

THEMES AND STRATEGIES

Natural Resources: Preservation, Protection and Regulation of Township Natural Features	High ←				→ Low	No
	1	2	3	4	5	Response
Continue to improve the health of Spring Lake and the Grand River through public education, public policy and water quality management.	8	1	1			
Preservation of the North Ottawa Dunes through public policy and the creation of a Dunes Preservation Area.	5	2	2			1
Require current engineering practices to ensure best management practices are used where run-off generated by new development is filtered and cleaned before entering natural drainage ways and watersheds.	4	6				
Develop a Riparian Development Overlay district, which balances protection of natural features while permitting sensible land development.	2	4	0	2	1	1
Require the use of planned unit development provisions on property with natural features to allow for innovative real estate development.	4	2	3	0	0	1
Improve and expand municipal water and sewerage facilities.	4	2	0	1	0	3
Preserve the Township's rural scenic roads.	2	0	1	1	0	6
Require new buildings along Spring Lake and the Grand River to be situated in a manner, which preserves viewshed corridors.	1	2	5	1	1	
Discuss with Crockery Township future land use designation along 144 th Avenue to provide opportunities for continued agricultural such as blueberry farms, horse farms, and cash crops.	3	2	0	4	0	1

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Parks, Open Space and Recreation: Creating Community and with Nature	High ←				→ Low	No Response
	1	2	3	4	5	
Maintain the high levels of services and maintenance to existing Township Parks.	8	2	1			
Pursue development of pocket parks that coincide with connecting the pathways and trail system.	5	3				1
Provide waterfront access for residents to the Grand River and Spring Lake.	2	4	3			1
Maximize waterfront development by encouraging cluster open space development.	6	1	1	1		1
Build upon the Township pathway system to increase connections between neighborhoods and residential development with Spring Lake and the Grand River.	4	4	1	1		
Investigate with the Village of Spring Lake, City of Ferrysburg, and Spring Lake Public Schools the potential to establish a joint recreation authority district used to acquire, operate, manage, and maintain park and recreation facilities.	4	1	1		3	1

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Transportation: Safe, Efficient, and Connected	High ← → Low					No Response
	1	2	3	4	5	
Organize non-residential development along M-104 into defined nodes reducing access and vehicular conflict points.	5	3				
Continue the Township pathway system.	6		2			
Implement the recommendations outlined in the M-104 Access Management and Corridor Study (September 2002).	4	4				
Develop sidewalks and pathways throughout the Township that connect to the bike path, parks, schools, neighborhoods and commercial areas.	4	2	2			
Create, where feasible, pedestrian connections between existing subdivisions.	3	2	3			
Develop regulations which encourage shared and overflow parking which serve multiple land uses.	2	3	2		1	
Work with Harbor Transit to provide extended services to the Spring Lake Village and Township.	2	3	1	2		
Require new residential developments to promote vehicular and pedestrian connections between neighborhoods, community facilities, and parks.	2	3	2	1		
Investigate and implement where appropriate alternative intersection designs.	1	5	1	1		
Investigation a new bridge for use as a local traffic by-pass for the M-104 / US-31 bridge and interchange.	1		1	4	2	

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Housing and Neighborhoods: Developing a Sense of Place Through Great Neighborhoods

	High ← → Low					No Response
	1	2	3	4	5	
Provide a wide range of housing opportunities throughout the Township including single family, townhomes, condominium and mixed-use developments.	7	1	2	0	0	
Examine the proportions of R-1, R-2, and R-3 zoning in the Township which allows duplex dwelling units.	4	2	2	0	0	2
Ensure that new housing developments fit within the overall character of Spring Lake Township through design guidelines.	4	4	1	1		
Develop appearance standards for neighborhoods, which include sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street trees, grass terraces, and neighborhood scale roadways.	5	3	2	0	0	
Improve housing in existing neighborhoods.	1	3	3	0	0	3
Foster opportunities to introduce neighborhood retail back into select existing neighborhoods and new housing developments.	1	3	5	0	1	
Plan rental and multiple family housing developments that tie into existing neighborhoods providing desirable housing options for families, singles, and retirees.	3	1	3	3		
Encourage housing developments in proximity to community facilities.	5	0	3	0	2	
Encourage the development of "cottage" type (small lot) housing.	2	2	3	1	1	1
Encourage the renovation of historic buildings and homes that promote the community character of Spring Lake Township.	0	1	3	3	3	
Minimiz the installation of cul-de-sacs in new housing developments.	1	0	0	2	3	4

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Economic Development: A Coastal Community	High					Low	No Response
	1	2	3	4	5		
Establish site design and landscaping standards to enhance the appearance of existing and proposed industrial and commercial developments. This is particularly important along the M-104 corridor.	7	4					
Encourage the reuse of existing under utilized industrial and commercial properties along 148 th Street north of Cleveland Street (M-104).	6	3	2				
Develop with the Village of Spring Lake a commercial development plan, which includes downtown Spring Lake and the M-104 corridor as a way to concentrate commercial development and reduce corridor commercial sprawl and vacancies in the downtown.	6	1	4				
Maintenance of vacant properties.	6	3	1				1
Continue to recognize the Village of Spring Lake as the commercial center of the Township.	5	2	2	1			1
Evaluate the need and/or amount of commercial zoning at the 174 th Street / Hickory Street intersection.	5	4	2				
Evaluate the need for industrial development at the Hickory, Apple, and 148 th triangle.	1	1	4			5	

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Public Services, Facilities and Amenities: Appropriate and Quality Services	High ← → Low					No Response
	1	2	3	4	5	
Investigate the fiscal and operational practicalities of combining and/or sharing local government services, such as, parks and recreation, police, fire, assessing, and waste management with the Village of Spring Lake and City of Ferrysburg.	8	2	1			
Increase Township access to Spring Lake and the Grand River.	7	2	1			1
Investigate the fiscal, operational, and governance efficiencies associated with combining Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake into the City of Spring Lake.	7	3		1		
Continue to provide quality police and fire service to residents.	6	4	1			
Continued support for the Spring Lake Public School district.	6	2	2			
Work with the Village of Spring Lake, Crockery Township, Ottawa County, MDOT and local land and nature conservancies to develop a regional trail and pathway network.	5	2	2	1		1
Continued expansion of water and sewerage infrastructure.	6	1	3	1		
Provide a Township park system which preserves open space in areas with significant natural features and strategically located neighborhood/community parks to serve the resident population	3	3	5			
Evaluate waste management options to develop a recycling program for yard and lawn waste for Township residents.	2	1	3	3	1	1