

Suttons Bay Township Master Plan Community Survey - Environment

The 2011 Master Plan set a goal to "preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas." We ask about agriculture and community character in a separate set of questions and here would like community feedback specifically on the environment and recreation.

1. Which best describes you? Check all that apply.

- ☐ I am a year-round Township resident
- ☐ I am a seasonal resident of the Township
- ☐ I am a Village resident
- ☐ I own land in the Township
- ☐ I am a business owner in the Township
- ☐ I work in the Township
- ☐ I live outside the Township
- ☐ I farm land in the Township
- ☐ I own land that is farmed in the Township
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. What concerns do you have about the environment in Suttons Bay Township? Rank in order from most concerning (#1) to least concerning (#9). In the online survey, the choices can be moved around by "grabbing" the horizontal bars on the left or the arrow tabs on the right.

		Loss of wetlands
		Development on steep slopes
		Loss of habitats
		Loss of trees and woodlands
		Light pollution
		Erosion
		Pollution from aging septic systems
		Water quality in creeks, streams, lakes, and the Bay
		Groundwater quality

3. Would you like to see the Township take a more proactive role in the preservation of open space and development of recreation amenities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

4. If development of more land for recreation takes place, which of the following should it be for? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Trails
- ☐ Parks
- ☐ Water access
- ☐ Community center
- ☐ Sports fields
- ☐ Public art
- ☐ Skate parks
- ☐ Nature preserve
- ☐ Other (please specify)

5. How much of an increase in millage for development and maintenance of land for recreation and open space would you be willing to support?

- ☐ No millage at all
- ☐ 0.25 mills (\$0.25 for each \$1,000 of taxable value, or about \$12.50 per year for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000)
- ☐ 0.33 mills (\$0.33 for each \$1,000 of taxable value, or about \$16.50 per year for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000)
- ☐ 0.5 mills (\$0.50 for each \$1,000 of taxable value, or about \$25.00 per year for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000)

6. What sustainable practices do you currently follow? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Recycling
- ☐ Composting
- ☐ Reducing energy consumption (e.g., energy-efficient lightbulbs, programmable thermostats, etc.)
- ☐ Using renewable energy
- ☐ Regenerative/organic farming practices
- ☐ Water conservation
- ☐ Prioritizing active and public transportation options (e.g., walking, cycling, carpooling, etc.)
- ☐ Using fuel-efficient or electric vehicles
- ☐ Reducing product consumption (e.g., reusable products, secondhand goods, etc.)
- ☐ Supporting sustainable businesses
- ☐ Engaging in sustainable advocacy, education, or community programs
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. How important is sustainability to you?

- ☐ Not at all important
- ☐ Not so important
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Very important

8. What challenges do you face in implementing sustainable practices?

- ☐ Convenience
- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Access or availability
- ☐ Knowledge
- ☐ Other (please specify)

9. What types of support or resources would help you adopt more sustainable practices?
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Local workshops
- ☐ Recycling drives
- ☐ Composting services
- ☐ Community projects
- ☐ Updated ordinances
- ☐ Financial incentives
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. If you have additional thoughts or comments, please share them with us here.

Thank you for your time! Please visit the Township website for more information about the master plan process and how to continue to stay involved.