

RESULTS WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP RESIDENT 2006 SURVEY


1. Rate the quality of life in:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Did Not Respond
a. Your in town neighborhood/lake area	30%	31%	21%	4%	1%	13%
b. The Township as a whole	5%	32%	34%	13%	2%	14%
c. Rate the livability of your neighborhood	23%	35%	19%	8%	1%	14%

2. Rate the quality of the following services provided by the Township and County AND how important each service is in providing you a high quality of life.

	Rate the QUALITY of each service.						Rate the IMPORTANCE of each service.					
	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know/ Didn't Respond	Very Important	Mostly Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Don't Know
a. First Responders	15%	17%	16%	4%	3%	45%	67%	5%	10%	1%	2%	15%
b. Land O' Lakes Public Library	26%	30%	12%	1%	1%	30%	24%	11%	28%	14%	7%	16%
c. Fire Protection	11%	18%	15%	10%	3%	43%	68%	8%	9%	1%	1%	13%
d. Ambulance	7%	17%	17%	11%	4%	44%	70%	9%	6%	1%	1%	13%
e. Township School	12%	22%	16%	5%	4%	41%	41%	15%	14%	7%	8%	15%
f. Transfer Station	17%	32%	19%	7%	6%	19%	31%	21%	26%	5%	1%	16%
g. Annual Community Clean Up	11%	19%	14%	4%	4%	48%	21%	16%	27%	11%	4%	21%
h. Drinking Water	18%	19%	13%	2%	0%	48%	49%	11%	11%	2%	2%	25%
i. Sanitary Sewer	7%	11%	7%	1%	1%	73%	33%	12%	14%	3%	4%	34%
j. Historic Preservation	3%	12%	13%	11%	10%	51%	13%	11%	30%	19%	10%	17%
k. Building Inspections	6%	19%	26%	5%	3%	41%	16%	16%	30%	14%	5%	19%
l. Zoning Code Enforcement	5%	13%	23%	12%	7%	40%	21%	20%	27%	12%	4%	16%
m. Economic Development	1%	6%	16%	23%	17%	37%	21%	17%	30%	8%	6%	8%
n. Animal Control	1%	7%	17%	12%	7%	56%	12%	10%	27%	9%	13%	9%
o. 4 th of July Celebration	12%	31%	21%	5%	2%	29%	7%	10%	27%	22%	16%	8%
p. Cemetery	12%	19%	16%	2%	0%	51%	14%	10%	24%	17%	12%	23%
q. Town Center Park	12%	30%	26%	2%	1%	29%	10%	13%	29%	20%	9%	19%
r. Street Lighting	5%	21%	36%	6%	1%	31%	13%	15%	28%	16%	10%	18%
s. Obnoxious Weed Control (Roadside and Parks)	4%	21%	27%	9%	3%	36%	9%	16%	31%	16%	10%	18%
t. US Postal Service	20%	27%	23%	6%	7%	17%	40%	25%	19%	3%	1%	12%
u. County Veteran's Services	3%	9%	11%	4%	1%	72%	18%	14%	20%	9%	6%	33%
v. Township Food Pantry	3%	6%	15%	4%	2%	70%	12%	16%	27%	12%	7%	26%
w. Senior Meal Program	3%	10%	7%	7%	4%	69%	14%	15%	26%	10%	8%	27%
x. Gogebic Co Transit - "Little Blue Bus"	2%	10%	8%	5%	4%	71%	8%	14%	19%	10%	13%	36%
y. Gogebic Cmty College	5%	12%	13%	3%	1%	66%	13%	14%	26%	9%	7%	31%
z. Gogebic Co Medical Care Facility	2%	9%	13%	4%	2%	70%	23%	18%	20%	6%	5%	28%
aa. Western UP Health Dept. (Well & Septic Inspections)	5%	15%	20%	4%	1%	55%	19%	19%	25%	7%	3%	27%
bb. Gogebic Co. Human Svcs.	2%	6%	12%	4%	3%	73%	15%	11%	30%	8%	7%	29%

3. Are you aware that Watersmeet has members appointed to the:

Planning Commission:	42% Yes	24% No	34% Did Not Respond
Zoning Board of Appeals:	44% Yes	23% No	33% Did Not Respond
Utility Board:	26% Yes	40% No	34% Did Not Respond

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4. Are you aware that Watersmeet Township has Zoning Ordinances? 87% Yes 8% No 5% Did Not Respond
If yes, have you ever read any of the Ordinances? 50% Yes 40% No 10% Did Not Respond
If yes, overall how would you rate the existing Ordinances? Too Restrictive (1) - Not Restrictive Enough (5)

1	2	3	4	5	Did Not Respond
6%	12%	30%	7%	4%	41%

5. Should the Township develop the following Zoning and Code Ordinances?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Did Not Respond
a. Substandard Housing	27%	31%	21%	5%	3%	13%
b. Storage of Junk Vehicles	47%	26%	12%	4%	2%	9%
c. Noise	28%	30%	24%	4%	1%	13%
d. Clean Yard Policy	33%	35%	16%	4%	1%	11%
e. Time Restrictions on Setting off Fireworks	28%	24%	27%	8%	1%	12%
f. Shoreline Protection for our Lakes & Streams	47%	24%	13%	6%	2%	8%
g. Noxious Weed Ordinance	34%	30%	21%	4%	2%	9%
h. Lakeshore Vegetation Ordinance	33%	24%	25%	7%	1%	10%
i. Signage Ordinance	23%	30%	31%	5%	1%	10%
j. Lighting Ordinance	21%	26%	36%	5%	1%	11%

6. During the past 12 months, have you had any contact with the following?

6A. Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Police? 19% Yes 77% No 4% Did Not Respond
6B. County Sheriff? 7% Yes 83% No 10% Did Not Respond
6C. Michigan State Patrol? 10% Yes 84% No 6% Did Not Respond

If yes, please rate your satisfaction in the following areas:

	Very Satisfied			Satisfied			Neutral			Dissatisfied			Very Dissatisfied			No Response		
	6A	6B	6C	6A	6B	6C	6A	6B	6C	6A	6B	6C	6A	6B	6C	6A	6B	6C
a. Community Outreach	5%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	8%	13%	6%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	80%	80%	87%
b. Response to Criminal Activity	5%	2%	2%	5%	6%	4%	5%	10%	5%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	81%	78%	85%
c. Reducing Juvenile Crime/Mischief	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	7%	10%	6%	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	82%	80%	86%
d. Police Patrol Visibility	5%	1%	1%	5%	4%	5%	5%	7%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	%	79%	82%	85%
e. Officer Assistance and Courtesy	6%	2%	3%	7%	7%	5%	6%	9%	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	77%	79%	85%
f. Water Patrol or DNR Visibility	1%	1%	0%	4%	5%	4%	10%	9%	4%	1%	1%	1%	4%	4%	3%	80%	80%	88%
g. Snowmobile/ATV Trail Patrol	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	9%	9%	6%	5%	4%	4%	2%	2%	1%	80%	81%	85%

7. During the past 12 months, have you had any contact with the following?

7A. Fire Department? 4% Yes 89% No 7% Did Not Respond
7B. Emergency Medical Technicians 7% Yes 84% No 9% Did Not Respond
7C. Conover Ambulance service? 6% Yes 87% No 7% Did Not Respond

If yes, please rate your satisfaction in the following areas:

	Very Satisfied			Satisfied			Neutral			Dissatisfied			Very Dissatisfied			No Response		
	7A	7B	7C	7A	7B	7C	7A	7B	7C	7A	7B	7C	7A	7B	7C	7A	7B	7C
a. Response Time/Promptness	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	5%	4%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	87%	87%	91%
b. Knowledge	5%	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%	4%	5%	5%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	87%	86%	90%
c. Assistance & Professionalism	4%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%	5%	6%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	87%	87%	91%

8. Has anyone in your household visited the Watersmeet Township School Recreation/Fitness Facility in the past 12 months?
15% Yes 74% No 11% Did Not Respond

9. Rate the Watersmeet Township School Recreation/Fitness Facility in the following areas:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
a. Hours of Operation	2%	12%	9%	1%	1%	75%
b. Access to Facility	6%	13%	7%	1%	1%	72%

10. Rate the quality of Township parks:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
a. Pavilion Facilities	9%	30%	20%	1%	1%	39%
b. Ball Diamond/Athletic Fields	2%	9%	23%	7%	3%	56%
c. Park Grounds/Landscaping	7%	24%	23%	3%	1%	42%
d. Cemetery Grounds	12%	21%	13%	2%	1%	51%

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11. Rate road and transportation services in the following areas:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
a. Condition of Major Roads	15%	46%	26%	5%	2%	6%
b. Condition of Neighborhood Roads	3%	21%	32%	23%	13%	8%
c. Traffic Management in School Zones and During Peak School Hours	9%	31%	18%	2%	1%	39%
d. Traffic Management in Construction Zones	6%	33%	27%	3%	0%	31%
e. Condition of Traffic Signs and Roadway Striping	6%	35%	37%	6%	4%	12%
f. Condition of Street Signs	5%	35%	38%	6%	2%	14%
g. Speed Limit on US Hwy 45 through Town	8%	48%	27%	4%	2%	11%
h. Traffic Enforcement	5%	37%	27%	4%	1%	26%
i. Traffic Safety	4%	36%	31%	1%	2%	26%
j. Public Transportation	1%	9%	11%	12%	12%	55%
k. Condition of Pedestrian Walkways/Sidewalks	2%	13%	25%	15%	6%	39%
l. Snow Removal	12%	32%	25%	5%	1%	25%
m. Speed limit on Secondary Roads	4%	32%	34%	10%	3%	17%

12. Have you had any personal or phone contact with a Township employee in the past 12 months?

59% Yes 32% No 9% Did Not Respond

13. What was your impression of Township employees in your most recent contact?

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
a. Willingness to Help	25%	33%	10%	5%	3%	24%
b. Made Me Feel Valued as a Resident/Customer	21%	25%	15%	6%	5%	28%
c. Promptness	19%	27%	16%	6%	3%	29%
d. Knowledge	18%	32%	17%	4%	2%	27%
e. Professionalism	19%	30%	16%	4%	4%	27%
f. Overall Impression	20%	30%	15%	5%	5%	25%

14. How useful are (or would) the following services be?

	Very Useful	Useful	Not Useful	Not At All Useful	Did Not Respond
a. Township Newsletter (Periodic)	35%	44%	8%	4%	9%
b. Township Meetings	10%	54%	13%	5%	18%
c. Newspaper, Posting Notices	19%	47%	15%	8%	11%
d. Communication Via E-mail	16%	36%	22%	14%	12%
e. Township Website	22%	44%	12%	10%	12%
f. Chamber of Commerce	15%	46%	18%	7%	14%
g. Marquee	6%	30%	32%	16%	16%
h. Weather Proof Bulletin Board Accessible 24/7	10%	35%	31%	12%	12%
i. Post Office Bulletin Board	16%	45%	19%	7%	13%

15. Are you aware of the financial support that Watersmeet Township provides the Land O Lakes Library?

38% Yes 56% No 6% Did Not Respond

16. Are you satisfied with the level of Township services you receive in return for the Township millage you pay?

34% Yes 55% No 11% Did Not Respond

17. During the past 12 months, how many times did you or anyone in your household visit or use the following in Watersmeet Township/Land O'Lakes, WI or in Gogebic or Ontonagon County?

	Never	Once or Twice	3 to 10 times	More than 10 times	Don't know
a. Ski Hill/ Trail	59%	12%	8%	9%	12%
b. Snowmobile Trail	46%	14%	14%	15%	11%
c. ORV Trail	55%	10%	10%	14%	11%
d. Land O' Lakes Library	37%	19%	19%	16%	9%
e. Lakes/Streams/Rivers	7%	9%	15%	61%	8%
f. US Forest Svc Lands	14%	18%	18%	42%	8%
g. Lac Vieux Desert Resort & Casino	29%	23%	18%	23%	7%

18. Would you like to see upgrading or expansion of the above categories?

32% Yes 32% No 36% Did Not Respond

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19. Would you support the following through (please check all that apply):

	Patronage (use)	Participation	Volunteer	Contribution	Tax \$	No Opinion
a. Expanded Grocery Selection	60%	4%	1%	1%	0%	34%
b. Hardware/Lumber Availability	61%	4%	1%	0%	1%	33%
c. Teen Activities	4%	4%	8%	5%	3%	76%
d. Day Care Facility	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	81%
e. Senior Activities	9%	10%	7%	2%	3%	69%
f. Adult Education Offerings	13%	13%	3%	0%	3%	68%
g. Coffee/Esspresso/Snack Bar	30%	4%	2%	0%	1%	63%
h. Community Sponsored Events: Picnics, Concerts, Rally's, etc.	19%	12%	3%	1%	2%	63%
i. Full Service Bank	37%	5%	1%	0%	1%	56%
j. Watersmeet Area Community Foundation	7%	4%	2%	3%	0%	84%
k. Low/Moderate Income Housing	3%	4%	2%	0%	5%	86%
l. Katikitigon Community Development Corporation (Local economic development and financial assistance)	5%	3%	2%	1%	2%	87%
m. Watersmeet Area Development Committee	5%	8%	6%	0%	3%	78%
n. Recreation Center	16%	6%	3%	1%	4%	70%
o. Town Hall Preservation	8%	3%	4%	3%	4%	78%
p. Fire Barn in Outlying Areas	10%	4%	4%	2%	13%	67%
q. Professional Services: Accountants, Doctors, Attorneys, etc.	36%	5%	1%	0%	1%	57%

Demographics

20. Are you: 58% Male 37% Female 5% Did Not Respond

21. What is your age? 0% Under 25 - 3% 25-35 - 6% 36-45 - 6% 46-55 - 29% 56-65 - 31% 66+ - 25% Did Not Respond

22. Your primary language: 91% English 0% Other 9% Did Not Respond

23. Do you have a child age 18 or younger living at your home? 17% Yes 78% No 5% Did Not Respond

Do you have a child over 18 living at your home? 7% Yes 78% No 15% Did Not Respond

24. Which best describes your home?

84% Single-family owner occupied - 2% Single-family rental - 1% Multi-family - 1% Apartment - 5% Mobile Home/trailer - 7% Did Not Respond

25. How old is your home?

12% 0-5 years - 13% 6-10 years - 10% 11-15 years - 10% 16-20 years - 42% More than 21 years - 13% Did Not Respond

26. How long have you lived/owned a residence in Watersmeet Township?

2% Less than 1 year - 14% 1-5 years - 18% 6-10 years - 18% 11-20 years - 35% More than 20 years - 13% Did Not Respond

27. Is this your primary residence? 52% Yes 42% No 6% Did Not Respond

28. Where do you live in the Township? 15% In Town - 59% Lake area - 18% Wooded or rural - 8% Did Not Respond

29. What is the most important factor in your decision to live in Watersmeet Township? See Attached Sheets

30. What is your employment status? 36% Employed by someone else full time/part time - 4% Self-employed - 1% Unemployed not seeking work - 51% Retired - 0% Unemployed seeking work - 8% Did Not Respond

Where are you employed, or self-employed? 11% In Township 32% Outside of Township 57% Did Not Respond

31. How far do you travel to work one-way? _____miles (See Attached Sheets)

32. Do you have access to the Internet? (Mark all that apply.)

9% At work 41% At home 1% Other 19% No access 30% Did Not Respond

33. Do you use the Internet? 68% Yes 21% No 11% Did Not Respond

If yes, would the internet be your choice for township information? 46% Yes 28% No 26% Did Not Respond

would you like to receive a Township Newsletter via email? 47% Yes 27% No 26% Did Not Respond

would you be interested in High-Speed internet (if available)? 51% Yes 19% No 30% Did Not Respond

34. Would you be interested in seeing the Township more involved in the following?

a. Energy Conservation. 66% Yes 7% No 17% Did Not Respond

b. Supporting sustainable practices. 58% Yes 18% No 24% Did Not Respond

c. Grant writing to enhance the quality of life. 59% Yes 23% No 18% Did Not Respond

d. Financing and carrying out long range plans.
(Five Year Recreation Plan and Comprehensive or Master Plan) 55% Yes 26% No 19% Did Not Respond

e. Supporting the aquatic nuisance species coalition (new 501C3). 75% Yes 12% No 13% Did Not Respond

f. Developing pedestrian and bicycle paths. 59% Yes 27% No 14% Did Not Respond