

BOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY 2025

This is a confidential survey. Bowne Township would like your input to update the Master Plan. The more information you provide on this survey will help make the Township a better place to live, work, and play!

**TO TAKE THE SURVEY
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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BowneTwpMasterPlan>

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

1. Do you live in Bowne Township?

- ☐ Yes, full-time (year-round)
☐ Yes, seasonally
☐ No (please specify city/village/township)

2. How long have you lived in Bowne Township?

- ☐ Less than 3 years ☐ 3-9 yrs ☐ 10-25 yrs ☐ More than 25 years

- ☐ I don't live in Bowne Township

3. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18 to 24 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 44
☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 55 to 64 ☐ 65 to 74 ☐ 75 or older

4. From the following list, please select the most important reason(s) you have chosen to live in Bowne Township. (check all that apply)

- ☐ Grew up here ☐ School District
☐ Rural lifestyle ☐ Proximity to work
☐ Natural beauty ☐ Cost of living
☐ Agricultural community ☐ The people & sense of community
☐ Safe area ☐ Other: _____
☐ Available housing ☐ I don't live in Bowne Twp.

5. Do you live in the home you own in Bowne Twp?

- ☐ Yes, I own & live in my Bowne Twp home
☐ I own a home in Bowne Twp but rent it out
☐ I rent a home in Bowne Twp
☐ I don't live in Bowne Twp

6. In what type of home do you reside?

- ☐ Single-family home
☐ Duplex
☐ Mobile home
☐ Multifamily (3+ unit apartment/condo)
☐ I do not live in Bowne Twp.
☐ Other: _____

7. In the next five years, do you expect to move out of Bowne Township?

- ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ I don't live in Bowne Twp
☐ Yes (please indicate why): _____

8. Please rate Bowne Twp's effort to guide & direct new growth and development.

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ No Opinion

9. Regarding the residential growth of the Twp, do you think Bowne Twp is growing:

- ☐ Too quickly ☐ About right ☐ Too slowly ☐ No Opinion

10. Please check the strategy you would prefer for each area regarding growth in the Township.

	<u>Encouraged</u>	<u>Takes its own course</u>	<u>Planned & limited growth</u>	<u>No growth</u>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavy Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements for Bowne Twp.

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
Twp-owned property should be used for parks, natural areas, and trails.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would support increased controls on development to protect surface and ground water quality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
Bowne Twp needs more small-scale commercial uses, such as retail, services, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmland should be preserved and protected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowne Twp should create more opportunities for industrial development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land divisions in the Agricultural districts should be more restrictive to prevent the fragmentation of farmland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowne Twp should create opportunities for housing options that accommodate a variety of income levels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High residential densities should be prioritized in areas with the strongest infrastructure, such as public or oversized utilities that anticipate growth and aging.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Please rate you level of concern regarding the following issues as it related to Bowne Twp.

	<u>Very Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat Concerned</u>	<u>Not Concerned</u>
Traffic congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic speeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of groundwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of surface water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of public water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of public sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aging septic systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility/quality of high speed or wireless internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enforcement of zoning & property maintenance codes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<u>Very Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat Concerned</u>	<u>Not Concerned</u>
Development in agricultural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patterns of industrial uses on agricultural property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of retail/shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments:			

13. How would you like to see each of the following change?

	<u>Encouraged</u>	<u>Takes its own course</u>	<u>Planned & limited growth</u>	<u>No growth</u>
Residential Dev (single-family homes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residential Dev (multiple units, townhouses, condos)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile home parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short-term rental properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wind turbines or wind farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Battery storage facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large scale solar arrays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biodigesters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marijuana facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conventional agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Township parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike paths/trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of natural areas/open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell towers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agribusiness uses such as wedding/event venues, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. What type of housing should be more available in Bowne Township? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Single-family homes (5+ acre lots)
- ☐ Single-family homes (1-5 acres)
- ☐ Single-family homes (less than 1 acre lots)
- ☐ Duplexes
- ☐ "Barndominiums" (barn with living quarters)
- ☐ Multifamily housing (apartments/condominiums, 3+ unit/building)
- ☐ Mobile homes
- ☐ Accessory dwelling units (ADUs, living spaces in an accessory building, in addition to an existing home, granny flats, in-law suite, etc.)
- ☐ Tiny homes (under 500 square feet per home)
- ☐ Retirement community/Senior living
- ☐ Assisted living
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ I don't want new housing in the Township.

15. What type of nonresidential development or businesses are needed in Bowne Twp to support the local economy?

- ☐ Agriculture and related businesses (seed providers, pesticide dealer, etc.)
- ☐ Agritourism businesses (pumpkin patch, hayrides, corn maze, etc.)
- ☐ Farm-oriented special event venues, wedding barns, etc.
- ☐ Sit-down restaurants and bars
- ☐ Grocery Stores
- ☐ Retail businesses
- ☐ Personal services (hair salon, dentist, chiropractor)
- ☐ Assembly, manufacturing and/or other industrial businesses
- ☐ Financial institutions
- ☐ Home-based businesses such as landscaping, contractors, pet groomers, etc.
- ☐ Quick-serve food establishments (small-scale deli/convenience store)
- ☐ Private campgrounds and other nature/recreation related businesses
- ☐ Other: _____

16. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of Bowne Township:

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>
As a place to live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a place to raise a family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a place to run a business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a place to develop/build/invest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to shopping & services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for employment in the Twp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoning and code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication to the residents from the Twp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Medical Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School district options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to parks and recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. To what extent should the following issues be prioritized by the Township?

	<u>HIGH</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>MODERATE</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>NOT a</u> <u>priority</u>
Preserving rural character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expanding areas that permit industrial or commercial development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting groundwater, surface water, and wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing options for housing affordability and availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring the improvements of Twp roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring safety of pedestrians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving broadband/high speed internet availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allowing for wind, solar, and other renewable energy infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extending existing utilities (water/sewer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing more areas for public gathering and recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting private property rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoning and code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any areas not listed you feel are very important for the Twp to prioritize: _____			

18. Please use the space below to provide additional thoughts about planning in Bowne Township you felt were not addressed in this survey.

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RETURN INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the survey online or return it with your tax/sewer bill. Surveys can also be dropped off at Bowne Township Hall.