The following are the comments submitted by the public to the 2019 Community Survey in working to develop the Emmet County Master Plan. To see the results of all survey questions, please see the Master Plan, starting to page 105. (Note: not all survey questions had a comment section. Public responses are provided below for all questions that included that option.)

No Comments for Questions 1-3

Comments for Question 4
(In the past 5-10 years, Emmet County has become:)

depending on time of year.
I have concerns about local government and lack of forward thinking.
County has facilitated larger National store development in Bear Creek Twp. This is not quality development, no good for small town merchants.
very populated
Tourist traffic/crowds is becoming excessive
Some ways better, some ways worse
Just wish winter was a shorter season!
I want the "pit" developed.
Don't like the population growth but do like the medical services.
Roads are deteriorating.
Too crowded in the summer.
too much development tourism destroying our natural resources
It is difficult to live in Emmet County even though I love where I live. The lack of good paying jobs is a major drawback. I know housing prices are ridiculous.
Taxes are more
Need to address the infrastructure as it relates to traffic and overwhelming numbers of tourists during the summer, especially the month of July.

It seems that there is more money and attention given to Harbor Springs and Petoskey for area improvements such as roads, but in the north end of the county we have to write our state congressmen to try to get money to fix roads. Why to the areas with the most money get treated better than those with less of an income base?
I feel like the changes to our city have focused on the tourists and have forgot-in the local residents that live here year around. I know the tourists are important obviously, but if it weren't for the locals that live here there would be nobody to work at keeping the tourists happy. This is HOME, but it feels less like home for me each year. Of course I live paycheck to paycheck with no hope to retire so I don't go anywhere. Work - Apartment unless I have appointments. But I here what others tell me about what happens to them in the area.

I grew up here and came home as much as possible every summer and ski season. This past January my husband and I moved back to the area full time because this is exactly where we want to spend our lives!

Too many outside people moving up here and claiming it as their own; they try to mimic their actual communities they grew up in. It's often not reflective on the history, culture, and economics of how this area actually operates. It's hard to combat these people because their often rich and their money matters up here because the people who are in charge love money and don't love hard work - it's also why you see many roads get improvement year after year while many roads do not, because they are less traversed by those without the same economic gains. That's a problem, but a problem that won't be addressed any time soon by the people in charge.

I'm happy to see Petoskey becoming more progressive with Food Trucks in the area. Petoskey has to grow with the times. It's time to replace the Old White Men who have stifled this town with their ultra conservative views! I'm encouraged that this too is slowly happening!!

The quality of health care has diminished considerably since McLaren arrived. Quality education continues to be both a priority and concern - are we keeping up? The cost of living continues to soar and is not in line with "working people" wages. Housing is less affordable than ever. There is a growing socioeconomic gap with the middle class struggling and the lowest earning group giving up.....dark times for a place that is so beautiful to the eye. Would love to see the area - and ALL of its residents - truly thriving.

We have grown too quickly/sold out to the fast development/developers and big money since I was a boy; allowing a golf course on the Maple River was most discouraging.

Marijuana legalization state wide

There is a lack of responsiveness to the needs of full-time residents. There is a lot of discussion about what is needed, but due to lack of resources and manpower, often there is little follow through. There is a shortage of affordable housing, rented housing, and public transportation options. There is also the undercurrent feeling of the local residents and community that they are not welcomed or valued by the resort community, like the withdrawal of the millage from the Bay View Association to NCMC, as an example, and the difficulty getting approvals of new apartment and affordable housing, public transportation, and public services.

Traffic due to seasonal tourists has seemed to increase, making the roads hard to get through at peak traffic times. I'm hoping the new road construction helps with this issue.

100% renewable energy commitment by City of Petoskey is great. Would like to see similar committment from County government.

Lack of affordable housing.

Too many people. We cannot, nor should not, discourage people to visit our area, but our area has been pushed beyond it’s capacity to accommodate the huge influx of crowds on July 4 and Regatta....I am referring to Harbor Springs. Also, the road construction has been a huge pain in the neck.

I love what the conservancy has done, Tip of the Mitt and Bike trails council but more preservation/conservation needs to happen. I am tired of homeowner associations dumping chemicals on lawns. I happen to live near Harbor Point Golf course and Windward and the amount of chemicals applied to these areas bothers me. When I ride my bike along street I am constantly breathing drift from one of the 2 places. I am also a bee keeper and Windward has nice stands of milkweed abutting the acres of grass they poison. If they would stop mowing, fertilizing and weed killing just a portion of their land they would greatly increase the m onarch population.

I was seasonally for many years, however have been a permanent resident for the past 6 years. I remember when Emmet County had very good roads. As a motorcycle rider I would brag about the roads. However there is
a HUGE neglect of road improvement in the past few years. So much so that this year's HOG Rally at Boyne Mtn advised riders to avoid roads north of Cross Village. That is not good for the county, its businesses or its residents.

Too many restriction - housing prices rediculous

Much more traffic congestion than 18 years ago, particularly in Petoskey near Bay View area. Also, much more light pollution makes stargazing a lot less impressive.

I love this county and would never move. However, my adult children talk once a week about moving, because they can’t afford to live here.

Have not lived here for more than 5 years.

Downtown centers have shown that we prioritize the rich and seasonal, but the economic engine this represents allows for a thriving local scene, behind the scenes

This area is of cultural value and as a tribal citizen a right. However, the segregation of people based on soci-economic status continues to be a barrier. In addition, the in ability or unwillingness to build home/apartments for students, young families, for a 1-2 person household within a 60-200k cost range is an issue.

As much as I enjoy the quaintness of our community with growth new opportunities and amenities are welcome.

Within the last two years it has gotten significantly more short sighted and low rent in it's vision, pandering to the crowd that thinks money spent is by definition bad. The end result of this kind of thinking already exists; it's called Cheboygan.

I wouldn't say it has remained the same, but it is as much a place I want to live as it was 10 years ago. Some things better, some not so.

I'd love to see more support for everyone who lives and spends time here — tourists and year-round residents. We need solid transportation and food access for the people who keep things running in the service industry and beyond.

It's difficult to make a blanket comment like this. In some ways it has gotten better, in some worse, but there is still more to be done.

since we have a new board of commissioners

No affordable housing

Improvements are balanced out with poor choices. The highway islands, the Mitchell St islands are still headscratchers for me. The fact that the waterfront STILL has a baseball diamond on prime realestate - awful.

Best place in the World to live

Two things cause me to feel EC has lost ground: - the Odawa lawsuit - the rampant spending by the prior Board without voter approval on projects (Dark Sky Park, Ambulance) which has burdened future generations with non supportable costs.

Truestream fiber broadband has greatly enhanced the value of living here. Road improvements to some of the long-time deteriorated areas has also been a welcome improvement.

It seemed Emmet County had a stable government in place, the last two terms of Commissioners has seemed to have squandered that. I feel sorry for those who work in County Government.

Emmet County is a very special place with an outstanding natural environment. All elements of the County, public and private, need to keep these special attributes in mind and push for their sustainability for the long term.

Far too many seasonal rental properties. Need to find a way to get rid of the people renting their houses out by the day / week during the summer.
Haven't been here 5 years.

Roads are terrible, lack of affordable housing, lack of winter time kid-friendly activities/venues i.e. Bounce Town, lack of affordable child care.

I want to stay but the old guys on the committees of everything and the rich business owners from downstate are making it impossible for affordability and pushing away new business that doesn’t fit their mold.

I am seeing poor financial planning all too frequently....Em go is a prime example....

Nimbyism must be battled. Growth (intelligent) must be fostered.

I would never leave Emmet County but I am discouraged at some of the idea's the commissioners come up with.

The negative talk - the losing of great staff, no vision - the county is being ran like a dictatorship not a board.

past failures to address especially transit needs have been frustrating as we age; I am pleased to see the current effort being made with addressing transit needs but I remain skeptical to the county's commitment to addressing this important need

This is because the cost of living is so much higher than downstate, yet the pay scales are so much lower.

The rest of the world is getting worse, this is the place to be.

Having only lived here in Retirement for four (4) years, my wife & I don't yet have the personal resident knowledge to gauge some aspects of life-quality changes. However we do know enough now (plus our varied interactions with a plethora of longtime residents has informed us) to state that the positives of life in NW lower MI definitely outweigh the negatives. IF local units of government can rise to the occasion of finding creative solutions to our shared problems--which will of course involve finding/creating new sources of funding--we can approach the challenges in a fair & progressive manner that will benefit All citizens.

More developed and a little less of a place I want to live. Development in the County should be kept in the urban areas and not sprawled out to the countryside.

In some ways very much a place we spend more times (we own two homes up here). Focus on some parts of Emmet County and not others is concerning. I also work Up North so I am here off and on throughout the year.

Sorry to see Removed tennis courts my family used in Harbor Springs. Walstrom added docks that block view for beach goers at Zorn Park.

The prospect of getting public pickleball courts appears to be outstanding. Why can't the local community college do something? It has the money and the land. I look forward to see what will be developed in the "hole." We have a viable developer. Now we need city council to get on-board.

The hole behind the fence in front of the city on 31 needs to be resolved. It is bizarre in a place that is otherwise great to live in.

Traffic is an ongoing and increasing issue. The proposal for the huge five story development at "The Hole" will change the feel and character of Petoskey. I can't believe our local government is allowing it to happen.

I LOVE IT - THERE IS NO PLACE ELSE I WOULD RATHER BE!

More of a place I want to be only due to our acclimation to it and what we do, who we've met, etc. The county, however, is and has been making some very short sighted mistakes that we simply do not like. Three examples: 1. Ambulance Service. This is a complete fleecing by the county, and such a bad financial move that it's surprising lawsuits haven't been filed. The county shouldn't be in the ambulance business in the first place, but the absolute waste of tax payer dollars to build those Taj Mahal buildings is dumbfounding - actually, it's insulting. These places are (much) nicer, fancier, and opulent than the vast majority of the county's resident's homes! The everyone is guilty: the commissioners, the architects, designers, builders, etc. All country residents, right? Did
anyone stop to think: Geez, this is way too much. A simple pole-barn type building would have done. Seriously, what private ambulance service would throw away that much money into its buildings? Not a single one if they want to be in business for more than a few minutes. What a waste - and we'll never be able to get that money back. Those buildings are essentially worthless. Now, because of this criminal waste, the county has to, and should, dump this loser of a venture. Nice job. And everyone's hands are dirty. We would have all been better off just subsidizing a private company to operate here in the first place! 2. Never-Ending Millage Increases: Seemingly every year, there is a new “temporary” millage proposal on the ballet for some public “need.” Then, two or three years down the line, this “temporary” millage is back on the ballet, but this time with the propaganda touting “make this millage permanent or we'll lose (fill in the blank)” - all those fear tactics. The end result is increased taxes and the public doesn't see it - how can they? Heck, even the Petoskey News gets in on it by repeating what it's told such as: "it'll only cost $1 per $1,000 of value" and "without it, the (kids, police, fire fighters, etc.) won't have shiny brand new things." Ridiculous fear tactics. The schools don't need giant sports complexes and artificial turf and press boxes, kids don't need new iPads and the teachers new software (the kids I know already have them and can't even tell you how credit or mortgages work, let alone much else). 3. Transit: Okay, seriously? Who the heck is riding and paying for this stuff? Answers: No one and the tax payers. Stop it, just stop it. This is another ambulance service fiasco in the making. There's not need, and there's certainly no money. How about LOWERING taxes?? Could you just image slimming down the budget and cutting millage rates? What a novel idea! Just because you have the money doesn't mean you need to spend it, and just because you can effectively raise taxes every year, doesn't mean you should or have to. Because one day, when property values fall, you're going to be in trouble - big trouble. Get used to saying "no." It's not the government's role to stick it's nose into everything. Not only because it/you really don't know what you're doing and have no business being in businesses such as ambulance service, but because it's not your money, and it'll come back and bite. The government is not a business and has no business in business.

I have worked in Emmet County over 15 years, and just recently moved due to the various activities, bike trails, business growth and closer to work.

I appreciate the new amenities and services that the County has provided during that time frame. I am concerned that some of those recent amenities and services seem to be in the crosshairs of the current Board of Commissioners.

the lack of affordable housing and the catering to the rich has gotten worse - little to nothing available to our youth

lived in emmet county for 3 years

Emmet County voted for Donald Trump and Lee Chatfield. I am Blue in a sea of Red.

Without affordable housing options, it's becoming less and less likely I want to stay around the Emmet county area. That and amount of disconnect that the local government has with its full time residents is getting to be too ridiculous for me to even want to handle.

Way too congested

I have traveled many places and countries, and I can definitely say that I love where I live.

I would not phrase the question in this manner. I would say it's less of a place that I am proud to live!

Current Commissioners are inexperienced. They are trying to run the county as if it was a private business. It is not. They don't understand funding. Their vision is not that of the county residents. Let the county residents vote on: 1) an additional mileage for Bay Bluffs / ECMCF v.s. selling it to private interests; it is up to the residents not the commissioners to decide its fate; 2) let the county residents decide if they are willing to pay an additional mileage for the parks and recreations v.s. trying to run them "for profit". 3) Let the county residents 'vote' on whether or not the plaque honoring the late Lynn Johnson who had a "vision" and had individuals who helped make it become a reality, should be placed at the Headlands.. It really is not up to the current commissioners who are wrought with personal vindictiveness and contempt for those who had their heart and souls in to creating a county where all desired to live, work and play.

Too big, too busy, too much growth. We have a Traverse City less than 100 miles away. We don't need another one here. We are losing sight of people so we can have "progress." Affordability is disappearing.

Since McLaren took over I feel our medical care has declined
More and varied facilities, services and recreational resources have been added. Only drawback for retirees is weather related.

More bike paths, public transit, improved library, younger voices heard, better farmers markets

We need to upgrade the hospital and affordable housing.

—great recycling — clean water with public access — honoring the natural resources and sense of community that exists here But it seems like there has been a shift in thinking at the decision making level that makes me question whether this county will continue to grow in positive ways or retreat to outdated thinking

Need more progressive leadership looking out for those (the working class) who live and work here full time.

However, I'm more aware of the shortcomings of the area, i.e. affordable housing, public transit (newly implemented), day care

I love this place. It's one of the most beautiful places to live in the state, but the counties priorities are not right. We have one of the highest tax bases, yet in debt way over our head, and the county continues to spend money on projects that don’t help that, which takes away from important services for residents.

The County Commissioners have do not have neither the County's best interests nor the resident's best interests first and foremost. They seem to focus on Petoskey and Harbor Springs and totally forget the rest of the county.

Seems like Emmet county only cares about keeping the tourists and seasonal residents happy, not the people who actually live here. It's too expensive.

Concern current commissioners have little visionary growth for Emmet County as it relates to growth and safety of our community. They focus on today rather than building for tomorrow.

We would like to see a greater emphasis on renewable energy. Since we moved here, we've seen some nice -- even expensive? -- new county buildings constructed. None of them, to best of our knowledge, featured solar panels on south-facing roofs, etc. Note the City of Petoskey is embracing renewables, just announcing a proposal to generate up to $500,000 worth electricity on 15- to 12 acres of brownfield (former landfill) property owned by the city. Hope to see Emmet County "get with the program" when it comes to fighting climate change and embracing renewable energy.

quality developments have been completed at places like Bay Harbor and Downtown Petoskey.

the county generally remains the same but not happy at times with the city commissioner's decisions

Less and less people are year round residents. The Schools are losing enrollment because people are moving away to find work and housing.

Much more congested... L takes longer to get around.

We need to do a better job of managing growth or the quality of life will decline.

Comments for Question 5
(If you are a current resident, do you plan on moving from the County in the next five to ten years?)

when my husband retires we will probably go somewhere warm and just return seasonally

Possibly to Charlevoix County. If I stayed in Emmet County I would at least move out of the City of Petoskey.

We are retired and plan on spending the winter in the south which is where we are from.
Negative tax policy. 1. Pension tax on seniors, 2. Non Homestead property tax policy.

do not know

too old

don't know

Not sure. I think moving to upper peninsula where their roads are maintained might be an option.

age

traffic

Maybe, retirement

daughter wants me to live with her.

Worst roads in the U.S.

We are seniors and we need natural gas to make our lives easier.

not sure

To expensive to live here in the county.

age related

I would like to downsize my residence but the real estate market does not support that goal. It would be nice to have single family affordable 55+ communities. The condos in the area are old and only have one car garages and two story not to mention pricey.

Retirement

our place is just fine.

We are in our 80's and are tired of moving.

too much development tourism destroying our natural resources

Possibly. If the politics with the commissioners doesn't change My family will be looking for a new county to live in. I was told that EMS funding was not going to be cut...and it sure was. Why is there so much importance put on the EMGO Bus and trying to make that work, when I never see any passengers on them? seems like a huge waste of tax payer money to try and force something to work that just isn't. Why did the funding get taken away from the volunteer fire departments to support their Jaws of Life? That equipment may only get used once a year, but it still needs its expensive upkeep and certifications. It seems that the less financially backed departments up in the north end of the county are the ones that will take the hit. By the way, a large number of tourists travel through the north end of the county that may need those life saving tools...

If a better job opportunity comes up somewhere else, as much as it breaks my heart I will move. Because I certainly can not find one up here.

Possible seasonal relocation

Maybe depends on retirement and cost of living is less.

Not applicable.

No plans to do so, but must admit, the time may come, based solely on socioeconomic concerns. Can I afford to live here?
Perhaps. We’re looking for the peace and quiet of the old days if we can find it.

Maybe with effect of marijuana use.

The County needs dedicated individuals to continue to support local residents in staying and enjoying this unique and beautiful area of Michigan. We do not want it to turn into another Lake Tahoe, CA, Stone Harbor, NJ or Chautauqua, NY, full of visitors, seasonal jobs, and part time employment, run by commuter laborers who cannot afford to live where they work, or, worse, jobs taken over by seasonal migrant workers flowing in and out, leaving the place dead during the shoulder seasons and no jobs whatsoever for the locals. We want this to be a vibrant community with all the supports and amenities that any other community enjoys, and as a community, be as diverse as any other in Michigan. All the people who live and work here deserve to be here, just as much as those coming in to visit the "lake house" or "ski cabin" for the season.

Going off to a University, but will return after.

My current job in engineering is what brought me to Petoskey, and the majority of the industry is in lower Michigan or out of state. Since this is my first career job, I'm looking to explore my options in the next 5-10 years.

Lack of affordable housing.

Perhaps. Emmet county is a gorgeous area with so much to offer; however, the crowds and our infrastructure's inability to handle makes living here in the summer a challenge. Also, we have such a limited amount of accessible beach use....very disappointing.

Unless I get poisoned from living near all the pesticides applied daily around me.

Limited healthcare

Insufficient apartments that are managed correctly. I can pay a generous amount of rent and expect to be treated well. I am quiet, no bother to anyone and I always pay my rent early.

It gets harder to live and work here every year.

I am not "planning on it," but I may move if a new job position opens up elsewhere.

Lack of local input...people who do not have the best interest in Emmet county or have no knowledge are sitting on the board

New job out of area

Too expensive to live here

Affordable Transportation and housing is a joke in emmet county. Petoskey is only a money grab. If you want people to be able to live comfortably then make it possible for year round residents.

Cold, cold, winters.

Housing prices are outrageous. The city caters to the wealthiest not the lower income locals.

We will probably “age out” of our Michigan condo in next 10 years or so and will want to be near our daughter in the Milwaukee area.

maybe - it will depend on career opportunities

Potentially better job opportunity, but Petoskey will always be home. Plan to keep property here.

10 years from now we do plan to winter somewhere more warm but have no thoughts of leaving Emmet County.

I'm tired of the good old boy parochial approach to everything. It's like swimming upstream against raging stupidity.
My family is open to the possibility of moving closer to my work.

No affordable housing. No place for local, middle class to shop. Either it's too expensive, or too cheat.

Family obligations

Just wanting bigger area/city as kids move on

The summer traffic and inundation of summer visitors is unpleasant. We have summer resident neighbors who built a 12 foot high privacy “wilderness” fence because they did not want to see our 19th century, remodeled farmhouse that is only 1500 sq. ft. Instead of their McMansions. Their lawn care service generates non-stop noise. The use an impeller blower that sounds like an air-raid siren going off non-stop. It is affecting our health and piece of mind. They also have maintenance and construction workers go through the back gate of their property. They speed up the dirt road and litter flies out of their trucks. My husband's family has had this property since the 1920s. We are grateful for all the work The Little Traverse Nature Conservancy has done to protect land near us, but the township has done nothing to protect us against fences and noise.

I don't want to but I just see tax money going for carp like bike paths that don't get used or only fixing roads by Presley or harbor but not roads by smaller towns! (State rd pleasant view banwell)

a place for the wealthy and forget about us locals

Too expensive, not enough job opportunity

Be closer to family.

No housing available

Retiring to warmer area.

Lower costs - warmer weather, easier winters

Aging. Will move down state near family/kids.

I want to go home to the Atlantic Ocean.

Opportunities with jobs downstate

perhaps......if needs addressing elderly are not adequately addressed

Can't afford to continue living here.

The rest of the world is getting worse

If we did it would be for better medical care

Poor economy and no outdoor pickleball.

Cold winters, conservative population.

We would like a warmer climate in the winter months.

not sure

Want to play outdoor Pickleball in a warmer climate

Poor access to quality healthcare. Lack of broadband outside the cities.

Perfect place to live out our retirement years.
Affordable housing is a massive problem for young, working people.

I enjoy weather (winter, spring, summer that's cooler and fall, crisp and clean, trees, open spaces

move closer to family downstate

Retirement

Retirement to a warmer area.

Rent is ridiculous and the landlords that do rent here are all slumlords. Buying a house as a young person is very hard so that's not an option. The local government can't seem to tap into what the full time residents actually need.

City planning is not built for how dense the population has gotten.

It has become so expensive to live here and I'm tired of the political climate at the County Building.

Possibly will move further North. Marquette is looking attractive.

Due to help my elderly parents.

If I can sell my house, I'm gone

This is a great county that is focused on progress and improvement. There are wonderful people here and it is a great place for family

The city of Petoskey is no longer enjoyable to drive through. This rural beauty of a town has expanded so far south it's become an eyesore. I hate driving south of the hospital on US 31 anymore.

There is nothing tying me to Northern Michigan in the slightest.

I don't think the county commissioners are at all concerned about the residents. There seems to be a hidden agenda...

Will spend less time in the winter.

Perhaps when my kids finish school—maybe move closer to Traverse City, a place that seems more proactively seeking sustainable, thriving community

Getting crowded but not good development. No opportunity for kids

Not enough cultural events Not enough Recreational facilities Poor Dining choices Can not get a kayak rack or paddle board rack in Harbor Springs

We will become summer residents after retirement.

The area is too conservative.

Travel for work, most likely will return.

I expect, because the economy will most likely tank. The two main industries here are medical and hospitality (which support the SEASONAL tourism industry). There is currently no incentives to attract year-round employers (manufacturing, etc). There is nothing that will attract young, single or married, people to the area or for them to expect wages at or above industry standards. “View of the Bay, half the pay” has been and is still heavily embedded in the minds of the greedy major employers of the county who refuse to pay a living wage.

Too focused on tourists and not locals or local business.

Omg. State of mich County taxes fees Transportation cost.
If I cannot find employment utilizing my degree and that pays me a living wage, I will not be able to afford living here for much longer.

Not enough income in the winter

moving to boyne city

Jobs, there aren’t enough Full time year round positions to make living her a possibility

Job relocation

Comments for Question 6
(What are the things that you find most appealing about Emmet County?)

lakes are close- for boating and fishing

bike trails

great place for family activities/vacations - family friendly

the many cultural and recreational opportunities in a compact area.

Emmet Co. is a west coast. It has a unique maritime feel and wilderness feeling and green spaces (that are being reduced) and used up. It is unique!

Its overall pretty safe.

That is pretty much all

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan. Diverse arts for a small town.

LAKES AND PARKS

Lake Michigan

no opinion

natural areas if you are referring to Bay Bluffs

Access to Lake Michigan

Lakeshore open to public, Little Traverse Conservancy Land

It is where I spend my summers as a teenager and had my first job as clerk in a souvenir shop in Mackinaw City. It is home to me.

Poorly run medical care facility

Friendship center, what they do or our seniors.

proximity to lakes

prefer OLD ambulance!!! Service

climate
natural beauty

The Bay

Close to lakes and rivers.

Lake Michigan

The County EMS system was probably the smartest thing that has happened for this county in a long time. If it can be run properly, it will continue to be a shining example of what can happen when good people are put in the right positions, and politics stay out of Emergency care.

"Up North" with some of the conveniences of cities down state.

Entertainment and recreation options are pricing themselves out of reach. Shopping is pitiful for most locals.....

Great spot for our second home

North Central Michigan College

The arts, the funkiness, the back-woods-ness, the Up North-ness, the two-tracks leading off the beaten path, the fawns running through the backyards, the turkey troops that block traffic occasionally on your way to work, pulling off the first yellowing leaf in your yard- as if that will delay winter, "winter is coming" is a real thing, the mailboxes that are a 1/4 mile drive through the woods to the actual house they belong to, seeing people's last names that you know on street signs, the small businesses and entrepreneurship, knowing the name of the people that make your Chinese take out, that sell you snacks at the gas station, that hostess at the Pier, and also knowing the 2-3 other people that they are also related to, whose children also go to school with your kids... These are things that are important, that I want my own children to experience, that I moved back here to give to them.

Dark sky park!!!!

Affordable? Ha ha ha, how is that one even an option.

I have lost hope in apartment-living management.

I live in a major urban area (DC) and want to have a place to retreat and visit family....eventually a place to retire.

Senior Services are excellent

I love that, although there is a lot of need and unaddressed social problems, there are lots of people and organizations that are trying to fix things. The chamber of commerce is incredibly involved with nonprofits and building the community from the ground-up. I like that most things look aesthetically pleasing and natural, and that most businesses value recycling and sustainability. I also like that most everything I need is relatively close to downtown, or a short distance away.

Where the family is from

Supportive community foundation, Great Lakes shoreline

We purchased our home in West Traverse Township to be able to easily hop on the bike path and bike to work in Harbor Springs and Petoskey (6 and 12 miles respectively). A great way to start and end the work day! We are blessed to have such fabulous trails thanks to the Trails Council.

One would be hard pressed to find a more beautiful, safe, community to raise children. The schools are excellent and we are very fortunate to live here.

The less than stellar performance of our Hospital is worrisome the new business model of McLearn hurts what used to be a world class medical center. Saving grace is the expansion and work my Munson in Charlevoix gives us access to world class care.

Clean water
The water and our rural character are the main reasons, and I think we could be even more vocal about protecting them both, in a real and deeper way. I also feel strongly about the ties to the native population. I hope we can continue to recognize that we are on tribal land and celebrate that.

fine arts and cultural events

Quality of restaurant options here.

I'm glad we're finally getting public transit

Part of Entertainment, but Emmet County has a strong local-musician community, supported through Blissfest, Red Sky Music, and Crooked Tree Arts, among others.

Bike/hike/running trails Lake Michigan

Of course, all of the above apply, but only the "most significant" that apply to my household are checked..

Great restaurants

The Lakeshore Abundance, The Natural Areas, The Celebration of the Arts

I love that our County cares enough for our sick and elderly to run our own ambulance and care facility.

The natural beauty of the area - the 4 seasons - small town feel.

Water resources

Local Farms!!!

Emmet County provides opportunities for utilizing the beautiful seasonal outdoors, a balance of less traffic than southwest Michigan and lifestyle experiences that are connected electronically and vibrant. A multifaceted destination place.

The water!!! Nature, public trails, green economic development, great restaurants and breweries. You d people returning to the area to raise their families here.

Beautiful and healthy environment j

Bay Bluffs is a special asset. the option to private health care facility is priceless.

Compared to other communities, Emmet County has lack of public pickleball courts.

NEED MORE PICKLEBALL VENUES

Access to water

All the above

The county medical care facility is most appealing. I have a family member who resides there and I have experienced other care facilities in the area. There is nothing comparable. Spend a day at bay bluffs and then spend a day at the other skilled nursing facility in Emmet county and you will understand the difference.

Love the abundance of state land and ltc nature preserves. Love the variety of things to do, such as camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, local music etc.

The medical care facility is wonderful. Much better than for-profit nursing homes I've been in. Bay Bluffs always has staff available for residents and visitors, is very clean, and makes a home-like environment for the people who live there and the rehab patients.

I haven't always agreed with the use of taxpayer's funds and find it disheartening that Bay Bluffs is not top priority for some of my commissioners. I will have worked at BB for 30yrs this September and at Bortz (The Villa) for 4yrs
before BB. I challenge all commissioners to really take a close look at the difference between the two. I have older relatives and parents of my own. If I had to place them in a facility, heaven forbid, I would hope for placement at BB. We are hands down, the best in Emmet County.

My mother has been at Bay Bluffs for 10 yrs. Main reason we bought a house here.

Low crime, it's clean and well-kept. We feel very safe here

Up until this current board of commissioners .. board members who were from the area, roots, cared deeply about Emmet County and the People, understood funding of municipalities and that its not a "for profit" venture. Respectful board members.

Very sorry to see the Dark Sky program canned and the opportunity of an observatory thrown away. Sorry to see camping fees increased and parking fees added. These are taxes on the poor.

"Country-run" should be "county-run" for ambulance and medical care facility

Topography is scenic; and water access and views are plentiful. New trails are great.

Recycling services

We wanted to raise our children in a small town setting

Small town in " off seasons " otherwise it would be a bad place to live. Too many people in prime times.

I think you mean "county" run ambulance and medical.... if that is the case i would check the county run medical facility is awesome - Bay Bluffs is such a great amenity to have in our county. It is so nice that we have a facility to take care of our elders.

Beautiful place to live

It is most definitely NOT affordable for a single person to live here without working two or more jobs.

Natural areas, as in, please don't ruin them making more condos for tourists.

Emmet County EMS needs to lead quality program to support quality initiatives for per-hospital and inter facility transfers of critical patients. As a regional referral hospital to 9 other community hospitals outside of Emmet County healthcare services are a priority. Especially as baby boomer population ages and consumers expect instant high quality healthcare services as you would receive at University.

The quality of both the countryside and the towns/villages. Would not want to see either one degrade.

Comments for Question 7
(What are Emmet County's negative aspects?)

Roads are horrible- we have voted to use casino money for education and roads- have not seen an improvement but casinos are doing very well. Lotto sales as well. Petoskey downtown is not a convenient place to shop- no parking. No public transportation- very inconvenient to those who live 20-25 miles out of the major areas-

low wages

mass transit options.

non-homestead tax policy!

High speed internet
Downtown parking could be better managed (eg. shuttles, parking spots in winter, fixing broken meters)
housing is expensive in relation to typical wages
PLEASE FIX THE ROADS!!
seasonal congestion
former county commission/road commission
high taxes Resort Twp.
High cost of living and low wages. Very few options for young people to work up the ladder.
Parking meters
Malaise that comes with resort fluctuation.
Nothing negative
Lack of infant - child care facilities
gas prices, controlled by Blarney Castle is way too high!! A monopoly.
could use more non-motorized transporation.
too many rental properties in single family neighborhoods/dwellings
very poor internet/cable
Poor quality hospital.
public bus system
Pretty wonderful as-is and with the growth of new dining and things to do. I love the balance of rural / small-town / natural areas and easy access to a proper downtown with dining, shopping, and things to do
Better advertising for the Youth Programs held at local county areas. There was no communication with Ottawa Elementary about the opportunities.

The congestion is a result of vacationers, so can't really complain since they contribute to the local businesses' success. A community center or something with entertainment options would be nice since my kids are always looking for places to go hang out with friends and their only options currently are the bowling alley (Northern Lights) or a restaurant.

long winter
don't know
would like a Sam's or Costco
no opinion
"pit" needs development
Chris Redding and his vacant buildings!!!! It is so wrong and something needs to be done!!!!
more public transit
Poor medical care (hospital)
No dog park or area for dogs to access water and run off leash

County has limited beach access on Lake Michigan

too much light pollution, especially ski resorts.

There is no way around US-31 to get from place to place, and this puts strain on full-time residents who work and need to get from place to place in a timely manner. I work in home care and sometimes it is essential that I can make it to someone's home quickly. The traffic is terrible! There is also a lack of mental health services for non-medicaid residents (psychiatrists, psychiatric NP, etc.), especially residential options (adults have to go to Traverse City for treatment and children get sent to Grand Rapids, which is too far). Community mental health does not serve residents who do not meet low-income/medicaid bracket. There is a lack of housing that residents can realistically afford. There are many jobs to fill, but these jobs do not pay enough to afford rent, so jobs go unfilled and businesses have to limit their production/hours and some are even going out of business. There are individuals and families that would move to Petoskey and take these jobs if they could find an affordable place to live (I am not talking about government low-income housing, just regular market-value). Lastly, our seniors need more resources for care. There are skilled nursing facilities, but not enough of them and some are of poor quality. Memory care, state-regulated facilities (Pineview Cottages in NOT regulated) are lacking and with as many retirees and elderly as Emmet County has, I think we could do a better job providing them safe medical housing (especially dementia patients who need locked facilities (I am a social worker in hospice so I am familiar with the lack of available beds when I am looking for a family).

cost of new ambulance service

Too many older tourists in summer.

no opinion

public swimming pool

seasonal congestion

high taxes, City of Petoskey

Poor parking options for downtown workers in Petoskey!

Lack of community swimming pool

Dinning options have improved over the past few years

Cost of living makes it a challenge as a 30 something and 20 something looking to live here full time. We made more money and had much cheaper housing when living in the middle of the state but made the move up here because it is where we want to be. As someone with a Master's degree and my husband is about to complete his as well we are grossly undercompensated for the cost of living in this area.

Limited gas and water.

The parking meters are only hurting the locals from shopping and dining downtown.

We must keep the downtown businesses vital, our history and natural features relevant, and our youth well-educated, involved and safe. The college is/can be a vehicle for much of this...

Lack of diversity. Gas prices are significantly higher than other cities (Gaylord, Kalkaska, Traverse City). Big divide between the haves and have nots. It is almost impossible to find a full-time job that can actually provide enough income for a family, even with a college degree. The pay scale for someone with an associates degree or higher is often the same as someone with a high school education or GED. The jobs that require an associates degree or bachelor degree are often way below the pay scale that you would expect in other locations in MI (TC, Grand Rapids, Detroit) however the cost of living (especially rent) is significantly higher. Lack of child care options.
I would like to see more sense of community and events throughout the year, not just during tourism seasons. More opportunities for children to participate in sports and recreational groups outside of school would be great. The closest gymnastics classes are in Boyne, and there is a waitlist. Ballet and dance is also limited, and expensive. Martial arts has a few options. Support of small-businesses is also tricky. The Fish is closed, as well as a handful of other restaurants. It was gratifying to see the BBQ place get established across from D & W. I would like to see something great come out of La Seniorita's building. Housing, more apartment or small rental home options that are closer to town. Some sort of regular transit, although EMGO is doing a great job with what it had, and an improvement on what was here before. Relevant education programs for transition into career options- working with NCMC and the needs of the community. Perhaps taking more to NCMC to support local businesses and more community programs located at the college as a central point? The construction in Petoskey was a pain, but necessary. Hopefully traffic will continue to improve. Perhaps more roundabouts? Like North 31 and M 119 junction, and Conway and M 119- that would be great. Loss of natural areas- I was thinking of the beachfront being taken up and limited access of the public to our greatest local resource. Everyone should be able to enjoy those areas, regardless of where they live. ADA access is always a concern with older areas and structures, as well as our wild and sometimes unruly nature areas, but working on ways to make things accessible to people with various disabilities, not just physical. And educating business owners that they can say no to dogs in their coffee shops! They can ask two questions to determine if a dog is a service dog, and they can tell the owner to leave the dog outside if it's not a service dog! I hate seeing untrained animals in public facilities and stores, where they distract the real working dogs from their work and give a bad name to the disabled and service dogs. Emotional support animals are not service animals, which is another distinction that people need to be educated on. Inclusion is so important for people with disabilities, and it is so unfortunate that non-disabled people take advantage of those accommodations, like service animals and true support animals (for veterans for example), in order to bring their pets with them in public.

Housing is expensive, full-time/year round/well paying employment is limited

Public transportation!

-Lack of affordable housing -lack of childcare options for working families

Need to fix the Northern Roads like Levering and Pellston area, especially North Pleasantview. Seems like all the road Maintenance is strictly Harbor and Petoskey area. Same goes for snow removal, sand, and salt put down in the winter. Petoskey Harbor areas are always good, but Levering and Pellston are horrible.

High Home and Rent Prices!

EXPENSIVE!! Prices (especially in service industries) gauged toward economically advantaged tourists and not the locals whose income cannot absorb

A huge drug rehab does not belong downtown, Harbor Hall.

People should be able to live near where they work. A lot of the servers/wait staff ski area employees live in Pellston, Alanson and further where housing is affordable. We need more of a mix of housing. I am not sure what it is. Also their should be an occupancy rate requirement before more construction takes place outside of downtown. It is a shame the KMART property is underutilized while the sprawl continues south of town.

We have had negative experiences with the road commission there are lots of dead trees in the road right of way. The dead trees are a SAFTEY hazard to motorists. The RC needs to improve the process for identification and removal of dead trees.

Terrible healthcare options

Increasing neglect for the workers that make this county's tourist economy possible. Too many events straining towns limited work force and an apparent lack of concern for low income housing, affordable daycare, affordable and convenient parking for employees of local businesses, money being flippantly spent on locations and projects that benefit seasonal residents and tourists and not year round residents.

I feel there needs to be more done for the disabled & elderly who may find it difficult to use some areas, for example the beaches. More parking at trail heads.
Many people in Emmet county seem to hesitate with doing the right thing. We should be advancing with alternative energy (solar panels, wind farms, etc.) and increasing other aspects to help the community in the long run instead of keeping things "the way they've always been done."

It is becoming more like downstate and they need a bypass in Petoskey

There’s really very little here to really dislike!

No dog park

Having to pay for parking, especially for those young adults who work downtown.

Taxes in Petoskey are seem very high. I pay $10K annually for a condo with an assessed/market value of $400K. I should not have to pay 2.5% of my property's worth in taxes each year, that is outrageous. It is not my homestead, which only compounds how outrageous the taxes are considering I have no utilization of schools, very low utilization of city services, and only use the property a couple months a year. Even if it were my homestead, the taxes are too high. It's also disturbing that property values in Petoskey are somewhat low, possibly due to high taxes, the incidence of non-owner occupancy is quite high.

Petoskey is a tourist destination, but there is no in town public beach, this would be a huge attraction for both locals and tourists and give the youth more to do in the Summer. Expanding the YMCA to include indoor recreation such as a pool, tennis or basketball court etc. would create more recreation year round.

Lack of affordable housing for individuals and families who are considered the working poor.

Community Pool

High speculative housing market, wealth inequality- a large gap between the rich and poor

Lack of cultural and ethnic diversity. Lack of restaurants that focus on local, healthy cuisine. Lack of vegan options. Lack of support for low income families. Really bummed about the increase in parking price...lack of affordable parking.

The greatest need in our community is a YMCA facility much like you would find in other affluent communities like ours. A YMCA is the heart of a community. With an affordable pool, gym, ball courts, and daycare - the Y provides so many things that our community would benefit from.

Need to keep public transportation for so many that do not have a way to get to work. I worry about line 5 very much!!

Roads are not suited for seasonal influx of tourists. Also, Cellular towers have the same problem.

Lack of childcare makes it extremely difficult for both parent families to work to make ends meet. City of Petoskey kids camp has been a wonderful addition to the area. It runs a little short of the school year and is only for older kids which is still a great option for summer. But we need more options for younger children. Wait lists are at more than a year and/or close to $40-50 a day per kid for some which is not feasible for most families. If people had reliable and affordable childcare double income households would make for more families to be able to make ends meet in other financial areas. When you have one parent who works just to pay for childcare, we have a problem. You then have a single income family living below poverty and one less person in each family who could be working and filling the thousands of job vacancies.

Harbor Hall threatening suit and taking over old town emmet destroying safe family neighborhood with 90 day turn and burn drug rehab.

North of Petoskey, the roads are really in need of some help.

Lack of affordable housing for the working poor

Lack of affordable housing and the distinct lack of affordable parking in downtown Petoskey is definitely a negative aspect.
if public transit keeps moving forward, I won't have to worry about parking and the distance to work.

An indoor turf facility is needed for youth sports to participate year round.

Cost of living seems higher than further south.

Local county govt is going backwards. Out of fear of taxation they are ignoring or gutting programs that make this community highly livable. (eg. Heaadlands, etc.) I have lived in the past in a wealthy county (Midland) where almost all recreational programs suffered or were lost because of "fiscal" tax cutting.

Lack of ordinances restricting noise, privacy fencing, and fireworks. Lack of affordable housing for people in the service industry that support tourism. Green energy initiatives need to be supported.

I live in Wawatam Twp, (Mackinaw City, Emmet County Side) and also own property in Bliss Twp. Many of the surrounding properties in Bliss are full of yard cars and discarded debris that have been littering the yards for YEARS. I love the country feel of Bliss Twp, but some neighbors make the area seem horrible.

To many wayfinding signs within Harbor Springs. To many DEER.

Our roads are horrible!!! All roads paved and unpaved!! Text taxes are super high and not used properly! Bike path a complete waste they still ride in the road! Winter there are people who live north of boyne highlands but that is where the good sanding stops!

Seasonal road congestion

Natural areas are often losers as development pressures increase, i.e. rural lands to urban development. This pressure is going to increase as others move in to escape development trends in their own communities. Environmental resources (recreation) are the areas' most important "export".

this county is more for the wealthy living

Lack of parking at the county building.

Blight! Check out Canby Road between Sturgeon Bay Trail & Levering Road. There are people living in a school bus.

Funny that you mentioned affordability in the positives but excluded it in the negatives. In the Petoskey area there is NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING!

The big pit downtown. It is embarrassing that we cannot agree to something that would make our town more viable.

High housing cost. No housing available. Low paying jobs will not pay for housing close enough to work in the area. No childcare available.

Roads are terrible.

No voice in government decisions as seasonal resident even though I pay same taxes as year round residents

not many negative aspects

Lack of cultural sensitivity.

Nimbyism. Those that move here want no change.

County employees are not staying. There is no direction or leadership. The Boards talks on doing many things, so far i've seen no progress. Just back stabbing prior board members. There is no downtown parking. No real friday night events. Like at Boyne City the number of people who are downtown Friday nights, downtown is nothing but bars anymore.

Poor medical care
Local government is stuck in yesteryear and needs to start thinking about a more progressive future, not trying to protect what used to be.

Difficulty and distance to major airport, need to travel downstate for some medical services which are superior there.

As a retiree I am aware of guest lodging problems and area work force lodging problems. Solving lodging issues will require creativity and flexibility. Raising Taxes are problematic as it forces out younger families and retirees on fixed income. Congestion is contained to a handful of weeks and common sense should guide decisions on construction and traffic lights... add temporary lights and signs. Parking and transportation is again part of the "experience" to visiting the north. Get creative and find improved recreational ideas to help reduce these 'Temporary seasonal' problems.

Lack of employee housing for our businesses. We have seen restaurants have to limit their hours because they don't have employees.

Coming from a small out-of-state city, my wife & I were used to a far more diverse cultural landscape than what we have found here in Petoskey & Emmet. Despite the fact that we have near neighbors who are (proud) Odawa tribe members, the Native Americans of this place are often "invisible" to majority residents, are overlooked, or quietly/noisily discriminated against. Tho' we both grew-up in small, homogeneous (White dominant) villages in downstate MI, in recent decades we had grown used to the more vibrant culture afforded by a community with a more welcoming environment for persons of color, new immigrants, or other ethnicities. Folks around here--many of them who seem to view themselves as "refugees" from Detroit--don't seem particularly interested in exploring possibilities for changing that limited dynamic anytime soon. In my/our mind, and IF the affordable housing crisis could be solved, a more open approach to Immigration and/or (non-caucasian) Outsiders would go far to solving some of Emmet's long-term labor-shortage problems.

People move here because they love it and then want to change it to be like downstate stay downstate Harbo Sprngs has priced out locals

The current leadership and failure to appreciate new Dark Sky Park is concerning

Lack of outdoor Pickleball Facilities like other towns have.

Lack of pickleball courts.

Petoskey, in particular, has not figured out how to be more progressive, how to attract non-tourism jobs, how to not "bow" to the old way of doing things. Boyne City seems to be doing a better job.

The back room dealing planning departments seem to do/not always following master plans/zoning.

Local government officials like vision and are afraid to take risks. Surrounding communities, especially Boyne City, are more progressive.

Emmet County is seriously behind other communities in the development of outdoor Pickleball courts. Popularity of The sport is growing rapidly, particularly within in the senior community. Considering all the other recreational opportunities in the community, very little attention has been given to this sport. Pickleball is inexpensive, easy to learn & crosses all generations.

Although it is not part of the City, I really enjoy the Community Center at the College and consider it part of the perk of Emmet County life. The City should promote this facility more as an asset of life in Emmet. With such a great facility, it would be foolish for the city to build a separate center, it would be better if they partnered with the College to bring more summer activities to the college. Summer camps, basketball - red macker contests, concerts, etc.

We need a local sportsplex center like Gaylord has. A pool, ice rink, tennis courts, playground and walking track. We also need a complete YMCA. This community is great except that we don't support the young families with year round facilities that promote healthy living and activities. Sure some of these activities are provided, but they are scattered. Harbor Springs has a pool with limited use hours and it is crowded. The local ice rink is privately
owned and very expensive with little to no open skate sessions. As a family of six it would be wonderful to be able to drive to one place and have these activities for the whole family, year round.

Extremely disappointed in the county commissioners and how they support their own interests and not those of the people

I would like more activities for families with young kids.

County Commissioners are quick to spend money frivolously (an EMS site that continues to flood, sink more money into a dark sky park that we don't need) but will not support the only non-profit medical care facility in the county-home to 100+residents & one of the largest employers in the area.

The “mine’s Fine” attitude in regard to caring about and for others.

Leaders of local government clearly don’t value the opinion of the locals.

Zoning is too restrictive for an area as rural as Emmet County. Property owners rights need to be respected.

Lack of daycare for children

Lack of adequate snow/ice removal from roads & sidewalks in the winter. Affordable housing being bought up by landlords for short-term rentals.

Too many unoccupied storefronts. Not enough workers which could be due to the lack of affordable housing.

Too many breweries and wineries. Commercial rents are too high making it difficult to start and sustain a small business.

All downtown parking is metered. Keeps me away. I go to boyne city with no street meters.

Current Emmet County Board of Commissioners who are inept, self serving. Lack of respect for former Administrators and all of the work sacrifice and accomplishments that they made over the years to create the Emmet County that we largely have today. The current board is beyond disrespectful. They should resign, in particularly Charlie McGinnis. He is a transplant, will always be a transplant, who does not deserve to be in the position that he is. He will never have the respect that Lynn Johnson and Marty Krupa have in this community.

No parking around district library

Emmet County is being overdeveloped. Not enough attention being paid to preserving a natural and healthy environment. Commercial interests trump everything.

Taxes are high but I am happy to pay for our county ambulance service, our recycling program, etc. Disappointed that we don't do more to promote the Dark Sky Park. There's also a lack of diversity in our community. Lastly, I wish we could do more for service workers who can't afford to live in Petoskey.

High cost of building (for whatever reasons - labor, regulation, land costs, etc.). Expensive to add to your building or improve your building or property.

Need for primary care physicians. Many local doctors will retire in the next five years!

Too much commercial and residential growth.

Development gone amuck. What we don't need is a few more 5 million dollar homes in our downtown. It's sick and wrong.

The area needs an indoor pool for the residents

summer congestion. Emmet County Commission has not had strong leadership/consensus building for many years. Need to provide informational forums for the public not just public comment at commissioner meetings.
This area was not made to take the influx of people in the summer months. Most not all come from bigger city’s where being a asshole is a ok thing to be. I hate them. Seriously!!

lack of childcare options;

I love emmet county - but i really wish the leadership was more in tune to all the people of the county. From the outside it seems as if it is run with an iron fisted “good ole boy” network... Seems as if the county leadership has no vision and they don’t know how to create that path to get a vision - let alone get to a better place. We always have ways of making lives better - it is up to the leadership to find creative ways to do that. I do not see that happening on the county level. It is very sad.

Knotweed - prohibited species, county has literally done nothing about this, in spite of state laws prohibiting movement of knotweed. Officials have not taken this issue seriously enough and it’s a major issue with over 200+ invasive knotweed sites in Emmet County alone, including every single county gravel pit, as well as excavator pits.

Housing is so damn expensive not to mention hard to find

Lack of a comprehensive senior center like Rochester’s OPC.

Lack of rural hardwired internet

New busses are great. Would like to see this expanded and a daily bus to and from TC. Need late night teen venues; coffee shop, diner, ping pong, pool, etc. Need more dinner venues. Too many restaurants that close before dinner. Too many vacancies on Mitchell Street especially. Will hurt downtown if we can't do something about Petoskey Land and Cattle Co.

Sprawl development

there is not a lack of cultural/entertainment events, but the cost of these things is prohibitive

AFFORDABLE HOUSING- rentals or for purchase across all income levels.

Lack of diversity. With more housing and employment options hopefully what would follow is more diverse community (age, income and ethnicity).

Housing prices are extremely high and skilled labor wages are far below other parts of the country.

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No Comments for Question 8
(Have you attended a community event, such as the County fair or art in the park, in Emmet County in the past three years?)

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Comments for Question 9
(Which events have you attended? How important are these events to you?)

Riverfest in Alanson is a great event!!

Festival at the Bay, Art in the Park. Nice, but if I didn't live in the city I don't know if I would attend. It's too hard to find parking or transportation.

Fireworks, Bay View activities, Crooked Tree, Art in Park, NCNC activities, GL Arts center.

4th of July parade in Harbor Springs. Fireworks, Art Fairs, RFC Mini Fair, Cross Village Parade, ogi Class in CV
Fair, 4th of July events, Art in Park, Sidewalk sales

County Fair. Somewhat important

County Fair, Art in Park, Festival at waterpark

open houses very important

County Fair, Art in Park

County fair - very important

Art in the Park

Art in Park very important County Fair very important Festival by the Bay, and others

We attend many library PDL sponsored events, GLCO, Great Lakes Center for Arts, NMC lectures.

Charlotte Ross Music in the Park, Petoskey Open House, Art in the Park, Trolley, County Fair, Odawa Pow wow, Festival on the Pay Parades

Art in the Park, Friday night music, fireworks

PLA fundraisers, picnic, Pig roast

County fair, some community events, every community needs these to stay n touch in our busy world.

Art in the Park, Christmas activities, community festivals, steel drum band - very important.

very important to have a variety of community events.

art in park

I personally avoid social events but they are important. I wouldn't want to live in a community that didn't have things to do for people who like that.

Art in Park, Antique show at fairgrounds

markets in Petoskey and Harbor Springs, Blissfest, Harbor Springs theatre.

county fair

parades and art fairs. Not very important - I don't live here to be entertained.

Open hour, Friend of the bay, Fair, Art in Park

County fair - not important to me. Art events important.

Fair - 5 years ago. Usually attend sidewalk sales every year. Art in the Park - 7 years ago. Petosky created the place to host musical events by the Quary at the end of water front turnaround. Not longer have events there.

All downtown Petoskey events - parades, holiday open house, sidewalk sales, etc. Fair - we've attended sporadically over the last 3 years, Parades and downtown events are very important to us.

None - July 4th events and Memorial Day events

Harbor Christmas tree lighting, Harbor Springs Merchant night, Art fairs, parades, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, 5K runs.

Fair, Sr. Fair, Music in the Park, Library book exchange
County Fair. -Very Important

Concert at the Cross Polo at Bliss Memorial Day celebrations Marathons

? Riverfest, fire works, Blessing of the Fleet.

Art in Park, County Fair, Bayview Apts., Flywheelers Farmer's Market, Lavender Hill Farm, Performing Arts Ctr. Music in Park, Library, Carnigie movies, Fourth of July, Memorial Day parades.

County fair, it is fun.

Art shows in Harbor & Petosky, Blissfest, Free movies all summer in multiple locations. super important

Emmet County Fair - every July & Aug. 4th of July Art Fair - Harbor Springs every year.

Fair- very important for youth and community Art show -important for businesses downtown

Fair - less than it used to be Art - like very much.

Very important. 4th of July parade and fireworks, Petoskey downtown open house - winter, Art shows, Petoskey rocks.

art fair, farmers market

farmers market

COUNTY FAIR, ART IN THE PARK, SENIOR EVENTS.
Very important! Harbor 4th of July parade, 4th of July Art Fair, Sheet musique

fair, Art in Park, Fireworks, farmers markets.

Art in the Park. This is not an important event to me.

Art in Park, sidewalk sales, county fair, winter open house, concert in park, steel drum band appearance. All very important.

Fireworks by Mackinaw City. Mackinaw area historical village.

Emmet Co. Fair - somewhat important

We have attended many events in the past such as Art in the Park and have enjoyed them immensely. Due to illness, I have been unable to attend as much as I would like.

Art in the Park

Sidewalk days, Art in the park, farmers markets They are nice to have. Not a reason for me to come to the area but a nice enhancement to the area

County Fair and others but I can't remember what is specific to the county.

Car show and book fair

I avoid these events due to congestion of parking and ability to safely drive with extra pedestrians and vehicles.

County Fair

Most Harbor Springs events, Christmas Open house in Petoskey, ODAWA Pow wow

I attended a summer open house. It was ok. I'm not too much into the events since I am not a big fan of congestion and crowds.
Art in the park, Christmas tree lightings, concerts in the park etc.

Fair... all are nice

County Fair. Very important.

The County Fair is very important. Just expensive for low income families with lots of children.

Art in the Park, Antique Show, Holiday Open House, Summer Open House, 4th of July events and Outdoor Movie Night. We love all of these events.

Petoskey Art in the Park Young Americans Dinner Theatre Harbor Springs Car Show

For Art in the Park, I go to other MI communities. County Fair - classic rock music preferred over "country" of today. Hate mud trucks.

Fair, Festivals

Art events Friday night. downtown Open houses Waterfront events

Fair, Petoskey rocks, art fair, festival on the bay The fair is fun for the whole family, and festival on the bay provides work for our business

library event, parades, art walk, Art in the Park,county fair,

Antique fair

Art in the Park, County Fair

county fair

Art in the park, Blissfest, concerts.

county fair - minimal

Not an event person, too many people. A walk on the beach, woo, hiking a nature preserve.

Art in the Park. Very important.

Emmet County Fair

Art in Park, parades, farmers market, Thursdays in Harbor Beach

Farmers market, Art in the Park, Christmas Parade, Love them!

Art in the Park, Holiday craft shows, fair, free concerts in the park, movies at Crooked Lake, all very important.

Art in the Park, outside enjoying the downtown, see vendors you know, local people.

parades, art fair, outdoor concerts, fireworks.

car shows, downtown music, fair, art shows, antique shows, school events, farmers market.

Fair, Art in Park sometimes, Dark sky sometimes m cam Petosgo, Pickeral Lake

Mackinaw events - parks - ice sculpture, Iron works.

Art in the Park, Not really important

ART SHOWS
Fireworks for the fourth of July. They were great

Art walk in Harbor Springs.

County fair ++

Alanson Riverfest, Christmas opens Petoskey Harbor Springs, July 4 parade.

County fair, art in the park, farmer's market, etc. I like for these events to remain, very important.

Foundation meetings annual PHSACF, McClaren events, concerts.

Blissfest, county fair, festival on the bay, street music, 4th of July parade & fire works.

Art shows, taste events, boat and oar shows

Art/Music: Although our county seems to encourage art & music as a commodity to be consumed, the social aspect around art is/can be healthy.

Riverfest, Festival on the Bay

college and college events, farmers market, parades, museums, marina events.

Art in the Park, County Fair, Petoskey Open House, Petoskey Rocks.

Fair, Petoskey Rocks, Open houses Very important

Music in Park, parades, weddings by waterfront

Mushroom fest, Boyne City (great) Riverfest in Alanson Petoskey Steel Band, (great), Air fair, Charlevoix

Art in the Park - important

Fair, art in the park, NCMC Lecture Series, Sidewalk Sales, ETC...

Art in the park, sidewalk sales, Taste of Petoskey, Restaurant Week

Art in the park Movies in the park 4th of July parade in Petoskey Fireworks in Petoskey

Because of medical and financial reasons I do not go out. But if I could I would go to the fair, art in the park and the Halloween and Christmas events.

Fair, Art in the Park. Fun, but not that important

Art in the park County Fair Somewhat important

Open houses, summer and winter-very important, fun community events, sporting events, art in the park-fabulous, many of the downtown events

Art in the Park, Festival on the Bay, Gallery Walk, Open houses. All of these events are wonderful and really build the sense of community that makes me happy to be here.

Festival on the Bay, 4th of July, County Fair.

The fair. Art in the Park. Tip of the Mitt Fiber Festival. I love them all.

Emmet county Fair in Petoskey. Would go more often if they better advertised and we're more fun.

Art in the Park, Senior Fair at Fairgrounds, Antinque Show, Bayview musical events. Enjoy them for entertainment.
4th of July Parade, Music in the Park, sidewalk sales, Art Fair. Enjoy all of them. They add to the overall appeal of the community.

Fair. It's okay, but we need less events focused on hillbillies and farmers.

I spend most summer weekends in the U.P. I attend Concerts in the Park when possible and always The Holiday Open House Downtown.

County fair, art in park, firework, parades

Fair, downtown open houses, Art in the Park, Festival by the Bay, etc. becoming less important...losing the community feel. it seems more and more we are simply entertaining our visitors while ignoring our residents.

Art in Park. More for the community than for myself.

County fair, farmers markets, craft shows, speakers that have come to the college.

Fair, art in the park, Christmas open house

Part of the small town appeal- County Fair Art in the Park Farmers Market Christmas Tree Lighting

Art in Park, parades, etc. Fun to go to

Emmet County Fair, Festival on the Bay I love getting to the fair, Festival is always fun, love the ecumenical worship service on Sunday

Art in the Park Pride Event Waterfront Party (August) County Fair Fireworks Pennsylvania Park Entertainment

Parades All are important

Fair, open house, winter carnival, bridge walk

County fair, sidewalk sales, open house, 4th of July parade, car show

Harbor Springs 4th of July- participant in the parade. We buy over $100 worth of candy to throw every year. We are proud of our hometown, and my girls love to participate. County fair- nice to get out, see neighbors and folks that you know from church, school, work, enjoying themselves. Let the kids play together. Art in the Park- I love to see the local artists and all the different perspectives of northern Michigan's natural beauty. Veterans Day parade- we are a military family and are proud of our family members' service. Open houses/tree-lighting during the holidays in Petoskey and Harbor Springs- again, great to see our neighbors and friends, bring the kids together, let them see the steel drum band and the high school kids performing. They look forward to it.

Art in the park, Farmer's Market, Flag Party at Pennsylvania Park, Petoskey Rocks, Movies in the Park, Sidewalk Sales, Festival by the Bay, Open houses, etc.. These events are important to me because sometimes it's hard to find things to do in a small city. Petoskey has done a great job so far creating events to get people out of the house. However, I do think more events should be planned to incorporate a wider range of ages. There is plenty to do for kids and elderly, but not much for us middle aged people.

Christmas parade, downtown open house, art in the park - love these!

open house, art in the park they are fun

County fair. Not very important.

sidewalk sales, art in the park, 5k's, county fair, darksky, movies in the park, music in the park, winter festival, farmers market, parades, etc.

Parades, Band Events (steel drum)

Art in the Park
Charlevoix venetian festival, Charlevoix apple festival, Petoskey sidewalk sales (with Petoskey high school steel drum band)

Parades, festivals, fairs, etc.

County Fair Festival on the Bay

Art in the Park, Sidewalk Sales, Downtown Open Houses, Farmers Markets, Very important to create a sense of community.

Art in the Park; Festival on the Bay; Fair; etc. I enjoy going to them and appreciate that they are here, but I wouldn't say they are critical to me.

not important

Festival on the Bay--important to drive revenue for local shopowners

Emmet County Fair, Waterfront Festival, Riverfest, Top O Michigan Outboard Marathon, Public Library Kids Book events, Farmers Market, I enjoy going to them

art evente, county fair, steel drum band,

Art in the park

Farmers’ markets, art fairs, car shows, boat shows, street music,

Fairly important

Art in the Park- Not important County Fair-Not Important

harbor springs art show July 4; Petoskey art in the park

Emmet County Fair every year. Very important. Street Music, Art in the Park, Christmas merchant open house. Get out here trail run, Outfitter Loppet, Wild Things xc ski outing. They are all fun important events. It makes me feel part of a healthy active community.

Art in the park

Emmet fair

Too much trouble finding convenient parking.

I don't get to attend any because I have to work during all events because the work force in the service industry is not sustainable.

Love the County Fair. Love all the little fairs & festivals throughout the county.

county fair

Petoskey Summer and Winter Open House, winter carnival. I think these events are essential to offer to the community and for businesses.

Blissfest

Sidewalk Sales, Farmers Market, County Fair - nice but not necessary

Fair casino parks

LTTB Functions at Wycamp Lake- Harvesting rice This is very important.

County fair. Very important Blissfest. Very important
Fair Fiber Fest Library and crooked tree arts events

It is a tradition

Very.

Crooked Tree Arts Center Events, County Fair, Art in the Park, Petoskey Band Events, High School Plays, Bay View Arts, Interlochen...VERY IMPORTANT

Art in the park, county fair, festival on the bay, parades, movies in the park, open houses, provides sense of community's you are

Art in the park, festival on the bay, sidewalk sales, downtown open house, county fair

Emmet County Fair Art in the Park Festival by the Bay Downtown Open House

Art in the Park, HS auto show, various HS parades, etc. These are fun events, but we don't always feel compelled to attend.

Art in the Park, open houses, sidewalk sales, farmers markets

Street Musuqic in HS, Emmet County Fair, Car Show, 4th of July... I would say very important to have those events.

Festival on the Bay, Fair, Open Houses in Petoskey and Harbor Springs, Street Musique in HS, Fourth of July events, 5k runs/walks, Riverfest in Alanson, Sidewalk Sales, these are all very important to me.

I go to everything, however I am unaware what the Petoskey Chamber does and what the county does. I always thought Art in the Park was a chamber event which is why I say that.

Art fairs, county fair, movies in the park, live music, kids events

Art in the Park, holiday parades

County Fair (very important, kids look forward to it all year long), Festival on the Bay (ok, but pricey), Art in the Park (not important, pricey for locals, but I'm sure it's good for tourism).

Art in park, fair, festival on bay, Bear river 5k, hiking club, NCT meet ups etc

County Fair. It's about local people and that's what makes it very important.

Concerts in the park, 4th of July, farmers market, fair, library events. Very important.

Art in the park, festival on the bay, fair. They are nice to have things to do in the warmer months. Would love to see more options year round

Art in the Park, County Fair, Petoskey Open House

County Fair, Art in the Park, Waganakising Bay Day, 4th of July Parades, It is very important to have affordable or free community events with family friendly activities

Petoskey Rocks, Fair, Open Houses

County fair, Art in the park All very important to me even if I don't attend

Events attended: Harbor Springs Museum Harbor Springs Library Emmet County Fair Art in the Park events Petoskey Holiday open houses Harbor Springs Holiday open houses Mackinaw Historical Parks events Farmers Markets across the county Cross Village community events
county fair, winter and summer open house
Fair, open houses, Petoskey waterfront event

Fair, art shows, celebrations, festivals (Public Safety).

Fair, music - very

County Fair, Art in the Park

Concerts in the Park, Art in the Park, Holiday Open House Sidewalk Sales, Concerts by the Bay, 4 of July Parade

I LOVE Art in the Park, the Winter Open House, Summer Open House, Farmers Markets, concerts and movies in the park, 4th of July events in Harbor Springs, music in the streets in Harbor Springs. Community events are EXTREMELY important to me. Especially ones that highlight local businesses, the arts, literature, nature, local farms, and local food.

Art in the Park Gallery Walk (winter)

Fair

Art in the Park, fair, 4th of July celebration, Tree Lighting

Parades and cultural events. Also fundraisers and food related events at waterfronts.

County Fair every year, Festival by the Bay every year, and Riverfest every year.

I do not attend most summer events because I spend most of my summer in The U.P.

Art in the Park, 4th of July parade/fireworks, farmers market, sidewalk sale

The Emmet County Fair is very important! I was a part of 4H since basically I was born. I am a 4th generation 4Her and showed animals since I was 2 years old. Now my children are a part of it. 4H teaches so many things that kids do not have a clue about anymore in todays techy world. How to love, care, teach, groom, manage feeding plans or health programs and how to put an animal before yourself as a kid or teenager. It teaches showmanship, responsibility, patience, respect, and communication with another living thing that does speak back. It teaches kids to work together, teach, learn and communicate with peers and adults. Teaches kids how to get into the community to volunteer, to market their animal and approach business owners as auction buyers. Teaches kids to work hard to get what you want, dont just assume things come easy. All things that most people understand as adults, but the younger generations struggle deeply, due to the negative affects of social media and technology. 4H and the fair helps get kids ready for the real world by knowing things dont come easily. They know it takes hard work to get what you want. Makes kids less socially awkward. If every child could be in 4H and learn these things, our world would be a much better place. Hats off to everyone who makes the fair and 4h program happen!

County fair, harbor Springs brewfest, Harbor Springs ice fest, singo, trivia night, ladies night, tree lighting, street Musique

cultural, political, recreational. Fairly important

Emmet County Fair, Sidewalk Sales, Festival on the Bay.

Friday night music, downtown open houses, etc

Festival on the Bay Art in the Park Farmers Markets Music in the Park/Petoskey Rocks Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair Around the Table - Local Food Alliance Project Connect Parades

none

County fair, art in the park, farmers market, Petoskey rocks, open houses, VERY IMPORTANT
Emmet County Fair Art in the Park Sidewalk Sales Festival on the Bay Memorial Day events 4th of July parade and events Gallery Walk Crooked Tree Arts Center events 5K and 10K races Petoskey High School concerts and athletics NCMC lectures Christmas and summer downtown open houses Library presentations

Art in the Park, Festival on the Bay, Homecoming Powwow, Dark Sky Park programming. Programming with cultural or natural relevance is more important to me than shopping or entertainment.


County Fair

4th of July art show & parade

county fair; sidewalk sales but parking is terrible

Emmet-Chx. County Fair, art in the park, sidewalk days. They are touchstone events in the community -- everyone comes out.

Music in the park - activities that are free

County fair Art in the park Concerts in the park Sidewalk sales 4th of July activities These events are very important

Art in the Park, Fair, Craft show at Fairgrounds

4th of July, art fair, parade, fireworks. Club Ponytail reunion. Shay days. Christmas tree lighting County fair Blessing of the fleet All events are important to us.


almost all

Art in the Park, Craft Show, Music in the park; these are very important

outdoor concerts, events at the fairgrounds, parades etc. are all nice

county fair; Harbor Springs band, parade. Important

Fair, parade, street music, choir concerts, sporting events, Harbor Springs community events

Fair

I usually make it to at least one of the Downtown Petoskey events, and attend Blissfest every year. While all are not equally important, they are significant parts of the year to our family.

Concerts in the park; stroll the streets; Art in the Park These are a great part of northern Michigan's community atmosphere. I haven't attended more because I have a 45 -60 minute commute and want to avoid the traffic and congestion downtown in the summer, especially with all of the traffic on US31 through downtown and BayView.

Several Petoskey Art Fairs, and several County Tree Sales (Petoskey Fair Grounds),

Art fairs, music in the park, fair. Farmers Market. All important.

art fairs, festival on bay, running events, holiday open houses

art in the park, winter ice festival, holiday parades- all very nice events that bring the family together for fun activity

Beer festival at the highlands Taste of harbor Springs Didn't understand the festival of the book when we attended County fair! Very important!
Bliss Polo, Bliss Farmers Market

love art in the park, community parades on the 4th of July and the fireworks

Art in the Park, Taste if Little Traverse Bay, Plant swap

Art in the Park, music in Pennsylvania Park.

County Fair, Art in the park, concerts in the park, Art center activities, downtown open houses. Waterfront activities. Camp Petosega

The fair. Not very important.

the county fairs, grandstand events, gun shows

Music and other events at Pennsylvania Park, winter and summer open houses in Petoskey, several Emmet County parks events

County Fair, Art in the Park, Open Houses in downtown, Parades

these events are very enjoyable

fair

Petoskey Open House, Restaurant Week, Fourth of July parade, art faire, Nub's Nob open house; 7/10

County fair, art in the park and camp petosega events

Art in the Park, County Fair, fireworks, tree lighting ceremonies.

County Fair - something all families of most financial levels can attend and a little bit of something for everyone.

County fair, art in the park, antique show in July and August, February winter event...

Very. Attend most of the summer festivals and the Christmas and Halloween events.

Very

Cross Village Pow Wow, Good Hart Festival, Carp Lake Parade

County fair

County fairs, Riverfest, car shows

Not at all

Art Fair and Car Show

fair, art in the park, parade

A lot of events. I work in downtown Petoskey and these events keep the town going.

Movies, bay view events, art and antique events

Fair, Art

Families have built memories from the events Emmet County provided.

Winter carnival, summer festival, x-mas celebrations.
Art fairs, concerts, art exhibits, county fair, other events, fundraisers. Very important.

County Fair

The Fair. Grew up a 4H member. With out 4-H and livestock barns we won't have a fair.

Fair - is a must have also allow 4-H to use the barns at the park, many events at Headlands - Camp Petosega

Save the Trees, Planned Parenthood, D'Art for Art, Howl at the Moon, parades, Blessing of the Fleet, etc.

Winterfest Art in the Park 4 th of July

Open Houses, Bay Days, Fair, Art in the Park, Sidewalk sales, etc. They are nice events to have for the community.

Holiday open house, Harbor Springs. Not that important.

Blissfest very important numerous concerts in the park and at bay view important

All of the chamber events, as well as DDA events and NCMC events.

ECFair - too mant to list

Farmers Market every week, Open House, CTAC events - SO important - especially out local farmers

Attended numerous Harbor Springs events; art fair, parades, street musique, farmer's market. Very important.

Art in the Park in Petoskey- A big activity that provides charm and economy to the local areas.

The fair

The fair and every open house. They are good times to get out and see the sights.

County fair, quilt show. The quilt show has now moved but we enjoy the fair ground events

Art in the park and the County fair. Both are important to our community.

Various downtown Petoskey events (open houses, Gallery Walk, Art in the Park), County Fair.

Cpunty Fair, Art in the Park, misc. Park concerts, publicly shown films at the Carnegie, art shows at Crooked Tree, guest speakers appearing in Petosky, at the College, or in other neighboring communities, Public Library events, ETC!

All music festivals, non profit fundraisers and events. Environmental and political meetings and gatherings to protect our water. Bear river clean up, meetings and actions to shut down line 5. Chamber events mostly in the harbor springs, Petoskey and bay harbor areas. Powwows, parades, other cultural activities.

Fourth of july celebrations, Tribal Pow wow, may extention events, tree lighting's, open house, parades.

Art in the Park, Summer Open House, Holiday Open House HS & Pet, Parades.

Blues fest.

Fair, Art in the Park, Bayfront Festival

Art fairs, farmers markets, music events

Antique show at fair grounds. Events at crooked tree art center. Summer opening in June.

Art in the Park, Harbor Springs Brewfest, Paul Revere Run, Parades, Harbor Springs Ice Fest, Chili Cook-Off, Turkey Trot Run, and Spring/Winter Open Houses.
Petoskey Rocks Sidewalk Sales Holiday Open House Summer Open house Gallery Walk Festival on the Bay Art in the Park

Bike activities Road races Little Traverse Conservancy activities Author talks Gallery Walks Concerts Talks at the dark sky park Lighthouses Wilderness Park hiking All very important.

Co. Fair

Car show. Fireworks. Art show.

Taste of Harbor Springs Harbor Springs Art show

Fourth of July parade Farmers market

Art in the park Slightly more then moderately important

Art in park. Park concerts open houses in Petoskey

Fair, hiking trails

Art in the Park County Fair

Art fairs, festivals, bay view concerts, great lakes performing arts, holiday open houses

Petoskey Rocks! Important to bring people downtown. Not important to me.

Fair, Parks, Music

County Fair is great.

Art fairs, festivals

Art in the Park, open air concerts at gazebo, famers markets on Fridays, gallery night, the "Rock" weekend down at the marina, etc.

Various events in and around Harbor Springs.

Labor Day bridge walk, Memorial Day parade, county fair,

County fair, many community events in Harbor Springs. Because of traffic, I don't typically go to Petoskey at all.

Farmers markets, business after hours, parades, waterfront food and beverage fests.

County Fair: not important but like that there are a lot of kids who seem to love it and learn from it (4H). Events in Harbor Springs we go to all the time, but I believe these are all city events.

Fair art in park parades youth baseball and swimming events.

Christmas downtown, Fireworks 4th of July, Wreaths Across America

Bay harbor events, fair, waterfront ballgames, many school functions.


The County fair as well as the Christmas festivities in Harbor and Petoskey. These festivals are wonderful memory makers and the beauty of the towns are unique, making each experience special.

Fair, art in park, open houses, outdoor concerts in park, parades, spiritng events at waterfront & highschool

Art in the Park, Sidewalk sales, Thanksgiving/Labor day parades, County Fair,, farmers market, etc.
Fair, parades, veteran activities, open houses downtown. Believe important to draw people to area.

Concerts in the park, downtown open houses, summer sidewalk sales, waterfront events, NCMC events and recreational opportunities.

Art in the Park, Harbor Springs July 4th art Show, Downtown Open Houses in Winter and Summer, Home show at NCMC

Downtown events

Downtown open house

Art in the park, Crooked Tree Events, Bayview events

County fair, the children love! We go each year. Art in the park is wonderful and we go each year.

music in the park

Art in the Park, Art Walk (Petoskey); parades, City Open Houses in Harbor Springs and Petoskey

Art in the Park, Historical Festival, County Fair, Summer and Winter Downtown Open House, Festival on the Bay. Petoskey Rocks. These events are important in getting people out and celebrating their community. They are what gives an area a sense of place. However, other than the fair, I don’t believe these events are put on by the County.

Open house and Sidewalk Sales. I usually have to work downtown during these events.

County fair-family time Art in the park Movies in the park Festival by the bay

Parades, fireworks, concerts somewhat important. More interested in self entertainment such as hiking, swimming and hunting etc.

Petoskey Open Houses Crooked Tree Concerts and art shows Library classes and movies Many others Very important

A lot! VERY IMPORTANT. I'm 83 and I need to say that the "forced" closing of Red Sky was a low point in Petoskey's history, even worse than the "hole". Organizations need a space to rent or lease. It appears that the city of Petoskey needs to make some enforceable rules between owners and renters/leasers.

County Fair and Art in the Park

Petoskey and Harbor downtown open houses, art in the park, festival by the bay, sidewalk sales (all areas), Petoskey Rocks, etc.. These events are extremely important to the community atmosphere that our small towns thrive on and are vital to the small businesses that call downtown home

County Fair, Summer fest (downtown), sidewalk sales, winter fest. I really enjoy attending these events.

County fair, art in park, winter carnival, open house, parades school sport events, chamber events

N/a

fair i enjoy it

I always attend art in the park

open houses, fair, art, music, yoga in the park

Art in the Park
Art Show in Harbor Springs on the 4th, I am on the local Board of Review, Petoskey Downtown Open House, farmer’s Market, Festival of the Book. Mostly activities that do not involve drinking...

Love the art in the park, The fair The christmas open house

Art, moderate importance. Went only 1 yr. Fair, moderate importance. Visiting livestock’s and enjoying fair rides for kids.

I usually go to the fair if I can. Sidewalk sales and the open houses we have downtown are great. They provide a great excuse to be downtown and put some money into our local economy. I try to be at parades as much as I can as well.

I go to Art in the Park every year but it is really difficult to get to seeing as I have to park 2 miles away and then walk. I tend to avoid the events like the county fair and parades because accessing them is impossible.

Street Music in Harbor, both Spring and winter open houses in Petoskey, Art in the Park, Taste of the North, Petoskey Rocks.

Art in the Park. Somewhat Important.

Emmet county fair

Emmet County Fair. I was in 4H and I just love going to watch the kids show and sell their animals.

Harbor Springs downtown events

Emmet County Fair Art in the Park Downtown Open House

Blissfest

Festival on the Bay, Winter/Summer downtown open houses, County Fair. These are great events

County fair, art in the park, festival on the bay. I feel all community events are important as they bring a welcoming and social feel.

Fairs, concerts, craft & art shows.

Fair

Art in the park and concerts. They bring the community together and add quality to my life.


Art in the park, because it gives the Petoskey area access to culture of usually does not get.

Art in the Park Fair Festival on the Bay Movies in the Park Other music festivals I would say these events are very important

BayView events, local high school events, community chorale, Very important!

Art in the park, open houses, festival on the bay, movie nights, fair.

County fair. We enjoyed visiting our clean well-maintained fairgrounds.

Art in the Park, Taste of the North, 4th Of July Parade, Spring and Christmas open houses, local foot races

Fair, art in the park

The fiber fair Art shows at crooked tree Christmas open house downtown

Fair, Headlands. Extremely important.
Petoskey open houses, parades, art in the park, historical festival.

Art in the Park, Concerts in the Park, use Camp Petosega, attend ball games & visit museum at waterfront...all very important.

Art in the Park is wonderful!

very important

Art in the Park, fair, Waterside festival, fireworks, blessing of the fleet, music in the streets, winter festival

County fair 4h program is very important

County Fair Art in the park

Emmet County Fair, Harbor Springs 4th of July, Harbor Springs car show, others. You have put 2 questions together. Difficult to answer.

Worked at county fair. We don't attend many other events but understand they are important to our community.

Fair and Art in the Park and Petoskey Rocks These are all awesome community events.


Free community events, such as downtown open houses, parades, art in the park

Art in the park Hospital community event for families Music events

With students in Petoskey Public Schools, we attend numerous events in the community, both school sponsored and community sponsored.

National or Holiday events, parades and ceremonies. Fair, dark sky park and lesser events in the less populated/congested parts of our County.

County Fair, Downtown Open Houses

I feel that these community events add to the vibrancy and close community feeling, bringing people downtown: Art in the Park (HS and Petoskey), Farmers Market, parades, school parades, beer/wine/taste festivals, etc.

Farmers Markets, Art Fairs, Blissfest, chamber Orchestra, Civic Theatre, Petoskey Rocks, Festival on the Bay—all are important!

The fair, Taste of the North, Art in the Park, open houses.

Art in the Park and Night of the Arts in Harbor Springs

Fair, limited importance but recognize historic importance

County Fair, art events, “Taste of” events, music events, runs, music ...

Art in the park. 7/10 important

Art in the Park, cross Village Zparade etc

all of them

Art fairs Farmers market

As a member of the HS education foundation we have a spot in art in the park
Petoskey open houses, Petoskey Rocks, Waterfront festival, music events. Very important

Art in the Park-moderate Petoskey Fireworks-important Holiday Parades-important Farmer's Market-important Open House-important

County Fair - Art in the Park - Parades - Farmers Markets

Art in the Park

Fair, art in park, township mtgs, dark sky park, on a scale of 1-5 fair 2 art in park 2 township mtgs 5, dark sky park 1

Art in the park and the county fair

The county fair, usually make it a priority to go at least one day.

All

art in the park, winter festival, December and June open house, gallery walk, music in the park, etc. these are great community building events.

we participate in nearly every available community event

A lot

Art fair, free fishing children's weekend, petoskey open houses, petoskey Friday night

County Fair, art in the park, open houses, fesitval on the bay, taste of the north, etc....

Visit to the parks Art in the park Events at fairgrounds Use of county building, court house, treasurer

County fair, concerts, forestry presentations, waterfront enviro events

fair

Art in the part, petoskey and harbor open houses, emmet county fair. These have been staple growing up in northern Michigan and they are the highlights of my year.

Fair, antique show, holiday open house, summer open house, art in the park - important but not a priority we are usually working during almost all summer time Events's.

County Fair, Art In The Park, December Open House, concerts at the New Performing Arts facility in Bay Harbor, International Dark Sky Park. As I own my own business, attracting people from outside the county, is essential to a thriving downtown.

Art, boat, open houses, music

Art in Park, Farmers Market, Music at the Gazebo, Festival on the Bay, Fourth of July, Sidewalk Sales, Library Functions, parades all very important

County fair, Art in the Park, Friday night concerts

Street Musque in Harbor Springs (one of our favorite events), Art in the Park, the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks, all these events are essential to the character of Harbor Springs.

Art in the Park, Festival on the Bay, Summer & Winter Open Houses, 4th of July parade and festivities.

Headlands multiple times but not since Mary Stewart Adams left, Festival on the Bay, art in the park, open house for EMS, and fair
The county fair. Fairs are a fun event in smaller communities.

Parades. Not that important.

Art Fair at Nubs Knob. 4th of July Parade. Important

Art in park fair other various things

I live and work in downtown Petoskey so I make most of those events. I especially like Art in the Park, Holiday open house. Not much of a county fair person.

Petoskey Summer Open House

Fair, Art in the Park, Downtown Open Houses, Petoskey Rocks, Very important

Art in the park Fair. Events on the waterfront. Somewhat Important

Art in Park, Open houses, parades, fireworks... I'd love to see something more like Boyne City's Stroll the Streets on Friday nts with music and maybe even alcohol

both are important, but I'm disabled and not able to walk

County fair- annually. Always a great way to end the summer for my young kids. Many downtown events- open houses, concerts in the park, etc.

Fair, food truck rally, chamber and downtown events. Community events are vital. Especially daytime family friendly.

Open House Art In the Park

Art in the Park, Festival on the Bay, Petoskey Open House, Petoskey and Harbor Springs Farmers Market, July 4th celebration in Harbor, Fireworks in Petoskey . . .

County Fair.

we attend most community events and the availability of these events is extremely important to us.

County Fair, Art in the park, Festival on the Bay, Readmond twp fair, etc, etc. The events make it nice to live here.

Fair, Food Festival, and Art in the Park

Fair, Art in Park occasionally, and Concerts in the Park

County Fair and Art in the Park

Art in the park, music In the park, Street Musique

county fairs, art in the park, school events, school sports, open house, summer performing arts events at the gazebo, festival by the bay, etc.

No Comments for Question 10-11
(For each type of housing listed below, please indicate how much new housing you feel the County needs in the next 5-10 years. How important are each of the following development priorities for Emmet County to address over the next five to ten years?)
Comments for Question 12
(How important are each of the following conservation and sustainability priorities for the County in the next 5-10 years?)

if we are going to have non motorized paths- Make them use it not the main roads and charge a fee for non-motorized methods of transportation

Nature is Emmet County's main industry!

more and brighter street lights.

view scape protection

Public access to beaches, expand recycle pick-up to county, more families, market incentives

provide bike lanes along major roads

Use public funds for roads, not solar/wind

Resort Pike needs a bike path - very dangerous!

use sustainable maintenance practices on grounds/maintenance/ parks

affordable health care

Native plant landscapes

Lake Michigan beach access

though effective/ wind turbines affect natural appearances

Limit the use of pesticides along lake shore properties, Wequetonsing, Harbor point, Windward all the chemicals end up in the water.

Increase ORV and Snowmobiling opportunities

Green roofs, compost and recycling incentive programs

Little Traverse Conservancy should be a key partner in this work.

Much of our revenue depends on natural areas and features, but it's important to keep in mind those who make their living here year-round and support the community that supports tourist industry.

Remove high numbers of DEER

Wish we could get a train from Detroit Metro area to Petoskey.

Traditional Cultural Properties. TCP's

Broadband connectivity county-wide

Petoskey/Emmet--working together--needs to explore County & Community/ Solar. Etc!

You questions are written to accommodate personal agenda why is low income in an apartment building?

Outside Pickleball Courts as a way to attract tournaments and tourists as they do for the pike rides. Biggest growing sport.
Preserving/improving waterfront views + access to water

If we start seeing windmills, we're gone.

We are attractive because of the surrounding natural beauty, preserving it is in the economy interest!!

Decomission Line 5; Bann the use of glyphosphate and round up; develop a "green" wild flower, clover, bee sanctuaries; Dog Park(s); Promote as "dog friendly community"; Support and Pass zoning which allows individuals to easily install solar and wind energy; a green new deal for the county with full implementation by 2030; Ban plastic and styrofoam use county wide

protecting farmland by allowing farmers to develop...isn't really protecting farmland

Expand sewers where wetlands are impacted. utility costs from traditional sources must be kept affordable.

Clean the rocks out of the state park beach

Protect delineation between town and country

Urban tree canopies

affordable housing, allow smaller sizes, allow higher density for single and family dwellings. if OK for employee housing and seasonal... why not permanent residence?

Comments for Question 13
(What new types of businesses or service providers would you like to see in the community?)

more communication providers- more options for telephone and internet that really works - also improve ways that the business that are here can function more profitably

Competition for internet services

Uber Ferry

Costco

Better wireless phone coverage and internet

Ethnic Restaurants, No more chain restaurants

None

Light industry, more skilled workers (plumbing, electricians, painters, etc.)

outdoor entertainment venue

Better health care services/providers

Bread making company, Indian Restaurant, Popcorn Company

Sustainable building development for use, energy consumption and renewable generation.

Businesses where people can make a decent living and support their families.

any and all variety of small and large businesses and companies.
n/a

Organic restaurants and health food stores, vegetarian restaurants

more technology assistance who could come to your house when having trouble.

Taxi/uber/lyft

Businesses that offer moderately priced consumer good/necessities. Not over-priced crap for tourists.

Light industry. Let's make something and create a base of good paying, skilled jobs.

same industry

none

Manufacturing or high tech jobs/ Places to keep younger adults around. Both my children moved down-state for better long term-higher wage jobs.

no opinion

Private medical practices. Athletic store - running shoes, bigger variety, biking, etc. Basic business clothing store, not Penney's, Target, etc.

small business

1. Affordable non-chain family restaurants 2. Men's clothing shops

? Not sure

Small business, service, assembly, new technology, sustainable energy food.

Pleasure bikers would like to go to town. Serious bikers like to practice on the hills our here.

We need more intentional community/small farmer opportunities. We also need some high-tech call centers built here!!!

Perhaps another flower store.

restaurants outdoor gear (fishing)

N/A I haven't lived in Petoskey long enough to miss anything as of yet.

I would like to see more Walmart or Meijer's stores and lumber.

recreation focused, sustainability related

affordable, healthy restaurants, better medical providers.

Healthy organic restaurants; juice bars, fishing charters, open spaces; dark sky, non-neon signage, educational opportunities, affordable independent health care providers,

Temporary labor with benefits, Depatment stor4e, convention centre w/ hotel, large employers with higher paying jobs, no more minimum wage/parttime/no benefit jobs.

music concerts

Technician training opportunities should be expanded. Restaurant supply options needed. Ability to use local food without pricing it out of the market. Do not need anymore boutiques.
Sam's Club or Costco

NOT FOR PROFIT HOSPITAL. SMALL FACTORIES. Never have heard one positive comment about McClaren.

none

Affordable clothing stores

More trades-construction, HVAC, auto repair, etc-too little competition here resulting in inflated pricing and limited availability

Maybe Entertainment

Uber or similar

Kohl's and Panera Breads

Car Wash

I don't see how adding any new services or businesses would hurt as long as they are morally upstanding. No strip clubs please.

Additional restaurants and shops to continue to build upon the desirability of Petoskey and other towns within Emmet County as a destination to bring in additional tourism revenue to the local communities.

Art galleries and upscale gift shops.

car wash, clothing retailers, travel agent

Sam's club or Costco

food, recreation

Manufacturing jobs, good paying so people can afford to live here.

Hoop hostile to grow food.

new restaurants

none

public transportation, downtown, locally owned businesses, "unique Places"

affordable entertainment venues, indoor competitive go karting, TARGET store.

most types as long as they provide a living wage for families.

cafe

manufacturing

more assisted living and nursing homes.

mental health service providers/psychiatric, home health care agencies, daycares/preschools, Computer/electronics repair, DOG PARKS!!!!!

light industrial and commercial expansion

Tech, manufacturing, printing, finance, environmental services, medical
consistent public transportation - more small grocery stores, more affordable housing for seasonal workers.

Bio-regional based eating and economics for working people

Costco

Target!

Mariano's (or similar) grocery store in Good Hart area.

Truestream is going to be a huge asset to our community-encourage this! Places for kids to play (indoor) like the bounce house that we used to have are important especially during the winter months. A public pool would be awesome and perhaps one of the large empty buildings could be utilized. Businesses are highly dependent on the market but anything that can come in and provide well paying jobs to our citizens as well as economical viability.

K-mart, I miss that store, Dairy Queen

Energy

Area needs real manufacturing jobs to help with retaining young people.

Men's clothing, RV Service companies, RV Parks, offer a great sampling of the community to attract people to stay.

Small Engine Repair.

affordable mid range restaurants such as an Olive Garden

small factory/manufacturing type business. creates jobs with a smaller foot print.

More department-style stores for shopping More cultural activities

More restaurants/shopping/gyms or climbing facilities/apparments

Underground parking structure downtown Petoskey in the pit. Would love a park on top that could be used for a variety of things such as hosting the Farmer's market, festivals, events etc... I know the property is privately owned at the moment but that's my dream.

Green infrastructure

Sustainable and long term commitment and not to impact our environment.

More mass transit. I'd love to see a real, robust makers space for the community, with wood shop, metal shop, 3-D printing, plasma and laser cutters, sewing facility, textiles studios

Amazon jobs

More dementia care facilities, more non college degree job training ops. more affordable child care facilities and training.

Actually allowing cannabis industry in. If you blocked it and you live in the area and are reading this, you're nothing short of a moron in a can. It passed, it's legal, deal with it. Make money off of it, and then all the money around here won't be old money. Seriously, allow the sales of it. I can't begin to describe how stupid it is to not allow it. Again, it passed so stop crying.

COSTCO

Anyone willing to pay real wages. It is waaaaaay past the end of "the view of the bay is half your pay". I have a degree and decades of experience. My counterparts in "civilization" make 25-50% more than I do. it's beyond disheartening, and it's why our young people leave.
Educational, social and psychological services for children, teens, adults.

IT based businesses, green tech, call centers,

Need motels

A Target

1. Medical marijuana dispensaries 2. Recreational marijuana retail 3. Dependable and regularly scheduled public transportation 4. Daily Child Care providers

Industrial jobs and better paying commercial jobs. Not restaurants and retail.

Restaurants

I've thought it could be beneficial to have more skilled labor hubs for production, where individuals can make a livable wage and have full time schedules with benefits. So many people are employed at 2-3 jobs without benefits. Reliable internet/broadband would also increase the ability of people to study or go to college online, as well as work from home. A tele-center business or hub would be great to house customer service or technically skilled individuals in IT or help-desk, or medical occupations, where they could report to work at a hub, but work remotely. Just some thoughts.

Botanical gardens would be nice or anything that will showcase Petoskey's natural beauty(ex: natural area tours, guided boat tours, a native plant preserve, digital phone tours like that of the Bear River Recreational Area, etc)

Target, trader joes

Affordable housing for year round people that provide services in the community, and students.

variety of restaurants: More than just burgers and pub food. such as Italian or Indian (curries). More movie and theater options. Game stores and family orientated entertainment.

Businesses that go beyond fudge/serving tourists.

Increase in cable/internet providers or access. Industrial options to bring more engineering to Emmett county.

More construction/contractors. More hospitality and food services opportunities. Can we get a Target or similar please!!!??

Costco or Culvers

Medical and/or recreational dispensaries

internet commerce

Movie theatre in downtown Petoskey

Another clothing store such as Target

Good Restaurants, Public Transportation

No opinion

automotive detailing industry

Gun shops

Indoor Activities for families in winter months. I.e. trampoline parks, adventure centers, dave and buster type business.

more entertainment-culture
More co-op type services where you can contact people to watch your dog, or carpool. If you put time in and trade with people for services.

Quality healthcare

I'd like to see low income housing first, thank you.

There are lots of businesses that can not find employees. I feel there needs to be an effort to increase employees with a good work ethic to fill the vacancies that exist now.

I'm for whatever businesses the market can sustain

Roller skating rink for youth. Increased senior services for things that the Council on Aging doesn't provide, ie. snow removal, lawn care, home improvement assistance, Friendly Visitor program, etc. Kohl's Department Store

Regional public transportation (buses, TRAINS, ride-shares, etc.); wildlife rehabilitation; healthy / vegetarian restaurants; another marketplace like Grain Train

Vegan restaurants

More industry, better paying jobs

Satellite Internet

Steak and seafood restaurant

More needs based businesses

Jobs that pay a living wage I hope the people you contracted with look at the ALICE report and stop doing stuff only for rich people.

More shopping, restaurants, tech industry to bring more higher paying jobs

More ethnic restaurants

Dog park, dog friendly activities, YMCA, young adult opportunities, inexpensive entertainment

more home health care & personal care services for aging in place

None! Make leasing or rent less expensive and draw from what is already out there.

Children's indoor recreation and entertainment

No input.

Costco

Solar and Wind Energy providers - small farms - technology companies

Technical and hands on type.

Better paying, higher level executive jobs. Too many low paying seasonal jobs out there. Be open to the marijuana industry, outside city limits,

Internet based businesses, expanded tourism to shoulder seasons.

I would like to see the YMCA have its own facility with a pool in Petoskey. YMCAs in other areas I have lived (Prescott, AZ) can be amazing and affordable, and can serve all ages, all physical disabilities and all income levels.
Community coworking, distributed manufacturing, computer tech, green construction, ecotourism, nature education

Kmart plaza occupied. Target or other big box store.

- battery industry - Solar industry - other new green technologies - Companies that take our recycled materials and make new products - Fostering an atmosphere where locally-owned business thrive and expand

Convention center places for people and businesses to meet more trades. Tourism - agriculture, eco, manufacturing greener/environmentally sound products invest in more diverse retail in the cities, towns, and villages create less barriers for entrepreneurs

None

competition to charter in town. Petoskey. More dining choices

Olive Garden, Target Store

Businesses that have business plans that incorporate the triple bottom line

More restaurants. However in order for that to happen and keep workers there must be affordable living arrangements available.

Healthy food options that support local food and farmers

YMCA brick and mortar facility. Example: http://www.gtbayymca.org/summer-camp/summer-camp-2-2/

Business incubator space, Increase in tech companies, Film movie advertising companies, Establish industrial areas

I would like to see more fitness gym options on the north side of Petoskey but within travel distance from the downtown business district.

UBER/LYFT

car wash on north side of town, marijuana clinics

Affordable childcare facilities

Affordable housing developers, realistic public transportation options

medical speciality

Affordable childcare including work week rates, drop ins, weekend and evenings

Transportation options (shared rides, bikes, scooters, other) that would alleviate parking issues and congestion.

mental health treatment

More places for teens to go

Affordable housing and offered help on how to keep up a home so that the area continues to look nice; there are people who have never had a place of their own and don't know how to keep up a property.

Costco; Sams club; Target; Best Buy;

more focus on year round residents and less on visitors

More independent dining options.

Shopping (non-food) that's more affordable.
Affordable restaurants Indoor turf facility for youth sports

Downtown businesses other than bars and restaurants Need retail and other family oriented establishments.


Target in the former Kmart building. Competition in the cable tv arena.

Science, research and development, agriculture,

cable choice's

The balance we have now seems adequate.

Target Solar energy company working with Great Lake Energy electric car charging stations Community Rec Center with indoor and outdoor pool

Nurseries (Plants and Trees), There are many stores and services that I am not aware of in the area. A central Emmet County Business Directory would be GREAT!

Professional Deer Hunters.

Kohls - in the former K-Mart plaza (which seems to be sadly deteriorating)

Fresh produce store, clothing stores,

New doctors offices

More restaurants, more evening activities

Those you now have to go to Traverse City or Gaylord for.

Industry, manufacturing, hometown owned retail not more big box stores.

Apartment Complexes

Youth Centers for teenage children- Rehabilitation Center- with a mandatory of 1 year contract- court order, for addicts/alcoholics.

Approving zoning for marijuana operations might encourage more entrepreneurs to move here; need more much more real affordable housing for all but specifically for younger people; public bus transit in the evenings and weekends within higher population area (Petoskey & Harbor Springs)

More car washes. Quarter car wash. No good one in Petoskey anymore.

None. The area would be changed ruined by more industry

Dinning and delivery services

Adult Entertainment, karaoke, dance club

1) Larger network of quality medical providers. Traverse City exceeds our network which is unfortunate. Burns Clinic and Northern MI hospital use to be the premier providers in northern MI. 2) Menards. It's a great store and a better alternative to The Home Depot & Lowe's.

Marijuana

Businesses that support the local financial status-not the deep pockets of the seasons. More children focused centers (child care, indoor play areas, affordable art/museum focused on children, etc.). Improved
internet/broadband/streaming service providers for all across the county so students of all ages can have fair access to information.

Less t-shirt shops!!! More upscale stores. More restaurants with outdoor spaces -- even in the winter! Movie theatre like Lyric in Petoskey.

Something to benefit locals. High paying industries /jobs.

Car wash

Ferry service to /from Harbor-Petoskey-Charlevoix

Manufacturing

Manufacturing base.

cable, internet, name brand shopping and restaurants.

Rock climbing facility, more practitioners for specialist healthcare services (allergies, arthritis, etc), community pool in Petoskey, movie theater in downtown Petoskey, medical and recreational marijuana facilities

Better medical facilities including the hospital.

Small manufacturing

Hotel/motel in Harbor Springs Downtown Tiny home specialized builders Light industrial/green industry

Small Mfg.

In patient / out patient facility for mental health. Like old Lockwood Hospital. 3 young suicides in Emmet week of Memorial Week.

Mental Health, Youth Center - we have nothing for the youth in the area.

More Public transportation

Sustainable, ecofriendly stores and restaurants

Primary Care Medical offices; dog wash/dog daycare/dog boarding services; Expansion of The Grain Train grocery to Harbor Springs. A theatre in downtown Petoskey. More home construction companies that specialize in home renovations, particularly with green energy practices, to help so many aging homes become renovated so they can last another 50 some years for people to inhabit.

area is in desperate need of housing that allows residents to live on one floor without steps up or down to live successfully in the home

Year-round!

Entertainment - cultural food choices

More support for farmers and more large-scale renewable energy installations. They should be building hundreds of acres of wind turbines and solar panels all across this county!

More full time, year-round jobs with benefits that can support a family. Improve business climate to attract more businesses. The County will need to staff the business attraction function if we continue to opt out of the NLEA.

Panera Bread Company- chain restaurant A small percentage of commercial stores who provide additional sales and services other than the pop and mom stores.

Technology focused stores. a larger convention center. More ethnic food ethnic food stores and restaurants. factories and office business providing higher middle class income.
More small stores. More doctors!

Small-medium size family farms, with emphasis on organic fruit/vegetable/meat production, wine/cider, and related activities; modular home construction-related businesses; in general, businesses/industries that are higher tech, that rely on internet connect-ability, and that allow employees to work remotely.

more restaurants

I think that the City & County are missing-out on potential tax revenue sources if they don't at least explore Recreational Marijuana dispensary options. A limited & well-regulated # of such new businesses could add to our successful mix of commercial recreational offerings to residents & tourists alike.

Tiny house community developers. Those that specialize in small construction, ADUs. Recreational cannabis and hemp related businesses and farms. More farms being allowed to diversify by allowing wedding and seasonal events on their farm. Uber and Lyft services replacing single person vehicles. More renewable energy businesses, those that help homeowners with weatherization and energy star type appliance replacement. Women in the trades schools bringing women into non traditional trades type jobs. Deconstruction companies started to restore and reclaim structures or structural pieces before demolition. These type of jobs could employ those recently out of the corrections system helping with recidivism and employ otherwise unemployable felons.

Good paying jobs the service industries do not pay well we need skilled manufacturing and green jobs

Natural food stores, yoga, holistic health stores and service providers, dispensaries

Public transportation and anything to promote more social involvement.

Movie theater downtown

Childcare for working parents. A YMCA and an indoor pool

Pickleball Courts

Community Pickleball courts in Petoskey. Preferably outside.

Outdoor pickle ball courts installed

Call Center or Distribution Center

More restaurants

Target Trader Joe’s

Very excited about new ferry service.

We have what the community needs year-round. It would simply be nice if what we had was more competent and professional (builders come to mind here).

Call centers, light manufacturing, residential substance abuse for women, Culvers restaurant,

Good Mexican restaurant

Teen activities

1) Restaurants with variety it seems that most offerings are pub type foods, pizza, or subs. Not many ethnically diverse food choices. 2) Movie Theaters - seems there is only one choice and the management is very poor. 3) Community Theater - Large Bay Harbor facility is too posh and a more lower and accessible place other than the historic crooked tree facility would be better.

Organic distributors
Heart healthy specialty restaurants (vegan, plant-based, no fats). Pickleball courts for all ages.

Family Physician

I think we need more medical care options for specialists. We need to go to Traverse City bi-weekly for services. The local providers are backlogged for months.

Honestly, I think it is more important right now to support the businesses that we have, and to work to assist them in being able to find their needed employees. We have a shortage of employees.

Medicinal and recreational marijuana providers!!

Transportation, low key businesses like guide services.

Jobing shops, specialized small business, increase the college course range.

Ourdoors Stores and recreation

A pool and a real community center

department stores

businesses that will pay a living wage based on the price of living up here

more food and shopping options open in the winter

Whole Foods

We really need a good bus system. A lot of residents don't have access to a vehicle, so having a reliable bus or public transport that has a strict route in town would be incredibly helpful. The current EmGo option we have is not very helpful to a lot of people.

Medical marijuana shops would be a great economic opportunity for the area.

Marijuana retailers, affordable restaurants.

The market will take care of this. If there is a demand someone will offer it. Just make sure local government doesn't stand in the way. Ex. Recreational Marijuana.

More medical specialists. NICU

Hemp Farming

Less commercial and chain businesses. I hate seeing nothing but Walmart, Meijer, and chain restaurants as i come into Emmet County on north bound US 131. We need more "mom and pop" places, the property for said "mom and pop" places needs to be affordable. On that note, housing in the city areas needs to be more affordable so people can actually WORK in the city. Few people can afford to rent business downtown, few people can afford to live downtown, and less and less people are willing to commute on 31 to work downtown.

Bass Pro Shop/Cabelas in the old Kmart store.

Need to expand industrial area. Emmet county needs a industrial park in order to attract good paying jobs

Green technologies

Literally anything that year-round residents of petoskey would benefit more from than the people who are here 3 months out of the year (and that only those people can afford) would be fine.

Sporting goods, place for teenagers to gather after school and in summer in city limits. Learning/volunteering center for youth
Badly need a new car wash on the south side of Petoskey. A Culvers would be great.

Affordable restaurants, pot retailers

A regional pool activity center in the “big hole”. Not condos Kayak and canoe friendly water access /ramps.

Solar, Wind, Airbnb, cottage industries (zoning / ordinances to allow additional small business development); small individual farm agricultural development; Tree planting initiative; Allow and promote more "home business" initiatives; relax some of current zoning ordinances which prohibit such development; Hemp production.

Affordable housing for low paying jobs.

Restaurants

Trader Joe’s

Not sure

Youth related businesses. We have very little options for youth/young adults to congregate i.e rent is was too expensive for the busy body bounce house so that closed down, a sky zone would be an amazing addition for tourism and locals alike.

More new restaurants since so many have closed. Facilities for youth in the entire county to enjoy that are indoors.

no suggestions

More small, independent businesses as opposed to national chains. Except Target. ;-) I'd love a Target.

Affordable shopping- target, Kohl’s and similar

Target

Affordable air service. Continue farm to table opportunities - perhaps a regional farm market. Caution when allowing farming and agri- businesses in expanding to the point that their density and or crowd gathering impacts the serenity and scenic qualities of a rural neighborhood.

County rec center at affordable cost for families, more support for small business and lower rents for access to storefronts in downtown areas (incentive for storefront owners), promotion of local foods and support, public transportation, continued lakefront access, internet for students

Marijuana dispensaries, a limited number of new restaurants.

Work-from-anywhere/tech driven companies; sustainability/triple bottom line companies

No comment

Recreational marijuana and more restaurants

More kayak racks and paddle board racks in Harbor Springs

Fewer real estate businesses and more unusual/one of a kind retail stores

Community swimming pool

Marijuana retail—medical/recreational

Senior living and shops locals can afford to shop in.

No preference

Sushi, marijuana,
More organic super markets and zero waste shopping options.

downtown drugstore

We need an accelerated focus on actively attracting manufacturing, light industrial and other industries that leverage the industry clusters we have

A beach without rocks. Nice sand

Non-tourism based; more year-round

Be creative - there many different avenues and ways to get industry/commercial business. NLEA is a great resource to help recruit these types of businesses to us.

Medical marijuana Recreational marijuana establishment

Rural internet availability, more hazardous waste and medicine collection and outreach opportunities

Fiber optic internet acess

No opinion

The more food / drink options we provide the more desirable our community is for young people & families to move to. We need more family fun activities available in winter.

Love the surge in breweries and wineries.

Businesses who actually care about their employees and not just rich customers.

Sears that left

Beach rentals, biking groups, activities for kids

I heard that the store on Mitchell in Petoskey that sold art work by local artists lost their lease. I would like to see it find another location and I would like to see more business like that. I would also like to see more types of business that offered tech support to older residents and other small high tech businesses.

Geared toward senior citizen activities

1 a mill of some type. 2 local cremation

As stated above; more dinner restaurants, cinema, late night business for teens to gather at.

No opinion on what kind, but lower rent costs so small businesses can thrive in Downtown Petoskey.

Renewable Energy

Shoe Repair, Target Store

Limit ownership of downtown property so there will be less slum landlord ownership..better up keep of properties..better incentives for stores owners to rent.

Light manufacturing, technology based, Downtown grocery, pharmacy, theater,

ride sharing

more varied and affordable dining

Daycare providers!
Need doctors, many are retiring and not being replaced. Northern Michigan is in trouble. for example, no rheumatologists.

things that support the local year round residents

4 year college, Industrial machining and assembling

Clean, Green Manufacturing options just outside city limits. Responsible and 100% organic certified Marijuana sales outside city limits

Another cable TV option, more broadband choices

More diverse small town shopping and dining options. Stores need to remain open on the evening for both locals and visitors to shop. Keep the big box out. We are not Gaylord! Our small charm is going away.
a YMCA!

Senior living between Riverview Terrace and Independence Village costs.

Home builder's, skilled trades

Recreational Marijuana

Improved broadband would allow more highly skilled workers to live here and work remotely.

Natural gas

Comments for Question 14

(Please identify additional development priorities, or developments that should be discouraged, for the County that were not addressed in the above questions.)

The Crooked River is vital to the inland water-way- needs more rip/rips - (sea walls ) the river is a beautiful place to fish/boat/kayak etc- it is getting shallow in areas and needs dredging. It is a vital key to tourism-

No marijuana or vape dispensaries downtown. Prioritize having store fronts filled and housing for full-time residents.

Downtown hole in ground at Mitchell St.

Chain restaurants

Overdevelopment and saturation of beaches and woods. This is not Detroit north, that's Traverse City.

Businesses that deal in educational services, cyber-security. 2. Manufacturer of solar panels and infrastructure related to pollution control, waste reduction. Start ups. The county over relies on the hospitality and retail industries which provide low wage jobs. Families and young people leave the area due to lack of employment diversity.

Just another bunch of overgrown retail that starts the decay of a resort/popular area.

condos, marijuana dispensarios

High discourage 5G development in this area as it is a toxic health hazard.

discourage vaping/smoking/marijuana
Very hard to change mindsets in Emmet Co. ie keep things status quo. Unfortunately, other cities in other counties are passing us by. Look at success of Boyne City, Great community involvement and strong leadership at City and County level.

The county should preserve the rural/farm central nature of its central character. Additional development of "suburban sprawl" projects should be discouraged as counter to the essential nature of Emmet. Pastoral, rural, farming, outdoor recreation, etc.

n/a

The county should not concern itself with issues already regulated or over regulated by State or Federal jurisdiction.

Traffic thru Petoskey is awful.

Discourage gun stores, firing ranges, medical and recreational marijuana stores.

NO MORE BIG BOX STORES

1. Make use of or remove businesses or industrial sites not in use or vacant for more than 5 years. Eliminate or require landlords to improve substandard rental housing ; Especially low income .

Need mooring/anchor area for locals or lake. Petorega camp - to leave boats in - can charge fee.

Boat access or refuge between Harbor & Mackinaw, Lake Michigan shoreline.

Large "Box Stores"

Please consider connecting Resort Pike and other main roads to the bike trail!

Discourage water development that is higher than 1 story on the waterfront.

1-keep/improve natural environment 2-increase aesthetics - consistency of towns - developments (example:) 119 too scattered/varied

N/A

Build more stores on the outside of Petoskey, not in town. Driving there in town is a nightmare and I do not see it getting any better, ever.

Be very careful with the marijuana shops.

Government subsidized housing, trailer parks, apartments, condo buildings, less rental properties and stronger regulation on rules imposed on retailers, this impacts our business' success or failure. Harbor has too many empty storefronts at any given time. Home rentals have degraded property values in Harbor Springs and made us consider moving elsewhere. I can pay less taxes elsewhere and not have to live next to a home rental and never knowing who is living next door from day to day. Home rentals are way out of control in Harbor Springs.

sex related shops, pollution causing factories.

Affordable, sustainable housing!!! Affordable hotels, affordable monthly rentals.

Discouragement of any new commercial use of property in areas zoned residential.

none

I personally support the idea of wind and solar energy but worry that they could spoil the beauty of the area (which is a huge appeal... the unspoiled rolling hills and dotted forests / farmland with small homesteads and a town in the distance).

Less development that encourages box store retail or strip plazas
Would love no developments...don't want this beautiful, peaceful place to turn into a downstate situation.

Stop building so many communities that only cater to the rich and part time residences.

Any large commercial/industrial development and multi family including apartment and subdivisions

No additional expansion of the casino or other Indian owned properties. No additional low income housing.

Put the brakes on major retail development.

Emmet County Airport should be the name rather than Pellston Regional Airport.

Lets fill the empty retail buildings before new development

Time shares

Quit building houses in fields, grow crops not lawns.

Blissfest - would you like to live in close proximity????

The "pit" needs to be developed.

none

Marijuana facilities should be discouraged

Be done once and for all with that hole in the ground. It's too big of an eyesore, and will destroy the small town appeal of Petoskey. GREENSPACE PARK!

"big box" stores, strip malls

More downtown hotels to help keep or towns vibrant, promotion of our winter activities, need more RV space(s).

No more Bay Harbors

Dog park would be awesome Tall buildings downtown are an eye sore but if done tastefully where more housing would be available it might be worth it

any facility that causes light pollution, especially ski resorts.

I really believe wind energy will prove to be a mistake.

housing developments that are not affordable (rent above $1,000 per month is just not realistic for a lot of families in our area), large commercial businesses (will draw away from the home-town/small town feel).

As a county, we discourage new businesses by NOT creating zoned areas or industry to be able to build - then complain we need better paying jobs. Too much emphasis sustain on 3 months of employment.

The "hole" should not be a huge building. Smaller shops, affordable housing, parking are essential.

large light pollution areas

Preservation & Development are not entirely compatible.

I think the market should encourage or discourage they types of development in the area. I think that there are ways to tweak ordinances and such that could give some types of businesses encouragement to come to the County.
The Main Street has the middle things up Mitchell. We need more important things to use money on.

discourage pipeline

look to support small businesses Avoid any more big box stores or shopping corridors

Housing developments! The area is getting so built up that natural areas are being impacted greatly. My parents used to get herds of deer come through their property but because of all the building she rarely sees them now. And the road I grew up on has become a highway with traffic. I used to walk and ride my bike all over but would not do that now! It's to dangerous.

Development of shoreline properties

n/a

Anything built on the water that takes away public access I am opposed to. There are very few communities that have so much access and views to the Great Lakes - I think we need to preserve this as much as possible. It has become less and less throughout my lifetime. Businesses and developments that bring jobs are great - as long as they do not bring negative environmental effects with them.

Allow marijuana distribution in limited areas.

District wide public library incorporating townships and Petosky & Harbor Springs. Coordination of substance abuse agencies and services and positive publicity of them.

The area is starting to lose the "small town feel/appeal" due to continued construction and expansion especially along 131. Would like to see further growth slowed down, reduced or eliminated.

Paved bike/hike trail to Mackinaw

Infrastructure improvements

Keep the CBD dealers out please.

Our strongest appeal is what downstate does not provide- natural beauty, clean water, peace/quiet. These must be preserved to remain appealing.

Fill in the hole!

infrastructure (fiber optics), cell phone coverage in all areas for at least GSM

Sell vacant buildings

A public pool, more public access to the lake,

Marijuana production and sales

I think natural area preservation is extremely important with how many businesses have been constructed in the past few years. Petoskey is known for its natural beauty and we need to make sure the businesses coming into the area to build aren't taking away from that or blocking the views.

Update/create more of a "buzz" about NCMC

High rise buildings that would obstruct the view of the bay. The view heading into town on northbound 131 gets me every time.

Better public transportation!

Support/encourage green industries (wind/solar/zero waste manufacturing, etc.)

Less Condo's on the Inland Lakes
We do not need low income housing

Encourage short-term (Airbnb) type rental opportunities county-wide (including non-traditional dwellings like mother-in-law suites, small homes, etc). These can provide unique lodging experiences for our vital tourist industry, especially during summer months when local hotels are maxed to capacity.

Any type of business that solely caters to non-residents. No money should be put toward expensive housing or additional shopping and parking projects.

avoid development of big box retailers

For traffic flow there needs to be some roundabouts. There should be one in Petoskey where the highway was just fixed. You should be able to spin off onto Mitchell from either direction or just keep going S. that would have been a great opportunity for a roundabout while the construction was taking place. There could be another one by Division & 119. And there needs to be another light somewhere on 119 by the State park. People go to fast on the long stretch by the airport and it is impossible to make a L. turn. It could be turned off for most of the year and turned on in the Summer.

Anything that preserves the natural environment while also providing residents with opportunity is extremely important.

Stop building shit that only seasonal fucking people can afford. There is a serious labour force crisis about to happen and the county keeps building superfluous projects that appeal only to tourism. When the work force can no longer bear the weight of this region's economy on low wage thankless jobs the whole place will collapse economically.

Trade schools that stress positive work ethics in all employment areas.

I'd rather not see a bunch of pot/vape shops in the downtown

Regional public transportation (buses, TRAINS, ride-shares, etc.) We have enough condos, hotels, and tourist accommodations. We need to develop our permanent resident community.

No McMansions (e.g. bay harbor)

Trailer areas for year round living

Not Giving all public works more money

Affordable housing for families

No more motels/hotels, unless it's dormitory style housing for seasonal workers


A policy needs to be implemented in downtown Petoskey so that the landlord from hell can't keep all of his buildings vacant and awful looking. It's a detriment to our downtown.

Dog park

See answer to 13

Tax vacant and dormant commercial buildings to discourage tax abatement and assessment schemes by land developers

I don't feel ecumenic development was hit hard enough - it's extremely important.

End the Oil Pipeline! Stop Fracking in Emmet County!
Continue to build up the Petoskey downtown, linking activities throughout the county. Make it more of a year round employer, destination, available resources,

Dog Park would help, I would like to see a space for community music, similar to the amphitheater in Charlevoix, I would like to get rid of parking meters!

Discourage gaudy developments that drive up rent and cater to the extremely wealthy, our economic development of late has pushed young people and families away

Sprawl into our farming communities.

- Allocate money for affordable housing grants with easement or deed restriction that takes the house off the speculative market - Community solar project - job training for those industries mentioned above - Encourage more buy-local strategies, including more procurement policies that favor locally-owned enterprises. - DON'T attract firms with incentives that only result in absentee owners that will send most of their money outside our county

no mining, quarrying, oil/gas extraction

one of the best parts of living in Petoskey is the small town feel. It is a place to escape to. I believe this is why so many people travel to spend their summers here. If Petoskey looses this appeal I fear that it will only hurt the economy. Petoskey doesn't need more big box stores.

Sprawl

No Opinion

Buildings thatpollute or are not energy efficient, factories that pollute

Don't put anything in the Petoskey Pit. The plans for that will ruin the view.

ALL townships participate in curbside recycling program. Expand compost collection to curbside.

If there was a way to enforce the noise level of vehicles that drive around our community, that would greatly enhance my family's quality of life. A gorgeous day walking about town can be destroyed by a truck without a muffler. It would be fantastic if there were more affordable living options for our community, especially for young people who would be excited to have a tiny house village or co-housing community: https://www.cohousing.org/

No more big box stores...including Starbucks, fast food, target, etc!

There is a threefold need in the county that stands together: truly affordable housing, realistic and practical public transportation, a living wage for service industry employees. We live and die with the tourist and resort revenue but we expect the service providers to subsist on barely liveable wages....and then whine when people aren't lining up for the jobs. Look around at all the help wanted signs. It's not because people don't want to work, many if those folks already have two or more jobs to make ends meet. There are only so many hours in a day.

No more big box stores and malls. Redevelop vacant areas such as K-mart site (perhaps for housing)

low income housing

Drug rehab that cater to out of county residents (Harbor Hall!) should not receive zoning exceptions - it does not belong downtown.

We need some sort of year-round ability to promote area growers’ products and perhaps even some kind of food processing for local product. Could include job-training in the culinary arts. See Michigan Farm to Freezer.

hole in ground in petoskey

High rise buildings along the lakeshores

No marijuana facilities or similar.
Bob Bergs development is a good one, something needs to fill that space, pronto. It had been too lengthy and drawn out of a process.

Tech based - encouraged Sprawling malls or strip malls - discouraged Industrial applications - discouraged unless adequate environmental planning is done

provide more oversight for property owners/landlords in town/city areas to maximize support to people renting/leasing and running downtown businesses.

Fewer "Big Box" and strip-mall style developments, to be sure. Those spaces have a finite life-cycle and leave the communities looking shabby once they're vacant.

We do not need tall, multi-use buildings that are built only for the rich. AKA shops, condos, etc. that block the views of surrounding businesses and are only going to benefit the wealthy developers and their partners. I am thinking about the Petoskey "hole" project that has gone through many changes.

Attached condo developments are becoming way to common. I left the Detroit area to escape congested developments.

NO PICKLE BALL COURTS

Bypass around Bayview or street widening.

Condos.

Condos that take away shoreline

more small business

Try to develop without losing the feel of being Up North. Don't become like every other community.

toxic chemical use in manufacturing facilities

NO MORE CONDOS!!, NO MORE ISLANDS IN THE ROADS DOWNTOWN. WHAT WE NEED MORE OF:
FAMILY ORIENTED FUN CENTERS, AFFORDABLE FOR LOCALS.

Increased use of County facilities for meetings, events and rentals. More accessibility to these venues with affordable pricing.

Tourism. get rid of the summer people.

Try to avoid what Traverse City has become. Congested, chaotic and unfriendly/unaffordable to locals.

I'm concerned about the hole proposal for downtown Petoskey. That the housing options won't be permanent (long term vs. weekly or monthly) and that the Chamber is setting up a meeting for discussion but charging for it. I was interested in attending until I saw the will charge $10 to not be heard.

No more waterfront condos and vacation rentals!!!! Your locals need to be able to afford to live and work here.

No three story structures in Harbor Springs. New buildings with same historic esthetic as existing homes.

Need more than just tourist base.

Encouraging building owners in downtown areas to fill AND maintain businesses in empty storefronts. Maybe find new use ideas that can bring some new life to old spaces.

Need Pickleball Courts Need Designated Bike Paths Senior Health Club

Smart or low impact development. I.e. allow for preservation of natural resources amid development and encourage green infrastructure and LID techniques.
Please develop something meaningful, valued and long-lasting in the “Grass Fence Park” in downtown Petoskey. Also, a parking structure in downtown Petoskey.

can't think of anything

Anything that would provide year-round jobs that pay a living wage that will attract younger people to come to this area and stay in this area.

Local laws are too restrictive on wineries and farms - the local officials need to get out of the way and let the consumers support the entrepreneurs who are protecting this land and building viable farm-based businesses the local economy is based almost purely on seasonal activities that can fluctuate with the state of the economy. The county needs to branch into more stable forms of employment like opening up to the Tech and insurance industry.

Seasonal employee housing. I feel this would help bring in more businesses

Development of new/expanded industrial parks on periphery of Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Alanson area that would encourage business location; redevelopment of Petoskey neighborhood between Emmet St and the Bear River from downtown to Clarion/River Rd--and relocation of current industries to more suitable business parks on periphery of town.

Any development which threatens our fresh water(s) needs to be looked at very cautiously. In the past, businesses & industry were given a free pass to pollute & despoil the natural environment. Now--tho' the pollution they left decades ago is often still with us, as are the (public) costs associated w. clean-up--those job-creating commercial enterprises are mostly gone; which makes our responsibility of being good stewards of the Natural Environment all the more critical for long-term economic success in the region.

Incentivize commercial landlords in downtown petoskey to keep there storefronts rented. One particular absentee landlord doesn't care about is 6 vacancies and should be dis incentivized to keep them vacant. Accountability!

Expanding our recycling services keeping this area clean is important including our water sources

Regulated cannabis dispensaries would help a lot of the elderly population.

Common spaces, entrepreneur and wealth programs, ride-share programs and cooperative programs.

subdivision homes

Any big box stores

Recreational Facilities

Add pickleball courts

Pickleball

Preserve waterfronts and vista points of existing properties. Do not allow overdevelopment of waterfronts, particularly commercial development. Adopt consistant zoning in each towns waterfront.

Pickleball courts for public. Can be done by adding lines to Petoskey tennis courts

pickleball courts

Wish list: harbor launch service so fewer dinghies needed, more rack, mooring, boat well space.

Here's one: Petoskey should move it's offices off of the waterfront and into the downtown or out someplace that's cheap. Then sell that location to a developer for residential space. Win win.

Outdoor Pickleball courts
Pickleball courts. Fastest growing sport in the nation. Every small town has them now. A summer resort community NEEDS outdoor courts!!

Pickleball courts

During development it is important to keep a sense of Northern Michigan and community feel to the area. Avoid Box store look/feel and Urban sprawl without keeping the recreational nature/wilderness in balance.

No more fast food chains

We need pickleball courts

Now that we have established the bike path, local outdoor recreation areas, and things that attract visitors, we need to focus on the year round families and provide a recreation center for them.

A community center, similar to the Otsego County Sportsplex would be great.

affordable housing affordable housing affordable housing affordable housing affordable housing affordable housing affordable housing affordable housing affordable housing

Dark sky park and ems needs limited funding for the next few years and funding needs to be spent on other entities

We do not need more manufacturers in area. we need to encourage development in downtowns ,with more housing and shops, and keep rural areas rural.

Stop sprawl and increase downtown density. Force landlords in downtown to maintain property, especially if unoccupied.

Large industrial facilities ( those industries that use the area without contributing to the areas overall good---and to the detriment of the area).

Box Stores!

No more urban sprawl/big boxes and chains

Bay Bluffs

No more big Box stores

We do not need anymore hotels! Preserve natural areas

Playgrounds

Minimal marijuana dispensaries.

Affordable housing

I'm ok with allowing marijuana shops in the area, as long as they fit aesthetically with the area, like other businesses do.

Protect our nature’s beauty - that's what drew people here in the first place. The way our county's going Petoskey will look like Detroit in no time. It will also be run into the ground just the same.

Don't allow more storefront development if the current %? occupancy rate is not met.

High-end shops that 75%+ of county residents (year-round residents) cannot afford. It would be nice to have things that we see in Traverse City around our area so we don't have to drive to Gaylord or TC to get specific things (ex. Ulta, Best Buy, ect)
I am not in favor of the high end brownstone/townhouse style that is being proposed for the green space on Petoskey st between lake and Mitchell. Definitely not above current height restrictions. I fear it will be only available to the wealthy.

There must be a way to develop the "big hole" property that won't look out of place and dwarf the buildings behind it. The Petoskey Grand belongs in Bay Harbor!

Any development that is too large for our community

Anything for the 1%ers!!!!

Road maintenance; Teach current road commission how to trim road easements without hacking up the trees. Also, how to clean up after they have chopped up.

Splash pad for children

NO PUD's. No where. No how.

Please do not over develop!

The proposed monstrosity to build at the hole in Petoskey should be discouraged. Not good for the county at all!

If I identify a priority, how can you tell if it should be encouraged or discouraged. question not well written.

This is more apropos for Petoskey but I do not like the new development plans for The Hole. Although I like some of the features, it feels like a massive structure that is incongruent with our small town atmosphere.

Bay Bluffs should be a priority for the county.

Restrict industrial and commercial development into areas that will not impact the serenity and beauty of our landscape.

Bay Bluffs should remain a county facility. Allowing privatization of our county nursing home would be a huge mistake.

Mindfulness of keeping business/commercial development to downtown/city centers to reduce sprawl and conserve/protect natural resources, scenic areas. Bring people downtown that are more than just resorters (hardware stores, grocery options, gas station availability, markets, etc)

Work on protecting Emmet county's natural beauty/nature preservation. AVOID urbanization efforts of any kind (less focus on building expensive housing)

Na

Large developments in the downtown area that tower over the city and block lake views. Don't give up the charm of Petoskey that draws people here.

Business incubator "Making Spaces"

Recreational Marijuana Dispensaries Discouraged Medical Marijuana Dispensaries Encouraged

Sell the dark sky park, why is the ambulance hq not across from fletches in the county bldg garage

Large scale, industrial business, and big box stores.

limit the height of any structure built on Hwy 31, i.e. at the Hole.

The county needs to move forward with establishing its own economic development function through an Economic Development Corporation and increase its focus on attraction. We need jobs that have the potential to increase the standard of living for everyone. We need to attract young families and entrepreneurs to our communities
No weed shops

more development in central and northern parts of the county; less Petoskey/Harbor Springs-centric

I think we should be conscientious of development - it should be clean and environmentally conscious companies that come here to help preserve our natural areas.

The growth of the marijuana industry

We need to address knotweed (PA 451 NREPA). We also need to address shoreline living and we need better controls and standards - if people don’t want Emmet county to look like the trashed communities and lakes of Birmingham, and other places in metro Detroit and other degraded places we need to take action now to protect what we have. We need better shoreline protections for inland lakes and coasts.

No Opinion

100% need to put something in the hole. Hotel/ apartments / shops / parking

Trailer parks

Enforcement of blight ordinance in particular with landlords and businesses.

Shut down Line 5. Emmet County would be devastated by a major oil leak in the Mackinaw Straits.

No parking meters

No more vape or tobacco shops. No more tattoo parlors downtown (2 is enough). Keep marijuana sales outside of downtown district.

Enbridge.

Gambling casinos, motorcycle initiatives

Why isn't there a community center a public indoor pool? The Bay harbor event center appears to be only available to those wealthy enough to afford season tickets......and all chemical applications on public grassy areas should be discontinued immediately.

200 East Lake St. Parking for the county building.

Disconnected, low density development should be discouraged in favor of coordinated development patterns with some density.

Development needs to be infill or close to urban centers

Affordable Housing

Development should be in core areas. OR if in the Townships they should develop core areas (i.e Division and Mitchell in BC Twp could be multi-level multi use development with parking behind). And for affordable housing need to change large lot area requirements.

NO Strip malls, low income housing units

Keep out the big box!! Support local businesses!!

Suitable locations for marijuana facilities

Cluster homes and groupings

Keep big box retail and chain restaurants on the southeast side where most already are. Keep chains to a minimum.
No Comments for Question 15
(Do you own lakefront property on Lake Michigan or an inland lake?)

Comments for Question 16
(If yes, has your property been impacted by fluctuating lake levels? Describe how.)

We have a 6 foot drop-off to the water

no

Levels are high, but no damage as of yet.

no

beach erosion and standing water, this increased bugs, mosquitoes and snakes.

somewhat yes

no

yes, shoreline erosion & electrical connection on dock.

na

no

no

Yes, our Crooked Lake shoreline property has been negatively affected by years of mismanagement of the Crooked River Lock by Emmet County not following US Army Corps Guidance!! This constitutes pre-meditated misfeasance and orchestrated violations of the law and the lease between the county and state regarding operation of the lock.

Yes - docks.

erosion

On Pickeral Lake, we have lost at least 10' of frontage and at great expense had to have rocks brought in to save our land.

My business property has been impacted. Have had to relocate electric service above water table.

Lost some minor lake frontage.

no

no

no
No, not yet

erosion

We have some shoreline over the past few winters. We don't know if it is due to lake levels but if that is a contributing factor we wanted to include in this response.

yes, inability to use, dock boats, etc.

No

Lakefront needs to be accessible to Public!!!! I have seen high water in my lifetime (57) where peoples docks are now Bible says don't build on sand! I go to beach 5 times a week.

No. Regulated lake levels

no

too some degree but not bad

higher water levels help our beach.

yes, the beach has improved with the flow of sand.

yes, less of shoreline on Crooked Lake.

yes, beach erosion

Yes water rising has taken away entire Beach and destroyed our fire pit.

Beach Erosion and loss of property

No, we have shoreline protection installed by Tip of the Mitt

not really, already protected by a breakwall

N/A

Yes, we have lost some frontage.

Somewhat

High water levels have reduced shoreline. (not sure there is much that can be done about mother nature???)

The raise of Crooked Lake has helped our Marina

NO

No

No

no

We are part of a beach association. And yes we have been impacted but lake level rising and ebbing is part of nature and not to be controlled. People should not build close to a big body of water if they don't check historical highs. We are in a normal high cycle.

No

I can't afford that shit.
No

Creating beautiful natural dynamic

Yes Cross Village Port has been impacted by the water level- no beach left

Water level highest ever this year

yes - having to build/rebuild breakwalls, stairs and access points

Yes, it flooded grounds and is damaging foundation with no help, assistance, or advice from county or state resources.

Only somewhat. The high lake level has not posed a risk to the property yet. However, high lake levels have caused loss of public beach in public access areas.

Slightly. Last year, we had to move our boat hoist out a few feet in order to get the boat off

No

N/A

Not property. Sand beach ebbs and flows. We did have algae bloom about 5 yrs ago. That was a problem. Haven't seen since.

No impact

Yes but this has been cyclical I have seen influxes change multiple times

Loss of frontage, beach.

N/a

n/a

No

No impact

No

The current water level on Lake Michigan is higher than I have ever seen it. The erosion of my, and my neighbors, property is a HUGE concern.

Loss of beach front area, erosion

Shore erosion

Weird question. This is to be expected.

Association ponds are higher than ever.

No.

Changes is constant. Changes yearly on a cycle. Nothing to worry about. Leave mother nature alone

N/A

Shoreline is disappearing.
Yes. High water less beach.

no impact yet

Size of beach fluctuates

yes

Yes, erosion due high water caused by county lack of following Employees fishing and smoking in the locke.

Some Shoreline Erosion

Shoreline erosion especially with boaters not obeying NO WAKE ZONES and RULES

shore line erosion due to high lake levels

No.

Yes but it natural lake levels have been high before not for the county to fix.

N/A

We have a slip at the Petoskey Marina, and the water level is higher then normal.

Yes.. the high water brings in vegetation from bushes claimed by the water and leaves the sand beaches gunky.

No.

Loss of beach

We do not have a dock so it has not been an issue. House set far back.

NO

no

Nono

No

Yes

Reduced beach

My parents own lake houses on inland lakes. Their shorelines have been effected for years with little way to preserve it.

N/a

water now washing over the dock

our property has

Some, but of minimal consequence, so far.

No

Na

high water floods docks low water impedes access to docks
I live on a river! Yes rain affects levels
Has not been impacted
No
Yes, with the water level elevated, our shore line is very rocky and difficult to walk on.
Our commercial property has not been impacted too much.
No

Comments for Question 17
(If no to question 15, have your visits to Lake Michigan or inland lakes been impacted by fluctuating lake levels? Describe how.)

Not really- we have a pontoon- Some boats I have seen on the Crooked River have had their props in the mud.
Have not been impacted.

Hard to walk on Lake Michigan shoreline
no
I don't go to the lake often.
no
no
no
yes, beaches are nearly gone.
no
no
no
no
no
no
no
no
no
Not at all - and I go to the big lake and the inland lakes often.

no

yes, we have a mooring for sailboat in Harbor Springs City Moorings.

no
Visits to Lake Michigan or inland lakes have not been impacted.

Yes. Not a lot of beach left. There are very few locations with more than a 10' wide beach.

Yes, it's natures cycle. Not bothered by it.

They have not.

yes, beaches

No

The water level is up higher than it used to be.

Not really. I've noticed the rise in lake levels this year. We build too close to the shoreline, which makes it difficult to deal with varying lake levels.

no impact, the rise and fall of lake levels are cyclical and normal. I can live with it.

No

Waterfront resort communities grandfathered into minimal setback siting are a problem.

No

No

No

No, not yet

yes- boat ramps impacted, beaches in Wilderness State Park disappeared

No really. Fluctuations are normal

smaller beaches

No

There is a natural rhythm to these things and people don't get that. If the lakes decreased year after year because it was being pulled out by big business to create bottled water, I would have a problem with that.

Lack of sand beach that I was accustomed to enjoying, now, no beach.

Nope

Little affected by fluctuations and such changes are to be expected.

No
no
yes, we had a boat at the marina
no
no
no
no
lack of sandy beach on Lake Michigan due to wild grasses & high water levels.
no, beaches are smaller, but will come back as water recedes.
no
yes, no beach
no
no
no
no
no
No
no
They haven’t. Lake leveled fluctuate and we have to adjust accordingly!
no
not really, or not that I have noticed.
n/a
yes, better anchorage with deeper water
There is less beach for walking, but lake levels go up and down. Being able to have free access to beaches is important.
Not lake levels, but tourists - cheek to jowl - that no longer give way to locals at beaches.
Boating and fishing accessibility
Own land across from St. Ignatius Church in Good Hart - public beach front has changed.
No
Lake levels are higher this year, all water levels are higher. This is all cyclical though.
No, the amount of people, some are careless with the garbage, etc.
less beach
high lake levels is welcome, good for lake freight transportation, recreation and property values.
no. we still go to the lake.
No, because I don't go anywhere. I have to save money on gas!

Not really. The levels are noticeable, but not impactful.

Yes, smaller beach areas

Yes it has affected the beach areas I visit at friend's houses. Very little beach area, rocks that used to be out of the water are completely covered, dunes have eroded

Not really

Less visiting no beach.

It is much colder in the high water! :)

No

No; having awareness of lake levels allows planning for use according.

Not impacted

The lake levels are rising, but that's not a bad thing.

Not yet

I notice the differences, but I don't own a boat or a lake home and haven't fished in years....

The lakes will always fluctuate. So long as we have precautions for erosion/shoreline degradation, I'm okay with that. Most of all, the effects of invasive species/algae blooms affect shoreline enjoyment, just as alewives of the past ruined beaches for swimming.

Yes, less beach available

the dock (Jones Landing) where we launch our boat is at lake level so if there are waves it is challenging not to slip or get your feet all wet

Yes, Sturgeon Bay Beach has disappeared ;)

No. Boating is better.

Not impacted.

No

yes. We go to the beach in Good Hart typically, and it is almost entirely washed out. There used to be a wide shingle of sand over 6 years ago, about 10-15 feet from the bottom of the bluff to the water's edge, and now even during calm weather the water is only 5-6 feet in a lot of places from the bottom of the bluff. The sand has almost been entirely washed out 20 feet into the water, with a wide bar of rocks where the waves typically crash by the shore.

Yes, the water level is very high this year making some parts of the beaches inaccessible.

nope

They are really high now so not much beach walking area but best not to regulate nature too much. Yes, the beach at Young State park gets flooded.

no

Meh.
Yes--beach shorelines have diminished limiting areas people can occupy the space.

No.

No impact either way.

No.

no

Not particularly

No

No

No impact

yes. reduced size of beach area for walking

No

No

No

I only have time to visit the lake in winter so I have no idea

Of course, but that is natural.

The I've seen issues at marinas and in Bay Harbor. Yacht club beached was closed much of the summer.

No

Not really. The beaches have somewhat shrunk but it does not affect me most of the time.

See above

All Lakes the Great Lakes and inland lakes have risen and affected docks, seawalls, property beyond seawalls and beaches; loss of life has occurred as drownings have happened related to the change in current and lake bottom

No

Not really

No we are enjoying the water

No

Yes! There is no sandy beach left at the places I used to visit.

Not really.

Yes! I've been flooded out of a beach trip and my dock no longer reaches dry land

No

Have not.
Less beach for sure.

Nope

We were quite surprised at the lake levels. We live close to Walloon, and while it doesn’t directly affect us, we did notice the increases in the water levels. You can see the direct impact on the boyne river, by boyne falls. Concerned this will impact roads and other residential areas if water levels continue to increase

I little but not enough to deter me!

No

I’m in love with the fluctuating beautiful landscapes that nature supplies

no

Not really, less beach in some areas, but not a big deal

Yes, there is less beach, but more natural native grasses and places for wildlife and insects

Not in a negative way

Yes. Lake level fluctuation is normal. People who build close to the water do so at their own risk. No money should be spent on people who do so foolishly.

No

Beaches are less available

No

No, but I have definitely noticed the differences.

I believe it is all a cycle. It has not impacted me.

Yes. Worried about the shoreline.

Not really. I do not visit Lake Michigan often. I prefer the inland lakes.

I doesn't personally affect us.

Who has time to look at the waterfront? I'm busy working nearly around the clock to afford my crappy one bedroom and barely running vehicle.

Some beaches are narrower, but not really a problem.

Yes - but we appreciate change and nature.

Yes. Less beach, so less hanging out. But easier/less scary to jump off the break wall!

no

Not impacted just noticed ap

No

Water levels rise and fall, you just have to get used to it.

Not at all.

Lack of beach this year in some places to due high water level
Yes. Currently very high leaving little beach in places.

Not really. The lakes fluctuate over time and it's not hard to handle.

beach areas eroding

No.

Not really

No

No. Lake levels have always been cyclical and we should not be surprised.

Yes; I have an inlaw who lives on the lake. This is part of the natural cycle, and far be it from us to try and control the mighty Great Lakes.

Well, we are all affected by climate change.

The water table being so high this year is causing all of our neighborhood residential wells to flow water from them 24/7. The pooling standing water is creating a huge mosquito problem.

NO

Yes. Loss of beach to high water levels

Yes for the last 1000000 years things have been impacted.

No

Not impacted at all

after having lake levels so low in the past it is good to see them up

N/A

No.

have not been impacted

Yes, seeped into yards.

NO THEIR FINE

The level of Lake Charlevoix is shrinking the usable beach areas.

No

As a family we have been visiting the pool more than the lakes the past few years due to the levels and overgrowth of plants

No, no impact.
Less beach walking but it's just the trend and will always be fluctuating. We accept it is ever changing.

Less beach

There will always be fluctuations in water levels. The key is to plan for them as best one can. When levels are down I look for less known beaches/lake fronts to visit.

No

I have. Less beach. Docks under water.

Not enough beach.

Yes

Not impacted.

No

Just have to sit higher up on the shore and hope it is not too busy.

Yes, erosion is an issue.

Caused $75,000 of damage to my property.

Not yet this year, but have not had time to visit yet.

No, I recognize the lakes fluctuate.

No

There is certainly less beach, but that is just part of the cycle.

No.

No impact for us.

not at this time...

they have not.

No

No.

no

Yes--We've noticed the effects on public beaches in the county & region.

Sure, less beach, less shoreline to walk on blurring the lines between public and private right of ways. Warming of the lakes from climate change, algae blooms from over fertilizing along lakeshores, and invasive species are killing wildlife and decreasing the biodiversity of our rivers, wetlands and lakes.

No just smaller beaches. That landscape will change again.

Yes. The beaches areas are becoming smaller as the water levels increase.
Yes - algae is everywhere. It is horrible.
No
Less sand beach
No.
Not impacted.
No
Lake levels always fluctuate. You plan accordingly.
Yes around town.
NP
No
No
na
Very active boaters. Fluctuating lake levels are just part of life on the water.
o
No
No
Just a little, rock picking is diminished with reduced shoreline there is less to stroll.
No
Yes, no beaches in many area of Lake Michigan shores.
No
No
No
yes, the amount of beach left is minimal. I also remember a decade ago when the lake levels were so low that the docks had to be extended out. Everyone panicked then too.
Not so far.
Not yet.
No
No
No
No
No
Less beach area at some places
no
yes, recreational fishing impacted
Not me personally - but it's been a concern for many years

I really haven't noticed. I don't swim much and I don't own a boat so wouldn't be aware of such things.

There is no beach to visit anymore

No I
No
No
No

Yes. It's affected the Marine life in the lake.

Not so far.

Less beach area; still visit; just concerned over impact of climate change; Emmet County Green New Deal should be "top" priority .. period.

Beach area shrinking, not a problem for us, just noticed

Somewhat
No they have not
no.
No

Yes-it impacts the boat launches that we use

No impact
No.

Visits not affected or "impacted".

No
No

We use public beaches such as Petoskey State Park—not much different.

No
No, water levels fluctuate every year.

No

No

Yes but I don't feel that this is something we should attempt to control.

No. Sift the rocks out of the sand

No

Not really - although the lack of beach at Sturgeon Bay is sad... the water is great.
Sure less beaches I like to duck hunt, lake levels affects these activities big time
No
Sail Boat got stuck one year coming out of the dock
No
No
Not much you can do about Mother Nature. It’s a cycle. Just protect present shore boundaries
No
No impact.
Beach erosion at Wilderness State Park has effected our visits.
Less beach area
No
No yet. Have not been to beaches yet this year, just downtown waterfront.
No
My old favorite beach spot on Lake Michigan is very hard to get to now bc of the high level.
No ...
Beaches disappearing
No impact.

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**No Comments for Question 18**
(Describe your level of support for programs to preserve lakefronts and protect watersheds.)

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**Comments for Question 19-20**
(How would you rate the effectiveness of EMGO, the Emmet County Public Transportation system? In your opinion, what would make EMGO more effective?)

more publicity- more routes- cost to ride more visible- I could not find any place that would tell me how much it would cost to travel in Emmet county - not may people know this exists

Work with businesses and advertise more effectively.

advertising

Nothing. Eliminate it

More time! More Support!
Get rid of it.

More info about the system - many people do not know it exists.

Computerized management of calls, more routes, more cooperation with other services/counties ie Charlevoix.

This program has only been in existence for 6 months. Some of the routes run 2x week or every other day. The routes currently configured probably have limited usage on northern roads. Better information on routes. The information listed on the EMGO site needs to be accessible with an app.

Open house day for public to learn about program. Continue brochures. Sample free rides on open house day.

run on weekends

yes
time
broader access to routes

To be more realistic about how they can serve the community.

marketing

A waste of taxpayer $ - if there is a demand that is self sustaining the private sector will fill that demand.

Access - the challenge is Emmet County is very large. I support looking into a variety of options.

Advertising it!!! Not in January!!

not able to answer, not needed in my life at this time.

Have more options concerning routes pick-ups.

Need a lot more people wanting to ride, can't ? on one person transport! private or not at all.

Week end availability, evening service until 10 p.m.

Offering weekend hours, perhaps night hours, offering additional payment options, having regular routes with set stops and "on call" giving it time for people to get used to it and know it is available.

granted, the program is new - it needs more advertisement because a lot of people don't know about it yet.

Frequency of advertising, 20hrs./day. GPS tracking for Route (you can then see the bus is coming)

nothing

It's too new, needs more time.

Don't use it.

Absolutely nothing - not governments job!!

no opinion

Time - awareness

Disband it.

Advertise options for high school students
More routes. Focus on reducing commuter traffic by enabling commutes from outlying communities

more cost efficient Also Emmet County has one of the most stringently enforced impaired driving efforts in the USA... as a result many have lost their license to drive... less stringent enforcement for first time offenders and easier ways to reinstate driving privileges will go a long way to solving transportation -- and employment -- problems for many.

Higher population density

More PR for county awareness and making it very easy to schedule rides.

time

Needs more marketing for times, pick up places, cost, availability

More public information

haven't used EMGO

Where is EMGO in the local phonebook? Transportation to adjacent counties.

more frequency

Morp SVS areas

Easy to understand schedule.

Better schedules, more access to Petoskey.

People who use this most, work in the service industry. This is Petoskey! We work weekends. Should run 7 days a week.

expansion of program/advertisement

promotion, time, subsidies, increased routes in heavy tourism areas.

tired of paying taxes for medical facility

Readily available to rural areas.

more stops

more routes and drivers

more routes

To run 24 hours.

more availability

Advertising, designated bus stops which are visible, increase the length of where the bus travels (ie: does it go to Pellston)

Better schedules

No opinion

no opinion

It is just not needed. Better to hire third party when really needed.
better advertising about the service that is provided
to not have it. I see the buses all the time with no one on them. It can not be cost effective for them to run around all day with no passengers. I almost never see them in the north end of the county. I would rather take the new Uber and Dash vehicles in the area than sit on a public bus.

I do not use that type of transportation so I don't know.

More publicity. A better way for riders to arrange for rides, such as an app-based system to attract younger riders.

Don't know

More advertisement, never heard of it

Regular stops. I think it would get a lot more use if people knew when and where it was, as well as seeing it on a regular basis. I would love two daily stops at NCMC for example.

More availability of hours of service, 7 days a week. Many young and elderly can only access transport during the week not the weekend to attend social events or church.

More routes, and to be able to connect to similar services in adjoining counties. I'm not sure that the "county" configuration serves us well. We are really a region of connected counties, but we don't function that way.

No idea

More publicity, summer time promotion or schedule for tourist use along bay shore communities.

Advertise.

Make is more accessible

Give it more time

To give it a fair shake, it needs to be more widely available, with regular routes and times.

I know of EMGO, but do not use it. I would like to see college students have the best access to the college.

I do not have any data on EMGO and I have not personally used the service.

I don't have an answer

Not sure, but you probably need to find out from the people who rely on public transportation

Increased schedules—including in-town (Petoskey) routes, evening and nighttime—to develop ridership. A significant commitment to a long-term trial would help build rider habit.

Established stops along route, rather than people scheduling for pickup. Shortening routes so they intersect at stops for transfers, rather than transporting all the way from Pellston, for example, to Petoskey. Then the frequency of routes could increase from Pellston to Alanson, for example, and more frequent routes running from Alanson to Petoskey. Granted, this is limited by drivers and vehicles available, which might not be possible.

More advertisement so people know it exists.

Extended times, expanded routes

More information in the community, routes and schedules, bus stops posted possibly at local food and retail shops.

More availability

idk
Regular, wide spread service throughout the county but especially in larger towns (towns that can’t be walked readily). Stops must include key locations…. downtown petoskey, the college, hospital, Meier/Walmart, etc.

It takes time for people to get use to a new option, more than one season, just give it time.

No real sense--I've heard of it (re: Q19), but have never used it.

Lower rates for users

More routes and easier to figure out times when you could be to work

NA

Improved marketing, dedicated stops, fare transparency, expanded times (especially later into nights to service restaurant bar patrons and employees). Also, currently not sure what the difference is between Straits Regional Ride and EMGO.

more advertisement and outreach describing how to use and where it is available.

obviously since I didn't know about it, more visibility of the service would be important

More advertising. Free ride days. Get bars & restaurants to pay for services. Benzie county has the benzie bus fast and free that services Crystal Lake/Frankfort area it runs 5:00 pm to midnight Friday & Saturday night all around Crystal Lake and is financed by the local bars. I think this would work between Petoskey and Harbor Springs. Their would be more people exchanging dining on weekends if they didn't have to drive.

A good public relations and awareness program

I have never hear of it, so better advertising would be a start.

More routes.

App similar to uber for scheduling/hailing a bus might motivate younger people to utilise the service. I think the service "looks" like something for seniors

Increased hours, bus stations set up in various parts of the county.

Promotion to area businesses and their HR departments. It would also be more effective if the program was given more time to accumulate riders. A project of this scale cannot be seen as effective after only 1 year.

bus stops clearly marked, schedules posted everywhere, just see it more often to know it's available

More routes. Slightly lower rates

We live in an extremely rural area it is hard to get to everyone

If it were cheaper for low income families.

It needs more time and publicity.

Evening hours

I think it just takes time. Despite the marketing, I'm sure not everyone who might need it knows about it. I also believe some regular routes and late night hours would help

more support and funding - needs more visibility and regional coordination

I haven't used it myself, but pricing could be an issue. I think it is needed but not sure it's sustainable and I don't want my taxes raised for it.
More public outreach in letting those that would benefit from public transit know about it.

Better advertising. Many don’t know about it.

Expansion of hours, people who work in lower paying jobs work evenings and weekends, not just 9-5. However the current system is a great improvement and needs to continue.

Give it more time and ADVERTISE the service over and over

More routes and availability on weekends.

More marketing, free ride days, more frequent routes

Need to provide access to people who cannot get to pick up sites. A Uber like model where independent contractors could benefit by using own vehicles to enhance transportation for those who cannot drive.

More signage, more frequency of seeing it around town. I am not a user but it is very important to me to have free/affordable public transportation. More frequent stops.

I looked into taking a day trip to Mackinaw City from Petoskey on EMGO. $40 for my family? No thanks.

Expanding it and the county providing incentives for companies who have employees using the EMGO

More consistent routes and times similar to larger cities

Waste of money

Impossible geographically to effectively run with all our inland lakes. Scratch or coordinate with other providers.

More stops, regular service

Not sure. This is a great idea but not sure how to make it effective.

User friendly map that shows bus stops. More affordable. Program to encourage EMGO as a smart commute to work.

Marketing. Having a hired staff reach out to all local employers to educate people on how to use this service would be VERY helpful.

Culture change takes time I would like to see an integrated system of dispatch and a collaborated effort of resources with entities that already have assets IE: Tribe private transportation assets senior Center and Senior housing.

Need more of it. Too limited right now. We need to support people who work the $11 an hour jobs and transporting them to work is the least we can do. It could help get remote populations to alternative school options and help parents get kids to daycare options that may not be near where they live. It is a critical issue and we desperately need to keep trying to improve it. We have not given it enough of a chance yet.

Allowing it to run on nights and weekends. Many of the locals work nights and weekends but they don't have access to the bus during those times.

The call ahead feature doesn't work for service industry as they don't know what time they will be done working. Hours need to go later as well.

Understanding the need!!!

Time, only time will give the community comfort in trusting the public transportation before more people will decide not to own multiple family vehicles and decide to use EMGO more to make this program flurish. With constant rumors of whether or not this program is going to remain makes everyone question the longevity and trustworth. I personally have seen it help many who are car less or people who dont have the money for car repairs and fuel. More people also need to learn about it. Time at local shows and
More emphasis on a modified Uber/Lyft arrangement. The north/south corridor is fine but it barely touches the need for non-senior riders ie: people who need it for employment transportation.

Greater investment to allow for more regular routes, more efficient dispatch. Consolidation with FCEC transit to eliminate duplication.

More accessibility, longer hours of availability

Publicity

nothing

Greater accessibility throughout the county

It needs to be more robust (in schedule and geographic scope), so that residents of Emmet County can truly rely on it as their main mode of transportation for all their needs, including employment, medical and recreational.

Give out more information at places where people without their own transportation would find out about it. It was in operation several months before I even heard about it.

continues financial support from the county and/or a millage for sustainability

Promotion and increased awareness of services available.

Let a private entity like SRR maintain the whole thing!

give it more time to become successful. keep up publicity and improve website and social media information about routes, schedules and services

Use them on a regular schedule. They are Great. A must for me as I am blind and have many doctor appointments

Eliminate it. The population density in Emmet County can not support it and it is a unnecessary burden on taxpayers.

What is it?

I am not aware of the program, so providing information about would be a good start!!!!

I do not think it is sustainable. Distances are too great.

More transportation and more routes

An app showing routes and real time location of buses like Uber does for their cars.

Do not know. Seems very tough if service depends on Fare-Box income.

N/A

RUN ON WEEKENDS, AND AFTER HOURS TILL 12PM.

Having it operated exclusively by Emmet County instead of contracted through Cheboygan County's Straits Regional Ride and getting more people who don't "need" to take the bus but make a choice to take it to help reduce traffic, boost ridership numbers

By making it more affordable and making it more personalized. Possibly using smaller vehicles and more of them. Having them run a specific route is not working. It should be more like a modified taxi service to make it more successful.
dependability.....example...my workday begins at 8 a.m., I live 25 min. outside of town. With weather/traffic/construction/other pickups, etc...I cannot depend on timeliness of pickup/dropoff.

Get rid of it. It was a terrible and costly plan. Almost as bad of an idea as the ambulance that is costing more money and a complete waste of my tax dollars.

I have heard of it, but I have no idea whether it's effective, but "no opinion" wasn't an option above. So I have no opinion on how it could be more effective.

It's a great idea. Personally no need to use at this time.

Mimick BATA and get the news out there. More than a few main thoroughfares to release traffic congestion.

Scheduled stops. Like actual public transportation.

Self sustaining...

Get rid of it and stop wasting taxpayer money on it

More PR, more frequent, main line routes

Continue awareness of program.

Public knowledge of services available.

Develop a schedule, stick to it, no off route to pick-up, center pick-up.

Cancel service - use $ elsewhere

Ridership has to increase, but it really needs time to grow, but it may not get that.

Privatize it

Advertise more. Didn't know it existed. Pick-up/dropoff/times

Dont see a need for it.

expand the hours of availability

Increase availability

Regular routes and better hours. The hours are designed for the wrong customer in mind - it's embarrassing, frankly.

hummm.... advertise. Electonically!

extended hours of operation and operating 7 days a week.

People need to know what it is and how to use it. We never heard of it

Additional Emmet County staff to oversee and work with Straits Regional Ride to efficiently allocate transit vehicles; sustainable long-term financing; integration with other transportation providers, including Friendship Centers of Emmet County; organizational structure that allows for formal community engagement in EMGO oversight and operations.

How about exploring "Uber-like" software for the service which would enable riders (et al.) to track the location of EMGO vehicles, plus facilitate even more the current reservation system.

Hiring an outreach person to coordinate with local social service agencies and connecting population density areas throughout the entire county to work centers of economic development. Public transportation takes years to work on. We cannot give up after year 1.
Transportation is a tough problem to solve as we are so spread out

More access.

A bus system and/or ferry between harbor Springs and Petoskey.

Designated schedule and stops

Give it some more time

I have not used this service, but will at some time. I am passing along information from others who rate it somewhat effective to very effective.

some type of incentive to using. might carry your bikes

It's too expensive!!!!

Knowing it existing

Time flexibility.

More frequent and shorter routes

Close. If there's ever a real need, a real private business will supply the service.

Affordability, increased access

advertisement

I have heard of them, but never had the occasion to use them, so I could not offer a suggestion either way that would be beneficial to you Master Plan development.

Expanded routes and link up with Charlevoix County Public Transportation and Otsego County Public Transportation.

Make it more accessible and widely known to the public.

More advertising

More info on routes and costs and just how the system works in general.

Publicity

$$$$$

An app for people to use

More routes, and not as high of a fare for people living out of town.

Get the word out.

More marketing.

A downtown route during the day so people can get ride reliably. Right now I believe they have to call the bus. Why not just have a route to take during business hours?

It just doesn't make sense for such a rural community and a large county. I am willing to support it if numbers show it is being used and is a needed resource to our community.

Need weekend routes.
Haven't used the system yet.
Not sure.
Weekend and evening hours. We have a physically challenged member of the family who doesn't drive, and often needs rides outside of regular business hours. Expanded hours would be great
No opinion - I don't have enough information on the matter.
Increase in size
The small population base and the large rural areas of Emmet county don’t make sense for public transportation.
Continued expansion of vehicles, routes and operating times
N/a
Expand service area and marketing
I would need more detailed information on how this is scheduled. From what I remember reading you had to be able to get to a meeting spot to get the transportation. I would likely not use this unless I was older and didn’t feel comfortable driving. But it needs to be accessible. Not sure it was rolled out effectively.
Better signage to identify the bus stops.
Add weekend routes.
I have heard of it however I cannot comment on its effectiveness.
Going to more nearby towns
Better advertisement about it, and dedicated bus stops with benches and covered waiting areas.
More publicity for the program. Get the word out more. Visit local Dr offices and visit the social workers who are responsible for education residents and traveling to and from appointments. Or the courthouse where people can have their license taken away they could use a ride.
More routes, better publicity about the service.
I have not personally used EMGO but I am very happy that we finally have public transportation.
Getting rid of it- straits regional ride did a good job
Time
additional service area and expanded hours
Support private initiatives. Public initiatives will fail to be effective, efficient and of marginal value to the varied clientele and land areas of Emmet County!
More route options, designated hub and pick up spots on a timeline - just calling is not always effective or convenient, hard to know where they are and remember that they are available. One route between HS/Petoskey and/or northern Emmet County (Goodhart/Bliss) and Mackinaw.
More routes! More access to reduced rate passes.
Add weekend routes.
More marketing, more consistent schedules, incentives to use in the early stages, bike racks
Additional public information campaign and availability.

No comment

Don't let drinks ride

availability & frequency

I have no idea what your charter is

Regular route with obvious stops, signs. Visitors wouldn’t know EMGO existed

More regularly scheduled runs. Increase defined routes in Petoskey Area

Knowing availability

I think it's really too early to assess effectiveness. We really need to have about three years of utilization to begin to assess effectiveness. Hoping that more of our tourists this season will use public transportation. As such, it would be nice to have some local fixed routes that encourage utilization for visitors.

Getting rid of it

Cost less - more "routes"

Time tables are difficult to work with and the cost

Having the base to support it. Here’s the thing - we already have straits area regional system and friendship centers, as well as the tribe and others that provide transportation services. The people I hear advocating for this are those with BMW’s sitting in their garage of their rural lakefront homes so they can catch a ride to Petoskey to ride their bike. This is just ridiculous. If you need a service you shouldn’t have to beg people to use it in order to justify the service. If we really needed it, it would be used! If not, the county needs to market better.

More frequent trips. Current schedule is not effective to get people to work.

EMGOs hours are a joke. It’s another thing designed to help senior citizens. EMGO needs to be a real deal bus system that can get seasonal employees and those without transportation around. Not just drive 2 senior citizens to meijer. More hours. More buses. Real bus stops.

Designated bus stops?

Given that I have never heard of it, making people aware of its existence would be a good place to start.

Will never be effective

Routine information about EMGO to households and individuals

Anything that would make it a viable option for year round residents to get to work would be worth looking into.

More rural routes

It is better than before. Door service wound help

A regular route for pick up. Expand to daily trips to TC and Charlevoix

It’s not efficient service and money loss for county

Yes, but only by adding more buses. Perhaps having a couple for tourists and the rest exclusively for residents. Hotels are promoting it to guests and I personally feel like the purpose was to help those who live far distances get to work....

Flyers accompanying semi-annual tax bills. Better Publicity. MAPS showing stops, etc. ...
Not sure...have not used it yet

Weekend and night operations. smaller routes but greater frequency.

Focussed, high-frequency fixed routes coordinated with planned transit-friendly development.

Dedicated millage

have not used it yet so unable to comment

A more specific schedule. I have heard feedback from users that the lack of a predictable schedule has held them back from using it more frequently

Flexible schedule, better advertising for availability

It needs to be more widespread to be effective PLUS there should be incentives for people to NOT drive. Also, it is TOO SOON to decided if it is effective.

Actual scheduled stops

In my opinion, it's a waste of public funds.

More information on exact locations and times. And Bus stops I can find.

Not sure...would have to look into how it works and where it goes. We need more Lyft and Uber.

No information regarding times and places to board and costs.

Set routes

Haven't used it yet, but frequency of stops might need to be higher.

It's a good start and than you for beginning it. Expand the hours and service areas.

No Comments for Question 21

(How would you rate the importance of the Emmet County Medical Care Facility, Bay Bluffs?)

No Comments for Question 22

(I believe parks, trails, open space, and recreational programs are vital in our community.)

No Comments for Question 23

(Which Emmet County parks, trails, and recreation facilities are you familiar with or have visited in the past?)
Comments for Question 24
(What do you like best about Emmet County parks, trail, and recreation facilities?)

low cost to use - ease of access

Paved bike paths are great. Need a dog park in town!!! Every park in town has baseball/soccer, and nowhere for the dogs.

Allow public access to our natural areas.

The opportunity to enjoy - learn about nature.

Please with all parks

That it exists.

well maintained

availability

Crates appreciation of our beautiful surroundings and thus a desire to protect and preserve

That they are minimally developed. I do like the way Bear River Recreation area was made accessible to more people, especially being in-town.

clean, safe, well marked

not used by me

variety and accessibility

clean and well maintained.

1. Well maintained 2. Have easy access

Up keep is very good, great staff.

Accessibility

Well maintained and mileage marked.

Accessibility, large # of options.

Would like expansion

They are easily accessible and kept very clean.

They are always clean and fresh and inspiring.

That they exist.

well-maintained

natural habitat, natural beauty, calming
Quantity and Quality

Camp Petosega is well maintained and a joy to use.

I like them best when they partner well with conservation organizations.

Along the river thru town, it feels like you are in the Upper Peninsula.

Cleanliness and upkeep is good.

Well maintained

That they make outdoor activity safe and enjoyable. That they keep nature accessible. and that they prevent development in select beautiful areas that help the environment and allow everyone to enjoy it.

The natural aspect, not overdeveloped

Well maintained, quiet, peaceful

Easy access

Available safe natural

Quantity and well maintained.

They are close. I have lived in areas where you had to drive an hour for freshwater parks and places to swim fish and picnic.

The fact that we can ride bikes without having to go on roads with cars and the natural beauty that we see while riding!

Access to Lake Michigan and nature.

Near water, clean grounds & water

natural settings

Very clean

Diversity of natural areas available

well maintained

I like everything!!!

accessible

clean and available to all

cleanliness

The beauty of northern Michigan

well maintained!

access is easy, variety of trails and parks.
We're getting larger and it appears we are taking care of them.

everything

free and ease of use.

Availability and location

They are well maintained

The natural beauty, cleanliness.

woodland trails

That they are available, free to use and provide access to nature.

It's northern Michigan, what is not to like?

no fees

marina parks and facilities.

They are typically well maintained and accessible

no opinion

Nicely maintained

lots of options for walking and riding a bike

easy access, but could use better sign-age

If I was able to use them, it would just be nice to get away from town. Get away from all the noise, lights and concrete. I miss looking at the stars!

Great trails

I like it when it appears unspoiled or left in a wild state where nature can expand unimpeded.

Nature, cleanliness, free to enter

Little or no pollution (light, litter, chemical, water). Flora and fauna are abundant in their natural habitats (some invasive species do exist.

Affordable and good access and not overly commercial. Love the discounted rates for Emmet residents at Camp Petosega.

The non-motorized parts!

Availability to public

Nice and clean

Accessibility
Well managed & maintained
Nature is my refuge, so it's where I go to center myself.

Lesser known, local opportunities for recreation that have not been over-run yet by tourism. We need a DOG PARK! Thousands of dogs with nowhere to go but Zoll.

Clean and maintained
The 26 miles of around-the-bay trail.

Nearby, inexpensive
Very little is done to modify or change the area. It is a trail through the woods, or access to the lake. They are usually really clean. Most people from the area are good at picking up after themselves. Dog droppings are the worst part, and are the most trouble during tourist seasons.

Easily accessible, still natural feeling despite construction of sidewalks/signs, preservation of animal habitats
Available & accessible
Clean
They draw like minded people to our region and are friendly well maintained and safe to explore with ease of access to the region.

The areas highlight the natural beauty of the areas.
Camp Petosega, but online registration needs help
Able to Book Pavilions
Well kept/maintained; plentiful.
Bicycling! and not fighting with vehicular traffic
I like the beauty of nature and free fun things to do outside
peaceful scenery, quiet surroundings
well cared for; beautiful; not overly used
I like living near them. I walk my dog everyday and love to watch monarchs, moths and things hatching. I love to see an occasional fox and any wildlife. This year I saw coyotes on the ice, fantastic.

Jones Landing is a beautiful park and boat launch facility
Cleanliness
Seeing the vegetation, waterways, peacefulness.
Opportunity to be active outside
Dark sky park is unique in the area.
For the most part they are cleaner than downstate.
Clean and well kept.

Places to go for a run or bike ride. Places to play and visit. Places for fun events to happen for kids.

Distribution throughout the county, well-paved trails for bikes, good maps and signage, access to and from downtown areas

Wildlife

Convenience and accessibility

Clean and improved

Maintained well

Clean

Cleanliness

No fee, clean, beautiful land

Peaceful, well maintained, natural, trails accessible

Cleanliness, accessibility, tourism, the feeling you get when you walk in or travel the trails.

Clean and beautiful.

Having many close by

Open Access for all

The affordability

Well maintained.

Cleanliness, the area, nature

They compliment the other natural resources such as state forests and conservancy lands.

the connectivity, the free public access, and protecting the natural scenery and wild spaces of the area - it's why we all live here and love it here. I don't want housing development in Emmet county to turn in to a suburb of Farmington Hills.

We need to show the world that we prioritize a symbiotic relationship with our living world

I have taken my family to Headlands/Camp Petosega. New playground/bathrooms at Camp Petosega were very nice. Hiking trails at Headlands were great.

Access to shorelines, natural area preservation

The more the better. Access to everyone from all walks of life.

access to nature

Ease of access and well maintained.
Clean, well-kept

They are preserving nature and providing public access.

I like that they are accessible to all people from all walks of life (if they can get transportation there).

Their beauty, upkeep, and what used to be affordability.

The ability to travel from the bridge to Charlevoix, community connection

I love nature. Anything to preserve those areas is great.

Clean and accessible

Beauty

Give people an opportunity to be outside at little or no cost.

Easy Access

Near businesses/playgrounds/beaches to stop for breaks with family

They preserve precious land, and offer quiet places to go and re-center.

n/a

Beautiful

Natural areas with minimal human impact.

No trash there.

I don't have to go far away to relax; I have no use for dark sky park or lighthouse

Well maintained, good signage.

Options available for low price - great family activities

the large number, and wilderness experience

Dark Sky - its uniqueness

most people treat areas respectfully, and signs and maintenance are usually good

maintained nicely, great for many activities

Right here in our backyard

Most are well kept.

Nice locations, well maintained.

Nature
The Dark Sky Park and Headlands Park in general is an exceptional facility that is 5 minutes from my home. Trail marking improvement would be appreciated! The first several times I hiked The Headlands trails I could never find the water!

Paved trails, separate space from roadways

Cleanliness and maintenance, natural appearance, not overly crowded

Clean and well cared for

Easy to access
easily accessible

Wherever they are different from State Parks and Downstate parks.

Provides low to no cost access to the natural environment, which otherwise would not be possible. Great compliments to the natural environment, open to everyone.

The ability to hike safely and feel safe while using county facilities.

The staff that work there and the variety of different facilities.

the cleanliness

How well-maintained they are and accessible to the public, the views they provide of the lake and bay

Trails

clean

NA

keeping a natural feel compared to having a bunch of signs and man made structures (benches, tables, etc..)

How big they are! I love the ability to just walk and walk.

Nature

The fact that we have them at all!!

Well cared for.

That they exist

Easy access.

Used to be premier facilities until current park and rec people have run it into ground.

Usually in good shape and relatively clean.

Bicycle trails

Well-maintained

The upkeep and protection volunteers provide for community.
Extremely accessible.

Availability

The beauty it holds. We are so lucky to have them and are told this all the time. We need to protect them.

The vast array of them.

Proximity to my home

The Natural State of them.

Having them available to use.

would appreciate more handicapped accessibility

They are safe and clean.

Abundance

That they exist

A fabulous opportunity to experience the outdoors. These are the highlights and selling points for visitors and locals.

affordability and accessibility

The trails

That they are there! Although mostly I personally use the non-motorized trails, it is great to know that the other facilities are there and available to County residents and visitors.

cleanliness

They're often not very crowded (esp. if we visit them in the non-Summer seasons).

Accessable to all. Beautifully preserved and maintained.

They for the most part are clean.

We need more.

They're clean, well managed and beautiful!

Petoskey State Park. Petoskey Marina, and the Waterfront as well as the Bear River Paviion and trail.

Love the trails and the overall design of the parks and information about each park as posted. Headlands is amazing

views that are available to all and not blocked by large homes

so many nature preserves

All the natural beauty
Cross country skiing- like to see Pickleball courts outdoors..bike trails....hiking trails

Well-maintained

They seem well maintained and safe.

ALL

Beautiful and not crowded

Dark Sky Park is a national treasure. We bought new bikes this year and plan to fully enjoy bike trails.

What's not to like?

Maintained well and spaced around the county.

Attractiveness, cleanliness

Bike paths

Beautiful lakes, parks, bike trails that flow across county lines along lakes and rivers.

Ease of access and cleanliness/maintenance of trails and walkways.

Freedom no motorized vehicles

mountain biking, paved trail biking, xc skiing trails,

Bike trails

I like the fact that they are always available for us to use on day hikes, bike rides. They are nearby and close for us to use frequently. I like the fact that Emmet County promotes these recreation areas and gets people doing healthy activities.

Chance to explore areas of the County that might not otherwise be accessible. Opportunity to be outdoors.

They are beautiful and are well made. More garbage cans in the more wooded areas/preserves.

There are so many to choose from

Low key,easy accessibility and abundance of them.also well maintained.

Natural, undeveloped space

The motorless trails.

Tourist and seasonal people come to the area for the natural beauty, these parks, trails and recreation facilities are a huge part of bringing and keeping the seasonal populations

I am an avid outdoors lady and mom. I love the parks and trails!

The natural beauty. Open to public

they are all at the bottom of my list

well maintained and marked, county-wide
That we have so many to choose from!

Well maintained.

It's great that I can go and experience the amazing natural beauty we have around this area by just taking a small car ride or even just walking for a bit. It provides a nice place away from everything.

Quiet and mostly undeveloped

Well maintained and affordable

Love the Headlands. Huge asset to the community.

Clean

Very clean, safe, kept up.

You get to take in our beautiful land and waterways undisturbed.

Bike trails

Emmet county trail system

Affordable to free. Lovely and encouraged to spend time outside

Abundant, beautiful

Maple river isn't cramped and, aside from the gross quality of the bathroom I entered several times last year that wasn't cleaned but once a week, the park was surprisingly cleanly.

Their natural beauty.

They are one of the main reasons people desire to live in Emmet County; The fact that there was a former Administrator named Lynn Johnson who had a vision and devoted his life to bringing it to fruition. Shame on the current board for not honoring this man as they should have. Once you are gone, we will, honor Lynn and the others who so deserve their rightful and honorable place in the history of Emmet County. Your attempts to defame will not be successful.

Clean and well maintained.

The natural beauty of northern Michigan. I love hiking.

low cost, accessible, not so developed that they have lost natural character

Cleanliness

Using them of course! Great for snowshoeing walking etc.

Bike trails are fantastic.

Close proximity, easy access, well maintained. Preserves the natural beauty of this area for all to enjoy.

Free, well maintained

Trails for biking and hiking
Great access, year around.
Available and accessible!

Rental buildings. Long, beautiful bike trail.

Ability to access natural spaces, variety that showcases what matters in Emmet county

Accessible

Accessibility, natural beauty

Easy access. Keeps bikes off the highway

The number & availability

There are many and well kept

Nearby Clean

Very assessable and well maintained.

I disturbed and litter free. Safe to visit, swim and fish in the waters

They are accessible to people of all abilities.

Sift the rocks from the beaches

Accessibility to land

I love that they are available - clean and well kept up.

Open use. Cleanest Interesting to note, when I 1st moved to Emmet Co. there were no parks at all. 1981. So the county has came a long way in this period of time.

Our high quality natural areas, which by the way are being ruined through “improvements”

Quality, locations

Most are dog friendly.

There seems to be ongoing improvements. This is good.

Close to home

Paved bike trails and parks with waterfront

Easy access and well maintained

The spectacular lake views

Well maintained

The availability
Easily accessible, well maintained.

The beauty and uniqueness, what’s sad is recent years the cost has gone drastically up and what use to be county funded recreation has become costly to use.

They're beautiful.

That they are free. To assist with upkeep, maintenance, etc. Have minor charge for non-residents?

Beautiful vistas

Clean

ey are well kept.

They take advantage of and provide access to our natural assets

They are available to everyone at low or no cost

Summer camp at the WSP, restroom facilities tend to be neat and tidy. Ease of use Playgrounds and free space for young children- Camp Petosega especially

Accessibility

The trails that connect out communities!

That they're there and available.

The use they get in the summer. I wish they were used more in the winter and spring months.

Ease of access and current care plans implemented.

Don't know

scenic views

Accessible

That they're there and used.

No Comments for Question 25
(What type of recreational amenity or facility would you like to see increased in Emmet County?)

No Comments for Question 26
(If there is a person with a disability in your household, what would make Emmet County parks and recreation more user-friendly?)
No Comments for Question 27
(What is the best way to inform you about Emmet County parks, trails, facilities, and recreational programs?)

Comments for Question 28
(When you’re driving your car, do you find any roadways or intersections in the County unsafe or otherwise frustrating? Which ones?)

welshiemer road and state road - Harbor Springs !!!

Michigan & Woodland - can’t see oncoming traffic when people are parked on the street. Walloon Lake Junction is incredibly dangerous and needs a traffic light.

M119/US31 Division/Mitchell

Intersection of US31 and Pickeral Lake Rd. Very Bad!

State Rd. from HS to Cross Village needs to be repaved from Stutzmanville Rd. north Lake Shore Drive North from CV to Lakeview and Lake view to where it becomes Gill Rd. REDO ROADS! Lake shore n. from CV is dangerous to the hundreds of motorcycle tourists.

State & Main in Harbor Springs

Milton Rd. north of Valley Rd. in Alanson

Pickeral Lake Rd at US31 Lears Rd. at Howard Rd.

no issues

Glen’s light (D&W) blinks when there is still a lot of traffic (10:p.m.)

no

Pickeral Lake and US 31 N.

no

Pickeral Lake/31 the worst. Any county road intersection with 31 (eg. Gruler/Bear River) has low visibility.

Intersection of Hager Rd. and Howard Rd. It is difficult making a left hand turn due to sight limitations.

Bayview highway through town Division Rd., Mitchell

Pleasantview Rd. potholes are damaging vehicles.

no

US 31 and north Pickeral Lake Rd. Very hard to see to make a left hand turn.

Howard Rd by American Spoon.

no
Entrance to hospital at US 131 Division & 131

Petoskey - I avoid downtown all summer. US31 and Luce St. impossible to make a left turn off Luce onto US31. In summer I take Luce to Moore Rd then Blumke to US31. I can then make a right turn on US31 and immediately turn on my left turn signal to turn on Indian Pt. where I live. If traffic coming East is heavy, ars will be behind me waiting! it is a legal turn - oh well!

no

Pulling on to Camp Daggett Road headed north from Martincher Road. A Disaster waiting to happen.

Lears & Howard Rd.

Tower Road, Durkalic Road, Pleasantview Rd., most secondary roads in Northern Emmet Co.

Resort Pike & Intertown intersection is UNSAFE!

US 31 and Pickeral Lake Rd. Pickeral Lake Rd. and Channel Rd.

Frustrating because of all the new highway and bike path signage.

Division Rd. from 131 manual turning onto 131, Not frequent enough mowing of shoulders on county roads north of Harbor Springs - tall grass overgrows and make all intersections dangerous because can't see around corners or even see upcoming stop signs sometimes. At times I have had to call the Road Commission when the grass is over 4 ft. tall.

Ellsworth Rd. patches are not enough. Joy Lane - grading only good for about 2 days.

People drive to fast, road parking at Conway boat ramp is out of control, someone going to get killed.

Frustrating, good improvements under construction in Petosky. Could use improvements at 31/M-119.

Overall, our roads are horrible and a danger to those that drive them. 3rd world countries have better roads.

The end of Resort Pike turning left is impossible in the summer.

Suicide lane on 31 between junction of 31/119 and Bay View.

Robinson Rd., Lakeshore North of Cross Village

Most of Petoskey - build out of town - 31 cannot handle the amount of traffic that is there.

It would be great to get a pedestrian friendly intersection at the light between Aldi's and Meijer's.

a portion of Martinchek Rd. - unbearable! and Old US 31 - very hard on vehicles that frequently drive there like mail carriers!

Powers Road and Luce St.

Corner of Pleasantview and Hathaway in Harbor Springs - please see # of accidents and deaths. So, so many options to fix this - a median, painted crosswalk, "stop ahead" signs, rotary, painted lines to narrow road, speed monitor sign, digital line radar.

Yes! Pickeral Lake Rd. and US31
Safe all except Pickeral Lake Rd. at US31 - traffic light would make it safer.

From the M119-31 intersection to Bay View. What a disaster! Zoning PLEASE!

119, the street we live on, is quite challenging especially when there are motor bikes riding.

YES!! US31 between Petoskey and Alanson need more 55mph signs. People drive 40 mph ALL THE WAY EVERYDAY. Also, Lear's Rd & Howard when turning from Lear's Rd to left on Howard you cannot see if cars are coming until you stick your front end into Howard to see.

Intertown Rd crossing Resort Pike

Center Twp.: Van Rd. & Pleasantview Rd., hard to see traffic. US-31 between Alanson and Petoskey.

US31 in Bay View area.

Pickeral Lake/US31

Intertown/131

Intersection of 68 and Pickeral Lake Rd needs a stop light for both directions (difficult to turn left onto 68 from Pickeral). Intersection of Mitchell and Petoskey St needs a longer left turn lane. Accidents there are caused by not having a proper turn lane.

US31 and Pickeral Lake Road

131/31 headed to Harbor Springs- bad pavement for years at the intersection. Bay View period is a congested mess

Not necessarily, but do find Mitchell Rd quite challenging in the winter as it doesn't seem to get cleared completely and then gets quite icy.

Accessing 119, 31, 131 (left turns) almost impossible during summer. More traffic lights

31 & Conway Rd -- traffic on Conway road is very light but constantly trips the light causing major backups on US 31.

Bay View - Frustrating. Intertown & US31, Intertown & Resort Pike - Unsafe
I'm sometimes frustrated with the condition and states of our roads which could include area that want to shake parts off your car or grasses along the roadways and at intersection that sometimes (only sometimes) are not cut back far enough.

The traffic congestion along Bay View seems to always have near misses with traffic accidents due to the volume and people turning off of the road onto the side streets.

In downtown Harbor Springs, the intersection of M-119 and Main Street should be a four way stop.

Intersection of Mitchell Road and Division Rd. Trying to see oncoming traffic from East and West.

Southbound 31 intersection at Mitchell, signage of narrow 2 lanes going over bridge

Yes Almost all the back roads need help!

Corner of Greenwood (Cemetery Rd.) & US 31

corner of Lark's Lake Road and Van Road
Mill Street in Pellston was a disaster until recently.

Many rural county roads are in poor or very poor condition with deteriorating surfaces.

YES!! Need a light not a blinker at Pickeral Lake Road and 31. That is a Harrie Carrie corner. It's impossible to make a left hand turn. You have cars coming from the left and right and another coming across from you! Not Good! That's why everyone uses Michel.

no

no

Robinson Rd. west; northwest toward Cross Village is dismal.
yes, all of Bliss Twp.

North Larks Lake Road

yes, W. Hathaway Rd. and Pleasantview Rd. intersection does not have enough signage, there are too many accidents with a recent fatal. The blinking light isn't even back up yet.

US 31 and River Rd Alanson

Country Club Rd. needs repair badly

no

no


most roads outside of towns, county roads are bad

Milton road in Alanson

In Petoskey, most if not all. The traffic pattern? in the summer is horrendous. Some times maybe two vehicles get through before the light changes.

Pickeral Lake - US 31 Fulton and Howard St. Division - US 31 Walloon lake junction - Inertown - Resort Pike

M-119 and Lake St. by Bay Bluffs

M-119 and US 31, Lake & State (HS), Quick & State (HS) BayView!!!!!, Lears & Howard, Pedestrian Island, Robinson & US 31 (Pelston). Allow higher density building/housing/hotels in or near cities to preserve our open areas. Go back after a bypass with very restrictive zoning to prevent beltline sprawl.

Pleasantview and Hathaway cut some trees on NW corner for clear visibility

Mitchell and Division Intertown and 131 Cedar Valley and Greenwood Rd. Cedar Valley and Atkins Atkins and McDougall

appreciate road upgrades - please continue

Division Rd and Mitchell Rd. intersection US 31 left turn to Division Rd.
yes, the intersection at Sheridan and Emmet Streets and Kalamazoo and Mitchell.

Lears and Howard it's hard to see when turning left off of lears. Then the road heading down the hill is awful.

POT HOLES!!

Intersection at Brutus Road and US 31

US31 and Pickeral Lake Road - unsafe

Absolutely, Where Division meets 31 going North toward M-119 and merges, if there is anyone attempting to turn left it is very dangerous. There should be a left turn lane from the merge all the way to the stop light in front of D&W Fresh Market. I also live On Monroe St. in Petoskey at the intersection of Ingalls and 31. I turn left on Ingalls by Scooby's bottle shop, as this is one of the only "safe" entry points for those that live in my neighborhood. I have to go through red lights all the time, as there is no green arrow and traffic is so heavy during the day that you cannot turn in front of anyone! I feel a green arrow would be appropriate at this intersection, even a very short one. Lastly, the intersection of Hathaway and Pleasantview Rd. should have a light. It is difficult for those waiting to turn on Pleasantview to see traffic coming and I know there have been accidents there, one recently.

Hathaway and Pleasant View = dangerous W. Conway Intersection where Preston Feathers very dangerous. Both need traffic lights.

Pleasant View/Hathaway needs a round-a-bout

Pleasantview and Hathaway - dangerous M119 = drivers go to fast, not police. US31 & Intertown = dangerous

US 31 between Bay View and Conway: 55 mph is too fast, reduce to 45 mph

no opinion

US 31 and Pickeral Lake Rd. - need traffic light

n/a

yes, many have the view restricted when turning or at corners in general by parked cars, shrubbery, snow piles, etc.

Sheridan St in petoskey is a death trap. The posted speed is 25 and people sped through going 40-50 miles an hour

Tunnel of Trees

Pickeral Lake/US31 and Intertown

Pickerel Lake & US 31 intersection needs a traffic light.

North end of Pleasantview Road and Elder Rd. Uneven intersection of Cedar Valley and Greenwood Rds. Too narrow Atkins road, Farm City limits to Kalamazoo Ave. Extend asphalt and apron at North End of Krause Rd.

Pickerel Lake/US 31 US 31/Division (left turn lane especially) M119/US 31

Intertown Road

Cecil Bay, Wilderness Park Road (all roads in MI need attention)

Route 31 at Bayview country club intersection.
the three way stop intersection in downtown Harbor Springs where m119 traffic moving north has no stop sign. Out of town visitors think that this is a four way stop and pull in front of traffic that has the right of way. very confusing and dangerous.

Intertown and 131 Driving through Bay View North county roads.. Levering Road is crumbling apart and in some places half of the driving lane has turned to crumble making it unsafe. that is just one north county road problem of many.

Again I don't do much other than drive to work and back to my apartment to save on gas as much as possible. And when I do go to my parents I stay on the back roads as much as possible to avoid the traffic on the highway.

Pickerel Lake Road is in such a state of disrepair drivers often drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid the potholes.

The worst is through Bay View as everyone knows, looks like they are working on it and 2 lanes should help immensely! :)

Roads are for the most part awesome, the drivers are dangerous - especially during peak tourist season.

No

Downtown, slowed traffic congested and unsafe. Sheridan needs a turning left light onto US 131/Spring St. it is backed up. Cross sections throughout many people do not know to hit the signal to walk expect it to show when to walk and it can be dangerous they do what they want. Turning light at Spring/Ingalls have to wait two lights to turn during congested times. Provide sign for right turn on approach sooner for traffic to turn onto Anderson Rd. Why do we have speed increase to 55 before the Lear's intersection traffic lights to Meijers. It is dangerous intersection should be after the light for safety. Please change it.

Pickerel Lake and 131. That is terrible. Is M75 and 131 in Emmet county? Also terrible. The transition from 4 lanes to 2 at Camp Daggett and Horton Bay roads...again, not sure if in Emmet county.

Yes, belmer Rd and rustic Rd, roads need to be redone for safety reasons

Bikes and motorcycles on M-119. A bike trail would be wonderful!

Lear's Rd.

Howard Road is horrible and crumbling past River Rd Intersection of Howard Road and Lear's Road

None

We've put lights at the most unsafe intersections, in my opinion.....but when approaching Petoskey from the south on 131, I would really like to see traffic slowed down to 35 or 45 much earlier to increase safety. If traffic slowed from Williams Road north, that stretch would be much safer.

Manvel/US 31; Pickerel Lake/US 31 Division/US 31 where a high-traffic time, north bound stop light would relieve south bound turn lane back up/risk taking...

Pleasantview rd. North of Robinson road,

Howard Road just before Bear River Rd (there is a hill so you can not see oncoming traffic and road is very narrow with no shoulder-washed out on hill) Cars travel in excess of 55 mph and there is no warning of narrow road or limited visibility. Pleasant View and E Hathaway (that needs to be a 4 way stop or a flashing red light for Hathaway and a flashing yellow for Pleasant View) Lear and Howard Road (cars do not stop at the stop sign on Lear they pull into oncoming traffic on Howard Road) Standish road between river road and right before
residential area- speed limit changes from 55 to 25 in non-residential area. Would be better is it was 35 until residential area. Sheridan and Standish (4 way stop is extremely busy during morning and evening "rush hour")

No

Intersection of Pickerel Lake and US 31 North needs to be redesigned/moved so that it comes out perpendicular to US 31 AND has a smart traffic light. Very dangerous the way it is.

1. Division and US 31 N 2. The merge lane downtown Petoskey—A “Right Lane Must Turn Right” approach would help. 3. Manvel Road and US 31 N—traffic light needed. 4. Pickerel Lake Road and US 31—traffic light needed.

Traffic light at wellness center/kilwins causes a lot of congestion for not much traffic. Hours could at least be reduced

Pleasantview and Hathaway- should be a light or roundabout. N 131 and M 119 intersection in Petoskey. the Conway Rd and M 119 intersection by the Harbor Airport. Left (east) turns south of that intersection into the animal hospital, the physicians office, and the Bay View Tennis club needs a bypass or turn lane. Very backed up during rush hour in the morning coming from Harbor. Going North-east on 131 from Division in Petoskey, many people are making lefts into businesses along that stretch before reaching the light at D & W, where the turn lane starts. This backs up the whole left lane while that person tries to turn across the opposing traffic. From the D&W intersection, it is a short distance from that light to get into the left lane and then turn lane to go north on 119, which causes some trouble when traffic is bad, or the left lane is backed up. Then you have to bypass that intersection and go up to Pickerel Lake road intersection, turn left, then immediately right on Konle to get back on track to turning north on M-119.

US 31 through Bay View(under construction though), roads downtown during the summer season, some streetlights need a left turn signal(ex: the one by the hospital).

Yes! The area by Lears, Howard, & River roads - the roads are terrible & that turn onto River is awful.

Turning South on 131 from westbound Sheridan Rd. It can take almost 10 minutes to turn during peak times.

Roads with Islands in the middle of them, delivery trucks and jams create a very unsafe situation in the downtown areas. The one lane traffic with a left turn only lane near the Golf course, Many people do not see this turn only until too late and pull into traffic without signal or looking.

Intertown and 131 Sheridan and 131 (no time to make a left turn, North)

Yes. Corner of Lears and Howard

The bay view constriction is horrible. (Not construction, construction.) make it 4 lanes!

US-31 through Petoskey at 1-lane areas. Downtown Charlevoix.

US 31 N & M 119

The roads are unsafe in the northern part of the county. You have to dodge the potholes and crumbling roads. Van to Levering road on Pleasantview road needs to be paved again. This is very unsafe for motorcycles.

Making a Left from Sheridan onto US 31 is one of the biggest frustrations when you have to sit thru multiple lights and are only a couple cars away from the light due to the high traffic volume during the summer and at school and work commute times which makes getting thru the light impossible and the traffic line get really backed up.

Intersection and stretch of road around Division and Atkins; potholes and heavily repatched portions make it an adventure.
The left hand turn light at Mitchell and Division!!!!!! Cars heading East on Mitchell get backed up due to the long line of cars turning left onto Division

Pickerel Lake Road and US-31

31 towards Mackinaw some parts still, corner of Luce and Powers road you can't see to pull out and cars drive so fast through there, bottom of the hill on Catob to Hedrick if its icy in the winter you can't stop there should be a stop sign, corner of Clayton and Hathaway headed south has pine trees blocking the traffic

pickerel lake 31

No

Main and State St. Downtown Harbor

US-31 and Intertown, and US-31 and Williams. Both are nearly blind with north and southbound traffic often exceeding 65 mph. The lack of passing lane on US-31 between M-119 and Alanson can be frustrating.

Yes- Bear River Road in between Clariod Rd and Evergreen trail. This road has a lot of traffic on it and is in terrible shape. I believe it is on the county boarder with Charlevoix. This road is currently dirt and gets graded a couple of times a year. This road should get paved due to the location and traffic volume it sees.

The traffic through Bay View in summer; back ups on M119 and US 31 in summer;

Powell Road onto 119. Hwy 31 and Pickeral Lake Road. Bay view so slow frustrating. I think some traffic roundabouts would help flow through BView.

Any roads that tee in or cross Howard road as they all seem to have limited visibility like at Howard and Intertown.

To many to count

Van road. Most roads are terrible, but keep building little islands for trees, that's obviously more important.

Gill Rd & 31 especially during tourist season. The light in Alanson, all the time. Robinson & 31 especially during tourist season.

My travels are usually pretty good as I stay on US 31 all the way from home to work and back, although going home (north) the traffic to get out of Petoskey is usually backed up all the way to Conway, which can be frustrating.

Mitchell Street going up the hill through Bay View. It always seems risky to drive with the medians.

Any road with no signage of name of road

Pickerel lake rd. And us 31. 119 & state st HS

Pleasantview and Hathaway

Hathaway and pleasant view. Also they need to look at cutting grass back on intersections along state road. Division and Mitchell they need the light to be set on better times also the light by southwood needs to have a better timer the DW by taco bell entrance needs to be no left turn

Yes. All in petoskey.

Howard Rd. near Lear's Rd. intersection
Lears and Howard road needs round about

Howard road between River rd and Lears

Frequent heavy traffic on US 31 in Bay View area of Petoskey.

Van Rd/Pleasantview Rd Hill, Walloon junction needs a green/red signal light, timing changes on several intersections during off times/seasons

Manvel and 131

131 near Bay View can be congested when turning left in the summer.

Pleasantview and Hathaway has had way too many accidents. Speed should be lowered or light installed.

Congestion through and near Bay View Association

US 31 and intertown. Intertown and resort pike.

Yes. Pickerel Lake and US31,

Atkins and division. Division and us31

Intertown and 131- too many people pass on the right! Look at a roundabout, a 4 way stop, something to slow down traffic. A left turn lane? Even a DO NOT PASS ON RIGHT sign would do wonders. Stop light at Mitchell/division hill - does not give long enough to turn left. Significant traffic back ups, also add a roundabout at division and us 31 intersection.

M119 and Lake Street, just east of Bay Bluffs

Yes, the intersection of US31 and Division St. at Bay View is unsafe and dysfunctional - a round-a-bout would work really well here. Upgrades everywhere to make line of sight better are always good investments.

intertown/US 131, Cemetery/Intertown (some lilac bushes need to be cut back), Powell/m-119, Resort Pike/US31

M-119 near the driveway of the Bowling alley and the vet clinic. People pass on the right with a solid line and are constantly stopping abrupt.

Turning Left off of Powell Road

US 31 and Pickerel Lake Road

First is the corner of Lears Rd and US131. 2nd is Intertown Rd and US131. Also Howard Rd from River to Lears Rd needs to be paved.

Turning left out of Powell Rd. onto M119 is very dangerous in the winter because of the plowed snow banks. It would be great if these piles could be "shaved" down to increase visibility.

Crossing M-119 to get to Powell Road. This is a very scary spot for cyclists who want to go from the bike path to Powell Road, Harbor Springs. I imagine that traffic will only increase in our area. Finding a gap to cross is difficult year-round. I wonder what the feasibility of a walking/biking bridge would be for these important intersections.

US 31/Pickeral Lake Road It needs a light.

Pickerel Lake and 131, 131 and Walloon Junction
Corner of Hathaway and Pleasantview seems dangerous. Need more signage reminding not to pass on the right for improvement of intersections and also safety of bikers. The increase to 55 before Quick road (heading north) on State Rd in Harbor Springs. Should remain 45 until after Quick. Too fast by Quick road and lots of near misses. Tricky/dangerous spot on US31 at the Pickerel Lake Rd intersection. ....

The intersection on S. Division and Mitchell; Miller Road and M-68; and several others in the county need the trees trimmed back for site distance. You have to pull partially on the shoulder to see if oncoming traffic is present. Banwell and Pickerel Lake Road needs serious repair. With all the heavy campers going to Camp Petosega, the shoulders have crumbled and so now the road is also.

131/Intertown 131/Gruler both dangerous. Light at Casino entrance should be a blinking yellow/red unless there is an event. Rustic Rd is in desperate need of work near Pickerel lake rd.

Robinson road is a disgrace. Northern Pleasantview is too.

Howard Road!

There are many especially when snow and grass start to get high enough to make it even more difficult. The county does a great job trying to keep up. The new islands in town are pretty, but are also a hazzard. It makes it tighter driving near parked cars and emergency vehicles cannot navigate easily. That sign system on the highway was a waste of tax money. It blinks when a car is on intertown which is almost always. It would be better to notify people on intertown if they should be expecting a car to come over the hill to give the driver more time to decide. The person on the highway likely disregarded the sign and wont be more cautious coming up into that intersection anyways. Just seemed like a waste of money on my opinion. A major speed reduction would have just as easily cured that intersection. This would have also helped the traffic directly in front of Meijer gas station.

Southbound 131 turning left onto Mitchell.

Every four-way stop in Petoskey. People don't know the actual rules, or they are from somewhere else and are confused. It's really frustrating, but I don't have a solution to offer. Also, I think that streets in Petoskey like Rush and Beech and Pearl are narrow and short, and could be one-ways to allow for the parking necessary at the homes there, that aren't always equipped to house vehicles.

most

No

Pickerel Lake Road and M 31 North M119 and M31 North Eastbound Mitchell Road at Division Road - shrubs and utility box on SW corner obstruct view

Anywhere in downtown Petoskey right now. The road going through BayView. The turn at 31 and M-119.

Resort Pike and Intertown Probably other two way stop intersections.

US 31 and Pickeral Lake; US 31 and E. Lake St. merging; US 31 south merging into Bay View.

Intertown & 131 M75 & 131 (Walloon Junction) Pickerel Lake Rd. & 131

Howard Rd & Lear Rd. Intersection - can't see around the hill to pull out on to Howard.

Hathaway and Pleasant View.

Highway and Pickeral Lake Road

MITCHELL AT DIVISON AND 31
Yes. Mitchell and Fletcher.

Division where it meets US31

Resort Pike & Intertown

Bayview is frustrating.

Pickerel lake rd and 131 .....obviously

The corner of US-31 and Division in Petoskey. Most all others I travel seem effective.

Construction workers blasting down west end of Middle Road where we live; the county does a good job of trying to keep up but the tricks going in and out of Traverse Trace's back gates are dangerous and beat up the road. One time a big semi moving truck tried to make it down the west end of Middle Road in the winter instead of using Traverse Trace's front gate and paved road. They blocked my way home. The back gate to Traverse Trace was supposed to be temporary but they continue to have their "servants" and any heavy equipment use Middle Road and the back gate.

Driving into Petoskey from the North is challenging. I find myself avoiding going to Petoskey because of the time needed to get there because of the overcrowded roads. Cheboygan and St Ignace are much easier to access. Also, Wilderness Park Rd from Cecil Bay Rd to Trails End Rd is a pothole mess! Since this is one of the main roads taken to access Wilderness Park and The Headlands, a better road would be nice.

Intertown/US-131


M31 from 199 to downtown Petoskey.

US 131 and Lear's - dangerous intersection and needs a left turn signal for all directions. Also the exit from Meijers onto Lear's across from entrance to the new retail space is too congested being so close to the aforementioned intersection.

US 31 - car speeds excessive between Bay Harbor and Charlevoix

Yes- some stop signs on Hathaway seem hard to see. Maybe install a solar flashing light on top to get peoples attention?

Yes!!!! Bay view 31 and the pothole ridden roads north of harbor.

No

In general, roads during the extreme "high season". And there is a need for a light near Toski-Sands to provide traffic breaks across M-119.

Pickerel Lake Road and US-31.

No

none

M119 & 31; Division Rd & 31; Bayview bottleneck
Pickerel lake road has been half done and left looking awful! not to mention there is still so much that needs to be fixed father down pickerel lake road.

Just when there is construction!

M-119 & Lake Street (East end)

Yes many Springvale Township roads!

Pleasantview & Van Roads - hill/poor visibility Roads in the northern portion of the county are terrible.

Van Rd and Pleasantview Rd should be a 4-way stop

Yes, car racing up Bay, Lake and Mitchell Street. Cars fly up the hills at times and often don't even stop before turning corners.

Downtown and Mitchell is very congested.

Wilderness Park Drive, Cecil Bay Rd, Gill Rd,Pleasantview Rd

All roads in Bliss township need repair. Roads that lead to Wilderness Park and Sturgeon Bay are horrible. Too many bicyclists cause road hazards, roads are not wide enough. You shouldn’t promote a Circle Tour if you can't provide safe roads.

None

Trails end with the trailers heading out to Wilderness and how the home owners put signs and there mailboxes so close to the road with the pot holes everywhere then add the bicycles trying to ride also. Waiting to hear of an accident along that stretch of road.

Us 31 and Brutus Rd. It is always covered with sand/gravel. Hazardous when slowing or turning. Powers Rd. and Luce St. Hazardous to motorists on Luce when turning onto Powers (Visibility is very poor) Maple River Rd. potholes overlapping potholes...

All are fine. It is drivers that are morons.

Speed to fast on Beach Road with all the bikers and walkers

Light at Walloon Junction Camp Daggett Road and Martinchek Road T is unsafe.

Emmet St onto Mitchell in Petoskey, terrible. Also the light at Bay Harbor needs traffic lights on the sides (lower down) on the poles (when big trucks are in front of you, you can't see the light - even when you are back really far!)

Pickerel & 31 N., Pleasant View & Hathaway, Powers & Burr.

Need more passing ability on M-119 between H.S. Airport and H.S.

Pickerel Lake Road and US-31. Tunnel of Trees - Cross Village (narrow)

Intertown & 131 131 & the road to Walloon Lake

Pickerel Lake Rd. and 31 also M 119 In front of Toskey Sands

Eppler Road in winter
The intersection of Main and State St. (where M-119 turns north in downtown Harbor). This needs to be a full 4-way stop! Also the intersection of US 31 N and Pickerel Lake Road is at an extremely dangerous angle; difficult to cross US 31 N.

many roads are in desperate need of repaving..too numerous to mention

Pickerel Lake and US 31 N Kemp Rd / US 31 S Intertown / US 31 S

US 131 from Town south to Walloon Lake, 131 and M-119, Pickerel Lake Road and 131

Yes, the bike path that crosses M119. The added center median is weird and unclear. Some drivers stop when they think a bicycle may be crossing. NOOOOO. It's a highway! Bikers should wait or add a pedestrian light. Then, press a button to stop traffic with a controlled light if needed. Also, the 3 way stop in downtown Harbor Springs. In the summer... that should be a temporary 4 Way stop!!!! Too much going on in that area for traffic to keep on moving. Signs are added in and out all the time.

Yes, the intersection of m-119 and State rd at the Bluffs. The pedestrian situation there is really dangerous especially with people speeding off 119 towards downtown Harbor. Also at the corner of m-119 and State in downtown Harbor where one direction does not have to stop.

All of the intersections with Intertown Rd are challenging, but signage is helping with the most significant ones (US-131, Resort Pike).

There are definitely places where there seem to be "unsafe" intersections (e.g. Intertown Rd & Hwy-131 or Pickerel Lake Rd & Hwy-31), at which traffic possibly could be "calmed" by insertion of Roundabouts.

No just when I am riding my bike or walking and drivers dont heed to pedestrians in crosswalks or cyclists on the sides of roads.

Yes too many to list and it has been made worse with all the additional signage that has been put up

Division & 31, intersection of Main & 119 in Harbor, junction in Walloon

Pickerel Lake/US 31

No

Walloon Junction/US131, Stoplight in Bay View,

Independence Village Dr. and Howard Rd, intersection.

bayview corridore

M-119 where it turns north in downtown Harbor Springs. Three directions must stop but people turning right not have to stop. Confuses visitors.

31 and Division heading south making a left onto Division

US 31 south of Petoskey when it's dark and rainy.

The intersection of Resort Pike and Intertown is awful.

By hospital. By M-119 turn

1) Turning left coming S on N 31 onto Division
Corner of state and Main in Harbor Springs only has 1 of three ways people don’t stop. Causes a lot of confusion. Also too many places to enter 31 from D/W shopping center in petoskey. Turning left from State to Emmet esp in winter cannot see cars coming.

Bay view is a mess

M-119 in the Tunnel of Trees. The bikers make the roadway very dangerous for bikers and drivers alike. I wish the road would be closed to non-resident cars for a morning once or twice a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day to allow bikes to enjoy the road while sending the cars on the inland roads. Likewise, outside of designated ride times, bikes should be prohibited or discouraged. I think tourists would flock to the area for a chance to ride this famous road safely without cars.

The pedestrian island/crossing on 119 by Round Lake. This is extremely dangerous. Since it’s been installed, we’ve witnessed 3 accidents from cars suddenly stopping in the middle of the highway to let people cross (or finish crossing). And at least twice that we’ve seen near accidents where people brake and others have to swerve onto the shoulder to avoid hitting them. And at night, this is a very difficult thing to navigate - especially if you’re unfamiliar with the area. It’s just a really, really bad solution to something that probably wasn't a problem. Now I’ve read that Harbor Springs is thinking of putting in one by east hill? Wow - what a dangerous thing.

River road and Standish. Howard and road to Meijers.

131 intersections, Bayview corridor, 119 and W. Conway Rd.

4 way stops are precarious

all 4-way intersections!! Many people how drive do not remember or know the rules of four way intersections. Many people are creating unsafe conditions by following through or cutting across out of turn or waving people through because they are not sure who goes first. Not sure what an effective solution to this is - more patrol or different configurations or simple public announcements on the proper rules of intersections.

Not sure if in county, but intersection in Walloon Lake.

Country Club and Division Rd intersection

Country Club road through the Bayview CC

From Powell Road turning left onto M-119 at Vernales. Also in Harbor Springs, at Lake Street (Bay Bluffs), I have seen many near hits as drivers are coming from Lake Street onto M-119 do not wait to make sure the lane is clear. They see the cars from M-119 turning right onto Lake, so they pull out only to nearly hit a car going straight past on M-119. I see this happen at least one a month.

Mitchell and division

Robinson road from Pleasantview west is in very bad shape - full of potholes

TOO MANY. Just one example: Quick road bigger signs at hills warning of the upcoming entrance.

Greenwood Road

Some of the secondary roads have so many potholes there have been accidents.

-Pickerel lake road and 31 -Mitchell st and Emmet st in downtown Petoskey

pretty much all of them unsafe with a the holes & patches on them
the S curves on E Mitchell by Bill farm market are very unsafe in the winter due to blowing snow which is blinding. Snow fences or trees along the W edge of the road would improve safety.

Division and US 131 intersection needs to have a light.

Corners of Mitchell and Division

Pickerel lake and 31

M119 just down from the brewery. People see bicyclists waiting and think they have to stop at the crossing for them. Dropping from 45mph to a screeching stop with bikers on shoulder is super unsafe.

The US 31 and Division hill intersection is nearly impossible to access with Bay View summer traffic The Division intersection in petoskey's stop light only turns green long enough to let 2-3 cars through.

Sheridan Street At 131/Spring St.

S State Rd leaving Harbor Springs should be 35 or 45mph until Quick Rd. It is a residential area with a good number of houses.

Intersection at Walloon & 31 Intersection at Pickerel Lake Road Intersection at Division and Atkins during traffic

Robinson Road

Pickerel Lake Rd & US 31. Very dangerous! US 31 & M119, too congested in the summer when people try to turn into fast food restaurants-many accidents there.

Mainly just around the city of Petoskey.

US 31 and Pickerel Lake Rd intersection

Lear's & Howard Rd. Intertown & Howard Rd.

Mitchell/ division intersection

No

N/A. I drive like a grandmother.

Intertown and 131 Intertown and Resort Pike

Division Rd and Mitchell (turning light too short). Sheridan st and 131, turning light needed from Sheridan onto 131.

1. Sheridan and US 131 heading west. I have to wait for three red lights before I can finally make a left hand turn to go south. Unacceptable. 2. Traffic moves way too fast on US 31 between Division Rd. and the stop light entrance to D&W. 3. Heading north, going up the hill past DTE and the Shell Station, vehicles race to see who can stay in the left lane. If they don't have to turn right at Manvel Rd. they have to drop back behind the "winner." Very poor road design.

All main roads in the summer. A bi pass should have been built years ago.

Making a left turn out of grain train downtown
Johnson Hill Rd. off of State Road, Northern Emmet County, Readmond Township. Spencer Tibbits on his 17th birthday at approximately 8:30am lost his life on this corner, after going over an embankment and hitting a tree. He died instantly. There is still no guard rail.

Road commission board should be changed to be represented by one member from each municipality so that they are held accountable for the horrible condition of the roads and lack of clearing in the winter.

intersection US-31 & Pickerel Lake Road

Yes...Pickerel Lake onto US31

Pickerel Lake Rd and US 31 intersection

No.

Intersection at Howard and Lears Rds.

pickerel lake road and 31.

Intertown and 131

Pickerel Lake Rd flashing light needs to be a full light

Quick road

US131 and Lake street in Petoskey. The merge north of the intersection is confusing for tourists.

Road Commission needs to continue to prune, remove or scale down vegetation that limits sight distances on many intersections in Emmet County. Cars tend to "creep out" into intersections to gain the sight distance to safely turn. This can create unsafe driving for the "thru traffic with the right of way".

Pickerel Lake/US 31 N intersection

M119/US31

Pickerel lake road at 131

Hoyt and quick — unsafe with bike path and high speeds on quick road

Pleasantview at Van Road

The hill headed north out of town of Harbor Springs. Dangerous four way intersection with low visibility from multiple all directions

Meijer light

Intertown Rd. & 131. Petoskey Pleasantview Rd. & Hathaway Rd. Harbor Springs

As a business owner on M 119 the summer traffic from the 31 intersection backs up to the state park. The county should buy the old La Señorita and improve the flow south from M 119

Mitchell and Division Country Club and Division

US 31 and Pickerel Lake Road Intersection.

state and main in harbor springs

Mitchell street trees in middle of road, pedestrian benches same, traffic light at west Conway and m 119 needs mass detector, Division hill intersection,

Atkins between Division and the City limits

Pickerel Lake Rd/ US 31

Intertown and 131 is very dangerous.

M-119 and Woodview Drive- people pass on left when driving toward Petoskey and are going to hit someone in bike path or hit car in lane and propel them into oncoming traffic

Quick Rd at Pleasantview Rd. Vehicles pulling on to southbound Pleasantview from Quick often roll the signal or pull out in front on oncoming traffic.

The pot hole ones or the congested ones?

Difficult to turn left from Pickerel Lake Rd onto US-31

I drive in Petoskey mostly. The roads are all messed up this summer. The bypass should have been developed years ago. Single lane roads in one direction of traffic are hard to deal with. Can't pass, dangerous

Yes - all over - Robinson road is terrible, Pleasantview. North of Petoskey anywhere needs help.

No

I believe it's charlevoix county but m75 & 131 near Walloon is scary

Are you serious?? There would be no way to list here all of the road conditions within Emmet County that offend me. However, here are a selection: State Road, Harbor Springs, Larks Lake Road, Robinson Road, Pickerel Lake Road, Pleasantview Road north of Nub's Nob. As a matter of fact, ALL secondary roads in Emmet County need attention.

Pickerel lake and rustic road intersection . Better signage on southbound us31 between rice street and division rd that the left lane is ending/for turns up division rd.

Traffic from downtown through bayview is horrendous. Too congested.

No

131 and Innertown

Lears and Howard road intersection

Most of Petoskey has too much traffic. not enough parking. Too many rural roads need to be repaired. Very frustrating when you have to be constantly be dodging potholes instead of enjoying the scenery.

The ones with the "islands" in the middle of the roads

119 31 31 131 Pickerel and 31

Inter town rd and stop light at walgreen when light blinking
31 and Division. Such a bottle neck in the summers!

Intertown. A few other places. Emmet County could use a few roundabouts ...

Yes, coming south on Townline as it curves onto Stutsmanville Rd. Limited visibility.

Seems like many are getting some attention now.

Division and E Mitchell US 31 and Pickerel Lake

Pickeral lake road and US 31 it's terrible!!

Intertown rd- on the highway and at Howard Rd. Many of the heavily traveled roads are seriously lacking in maintenance- too many to list.

Pickerel Lake and US-31

They're too numerous to list. Pickeral lake/31 is the worst.

Just when people are on their phones!

North Conway is a disaster.

Can't think of anything right now. need to be careful at Mitchell and Division hill at the light. People jumping the light.

US-31 at Pickerel Lake Rd

M31 and Pickerel Lake, Division and Mitchel Rd

Pickerel Lake Road & US 31 - the state's reason for not installing a stoplight is crap.

Wildwood Rd. needs to be repaved, and paved through to Wolverine to increase trail access. Intersection at Pickerel Lake Rd. and 31 is extremely dangerous and needs a working light from turning onto 31.

Comments for Question 29
(Please share any additional comments and thank you again for your participation!)

I believe in conservation of nature - but not at the expense of people who already own property that are not allowed to use it as they wish. The Inland Waterway needs to be protected by keeping the river intact for boating and fishing. Use the money we are taxed for the purpose we have designated.

Write a new County Junk Ordinance to get id of dead cars, abandon trailers and abandon houses. Make Emmet Co. look like a beautiful place to lie, like it really is. Quit trying to make up new ways to waste money and increase taxes. Less Government in our lives. Get rid of money wasting projects like “Dark Sky” go for more Natural projects.

We love Emmet County.

A few of my answers that were changed I changed because I didn't like how you lumped two things together or I didn't like the wording.
Invest more in the Headlands Dark Sky Partk - Astronomy, and telescopes.

Try a shorter questionnaire, you may get more responses.

Thanks for asking.

1. Strongly support a County run medical care facility and public transportation for Emmet Co. 2. The County run EMS system and Headlands Dark sky park that were established by previous Emmet Co. officials/personnel are not economically feasible going forward without impacting other needed county services. We cannot figure out ow to divest of these entities. It appears that the board is considering another millage for EMS as well as Bay Bluffs. I would support a Bay Bluff millage.

Happy to be living here.

I have been all over the country and many foreign countries, Emmet Co. is special and truly unique.

Return to a lower county resident camping fee for Camp Petosega.

The railroad track property by Bay View should be purchased and the bike trail be positioned on this land. Now it is by the road a few feet from traffic. People, children are going to die along the state highway.

our recycling facility is first-rate.

The real solution is to connect US31 to I-75 south of Charlevoix. Get the thru traffic out of Charlevoix/Petosky/Oden, etc.

I wish there were more initiatives to attract green industries to the area so young people would have a reason to stay and raise families here. There's too too much emphasis on attracting tourists/summer people/ resorters and catering to them only provides low paying, seasonal jobs, while their impact on our local resources (roads, etc.) is paid for by year around residents.

I feel privatization of our road commission would be a good step. Government can never run things efficiently as the private sector. So much waste. So little responsibility. Buying the best equipment and having the nicest buildings is more important than spending money on the roads.

PROTECT RURAL/FARMLAND VIEWSCAPES by: Concentrating any new development in areas already impacted by development (The new EMT facility on Feppler Road is an example. It does not belong there. Politics over good location judgement. Restrict subdividing farms/woodlands to minimum of 5 acres (or greater)

I love the Emmet Co. ARCA, but I have lived here for over 30 years. The concerns I had then and now have not changed much. The concerns are housing is out of reach for most young people! Part of this ties into the fact that there are not enough good/high paying jobs. If we can't keep our younger people around - no future.

Much of this survey seems to be attempting to expand the role and oversight of county governance. Stop doing this! Clean water, air and green space are all important. so are private property rights. The State of Michigan is one of only two states in the U.S. to have a state environmental office (MDEQ). This is more than enough oversight.

Ok, need to keep open lake access sights, and label/signage at them. One in Conway is blocked by land owner next to it, clear out stuff, it is owned by public not him.

Keep asking for more input.

Yes, Petoskey is surrounded with smaller towns that help support this community. You must build on the outskirts of this town, there would be less congestion for the people who live there and connect you with the rest of us. That is a win win situation.
We have a beautiful community. Thanks for all your work.

It seems that Harbor rarely denies any rezoning requests even if they have met opposition. Properties are allowed to be sliced, diced, rezoned and as a result homes owned by one entity have a common, community and the City has allowed living here to become a circus due to rentals and rezoning and the lack of their oversight. At the same time, retail businesses have their hands tied and can't even hang a sing in their window or put a product and display outside without the City's reprimand. We've owned residential and commercial property all over Michigan for the last 50 years and have never seen anything like it. Very disappointed and considering closing my business and moving elsewhere.

Great survey! Internet broadband need major improvement.

This such a beautiful place to love. Thanks for including the people of Emmet County in your decision making process.

Light above stop sign, Painted STOP AHEAD on road. Slow down, dangerous intersection. PEOPLE ARE DYING, GET THE HURDLES OUT OF THE WAY AND ACT ON THIS PLEASE!!!!! NO EXCUSE FOR THIS!!!

STOP SPENDING MONEY!!!

Thank you for planning ahead to keep Emmet County a beautiful place to live and visit

We need more focus on quality of life for locals, less focus on drawing more people in to satisfy downtown merchants. We moved here for the quiet life and it is fast turning into just another overrun tourist trap

none - LOVE living here!

County doing a good job

Great opportunity for a park on the failed Windjammer Condo project property -- owners very willing and ready to sell, cost effective because the state picks up 80%,and the parcel could have boat slips that could be rented to produce income -- highly visible, providing great views from the road and wheel-way -- very rare opportunity to gain a waterfront park. Similar parks have been established on failed lakefront condo developments in surrounding cities.

Teach Bear Creek Township to plant native plants and trees and flowers at their offices. Get rid of the lawn or part of it and plant native plants - help pollination, allow common milkweed to be planted - not cut out - to help the Monarch Butterflies population. Allow more u-pick farms in Emmet county. Raspberries, Blackberries, Blueberries, apples.

Why are we developing new buildings, when we have so many empty existing spaces. Particularly around 131 &

I enjoy living in Emmet Co and would like to see it stay pretty much the same as it has been for my lifetime.

Please make the health dept. responsible for monitoring lake waters during the summer and notify the public of problems. Camp Petosega has had "swimmer's itch" this summer.

I love it up there.

We are retired and come up for relaxation and outdoor activities. We hike north country trail and Little Traverse Conservancy Plus ski and golf. I like the atmosphere and community feel of Petoskey. But we are not in the area enough to really now the community needs.

County roads in Emmet Co. are unsafe and poorly maintained.
The 'pit" and Country Club Rd.

n/a

If you want to keep great help here we need, low cost housing, and better wages, or they will not stay,
Greater access to high speed internet, cable television and stronger cell signals are needed.
There is a lot of Emmet Co. north of Harbor Sprints and Alanson that gets little or no attention.
I love the city I live in but more dog activities and water access would be perfect!

This survey should have more questions on medical services. live in a isolated area in the UP and 80+ years old.
May move to Emmet Co due to better medical services. Should be a tax incentive to prevent large land owners
from having to break up their land to smaller parcels. Count wants to preserve large forest areas but tax these
land owners to death.

I love it here. Do not want to see too many changes.

Thank you for collecting community input! I hope to see our small town feel preserved. Becoming another
Traverse City with too much hussle I feel will drive residents away and I hope we can maintain our beautiful small
community.

Sell Dark Sky.

The Dark Sky park and new ambulance services are financial disasters!!!!!

If the only way for businesses to make a profit is to be totally over run and overwhelmed for June, July, and
August, then there is something wrong. Locals can't go out or enjoy our beaches in the summer because its too
busy. If you work, you cannot go out for lunch in an hour all summer. We need affordable housing, wait staff and
other seasonal workers.

I am very concerned about the increased development that will turn our Townships,county into a faux-rural
suburb. City people do not understand real rural life and continue to demand "growth".

I bought land n 2000 and have not yet developed in Good Hart. I love to vacation in Harbor Springs and will do so
again in August, 2019.

Emmet County full time residents and taxpayers should be able to enjoy County facilities at a reduced rate. The
County rates have been removed from the rate system and that isn't fair. Restrictions and enforcement at Camp
Petosega especially have been overkill in recent years. Tiny houses/smaller minimum floor areas should be
encouraged as well as alternative housing options if able to meet Michigan Building Codes on private property.
Emmet County needs to focus more on it's full time residents and their needs rather than all their efforts on
tourists-well they are important to our economy, so are the full time residents who seem to be often passed over.

I feel that our community is more than able to provide housing for homeless and our veterans. Shame on us for
not addressing this issue. Too much importance put on where to dine or park you big boat.

Please pay attention to the smaller tax base communities of the north county. We may not have all of the stores
that Petoskey and Harbor Springs has, but we still have the main highway that tourists use to get to the activities
and locations in the north. if the travel ways are unsafe less tourists will want to travel north hurting us all
economically. Pay attention to your smaller volunteer fire departments, they need all the help they can get. They
don't have the tax base of Petoskey, Resort Bear Creak, and Harbor Springs. Most of them are struggling to get
by and the Jaws of life budget cut, was a huge slash to most small departments. Stop catering to the bigger communities, and start putting money into the smaller communities to make them better. The north county commissioners should be ashamed at themselves for not fighting for their districts and getting more done for the north county.

I would love to go places and do things but financially I just can't. Besides the other drivers on the roads just do not pay attention to their driving. Most drivers act like they should always have the right of way. I feel like most are only out for themselves and do not care about anyone else on the road. Hope I have been helpful despite the fact that I don't get a chance to do much. Have a good day!

Medical care is a very important concern for me and my family and an important factor is staying in Emmet County. #1 Priority for us is a strong EMS system. We have had several interactions with Emmet County EMS and couldn't be happier. Please continue to support them!

n/a

Survey did not touch on winter activities much and as our community is with snow for about half of the year I don't think we can forget that. Many parks close in the winter but it would be nice to have a few more parking lots paved so outdoor activities can occur.

Stop making this for the rich retired people who aren't originally from here. Their opinions shouldn't matter as much and people need to stop greasing their pockets with their money.

At risk of a huge oversimplification/overgeneralization, I'd say simply that it would be nice to see the County focus on our year-round residents rather than our high dollar visitors. Affordable living with great amenities would ultimately improve the quality of life for EVERYONE.

Thanks for the opportunity to participate in community vision.

I understand that this is a resort town and the tax base is greatly augmented by the vacation homes however if people can not live in the town they work in because affordable housing is not available then you will never be able to grow the area.

Keep up the good work

What a beautiful county! Work on getting affordable housing for the young people who want to stay here and build their lives, families here. My daughter and her husband are currently looking for a house, and there is nothing on the market in their price range.

I don't love taxes but I do appreciate the need to increase taxes to provide the types of services and amenities we seek in our county. We simply cannot do more with the same budget. I'll gladly accept higher taxes so we can invest more in our collective quality of life. I urge our county commissioners to do so.

County Comissioners are becoming more transparent and better managing operations. Careful not to micromanage.

I and my family feel so blessed and lucky to be in this area and enjoy all it has to offer. We are fortunate to be able to own property and have a place for our children to grow and benefit from all the things that makes Emmet county a great place to live. We want to preserve what makes this place special, to make sure we don't lose a sense of community and neighbor-ship, to keep our wild places wild, to always have secret places for our children to explore, to make sure they can get the education and career towards their success, whether they stay here or move on to other places. I want them to have that choice, and to be able to appreciate where they come from, and be proud and love their hometown and the nature-scape where they grew up. I would love for them to come back as adults and see it mostly unchanged, with the same elements they remember from their childhood, so they can make the same decision as we did, and want to raise their children here for that same amazing experience.
We want to give them the world, and a home to come back to. - Sincerely, Emily Bongiovanni of 9626 W.
Robinson Road, 49740

I'm excited to see where this master plan takes Petoskey in the future, however I hope the city is very conscious
of our natural areas and habitats when allowing businesses to move into the city. We don't want to take away
from its natural beauty. Instead I would hope we can incorporate its natural beauty into our master plan and
showcase it. A lot of people travel here because it's so beautiful and it would be a shame to take away from that.

Although I don't live in Emmet County I do find that I'm in the county quite often.

Hiking and biking trails in our neighborhood have recently seen horse trail riding. (This is township property.).
While I understand it is public use, horses are not a good fit. Aside from the obvious horse droppings, the damage
to the trails is huge as their shoes tear up the trail and now after several heavy rains, erosion is starting to take
place. These a single track trails developed over time perfect for hikers and bikers. There are plenty of two track
dirt roads for the horse back riders and would be a much safer alternative for all. Also, improvement of smaller
communities which have public beaches or a lovely park. Developing the community with supporting businesses
and amenities to encourage use would make them more attractive for public use, perhaps alleviating heavy use of
some of the other parks, and of course would add to the charm of Emmet county,

Thanks for the opportunity

It seems like this Summer we are at a saturation point. The traffic is causing me to shop locally so that is good. I
have not been shopping at Meijers this Summer. I can't stand the time in traffic so shop closer.

Extend Kemp road to River road, for emergency vehicles and to help with traffic caused by Meijer.

This place is going to shit. It's harder to live here every year and the county leadership doesnt seem to give a shit
about permanent residents. Everything is a shameless money grab at the expense of the lower class servants this
county's local government takes advantage of. That's why the youth cant wait to save enough money to get the
fuck out of here.

Other than the Dark Sky park, I think the county has been doing a fantastic job making this a great place to live!

I think the county is doing well, but needs to step up with its sustainability efforts in particular. Emmet also needs
to care for its permanent residents and keep in mind the various social determinants of public health. Thank you
for distributing this survey and for asking the public's opinion.

Put your money and effort into your public safety entities before ANY more investment in recreational areas and
activities. I think the amount of money spent on the Headlands is absolutely ridiculous, but meanwhile, your
county EMS agency has to go back and ask for more money to develop a capital expenditure and replacement
plan (which I will support). It should have been implemented at the very start of the agency.

I love Emmet County

I hope you pay attention to locals and quit trying to make this place like the villages in Florida.

Thanks!

Affordable housing in the area is my number one concern.

Seriously. Dog park.

No more restaurants, bars, breweries PLEASE!!

So many outdoor recreation options, very few indoor recreation options. Stop letting land developers force out
businesses with high rent options that sit empty for years and blight communities.
I feel economic development is the most important thing when considering improving the locals ability to live and support yourself in Emmet County year round.

Keep on eye on taxes, Petoskey City taxes are way too high.

Desperately need affordable housing $100,000-200,000 max. Minimum wage workers (our service providers) need affordable places to live!

Thank you for the opportunity to have a voice.

Our economy relies on our healthy ecology. In a deepening climate crisis we need to understand the gift that this land is and work to protect and regenerate our land while providing economic opportunities to families and young people.

The metrics we should measure success by are living wage jobs not just number of jobs, and, number of locally-owned or cooperatively owned enterprises thriving not just absentee owners at local owners expense.

We live in a beautiful community.

THANK YOU! Thank you for allowing public comment and opinion. I also appreciate the new road construction along US31.

Thank you for taking the time and energy to invest in this process. We are blessed to live in Emmet County and will do all we can to help make it special for all who come here.

No line 5 No more (even reduce current amount) big box stores. More attention to shorelines and clean water. Keep bus system. Help for small businesses so we have more options. Add trailways/ sidewalks further out of towns (by 2-5 miles) to safety connect those who live just outside city limits. It would promote less driving for small trips to town and prevent congestion and pollution.

I do love Emmet County, and I have lived here almost all of my life. The increase in population is a struggle sometimes, but I feel the County is addressing a lot of issues. However, some times the County has a great idea but lacks the follow through to complete, maintain, or make the project great.

I suspect the shortsighted "save a penny, screw the needs" commissioners will make this survey an exercise in futility. Calabrese is the second worse thing that's happened to Emmet Co, preceded by the current crop of commissioners (and the ones most recently replaced).

I do think we need to consult tribal members on the plans we are making, which I believe is happening. So thank you!

no to EMGO no to Bay Bluffs no to this ridiculous ambulance business no to you millage

stop spending our money on things that are only interesting to visitors when we have every day universal needs like transportation to work & housing

I love the recycling programs. What a wonderful way to reduce waste and your crews are terrific.

Try very hard to gather this input from younger people, it's their future we're talking about!

Thank you for asking my opinion.

Thanks for making this available!..... maybe no mailers to save paper?!?!

Emmet County needs to think about the future. Green Energy, public transportation, and smart public planning needs to be the focus.
This survey is a great idea. I love Emmet County, but several areas are lacking.

There are way too many standing metal signs in downtown Harbor Springs. Blight!!!!!!!!! Terrible wayfinding signs!!!!!!!!!

We plan on moving up there someday- more trails for biking would be wonderful! Especially from harbor springs to the highlands.

I live on reed rd in McKinley. It is a horrible road. It only gets graded a couple times a year. Tax money for carp services makes me want to move. Why is cheboygan a poorer county but 3 times better at maintenance on roads???

Long Range Planning processes are very significant and we need to stay ahead of the curve. Keep up the good work.

I would love to see more Family fun activities, not for just the wealthy out of town idiots. We NEED more to do for our local kids. Splash pads at our common parks, and possibly our schools. We need a drive thru movie theater again that only cost 8.00 a car. and we need to open up a county ran restaurant at low cost for locals with drivers license, and charge the hell out of the non locals.

Finding ways to lure younger people, especially families, to the area should be explored to help balance out the large number of older, wealthier folks

My concerns revolve around the business/services the county is involved with that do not/cannot support themselves...ie: EMGO, ambulance, Headlands, etc...

Stop creating new positions in county government. If the existing employees cant do the job fire them and hire new people that can

We need affordable housing in and around Petoskey for those of us who work to support the seasonal crowds. We need more child care starting at infancy through school age kiddos. We need more kiddo focused indoor activity centers for the 10 months out of the year there is no precipitation. A bussing system that runs more often and to more locations that would help decrease traffic congestion.

Keep and promote the Headlands!!

Put go much money into the Headlands. More concrete out there then there is on the roads. But it’s nature right?

Emmet county is sometimes closed minded on new opportunities. Look at what Boyne City has accomplished in the last 30 years- true community involvement there!! BC continuously seeks input from the community and uses that info in setting future direction and goals.

Better road maintenance

Cancel EM-GO

Please work as a team, do what is best for the county, not just today but 20 years from today. Let the ego's go. Stop the fighting and negative attitude.

Try having more food trucks available throughout the year! Also, the Little Traverse Wheelway along M-119, where it is just essentially a wide road shoulder with no buffer between the road and the trail, needs to be fixed. It is extremely unsafe. And, the pedestrian island crossing of M-119 at Spring Lake Park is too small/narrow! Should be wider for safety of trail users crossing there. Also, please consider putting in proper wide pathways/sidewalks along US-31 through the north side of Petoskey, past Division Road. I've seen people walking in the road there which is so dangerous.
addressing the needs of the elderly and disabled are very important...if you don't, you are likely to loose residents to communities who do a better job in that area

Please make agriculture a key part of the Master Plan. This state is losing 10% of it's farms every 5 years and we need to provide support for alternative farms, farm tourism, farm events, and the like.

Please keep Bay Bluffs a county run facility. Privatization of it will greatly decrease the care that our elderly will receive. It will decrease the amount of staff that is employed.

So glad you are addressing some of these things.

1. The County should play a significant role in helping address the challenges of affordable housing for our workforce. This can be done through zoning ordinances that are supportive of appropriate new housing development, through support for skills training to address labor shortages in the construction trades, and through encouragement of funding mechanisms such as a housing trust fund and active use of the County's land bank. 2. Public transit (EMGO) should continue to be a County priority and eventually funded with a dedicated source and integrated fully with other transit providers within the County and with neighboring counties. 3. The County should also provide leadership in helping area farmers carry out activities that will allow family farms to earn sufficient income to be viable, thus allowing farming to remain an important part of our community, local economy, and landscape. This will require more enabling zoning ordinances and a more encouraging attitude by planning/zoning officials to new ways of generating income from county farms. It also would benefit from a Countywide purchase of development rights program to place easements on farmland to preserve it as farmland and to help ease the transition of farm ownership from the current generation of farmers. 4. Finally, the County should be proactive in encouraging modest business and population growth in the County in activities that are consistent with our outstanding natural assets and features and that attract individuals and families with skills in new, clean, energy-efficient (including alternative energy generation) industries.

Thank YOU for your service to Us!

Better communication

Please help pickle Ball players build outdoor courts for the warmer seasons.

Thank you for doing this

School districts are not willing to provide Pickleball courts. So the county should since the sport is growing faster than any other sport.

Pickleball has become very popular. There are not enough courts and existing courts are crowded. Harbor Springs has no Pickleball courts. That is a problem that we wish could be addressed.

Concentrate on pickleball courts as a means of social and physical activity and a way to draw patrons to downtown areas.

We need outdoor Pickleball courts in Harbor Springs and Petoskey

Survey too long, detailed and time-consuming. While thorough, you likely discouraged and reduced participation.

Any thoughts on offering "Senior Olympics" activities??

This may have been covered in one of the questions above that I did not answer as this survey is to long. I'm a cyclist. I believe Emmet County needs designated biking routes of varying distances, with maps and road signs and berms that are paved smooth. Emmet County could promote the biking aspect as a tourist attraction.

Petoskey absolutely needs a bypass
Please add lines to Petoskey Tennis courts for PICKLEBALL. Thank you.

The bay is our greatest treasure. Views and access need to be protected in Harbor Springs and improved in Petoskey. I am very concerned about the massive and unattractive commercial buildings planned by Irish Boat Shop, jutting out beyond the shoreline in Harbor Springs. Shameful!

Outdoor Pickleball courts is a priority for both seasonal and year round residents. Also, we need more professional career opportunities for young people along with public transportation and affordable housing.

All in all Emmet county is fulfilling their mission and services, I am very happy with what services and amenities that are available. This survey is a great indicator that the powers in charge are trying to raise the bar.

I love Emmet County and appreciate this opportunity to have constructive input in it's future.

No

Emmet County needs to figure out how to keep young families here with housing that they can afford and amenities for the kids. We have focused on making Emmet County a great place to visit, and we have won! Now lets re-focus on the workforce that keeps the business's running and working to host those visitors.

Please support Bay Bluffs and the wonderful, caring staff who work tirelessly to care for our elders. I beg you to tour facilities in our area and see what a wonderful and important service the county provides.

purple loosestrife needs attention, it is spreading along the roads all over the county. You might want to check with MSU for a supply of Beatles that inhibit the plant.

I love our area and really don’t want more to change but it is hard for your professionals to find housing and work.

This survey is a great idea!

Thanks for doing this important work.

I think more attention needs to be paid to The parks and recreation of Emmet county. The Headlands has went by the wayside and the events up there are few and far between. They need the old event organizer back. She was phenomenal and very important to the success of this place. Also Emmet County EMS is top notch. We need to keep it a county run service for continued success and to keep the employees trained and the best around.

Expand recycling opportunities to include styrofoam.

Better paying jobs. Affordable housing necessary. Health insurance should be a right as a US citizen.

We are proud to live in Emmet County! Keep up the good work making it a wonderful place to raise a family!

Emmet county would benefit from more dense housing near the Petoskey downtown and bike lanes between downtown and existing apartment complexes.

The city of Petoskey should in my opinion enforce building codes on rental properties. Too many slum landlords in the city. Townships need to enforce their blight ordinance, e.g. Howard Rd, dozens of of violations between Lear’s & 131.

I didn’t understand the survey when the county claims broke and then ask to spend more money on recreation programming, roads and buying public land/ easements.
Activities for youth in their twenties that doesn't involve drinking such as recreational sports leagues, entertainment, outdoor adventure. More services and living space for low income families and seniors. Incentives for green companies to manufacture in our county. More diversity would be a welcome addition.

Despite my criticism, I'm aware it does not all fall upon the county itself. However, trying to keep our area from developing in the hopes that it will keep it's small town feel is going to drive away every youth we have here.

Please ensure that our safety net programs are safe. It is becoming more common to see the folks that need the most help lose access to the care they so desperately need. I know that privatization of Bay Bluffs is up for discussion, but selling to a large corporation is only going to hurt our residents rather than help them.

Bow hunting should be allowed in areas close to Petoskey and even inside the city limits to reduce wildlife damage to landscape and garden plants.

1) Focus on a Green New Deal for the County 2) Support zoning which allows individual homeowners to install solar and wind 3) Honor Lynn Johnson 4) Eliminate parking meters in the city of Petoskey 5) Dog Park(s) 6) Decommission Line 5 7) Support and/or ease zoning for cottage industry and small to medium agricultural ventures in the county. 8) Eliminate the use of glyphosphate and roundup. 9) Do not allow privatization of our natural resources or current services; quality will go down. 10) Stop trying to run the county like a business 11) Bring major decisions to the vote of the people... it's not about you. (ie, ECMCF future). 12) Ban single use plastic and styrofoam #18) I support "public" acquisition not necessarily "non-profit". Depends on structure.

I feel like the county will do anything to get more tax revenue. Consider implications of development on climate change; the built environment degrades ecological health

Dark sky building is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars.

This has been a wonderful community in which to raise our family. They all live out of state now but absolutely love coming home to Northern Michigan whenever they can. I hope we never lose our focus on quality of life here in Emmet County.

I believe Bay Bluffs needs to be a priority for the county

The importance of Bay Bluffs as a county facility is vitally important.

Keep up the good work, but continue to think of our County regulations as "living documents" that "adjust and adapt" to the changes within our Community. Development must be encouraged, but managed with an open mind. A limited example of this would be the active retiree, or gentleman farmer, who brings his life savings to Emmet County, along with his recreational assets or active hobby, and needs a building, shop, barn or facility that may require more space than his residence. This resident is a source of growth to our County who brings the demand for jobs, resources and economic wealth to our County - and usually without pollution, blight or commercial nuisances.

Emmet County will face development pressure again when sea levels rise and southern states grow hotter and drier.

Thank you.

N/A

Na

The water front in Harbor Springs is useless. They have done nothing to improve the area where the tennis courts were. What a waste of property. Make it more desirable to the public and usable by adding attractive seating and tables and shade and attractive plantings Get rid of Deer Park in Harbor Springs and put tennis courts, basketball courts, dog park and picnic areas in place of that awful deer park. These are 2 very wasted spaces and eyesores
Allow water taxis around Little Traverse Bay

Better access to Emmet County Building.

Upgrade technology, put more info/services online, make contact/feedback easier to provide/obtain, this survey is great and needs to be done yearly

I love this county and I know every one of our commissioners and administrators do too. We need to move forward and get past the decisions of the past. I'm concerned that the NLEA issue has caused division in our community. Cut the ties and move on so we can get it in our rear view mirror.

Sift the rocks from the beaches so you can enjoy the sand between your toes and not leave with scratches and bleeding feet

Thanks for asking for input - i hope that the input is looked at and evaluated and then actually put in to place in your new master plan. Good Luck.

Stop catering to tourists and at least pretend to care about people who actually live here.

I love the small town feel and wonderful recreational activities in Emmet County as well as the first rate shops and restaurants. Anything that adds to those things are terrific.

Please ask the county commissioners to focus on visionary changes versus sabotaging the work of previous commissioners. Build a community of pride and beauty. We are lucky to have an EMS agency with high quality employees that save life's everyday. Recognize this as a profession recruiting caliber medics to the system and importance of having high quality program. You never know when it may be your life they save - studies show patients presenting to an emergency room via EMS rather than own vehicle receive significantly better quality care because of the protocols and skill of medics completed in the field. Vital for our community... reading article today about privatizing.... what is your life worth to you? No one wakes up thinking today's my day for a life threatening trauma, heart attack, debilitating stroke.... if that is you - EMS is priceless service. There is no place for healthcare or EMS to be a profitable business, reality is having taxpayers will have to support the service just like fire and police. It's a community service that requires well trained professionals with college degrees...

This is an extremely unpopular idea, I assume, but Bay View is just plain in the way of developing any functional roadways to make 31 and division better. Id like to see the county buy Bay View and see where it goes. Most of those residents don't even reside in Michigan. I feel like we should have ownership of the property and maybe collect revenue from those land leases, at least.

Well done survey, Thanks.

We need better and more consistent building inspectors.

More housing is desperately needed for all income levels except the highest. Plenty of housing for the wealthy, and very little for everyone else. Also need more rentals

County Board needs to understand why quality of life, parks and trails are integral to our likelihood and our economic future.

Thank you for all the thankless hard work you all put in at the county level. Please keep in mind in order to grow our community we need to leave behind that we are a small town. We are a Resort Town and we need to develop into a premier Resort Town. Lets learn from Traverse City and not make the same mistakes they have.

The blight is out of control!! Apparently there are no blight laws and of the few townships that have them, they have no one to enforce. It is embarrassing to have visitors come to our area and see this. I pay a huge amount of
taxes, and they keep going up, to drive past garbage dumps every day. Some of these houses should be
condemned especially North Conway and quote a few in Maple River Twp.

Thank you for the survey. Might this be an annual consideration?

Thank you for all you do. Preserving our natural resources, providing more of all aspects of affordable housing,
and increasing public transportation are the best investments in our county.

#1 priority is resolving housing availability. We will start seeing a strong economic impact if our working middle
class cannot afford to live here.