

2016 Ridgeway Township Land Use Survey Results

Question 1: Where do you live?

North 18/151	South 18/151	Outside of Township	Total
46%	32%	22%	100%

Question 2: Please select your age range.

18-25	26-50	51-65	66 or more	Total
0%	19%	37%	44%	100%

Question 3: Where do you work?

Town of Ridgeway	Elsewhere in Iowa County	Out of County	Do not Work	Retired	Total
12%	14%	32%	1%	41%	100%

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Question 6: Are these issues important to you?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	No Response	Positive Minus Negative Responses
The quality of water resources	62%	25%	0%	0%	9%	4%	87%
Wildlife habitat should be preserved (forests, wetlands, prairie, etc.)	55%	34%	3%	0%	5%	3%	87%
Protection of natural resources	54%	39%	2%	0%	3%	3%	91%
Identifying and preserving historical sites	36%	46%	5%	1%	9%	3%	76%
Attracting new light industry	25%	46%	11%	6%	6%	4%	54%
Night lighting of buildings and parking lots should have minimal impact on adjacent properties	31%	46%	2%	3%	14%	5%	72%
Attracting commercial development	16%	41%	16%	14%	9%	4%	27%
Provide for affordable housing	13%	46%	17%	7%	13%	4%	35%
Provide senior/assisted living	12%	46%	18%	2%	18%	4%	39%
Cultural organizations and activities	11%	47%	14%	1%	22%	5%	43%
Obtaining high speed internet and cable access	49%	32%	6%	1%	8%	4%	75%
Obtaining Wi-Fi access	38%	40%	5%	1%	9%	7%	72%
Elementary school presence	30%	34%	14%	4%	15%	3%	46%
Preserving farmland, scenic views and rural character	63%	28%	2%	3%	2%	3%	87%

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Question 7: What is your opinion of the following land uses in the Town of Ridgeway?

	Essential	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	No Response	Positive Minus Negative Responses
Residential- single family homes	42%	44%	4%	6%	4%	82%
Residential- multiple unit family homes	5%	33%	54%	5%	3%	-15%
Manufactured homes	3%	25%	46%	23%	4%	-19%
Affordable housing	18%	47%	21%	10%	4%	45%
Senior/assisted living	12%	49%	20%	15%	4%	41%
Agriculture	61%	32%	4%	1%	2%	90%
Retail development	8%	43%	38%	8%	4%	13%
Public outdoor recreation	35%	36%	18%	7%	4%	53%
Protection of natural areas/open space	54%	31%	9%	4%	3%	76%
Industrial / manufacturing uses	9%	37%	37%	12%	5%	9%
Motels / hotels	4%	21%	62%	10%	4%	-38%
Convenience stores	10%	37%	37%	13%	4%	10%
Retail stores	9%	38%	43%	8%	3%	4%
Tourism-based (i.e., bed & breakfasts, restaurants, gift shops, eco-tourism)	15%	51%	20%	11%	4%	46%
Professional offices (medical, legal, technology)	8%	39%	38%	12%	3%	10%
Department stores	3%	11%	72%	11%	4%	-58%
Service businesses	10%	57%	18%	11%	4%	50%
Home-based businesses	16%	54%	11%	17%	3%	58%
Clustered housing (traditional subdivision)	6%	23%	47%	20%	4%	-18%
Clustered housing (shared open land)	11%	25%	39%	20%	4%	-2%

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Question 8: Rate your opinion of the following Township of Ridgeway transportation issues.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	No Response	Positive Minus Negative Responses
The overall network of town roads meets your needs	30%	67%	1%	0%	0%	3%	96%
The condition of town roads meets their intended uses	23%	63%	8%	2%	1%	4%	75%
There should be more biking/walking shoulders along town roads	16%	23%	31%	13%	15%	3%	-5%
A park-and-ride lot should be provided near the new highway interchange	18%	52%	4%	4%	19%	4%	61%

Question 9: What is your opinion of the future uses of land near the new highway interchange?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	No Response	Positive Minus Negative Responses
Continued agricultural use	32%	41%	16%	2%	5%	4%	56%
Agricultural-related business	18%	61%	8%	2%	9%	3%	69%
Commercial and retail	16%	44%	18%	11%	9%	3%	31%
Industrial use	12%	31%	25%	19%	10%	4%	-1%
Community and cultural use	12%	44%	18%	6%	18%	3%	32%

Question 10: Rate your opinion of the following township economic development options.

	Essential	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	No Response	Positive Minus Negative Responses
Commercial	20%	42%	25%	7%	6%	38%
Industrial	11%	39%	36%	8%	7%	13%
Childcare facility	9%	44%	20%	22%	5%	32%
Residential near the village of Ridgeway	16%	52%	18%	8%	6%	49%
Home-based cottage industry	7%	48%	19%	20%	5%	36%
Bed and breakfast	7%	37%	30%	20%	6%	14%
Tourism and recreation	25%	40%	21%	9%	5%	44%
Wind Farm	13%	32%	37%	15%	4%	8%
Solar farm	16%	38%	28%	14%	4%	25%