and they think they seen it all. Yes we have quite a few places to visit but the stretch between them is miles. We should be expanding from town outward toward these places. When I first moved up here, this town seemed like it was going to boom. But, they have taken all the recreational fun away from here. No longer do I see huge boats upon boats being towed behind luxury cars and trucks. Or, snowmobiles going from business to business. No more huge condos until the ones that are built are almost full. No more motels and hotels until we can fill them all, on a daily basis, at least in the summer months. No more signs unless we have something to advertise. How about a business or two for the kids? A pin ball arcade, a skating rink, a place to play some pool and/or a place for chat time and refreshments (of course with internet connection). Now I've heard tell that the last couple times a business like this opened, it drew drugs. I am totally against drugs, but it is not the business that attracts the drugs. If a person is into drugs and alcohol, they will get it whether it is at the lake, in a park or even in the woods. You won't stop this by shutting down the business. I have many ideas, maybe they are not feasible but, we need to do something in this town to build it up. I see several businesses cleaning up and looking good, but some are run down and shabby looking. I want to once again see an energetic, exciting, booming, robust town. BY THE WAY - WHERE DO YOU GO TO VACATION? And, WHAT DRAWS YOU THERE?
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58.	I would like to see some growth. I think that if we don't continue to try to grow and improve that Oscoda Township will deteriorate. I think that bringing some money in by tourists will help keep the community going. There are a lot of families out there that need jobs. It may help them to help their families. I also like the idea of bringing more activities to

	the area that would give the families free or low cost activities to do. It may help keep some of the minor crimes down among the youth and young adults if they have something better to do with their time. I think it would be a win-win situation for everyone.
59.	Downtown development, year round indoor recreation especially for adults, nicer full service restaurants. It's hard to take visitors to a nice dinner in town. We used to go to Au Sable Inn but the quality has declined in the past 1-2 years. Unless you want burgers or pizza, there is no place nice to go. Though considered part time residents, we spend a lot of time there and over the 25 years we have sadly seen the decline of downtown shopping. The streets and pocket parks look nice but there is no reason to "hang out" there. As we look at retirement, a year round indoor use community and recreation center would be ideal!
60.	Build an indoor recreational field for winter use
61.	Have the businesses keep longer hours...need a 24 hr restaurant
62.	Find more use for airbase
63.	The education system needs much improvement. Bring more businesses into the downtown area.
64.	N/A
65.	Replace the DDA director with someone who works more with the community instead who is too much of a bull in a china shop to get real positive outcomes. We need to use the lake and river more, we need more campsites and hotels that utilize those locations.
66.	more draw to the downtown area, open past 6pm
67.	Year-round community center access, please!!
68.	We need the community center to be open year-round! That is one of the best places for families to keep their routine in their fitness together! We need more kid friendly activities. Stop focusing on just downtown! There are so many more areas in Oscoda that could use attention, like 3-Mile park! It's a great beach area but because it is not maintained no one wants to use it. Trim the trails back, put signage up in town directing people there, add a playground, clean the beach from all the reeds, apply mosquito control because it is bad! Oscoda is such a great little town! The community year-round residents is what keeps this place running, not just the tourists. If you focus on keeping the year-round residents happy, it will get around how awesome of a place this is which will in turn bring their long lost relatives in for a visit. Word of mouth keeps the tourists coming back. All in all, this is such a great community and I don't ever want to leave...as long as there are jobs of course! Thank you for putting the survey together and I hope you take some of the suggestions and do something with them!
69.	get rid of the dirt roads in the residential areas. I would never buy or rent a home on a dirt road
70.	Having more Jobs. Motels. Shops. Hospital. senior housing. bed and breakfast places would be great to have here. Place up Town for kids and teens to hang out after school or on weekends to stay busy doing activities such as exercises, playing games(video- or board games doing homework on computer if they need to ect) Basket ball/football practice so good size property to have for these sports-nice gym for anyone who wants to work out as well. Another fire Department on river road by the Forest -should be 2 other fire departments since this area is so big, and more Police departments also. Just my thoughts.
71.	More businesses/more community activities
72.	Again get rid of blight in the downtown AND the surrounding subdivisions, ENFORCE codes for blight!
73.	Preserve our natural resources. More tourist type events
74.	Change the zoning, so people across US-23, do not have beach access. My road has HUGE problems with people that come across. These people are rude, they do not pick up after themselves when they are at the beach, they leave their children unsupervised at times.
75.	Addition of a disc golf course.
76.	better movie theater
77.	More family dining maybe a nice buffet style. More affordable shopping .stop only catering to tourists. Remember there are plenty of year-round people!
78.	I would recommend that our leadership in Oscoda learn to no more open to change. Most leadership in this community has been in their positions for several years and don't seem to be open to change within our small community. Although it would be nice to keep our little town just like it is, if we don't learn to adapt and accept change their community will continue to see a decline in everything. There are so many opportunities and ideas that could bring businesses and individuals alike into our community. At this time, we can't help but wonder why our youth all leave. The only young individual who seem to be staying in this community seem to be the ones that cause problems. We should be doing anything and everything possible to promote the growth of this town into something that will be sustainable in the long term.
79.	Since the closure of the base, our area has struggled to develop any kind of sustainable business growth. We need to attract some kind of company, a hospital or university, or some kind of manufacturing company, or SOMETHING to bring employment opportunities to Oscoda. More affordable housing should be developed as well. There really isn't any type of resort along the Lake Huron shoreline in Oscoda, and I think encouraging that kind of opportunity would boost the local economy. More people in the area, whether they're here to work or vacation, bring more money. I know the Oscoda area has so much to offer, but I think we are poorly marketed and the land we have available is under utilized. Poor management of community development is a huge hurdle for our area as well.
80.	Bigger stores like a Target or some other big stores to enhance the job market. Maybe even a Big Lots! Also there are too many pizza places get rid of G's
81.	find ways to encourage businesses and decrease empty buildings
82.	GROW business, tourism draws
83.	I believe if we updated the current buildings and houses that are not being used that their would be more thing for families to do, keep kids out of trouble and create homes for people moving to the area.
84.	more public transportation

85.	More downtown businesses. Lake and or river front restaurants. Bicycle trails.
86.	Bike racks at the Oscoda beach park and various places around Oscoda
87.	Stop discouraging new businesses by delaying processing of approvals by questioning every little detail in their request. Over requirement of permits and cost of permits. I think our township officials could take some lessons from East Tawas.
88.	Allow for smaller business to open and allow smaller shops to be the base of business here. like downtown Alpena..
89.	Restaurants, coffee shop, shopping and downtown parking.
90.	Something for people to do!
91.	3 mile park on 23 be updated and get rid of all the weeds and make a better beach
92.	Refurbing what we already have
93.	Take better care of the lawns ...weed and feed ..keep things trimmed. If Township Hall can't be kept weed free and watered it makes our town look bad! We have a beautiful fountain surrounded by weeds! It would be money WELL spent! Do we have sprinkling system ? PLUS Memorial Day is past where are our flower baskets ?
94.	Do more to make Oscoda a destination. More shopping, restaurants, beach activities. Give people a reason to bring their family here for a week and be able to walk around, spend their money, and enjoy!!
95.	there are many outdoor recreational things to do in oscoda but there arnt really enough recreational things indoors to keep a good balance. For example when it rains or snows or there's bad weather there arnt very many options you have for recreational use.
96.	More public access to the shoreline and shoreline camping.
97.	We need economic improvement. People have a difficult time getting jobs here. ;
98.	Bloody good clean up of all of the empty stores/commercial buildings. Need more than 1 path down to lake for people with disabilities...get rid of drug houses...there are many and have been for years?
99.	I would add more sporting complexes so that there are more active young adults. Adding volleyball nets to the beach would draw tourists to the beach as well as help get this town more active. Making the rec center year round would help with the basketball that goes on all year. The youth leave this town as soon as they can because it gets dull. The ones that remain are not the motivated type and usually cause trouble. If this town keeps on focusing on retirees amd not the youth, all there will be is retirees and drug addicts while the good people leave. Development is important for any beautiful city. Just look at Grand Rapids, Portland Oregon, or Ann Arbor and see what they have done.
100.	The township is too focused and determined on turning this area into a vacation and tourist spot. However, this only forces the younger generation to leave because there are very few employment opportunities. How can a community survive when an entire generation moves away? The consequences of this is becoming more and more apparent, as the number of commercial and residential buildings are becoming vacant.
101.	Abandoned buildings everywhere!
102.	Help preserve the woods, and water. Lake huron is a huge tourist attraction.
103.	Better business atmosphere, including food trucks, craft shops, coffee shops, without interference from existing businesses.
104.	Bigger business to help the city grow and thrive
105.	always room for improvement! clean parks, street signs,& festivals and art fairs!
106.	Cater more to the working class and businesses instead of only the retired citizens So we can revive our terrible economy and attract more fiscal opportunities. Also, expand the recreational opportunities for the children and adolescents in the area and perhaps they will find other pathways in life outside of crime and drug addiction.
107.	More jobs for our youth to keep them in the area. This town needs more stores that people can afford to shop at.
108.	Allocate financial resources to improve the lives of year round residents. For example, a lot of money has been put into the beautification and road ways of down town, yet other roads, such as colbath, are neglected. Also, the base gym is severely outdated. I would like to see a community sports complex built with an indoor pool, tennis court, track, weight room, basketball court, and so on.
109.	A downtown shopping district. Good restraurant.
110.	More jobs
111.	I feel as though we as a community should deny anyone or anything to bring more life to our little town, to let it expand and become the best up north vacation spot possible. People who go on vacation love shopping and that's what we lack here, not department store, but little small businesses should be brought in. Also an idea for the river is to somehow make a swimming area that's nice.
112.	Honestly, the worst part about it is knowing that drug use is so prevalent in such a nice town. Fix the schools. Fix the attitudes and the corruption. Please don't ruin one of the most beautiful areas in this country with over-development.
113.	Housing that is affordable for anyone, not just for Kalitta workers. More business in town to fill up the empty buildings
114.	Drag strip
115.	We love living here because of the friendly atmosphere. As we continue to grow here in this lovely town, we notice the younger generation is vastly decreasing. Which means population and development is limited. Township needs to add variety to our little Nook we call home. Let people be proud to come from Oscoda, Mi!
116.	Anything that would prevent traffic from blowing thru town. Removal of " on street " parking was a big mistake.
117.	I am definitely in support of the rail trail and other opportunities such as the community center open year round. The rail trail would be so important around the school towards town. I also feel it is important to provide more housing options for families. We have people continuously moving to the area for Kalitta who have no housing options. Most housing is income based and this ultimately sends good families to other communities and their kids to other schools.
118.	More to do. Better movie theater, restaurants, nightlife, etc
119.	Bring small business to the down town
120.	More business opportunity
121.	Softball Tournaments, support and build the bike paths. Nice dining and cocktails along the shoreline. Marina Rejuvenation. More businesses. Jazz/Blues Festival more lodging.

122.	More department/clothing/shoe stores, small stores like dollar tree...etc., sit down restaurants
123.	More varieties of businesses in downtown.
124.	The access to the river and access to sidewalks.
125.	More businesses downtown or on base
126.	Amenities, activities, Family-friendly fitness places (I.e. YMCA) that attract people aged 20-35. We need to take advantage of our location and natural resources to support the economy.
127.	Developed downtown area, better food options (more "real" food, healthy options, less fast food). Improved retail options, especially in the foot traffic areas downtown. Buildings that are empty should be maintained and not look abandoned.
128.	New parking lot at Oscoda Beach Park.
129.	Fill the empty buildings in town with some shops and/or restaurants. We travel north to find places to eat.
130.	Repair of roads and sidewalks must be a priority. Focus on infrastructure and public safety. Recruit self-funded businesses of quality to the area. Eliminate the office of economic development and let the private sector, free-market economy work to our benefit.
131.	Get rid of the drugs even the ones that I know for a fact that opd is letting run around because the snitch on other people I have a drug dealer that lives by me uses my road to sell and buy drugs caught them on camera and opd never did anything so when my daughter finds or picks up a needle or pills ops will be picking up his body I'm sick of it do your job oscoda police please and thank u
132.	Stores and restaurants down at the beach- and also more tourist stores
133.	Another named brand hotel.
134.	Would like to see trash bins in state forest, river and lake areas. Memorial weekend, my friends and I picked up 3 trash bags worth of garbage from the 3 pipes area. Restaurants sh be remain open a little later. Restaurants need to improve menus and update décor. Try sitting in the Chinese restaurant and look out the front window. Not appealing. Store fronts need to be unified, look inviting, get rid of sandwich signs
135.	We need a better economy. Bigger stores and ways to get more traffic coming through.
136.	More businesses, coffee shops, parks, trails, advertisement
137.	So much, my goodness. I've lived in Oscoda most of my 26 years being alive and and have heard the opinions of every generation of people living in Oscoda. The biggest changes that need to occur... Re-do the Oscoda Beach Park. It has literally been the same since the nineties. Oh you added a pavilion that never gets used and a useless Pier. I lived at the beach park, not in a literal sense, but it was my go to destination during the summer throughout my adolescent years. We need to rip up the old Boardwalk, due to splintering boards and bee hives developing underneath. We need to renew the park in general, by replacing much of the dated play equipment. Put in a decent skate park. Not only is this a great tourist attraction but also there is a great community of skaters here in Oscoda that aren't able to enjoy it to their fullest. Attract more vendors for Art on the Beach. This annual event has gone so down hill from when I was younger, it hardly feels like an attraction to begin with. Open a skate rink. When I was younger and we had open skating at the Community Center, it was the best. Utilize the base. There is so much under used space here that could be office businesses or sports complexes. Invest in the Library. Seriously, the library remains unchanged since the early nineties. Whether that means building onto it or building a completely new one, you're responsible for the under wealth of the children and adults in the area. Families continue to move away from Oscoda due to many reasons. Not enough employment opportunity, bad schooling (see you have to invest in the library since OHS doesn't have one), terrible choices on what to die with tax payers dollars. Invest in your people. We like that.
138.	Get businesses downtown (tax breaks for small businesses?), please build a bridge at Three Mile so we don't have to wade in the swamp to get to the lake, encourage bigger businesses and employment opportunities to move into the area. We are a tourist destination with little to offer, more entertainment and events would encourage more to the area...
139.	Total change in leadership. So many narrow minded people who live by can't and won't. Sad.
140.	I live the bike path idea. It's safe for families without having to worry about all the driveways and crossing with young kids. Improving the school district ethics. I don't appreciate the affairs by those in administration and staff relationships that are affecting the rest of the district. When there are low moral standards we shouldn't be surprised at the over all amount of staff currently seeking alternative employment. So sad!!
141.	Fill empty stores downtown!!!!!!
142.	Allowing more small business, furtaw field install a large wooden playground with surrounding paved path, notify (in writing) upcoming road work to houses on that road, recycling center
143.	Need more things for the young to do...
144.	More full service restaurants. More activities for the young people.
145.	Encourage business to open downtown.
146.	Get rid of the skate park!!!! A lot of bad things happen down there! Yes there are some good but a lot more bad kids doing drugs are right next to families and little kids at the splash pad!
147.	More businesses..some more fast food restaurants..e.g. Jimmy johns..chick filet...family type like dennys..ihop..get some competition in this town..reuse of the base bowling alley..save a lot..tawas is more busier than this town with more to do..more businesses..more summer activities..
148.	More things to do. I always find it hard to do things in the winter especially with my family & kids.
149.	Need to get more businesses in the area to attract more people! This town has so much potential but the own towns people are holding it back. Look at everything Tawaa has to offer, Oscoda has the same potential!
150.	Bring more stores/shopping. Like malls, grocery stores. Recreational activities, theme parks. Target, Meijer. The housing. Very cheap and the housing is awful. The quality of the schools. Very awful and too much favoritism.

151.	Oscoda needs more entertainment venues for teens/young adults to draw in a younger crowd who would have the potential to improve and revitalize the economy.
152.	Let more business open. Like casinos Wal-Mart or a target. Something for this community.
153.	STOP Paying for surveys and listen to the permanent residents!!!!
154.	Better training for service-tourism-hospitality careers. Better access to better health care services. Better educational opportunities in general. Better sense of community pride, especially from our youth...and better assimilation of new citizens (e.g. Kalitta's transient employees).
155.	Make unoccupied buildings look attractive and not dissapointing.
156.	Make the downtown store more visually appealing.
157.	Need more jobs, not just seasonal. People need to be able to make a decent living, that will improve things such as blight, the residents would be able to afford to make improvements on their properties and downtown shops and restaurants would thrive because not only tourists but residents could afford to shop there. Don't bring in too many corporate businesses and keep their locations away from the main streets/hubs/lake shores, etc as to not sully the natural beauty and local culture which will attract tourism.
158.	More to do for young or college aged kids
159.	We need to be willing to take some chances to optimize our community. Sometimes we play it too safe. Tawas has made some great changes and made the most of their natural resources. Empty buildings fronts and the failure to maintain property detracts from everyone's property values and how others perceive Oscoda.
160.	I think our biggest issue is drugs, they are becoming more and more prominent in our community which will lead to big problems down the road.
161.	Development
162.	Whatever it takes to provide jobs so people can support themselves here, so our young people don't have to move away to earn a living
163.	Better choice in cops who truly stay professional & care about the meaning of their jobs, Clothing stores! Like a mini outlet & a star bucks because I guarantee they'd stay in business or a fro-yo shop also maybe a few buildings that only consist of gaming things as in go cart racing, lasar tag, zip lining etc.
164.	I recommend development of more shops, department stores, and recreational activities for family's and people of all ages. Less focus on tourists and more on the year round residents.
165.	There needs to be a LOT more opportunities for younger generations looking to begin their careers. We need a better school system; ***get rid of the homeless shelter***; quit making Oscoda a haven for low income families who do not want to work and contribute to society; vacant buildings need to be fixed up or demoed; more festivals to attract larger crowds that will help stimulate our local businesses; Oscoda should strongly consider a college campus in order to attract high paying jobs, bring more educated people to support local businesses and develop Oscoda into a more opportunistic area: this will be the biggest driving factor in bringing back a community plagued by dollar stores, thrift shops, and car repair shops. Oscoda needs to make some serious changes before we become small town Detroit.
166.	I think there needs to be more for the teenagers to do to keep them from the life of crime.. somewhere they can go and just hang out... I also think there needs to be more for the young generation to do... for example indoor water thing for the winter... or a inside bounce place... we are also in need of a good and proper pet store... bigger named places to eat in or dine... a place for seafood would be great.. we are based on bars gas stations and fast food... we need more jobs.. and the place that do hire need to be more open..and give people the chance.. I am only speaking because I was on of them kids... and I do my best to make it day to day because of my past choices... but it's hard to get a foot in when no one will let you.. we need more opportunities here... and also stop slapping these druggies on there hands it needs to be controlled... I have lost 5 people this year because of the addiction...
167.	Be more open to change and competition. Consider people who live here year round not just tourist.
168.	More rental housing, restaurants, stores
169.	Revitalize downtown Oscoda.
170.	The lack of things to do in the winter is the worst. The emty buildings in the middle of town are an eyesore. We need more cute little shops to make our down town more attractive.
171.	Stop spending money on Development planners. Nothing changes when all is said and done, and it has become a waste of money. The paper reported that the last representative of such company praised all the work that had been done. Really? Almost 15-20 empty buildings in the downtown area alone. We need something to draw people in. Something like a waterpark, or sports complex with year round events. Something to draw people in. NOT a trailer park on the beach downtown. How ridiculous to put that on our one great asset. I've heard that there is a rainy day fund. Well, it is pouring poverty. Our poor town is sad looking. Even township hall looks shabby around the windows, etc. Maybe develop the Van Etten beach area. Furtaw Field looks shabby also. Yellow/brown grass looks terrible. A color theme could be implemented downtown and bring back the murals. They were beautiful. Close off a block of downtown from the bookstore to Hallmark so people could cross the streets. Switch the highway over to Lake St. Maybe bring back downtown parking. If a bldg. is empty, at least have a code where the windows need to be covered up with clean white paper. Sadly, our town just looks dumpy. Look at all the things going on in East Tawas. They always have grants, etc. Their town looks so inviting. Maybe develop the AuSable river to accomodate more boats and docks.
172.	Revamp much more of the old base to bring more businesses. Market the area for more tourism and improve the downtown area so the tourists have something to do in the evening after enjoying our wilderness all day. There are few choices of resteraunts and almost no evening activities. Most importantly, put much more emphasis on improving the schools. There are many people who pay more to live in Tawas than Oscoda because of the education.
173.	Revive Oscoda's downtown! Do what Tawas did and bring in a lot of tourism!
174.	Need more business...township officials need to actively pursue new businesses in downtown and other area; All new business seems to go to Tawas area. Study what they are doing to create a thriving downtown business area. Oscoda has such potential but seems to be slowly dying when it could be a destination for tourists and locals. I think twp.officials fear competition to local businesses but there aren't many left/competition can be healthy.
175.	I believe we need something for kids to do!!! Roller rink, place to do lock ins, arcade, something! A safe and fun place to hang out!!!!

176.	Bring more resources for the people that stay here year round. Including new stores and updated equipment for the kids at parks and more access for fisherman at the piers.
177.	Oscoda is a vacation destination. The city needs to capitalize on this, improving opportunities for those who visit, and providing more activities of that kind.
178.	Find profitable businesses to occupy and improve the empty store fronts. These should be businesses that would encourage travelers on US23 to stop and develop a favorable opinion of Oscoda. Spruce up the visual appeal of the town
179.	Reuse old buildings
180.	We need more activities for the children in the winter.
181.	big lots store
182.	Turn lake st into a walkable business district. More events to bring in people here
183.	Reductions in both the corruption of the law enforcement departments and the ongoing drug issues in the community should be our first priority.
184.	more stores. Better cleanliness. More housing. More restaurants.
185.	Keep the town cleaner, and keep it interesting for year round residents along with seasonal
186.	Jobs, intertainment for tourist.
187.	Encourage and profit from tourism
188.	Be more open minded to new business. I believe that if you build it they will come. If they come, they will open their wallets, and very possibly stay. Even for a night. Maybe a summer. And if they love the township as much as I do, a life time. It will boost our economy. I say grow, grow, grow. Say yea, not nay!
189.	year round community center and better downtown
190.	Using all the abandoned buildings on base to bring something useful to this town. It provides jobs, ways for kids to stay out of trouble, provides more options, and brings more people.
191.	In the summer, tourists bombard the town. There needs to be development of attractions for people and find a way where the town isn't so congested. Oscoda needs to improve the schools. Is the water on base an issue still?...talking about improvement...Don't sweep issues under a rug! If there's an issue, take care of it! (Improving means not wasting money on another "fishing" pier)
192.	Less drugs
193.	The town needs to be allowed to grow and expand.
194.	I would like to see the empty stores fronts on 23 being occupied.
195.	I definitely think that we need more commercial businesses and maybe new places for kids to hang out because I think they get bored with the few things that are around.
196.	Encourage businesses to start up in the vacant buildings and empty lots.
197.	Fill the existing vacant buildings before building more.
198.	There's not much to do for the younger crowd. Maybe add in some fun things to do other than bowling like lazer tag, or something else. Also, if you are going to open a business, make sure it will last.. Like the building by McDonald's. Having that made into a Wendy's or a different food place would be smart because it wouldn't go out of business. Also having vacant buildings all over makes Oscoda look very poor and tacky.
199.	Clean up the blight and redo the Fit strip.
200.	To much drugs not enough police officers to cover the shifts. There used to be 2 part time officers in the summer to help during the busiest season, what happened to them? We need them back. Oscoda has cheap housing and drags in the welfare folk. Let's have higher standards like in Tawas.
201.	Development!!! Cater to tourists, that's how Oscoda will grow!
202.	More jobs.
203.	Promotion of Agricultural Tourism
204.	More job opportunities
205.	Connecting the bike path to Main towns such as Tawas. Development of downtown area with no privatized parking. Enhance, beautification of parking areas. Encourage industry or possibly a casino to provide local jobs.
206.	Shopping and entertainment
207.	Help bring small business to the empty buildings on State St to attract tourists. Fun events like Tawas does on Newman Street. Also, unemployment & poverty in Oscoda is terrible!!!
208.	Businesses. More restaurants(better). More jobs.
209.	better development of the old wurtsmith air base. this place should have been a booming opportunity when the township inherited it. seems that some of the old farts just don't like new opportunities that will affect their business's that they own. also better control on the cost of gas in the town, it is out of control and has been for several year, 15 to 25 cents hiring that surrounding communities is totally unacceptable, they do it cause they can. Need better medical facilities, we need to find was to keep our younger adults this can be done by more job opportunities, need huge business growth without bias oppinions from our elected government leaders, they need to start listening to the people who put them in office to better our community as a whole not what is good for their own personal agenda.
210.	I feel the township has moved in reverse on updating the infrastructure by returning roads to dirt. I love my dirt road.
211.	It wouldn't hurt to add more business to oscodabring in more jobs for local residents. I live right behind the old Oscoda elementary that building just sits there it should be used for something.
212.	The play equipment at the township park, make happenings in the township be well rounded not just old music at the park, not just old car shows. Give our educated youth a reason to come here/stay here. Give me a reaason to not load my family in a car and go to Saginaw every weekend for shopping, food and fun at parks and children museums. Give tax breaks to new businesses that are going to bring something new to us not another car repair shop. We have thought of moving due to lack of outdoor safe play areas, we would like gymnastics for our children. Rent a space at the community center for this to a qualified person. Make our weekends come alive here. Tawas has an air of being alive, we do not. Do something with the area after the ausable bridge by charter communications to the down town area on the right side of

	the road. Looks a mess, dates and depressing. When crossing the bridge it should be inviting ":-) we are in Oscoda" We are looking to buy a larger home, we are currently undecided if it will be in Oscoda or East Tawas.
213.	Allow attractions such as casino and big industry. We will never be a big town so don't be afraid of losing the small town feel.
214.	Downtown area, transportation, bring in jobs, more housing opportunity.
215.	More retail stores,like big name stores. And different types of fast good places
216.	Blight. have people clean their houses up.
217.	Blight in all communities but Jordanville and surrounding areas is bad. The downtown business district is real bad. Empty store fronts that are neglected next to a business that is trying to survive. Slum landlords are tearing this community apart, drugs unemployment run hand in hand we must break the cycle.
218.	Another splash pad....water activities for toddlersshady beaches for parents with older kids and babies
219.	Unable to properly answer this.
220.	More development in town
221.	More scenic turnouts along the river and lakes
222.	Less low income housing (i.e. Old Air Force base) Preservation of our beautiful natural sites Improvement of old orchard park (i.e. Bathrooms, less tolerance for noise and unruly campers, more handicapped friendly, level sites) Year round community center with programs for kids after school
223.	Continued development without any detriment to nature or minimal environmental impact.
224.	more shopping options, better quality in restaurants (NOT fast food), handicap-conscious access to scenic areas, and especially more housing options for low-income families
225.	Involve young people in the planning process.
226.	More shopping. Centers salvation army store
227.	CLEAN it up.....I have lived here my whole life and it embarrassing.
228.	Keep it friendly to visitors and residents.
229.	I think we could add some more stuff to do, because a lot of kids in this town are bored most of the time. We just need more places to go. I would suggest more food choices, maybe little shops on the beach, and just more businesses. Tawas has all of the little stores on Newman street which is a huge thing and if we could be like that I think a lot more people would come visit.
230.	Get rid of the drug dealers
231.	more resteraunts, more activities for kids in the winter.
232.	we need more businesses and fun activities to bring people here. more jobs for a bigger and better community.
233.	More traffic lights.
234.	More economic development
235.	Improve area economy options.
236.	Economic development, especially in downtown Oscoda. Population increase is a must, but could be done by economic means, such as providing more jobs.
237.	Better cellphone reception More economic growth Get a regional airline into the base (delta, American Airlines, United) to promote travel. Allow new development Build new homes/ apartments Add more "name brand" shopping centers Housing would be foremost the most important at the moment. Many people at my work have no where to permantly stay. And are forced to stay in hotels. Many people only last a month until they leave because of the housing issue
238.	I know a lot of people would disagree, but I strongly feel that the area needs industrial and larger-size retail development. Travelers that come here expect to have access to many of the same type of businesses that they enjoy in the city, and the local residents shouldn't be taking their dollars out of town to purchase elsewhere because prices/selection are so limited here. We need more affordable, family friendly, pet friendly rental housing in the area. I know that low-income housing is a touchy subject for many because of the effect on property values, but if we want people to pump money into this town year-round then we need to expand industry and those workers and their families will need a place to live. The idea that the town can survive just on snow-birds and the seasonal tourists is ludicrous. Who would clean the resorts? Who would cook or serve at the restaurants? Who would cashier the gas station. We need to focus this town's development around permanent, year-round residents while doing what we can to preserve the town's natural beauty and amenities for the tourism dollars. Growth has been a taboo word around here for too long.
239.	Change the US23 lanes back to the way they were 10 years ago. Ann Richards ruined the economy and the natural flow of our town. Now some survey is supposed to help. Good one clowns. Put the road way back. Also, it'd be nice if we got rid of the trailer park at the mouth of the river. One of THEE single greatest economic growth locations is covered with a trailer park. Eminent domain that eye sore and let's start over.
240.	Anything! It's a ghost town and is dying! Allow a college or an amusement park or a raceway be on the base! You are sitting on a gold mine that could change oscoda amazingly! If we let change happen!
241.	Bring in more businesses and make use of vacant buildings.
242.	Revitalize the downtown by bringing in a few diverse buisnesses like a coffie/ sandwich shop (starbucksish), gamestore, art/pottery do it yourself studio (like wine and canvas type place), a full time restraurant like texas roadhouse or buffalo wild wings, and update the movie theater. Create more jobs for the year round population in doing so. Do something with the rotting school closed on river road like converting it to apartments or demolish it to make way for a children's park. Create a dog park at the lake that people can take their dogs to cool off and play. Develop more access to the river like Lansings

	river walk project. Host a few events during the summer such as a car show or large scale trail run for a good cause. Bring a Mijers up here and get rid of that horrible kmart.
243.	Pay first responders Warning system for tornadoes
244.	More rental homes for low income people. More community get togethers. More charity options. Oscoda does have a lot to offer. I recently just moved away after living there my whole life. Their just isn't enough to do in town. More activities needs to come into play so we can have more fun on the town after dark. A lot of businesses close at 6pm. We need more to want to live on the area rather than just to visit.
245.	Finding more ways to waste money.
246.	Blight is awful. We also need to develop the tourist industry.
247.	Hotel and casino could lower taxes and create over 4000 job from casino and provide jobs for local businesses
248.	Employment opportunities for blue collar workers.
249.	Small businesses downtown, of course. Industry and commercial business on the base. Honestly, if we are speaking about tourist dollars, Old Orchard Park must have updates to accommodate the owners of the new, larger trailers that want to stay in our community and spend their money. 40 years ago, when electricity was put on the west side of the park, the majority of campers had tents and pop ups. Now rigs that come in are in the \$75,000 to \$200,000 range. The electrical supply in the park is woefully inadequate! The families who camp spend money in our town. Yurts are great, but for the past few years there have been many electrical problems, more frequent outages, and some boxes can only run three plugs when four rigs need power. Newer rigs have 50 amp needs, the park only has 30 amps. If we do not upgrade, people with money to spend will not come here. The park beings tremendous revenue to our town. Do not let a great opportunity pass by.
250.	A few more store choices, some type of evening entertainment.
251.	Get rid of old buildings and build new!! To get there act together, like tawas!!!
252.	Better parking for those exiting the AuSable at the River Park. In the summer it is crazy and sometimes you get pinned in, by people with trailers and trucks just leaving them illegally parked in the lot for hours. Maybe off site parking by the former Ace Lumber for all leaving a vehicle and/or trailer, while they go down the river. It is a short drive and or walk to pickup kayaks, tubes, or canoes.
253.	Business owners need to improve their exteriors. Some roads need redone even if they are in a coldasac! I don't live down them and I get agravated!
254.	Re-opening the base
255.	Roads need improved and they need to clean up the town of riff raff push more law enforcement
256.	More business and more jobs.
257.	need more buisnesses and jobs
258.	To be more open to ideas to make the town better
259.	Develop the downtown area, more stores!
260.	DO MORE FOR THE KIDS IN THAT TOWN !!!!! quit worrying about your own pleasantville dreams of that town and focus on doing more for the youth of oscoda . maybe if you decided to think of the kids , most of them wouldn't be hooked on drugs or grow up to just set at the corner bar. Bring in more jobs so the town can start to rebuild. The only way to move up in that town for almost any business is to either be related to someone or be life long friends of a family that has pull in that town. Oscoda used to be such a wonderful town . I remember growing up having the arcade and the roller rink, lake theater . the parents knew where their kids was. It is nothing but a empty shell of a once great town. Good luck with trying to rebuild, but in all honesty oscoda is nothing more then a lost cause . best advice I can give any kid there is to move out as soon as possible.
261.	More things for young people or families to do. Yes there is a lot of outdoor nature things, but what about when the weather is bad? There needs to be more options.
262.	Maintain the old or chat park a lot better!!!!!!
263.	I would recommend more things to do for Teens in the winter.
264.	More areas for kids to fish from shore lines,more up to date business like lows , Sam's club or something on that line,mmost of that the people have to drive down state to get the stuff they need wich takes the money out of town in stead of in town where it would help the community.
265.	More store options including restaurants, fast food, gift shops, book stores, etc.
266.	Improve roads....empty buildings
267.	Stronger drug task force with emphasis on teaching community about drugs and effects.
268.	Kid friendly areas
269.	Keep community center open for recreation 12 months a year.
270.	I would like to see a horse shoe area. I think it could bring residence together. We could have a league.
271.	Business.
272.	Organized youth and adult activities. Such as yoga, martial arts, camping/scouts.
273.	Year round community center
274.	I'm an active duty Navy sailor, Stationed in Norfolk Virginia. I lived in oscoda my whole life. I can't wait to come home every year on leave because it's home. It's small but it is beautiful and we shouldn't ruin the natural beauty with more random stuff that will eventually go out of business unless it's properly targeted to the majority of the public. I plan on retiring and moving back here one day and hopefully my kids and grand kids one day will love growing up here the same as I did.
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275.	It's beauty from the Great Lake, to surrounding lakes and wildlife. The rivers are beautiful. There is a great need for employment and increased importance on tourism. We have the most beautiful beach in the State, but can't be seen from 23.
276.	More economic development
277.	I recommend improvements down at the old Air Base in Oscoda.
278.	I love Oscoda as it is.
279.	More things to do. Laser tag, turn furtaw field into a baseball diamond, better places to eat that're open 24/7, better basketball courts, maybe even an ice rink.
280.	Downtown...too much blight
281.	revise downtown. Invest in good restaurants hotels and access to water activity
282.	blight in community and downtown, roads are deteriorating, fix the downtown lack of stores.
283.	More activities for the younger crowds
284.	More business's,restaurants, and retail shopping.
285.	Restore some RV camping in the down town area to get people walking around town like they do in East Tawas. I believe it would revitalize our down town area. People camping at Old Orchard and Van Etten campgrounds do not visit our downtown area unless the weather is bad. Camping within walking distance of the downtown area would bring shoppers and then additional shopkeepers and eliminate empty buildings. I also feel that the current meeting building should not be sold for a medical facility. There are other empty buildings that could be utilized for that purpose ie: old ace hardware building or building next to Dairy Queen.
286.	Oscoda township desperately needs to be revitalized and allow some big businesses in the area. We need a better quality of people living in the area. Big businesses and employment opportunities would help with that.
287.	More large companies putting jobs here to encourage residents. Open airport for public airliner use.
288.	More organized activities for young children.
289.	The people
290.	We need shopping downtown, to many vacant buildings. Other communities have hundreds of people downtown, we have next to none. Very embarrassing!
291.	More business, shops, restaurants downtown.
292.	Redevelopment of downtown area to encourage new business and to create a pedestrian friendly environment.
293.	The skate park needs bigger ramps a better play ground a better basketball hoop roads need to be better that is what they can improve.
294.	More shops that you can only find in Oscoda. We need to start a volunteer service that picks up trash on the side of the road. I'm going to let you in on a secret, I love this town but I don't know what it is (maybe because we have barely anything to do here) all of these kids are turning to drugs & partying instead of focusing on their future. Because of how many drug problems we have here (I know these issues are everywhere, but it also seems every time I turn around someone I know is thinking they're cool because they smoke) and also half of this town is full of people who don't try in life. This is the main reason I don't want to come back on my future with my children. This is a small town surrounded by small towns (the nearest city that teens like to go to is two hours away). There are people who can't even hold jobs at McDonald's that live here, and although you can find those people anywhere Oscoda seems like there are quite a bit. We need to get these people motivated and proud of the town we live in.
295.	Snow removal in winter. First year I was up here in 2013 they did a great job. It's been downhill since then.
296.	More shops, boutiques, restaurants in downtown area. Places to attract people to walk from store to store and shop. Perhaps clothing, shoe stores.
297.	Whether it's tourist income or industrial revenues we need economic improvement more than anything. Also more/better medical related locations & professionals so locals can be treated locally.
298.	There should be more community events. Music festivals etc
299.	Shopping...know where to shop...everyone goes to Tawas for the "Newman" street shopping. More businesses, there are some dumpy areas in which blight needs to be enforced. Do more things with the base; change perspectives of the township board in keeping Oscoda a "small town" you can still have a small town feel with more things to do. The chamber needs to have more activities...what ever happened to the red, white, and blue festival. The chamber needs to be more involved in planning activities...we have the same old ones.
300.	Showers at beach for rinse
301.	More shopping and restaurants
302.	I would recommend getting some folks with fresh insight to come in and consult the Township. There is potential for so much more ... walking paths and events to name 2. During the canoe marathon there are literally hundreds of people in Oscoda who would not normally be there, why is the township not coordinating events to coincide with this timeframe and show off the potential of this lovely town? Maybe partner with local businesses and set up booths have some, have some of the local restaurants come down and sell there food at the finish line for some much needed revenue. I can think of all kinds of things to promote this beautiful town. have a carnival at the same time of the marathon, there will already be hundreds of people that would not normally be there, tap into some of the revenue. Overall this township needs a makeover in leadership as it is lacking, at best.
303.	We do need more businesses most especially would like to see a big brand store like a Super Meijers or Super Target to have better priced products and provide many jobs to thus area. Heck, at 60 years old I may even like to work there. Been hoping for this for years as there is no place to buy clothing here other than Kmart or the expensive gift shogs. Usually I will travel to Tawas or downstate for shopping.
304.	First is to fix the blight of our downtown. Landmark, Gilbert, Ausable River Trading Post, Ausable Inn have committed to improve the looks of downtown. The other business must be forced to meet architectural guidelines to upgrade their store fronts or rebuild. 2nd the economic development needs to get off their rear ends and start marketing to Large/Medium Box Retail Stores and Developers (Strip Malls) and create an area that attract these these companies instead of letting Tawas and Alpena beat us to the punch. 3rd - Fire who ever is dumping the large amount of fund into Old Orchard Park, letting our back roads become a mess which leads to more blight because the residence don't think they care so why should they and bring in someone that has real life experience in developing businesses and communities!

305.	I believe the currant superintendent guides board in wrong direction. the township seems to do nothing for tax-payers ie roads garbage, the currant water and sewer employees still do not know system and need help from ex employees but they get a 5 year contract
306.	Better walkways at 3 mile park to access the lake without having to hike through swampy weeds and muddy water. It is disgusting.
307.	I would like to see the community center open all year long. I like the downtown area...I don't want a busy place like Tawas, but I'd like to see the empty stores and resterants filled--- not empty
308.	Utilize Furtaw. It is an ideal location for a playground, paved walking around the perimeter, tennis/pickleball courts, basketball courts, picnic area all that could be seen from 23 and feel inviting. The skate park is not a place for activity. It is a place to hang out and quite unbecoming to the 'family crowd'. We want families to feel comfortable in town because they spend money. It is my belief that many many drug deals take place and have taken place at the skate park, which is tucked away from normal police patrol pathways. A nice family park in the middle of town that is thoroughly planned out and well designed would greatly enhance the feel of a welcoming community, which would bring families back.
309.	Attract more businesses. Enforce ordinances meant to oblige homeowners to keep up their properties (cut grass, remove unlicensed vehicles, etc). Oscoda needs to have more summer events to attract visitors and bring in revenue.
310.	Less hardware, and auto repair shops. Repurpose old buildings into businesses that'll help the citizens, not the tourists.
311.	Crime has been a problem...especially theft associated with drug use.
312.	bring in shops and boutiques to bring in tourists
313.	We need to be a forward thinking community. Able to share our great natural resources easily and quickly with visitors.
314.	Continue to improve access to our great natural resources.
315.	Need outside waterfront dining. Always have been amazed in Michigan the lack of.
316.	Clean up blight. Freshen up the down town area. Make it look a little more inviting. Looks like a bunch of mushrooms mash now. Not attractive at all.
317.	More housing and doctors offices
318.	Let's start by getting a quality food store like a Kroger, Rogers has been a fine addition but we still need competition. Let's figure out a way to get the stores in downtown up and running with parking, buy em, doze em but get going, a boardwalk on the river would be nice
319.	Not turning streets back to gravel. Improve the look of 23, clean windows of buildings whether it's a current business or a closed one. Have the auto repair shops park the vehicles in a manner that does not look like a bunch of junk cars strewn about. Housing blight in the downtown area should be addressed, in fact, blight throughout the township should be addressed. The one thing the township can't do is have "some" of the local businesses change their pricing ways. More residents would shop local then. Some businesses need to be friendlier and more helpful to their customers. But, the township has no control over that, so people won't shop local.
320.	Tennis courts at beach...dislocate that mess at the north side of river mouth,return that to the community!!
321.	Encourage businesses to locate here and utilize the base for more development
322.	And "at your own risk" outdoor workout space. A restaurant on lake Huron right next to the pier.
323.	Easier routes of traffic
324.	Better use of tax money. Rather than purchase of new beach property money would be better spent maintaining what we have. New business and new residents are not attracted to a town that does not maintain roads but rather turns them back to dusty/muddy rutted gravel. This is not progressive thinking. We don't have money for police/fire or sewage project but we have money to purchase swampy beach property and remove it from the tax rolls. This property doesn't seem too desirable to other buyers as it has been on the market for some time.
325.	More shopping & businesses in the downtown area and some nice apartments in or near downtown. And more activities for the winter months.
326.	I would like to see the job economy get better so that families will stay and can make a living bring more business and population to the community
327.	A winter sports park .would be an asscet.
328.	I don't necessarily think that big commercial hotels are the solution. However, investing in our quant cottage community and building up the lake Huron side of downtown with shops and restaurants will help make oscoda more of a destination. People leave here, even tourists, to go to tawas and enjoy their downtown. Let's create a space that they don't want to leave. Also, take advantage of what we do have, like the canoe marathon.grayling pulls Ten thousand plus visitors at the start. We should do something to get that business here and make people want to stay for a visit after the marathon. Deals at restaurants, deals at the cottages. Group deals.... whatever. That is an untapped existing resource.
329.	Allow improvement which will increase visitors and provide more enjoyable experiences to locals and those visiting our town.
330.	Hold township meetings in the library or community center -- no need to build or add on to present buildings.
331.	Improved downtown parking, signs showing and better lighting. Possible tax credit or break for new business or existing business. Better event planning and better development ideas for downtown. Better usage of former runway on base. Better usage of beach area and or empty lot in front of beach, would be nice to see a hotel or maybe RV park to draw more people to area. A ORV/ snowmobile trail from footsite to oscoda for food, gas, lodging options. More docks at township boat launches.
332.	Less blight, more jobs
333.	Have the trustees that run the township quite trying to make it into something it's not. There is no way it can compete with Tawas, no parking. Quit trying to bring in new business, support the ones that are here. Someone might ask the current businesses what they need, rather just doing what the trustees think they need. Have the economic development person actually try

	to get some of the vacant buildings filled. Start to give business a break rather than making more rules and regulations. This is a small township, actually try to help, rather than hinder, the people that already live here. Have the trustees and supervisors get off their dead asses and take a good look around - the place is dying and they're sure not doing anything to help.
334.	Term limits with all political offices. Federal investigations with possible misappropriated funds from governments closing of Wurthsmith Air Force Base, and lack of community input. Immediately hire a new Township Superintendent that serves the Township board and community instead of self serving.
335.	I think keeping the natural beauty of the many amazing visitor locations. Keeping all those places clean and inviting.
336.	A year-round civic center where in can walk comfortably.
337.	More little shops/businesses
338.	Full-service restaurants and varied shopping opportunities
339.	More leisure activities. Better restaurants. Cheaper groceries. Basketball courts/ tennis courts
340.	A year-round Oscoda Community Center access makes so much sense now, and will only be of more value in the future, as more people come to this township to enjoy the "Quality of Living".
341.	We need growth and are at a point we can't be too picky about that growth. We have so much to offer but make it so hard for new business to come and get established. If we are encouraging growth we also need places for people to live and there appears to be a rental shortage. Perhaps the Township should encourage economic growth through tax abatement or other incentives. We have the DDA and it has done a few nice things but is truly meant for a larger governmental body and isn't very effective for our small town.
342.	More social activities for people of all types. Show that Oscoda is inclusive of people if all walks of life even the LGBT members. I moved up here because I loved the area but didn't think of the complete lack of social activities for me up here. We need a chain restaurant or two because there are only 3 local ones that I'd suggest to people. Build a Disc Golf Park for the kids. We have hardly any activities for kids. I saw the small update to the skate park but that it's an outdated design and basically looks very cheap. Get the buildings leading into town rented and businesses in them even the historical building by the Finish Line that's priced way out if market. Take care of the water issue from the base, don't fight your residents when they say the water is not safe and productive persistent with the Air Force to get them to help make things right. Finally, get along with the Tawas so we can work together and build this area up. Oscoda is beginning to look like Detroit and that's not very appealing to people coming up here to get away from Detroit.
343.	More Drug enforcement,
344.	There needs to be more recreation and less commercial, especially for the rather large population of teens and young adults here: there are too many things catering towards the elder generations, and not enough to satisfy younger people, tourists and residents alike; utilize existing, unoccupied buildings and modify as necessary before constructing new; more living and home opportunities for lower-income people; open up a adequately-sized homeless shelter with accompanying employment or community service opportunities (the brick schoolhouse on w. michigan-river road could be a good place); food and ice cream trucks that periodically circle the beach or residencies during the tourist season could be fun; our school needs to adjust its priorities: allocate less spending toward sports, more towards improving classroom conditions, peer support communities, and TRUE sex education (abstinence-only courses and scaring teens with STD stories aren't working; teach them about birth control and protection, about body autonomy and consent, pleasure, teach them comprehensive information about their bodies and parts, and have boys and girls learn that information about each others'. and stop shaming people who've done it, especially girls.); more public transportation options should be implemented, like bus stops for the transit throughout locations in and around town, and have the transit run 24/7;
345.	We need business!!! Put something..anything in those empty buildings!
346.	Bring something that may bring more tourism or visitors to our area.
347.	more shops, no empty buildings, tear down bad downtown buildings But what I would like to see is a walking path on the beach so us elderly who cannot walk in the sand can get to the water like the one in Au sable township beach I would really like to go to Oscoda beach but is to hard to walk down the sand I am 63 years old carrying a chair and everything else I really have to give Au Sable township credit for what they have done on there beach
348.	More trails for dog owners
349.	GET RID OF THE DRUGS!
350.	More bigger shopping stores to give more choices. And to make prices more competitive.
351.	Need a few more fast food choices, less pizza places. Arbys, Wendys. Red Robin or something of that nature would be great too. Need more traffic lights like by Admiral and the Hull Island only exit. Hull Island area needs paved where it does not cost the residents out of their pocket. It is still in city limits. Need more jobs for the younger people and basically for everyone. Many have a hard time finding jobs in the area. There are a limited number of apartments and rentals. If you are elderly or very low income, then you get help.
352.	Improve downtown Oscoda making it comparable to Tawas..
353.	A more vibrant downtown.
354.	Improve downtown. Do something with vacant buildings. Occupy them and improve them, or condemn them and tear them down.
355.	clean up the derelict buildings. Cash in on" Paul Bunyan" lore and use it to townships favor. Other towns in other states do, but Oscoda is the official birthplace of the legend. Why do we pass up the opportunity? Theme the downtown as such. Gaylord is known for their Alpine inspired storefronts.Oscoda could be themed for the logging industry that built this town, and use Paul Bunyan lore as the inspiration
356.	Downtown and blight.
357.	Impeovements i. The EMS and First response system
358.	Improve down town area shopping dining and old orchard
359.	I was born and raised in Oscoda, but after graduating college, chose to live downstate. I would love to move back to Oscoda and raise my family, but Oscoda lacks medium to high-paying jobs. My husband and I don't feel like we could find

	jobs in the Oscoda area to earn enough money to live comfortably. We love the area and truly hope it makes a come back!
360.	I think development of the downtown.
361.	New businesses, new restaurants, activities for kids,young adults
362.	Instead of letting new businesses build new buildings make them use the ones already there that are sitting there empty and unused.
363.	This town hasn't been the same since I was a kid it needs a spark back in it. When I was a kid Kmart was a big store but now it's just dead. We need a bigger store in this town just look a tawas it got a Wal-Mart and now the town is thriving. We just need a target, or a meijers.
364.	Put a arcade in for the teens
365.	Yes ?
366.	We need better shopping options and not strictly low end merchandise. Downtown shopping looks cheap, uninviting and too many of the same types of businesses. It would be nice to have an entire section of various types of shops to stroll through by either tourists or residents with quaint little restaurants peppered in between....outdoor cafe's....make it a great place for it's residents even when tourists leave but a town to be proud of when company comes. Also, better management of the River, especially on Holidays and weekends. Too many high powered boats, jet skis, etc., with no respect for other boaters or the damages they cause due to their wakes, especially on Foote Pond.
367.	New face lift downtown. Bring in more stores or opportunities- make it cozy- make me want to keep my money on this community. We don't even have a coffee shop to visit with anyone.
368.	Steady can cautious growth. Let's not succumb to the almighty dollar.
369.	fill or get rid of the empty buildings
370.	Improved shopping district. More housing, if we want to grow we need more rental choices.
371.	Bringing in business to existing empty buildings and promoting out downtown similar to how Tawas does with Newman St.
372.	We need to revitalize our downtown area! Bring back business & restaurants (with outdoor seating). More community events to bring people to town. We really need to punch up the town and get our tourists back.
373.	Growth
374.	Listen more to your public. Think outside the box more on activities
375.	Clean up blight and renew downtown
376.	Build and encourage any businesses to the area and housing / apartments for the average family not low income
377.	Better use of river frontage,with walkways and small business stores. Oscoda should work on getting so called Main St. (Off) of US 23 People now whiz through Oscoda heading North or South,they are not going to look for parking behind buildings .
378.	More specialty shops, more good paying job opportunity for year round residents
379.	Oscoda is stagnant. I would like to see the bike path come in, more fairs and festivals, perhaps a renaissance festival? 5k's are very popular also. These things bring people by the thousands. They are seasonal events, but perhaps could lead to something bigger. As far as the community is concerned we need to at least keep the people we already have here. Is there anything we can do to compete with bigger cities to get companies that do come to MI to even just look at our area? Good jobs and decent wages are a reason for people to stay. At this time, I don't feel we have enough reason.....
380.	I think more small businesses would be nice of a variety. Would like to see either a Kroger or another major store to help bring down costs. I'm a junk shop shopper, so more thrift and bargain stores would be nice, however not so much as to lose the small town feel. That's what I like most about living here.
381.	replace township superintendent and staff w/ people who are interested in attracting high paying jobs w/ healthcare and benefits low income part time jobs do not build a community disappointed in lack of leadership since Wurtsmith closed in 1993 next time have someone who understands questionnaires design it improve the quality of the schools a bronze award does not mean anything encourage businesses to develop the airport business park fix up downtown, it looks like a cheap strip mall
382.	Develop strong development, economic and recreational goals with significant and proactive, diverse citizen and business inputs. Think outside the box. Get expert assistance from several consultants and other community leaders similar to Oscoda.
383.	Not much for a beautiful area. You would think there would be more economical growth an a blooming place like traverse city, Alpena or even tawas.
384.	As stated change things up you can'take keep doing things as you have because it isn't the working See west side of the state.
385.	Oscoda township seems to be committed to gasoline powered recreation activities. My family would like to have a functional bike path and cross country trails and more and easier accessible hiking trails.
386.	Clean up the weeks in Van Ettan Lake
387.	Better educated residence, reduce poverty by industrial incentives for companies to move into airbase
388.	More consumer friendly shops that don't price gouge. Oscoda could have more locals shopping local if the local merchants didn't charge almost two to three times as much as other places. Example: Family Fare always has prices higher than say Neiman's and look how big a chain Family Fare is than Neiman's! Some restaurants are gouging, Wiltse's with their new menu. \$10.95 for a BLT! You can shop in Tawas and run into a lot of Oscoda residents who don't want to be taken advantage of by shopping local, including members of the DDA! There needs to be more for the kids, young and teens, to do. Kids need more than the beach, hunting and fishing. Our local movie theater needs work. The bathroom is horrible and the place needs to be refurbished. 23 should be street cleaned more often to make things attractive and empty stores and businesses should at least clean their windows. Take

	a good look at the empty store showcasing the photographer in Oscoda! More should be done to make the township look inviting. The zoning person should do much more to get rid of the blight, old cars, tires in the yard, junk, wood stacked every which way, etc.... We do have ordinances!
389.	Need more local shopping options for clothing items. If Kmart goes, we will not even be able to find shoes in Oscoda! Enough "Dollar" Stores though!
390.	Nice restraunts with good healthy food, not bar food. No dollar stores. High end retail shops. Less fast food. Less auto body shops. Update old buildings & make them usable. Get over the fact that the base is gone. Stop talking about the good old days. Improve schools.
391.	Hire an active program planner/promoter of existing community elements and services. Make their pay/bonus based on performance, but give them a rolling 3 year contract to give them a chance to succeed
392.	Encourage business growth in the area that could provide services to the community plus create jobs.
393.	Fill the empty buildings.
394.	Adequate affordable housing. Tourist destinations- sops and restaurants.
395.	More stores, and bring in the year round activities the area has provided with us.
396.	I would like to see the empty shops filled and revitalized.
397.	I recommend making the downtown more attractive for tourist, like Tawas. Also using the buildings that are already in place for businesses. The empty builds are an eye sore. A big negative we are noticing over the last decade is the influx of very poor Americans. It truly looks like Oscoda is a destination place for the poor. I think we need to make Oscoda more appealing to individuals who will spend money and help businesses survive.
398.	I think a good start would be to really apply yourselves to using the survey results.
399.	More shopping facilities. (Aldis) Downtown improvements more signs to advertise Oscodas beautiful public beach. A fresh produce market.
400.	Clean contamination at Wurtsmith!!!! Clean the environment, get Federal Funds. The pollution is why we are afraid to buy property or spend more time there. Don't just do a PR campaign. Clean the mess! At the very least, plant things that can clean the mess naturally. http://www.resilience.org/stories/2014-08-11/using-plants-to-clean-contaminated-soil http://www.environmentalcouncil.org/priorities/topic.php?x=142
401.	I have bee coming up to Oscoda for over 30 years. The down town area is in need of some more updating to compete with Tawas. Oscoda beach is has been updated a lot over the years and is one of the most important locations to keep maintained and beautiful in Oscoda. I was up the weekend of 6/18/16 and the splash zone was not working and the beach was not groomed to remove branches and garbage.I was up memorial weekend and the grass wasn't cut. Please maintain this gem better. Maybe even put some sort of food and drink unit there like Tonys tacos at Tawas beach.
402.	Keep Oscoda community center open year round
403.	Revitalize the downtown shopping area!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It looks like a ghost town. Compared to East Tawas during the Memorial Day weekend you couldn't tell it was a holiday here. There are no longer the shops and stores for residents to shop at, The town is dying and something needs to be done sooner rather than later. If we loose more stores we loose revenue. The biggest store is Gilbert's and I rarely shop there. We need to add more parking so businesses will come back in. Board members that are open and want change. I have been coming here as a young child and now my grandchildren come here. Sad to say if something isn't done tourists will bypass Oscoda all together. Yes we are 6 mos residents but I am a taxpayer and want my opinon to be heard and considered like full timers.
404.	Allow the development of things that would grow the economy (ie. Walmart, casinos) There is plenty of space out on the base that is going to waste.
405.	Oscoda community center should be open year round!!!!
406.	Year round community center. An upscale resort.
407.	Just to limit the amount of commercial Lake Huron frontage. Would rather see parks or private homes than commercial buildings.
408.	Take the money from the sale of the building downtown and use it to keep the community center open and if possible use the community center for your meetings. Do not build more buildings for gov't purposes since there are too many empty buildings now which are a negative to the community. Is there anyway to support snowmobiling in the winter or an ice fishing contest? I always thought there should be an eatery on the lake. Maybe one run by the local restaurant owners together might be encouraged. Thank you for asking.
409.	We need the roads redone on Lakewood Dr. It is like riding a roller coaster!!! They just throw asphalt into holes and is so bumpy now. Take down the old hardware abandoned and get rid of old buildings not used. Pocket parks would look better where they are.We have good assortment of restaurants now so don't feel we need more. Would be nice to turn school into senior housing or condos but heard it has asbestos so don't know if possible. We need more doctors and specialists in the area too.
410.	To fill thw vacant buildings when possible, to encourage the youth to work and advance their education,
411.	We need more companies here to keep everyone working and keep our community growing. We need to get out of the retirement mind set and get back to making money.
412.	Year round fitness center
413.	Addition of East/West Development off US 23 to eliminate the "One Horse Town" appearance...such as Newman St. in East Tawas. Additional retail, entertainment facilities @ Wurtsmith instead of it being just an industrial park. Why not develop 41 from US 23 to THe Base? Micro Breweries w/Food, Gift Shops, Boutiques, Specialty Restaurants. That's what tourist on vacation want. Not fast food and same old same old.

414.	The local government does not seem progressive. Maybe new leadership is necessary.
415.	I really like to play basketball and I would like to be able to play inside especially when it rains.
416.	<p>The bathrooms at the beach park needs to be improved and more stalls. During high peak use, such as the 4th of July, you should add porta-potties. When you have big crowds on the beach you need to have visible security present.</p> <p>I don't think blight is a big problem in Oscoda, but getting empty buildings occupied should be a priority. Limiting high density rental properties and not adding mobile home parks should be a priority.</p> <p>Encouraging business development to provide jobs and encouraging home ownership is needed.</p> <p>We own a townhome at the Villages of Oscoda and the increase in renters is a real concern. I love the area and plan to spend summers here. I think the VOO is at a tipping point with "blight " happening if more renters who do not maintain their home move in which will turn it into an undesirable neighborhood. Property values have stabilized but will not continue to improve if homeowner occupied units continue to decrease.</p>
417.	<p>Develop a strong township development team (solicit help from other communities if needed) to brainstorm how to 1) fill the empty buildings we have with viable business ventures. Work with the building owners to ensure that they are not overcharging for building rent, which is stopping any further tenants from considering the site. And 2) bring business into the town - those businesses that can survive and fit the community. You can't wait for people to come to you, you have to be aggressive in pursuing them - offer incentives</p> <p>For example: 1). a discount shoe outlet 2) a beach shop located near Lake Huron (perhaps offer spots to vendors to sell during summer months if no land is available for permanent business or an existing empty building) which would offer all kinds of summer fun toys, equipment, clothing, beach towels, etc 3) a "day old" bread outlet for bakery items at cheap prices 4) canoe/kayak supply store 5) fresh fish market 6) year round indoor farmer's market - sell fresh in summer, other things in winter (like firewood, canned goods, Thanksgiving and Christmas Items, quilts, etc)</p> <p>Concerning the community center, if you cannot justify keeping it open in winter, maybe buy risers or a portable stage to use for guest performers or speakers - need a place to present such entertainment besides the high school. Offset costs by charging admission and/or charge to rent the space</p> <p>Also would like to see some improvement at Ken Ratliff Park on VanEtten Lake as far as providing a handicap access ramp that would "jut out" into the lake to allow fishing by those who cannot access the lake any other way due to physical limitations.</p>
418.	Large shopping center .
419.	mORE SMALL SPECIALTY SHOPS AND YOGA AND HEALTH STORES
420.	Improved septic system regulations. Encourage young families to live in the area with economic development.
421.	<p>BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING RULES FOR "BLIGHT" PROBLEMS - NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE NEXT TO TRASH.</p> <p>DO SOMETHING IN THE WINDOWS OF THE EMPTY STORE FRONTS - PERHAPS 'BUDDING ARTISTS' FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY THEATER COULD DO WINDOW PAINTING TO DRESS THE BUILDINGS UP.</p> <p>SO SOMETHING WITH THE CORNER WHERE THE DAIRY QUEEN IS - THAT AREA IS FAR TO DANGEROUS FOR THE LITTLE KIDS TO STANDING AND WALKING NEAR THE CURB WHILE WAITING, SOMEONE IS GOING TO GET HIT BY A CAR.</p> <p>CLEAN UP THE FRONT WINDOW IN THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING THAT CAN BE SEEN FROM THE STREET - IT SHOULD BE A GOOD LOOKING DISPLAY FOR PEOPLE TO LOOK AT WHILE DRIVING DOWN US 23, AND ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE STOPPED DUE TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT.</p>
422.	Develop an industrial area with tax abetments and economic incentives. The downtown area needs to utilize a core organization,ie, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Assoc. DDA to submit grant applications etc. These organizations should all come together if they haven't to this point. The stronger the restrictions for housing, business and industrial concerning zoning, site plans and development, will increase taxable value and provide the additional funds necessary to implement your future plans. We have the nucleus for a very upscale, dynamic, beautiful community.
423.	Stop wasting money maintain what you have
424.	<p>Improve Ratcliff Beach. It is very outdated for children. It needs to be maintained better. Sand is full of weeds. Cooperation in keeping lakes in best shape possible. Septic at point of sale needs to be address. Work better with organizations and associations that are helping to maintain the lakes and beaches. Some facilities are need to rinse off sand when leaving the main beach on Lake Huron. Blight and people not maintaining their properties need to be address. Township officials who address this needs to be available. Too many abandon houses that are deteriorating. Embrace the seasonal people. They want to send their monies in the area but not always welcomed. The merchants need to work together to help development a true walking downtown area. Some ordinance are out dated. Allow properties to have garages/pole barns without needing to be movable or requiring water, living facilities within it. More and better medical facilities. People do not move up permanently from seasonal status because emergencies require a run to Tawas or Alpena. The population increases during summer months and especially on weekends and there needs to be medical facilities available 24/7 during this time. Thanks for allow my input.</p>
425.	With the water quality in Oscoda being on the top of many peoples minds lately and the need to secure safe water to drink and available for recreation, it seems that we should not only look at WAFB pollution of wells, lakes and streams; but at what countless outdated septic systems are doing to wells, lakes and streams in Oscoda Township. This could potentially be a larger issue than the WAFB pollution.

	All septic systems should be checked on a rotating basis or at a MINIMUM, when a home or business changes hands, the septic system should be inspected and REQUIRED to be brought up to current code. Oscoda can and should take the lead in this critical state wide water quality issue!
426.	We need industry that will bring economy to our town and rebuild downtown so people have a reason to go downtown shopping and bring people to Oscoda.
427.	Bring in business. Not more dollar stores....bakeries, boutiques..more upscale stores. More Restaurants.....not bars...variety of foods... Good Italian, seafood etc...
428.	I think blight should be looked at. There are many trailer parks that were set up when the base was active and have not been kept up. Bad housing and low rent will just bring trouble. We have natural resources here that really are not really being used to the their fullest. Get the DNR to stock native fish and try to get them away from Salmon who eat our native fish. Also get the federal government to clean up the mess at the old air base. Until that is done nothing you do in this Township will matter.
429.	Need improvement in variety of restaurants and shopping facilities.
430.	Improve housing options, and encourage retail options.
431.	Treat weeds in Lake Van Ettan, improve well water quality, pave Colbath Rd.
432.	undo many useless regulations
433.	do something to control / reduce the weed problem in Van Etten lake.
434.	1. North end of Van Etten lake desperate for weed control, very bad. 2. Alexander Road off of F-41 needs to be fixed not patched, tear it up or put down a new road. 3. Trash containers/ collection needs to be mandatory for all residents, even seasonal. Trash is being dumped in public parks, hunting areas. 4. Water contamination from Wurtsmith Air Base, all homes need to be checked, water tested.
435.	Improve the members on the board. They do not support new people that move to the area. Just a bunch of "good ole boys"
436.	Install municipal water and sewers on Loud Drive. Our water well is contaminated from the base.
437.	Quality restaurants and progressive healthcare facilities and hospitals
438.	Bring in more activities like Traverse- upgrade sewer system down loud dr. No one on Van Ettan or Cedar should have septic- makes all connect to Sewer! Save the lakes!
439.	The downtown needs boutiques and restaurants that overlook Huron and maybe some along the inland lakes.
440.	New businesses to fill empty buildings and offer decent jobs for more residence.
441.	We need water & sewers to all of the township area. Being able to have & offer these utilities would be the fastest & most effective way to develop Oscoda in many ways. The contamination of the water within in our township is having adverse affects. We are a tourist destination. Our lakes & water ways is central. We must install municipal water & sewers to prevent the pfc's. and other contaminants from getting into our drinking water. Safety of all our citizens including safe drinking & cooking water should be addressed immediately. We are already hearing about our property values going down. This includes residential and commercial. To turn this around we need to work hard and upfront on bring these utilities to the community.
442.	Cut out Bike Night.
443.	Tear down any empty buildings in town. Need more businesses and restaurants, groceries store. Now I do most of my shopping in the Tawas area. Tear down blight structures in the area. Make the area more inviting for businesses and visitors. Advertise down state what the area has to offer, events, beaches, year round recreation, lakes, rivers. Some people do not know that Oscoda has a beach area. Improve traffic flow around town. Provide safe drinking water. Require all septic systems be up to code. Twp needs to work with the lake associations to improve the lakes. The twp owns property on Van Etten Lake but does little to help the VELA association with problems on the lake. Example the stumps flowing down from the Pine river. This is a safely hazard plus a law suit issue. Drugs, under age drinking and people climbing on the Van Etten dam. The Twp expect the association to take care of most of the problems while the twp gets all the benefits (profits from boat launch fee, park rental). Van Etten Lake propety owners should not have to pay boat launch fees. The taxes they pay should be enough. Twp does not take enough interests in the waterways in the area. These waterways are why people come to the area. Twp needs to stop wasting tax payers money (pier, buying land for rv park). Twp should just improve the existing recreational areas. Get rid of Bob Stalker and try to get new board members. New people equal new ideas. Stop trying to be like East Tawas.
444.	Move the primary retail off of US23. Not many people enjoy shopping and dining with a major freeway running by.
445.	Downtown Oscoda needs to be redeveloped to become more of a destination for shopping and night life. Existing restaurants are okay but more is needed to draw visitors. Business spread out to the north are in a non walkable area and accessible only by car. This is a tough thing to accomplish but to drive more tourism the downtown core needs to be improved. Too many vacant store fronts.
446.	Eurasian milfoil is slowly ruining the southwest end of Lake Van Ettan.
447.	I'd like to see the drug problems taken care of and less welfare recipients living here. There is nothing for young people to do here and I think something should be done to help them. It's sad to see people drive right through Oscoda on their way to somewhere else. Why can't we be developed like Tawas?? WHO is holding back the development in this town and why are so many businesses leaving?? Too many empty stores. No one wants to come here and it makes me sad.
448.	Need resort on ausable or Huron, large new and year round. Redevelop downtown, the place looks deserted. Need campground walking distance to downtown. Get someone to sell full line lumber. YMCA camp on vanettan is vastly under used, help them get on track. Thanks
449.	Take better care and give better assistance to Van Etten Lake home owners!!
450.	Bike/Walking path from county line to downtown along F41. Improve township roads at West end of lake VanEtten, (Colbath Road) and not just Loud Drive. Unimproved roads set an image of select road care. Continue with Blight efforts.
451.	Clean up the blight. Create rule for moble home park and how there used. Try to get fundin so bussines can clean up there property. Establish codes.
452.	More small buz in the downtown area, even if it means financial support from the twp. If theres no downtown oscoda dies. We also need to make a bigger deal of the canoe marathon. Make it a festival, a big deal not just.and the racers are done, everyone can go home now. More also needs to be done to keep the Inland lakes weed free. Its getting more and more weedy. Ick!

453.	Open up more industry for people to find better jobs so the quality of life would go up
454.	reinforce the business community
455.	Roller skating rink...drive in theater...swimming pool
456.	Encourage development but maintain access to all the Natural attributes Oscoda Township offers and change only for the betterment of that access.
457.	Passes or free launch access for Van Etten lake front owners, at Ratliff beach
458.	Refer to above remarks. Pete and Sally Hervey
459.	Make the Township more exciting and inviting. Develop more upscale restaurants and shops.
460.	More consideration for residents that shoulder the burden of special assessments for public properties. More affordable grocery, clothing, and variety stores. There is nothing to 'buy local' anymore except gasoline from stations that flip flop pricing outrageously.
461.	Improvement and encouragement for businesses in our community.
462.	So sad to see the vacant store fronts. Also find that the Oscoda Press does not advertise the events around town very well. Didn't know that the LZ operation was going on until we heard it from our cottage even through I bought a paper that week. Just need more things going on to compete with Tawas.
463.	Availability of weekly recycling pickup.
464.	Fix the water issues on BOTH sides of Van Etten!!!!
465.	Repave Alexander road or turn it back to dirt it was better when it was dirt than it is now.. Don't let the water in Van Etten lake down so far cannot get a boat out to go hunting during duck season from my property on Van Etten lake. I own water front that turns into all mud and cannot use the waterfront during the duck season and the property was bought for duck hunting and fishing.
466.	More dining choices
467.	I think the people who live on lake Van Etten should not have to pay for the boat launch when they pay for the lake weed control. Give all property owners a special card to place in window.
468.	more winter activities, more fish planted in ponds (i.e. Foote pond, get a fishery) so the steelhead draws we had years ago remain,,,from the shore to the water, more advertisements where we are at, if you mention Oscoda people are like where? make sure the local tv news people acknowledge us....we have the natural facilities, time to make them work
469.	Get rid of blight in the downtown area.
470.	Development of job opportunities for residents in the community. Oscoda needs more retail stores for groceries, and clothing.
471.	Beach front Hotel
472.	Business development! More attractions, restaurants, and better shopping! Fix up the old buildings before building new ones! Give people a reason to want to come to Oscoda! There is very little entertainment in Oscoda! We need more! I do not like Family Fare Grocery Store! It is not clean and their fruit and vegetables are not fresh! Their prices are too high! Would like to see a Neiman's Grocery Store in Oscoda! I bring most of my food from down below because it is much cheaper to buy it their. If I need to shop in Oscoda in the summer, I go to Tawas for my meat and groceries. I buy very few groceries in Oscoda! I would like to see fewer boaters visiting our lake, Van Etten! They are putting their boats in and bringing Zebra Mussels and weeds into our lake! We need to continue the funding on a yearly basis to remove the weeds out of our lake and NOT stop our weed treatment! If our lakes are too weedy, property values will go down and the township will not have sufficient revenue from tax dollars due to lower lakefront assessments! No one wants a home on a weedy lake that you can not swim, fish, or boat on without getting caught in weed beds! Boating fisherman will extend one of their legs onto my 70 foot dock in order to cast underneath when fishing! I am tired of my boat and dock being hit and this is also a safety issue! This needs to stop!
473.	I would like the township board to be more supportive of weed control and watershed pollution interventions in Van Etten Lake and work much more closely with VELA. We should not have to go back to square one any time our SAD for weed control needs to be re-established. VELA has a large membership and represents homeowners and cottagers on Van Etten very well. The township board needs to have higher regard for VELA. The township board needs to establish a citizens' advisory board immediately to see that homes affected by ground water pollution from the former air base get hooked up to municipal water immediately, paid for by the federal government. The township board and citizens' advisory board need to work together to hold the federal government responsible to provide remediation efforts to reduce and eliminate the groundwater pollution before it impacts our people and environment in additional ways. We are very willing and able to support the township board in these critical endeavors. I have reason to believe that some of the downtown buildings are assessed way too high. It will be very difficult to sell or improve downtown buildings if they are assessed for more than they are worth. Our assessment department is not particularly responsive to our citizens with concerns. I know personally that Boards of Review trust our assessor more than our citizens, even when the Board of Review's decisions have been overturned by the Michigan Tax Tribunal. I have had that experience three times. I appreciate the opportunity to reply to this survey very much. In the past it has seemed to me that the township board invites a crisis mode mentality, rather than working with citizens to anticipate needs before they become critical.
474.	Improve economy and preserve natural beauty.
475.	reduce taxes, new faces in government
476.	Do whatever possible to enhance the area as a tourist hot spot.Purchase more park areas, build township owned marinas.Make Oscoda more like East Tawas
477.	Clean up pfc/pfos and contamination from Wurtsmith and provide municipal water to all affected property owners as soon as possible.
478.	Cater to the seasonal clientele, that's where the money is. Take a few lessons from Tawas instead of being stagnant with the same old way of thinking. Oscoda needs new blood in the supervisor's office to generate new ideas and cash flow. Quit trying to screw the part-time residents and strengthen the blight concerns to improve the look of this great tourist area.

479.	Revitalizing the downtown area, it is sad to see so many vacant buildings. More opportunities for entertainment.
480.	Downtown
481.	Reduce taxes ,get rid of the blight clean up the base. Its a bad mark on the area, test all of the wells make air force pay for it every body should be able to get there well tested.
482.	Revitalize the downtown area. Tired of seeing close up businesses. Why is the Tawas area so much better looking?
483.	Sewers for all riparian sites on the lakes, rivers, and streams. Safe drinking water.
484.	Downtown is unappealing, needs to be revitalized using the river and lake as attractions, attract retailers, hoteliers and tourists, create river walk and make the businesses destinations
485.	Clean up down town
486.	get people to update their septic systems - I bet there are lots of old ones especially at older cabins that have been here a long time - people should upgrade their places take care of old trailers and trailer parks by making land owners stick to some code so they don't get all run down and attract animals - looks bad too - especially when people come up here to enjoy the up north and see that mess! bring in new business to fill in the empty buildings - need new blood to re-vitalize the community
487.	winter sports complex involving the community center.
488.	year round community center
489.	Pressure the government for a good plan on clearing up the groundwater contamination. More affordable property taxes based on an appraised value, current market conditions, and not some fictious number the assessor's office pulls out of their hat. Township is at times difficult to get answers from. Publicize information on elected officials. More of an open door policy with officials.
490.	We need to change rules to allow temporarily allow canvas shelters . Many of us use these to protect our boats and vehicles during the summer months. The shelters allow us to keep them handy for use but provide shelter from the trees that rain down a variety of sap and pollen. These are not buildings and building codes should not apply.
491.	Sprucing up some of the trailer park areas that we see.
492.	Keep Van Ettan Lake clean and plant more fish.
493.	Enhancing areas on Ausable river (walking trail from river road park to downtown), support and dev. of Bike path, growth incentives for new and existing businesses. More detailed landscape maintenance of Downtown beach (weeds and poison ivy in general areas), encourage food truck use at downtown beach along with water sports rentals. Develop Furtaw Field for it's intended use of education and fitness opportunities including a well paved track for those unable to walk on streets or sidewalks including well marked parking around park (remove posts around field-maintenance is time consuming). Education regarding history of Paul Bunyan and logging industry in Oscoda.
494.	stronger downtown commercial district, more options for tourists with children
495.	Improve downtown area to make it more touristy. (think Traverse City or Tawas. Garbage pick up would help cut down on dumping in the woods
496.	When visiting other areas where water is a major attraction, they always have a variety of hospitality services (restaurants, cafes, bars) with views of the water. I know of only the Au Sable Inn with this nicety, and because it faces west it's usually too hot and blindingly bright to be enjoyable.
497.	Reduce taxes and lower the assessments on lake properties. Assessments for the lake properties for the most part are ridiculous. From the day I bought a lake property I would gladly sell it the township for what you say it's worth!. Increase the Police presence around the lake properties. Not enough patrols along Loud Dr. the speed limit is 35 mph but I have routinely been passed on this street. Lots and Lots of foot traffic on this road especially Kids and Seniors. I'm suprized no one has been hit yet.
498.	Three Mile Park used to be beautiful until the weeds, including invasive and poison ivy took over, etc There is a beautiful sandy beach underneath all that mess. Let us get our beach back. There is a lot of land on the base that could be used to build something that would draw people to this area. Maybe, a discount shopping area, a big store like a hone depot, etc. a Casino? The downtown area will never be a draw for visitors. Too many things like a bank, title company, etc. People like to shop and walk around. Our beach in town is a draw for visitors, but off the beaten path (US-2
499.	Assessments for Lake properties reduced.
500.	We do need more retail so that we don't have to go to Tawas or Hale, Harrisville, etc. People in our community need more year round employment and access to the things every family needs. If that can thrive, then more families will be able to call Oscoda Township their home. More community activities and centers year round as well as College education centers.
501.	Being a part time resident I believe the twp should focus more on providing services to it's residents and less on finding new ways to raise money. This seems to be more prevalent in Oscoda twp than in other twp I have lived in.
502.	I think Oscoda should try to copy some of what Tawas has going on as far as activities, retail, etc.
503.	More developed downtown, better access too the downtown. When events happen people are all over the town we need more events to draw people in. Better communication within the township.
504.	get businesses here... get people to move here... develop the shoreline to get more tourist industry... bed and breakfasts in town... beautiful beach, no one knows about it...
505.	Install Lantern/lights on bridge coming into town as most downstate cities with any kind of bridge /overpass have (Huge asset). Make US23 North and South traffic in town as denoted above, restore downtown parking on US23 and build a restricted R/V park just North of existing city park. Make better use of Lake Huron and bridge assets. You need to better utilize Lake Huron assets by moving town closer to it (North /South 23 with business development between).Presently, everyone wants to go to Tawas as they can walk the Town, go to the beach,,RV park, see boats etc. Presently. family and grand children always want to go to Tawas never Oscoda as they can walk the town. Van Etten lake is terrible, kids won't GET IN. Blight controls not good . Often many people receive warnings with minor infractions while others very close look like junk yards i.e., piles tires and just junk .that continue. IN some ways restrictions are appalling e.g., shed

	materials must match house materials. I live downstate in a multi million dollar neighborhood and we do not have crazy restrictions like that. Sheds are allowed with few restrictions on materials. They concentrate on the junk aspect. I realize you need regulations but that article in the paper this past year regarding a shed not matching the materials of the house was over regulation. Concentrate on the actual junk, and apply to everyone. Don't pick and choose as it seems your presently doing. In a vacation neighborhood everyone has boats, motors, firewood etc., in their yard. However, stacks of old tires and just plain junk, should not be allowed.
506.	some type of recreation place for all ages and also a good home town restaurant, like the old Pack House used to be
507.	Again--bike/hike trail on Cedar Lake Road.
508.	Move the skate park and basketball courts to the sports complex on the base. Keep all that stuff together so our youth have a place to go and do multiple activities. Add tennis courts and a snack bar. Many families with smaller children do not go to the beach park because of the "teen scene hangout" (language, cars circling the parking lot, smoking, skimpy attire). They interfere with concerts on the beach and misuse the band shell when it's not populated for functions. Have shops and small businesses leading down to the beach bring foot traffic to the waterfront.
509.	Progressive planners that highlight the natural beauty and active lifestyles many families look for. Promote active events, (5K run/ walk, biking events, more river activities) to encourage Oscoda as a destination. Keep public parks clean and free of graffiti.
510.	What I would like to see is a bike trail from Oscoda down Cedar Lake road to Kings Corner Road. The speed limit is 55 along most of it and it is unsafe to ride your bike along there.
511.	First, bring back walking passes for Community Center. I was on original "Cool Cities" committee-Hyatt/Palmer said then "Take care of you own residents first" do not feel our leaders have that idea! Who said the Community Center should make money? It is supposed to be here for us at the lowest cost possible- we are a low income area! Where are the "Cool City" signs? Forgot to put the back on road after US-23 development! Worked pretty hard to get there- why not important now? Improve attitudes of Township officials toward residents. After all, who works for who? Being on "Cool Cities" committee, we did a lot of work getting opinions at interviews, meetings, surveys. etc. as if our own opinions matter. Don't feel that there has been much "follow through." Also on committee for find location for Township offices back in the day. Final recommendation was building on base-guess what! Now a new Addition! Not enough parking for current building use! Use Warrior Pavilion more! Develop what we have!
512.	We need to bring new businesses into the vacant buildings in our downtown area.
513.	Senior Citizens
514.	Boost population, both permanent residents and tourism- Need a Meijers or similar draw for shoppers- Maybe a casino on old base.
515.	1. Attack the blight- demolish the decayed places that are beyond repair ("addition by subtraction!") 2. Revitalize downtown (The 2010 State Street project certainly helped)
516.	the township should have more development in regards to Alpena Community College North Shores Campus. Tremendous potential for community culture development. Re-open Pack House ASAP. Provide incentive if needed- what is their problem? Redo and open Charboreau's (Au Sable) in cooperation with Au Sable Township. Add Industrial park, assuming Master Plan indicates such. If now, please provide. Blue Bus schedule unknown. Information needed to be forthcoming for public- accountability & utilization, effectiveness and efficiency. Routing A: need announcement recommended & budget revealed to public, when and where are stops? For aesthetics: one's view stops at one's property line. So consider feasibility of uniting with Au Sable Township. Blight of these 2 entities converge. Consider more cooperative and or unification of greater blight elimination.
517.	Improve parking on Lake Huron Beach in town. Remove building that are so bad that they can not be used- cornered River Road and US 23. Improve roads and residential areas.
518.	Fill up the empty buildings.
519.	Expand seasonal RV park. Clean up blight- enforce the laws. Get rid of 40 plus year old run down trailers.
520.	Build a harbor. Tear down empty buildings. Boaters and fishing have funded development of many port towns in Michigan and will too in Oscoda.
521.	Build a harbor. It would bring more tourists and businesses to Oscoda. We are sitting on the largest river this side of the state (excluding Detroit River). Capitalize on that fact!
522.	Some interesting retail stores in the downtown area to get tourists to come to visit, shop and eat! I would like to see people walking around downtown.
523.	We really need more doctors and medical care available so you don't wait for appointments 'til it's too late.
524.	More restaurants like Applebees, Olive Garden, etc.. Well Known.
525.	Something new and different.
526.	A government more responsive to the citizens.
527.	No low income housing, do something with the empty store fronts- the window signs in the old ACE building windows are a good example.
528.	All that I marked, code enforcer do a better job on uncut weeds, grass trashcans, etc. Give more responsibility to our supervisor, raise his pay and get rid of the high cost of a manager (stalker).
529.	If Oscoda does try to improve the downtown area, they MUST have parking and MUST HAVE something that will draw people. A new farmers market if just a waste of money, the one in AuSable is established and easier to get to. Don't try to improve it, just maintain it.
530.	I am 52 and plan to retire soon. I do not think I want to keep our family's cottage, but want to always come to Oscoda and stay for the summer. An RV park by the city beach would be ideal for me and my family. It would be a way to enjoy (and spend money in) Oscoda without the upkeep of another home. I'm sure I speak for many other retirees.
531.	Develop the area with big business and casinos.