

Crawford County Master Plan Public Input Survey



Thank you for taking this survey to help inform the Crawford County Master Plan Update. As Crawford County looks ahead, the Master Plan will guide how land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, and natural resources are planned and managed in the years to come. Please return this survey to your local government office, email to ldamer@nemcog.org, or mail to NEMCOG, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49735
Online survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CrawfordMP>

1) Where do you live, visit, own a business, or own property?

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| ☐ Beaver Creek Township | ☐ Grayling Charter Township | ☐ Maple Forest Township |
| ☐ City of Grayling | ☐ Lovells Township | ☐ South Branch Township |
| ☐ Frederic Township | ☐ Other: _____ | |

2) Enter the ages of the members of your household, including yourself.

	Under 5	5 - 18 years old	19 - 25 years old	26 - 45 years old	46 - 65 years old	66 - 75 years old	76 years and over
Self							
Person 2							
Person 3							
Person 4							
Person 5							
Person 6							

3) What is your property interest in Crawford County? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ I own a home and reside in it. | ☐ I work in Crawford County. |
| ☐ I rent a home. | ☐ I live in Crawford County and work outside of the County. |
| ☐ I am a seasonal/part-time resident. | ☐ I am a landlord. |
| ☐ I own land. | ☐ I visit for seasonal/recreation purposes. |
| ☐ I own a business. | ☐ Other: _____ |

4) How long have you lived, owned property, visited, or owned a business here?

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| ☐ Less than 5 years | ☐ 5-14 years | ☐ 15-19 years | ☐ 20+ years | ☐ N/A |
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5) How would you rate the overall quality of life in Crawford County today?

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| ☐ Very good | ☐ Good | ☐ Fair | ☐ Poor | ☐ Very Poor |
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6) In general, are you satisfied with Crawford County as a place to live, own property, or visit?

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| ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Unsure |
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What could make it better? _____

7) What is your employment status?

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| ☐ Employed full-time | ☐ Self-employed | ☐ Seeking employment | ☐ Retired |
| ☐ Employed part-time | ☐ Seasonal employment | ☐ Not seeking employment | |

8) What is your occupation? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Healthcare & Social Services | ☐ Education & Training | ☐ Engineering |
| ☐ Business, Finance & Administration | ☐ Technology | ☐ Retail |
| ☐ Skilled Trades & Construction | ☐ Arts, Media & Entertainment | ☐ Hospitality, Tourism |
| ☐ Sales, Marketing & Customer Service | ☐ Agricultural or Forestry | ☐ Retired |
| ☐ Public Safety, Law Enforcement & Military | ☐ Government & Public Administration | ☐ Not Applicable |
| ☐ Manufacturing, Transportation & Logistics | ☐ Science, Research & Environmental | |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | |

9) How do you get to work? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Walk ☐ Drive ☐ Public transportation ☐ Bike ☐ Carpool ☐ Other: _____

10) When deciding where to live or own property, what made you choose Crawford County? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Lifelong resident ☐ Walkability ☐ Returned after living elsewhere
☐ Employment opportunity ☐ Close to family/friends ☐ Purchased or started a business
☐ Small town/rural environment ☐ Recreational opportunities ☐ Within commuting distance to work
☐ Great retirement destination ☐ Natural resources/forestry ☐ Location of house/property we liked
☐ Affordable housing ☐ Water quality (river/lakes) ☐ Overall quality of life
☐ School district ☐ Camp Grayling/Military ☐ Other: _____

11) What types of job opportunities do you think are lacking in Crawford County? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Healthcare and Social Services ☐ Education and Training ☐ Business, Finance and Administration
☐ Skilled Trades and Construction ☐ Retail ☐ Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Military
☐ Technology and Engineering ☐ Sales and Marketing ☐ Science, Research, and Environmental
☐ Arts, Media and Entertainment ☐ Customer Service ☐ Manufacturing
☐ Hospitality and Tourism ☐ Public Administration ☐ Transportation and Logistics
☐ Other: _____

12) Should residential areas be connected to employment, shopping areas with bike paths, recreation areas, sidewalks, or other non-motorized transportation multi-use trails?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

13) Please rate the importance of the following transportation-related items:

	Important	Neutral	Not important
Improving existing roads			
Providing more paved roads			
Traffic safety (guardrails, crosswalks, intersections, signage, signals, etc.)			
Paving the shoulder for safer non-automobile travel			
Maintain existing trails			
Expanding existing ATV trails			
Expanding existing snowmobile trails			
Continuation of snowmobile trails within city limits			
Establishing more nature trails			
Establishing more multi-purpose trails			
Establishing new ski trails			
Walkability			

14) Do you support streets that safely accommodate all modes of transportation (bikes, pedestrians, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

15) Would you support a local millage to improve local roads?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

16) What types of new services or businesses would you like to see in the area? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Small Business Retail ☐ Restaurants ☐ Fitness center
☐ Big Box Retail ☐ Industrial/manufacturing ☐ Personal services (repairs, barber, etc.)
☐ Lodging ☐ Indoor/family recreation ☐ Human services (child care, adult care, etc.)
☐ Public campground or RV park ☐ Outdoor recreation ☐ Grocery
☐ Offices (insurance, medical, etc.) ☐ Other: _____

17) Do you support the development of the following utility-scale renewable energy facilities in Crawford County? Utility-scale facilities are designed primarily to provide power to the grid. (Check all that apply.)

☐ Battery Energy Storage Systems ☐ Solar Energy Facilities ☐ Wind Energy Facilities ☐ None of the above

18) What concerns do you have about renewable energy facilities that you think should be addressed? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Loss of farmland to renewable energy facilities | ☐ Damage to roads during construction | ☐ Visual effects |
| ☐ Potential loss of property value on adjacent lots | ☐ Wildlife | ☐ Noise |
| ☐ Environmental contamination concerns | ☐ Loss of forest lands | |
| ☐ I do not have any concerns | ☐ Other _____ | |

19) Do you support the development of data centers in Crawford County?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

20) What concerns do you have about data centers? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Noise | ☐ Potential loss of property value on adjacent lots |
| ☐ Use of water for cooling | ☐ Electric grid issues (lack of capacity, increase in electrical costs, etc.) |
| ☐ Environmental concerns | ☐ I do not have any concerns about data centers. |
| ☐ Other _____ | |

21) Should any of the following be pursued when developing housing in the area? (Check all that apply)

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| ☐ Single family housing | ☐ Duplex/Triplex/Quadplex | ☐ Apartment buildings (5-10 units) |
| ☐ Mixed use housing | ☐ Tiny Homes (<500 sq. ft.) | ☐ Apartment buildings (11-30 units) |
| ☐ Manufactured homes | ☐ Mobile home parks | ☐ Garage apartments (loft) |
| ☐ Senior housing | ☐ Accessory dwellings | ☐ Rental housing |
| ☐ Townhouses/condos | ☐ Barndominium | ☐ Other: _____ |

22) Should Crawford County explore the following actions to encourage housing development? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Encourage use of publicly owned property ☐ Support or promote incentives for housing development.
- ☐ Other: _____

23) Please provide your input about short-term rentals:

	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you feel that short-term rentals (Airbnb or VRBO), are a problem in residential areas?			
Do you support short-term rentals in your area?			
Do you feel that short-term rentals should be limited to a certain number?			
Should there be a local business permit process for short-term rentals?			
Should there be a recurring inspection process for short-term rentals?			

Comment: _____

24) Are you looking to move from your current residence?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

25) If you are looking to move from your current residence, how long until you do so?

- ☐ <1 year ☐ 1-5 years ☐ 5+ years from now

26) If you are looking to move from your current residence, why are you looking to move? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Looking to purchase a home | ☐ Current residence is too small | ☐ Moving out on my own |
| ☐ I don't like my current residence | ☐ I don't like my current neighborhood | ☐ I don't like Crawford |
| ☐ Relocating out of NE Michigan | ☐ I don't like the climate | ☐ Downsizing |
| ☐ I can't afford my current residence | ☐ Career opportunity | ☐ Other _____ |

27) If you are looking to move from your current residence, where are you looking to move to?

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| ☐ Within my current community | ☐ Within Crawford County | ☐ Within Northeast MI |
| ☐ Another region in Michigan | ☐ Out-of-state | ☐ Other _____ |

28) Do you think that blight is improving in your community in Crawford County (blight refers to unsightly or inadequately maintained properties)? Indicate areas of continued opportunity. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

29) Which natural features are most important to you personally? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Lakes and shoreline access | ☐ Rivers, streams, and lakes | ☐ Forests and public lands |
| ☐ Trails and non-motorized routes | ☐ Wildlife habitat | ☐ Scenic areas |
| ☐ Inland waterways | ☐ Public green spaces | ☐ Other: _____ |

30) Should Crawford County explore any of the following actions to preserve natural resources and natural features? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Dark sky preservation | ☐ Provide educational materials on natural resource protection |
| ☐ Identify and protect important wildlife corridors | ☐ Other: _____ |

31) Should Crawford County explore any of the following actions to improve cellular service and broadband connectivity? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Support “dig once” (incorporating underground utilities in road construction projects) or similar policies when infrastructure projects occur.
- ☐ Advocate for regional collaboration on broadband and wireless service.
- ☐ Encourage coordination with providers for improved coverage.
- ☐ Other: _____

32) Would you support a state cemetery on any of the following? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Military land | ☐ State land | ☐ Privately donated land | ☐ Purchase of private land | ☐ None |
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33) Values reflect what the community cares about. What are your top values for Crawford County? (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ Preservation of community history | ☐ Preservation of open space, farmland, and natural spaces |
| ☐ Creating a vibrant and thriving community | ☐ Fostering a family-friendly environment |
| ☐ Stewardship of our natural resources | ☐ Offering diverse education opportunities |
| ☐ Living an active and healthy lifestyle | ☐ Growing and diversifying job opportunities |
| ☐ Friendly small-town rural atmosphere | ☐ Protection of water quality on lakes and streams |
| ☐ Protect and preserve road right-of-way | ☐ Other: _____ |

34) Which statement best reflects your preference for the future of Crawford County?

- ☐ Focus primarily on preserving current community character, even if growth is limited.
- ☐ Allow some growth and change, while protecting key community and natural features.
- ☐ Actively encourage growth and development to support the local economy.

35) Please rate the following priorities by level of importance over the next one to five years.

	Important	Neutral	Not important
Increase housing for permanent residents.			
Improve roads and non-motorized transportation.			
Preserve natural features.			
Support agriculture.			
Improve or expand public transportation options.			
Improve county-wide cellular service and broadband access.			
New business development			
Light industrial development/redevelopment			

36) What are the best way(s) for you to receive information from the County (meetings, updates, etc.) (Check all that apply.)

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| ☐ County website | ☐ Email | ☐ Newspapers | ☐ Social media | ☐ Text messages |
| ☐ Radio | ☐ Television | ☐ Brochures/flyers | ☐ Word of mouth | ☐ Other: _____ |

37) Additional comments:
