

SUPPLEMENT A

ACME TOWNSHIP 2024 RESIDENT AND BUSINESS SURVEY – “Other” comments

Q8) With regard to funding, do you believe the following initiatives should be pursued in Acme Township over the next 10 years? “Other”

- Yes, if included 12 pickleball court (Bertha Vos)
- Alternate uses for Bertha Vos
- Audit PRE/homestead exemptions
- Baseball fields, soccer, basket ball
- Bertha Vos protected from low inc housing
- Bertha Vos protected from low-income high-density use
- Bertha Vos-could be other community assets besides for a park. Some of the items above are attainable with non-local funding/grants
- Better cross-walks to existing beach & parks
- Bike trails
- Boat Launch
- Brackett Rd NEEDS to be fixed!
- Bunker Hill boat launch is dangerous!
- BUNKER HILL LEGITIMATE TART TRAIL EXTENTION (DANGEROUS FOR BIKES/PEDS)
- Change Bertha Vos to dock Road zoning to low density housing only, or buy it for natural area
- Develop equestrian trail systems south of M-72 - work with DNR - They have money to add and improve horse trails - Do Not Block off Arnold Road access to State Land!!
- Do not want water or sewage services
- Dog Park, Splash Pad
- Dog parks
- Encourage more restaurants
- Evasive species controls
- Evasive species controls - ornamental olive is a HUGE problem - with East Bay to contain.
- Farmland/Farming protection (subsidies, tax credits, etc.)
- Fiber/Internet for those w/o any option
- Fix Brackett Rd!!! Between Lautner & Bates
- Fix electricity issues locally. We lose power too frequently to animals. Need to secure the boxes better from rodents.
- Fixing Roads
- Formation of central downtown area
- Former Tom's/Kmart Development is an eyesore
- Improve connection between Vasa/Tart on Bunker Hill-perhaps dividers along road to protect bikes
- Improvements to boat launches
- Left turn signal from 31 to Bunker Hill
- Line of sight mirror at Bartlett & Bunker Hill Rd.
- Look at roads off of Holiday Hills. Blackwood is horrible
- Lower property taxes!
- Maintain and improve public hunting access
- Make existing TART Trail safer i.e. Bunker Hill Rd/Lautner
- Mark of uncertain - need more input/information
- More parking at beaches, partner with county if owned by county
- Need Municipal water not wells
- Not every place needs sidewalks.
- Ok with regular maintenance, if improvements are desired then an admittance charge should be enforced. Those who want it can pay for it.
- Open and public areas to waterfront - no buildings. No STR's in residential zoned areas.
- Plant White Pines. Est. An ordinance that demands property owners to replace 1 tree/plant for 1 tree cut. No clear cutting of land.
- Please limit the growth!!
- Protection of wildlife and domestic animals
- Public boat ramp/fishing pier
- Public water!
- Re-do with bike plan "Bunker Hill Road". It's a dangerous road for bikes and walkers!!!
- Repair the road that goes to the Resort Beach it's in horrible shape.
- Repave Bunker Hill w/Bike Lane
- Residents' marina
- Safe crossing for pedestrians at intersection of M-72 & US 31 (over the road)
- Safe horseback riding path and trails
- Sewer along M-72 East
- Shoulder work on Bukner Hill for bikes & pedestrians. Especially since traffic is increasing since Meijer has been put in.
- Sidewalk from Traverse Bay RV to Lautner Road There are many bike riders and it is dangerous
- Sports fields & courts

- Strong enforcement of neighborhood's speed limits
- Sustainable landscaping initiatives
- Tart trail
- Tie TART bike path N. Of 72 by 31
- Traffic light on 72-Bates
- UPDATED FLUM w/residential input
- Very dissatisfied on repaving roads this summer that we in good condition. Deepwater Point is heavily traveled and a mess. Pave what needs to be paved, not which doesn't.
- Water Quality protections-culverts, storm water filtering

- Water system expansion
- We need designated horse-riding paths & trails - becoming a big thing in our township.
- We need safe trail systems to be built for horses. There are more and more horses coming to our area and we need to start planning on accommodating this growing population of people.
- Widen US35/Bunker Hill & Lautner to provide paved bicycle lane separate from motor vehicle lanes from David Dr. To current widened road on Lautner.

Q9) Please rate the degree to which you believe each of the following will be an issue in Acme Township within the next 5–10 years? "Other"

- (Traffic) Major issue Need a bypass
- 72 from 31 to Meijer is Not safe
- Adequate sustainability measures
- Affordable seasonal housing
- Attainable housing
- Auditing homestead/PRE exemptions
- Awful high-density housing
- Better traffic routes and signals along M-72 - Need safer ways for large horse trailers to pull out on M-72 Eventually, we will need a safe way for horses and people to cross M-72 on foot to get to trails
- Condition of our street - bad shape Cedarwood
- Current construction of expensive rentals is wasted
- Deer population. Too many
- Dock road "boat launch" is already overflowing into adjacent private property. As area grows this will become untenable. Please work with GT county to close this nuisance.
- Don't know what current growth means! I wasn't clear about meaning of locally owned retail (Farmers' market good) and mixed used development
- Don't turn 72 into Garfield Twp
- Drive too fast
- Drivers take Bunker Hill to avoid intersection in Acme
- Ecological degradation: air & water pollution, fracking carcinogenic pesticides/carcinogens
- Enforcement of speed limits neighborhoods
- Farming community has been squeezed out Money Talks
- Focus (too much) on serving tourists v. meeting local needs and priorities
- Having the right people on Township Board to preserve our area

- Heavy traffic on Lautner at Bunker Hill to Meijers
- Horse Show Expansion
- Horse shows very disruptive
- Hotel overdevelopment/saturation
- Improve launch @ Bunker Hill Rd. + Public Dock/Walkways to Retail/Mt. Hope Rd. - New city center/Stone Hound/Etc.
- Infrastructure = high density population protection
- Lack of planning for growth!!
- Lower property taxes.
- Maintain current growth & development but manage it more. Put in new traffic lights and roundabouts crosswalks and sidewalks during development
- Marijuana in Ag Zones Horse Park Expansion/Development
- Mark of uncertain - need more info!
- Motor traffic way to loud! Lower speed to 35 miles an hour!
- Need a light @ Brackett & 31!
- Need a light @ end of Bates @ M72
- Need SAFE places to ride horses with no bikes or ORVs - and safe places to cross busy roads.
- Noise
- Noise, Park crowding by non-residents, loss of greenspace, water quality impairment of creeks
- Pedestrian vs traffic safety with so many hotels US31
- Property Rights
- Rentals should be 2 mo. Min.
- Road Conditions
- Road conditions and maintenance
- Road reconstruction needed
- Road work to TC

- Safety! Need traffic light US 31 N, 5 mile (by Bayview)
- Sewer Lines Along M-72 East
- Short term rental not paying taxes
- sidewalks
- Single Family Housing
- Slowing traffic in residential neighborhood
- Stop high density housing! No more apts, protect rural calm
- Strathmore Developer
- Taxes for local property owners is far too high!!!
- Term limits for all sectors of Acme Twp officers & Planning Commission
- The speed of traffic in business district is concerning & unsafe
- Too many hotels
- Too much crushed housing Highway everywhere instead of beach. Need a TC Bypass
- Too much random zoning
- Township appears to be forcing development in quiet Acme neighborhood by Bertha Vos School. This will destroy safety in this neighborhood.
- Traffic on 31N south of 72 needs to be slowed way down
- Traffic on M-72 is getting out of control, especially by Bates Road - very dangerous.
- Traffic, Noise (motorcycles), Road Repair, Speeding on Deep Water Point Rd!
- Undeveloped Near Meijer
- Viability of twp. government
- Water quality - E Coli sources/causes
- water runoff from Highway causes major flooding for me & my neighbors. MDOT is in charge of this. Other: unkept properties on highway-biking-walking is hazardous with road debris, weeds, water runoff causing holes & craters
- We need more dense housing
- We're losing workers for restaurants. Need more affordable housing - worried about resources for our aging local community.
- Young citizens unable to afford to buy homes in G.T. County

Q12) Please rate each of the following in terms of desirability when planning for: *US-31 from East Bay Township along the Grand Traverse Bay to the Grand Traverse Resort. "Other"*

- 1
- 1&5 mean the same thing
- Adopting environmentally sustainable practices
- Bikes use TART trail efficient & safe traffic flow.
- Boat Launches
- Bury electrical wires
- Calm it down - low key - relaxing township
- CALM TRAFFIC AND CREATE SAFE ROUTES FOR NON-MOTORIZED ESPECIALLY BUNKER HILL TO M-72
- Depends on type of retail etc.
- Don't spend Township resources to "attract" new residents. They will come with what we currently offer and provide to existing residents
- Eliminate undesirable building/housing along water - return to park land - open space.
- Fix traffic
- Green space/Trees between US31 & Acme Businesses
- Have a plan for parking for the future
- If development occurs along this corridor it will remain in keeping with the need to preserve the viewshed
- Improve
- improve road conditions (re-pave them!)
- It would be nice to have a large retail Building store Home Depot/Menards/Lowes on this side of town -
- Keep waterfront free of tall buildings
- Left turn arrow at Bunker Hill
- Local focus Quiet, calm, classy -
- Low-medium income need mixed use/housing
- Lower property taxes!
- Lower speed limit!
- Lower speed, No electronic signs, enforce on "temp" signs that are always present
- Maintain farms & orchards no housing on US-31
- Make safe pedestrian crossing from Tart trail to Bayside Park
- More police presence for traffic, speeding, lane changes, stupid drivers.
- Mow grass and weeds. Keep trash picked up.
- Must improve
- Need restaurants
- No hotels over 4 stories!
- No more hotels needed
- No more roundabouts
- No strip malls

- Once built up we can Never get it back.
- Our roads can't accommodate the traffic now!
- pedestrian overpasses
- Pedestrian/bike bridge for safety
- People don't need crosswalks - nothing to go to - We have apartments and no restaurants - where's the town center Sherrin Hood designed!
- Post & enforce speed limits
- Preserving the environment and wildlife
- Reduce engine breaking noise
- Repave Deepwater Point Road!!!
- Round-a-bout @ 5-mile/US-31
- Safe way to cross US31 for Pedestrians
- Safe ways to cross over US-31
- See old plan with Boardwalk Marina/Restaurants shops
- Slower traffic will help business
- Stop spending so much money!
- tart trail to ER.
- Tax breaks to local business owners
- The medians and roundabouts on M-72 are disgraceful! Need to be kept better! Weeded & manicured.
- The runoff from Meijer is causing big brown muck spots at the foot of East Bay as well as around the bay heading north. Every year it gets worse. When is that going to be addressed? Now we have all the apartment complexes & their run off will make it worse.
- The TART is enough
- Thin deer heard in Holiday Hill
- This should be the area to develop and use the spaces and buildings that are already here and empty, but keep the shoreline open.
- Thoughtful & balanced growth
- Too much development ruined this area
- Traffic speeds are way too fast near state park beach
- US 31 crossing for pedestrians
- We have 2-3 huge complexes now and can't handle that volume of people. Keep it under control.

Q12) Please rate each of the following in terms of desirability when planning for: *Intersection of US-31 & M-72 E to Turtle Creek Casino. "Other"*

- Acme board = listen to residents need by board not theirs, theirs ridiculous :(:(:(
- Add Trader Joe to a vacant existing bldg.
- Adopting environmentally sustainable practices
- Attractive Retail Development
- Business growth next to Meijer
- Complete tunnel under &2 between GTR and Meijer
- Control drivers speeding into the roundabouts
- Controlled, sustainable, long-term growth/businesses is going to add to township. Keep "small town feel"
- Create dedicated turn lanes (both east & west) into Traverse Bay RV Resort Thank you!!
- Dedicated left turn lane into Traverse Bay RV Resort
- Depends! People need to ask who would want to come to Acme! For what? Wow we have Meijer, Bayview & McGees - SAD
- Develop housing in Meijer "town center" -proposed in 2005ish
- Develop land around Meijers
- Do not waste it on self-storage
- Do something with the Meijers campus.
- Establish/utilize the Industrial Center off M-72 for all future Industrial Growth.
- Fewer billboards, no bright LED signage
- Fill the plazas that are empty first
- Golf courses
- GREAT RETAIL CORRIDOR FOR COMMUNITY GOODS/SERVICES
- HELP GROW THE HORSE SHOW
- Housing
- I wish I had an option on questions saying that I do not want (pg. 6)
- Improve aesthetics
- Improve aesthetics of this gateway intersection
- It's pretty ugly now people call it a town center but it's a drive thru at best.
- keep as rural and beautiful as possible
- Large land required to build, strict zoning
- Lumberyard needed
- M72E is the Gateway into G.T. Co. Once developed we've lost our up North Resort town identity even further.
- Manage traffic at Bates and TBRV
- Minimize the light pollution, with hours for businesses to be fully lit. There is no reason for them to be lit 24hrs - 7 days a week.
- More affordable housing

- My hometown paved all the farms and has multiple strip malls, shipping centers, and it's very unpleasant. Just don't go too far hard to reverse.
- Need a Home Depot and Walmart on this side of town.
- Need a restaurant/coffee shop. (Panera Bread) NOT Fast Food, Distillery, Brew Pub or Dollar Store or CBD Please
- Need safer entrance and exit from M72 into and out of Traverse Bay Resort.
- Need to do something about the Bates Rd intersection with M-72 - Very unsafe! Would also be awesome to have a safe way for horses to ride across M-72 to get to trails on State land - Need to develop loops to connect to the MI Shore to Shore Trail
- No need for further high density residential.
- No traffic increase, No industrial sprawl, slow traffic, retain Ag & nature corridor
- Remove empty buildings
- Rural community
- Safe left turn east from RV Resort - almost impossible in summer!
- Safe ways to cross over US-31
- See above! Home Depot/Lowes/Menards -
- slow traffic flow
- small local business
- Strict zoning - small sign, classy - large land plots
- Takes steps toward safe more efficient flow at Bates Rd
- The Large Parcels of land which are sitting vacant, owned by large corporations should be heavily taxed while the private citizen who is trying to keep their land looking good should have their taxes lowered.
- The medians and roundabouts on M-72 need to be maintained better - weedy & ugly!
- Thoughtful & balanced development
- To crowded already!
- Too general, need more specifics
- Traffic Circles
- Traffic on 72 must be adjusted for safety
- traffic too fast & loud
- Traverse Bay RV resort with the roundabouts there is hardly any traffic breaks at TBRV I think there should be a center turn lane at the park entrance that would make it safer and make it possible to turn left when leaving
- We've already ruined this area! Too much growth - too many people!
- Will there ever be anymore development near the Meijer store?
- Would love a Walmart & Home Depot over here.
- Would love to see things by Meijer

Q16) Please rate each of the following recreational facilities and activities as a priority for development within Acme Township. "Other"

- Access to State land - for walking/horseback riding
- Any kind of indoor arena for Equestrian Events and development of trails through State land to connect to the MI Shore to Shore trail system.
- Attract locals
- BIKE TRAILS
- Boat Launch (5)
- BOAT LAUNCH BREAK WALL
- Bring back Bertha Vos Ice Rink
- Build more Equestrian pathways throughout community - Horses should not walk down or across busy Roads - Better signage needed.
- Clean up existing public beach spaces
- Depends on total budget. Nice but what gets cut to have these?
- Equestrian trails for indoor events
- Expanded Boat Launch
- Farm Market
- Fishing pier
- Horse trail that connects to the Michigan shore to shore trail would be amazing
- I would like the option of "Do not want"
- Indoor gym, kitchen like Bertha Vos
- Indoor walking track
- Lower property taxes
- Maybe a gymnasium fundraising kitchen
- Motorized vehicles trails (ATV, snowmobiles)
- Movie Theatre & Restaurants
- No mixed housing density
- Outdoor/indoor recreation might be a good use for Bertha Vos property.
- Parking for these Activities
- Pickleball Courts (2)
- Planet Fitness Center

- Pollinator gardens
- Recreational area
- Resident only park
- Shuffle board courts
- Soccer Fields
- Splash Pad/Park (2)
- Sports fields & arena
- Star gazing - no light pollution in the area
- Swimming beaches away from private homes- provide more parking
- TART EXPANSION TO VASA-LEGIMATE TRAIL (NOT ROAD SHOULDER)
- Two sides for boat ramp in Yuba. Cannot believe they did the work but can only launch one side.
- Used to have it at the school!
- We either have them or nothing w/safe walking distance for children to use with adults (sidewalks)
- We have access to enough of this near Acme
- YMCA type facility for fitness & winter swimming

Additional Thoughts:

- I live along Lautner Rd. between M-72 & Brackett Rd. There is no speed limit signs posted and cars drive very fast (over 55 mph) A 35 mph or even a 30-mph speed limit sign(s) posted would add to the safety of pedestrians and golf carts crossing the road.
- Keep high density housing out of the Township.
- Very concerned about overpopulation & tourism traffic. We need a waterfront restaurant. Improvements to East Bay Marina. Concerns over mixed residential/commercial use property. Need a small grocery store like Trader Joe to reduce trip to Meijer Center.
- Largest need for our community is affordable housing. Seems some residents equate affordable housing with "undesirables". So unfair. I think the Bertha Vos property would have been great for much needed housing but that ship has sailed. After addressing housing, I feel recreational amenities.
- #17 WE HAVE ENOUGH PARKS, TRAILS, AND PUBLIC ACCESS, WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS IMPROVE THE UPKEEP OF THE FACILITIES AND LAND THE TOWNSHIP CURRENTLY HAS. MORE MONEY INTO UPKEEP AND LESS/NONE INTO ADDITIONAL FACILITIES. #20 THIS SURVEY GETS INTO A LOT OF SPECIFIC AREAS; I THINK WE NEED TO ASK THE BROADER QUESTION OF WHAT DO WE WANT THIS TOWNSHIP TO BE IN THE FUTURE. IS IT FARMING COMMUNITY (NOT ANYMORE), A VACATION DESTINATION, BEDROOM COMMUNITY FOR TC WORKERS A GOLF AND GAMBLING HUB, A HORSE SHOW CENTER, ETC. I REALIZE IT MAY BE ALL OF THESE TO AN EXTENT, WHICH OF THOSE DO WANT TO CULTIVATE AND ENCOURAGE TO GROW? DEPENDANT ON WHICH WE WANT TO SUPPORT I THINK WE NEED TO PULL IN OTHERS FOR INPUT (TC VACATION BUREAU, TRIBE LEADERS, HORSESHOW REPRESENTATIVES, ETC).
- WOULD LIKE TO SEE: ADDITIONAL BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY W/PARKING; ADDITIONAL DINING ESTABLISHMENTS. STEAK HOUSE, BREAKFAST PLACE, ETC.; ADDITIONAL CHAINS LIKE SUBWAY, STARBUCKS, COFFEE SHOP ETC., CULVERS.
- More is not always better. Development may bring more revenue to the community but there is a cost to the quality of living. More people bring more "stuff" with the need for storage of boats, RVs and other junk. It's ruining the environment. I'm not in favor of building 2nd and 3rd homes for seasonal living.
- could have a voice
- Board is less than transparent and honest. Board does not listen to tax payers. Disappointed in Boards lack of concern for wildlife and appearance at various projects (i.e. Kmart and?) Little or no oversight of commercial development in the community. Acme Board should be for interests of citizens, not personal agendas. Why are some sections items alphabetized and others not? An attempt to prioritize for respondents? Not a well-done survey.
- The township needs to balance residential growth with an understanding of the value of economic growth and the latter's value in job creation, increased tax base. The township needs to work with the tribe to develop a water system and lessen the dependence on wells. A new Fire Station would help in Economic development and improved safety for residents.
- The TART expansion is beautiful! Anything we can do to encourage foot traffic would be greatly appreciated Crossing 72 on foot is dangerous! Even at the light! Traffic from 31 to Meijer needs to be slowed down. Please make it safer.
- Acme Township is a wonderful place to live near/in amazing natural assets (GT Bay, woodlands, etc) and a vibrant city center (Traverse City). Acme should focus on 1. maintaining/enhancing natural/agricultural character 2. providing safe

movement corridors for all modes by calming through-traffic & providing better non-motorized paths, 3. providing appropriate housing scale/quantity to preserve more rural character/setting, 4. promoting growth of small-scale retail/industry to support local needs 5. let Traverse City be city center. Don't compete for its growth/density.

- There are trap shooting stands on Whiteford road, very close to the road. Wondering if there is a rule about spacing and shooting close to the road.
- things are generally doing well, would like to see our roads improved. Our sub hasn't been resurfaced for 20 plus years. There are several lots for sale in our sub that would be more attractive to buyers with a decent road. We've added a few new const. in the past couple years but could have even more.
- Thanks for all the work everyone has done to retain the rural character of the township. Let's focus on meeting the needs of the locals (not just those who own hotels and restaurants), including housing and outdoor recreation.
- Need more control of traffic on 72/US31, perhaps another roundabout. And another way to get to the West end of TC. Now all traffic has to use US31 or Airport Road.
- Re: Many of these it just depends. For example, Arts/culture & Shore line/water access are important to me but, I'm not a hunter/fisher so those are lower priority for me. Keep up the good work! -Maribeth
- Re: Zone A I can't emphasize enough the seriousness and "blatant" disregard attitude of drivers traveling Deepwater Point Rd. It is out of control and very dangerous for people on foot and bicycles as well. There is just about 3 speed limits posted signs for the long south-north corridor, no police enforcement, no speed breakers, no speed alert radar, there for exist a sense of tacit approval for the "who cares" drivers to keep trying for a serious accident to happen . . . "who will be responsible?"
- Balance out the impact of the horse owners on the economy vs the year-round residents. Housing needs may not be able to be met if multiple acres of land is being bought up for horses using it only a few months per year.
- Rural Internet seems to have been forgotten and/or ignored
- Fix the roads in the Deepwater Point/Peaceful Valley/Bay Valley area.
- It is important to keep in mind the easy access to services and recreation outside of Acme Township and to not duplicate services unnecessarily. It is important to keep in mind private/commercial services available and to not duplicate public/township services that compete with local businesses and increase taxes.
- Growth and change will come, so will the traffic and congestion. My hope is that it will come slowly and at a measured pace.
- If the township is to flourish stop the apartment complexes. Acme Township should honor the ordinances set by the township and not just ignore when there are issues like neighborhood lot line violations. As property owner the laws and ordinances should be enforced or why have laws and ordinances and pay for township zoning officials paid to not do their job.
- It would be a huge mistake to let Bertha Vos have housing built upon it. A park would serve everyone in our community now and forever. A very wise move on your part.
- A rule should be in place that keeps people from planting right up to neighbors' fence or from planting bushes or trees so close to neighbor's property that it over hangs fence or property line of neighbor. * Deepwater Rd need widening...to many people walking take up road and don't move aside when traffic comes upon them! * There is a daycare facility where woman walks kids all over the road and then complains that people are going too fast when in fact they are going the speed level. (Peaceful Valley)
- Add bike lane M72 to get from casino to US 31
- I like the small-town atmosphere
- More and more my wife and I are finding ways not to go into T.C. We have changed doctors and dentist. We are shopping more and more in Acme, Elk Rapids, and Kalkaska. The more businesses Acme has the we will travel into TC.
- Re No. 9 with retail establishments, I was hoping the Grand Traverse (retail platted area at Meijer) would have developed a bit (I know the tribe own it now). We could really use a Home Depot type store, restaurants (especially breakfast - we have none). Perhaps encourage tribe to bring us some more retail?
- Acme junk ordinance #2022-02 needs to be enforced or rewritten to take into account the different zoning districts.

- We would like to see expansion of multi-use residential by 72/Lautner parcel. It makes sense to develop that vacant parcel/s when there is already a large retail presence and adequate infrastructure present. The apartments being constructed on 31 and Shore Rd. are a mistake, not only unattractive and much too close to the traffic but the overall aesthetics is dismal with them located by a "facility" and surrounded by asphalt. Hopefully the planning and zoning department do better in the future.
- How was the high-density housing in Tom's parking lot approved? If new building occurs it should at least have architectural integrity in design. These buildings are not attractive and out of character with our township.
- Love Acme township. See it trying to walk the line between stability and growth and being generally successful at it.
- I would like to see a place where people associate with "Acme Township". Right now, it is the intersection of M72/US31 or Meijer. Neither paint a nice picture of our amazing township.
- Thank you for survey input.
- With the Horse Show - more uniform rules about property use and rental.
- I understand that housing is an issue, but the development of Holiday Hills has created an issue with traffic on Holiday Rd, speed, noise, and congestion. A cut across to Bunker Hill Rd might help, and towards Hammond. Thanks
- I am 92 years old, and my husband is 98. We will not see much future Acme Township. We love it here, now!
- Keep the beauty of the township and don't overbuild. Don't turn into a big city, keep the up-north charm!!
- I grew up in A.T., moved back with my family in 2017. This area has experienced extreme growth and our roads can't handle the sheer volume of traffic year-round, not to mention summer. The corner of 5 mile turning onto and off of 31 N is an accident waiting to happen! We NEED a traffic light there desperately! Most times, I go all the way to 4 mile and come back home via Holiday Rd. turnoff rather than risk my life turning onto 5 mile in heavy 31 N traffic! Thank you! Acme Township has the Bayview, Stonehouse, McGees, Turtle Creek, GT Resort, numerous party stores - we have enough drinking establishments! TC is an excess of alcohol related businesses! We need more kid friendly/teen related places like "the Rock" of Kingsley! Turn old movie theater on M72 or Bertha Vos into an "Acme Arcade" for kids whose parents are working and need a fun, safe place to hang out with tables, movies, snacks, areas to do quiet things like homework or reading. Adult volunteers on staff... just a suggestion!
- I love the attention paid to the parks, especially the shoreline parks. I like that the public has access to the water. I feel trails, even if not dedicated, just to bikers/pedestrians/other non-motor activities are positive (i.e. a shared trail w/o cars). I understand development will come and can't be stopped, but perhaps make it mindful. Also, workers should have affordable housing in their community.
- We own a house and come up here throughout the year to use our vacation house. I don't feel I can answer the questions properly because I don't know enough about the township since I'm not here enough. Sorry. I do love the area and the country feeling it has. Not a fan of lots of development. Thank you though for asking my opinion.
- ANY NEW GROWTH REQUIRES ADDRESSING CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS.
- Please clean dog feces off public beaches. Apparently, the owners don't consider it their responsibility.
- Thank you for a paper survey wanting to know some of my opinions. A paper newsletter quarterly or 2x year would also help me know what you are working on before votes and decisions are made. We NEED to do more to protect the trees holding the ridge along east bay before those homes slide into the Bay like California.
- My wife and I think having a name that reflects the beauty of this area is needed. A new name can be used to draw new visitors to the area. Words to describe our township might be bay, shore, lake, horse, east, equestrian, beach, Grand Traverse, farm, etc. Re-name the rollout and the new Master Plan at the same time.
- Very disappointed that the Township did not buy Bertha Vos for Township offices, community center, rental income, etc. Huge opportunity lost!
- It would be great to get roads mostly neighborhoods done. I live in Peaceful Valley and our roads are trash. Dock Rd and Deepwater Point Rd is high in traffic with walkers, runners, and traffic. I would also love to see more restaurants and shopping. If I don't have to go 30 mins. into town to get things or go to a restaurant that would be fantastic!
- Cops should ticket speeders on Deepwater Pt. Road. Morning and 4-6 P.M lots of cars are going 15-20 over speed limit. Never have seen 1 ticket issued by cops. If they hid on M-72 they can hide on dock rd and give tickets.

- The township doesn't need to attract people - they will come. Spending time preparing the infrastructure for more people is a more worthy use of time and money.
- The new TWP building will increase interest and opportunities to be involved with Acme Twp. Bay Side Park is a great development. Thank you!
- Acme needs to stop being a drive through city!
- There is no mention of any Flint Fields/Horse Show related development/support. It is a big revenue driver and could use smart support to help keep the area around it developing in a pleasant way.
- I strongly support TART trail development as well as setting land aside for recreation and preservation.
- Need restaurants - not sure why no one wants to start one in Acme. Are we making it too difficult for them? Area around Meijer is ripe for a couple choice restaurants. Thank you for this opportunity.
- Connect Flintfield Horse Park to Traverse Bay RV Resort with a pedestrian only trail through Yuba Creek nature preserve
- Due to increased participation in the Horse Show by the Bay a horse trail would be a good idea. A prime location would be the MI State preserve located west of the back of the "Horse Show" and following along the Yuba Creek area to the north.
- As a recent, part-time, seasonal property owner, I am not up to date on needs or desires of those that have lived or owned property longer. What attracted me to the area is the natural beauty and not the commercial businesses, while progress is inevitable, slow is better than fast cause there is no going back. Maintain a balance so that growth doesn't destroy the beauty.
- Would like to focus on development to be on equestrian themed activities and services. We need more trails, indoor arena for commercial use, tack shops, etc. Promote equestrian development like polo fields, rodeos, and western-style events. It's the best way to bring A LOT of extra revenue to our area, and it's still farming and beautiful to look at. If development is going to happen it might as well be around horse farms & activities - much better than industrial and commercial activities!
- We have been home-hunting for 2 of the last 3 years - There are many, many expensive seasonal homes along east bay that have PRE exemptions. There are many 100s of 1000s of even millions of tax dollars uncollected due to occupancy fraud. Audit it! Get the money that way. Audit PRE!!!
- Stop raising property taxes - Stock Fish Sub has a lot of houses that are not kept up. Lawns are unmowed. Houses falling apart. What I pay in taxes is horrible. Fighting it this coming year!!
- Affordable; attractive housing; neighborhoods will attract more residents & businesses Acme township. Community safety, with ease in access to houses of worship, schools, shopping are a priority. We certainly need our neighborhood roads redone at township expense.
- Encourage development of abandoned/partially developed subdivisions (example: Lochenheath)
- I would like to see Bunker Hill boat launch site improved as well as Dock Rd launch site. Also, I believe we need a light on round about @ M72 and Bates Rd. If it was a traffic light it could be and should be seasonal light.
- Promote sustainable jobs versus ones relying on growth and development.
- Please focus on attainable housing to attract essential workers to the area, such as teachers, doctors, nurses, firefighters and law enforcement. Also please develop/create more gardens for pollinators and beneficial insects. Thank you.
- "Urban" designation for future land use for Bertha Vos to Dock Rd should be changed low density or parks.
- "1. I believe the strong rebuttal to the Bertha Vos School sale pointed out the need to develop/encourage growth of local neighborhood associations who can have a say in the way local land is used.
2. The Township planning must create an improved vision for the US/31 M&2 Corridor. Why does the roadway need to exist as a "speedway" to pass through the Township. Why not turn the "speedways" into boulevards that incorporate trees with medians."
- Wild life need area! Do not forget them!!
- We pay a lot of taxes that funnel into TC & Elk Rapids. What is Acme getting? We have no library, school, community center, gym. Expensive for what? Why can't Acme have a library? Changes are good! I hope we start getting some development out here. A Lowe's would be good on this side of town. We should have more options on what we can do with our land sine we can't make \$ farming. We need a breakfast place to be able to meet up and have a coffee.

- Support TC Horse Shows We need more dense housing - we should be an awesome bedroom community - more of KOTI and the new apartments by Pickle U.
- Bayside parks development needed Acme looks like the ugly stepsister to Elmwood Township waterfront.
- Keep mobile homes (esp. parks), high density residential, apartment complexes out of the area from B. Vos School to deepwater point Rd to dock Rd to US31. Leave the development to the home owners. We don't need help from the Planning Comm. You will end up triggering a problem with reduced valuations for tax purposes. That will result in significant problems for the property owners. Also, many new law suits against the Township.
- 1. Preserve/monitor land and water resources 2. Reduce traffic flow 3. Setbacks, curb appeal for roads/business areas 4. Enforce speed limits in neighborhoods, residential areas 5. centralized park/recreation area
- The use of the Bertha Vos School property has been overwhelmingly voted on by members of the community that the zoning should not be changed. I do not support this being a multi-family development. Build a park for all residents to use would be beneficial to all but it must be monitored and maintained!! Our roads need major attention
- I do not want any more low housing developments. 2. I do not want any more round-about in Acme twp. 3. I do want a marina for 17' and above boats. 4. Twp board should represent people wishes. Exp - do not change school zoning, no more low housing and no more round-about.
- Speeding and Traffic congestion on M 72 From Meijer "Round About" to Williamsburg Stoplight-consider horse show & R.V. Park entrances/exit Lower speed to 45- set up Radar- Permanent turn lanes to Both.
- I struggle with the FLUM and the Residential urban designation for the tract of land north of the US31/M72 corridor. Acme is not an urban community; this really needs to be changed accordingly. We do not want the look of Blair township with the sprawl. Please listen to the community.
- We need to change the FLUM and the direction of our township. Acme should not be "Traverse City-lite" or an urban community. We need to protect our natural resources and move to a strategy that leverages single-family homes on 1 acre, Farmland, and equestrian. This would differentiate Acme in a positive way versus Garfield, East Bay, or Blair.
- Strongly support revising the Future Land Use Map to removing the "Urban" designation for the woods between Bertha Voss and Dock Road.
- Any thoughts for a new fire station should consider being as close as possible to where main population resides. TART Trail development will attract younger people to the area.
- Less air traffic over our home. No Drones for deliveries. No large-scale pheasant/bird hunting/skeet shooting, etc. Help with management of oak wilt disease
- You are doing a great job! Thank you for sending out these surveys. It's always nice to feel like you have a say in your community
- We would like to see more "hobby farm" developments w/ 4+ acres. Horse property. High speed internet
- I would like future growth and development to be fair and equitable. For the laws, and regulations to be applied uniformly. This would be a major change from the past!
- 1 The open space in front of Meijer continues to go unused & this seems like a wasted resource.
2 I would like to see a direct connection of the TART trail from Bunker Hill Road to Lautner Road. The connection now is a poor substitute
- Sad that we are slowly seeing population Decline who will pay for all this Stop spending money!
- The medians and round abouts on M-72 are a disgrace to Acme! Who is responsible for maintaining them? Better weed control and landscaping would be nice - No other medians & round-about in TC look as bad and unkept as ours - It's embarrassing! Also, the S.W. corner of US31 & M-72 - what an eyesore!
- Acme board members should check out locations such as Wellington, FL for ideas and examples of how to shape and develop our community for the future. Whatever we can do to support and promote the Horse Shows and the Equestrian community at large, we should be doing. They bring unbelievable amounts of money to our community and have substantially increased our property values. I'd rather look at horse farms than industrial building and have horses any day!
- Please keep Acme Township beautiful. Growth is important but should be controlled. More Fast Food, Dollar Stores, Distilleries & CBD stores are not needed or wanted. Another Restaurant or 2 and coffee shop would be welcomed. Keeping

our Roads in good shape is important! (All roads - sub division and main roads.) Controlling traffic is important - more tourist means more traffic. Thank you. Keep up the good work.

- Bayside Park 1. Additional beachfront & improve existing beach 2. Continue expansion of gardening area/landscape 3. Addition of another gazebo or tented area 4. More/update park tables. Add stationary tables where you can view the bay.
- We have lived on Brackett for more than 12 years now, and the road has been pot hole riddled all that time. No work, other than temporarily filling some pot holes, has ever been done. However, other nearby roads, which were in much better shape, have seem major upgrades. Why has no work ever been done on Brackett??
- I feel the township is on a very positive path concerning future growth and development. Please continue future endeavors that will support all the residents of the community!! Thank you!!
- 1) Good road frontage should not b wasted on self-storage - like on Hammond and 72 in Kalkaska
2) Improve existing roads/trails before building new trails and sidewalks. Bunker Hill and Lautner have no room of bikes and pedestrians. Both serve a high volume of local residents and are in poor repair, no shoulders, and are narrow. 3)Seems like a bit of art to make township work-used 2 highly and disguised residents and commercial use. ???
- Use the Bertha Vos building - do not allow destruction *Example for use: the school on Cherry Bend in Greilickville
Crosswalks above US31 at intersection of 31 & 72 for safe pedestrian crossing
Make pedestrian tunnel under the traffic circle near Meijer safe to use.
- It would have been nice to see more commercial development around the Meijer Store - I thought that was the initial plan. I was hoping for a larger home improvement store with home essentials like lumber, tile, paint, etc. I dislike having to drive through Traverse City to go to these retailers. Otherwise, I enjoy the country feel of Acme township and especially my Springbrook Hills neighborhood. Lots of wildlife and friendly neighbors!
- Need township water & sewer. I have been a resident for 30+ years. It would be helpful to the community in order to have more availability for housing. We are still waiting for water, sewer and natural gas. It seems like you want to develop the community but what about long term residents and providing basic services for everyone? More & more young people can't afford housing in our township and are moving away!
- Stick to zoning, no as many expectations. Need storm water plan. Need do more to protect water. Setbacks on creeks - should be farther, not closer. Develop as a small town, not a strip drive through. More bay access Bertha Vos Community Center. Bad, bad, bad for high density. Rein in (no pun intended) businesses that ignore appropriate environmental laws.
- I would like to see the 20' side property line setbacks for the "single family rural" zoning area changed back to 10' please! This does not allow for adequate use for one's property when wanting to add a stall onto an existing structure. Thank you
- I have lived off Bunker Hill Road since 1998, as a year road public school employee I am a little frustrated and tired of catering to tourism related money projects when our roads like Bunker Hill for example are unsafe, I love this township and am not interested paying more and more every year to live here and seeing less and less of my tax dollars being spent on residents
- We have taken the liberty of submitting this narrative response as a supplement to the survey, which is also attached. You invited comments but comment space provided was insufficient for us to explain some of our answers. We built our home in Acme 30 years ago and purchased our farm at the same time. Prior to that we vacationed here for 20 years. We care about Acme. We know that we are fortunate to be sharing this space with our neighbors and friends. We love the rolling farmland, the Bay, the protected woodlands, trails and parks that make this such a special place. We appreciate the opportunity that this survey provides for residents to express their opinions on an extremely important issue the future of land use in our township as expressed by our master plan. While this survey will be helpful to you, we believe that a more interactive process similar the facilitation we undertook when planning the shoreline project would have been a more meaningful approach to this important effort. Is it too late? Hopefully the following comments will help you better understand our concerns. Sometimes it feels that our planning goals are not clear. It seems, at times, that we lack a galvanizing vision for the future land use in our Township. We believe that the vision needs to be clear or Acme will end up overdeveloping like what is happening south of town in Traverse City. We believe that the " preservation of rural character " should be the overriding goal of planning for the foreseeable future. If we aren't careful the rolling farmland and open space that creates the "rural character" we cherish will become easy tinder for developers who generally don't live here and care only for how much they can make building their vision of what Acme should look like. If developers plan our community, we will lose what makes Acme unique. We believe that our farmers need our support. Agricultural land needs

to be preserved. It's no secret that our region has been discovered by tourists, climate refugees and developers. The pressures are mounting. Managing that growth pressure will be difficult. Your decisions in the coming years will literally shape Acme for the next generations. Do we have a planner that shares a vision of Acme that has "preservation of rural character" as a touchstone? If not, perhaps we need a new planner. That might make your jobs easier. Some recent developments make us question whether we have a vision and if so, what the vision is. Sometimes it seems that our planning is reactive instead of being proactive. We should be planners not reactors. We suspect that the survey will support the desire for more local businesses like coffee shops, restaurants, small scale grocery, retail etc. and we would support those developments. Local businesses serving local demand. We need more of that. An outpatient extension of Munson with family physicians and specialists to save the trip into town would likely be popular and successful. Many specialists live in Acme. So do their patients. The people in Kalkaska and Elk Rapids would benefit as well. "Workforce housing" and "high density residential" are the buzzwords of the day. Housing is expensive for everyone. Do we know what ACME'S "workforce housing" need is? If not, we need to know that. Do we owe it to Traverse City to build high density residential to meet THEIR need for workforce housing? Do we owe it to the state and the nation to provide high density residential for the tourist trade? For STRs? Much of the housing stock is being sold to investors that rent the property to tourists. That contributes to the increasing cost of housing for locals. An article in the E illustrates the point. When East Bay was considering restrictions on STR investment rentals, a resident was quoted as saying "If you can't restrict my ability to rent this property, I overpaid for it counting on the fact I would be able to rent it." Hmmmmmmour answer should be "not our problem" but actually it IS our problem . There is nothing wrong with a community that doesn't want to be like every place else. Not every community needs to solve the affordable housing problem that may exist beyond its borders. What we have now is what we all came here for. Rural character. Willy nilly development will destroy that. Preservation of rural character should be a central goal of our Planning Commission and Board. Some communities develop resident only amenities with the consent of the taxpayers. This is government driven growth paid for with tax dollars based on what residents want. What are they willing to tax themselves for? Perhaps it's time to explore that concept more extensively. Some of your questions in the survey discuss some of these options. Thank you for that. Acme residents have historically been very generous in supporting public efforts like the Conservancy, TART, PDR etc. We have been generous with our tax dollars and private donations. The Township and residents promoted and helped fund the Shoreline Park. All of these are for general public use. Each is a valuable resource meant for use by the general public. That doesn't mean we can't also explore uses exclusively for residents. As a final comment PLEASE CHANGE THE FLUM as it deals with the woodland between US 31 and Deepwater Point and between Bertha Vos and Dock Rd. The Urban Residential designation was a mistake. It includes uses such as apartments, mobile home parks and high density residential. Our neighborhood is not "Urban" by definition. "Urban" according to the dictionary means "relating to, characteristic of or constituting a city". Our neighborhood is not a "city". We don't know who came up with the idea but the designation makes developers salivate and neighbors angry. It doesn't belong there. That needs to be changed. PLEASE! We thank you for giving the community the opportunity for input. We know you have the best interests of the community in mind as you make these difficult decisions and consider resident input. Thank you for your service.

- When re-zoning existing neighborhoods that are fully established with zero lots for sale like ours was in 2022 take further consideration. When we purchased in 2016 there were 10ft side setbacks and now that we would like to add a garage, we learned our setbacks were increased to 20 ft in 2022. Our neighborhood is now residential-rural which is odd considering back in 2019 the future land use map it's labeled urban. Please revert zoning back to residential-neighborhood. Also when approving short term rental applications closer attention and time should be paid to the length of time renters stay. I know township says 30 days max but homes are being rented for 6-8 weeks by some short-term renters exceeding 30-day term. Can home owners renting be changed higher short-term rental fee to cover the deteriorating road conditions? Perhaps lose their homestead tax exemption when they rent their home for 12 weeks/year to help increase tax revenues to improve township road conditions.
- Please consider changing the "urban" residential designation on the future land use map. Acme is not urban nor should ever be. Acme is & can be even better w/all of our natural treasures. Let's utilize this space to promote outdoor activity, agriculture, controlled business development. Acme does not need to look like any other town that looks totally commercial w/out any unique characteristics. Keep it small, make it cute & natural.
- No one is listening on the Acme Twp Boards

- Why are we NOT developing the "Town Center" in and around to open space near Meijer's? There was a plan to do such a few years ago. Such a development would be beneficial and much appreciate for folks (local) and visitors on this side of Traverse City.
- Want to see the farmland preserved and taxes on farm land at a level that allows for the farmers to make a profit. Do not want the township to expand into ventures that cost large sums of money with no real return like land purchases for trails.
- I believe most people chose this area for the "relative" peace & quiet of the Traverse City area. Sadly, this seems to be changing quickly. What is the push to "urbanize" this area? Let's keep the rural atmosphere of this beautiful area!
- The Township prohibits short-term rentals but does not enforce the prohibition. People are doing it.
- Limit development! Be careful what you ask for. Traverse City growth is out of control. Why add more development to Acme Twp when TC is only 4 miles away? Develop parks, agriculture, trails. Not shopping centers and apartments.
- Keep Acme accessible and affordable for locals and prioritize environmental protection over developments and commercialization. Also, provide stamps if you want feedback.
- *I would like to see Acme township take more interest in what developers are actually creating on the land as they develop it. Are they following the guidelines laid out in their initial construction agreement. * In the future I would like to see Acme create a plan to cut plastic consumption. Do away with things like plastic straws, plastic bags. It is time for us to cut out plastic use. * Our township needs - needs to become more proactive in regards to safe guarding our waterways. Better protection from pollution in runoff water! Eradicate autumn olive in our park meadows.
- The township board and planning commission should change the public comment process. It would be helpful to citizens to receive immediate, short responses to their questions or comments during public comment periods. This would clarify erroneous opinions and assure the public that their concerns are being heard.
- The bata bus is unnecessary in Acme township. The buses are usually empty. The "free rides" banner on the buses is NOT true, we pay for those rides through tax payer money. I'm tired of paying for empty buses in our township. Encourage any & all restaurants.
- *Although the vision of a walkable Acme Village has its appeal, the US 31 & 72 corridor is just too busy, too much traffic. * Slowing traffic along the US 31 to 72 east pathway from holiday hills road would be welcomed.
- I was not able to attend the open house about the master plan, but I strongly disagree with Deepwater Point Rd & N. 5 Mile Rd being designated as anything other than residential. Both of those roads should remain only residential/single-family home designated. Thank you!
- Population growth is occurring in our community. Roads and emergency services (fire, medical) need to keep pace with growth, but the cost of doing so should be borne by developers who benefit financially from growth, not by the people who already live here. Furthermore, amenities like parks and recreational facilities tend to be used most by non-property-owning individuals, not those who pay property taxes. Therefore, limit questionably necessary facilities and amenities in order to keep property taxes as low as reasonably achievable. Focus on roads, fire and medical services.
- Change the FLUM to no urban residential in area A Township leaders and board must be more appreciative to have citizen input encourage attendance It has been very condescending to citizens that have attended.
- Acme Township should be focused on more community-based opportunities. As a 19-year-old this township is boring, old, undesirable, and downright depressing for someone young. We do NOT need apartment complexes or duplexes or ugly cookie cutter neighborhoods. Do better!
- No urban residential in Area A. Change the FLUM to reflect this. Must have accessibility to Township meetings via virtual. Township leadership & boards must do more to appreciate and encourage citizen input.
- While we appreciate having places on our side of town (stores, restaurants, etc.), we live in Acme Township to avoid the chaos of T.C. We value the agriculture, open space, and lack of huge development and want to keep it that way. If we are to invite new development at all, we'd like to see it modeled after Elk Rapids - cute, quaint - but not a ton of commercial dev. and big subdivisions.
- I feel that Acme township is doing a good job. I like the way township provides quality parks for those who don't have access. Naturally tax rates are a concern. Traffic issues seem to be getting worse! Traffic safety is a concern. Too much development too fast!

- *Please do not purchase more park land until we have the money to maintain what we have. * We also have property in the agricultural district and are not fond of the majority of people who don't own land making the rules so restrictive. The farmland preservation system is not working.
- More development (planned) in the Meijer area. 1. Mixed Housing 2. Hotel 3. Big Box Store 4. Restaurants 5. Brew Pub
- Keep recreational marijuana OUT of Acme Township, and restrict processing facilities to industry/warehouse zones. Limit total number allowed on property. Work to improve traffic issues created by the horse park and short-term work force as well as the noise level created by the facility/events. Keep high density housing off the shoreline areas and limit these areas in size. Enforce night sky ordinance and signage ordinances. Do not allow industry/warehouse in commercial multiuse zones. Avoid sprawl for non-residential zones/uses. Encourage local businesses and retail that will employ local year-round residents and that provide services for same.
- Modify M-72 in the area of Traverse Bay RV Resort. Widen the road, put caution lights up, etc. The entrance to TBRVR has become very dangerous both exiting and entering the resort. Accidents have already taken place!!
- Include a stamp to return this survey next time
- The TC areas is in a favorable situation where growth is chugging along, people want to live and work there. It is important to manage growth not only to encourage it in the short term, but to make it sustainable in the future. Manufacturing and car culture do not reflect this. Thank you
- Stay rural, add to the state land. Parks can be open space to roam allowing all kinds of activities in nature, not manufactured.
- *Unfortunately, some residents not in favor of moving in the "right" direction. * Some residents are the biggest obstacles in a good future of Acme Township. (Selfishness - "NIMBY" attitudes) * Staff working hard - doing a great job. * Existing infrastructures (roads, water, sewer) make everything more difficult. 2 Major roadways (US 31 & M-72) make Acme a "pass-thru" community.
- The FLUM designating land east of Deepwater Point Rd & South of Dock Rd as Residential-Urban (mobile homes, apartments, high density) is completely out of character with the single-family neighborhood that it is. Why was this tract of land picked out for this? Please don't bring high density into our neighborhood. There are many, many other tracts of land where this type of housing would be suitable like along US 31 or M-72. Putting high density housing there would also exacerbate the growing crowds at the Dock Rd. "boat launch"/public park. Please help keep this tract Single Family Neighborhood.
- It is a tourist area, as well for locals. The water, beaches, public access, parks, & roads should always be a priority. High speed traffic by casino 72 is a concern. Parking in downtown Traverse is not easy.
- I wish I wouldn't have missed the meeting. It's difficult to answer some of these questions due to the current multi-bldg. homes going on. I have concerns that we will build too many "low income" homes and bring in some crime with it. We need a balance between second hand stores (and low-income housing) average homes and stores. -I have a condo in Durham NC and that city is horrible for bad neighborhoods on one block and half mile down a million-dollar home. I don't want that to happen to us.
- I would like to see a community center that offers group fitness, art classes, yoga, swimming, aqua fitness pickle ball, volleyball, basketball year-round. Has space for room rental or art classes or gen education classes like how to use your phone, computers, play board games regularly-truly interactive community gathering place.
- Acme will be great for the GT Area if developed correctly. If done wrong, it will be an eyesore for the largest entrance into an area that is highly desirable to so many. Acme has to be passed through by nearly all who are going to TC, Old Mission, Leelanau, etc.
- It's amazing to me all the new buildings & homes in the last 5 years. Knowing that this creates a lot more income for the twp. Yet we still can't do any road improvements. Hmm
- The M72E corridor would be best for commercial development. Keep US31N agriculture and preserved land.
- Deer population seems out of control. How can hunters be encouraged to safely help? At the same time, I hear gunshots in the distance like someone is practicing shooting automatic weapons. This concerns me. Light pollution gets worse as development increases. I always enjoyed the stars. While I can see the skies much better it is less these days. No fireworks! Keep building heights down to 3-4 stories. How did that 7-story bldg. get allowed on 31 & 4 mile?
- This was very long and repetitive.

- Thank you for asking for our opinion!
- I moved to Grand Traverse County 44 years ago. I've been a resident of Acme Twp for 41 years. I am a home owner and tax payer. My main concerns are traffic congestion on US31N and M72E, over development East of Lautner Rd and North of Dock Road. I really enjoy the rural atmosphere of our township. Whitewater and Acme Twps. are the Gateway to Traverse City. Once spoiled will our tourism industry survive? Also, real estate values continue to rise - a bitter sweet thing for homeowners. But not for our children. They are priced out of here.
- I hope that Township officials who allowed the development of the Tom's/Kmart properties are as mortified as we residents are! You have created a traffic nightmare and certainly many accidents
- Would like to see yuba Rd resurfaced. Lots of pot holes & lots of traffic.
- Consider carrying capacity of environment. State land is such because soils are less fertile. Forest ecosystem should be more respected. Consider plantings of chestnut hybrids. Encourage transition of richer agricultural lands toward food crops without pesticides
- It's important to preserve the beauty of our natural areas in Acme. There needs to be discretion as to what developments & businesses are allowed. Our strip malls and business are eye sores. . . no continuity or thought towards esthetics, visual appeal, etc. We need to have our current & new businesses have an upscale and thought-out appearance to improve how Acme looks to those who live here and tourists. The Bay Side Park was well designed & adds beauty to Acme. It is enjoyed by many.
- Q 10-None of the response options fit what we want. We want to encourage growth that is smart, planned, and meets the needs and wishes of the Township residents. Q11-Industrial category is too many disparate to make sense Q15-Sidewalks thru existing? some don't need Q11-Encourage mixed use? Not sure what you are asking. NOT as a way to put high density mixed use in single family or rural STOP the 'urban' residential designation. Change the F.L.U.M. that shows the B.V. to Dock Woods as urban and allows mobile homes, high density. There could still be a PUD if it met support, but we should not invite or plan for this.
- Make acme desirable for young professionals who want an upscale community w/fast access to the outdoors.
- Ideas for Inspiration: Burlington Vermont; Bend Oregon; Encinitas California; Elk Rapids MI; Marquette MI; Petoskey MI
- The woods between Bertha Vos and Dock Road should not be designated urban residential. Any housing should be compatible with Peaceful Valley and Deepwater Point. Some of the Planning Commission members never say anything at meetings. If they would ask questions, comment on what they see as concerns or benefits of issues, the Township would get better results and the public would feel they've been heard and understood. Why was alternative energy grouped with other industry in the survey? I support alternative energy use of some land. Hunting - I don't want more on public lands where people want to use trails. More fishing would be great. Next time I hope the survey is posted online for online response. Thank you, especially Lindsey!
- Having lived here for approx. 23 years. We were drawn to the area because of its farming community. We are selling out to the big \$. There is talk of closing county roads for a golf course that none of us can go to (or want to go to) - taking away access to State land that will never be able to return to what it is today. We all pay taxes here & moved here to enjoy what the township provides. We are losing everything as unfortunately money talks. There will be a new face to Acme-horse Park people who rent or own most of the county & a golf course whose clientele provide absolutely nothing to the township. When all the locals move out because we are forced out - it will be very quiet in Acme twp. except from June-Sept.
- Growing up on the east side of TC, there were always places to shop and things to do. Concerts at the resort, movies at the theater, and rentals at Horizon Video. I have watched things close & remain vacant for years. Now I see buildings everywhere in TC. My hope is that Acme Township learns from that. Building is not progress. Growth for the sake of growth is not progress. Young families are needed for schools & colleges. This township should focus on smart growth. Houses for families. Focus on full time residents. Build businesses the community can use. Movie theaters, roller skating rinks, skate parks, indoor walking areas, bowling, concerts, an indoor farmer's market would all be wonderful things to see. Stop with the short-term rentals & unaffordable apartments. Be better than TC. I know Acme can. I have seen it.
- Wooded area between Christ the King & Dock Rd should be preserved as a natural area. It is currently listed as "urban residential" which is completely inappropriate -Other corridors for conservation of biodiversity coupled with non-motorized recreation should be pursued.

- I think continued expansion of family services such as parks and rec is important and this is what brings the community together.
- Acme Township should've bought Bertha Vos & make it a government center, as well as a playground/park and a community center, including a library, educational classrooms available to the public. Acme has no feel of a community once Bertha Vos was closed. Our area is becoming a seasonal living area however it offers very little activities, places to eat, it has no indoor YMCA center for the few working people who live here year around. Children who were born & raised here can't afford a family home, which directly affects the sense of community!!
- I hope we can have a greater impact with zoning and neighborhoods that have issues with various homes. There seems to be no policies that help maintain the overall value of the township when it comes to individual homes within the township. It is very frustrating and could easily be enhanced with some enhancements to zoning. Thank you
- Traffic in Acme township is awful. We need a bye-pass around this general area today. Not next year. M-72 needs to be four lanes all the way to Kalkaska. The growth in this area will not stop. Thus, wider roads a great need. If we had people with vision this should of been done years ago. Awful poor planning. one other note. getting feedback from visitors from down state and out of state. As stated above, too much traffic. And large crowds in the area. Not an enjoyable way to spend your time. Something we should really think about. Many plan to go elsewhere. yes, we do have road work. And that will go away in time. But still the traffic will still be heavy. Attempt to come up with a solution.
- urban & residential seem incompatible unless within a town center designated area. Please reduce the urban residential area! Thanks for tackling this exercise - and continue to explore options for saving the Bertha Vos property for community use.
- We do not want to see East Bay's development/commercial bleeding into Acme along the bay. Please provide more info. about meetings on the Web site: more agendas for upcoming meetings & even photos. Protect the bayfront at all costs. We are so lucky to have so much shoreline. Restrict fertilizer use, perhaps, or other chemicals getting into the water. Both homeowners and the township must monitor this.
- Boat launches @ Bunker Hill & by Bayview Park are very bad - not sure if Township has anything to do w/ fixing them? Help.
- The township was formally asked to include key questions in this costly survey about support for high density housing, and taxpayer subsidized housing (TIF, "Workforce", Brownfield, etc) and they silently refused (behind closed doors). Also missing are options for Noise, Short Term Rentals, Blight, Illegal signage, electronic signage (allowed in the 2022 ordinance change), replacing farmland with industrial scale solar or windmills, and Rural Character. The Planned Development ordinance passed in 2016 inappropriately allows high-density mixed-use development in long-established single-family Acme neighborhoods and on farmland. The Parks we pay for are rapidly becoming overcrowded with people from outside Acme. The township recently reported that nothing has been done in 10 years on the Master Plan goal of improving Water Quality for our creeks and bay. The higher density and impervious surface coverage changes in our zoning ordinance have undermined water quality. An industrial solar project near Bates Rd. has impaired Yuba Creek with discharges many times and remains in constant violation of our water protection ordinance. The township has done nothing and refused to ask key questions here.
- No density increases in residential areas. Remove Planned development option in Single Family Neighborhoods. Reduce Flum density. No new developments that increase traffic and noise. Acme is losing its Rural Character.
- Keep Bertha Vos and use it for center of some kind-do not turn into building area. Do not like what happened at K-Mart/Tom's-too close to road-does not look attractive. Fix up Bunker Hill beach; Repave Brackett Rd; Bunker Hill needs repaving; Thank you for asking for opinions.
- There needs to be more consistent rules for the use of homes & property during the Horse Show - there should be a very clear process in place for renting a part of your property for barns and pens. If one person has to apply for a rental permit, then everyone should.
- Kmart/Tom's development corner is not what the residents wanted, as many many meetings showed. Now developer is trying to back out of all he had agreed to. Need a new board who listens to the people. We did not need any more unfinished project ie, Meijers.
- You have sent this informative paper for home owners to fill out in a 6 1/2" x 9 1/2" envelope & expect them to return it in a 4" wide envelope. I had to iron it. :)

- There are several things I have noticed from attending Township meetings regarding the general public: It is clear that there are people who do not understand the planning process. Instead of asking questions they would prefer to place the blame or personally attack commission members and/or staff during their public comment. Shame on you. Using 3 minutes to step up on your soap box to attack these people that serve our community is pathetic. There seems to be a few people stirring the pot. Quit drinking the Kool-Aid and form your own opinions based on fact and not hearsay. Acme deserves better.
- The left turn entrance into Traverse Bay RV Resort is very dangerous. Numerous car accidents have happened there with serious injuries. There needs to be a dedicated left turn lane into the park.
- Need a new board who pays attention to the residents who pay taxes not pickle ball and wood workers from outside Acme! NOT FAIR :(still can't believe this could of happened :(Kmart, Tom's corner was and is a disgrace to Acme and our beautiful landscape that could of been preserved when those buildings were removed. Just look at the MESS that is up there now. AND THE BOARD WAS TOLD THIS would happen! Need a new board! :(Also, very sad about no protection that happened to protect our eagles who the residents greatly care about. SHAME ON THEM :(
- Thank you for asking!
- Keep up the good work!
- I would like to see the township pedestrian & bike friendly. I often see folks walking along 31 by the Grand Traverse Resort or on Brackett where there is no shoulder. It feels like with more people & more cars (apartments & horse show) there is so much more potential for major accidents.
- Minimize taxes use current tax \$ wisely reallocate tax \$ to important areas i.e. safety & loss prevention
- Please change the future land use map to discourage "urban residential designation". Keep the area of Bertha Vos & around it calm, quiet, local. The huge apartments are gross, right on the highway. We do not need to be the solution to Traverse City's housing crush - looks ridiculous & against all old intent of small signage & colors & buildings. Our old planners would be upset.
- Please change the future land use map to not accept "urban residential designation" Very disappointed in the Bertha Vos situation & gross, ugly apts. right on the Highway at old Tom's sore. What happened?
- Future land use in our community should focus on locals and rural people. Progress is inevitable but let's be private & slow to sell out our character. Let the board of appeals do their job for out of normal requests. Protect us! Thank you
- My homeowner's association maintains the road I live on so I shouldn't be taxed for this.
- Your board needs term limits! Planning Commission needs term limits
- If the infrastructure, runoff, and light pollution aren't addressed we're going to have a mess on our hands. Every year the brown silt muck areas enlarge at the foot of East Bay, and along the highway going into town. How do all the high-density properties get approved when the infrastructure can't support them?
- We moved to Acme over 20 years ago, not for growth and development, but because it was quiet and peaceful. We understand that the growth of Traverse City is putting pressure on surrounding communities to accommodate the needs and wants of a growing population. We urge you, however, to make decisions in the best interest of those who already call Acme home. It's also my understanding that the wooded area between Bertha Vos and Dock Rd has some sort of "urban use" designation, which is concerning for the future use of that property. We have enjoyed those beautiful woods and trails for over 20 years and would hate to see them replaced with housing.
- It would be nice to see the TART trail more easily connect to the trail of Bartlett. A safer corridor between Bunker Hill & Bartlett.
- Get new Meijer space/downtown going! We need a downtown otherwise, we lack public identity. Deal with tribe!
- No more multi use developments; Make Bertha Vos into something for our community ie: park, daycare, school again
- Any TART trail connections along 31 to Elk Rapids should allow for owner of homes along the corridors to input specifics about plan. I'm in favor of the trail, but want a say in trails placement past my home.
- The eagles nesting behind old K-mart need better protection from encroaching building and commercial activity. Fix the damn roads -- repave please!!
- East Bay access and views are most important. Recreational activities are nice to have but not a priority. FIX THE ROADS!! Let the traffic flow.

- It is hard to answer how to set priorities (dollars/with no framework of Budget and necessary spending. This asks a lot of "dream wish list" questions. No idea what anything cost.
- Speeding and traffic safety is primary concern for us, and has us considering relocation to alternate nearby town.
- Stop the influx of people!! They need to settle elsewhere --
- The township has an opportunity to capture more of the \$\$ coming in from the horse shows and private golf courses (Lochenheath and High Pointe). Must balance this with larger, less affluent population.
- Acme Township must support improved boat Launch Facilities w/ adequate parking.
- Redo of Scenic Hill sub roads.
- I don't know if Acme Twp has programs in place for tax incentives to those opening new ventures in the twp. I think that would help a lot of businesses trying to get a good start in the area. We have plenty of space for new ventures which would help with expanding the tax base and encouraging shoppers to stay closer to home for amenities.
- Brackett Rd. between Lautner and Bates have been junk for the 41 years I've lived here. The whole things is nothing but pot hole repairs. What is it a training ground for pot hole repairs, road com. Is on it every week. I noticed in front of the horse show, on Bates is all prettied up.
- We recently moved into Acme Township. I think that a specific destination commercial district would make a lot of sense for future development. Adding bike lanes & sidewalks would also help, along the roads that are more frequented by cyclists. For example, Bunker Hill can be a scary place for cyclists and motorists alike, I have seen multiple close calls as drivers have reduced visibility going over hills. It will only take one accident to make this a must-have priority. Thank you for everything you do!!!
- The Township should do all that can be done to retain the agricultural & rural properties.

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