

Please take a few minutes and answer the 17 questions in this survey. This is an updated survey first conducted by Taylor County in 2006. This survey is specific to the Township of Little Black only and was redesigned by the Little Black Planning Committee.

Thank you for your assistance and time.

SURVEY TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 7, 2011

Number of surveys returned/issued : 279/414

LITTLE BLACK TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANNING COMMUNITY SURVEY

Little Black Trends and Visions

- How do you feel your township has changed over the last 5 years? (check one)

98 Improved for the better	27 Became too developed/populated
59 Became more economically depressed	86 Has not changed
- My preference for development in rural Little Black township to the year 2030 is: (check one)

161 Preservation of the existing rural landscape with a small amount of new development
94 Preservation of the existing rural landscape with moderate amounts of new development
23 Unrestricted development in rural areas
- Please tell us the single greatest problem or concern you have regarding your town or county.

Water Ground run-off	20
Blacktopping roads	7
Up-keep of roads	28
Need Zoning	2
Large farms	39
Loss of Liberty through over regulation	1
Recycling: open 1 evening or day during week	2
No new blacktop: keep repaired	9
Taxes:	11
City people in country	2
Reduce speed on Gibson	1
Airport	2

Housing

1. As your township progresses in the future, would you be in favor of the following kinds of housing options/development? (please check each type of housing)

Single-family	237 Yes	14 No	17 Not Sure
Apartments	73 Yes	108 No	51 Not Sure
Traditional Subdivisions	76 Yes	104 No	54 Not Sure
Mobile Home	85 Yes	117 No	42 Not Sure
Mobile Home Parks	26 Yes	168 No	39 Not Sure
Two Family Duplexes	104 Yes	78 No	58 Not Sure

2.Subdivision & development practices that preserve large parcels of natural undeveloped land should be encouraged through public policies and ordinances?

143 Agree **88** Neutral **35** Disagree

3. Are the following a problem in your township? (check all that apply)

90 Dilapidated buildings **73** Abandoned buildings **70** Junk cars **85** Junky yards

Utilities and Community Facilities

1. How would you rate your township's services?

a. Fire protection	240 Good	25 Fair	0 Poor
b. Law enforcement	195 Good	58 Fair	10 Poor
c. Emergency medical services	221 Good	38 Fair	1 Poor
d. Recycling program	238 Good	36 Fair	3 Poor
e. Library services	184 Good	65 Fair	10 Poor
f. Park systems	128 Good	75 Fair	25 Poor
g. Town/village/city hall facility	204 Good	50 Fair	7 Poor

Intergovernmental Cooperation

1.Neighboring towns, cities, villages, and the county should identify and work together toward shared goals **233** Agree **36** Neutral **3** Disagree

2. Are you satisfied with the working relationship between county government and your local government? **149** Yes **28** No **48** Don't Know

If No, why **No Comments**

3. Would you support sharing equipment or personnel with a neighboring township, village, city or county if it afforded a cost savings with a slight reduction in quality of services?

187 Yes **46** No **40** Don't Know

Agriculture, Natural, and Cultural Resources

1. Local and county units of government should address the issue of development in productive agricultural regions by:

a. Preserving existing farmland.	203 Agree	64 Neutral	7 Disagree
b. Protecting productive farmland, but allowing development in areas not suitable for agricultural use.	164 Agree	72 Neutral	35 Disagree
c. Not protecting farmland.	20 Agree	66 Neutral	114 Disagree
d. Protecting or preserving other agribusiness.	137 Agree	76 Neutral	8 Disagree

2. My township should make an effort to identify and protect the following:

a. Woodlands	213 Agree	46 Neutral	12 Disagree
b. Wetlands & flood plains	177 Agree	68 Neutral	28 Disagree
c. Open spaces	148 Agree	100 Neutral	19 Disagree
d. Lakes, rivers, & streams	241 Agree	27 Neutral	7 Disagree
e. Endangered species habitat	163 Agree	75 Neutral	24 Disagree
f. Historic and cultural sites	178 Agree	75 Neutral	13 Disagree
g. Ground water	248 Agree	23 Neutral	7 Disagree

3. Should the township pursue protecting private water supplies?

224 Agree 32 Neutral 12 Disagree

Economic Development

1. What types of businesses do you believe are the most important for Little Black township to encourage? (rank each in priority: 5-High priority, 1-Low priority)

Tourism business -----	5 25	4 38	3 57	2 45	1 91
Timber resource industries -----	5 40	4 78	3 81	2 38	1 23
Agricultural business (including farm) -----	5 145	4 62	3 46	2 9	1 9
Heavy industry (manufacturing) -----	5 28	4 46	3 71	2 53	1 63
Public sector/government -----	5 18	4 57	3 85	2 51	1 45
Service business -----	5 38	4 64	3 95	2 31	1 27
Retail development -----	5 28	4 61	3 78	2 42	1 45
Light industry (manufacturing)-----	5 53	4 70	3 71	2 39	1 35
High tech industry -----	5 30	4 45	3 50	2 35	1 62

Other, please specify **None Stated**

2. New businesses/industries should only be located in the city or villages in the county?

65 Agree 99 Neutral 86 Disagree

Transportation

1. Should all new local roads be built by new housing developers to appropriate specifications, then turned over to the municipality?

126 Agree 65 Neutral 60 Disagree

2. How would you rate the following transportation services in Little Black township:

Local road maintenance	105 Good	113 Average	47 Poor
Local snow plowing	139 Good	89 Average	42 Poor
County airport facilities	109 Good	112 Average	12 Poor

1. Which of the following describes your residency of Little Black township?

275 Permanent residence 2 Seasonal residence 2 Non-resident landowner

Add comments below: See Question # 3 for summary of comments.