Wooded

Wooded land accounts for the second largest portion of land in Bridgehampton Township. Wood lots are scattered primarily along the western and central portions of the Township. In addition, there are some small scattered wood lots along the eastern edge of the Township. The most concentrated areas are between Fitch and Maple Grove Roads.

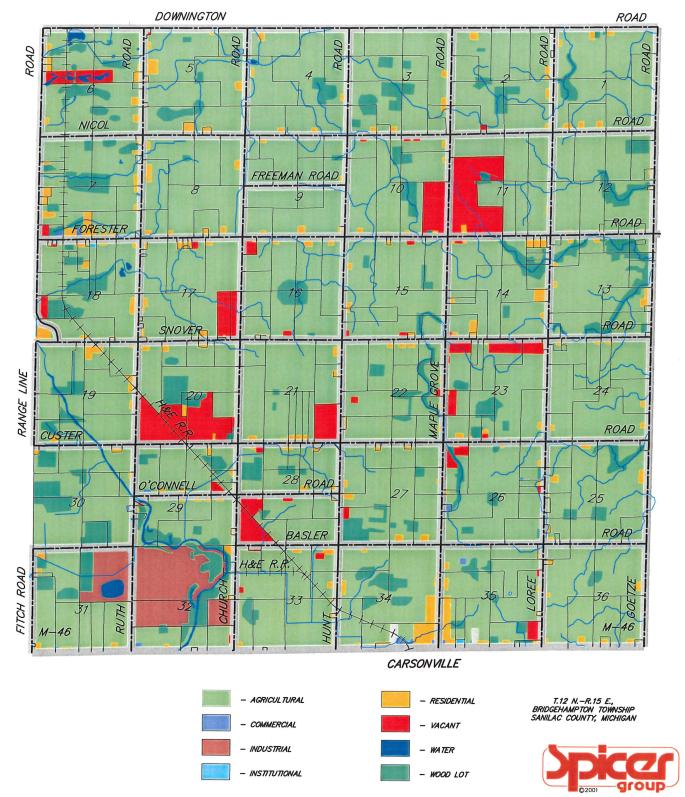
Vacant

Vacant land is generally clear of most trees and is not used for agricultural purposes. Vacant land accounts for a little more than 4% of land use in the Township. The majority of vacant land is located in a central portion of the Township, with dense vacant lots along Custer and Forester Roads.

Water

Water accounts for less than 1% of land use in Bridgehampton Township. However, there are many small drains and waterways that are scattered throughout the Township. The Black River flows through the southwestern section of the Township. This river provides drainage for much of this quarter of the Township. In addition, there are many man made drains throughout the entire Township.

Existing Land Use Map



Community Input Review

An effective Master Plan includes the participation of the local residents to guide the development process in the Township. The Township offered residents a couple of different opportunities to participate, through a mailed survey, steering committee sessions and a public hearing.

Survey

A survey was distributed to all 300 landowners in the Township. Over 132 surveys were returned for a 44% participation rate. The survey was designed to ask questions that gather information important to planning, from residents in the community. The survey grouped questions in six different categories: general, agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial. In addition to these multiple choice questions, respondents were also provided the opportunity to write comments at the end of the survey. Of special note, when responding to the questions, there is a small percentage that did not put down an answer. Many respondents did not have an opinion with regard to certain questions. Although it did not greatly affect the survey's direction, it is important to note, that some while respondents did agree and disagree, they did also indicate no opinion. An average of 15% of survey respondents had no opinion on each question. A copy of the survey and the results are located in the appendix.

The General Section of the survey asked residents to respond to questions about character, growth, infrastructure and the quality of roads in the Township.

- As Bridgehampton is a rural Township, close to 79% of the residents agree that maintaining it's rural character is important to it's future.
- While many residents were uncertain on the idea of population growth in the Township, almost 46% agreed that development was needed.
- Infrastructure is an important function in the Township and while 44% agreed it should be planned for in the future, 32% disagreed.

- Bridgehampton Township is anxious to meet the needs of the residents where roads are concerned. A good 50% of the residents agreed that the roads are adequately maintained and meeting *their* needs.

The Residential section of the survey asked a variety of questions that related to site development, housing for seniors and new locations for pre-manufactured housing.

- Bridgehampton Township is growing and the need for development is inevitable. A good portion, 45%, of the residents agreed that the Township should plan for more single family built on site homes.
- Pre-manufactured homes are becoming more popular in some communities and the need to plan for these developed areas is increasing. While the need is growing, however, close to 45% of residents disagree that these areas should be developed in Bridgehampton Township. Despite the high percentage of those who disagree, almost 33% agree that this development should be planned for.
- Many residents are not supportive of the idea of planning for additional rental housing in the Township. The majority of residents, 54% disagreed that rental housing is needed, only 18% agreed that it is needed.
- Senior age groups are growing and the need for senior housing is on the rise. The majority of residents, 54%, agree that senior housing should be planned for, while 20% disagreed.

The Commercial section of the survey addressed a number of issues relating to service businesses as well as overall commercial growth in the Township.

- With the Township growing, service businesses become a necessity. The majority of respondents, 53%, agreed that these businesses should be planned for in the Township.
- The majority of respondents, 61%, agree that some commercial growth is needed in the Township.

The Industrial section of the survey addressed issues such as new light industrial development and the location of industry in the Township.

- Industry is important to the tax base of every community.
 Residents agree by a majority of 56% that development should be planned for.
- Not only is the need for industry important, but where it's located is relevant to planning. A majority, 66%, agreed that industry should be located near commercial areas.

The Agricultural Section of the survey explores the importance of preserving the land and how much should be acceptable to use for development in the future.

- A strong majority of respondents, 90%, agreed that agriculture is an important feature in the Township.
- Not only is agricultural land important, residents by a majority of 82% agree that it should be preserved.
- Many residents were divided on the issue of developing agricultural land in the future. While close to 44% of residents agree that it's acceptable, almost 38% disagree, leaving 14% of respondents with no opinion.
- It's important to know how many landowners that own farm land are actively farming their land. This was a very evenly

The majority of respondents, 90%, agreed that agriculture is an important feature in the Township.

split question. A good 45% of landowners farm their land, 48% don't. Of these landowners that do farm their land, 76% agree it should remain that way ten years from now.

The last two questions of the survey focused on Township regulations. These questions focused on blight. In general, more than 66% agreed that there should be restrictions on the number of inoperable vehicles on private property. In addition, 75% of respondents agreed that private property should be held to certain standards with regard to nuisances, eyesores and health or safety hazards.

After the questions section, respondents were given the opportunity to write in their likes and dislikes and to offer a written explanation as to why they live in Bridgehampton Township. In the "like" section, the most offered answer is the quiet, rural/farmland environment. The second was the friendliness of the residents. When describing the items respondents disliked in the Township, the most offered response was the junkyards and the sewer/water problems. When asked why residents live in the Township, it is the country feel.

Community Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives identified in this plan are the result of examining the trends and existing conditions in Bridgehampton Township. The opinions, needs and desires of residents and leaders are incorporated into a realistic plan for the future.

General Community Character

Bridgehampton Township has been an agricultural community for over a century. Open space and farmland define more than 89% of the Township. Planning for limited growth in specific areas of the Township should help preserve prime agricultural land. By defining land use, zoning and infrastructure, the rural character of the Township will benefit and where development in the area occurs will be influenced.

Goal: Maintain Rural Character of the Township & Preserve Prime Farmland

- Develop conservation development ordinance and incentive for preserving and protecting open space in planned developments.
- Investigate the purchase of Property Development Rights and the potential for implementing a program in the Township.
- Plan for the Future Land Use and keep plan current.

Residential Land Use

Public participation throughout the development of this Master Plan indicated support for residential growth. Although the Township has experienced, slow but steady growth, the residents and leaders of the community agreed that the Township should plan for more residential growth that would preserve open space and natural features.

Goal: Plan for Residential Growth

- Examine current lot size requirements.
- Determine residential development areas.

Commercial Land Use

While commercial land accounts for less than 1% in the Township, there is a need to plan for the development of new commercial areas. 61% of survey respondents agreed that growth should be planned for in the Township.

Goal: Plan for New Commercial Growth

- Set Development Standards.
- Concentrate any new commercial development as indicated on the Future Land Use Map.

Agricultural Land Use

According to surveys and public comment, the preservation of agriculture, is a priority for stakeholders as well as farm owners in Bridgehampton Township. Balancing the needs of the existing agricultural areas along with the rural character of the Township is important when planning for development.

Goal: Preserve prime farmland

- Plan Future Agricultural Land Use areas on map and keep plan current.
- Modify high intensity farming regulations.
- Revise zoning to separate agricultural and residential uses.

Industrial Land Use

Industrial development is desired to secure the tax base. There is a need for light industrial development, especially if it is located close to commercial development.

Goal: Encourage Industrial Development

- Better define "industrial" in the Zoning Ordinance
- Plan for industrial area on Future Land Use Map

Quality of Life

A number of goals identified by residents and steering committee members fell outside the range of categorized land use discussions. These goals are geared toward preserving and enhancing the quality of life within the Township.

Goal: Plan for enforcement of blight issues

- Revise the Zoning Ordinance
- Update blight ordinance
- Hire part-time administration

Future Land Use

The future land use discussion in this Plan has a ten to twenty year horizon. The land uses outlined in this section of the Master Plan serve to convey the community's desire to promote growth in specific areas while striving to maintain, enhance and protect the agricultural character of the Township. Bridgehampton Township is committed to preserving its rural character while providing a desirable environment for its residents.

Keep in mind that many of these changes will not take place next year, or five years from now, but possibly ten to twenty years from now. These proposed changes should serve as a guide. Every goal stated will not be accomplished, nor will every parcel of land be developed as shown.

As a reminder, these proposed changes are not effective until the zoning is changed to allow development of the varying types to occur. That is, while the future land use map may indicate an area for commercial, the area may not be *zoned* commercial until the land owners request the change and the board approves it.

Each land use is discussed in further detail by general category and then by specific use.

Commercial

Commercial land use currently accounts for approximately less than 1% of all existing land use in the Township. Planning for the development of commercial land has been designated in specific areas. These areas include a strip along Ruth Road, north of Forester Road to Downington Road, on the east and west sides of Ruth Road. There is a small commercial area planned at the intersection of Forester and Maple Grove Roads. Another area designated for commercial development is located along M-46, from Fitch Road to the Carsonville Village limits and from Goetze Road west to other edge of Carsonville Village limits. In addition, there is another area planned for commercial growth along Maple Grove Road heading north past Basler Road.

Industrial

Industrial land use occupies close to 550 acres or 2.4% of the total existing land use in the Township. As the Township continues to grow and strives to maintain its agricultural base, other options for expanding the tax base should be explored. The Township has planned for potential industrial development along Forester Road, between Fitch and Ruth Road facing north.

Residential

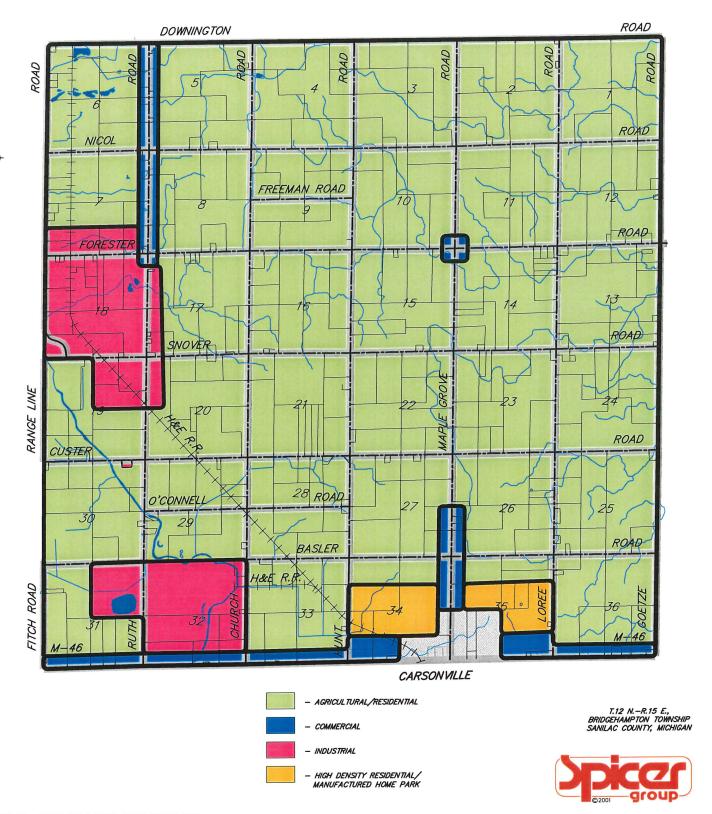
Residential land use accounts for less than 4% of all existing land use in the Township. As Bridgehampton Township continues to grow, concentrated residential development is planned for an area centrally located in the Township on north and south sides of Forester Road.

Planning for residential growth also includes the scope of high density versus low density housing. As the Township's population expands, there is a continued need for several different housing opportunities. As premanufactured and manufactured homes gain popularity, the planning of manufactured housing parks requires careful planning as does any high density residential section. There are two sites planned for manufactured housing parks and these are located directly across from one another on Maple Grove Road south of Basler Road.

Agricultural

The agricultural land use in Bridgehampton Township accounts for the largest category, as it occupies over 82% of the total land. As Township officials plan for the future growth of the Township, it is planned for carefully and with the rural integrity of the Township in mind. All areas planned for future development are limited to already existing commercial, industrial or residential development.

Future Land Use Map



Implementation

We have explored all pertinent information regarding Bridgehampton Township. The Master Plan Steering Committee has spent ten months discussing and examining the issues, in addition to receiving valuable input from Township residents in the form of a public survey and committee meetings.

As a result, the Master Plan Steering Committee has compiled a complete, carefully prepared document that represents the data, efforts and collective thoughts of Bridgehampton Township residents. This Master Plan will serve as Bridgehampton Township's guide for decision making in the years to come.

This Plan is intended to be used by all Township officials, Planning Commission members, Zoning Board of Appeals members, Township Board members, those making private sector investments and by all citizens interested in the future development of the Township. The completion of this Master Plan is the foundation of the community planning process. The implementation of the goals and objectives of this plan is the next step. This must be an ongoing effort and can only be achieved through cooperation of the Township officials, the Township citizens and the private sector.

Key steps for the implementation of this Plan include:

- Community knowledge and support of the Plan.
- Zoning and Building Code updating and enforcement.
 Zoning must follow the concepts expressed in the Future Land
 Use map or both the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance will lose their effectiveness and enforceability.
- Use of available preservation and conservation development incentives in zoning and land use activities such as open space requirements in developments.
- Consistent use of the Plan to ensure that commercial development is encouraged to increase in density rather than to sprawl outside the identified areas.

Community Support

It is important that the general public be aware of and understand this planning document. The Township has taken steps to ensure orderly future development for Bridgehampton Township and it should be promoted to the citizens to foster support. Lack of citizen understanding can hinder the implementation process, although residents are very active in the development of their community as expressed in their thoughts in the community input, survey and through committee meetings. There are several ways to increase citizen awareness, including:

- Keep the plan visible and available for citizens use at all Township meetings.
- Seek media attention regarding the Plan and the public hearing for the Plan.
- Display the Master Plan and Future Land Use Map at the Township Hall or local gathering place.
- Cite the Master Plan in Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals decisions to establish the Plan as the justification as well as the accepted development path for the Township.

Code Updating and Enforcement

The zoning ordinances and zoning maps must correctly reflect the goals and land use areas identified in the Master Plan. These documents must work together. Without this, the desired community results will be difficult to achieve. The zoning ordinance accomplishes many things; it separates incompatible uses of the land, protects property values, dictates development spacing, protects natural resources and prevents overcrowding of the land.

There are numerous zoning concerns that have surfaced during the Master Planning process, ranging from the protection and preservation of prime agricultural land to where residential growth should be planned for.

A thorough review of the existing zoning should be done to address any inconsistencies and outdated aspects. In addition, the zoning map should be updated to correct the past revisions and the inconsistencies among zoning districts. Consistent enforcement of the zoning ordinances and building codes are the next tools used to implement the Plan. Therefore, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Zoning Administrator, and the Building Inspector should be knowledgable of the Plan and its intentions. Many of the community's goals can be utilized and implemented from strict adherence and enforcement of codes.

Use of Development Incentives

The Township Board and Planning Commission members must take an active role to propel the desired development or limit development within a community. This can include grant requests, tax issues, special assessments, and development incentives. To keep a community vital, local government must be aware of all the tools at hand. In many cases it can prove beneficial to work with a developer or the private sector to spur the desired development. Some of the incentive tools available for such co-development are:

- · The TEA-21 Program, using transportation funding.
- Michigan Land Trust Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund administered through the Department of Natural Resources.
- Development incentives administered through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
- Renaissance Zone funding through the Michigan Economic Development Council.



Planning Bridgehampton's Future

We need the help of residents to determine how the Township should evolve in the next 5, 10 and 20 years. Please read the statements below and circle the answer that best describes your opinion. Please return this form in the enclosed addressed and stamped envelope by May 20, 2002. Thank you.

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be confidential. Circle the appropriate response.

Age (circle one)

18-24

25-44

45-64

65 and older

I have lived in the Township:

1) 0-5 years

2) 5-10 years

3) 10-20 years

4) more than 20 years

Number of school age children residing with you:

1) one

2) two

3) three or more

General

A. Maintaining the rural character of the Township is important to the future of the Township.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree 5) strongly disagree

B. Bridgehampton Township should grow in population and development.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree 5) strongly disagree

C. Bridgehampton Township should anticipate and plan for water and sewer service in key areas of the Township.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree 5) strongly disagree

D. The roads in Bridgehampton Township are adequate for our needs.

1) strongly agree

2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree 5) strongly disagree

Residential

A. The Township should plan for more single family, built on site homes.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree

5) strongly disagree

B. The Township should plan areas where single family pre-manufactured homes should be developed.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree

5) strongly disagree

C. Additional rental housing, such as duplexes and apartments, is needed in the Township.

1) strongly agree 2) agree 3) no opinion 4) disagree

5) strongly disagree

D. Housing for seniors should be planned for.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

no opinion

4) disagree

5) strongly disagree

Commercial

A. Service businesses (grocery, video, drug store, personal care) should be planned for near residential areas.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree 5) strongly disagree

B. Some commercial growth is needed in the Township.

1) strongly agree 2) agree

3) no opinion 4) disagree 5) strongly disagree

Bridgehampton Survey Results

Age: 18-24 1% 25-44 21% 45-64 40% 65+ 36% No answer 2%

I have lived in the Township:

0-5 years 20% 5-10 years 13% 10-20 years 14% 20+ years 42% No answer 11%

I am a nonresident of the Township:

Yes 17% No 80% No answer 3%

If yes: Do you plan to move to the township?

Yes 26% No 65% No answer 9%

If yes: When will you move into the Township?

0-5 years 16 2/3% 5-10 years 66 2/3% 10-20 years 16 2/3% 20+ years 0%

Number of school age children residing with you:

One 11%
Two 8%
Three+ 4%
None 70%
No answer 7%

General

Maintaining the rural character of the Township is important to the future of the Township.

Strongly agree	42%	
Agree	37%	79%
No opinion	11%	
Disagree	3%	5%

Strongly disagree 2% No answer 5%

Bridgehampton Township should grow in population and development.

Bridgehampton should anticipate and plan for water and sewer in key areas of the Township.

The roads in Bridgehampton are being adequately maintained.

The roads in Bridgehampton Township are adequate for our needs.

Residential

The Township should plan for more single family built on site homes.

The Township should plan areas where single family pre-manufactured homes should be developed.

Strongly agree	5%	
Agree	28%	33%
No opinion	17%	
Disagree	23%	45%
Strongly disagree	22%	
No answer	5%	

Additional rental housing such as duplexes and apartments, is needed in the Township.

Strongly agree	1%	
Agree	17%	18%
No opinion	24%	
Disagree	31%	54%
Strongly disagree	23%	
No answer	4%	

Housing for seniors should be planned for.

Strongly agree	13%	
Agree	41%	54%
No opinion	21%	
Disagree	11%	20%
Strongly disagree	9%	
No answer	5%	

Commercial

Service businesses (grocery, video, drug store, personal care) should be planned for near residential areas.

Strongly agree	11%	
Agree	42%	53%
No opinion	16%	
Disagree	15%	26%
Strongly disagree	11%	
No answer	5%	

Some commercial growth is needed in the Township.

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Strongly agree	14%	
Agree	47%	61%
No opinion	16%	
Strongly disagree	18%	18%
No answer	5%	

Industrial

New light industrial development (electronic manufacturing, warehouses, laboratories, contractor's establishments) should be planned for if adequate roads, utilities and other public services are available.

11%	
45%	56%
17%	
14%	23%
9%	
4%	
	45% 17% 14% 9%

Industry should be located near commercial areas.

Strongly agree	17%	
Agree	49%	66%
No opinion	16%	
Disagree	5%	13%
Strongly disagree	8%	
No answer	5%	

Agricultural

Agriculture is an important feature of the Township.

Strongly agree	56%	
Agree	34%	90%
No opinion	5%	
Disagree	1%	1%
Strongly disagree	0%	
No answer	4%	

Bridgehampton Township should preserve agricultural land.

Strongly agree	50%	
Agree	32%	82%
No opinion	10%	
Disagree	4%	4%
Strongly disagree	0%	
No answer	4%	

It is acceptable to use some agricultural land for development.

Strongly agree	12%	
Agree	32%	44%
No opinion	14%	
Disagree	22%	38%
Strongly disagree	16%	
No answer	4%	

Do you currently own land which is farmed?

Yes 45% No 48% No answer 7%

If yes, do you believe is should remain farmland 10 years from now?

Strongly agree 55%
Agree 21 2/3% 76 2/3%

Disagree 11 2/3% 11 2/3%
Strongly disagree 0%
No answer 11 2/3%

Township Regulations

There should be a restriction on the number of inoperable/unlicensed cars on private property.

Private property should be required to be maintained in a way to avoid nuisances, eyesores and health or safety hazards.

What do you like about Bridgehampton Township?

The quiet, small, peaceful and rural/farmland environment.

The friendliness of the people/neighbors.

The location of the township, being close to shopping and also the lake.

What do you dislike about Bridgehampton Township?

The dump/junkyards, (McGregor and landfill), sewer/water problems, roads and road maintenance.

The leadership, taxes, and zoning ordinance.

The blight of junk cars, and dilapidated buildings on people's property.

Why do you live in Bridgehampton Township

Enjoy the country feeling, but close to a city and lake.

Born and raised here, lived here all my life, it is my home.

Here are the comments that caught my attention. There are some surveys were they just talk about how the board does such a great job, and they are always there to answer your questions. Either this twp is split in half, or there are a lot of politics going on. Also, some people said how they like it there, cause they receive very few complaints from the government. And it sounds as though others receive them all the time. So here are some important ones to read.

A board that maintains their twp's hall and neglects the gravel roads 24 Planning commission and unavailable planning commissioner 33 Should be a restriction against livestock in town 35

As it is part of my childhood memories, I would like it to stay the same © but I see it hasn't and wont do consider how logical your decisions are I saw a road built along my 40 acres is not for use so why was it built? It has no dwellings, are there likely to be? So don't do just to do I guess I am thinking 53

...Some are real eyesores and we receive comments from visitors 54 People are clannish; I don't seem to mix well with the neighbors 55

The politics involved with everything. More attention is paid to political movement then is paid to residents 56

People who move here from the city and complaining about farms being messy until they pay my taxes, they better look the other way. 58

Location and taxes were low until school bond was passed, now we have high taxes and wonderful sports fields for the uneducated kids! 58

You have to build behind your home, not in front 62

Don't put salt brine on early enough, or for complete mile 63

Landfill and lack of zoning enforcement 70

Read 75 read 93 read 101 Read 109 Read 26

Need more zoning to control junk and development –farmland only is a poor tax base wee need housing and industry 79

We want clear water, no rust, when will the water main be replaced, when will main street be repaired. 80

I may not like the way people keep their place, but they pay for it, and pay taxes on it, it is theirs to have as they wish 91

Too many addresses with multiple home 95

Too many building rules and permits 98

The sewer, at times I wash my cloths in black water...100

And the tax assessor we have Mr. Stanton is unfair, and wants to get rich quick, can't reason with the man. 119

Taxes too high for a township with a dump as the only attraction 121

I feel that the township does not enforce the present zoning regulations due to poor leadership 125

The ditches are not maintained I have raw sewage running down, and you know that the county road workers can see it....127

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A Special Meeting was held on Dec. 30,2002 at 7:15 p.m. at the hall for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the Master Plan that the Planning Commission had adopted. Present: Haggerty, Wisienski, Tanton, Kelly.

Absent: Wallace

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Haggerty, with the pledge to the flag.

Moved by Wisienski second by Tanton to pass resolution #12-3. Adoption of the Master Plan. Copy is attached to these minutes. Ayes: Kelly, Tanton, Haggerty, Wisienski; nays none, absent Wallace. Motion carried.

Moved by Kelly second by Tanton to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Diena Wisienski Clark

Diana Wisienski, Clerk

Whereas it has been deemed to be necessary to have in place a Master Plan for the Township of Bridgehampton and,

Whereas the Planning Commission of the Township of Bridgehampton has for the last ten(10) monthes worked at the formation of a plan and,

Whereas this plan constitutes the combined effort of the Planning Commission of the Township of Bridgehampton;

Therefore be it resolved to place this Master Plan into effect this 30th day of December, 2002. Motion by: Karry Kelly
Seconded by: Angla Kauty
Signed: Lev afond