AGENDA

TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
November 10, 2026
6:00 P M

I. CALL TO ORDER – Prayer and the Pledge

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of October 13, 2026, regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in November of 2026 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All participants must identify themselves and address all comments to the Board. At times, public participation may be limited and/or allowed in conjunction with agenda items. Please keep comments to three minutes.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF TOWNSHIP AUDIT- FY 2025/26 was distributed to the Board at the October meeting. Vredeveld Haefner LLC will be in attendance to present and answer questions.

B. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN GROWTH TASK FORCE- 24ward county wide growth task force pursuant to October 20 meeting at County

C. MASTER PLAN MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION- Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission scheduled for Dec 1, 2026 at 7:00pm

VI SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS

+ **Supervisor**
+ **Clerk**
+ **Treasurer**
+ **Planning Commission**
+ **Zoning Board of Appeals**
+ **Wright Tallmadge Fire Board**
+ **Wright Tallmadge Fire Chief report**
+ **Grand Valley Metro Council**
+ **Park Committee**

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Ottawa County
Administrator's Office

Patrick B. Waterman
County Administrator

Brian Dissette
Deputy County Administrator

October 20, 2026

Dear Local Government Leaders,

Ottawa County is entering a critically important period of discussion and planning regarding our collective future. As Michigan's fastest-growing large county, we continue to experience the benefits of economic vitality, strong communities, and a high quality of life. At the same time, sustained growth presents increasingly complex challenges that affect every local unit of government, including housing availability, infrastructure capacity, groundwater sustainability, transportation systems, farmland preservation, energy demands, and the protection of community character.

To help address these challenges proactively, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners adopted a 2026-2028 Strategic Plan that includes a goal focused on **Partnered, Quality Growth: Protect What We Value, Build What We Need**. A key action supporting this goal is the development of a collaborative, countywide approach to growth planning through the Countywide Vision for Growth initiative.

Today, local elected officials, planners, administrators, and community leaders from across Ottawa County gather for the first **Countywide Visioning for Growth Summit**. The purpose of today's event is to provide an opportunity to review data, discuss growth trends, and identify emerging challenges.

As a next step in this effort, Ottawa County is seeking participation from all twenty-four townships, villages, and cities through the formation of the **24ward Vision Task Force**. The Task Force is intended to serve as a forum for local government representatives to collaborate, review information, discuss opportunities and challenges, and help develop a shared vision for managing growth while respecting local priorities and decision-making authority. The Task Force will be facilitated by County Administration and the Department of Strategic Impact, with representatives serving as a liaison between the Task Force and their respective governing bodies.

Enclosed is a proposed **Resolution of Support** for your governing body's consideration. Adoption of the resolution will allow your municipality to designate a representative to serve on the 24ward Vision Task Force and ensure your community has a voice in this important countywide conversation. The perspectives and experiences of each local unit of government will be essential in identifying practical strategies that reflect both local needs and regional realities.

We respectfully request that your governing body consider the attached resolution and appoint a representative to participate in this collaborative initiative. By working together, we can better prepare for future growth, address shared challenges, and preserve the qualities that residents value most across Ottawa County.

Thank you for your continued leadership and service to your community. We look forward to partnering with you as we work toward a thoughtful, coordinated, and prosperous future for all of Ottawa County.

Sincerely,

Patrick Waterman
County Administrator

RESOLUTION # _____
LOCAL REPRESENTATION ON THE OTTAWA COUNTY
24WARD VISION FOR GROWTH TASK FORCE

_____ [insert TOWNSHIP/VILLAGE/CITY]
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the _____, held on _____ at the _____, Michigan, the following resolution was made by Member _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Ottawa County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state with a strong economy, low unemployment, and abundant recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, consistent population growth brings challenges for local units of government, ranging from but not limited, housing shortages, groundwater depletion, loss of farmland, and strains on the transportation network and public infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners adopted a 2026-2028 Strategic Plan that identifies a myriad of solution-oriented actions to help balance anticipated, continued growth into the future, including the activation of a Countywide Vision for Growth strategy, and;

WHEREAS, the Vision for Growth is a collaborative framework that provides a forum for local officials to review, discuss, develop, and implement forward-thinking development strategies at the local level, and;

WHEREAS, to help ensure the strategy is an intentional, collaborative effort among local government leaders, the County Board of Commissioners is assembling a 24ward Vision Task Force comprised of representatives from all 24 units of government in Ottawa County that can work together to digest data and review potential solutions to the County's growth-related challenges, and;

WHEREAS, facilitated by County Administration and the Department of Strategic Impact, 24ward Vision Task Force members will communicate and coordinate with their respective local units of government to implement strategies that address their specific challenges and align with their respective goals, and;

WHEREAS, the input and recommendations gathered from all 24 units of government will complement one another and help create a cohesive countywide vision for growth for Ottawa County, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of _____ authorizes _____ to participate in the 24ward Vision Task Force.

ADOPTED:
Ayes:
Nays:

CERTIFICATION:
I, _____ _____ the duly elected Clerk of _____, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution #_____, adopted by the _____ at a regular meeting held on the _____, 20__

_____
Clerk

Introducing ...

24ward VISION TASK FORCE

DEFINING GOALS + COORDINATING DECISIONS

Ottawa County

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A Growing County

As one of the fastest-growing counties in the state with a strong economy, low unemployment and abundant recreation, Ottawa County is positioned for success. This success, however, brings challenges: housing demand, groundwater availability, farmland loss, and strains on transportation and infrastructure.

Overcoming these complex issues at a local level is no small task. Each community has its own unique identity and perspective; naturally, local challenges require local solutions. But there is one common thread that unites us all – a desire to maintain our high quality of life.

Coordinating the Future Together

To ensure a prosperous and vibrant future for the region, the County believes a proactive, cross-municipal knowledge and data-sharing strategy is needed – a ***Vision for Growth***.

Carefully considering the growth philosophies and goals of each local unit of government, stakeholders will work together to explore and review meaningful data. This collaborative endeavor will then be employed to craft effective, forward-thinking and growth-oriented local development strategies with an interrelated regional perspective.





24ward Vision Task Force

To create an effective vision that truly serves as a public resource, it needs the voice of the community. That's where you come in – we are recruiting leaders from all 24 local units of government to form the ***24ward*** (twenty-forward) ***Vision Task Force.***

This coalition will work together to digest data and review potential solutions to growth-related challenges. Members will coordinate with their communities to implement strategies that address their specific needs and align with their respective goals.

The input and recommendations gathered from all 24 units of government will complement one another and create a cohesive countywide vision for the future.

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24ward Vision Task Force

Defines common growth vision for County and helps coordinate decisions at a local level.

Drinking Water Focus Area

Who ...

• Groundwater Board • Water Resources Commissioner • Public Utilities • Public Health

Work to ...

• Develop recommended policies/best practices
• Coordinate water utility expansion
• Seek opportunities for water repurpose, reclamation, and recharge
• Educate community on water sustainability

Development Focus Area

Who ...

• Agricultural Preservation Board • Brownfield Redevelopment Authority • Economic Development Corporation • Area Planners

Work to ...

• Develop recommended policies and best practices
• Coordinate countywide land use planning

Transportation Focus Area

Who ...

• Area Transit Agencies • Road Commission
• Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Work to ...

• Seek opportunities to expand transportation options
• Coordinate countywide transportation planning

Housing Focus Area

Who ...

• Housing Advisory Board

Work to ...

• Remove housing barriers
• Develop recommended policies and best practices
• Support meaningful housing projects

Board of Commissioners

Provides input and defines expectations for each focus area work group.

Keep up with 24ward Vision Task Force news at ...

miottawa.org/dsi/24wardhub

Population and projected population in Ottawa County (2020-2040)

Unit of Government		Estimates			Projected			
		2020	2025	% Change 2020-2025	2030	% Change 2020-2030	2040	% Change 2030-2040
Cities/Villages	City of Coopersville	4,809	4,802	-0.1%	4,794	-0.3%	4,778	-0.3%
	City of Ferrysburg	2,951	2,955	0.1%	2,963	0.4%	2,978	0.5%
	City of Grand Haven	11,006	11,038	0.3%	11,079	0.7%	11,161	0.7%
	City of Holland	26,620	27,343	2.7%	28,163	5.8%	29,802	5.8%
	City of Hudsonville	7,623	7,964	4.5%	8,355	9.6%	9,136	9.3%
	City of Zeeland	5,738	5,637	-1.8%	5,534	-3.6%	5,327	-3.7%
	Village of Spring Lake	2,539	2,504	-1.4%	2,471	-2.7%	2,405	-2.7%
Non-Ottawa County	Holland City - Allegan Part	7,727	8,029	3.9%	8,362	8.2%	9,027	8.0%
Townships	Allendale Charter Township	26,643	27,519	3.3%	28,710	7.8%	31,092	8.3%
	Blendon Township	7,110	7,629	7.3%	8,148	14.6%	9,186	12.7%
	Chester Township	2,099	2,117	0.9%	2,137	1.8%	2,178	1.9%
	Crockery Township	4,583	4,784	4.4%	4,979	8.6%	5,370	7.9%
	Georgetown Charter Township	54,372	55,682	2.4%	57,119	5.1%	59,994	5.0%
	Grand Haven Charter Township	18,122	19,981	10.3%	21,881	20.7%	25,680	17.4%
	Holland Charter Township	38,361	40,862	6.5%	43,137	12.5%	47,687	10.5%
	Jamestown Charter Township	9,719	10,702	10.1%	11,665	20.0%	13,591	16.5%
	Olive Township	5,025	5,291	5.3%	5,567	10.8%	6,119	9.9%
	Park Township	18,661	19,199	2.9%	19,748	5.8%	20,846	5.6%
	Polkton Charter Township	2,591	2,616	1.0%	2,644	2.0%	2,700	2.1%
	Port Sheldon Township	5,065	5,480	8.2%	5,886	16.2%	6,699	13.8%
	Robinson Township	6,391	6,475	1.3%	6,558	2.6%	6,724	2.5%
	Spring Lake Township	12,787	13,201	3.2%	13,607	6.4%	14,419	6.0%
	Tallmadge Charter Township	8,854	9,188	3.8%	9,547	7.8%	10,264	7.5%
	Wright Township	3,193	3,185	-0.3%	3,179	-0.4%	3,168	-0.3%
	Zeeland Charter Township	12,031	12,305	2.3%	12,592	4.7%	13,165	4.6%
Ottawa County		**296,893**	**308,459**	**3.9%**	**320,462**	**7.9%**	**344,468**	**7.5%**
Michigan		**10,072,294**	**10,127,884**	**0.6%**	**10,194,879**	**1.2%**	**10,328,870**	**1.3%**

Population projections are linear projections calculated using 2020-2025 population estimates

Source: Local unit, county, and state estimates - U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

INTRODUCTION

The 2026 Agricultural Survey is an initiative of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau and County Department of Strategic Impact to gather information on public opinion regarding farmland preservation. The four-page survey was mailed to every owner of agricultural zoned land within Ottawa County.

Included in this report is the latest 2026 data, as well as longitudinal comparisons between the 2019 and 2026 surveys. Throughout the report, all changes greater than 10%, between 2019 and 2026 responses are marked using arrows. Single ▲ arrows denote changes increasing or decreasing **between 10%-19%.** Double-arrows ⏷ indicate changes increasing or decreasing **more than 20%.** The direction of the arrow indicates the direction of change, up for increase, down for decrease.

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The 2026 survey was mailed to **1,645 addresses and received 409 responses.** This tied the 2019 survey with a **response rate of 25%.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2026 Farmland Preservation survey builds off the results of the 2019 survey, identifying and prioritizing local efforts to slow the loss of farms, farmers, and farmland in Ottawa County. The new 2026 data reaffirms the need for farmland preservation and its growing importance to Ottawa County cultivators. Survey data shows a 7 percentage point increase from 2019-2026 in both respondents' thinking farmland loss is now or could be a problem and respondents that think it is important to preserve farmland in Ottawa County. These increases bring both totals to 89% — nearly 9 out of 10 farmers recognize the issue and importance of farmland preservation. The top four priorities of local farmers to preserve farmland, ranked below by popularity, align with the County's existing initiatives and provide new insights.

1. Protecting farms through planning and zoning: Data reveals reducing the conversion of farmland to non-agriculture uses is more important than ever to Ottawa County farmers. Support for planning and zoning experienced the largest increase from 2019 to 2026 — 12 percent more respondents strongly agree it is an important preservation strategy. Though this is now the most favorable strategy, zoning constraints and requirements was the least reported factor believed to be contributing to farmland loss. This perspective could potentially be related to recent commercial, residential, and energy-related developments in the region. No matter the cause, the survey data identifies strategic planning and zoning as a priority for preservation efforts.

2. Enhance economic viablity of farming: This was the only strategy of the top four to fall in popularity. However, with 83% support, it remains the second most important. It will be imperative to listen to farmers' needs and continue to find new ways to support the farming industry and economic outlook for new and existing growers. Analysis of the 2026 data shows first-generation farmers are less likely to report their earnings as primary or supplemental income than multi-generational farmers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CONTINUED

3. Planning for succession: Succession planning outreach and programs keep the communication lines open and provide opportunities for new relationships between growers. Succession planning-related data was mixed - there was a 23 percentage point decline in farmers owning their farmland and renting farmland to others. The number of farmers reporting they plan to sell land or assets to another farmer also fell 10 percentage points.

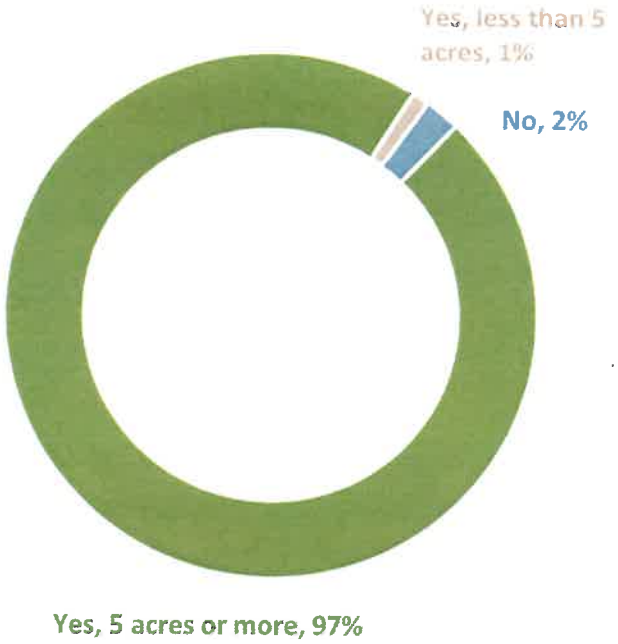
4. Creating agricultural conservation easements: Support of the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program remains steady, with marked success in communication efforts. Data showed there was an 11 percentage point increase in respondents' awareness of the farmland preservation program. And for those interested in preserving their farmland, there was an 11 percentage point increase in farmers who would consider permanently preserving their farmland in less than five years.

Besides receiving valuable data to shape Ottawa County's farmland preservation efforts, nearly 100 individuals were identified for future outreach. Additionally, the survey shows each township has at least one landowner who could be a candidate for the PDR program. This data will continue to guide and inform Ottawa County and the Ottawa County Farm Bureau in their efforts to support our vital agricultural ecosystem.

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

DEMOGRAPHICS

97% of respondents **own and/or rent 5 or more acres of farmland** in Ottawa County



Of those who own and/or rent farmland in the county, **38%** of respondents **own their farmland**

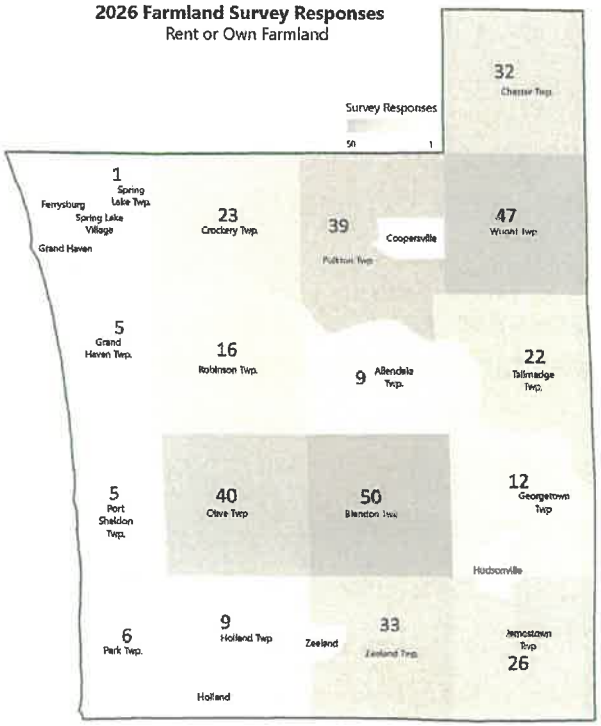


Notes Total responses by question: acres – 369; own and/or rent – 349. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: +10% Rent to others; -23% Own and rent to others.

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

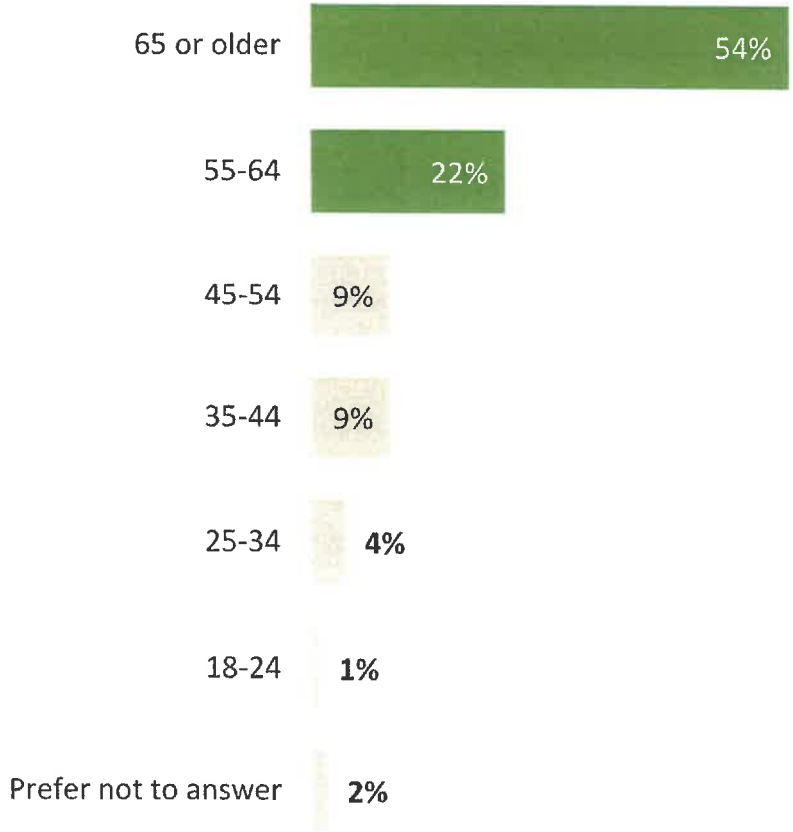
DEMOGRAPHICS

How many survey respondents own and/or rent farmland in each Ottawa County local unit?



Over half of the responses came from 5 townships: Blendon, Wright, Olive, Polkton, and Zeeland

76% of respondents are 55 or older



Notes Total responses by question: rent/own – 343, age – 370

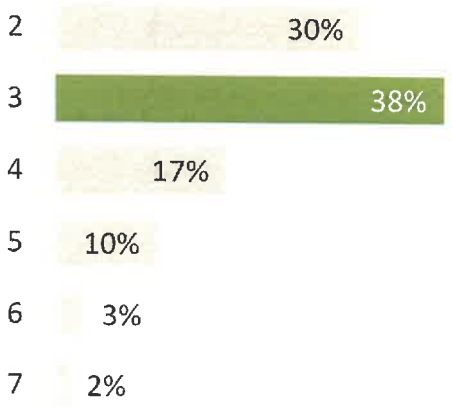
Farmland Preservation Survey Results

DEMOGRAPHICS

23% of respondents **are first-generation farmers**



Of those who are multi-generation farmers, **38%** of respondents **have farmed for 3 generations**

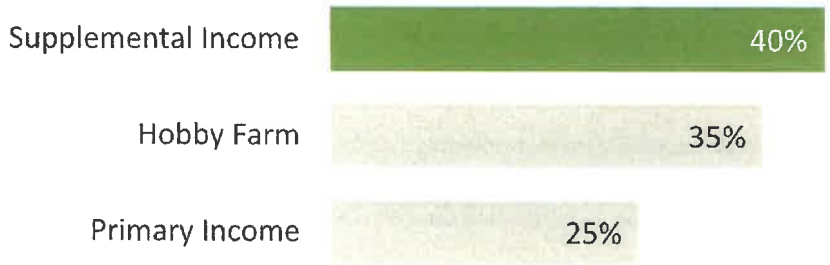


Notes Total responses by question: first generation – 368; which generation – 196; earnings - 353

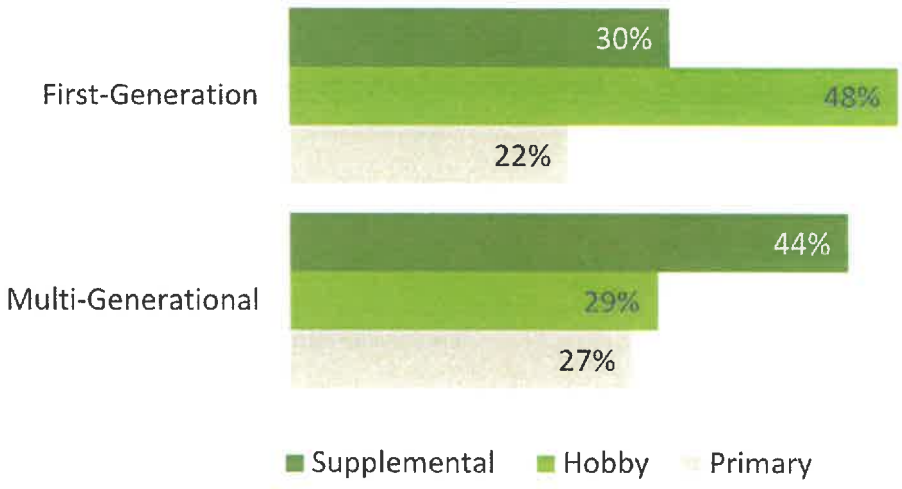
Farmland Preservation Survey Results

DEMOGRAPHICS

40% of respondents report their farm earnings as **supplemental income**



First-generation farmers are most likely to report their farm earnings as **hobby farms** (generate minimal income or operate at a loss).



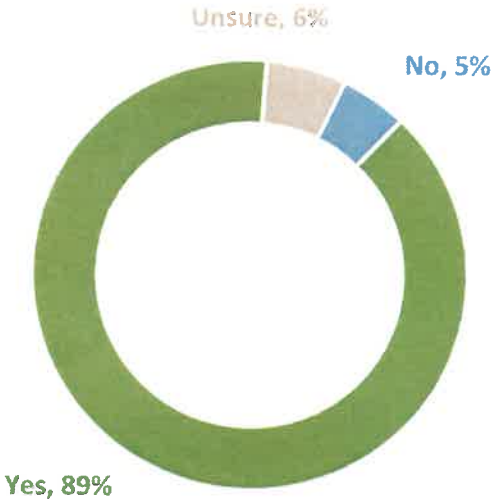
While **multi-generational farmers** are mostly likely to report their earnings as **supplemental income**.

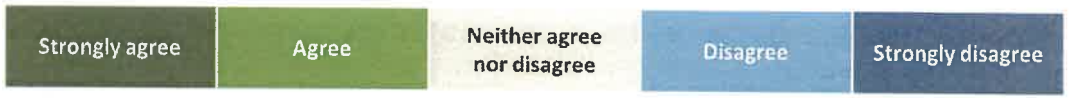
Notes Total responses by question: earnings – 353; earnings by generation - 347

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

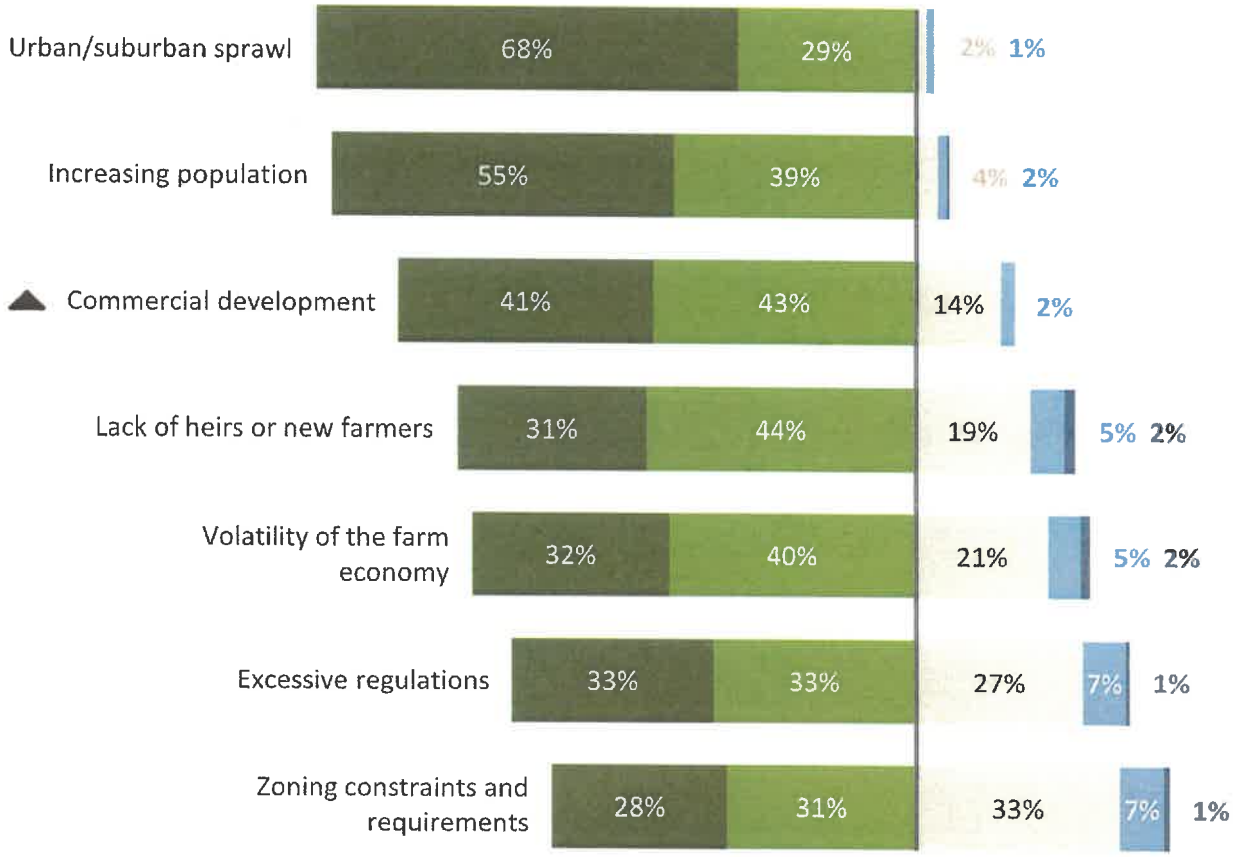
FARMLAND LOSS PERSPECTIVES

89% of respondents think **farmland loss is or could be a problem** in Ottawa County, **7% higher** than 2019.





Of those who think farmland loss is or could be a problem, they indicated it could be due to...

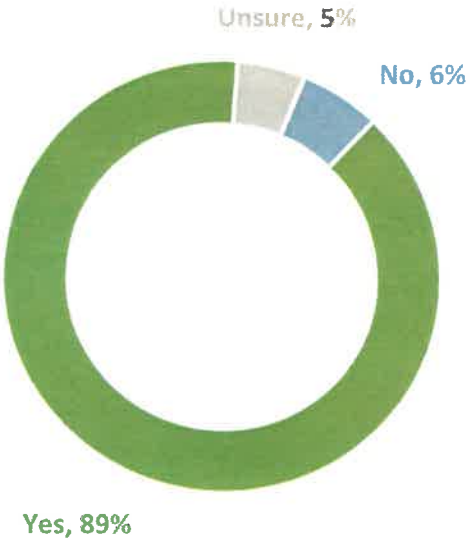


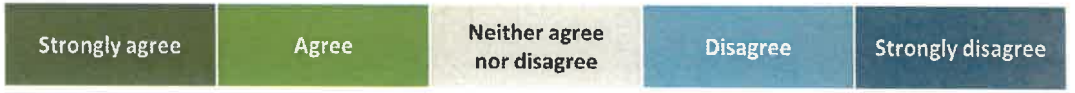
Notes Total responses by question: farmland loss a problem – 390; reason for loss – 324-337. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: +14% Strongly Agree or Agree that Commercial Development is a factor.

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

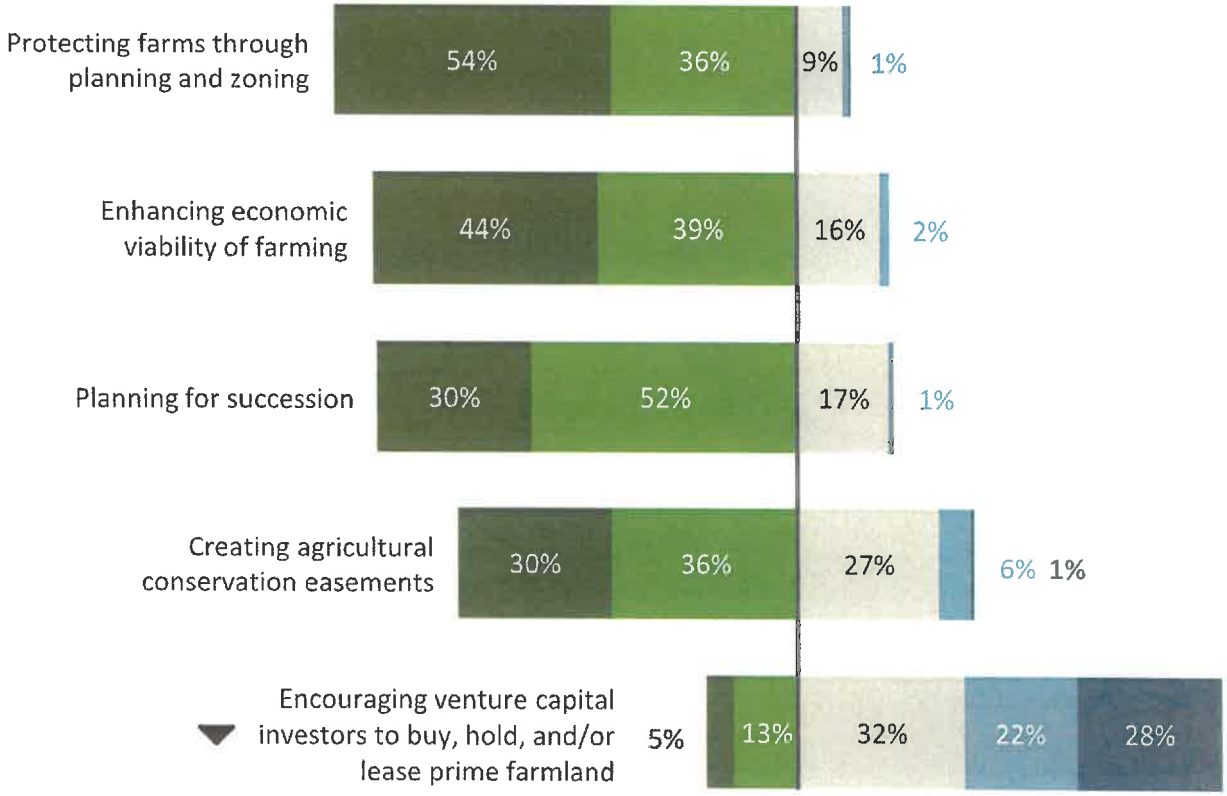
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PERSPECTIVES

89% of respondents **think it is important to preserve farmland** in Ottawa County, **7% higher** than in 2019.





Of those who think it is important to preserve farmland in Ottawa County, they think it is important to do so by...

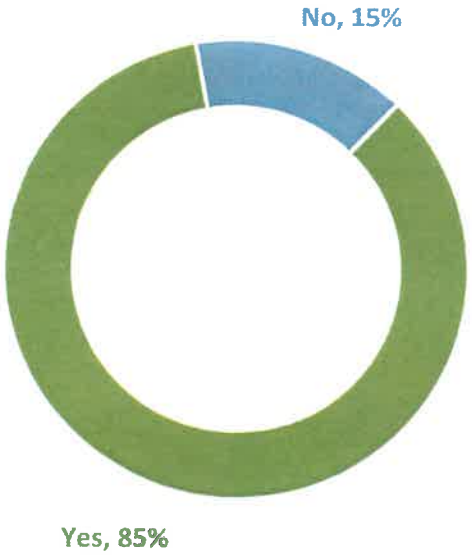


Notes Total responses by question: important to preserve – 383; why important – 319-328. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: -12% Strongly Agree or Agree that Encouraging Capital Investors to participate is an important strategy.

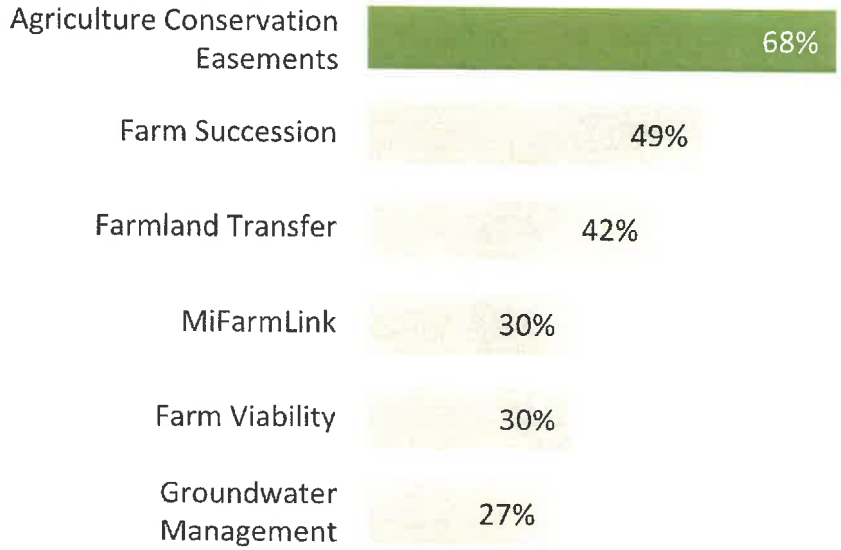
Farmland Preservation Survey Results

OTTAWA COUNTY'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

- 85% of respondents were aware of Ottawa County's farmland preservation program prior to taking the survey



Of those interested in learning more, 68% or 77 individuals would like to learn more about Agricultural Conservation Easements



Notes Total responses by question: knowledge of program – 373; learning more – 113. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: +11% awareness of farmland preservation program

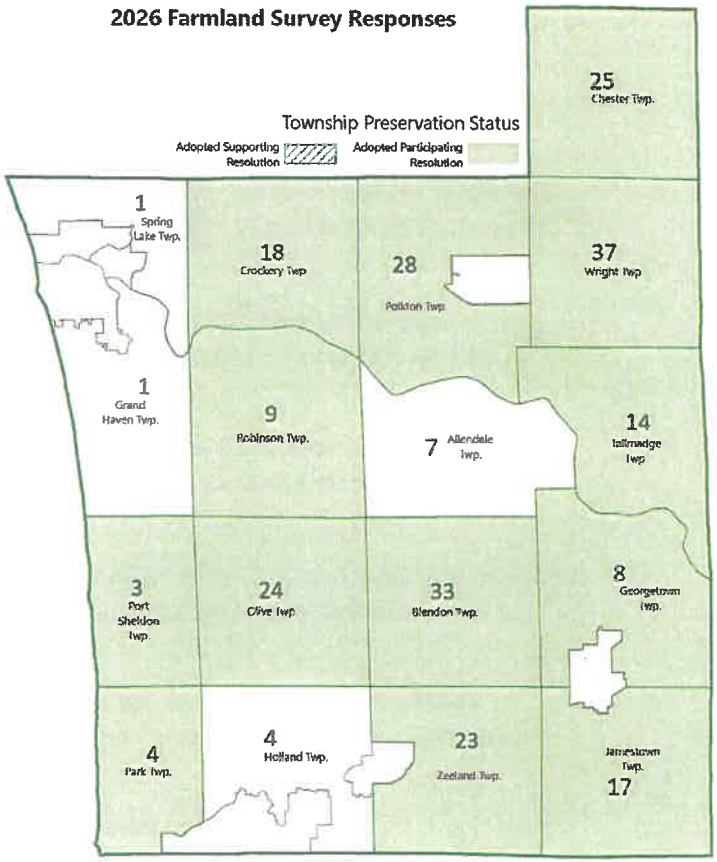
Farmland Preservation Survey Results

OTTAWA COUNTY'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Of those who are currently **considering permanently preserving their farmland** or may be **open to the idea** in the future, the number who own farmland in each local township include...

Since the 2019 survey was conducted, **six additional townships** have passed program participating resolutions, and one (Spring Lake Twp.) has passed a supporting resolution.

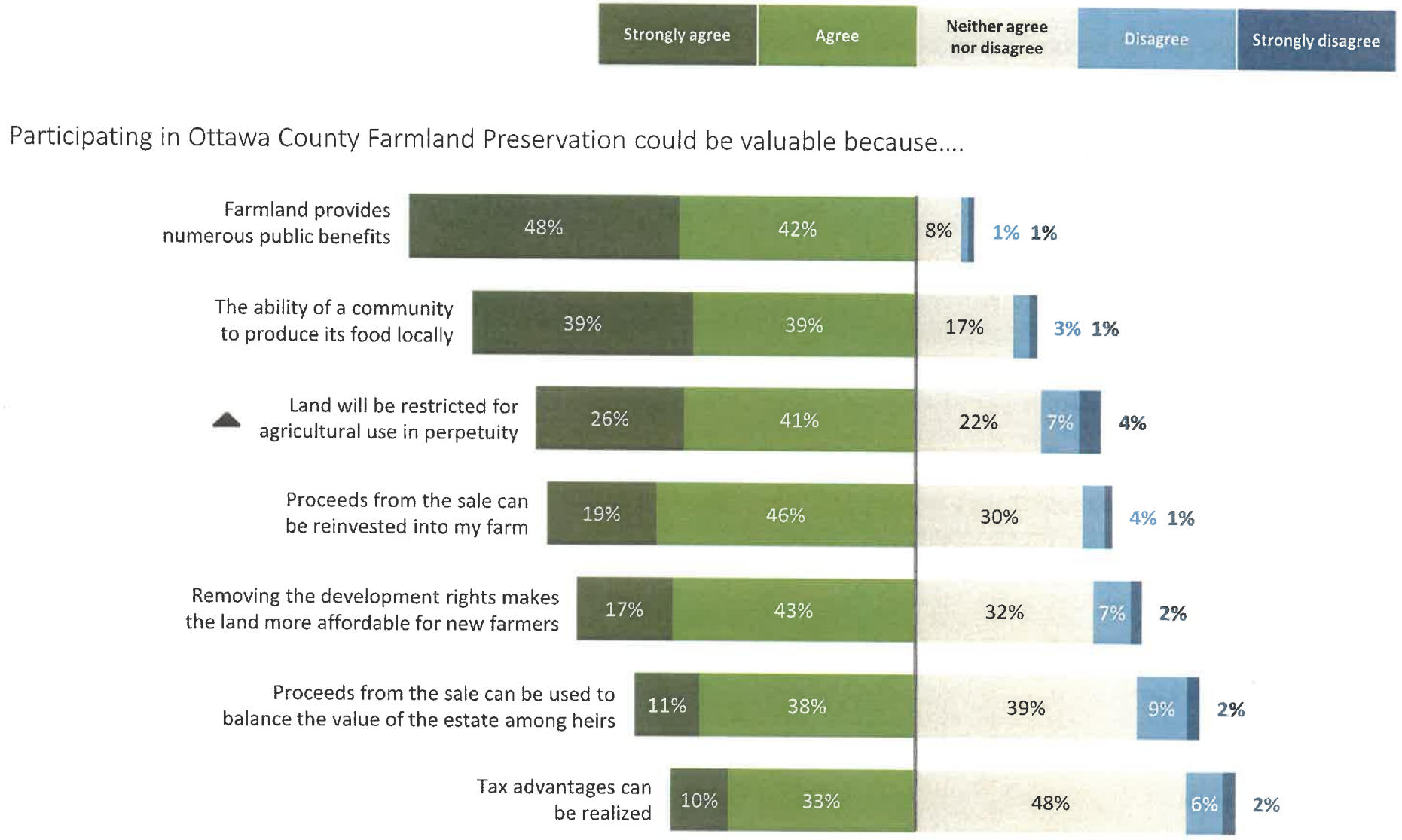
For 2026, **at least one farm** in each Ottawa County's 17 townships report they are either **considering** permanently preserving their farmland or may be **open to the idea** in the future.



Notes Total responses by question: considering preserving - 332

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

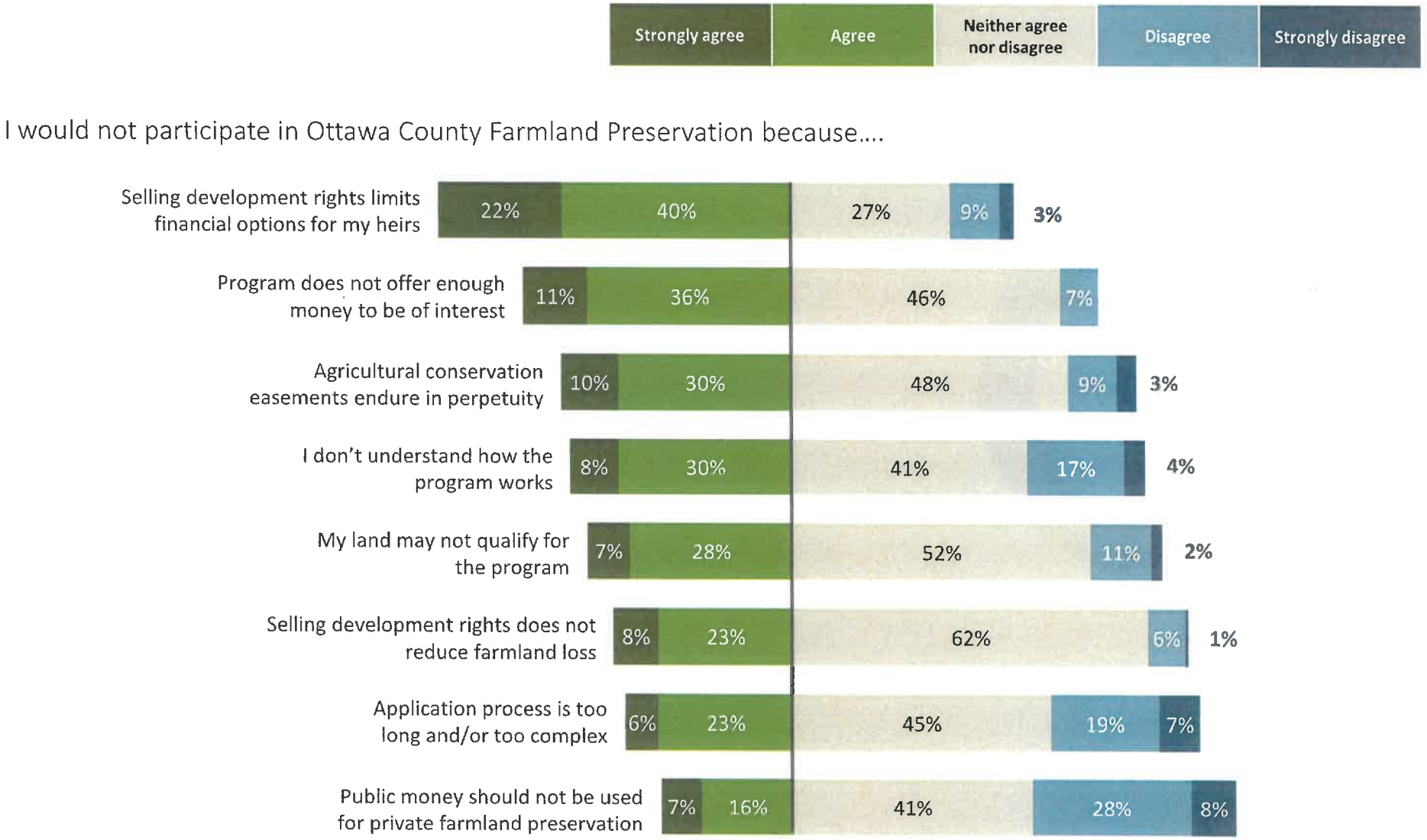
OTTAWA COUNTY'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM



Notes Total responses by question: could be valuable – 348-361. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: +11% Strongly Agree or Agree that it is valuable that agriculture use will exist in perpetuity.

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

OTTAWA COUNTY'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

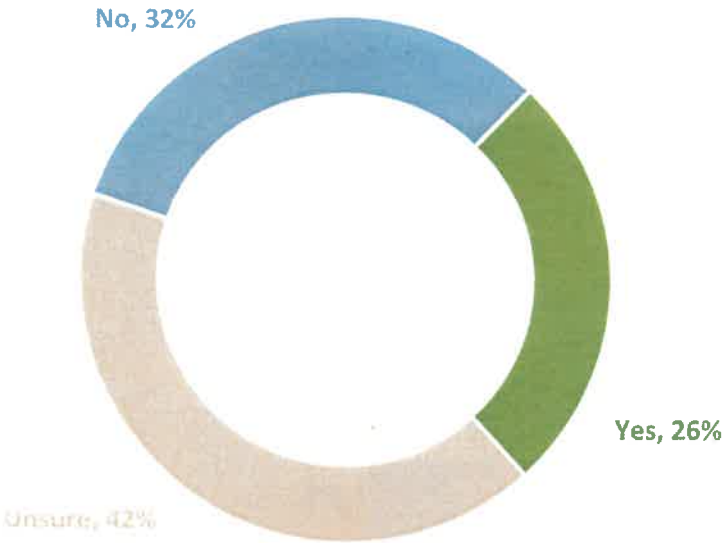


Notes Total responses by question: not participate because – 349-358

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

OTTAWA COUNTY'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

26% of respondents **are considering permanently preserving their farmland**



Of those interested in preserving their farmland, **55%** of respondents would do so in **0-5 years**



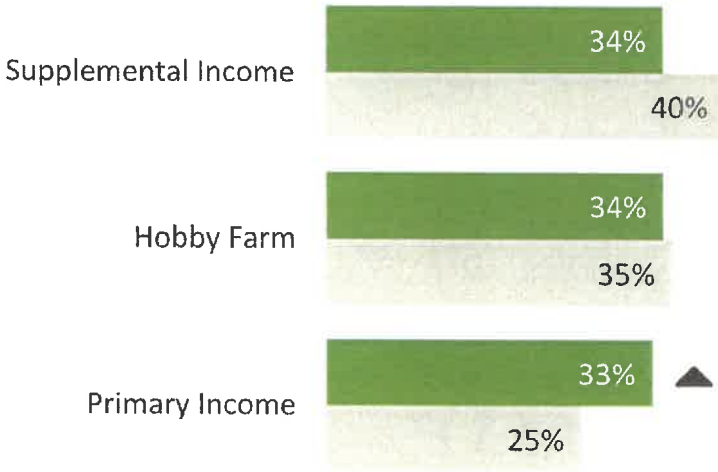
Notes Total responses by question: considering preserving – 371; when to preserve – 85. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: +11% would do so in 0-5 years.

Farmland Preservation Survey Results

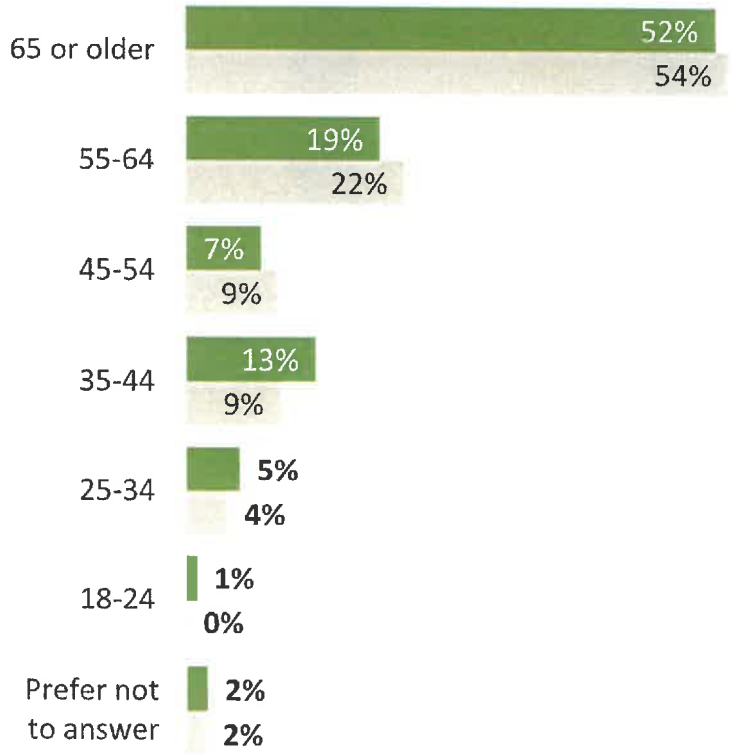
OTTAWA COUNTY'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Comparing those interested in preserving their farmland to all responses....

Of those interested in preserving their farmland, **33%** of respondents consider farm earnings as their **primary income.**



Of those interested in preserving their farmland, **52%** of respondents are **65 or older.**

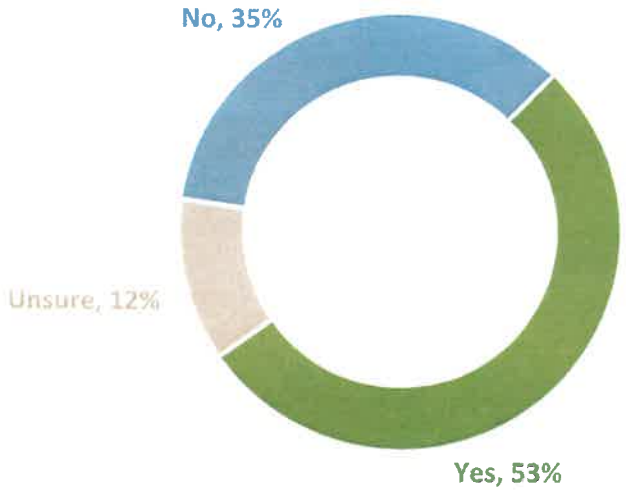


Notes Total responses by question: earnings – 92 & 353; age – 94 & 370. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: +15% increase in interested farmers that consider their earnings their primary income.

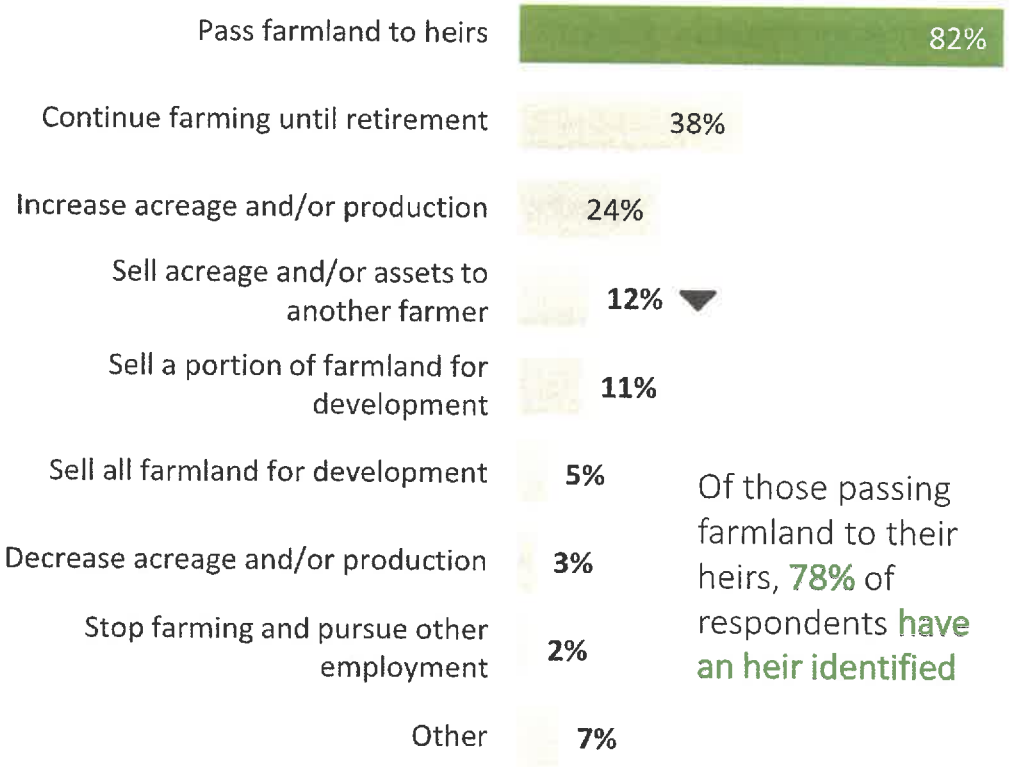
Farmland Preservation Survey Results

SUCCESSION PLANNING

53% of respondents have a succession plan



As farmers plan for the future, 82% of respondents are considering passing farmland to their heirs



Of those passing farmland to their heirs, 78% of respondents have an heir identified

Notes Total responses by question: plan for the future – 368; identified heir – 305. Longitudinal changes between 2019-2026 include: -10% sell acreage and/or assets to another farmer

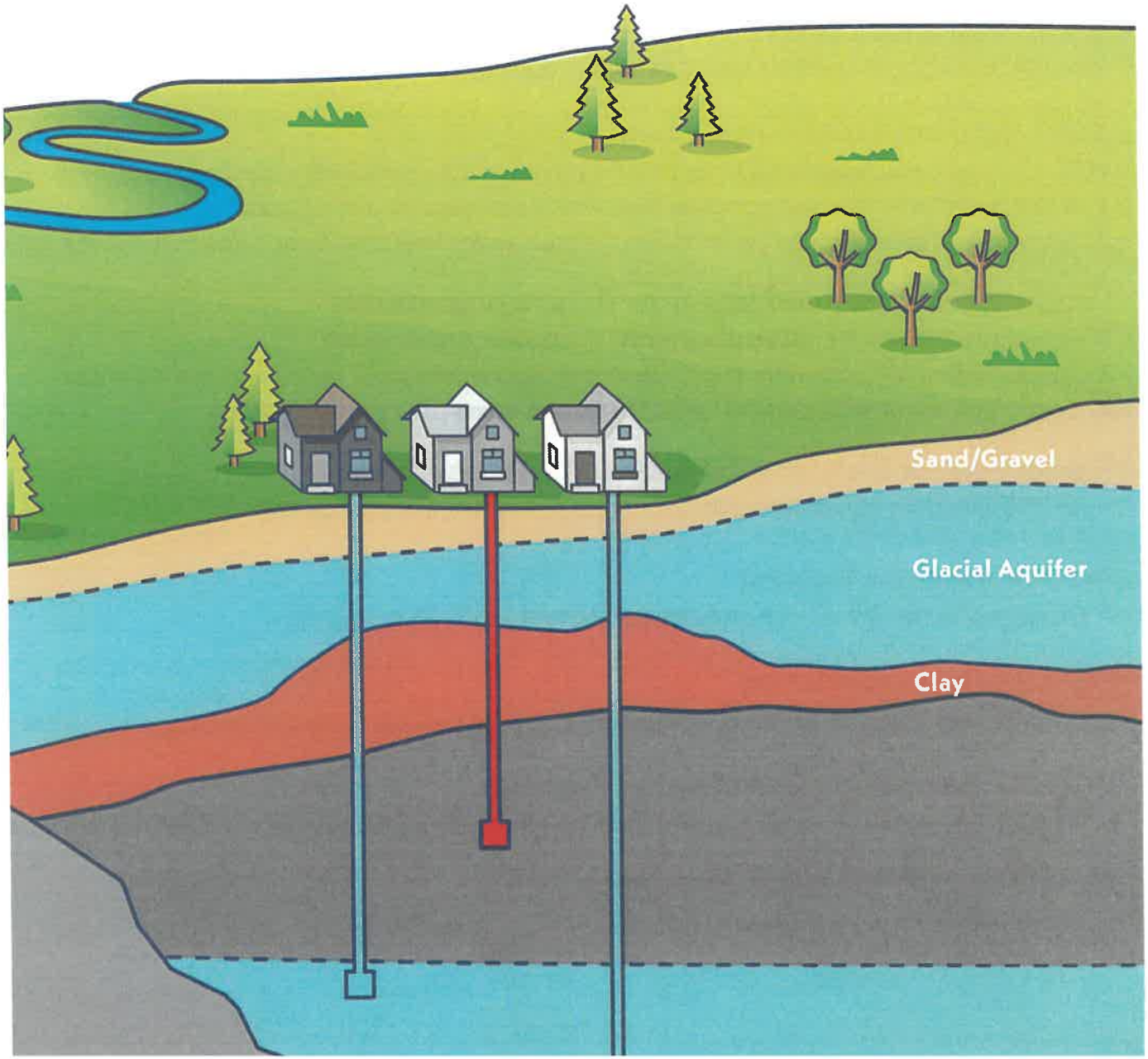
Ottawa County
Groundwater Board

Groundwater Protection Strategies
2026 Priorities

On February 9, 2026, the Groundwater Board met for a strategic planning session dedicated to the future of regional water conservation. Through this exercise, members identified, evaluated, and ranked key protection strategies.

This report organizes strategies into categories listed in order of support from highest to lowest.

With this cohesive review of priorities, the Groundwater Board and County staff can tactfully address ongoing groundwater challenges.



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Groundwater Protection Strategies: 2026 Priorities

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Adaptation

When it comes to facilitating behavior change to address groundwater issues, the Board wants to lead by example and dedicate resources toward tangible change. Sharing best landscape and agricultural irrigation practices through a variety of creative methods and programs are high priorities for the Board.

Landscape and irrigation practices — 13

- Support and encourage residents to plant native or drought tolerant species
- Adopt a best management practice guideline for landscape and irrigation
- Support and encourage/provide training/resources for residents to become community landscape advocates

Landscape rebates and low-flow fixture promotions — 7

- Provide incentives for native plantings/groundwater conservation
- Partner with local nonprofits to provide native landscaping and rebates to homeowners
- Encourage water-wise irrigation equipment and training for proper use

Landscape contests and demonstration sites — 6

- Build/Expand demonstration sites at county properties, parks, schools, etc.

Service Provider Training — 5

- Develop a landscape service provider training and certification program

Agricultural Partnerships — 3

- Support technical and financial assistance programs for best management irrigation practices for farmers

Water Conservation Certification Program — 1

- Develop program and training to residents and businesses to become certified blue ambassadors

Household Conservation Strategies — 1

- Promote fixing leaks in homes

Groundwater Protection Strategies: 2026 Priorities

Category | *Votes*

Coordination

The Board recognizes the need to coordinate and collaborate with the many organizations that are already focused on groundwater conservation. Building relationships and communication with other governmental bodies is paramount and evidenced by the new Intergovernmental Collaboration strategies.

Collaboration on existing efforts (including stakeholder integration)

- Support adjacent and partner organizations (e.g. parks, Low-Impact Landscaping committee, neighboring counties, educational groups, watershed organizations, realtors, trail associations, native plant growers, lake associations, project clarity, Outdoor Discovery Center Network, Ottawa Conservation District, community organizations)
- Provide well drillers with education materials to share with customers

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NEW: Intergovernmental Collaboration

- Facilitate regular communication with local jurisdictions
- Coordinate future projects and plans to support groundwater
- Foster relationships and maintain communication with state officials and EGLE
- Host annual discussions and trainings related to planning and groundwater with local units of government

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County Support Personnel

- Re-establish administrator quadrant meetings
- Provide staffing or resources for landscape design consultation and support

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Groundwater Protection Strategies: 2026 Priorities

Category

Votes

Mitigation

Just some of the key objectives include exploring various policies to manage groundwater resources; developing thoughtful strategic plans for future growth, development, and infrastructure management; and more thoroughly understanding the County's complex hydrological conditions. Examples of this include further enhancing groundwater monitoring and creating 3D models of the aquifer.

Groundwater Monitoring Network

- Increase awareness of the groundwater monitoring network
- Explore groundwater modeling options
- Develop a public-facing data portal
- Develop a groundwater budget

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Model Zoning Guidelines

- Pursue Countywide zoning management
- Use Jamestown Township zoning as a model for others

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Water Recycling Strategies

- Explore options to repurpose industrial water
- Explore recharge area protection planning

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Infrastructure Mapping & Planning

- Inventory all existing water infrastructure
- Explore density driven infrastructure policies
- Consider county/township water millages
- Large-scale/regional water infrastructure planning

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Groundwater Protection Strategies: 2026 Priorities

Category | *Votes*

Mitigation (continued)

Coordinated Future Land Use Plan

- Develop a countywide future land use plan that considers groundwater and water infrastructure
- Develop predictive modeling tool for future large groundwater withdrawals

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Exploring other polices

- Explore GSI (green stormwater infrastructure) options and incentives
- Consider irrigation and/or landscape best management practices for schools and athletic fields
- Pursue odd/even watering policies
- Work with housing developers on new projects and landscape options
- Develop comprehensive water management districts based upon groundwater availability, quality, quantity and impact of proposed water needs within the district.

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County Groundwater Ordinance

- Review other county or state policies
- Review legal options for implementing countywide policies

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Health Code Revisions

- Support Ottawa County Department of Environmental Health (OCDEH) to send groundwater information with permits
- Review shallow well guidelines
- Add more local review processes to well permitting

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Groundwater Protection Strategies: 2026 Priorities

Category

Votes

Education

The board supports a varied approach to increasing educational opportunities by planning and deploying targeted multimedia outreach campaigns and prioritizing further development of online resources and community engagement opportunities. The Board and staff recognize awareness continues to be a key aspect of addressing groundwater issues.

Outreach Campaigns

- Informational Mailings
- Multimedia campaigns via social media
- Groundwater conservation tips weekly/monthly
- Groundwater featurette on county podcast
- Outreach specifically for homeowners

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Community Presence

- Provide educational materials at OCD native plant sale events
- Host lectures and seminars at community spaces
- Make resources available at parks and public beaches
- Provide library programming
- Host community workshops
- Provide education to HOAs
- Provide educational information at greenhouses

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Groundwater Protection Strategies: 2026 Priorities

Category

Education (continued)

Votes

Online Resources

- Well monitoring data portal
- Irrigation best management practices
- Published case studies/success stories
- Water and money savings calculator/tool
- Information and how-to guides for turf conversation and native landscaping

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Partnerships for Youth/College Education

- Collaborate with GVSU students and faculty
- Collaborate with students and faculty from Careerline Tech Center
- Support K-12 resources and educator training
- Groundwater themed field trips and school visits
- K-12/College water education contests

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October 26, 2026

Mr. Mark Bennett, Supervisor
Tallmadge Township
0-1451 Leonard Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

Reference: 24-Hour Bi-directional Traffic Counts

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Please find enclosed a listing of traffic counts conducted by the Road Commission within your township. The information includes count location, road classification (P = Primary or L = Local) and 2017 through 2026 traffic counts. These numbers are the actual volumes recorded during a 24-hour period and include both directions of travel for two-way roadways. A blank indicates a count was not taken during that particular year. Note that some volume fluctuations could be related to other than normal traffic changes because of construction activities or other reasons (OCRC did not conduct traffic counts in 2020 because of significant fluctuations in traffic volumes due to COVID).

Hopefully this information will be useful in your township's operations. If you have any questions concerning the traffic count information, please call me at 616/850-7220.

Sincerely,

Fred Keena

Fred Keena
Traffic Engineer

Enclosure

Tallmadge Township 24-Hour Bi-Directional Traffic Counts

ROUTE LOCATION	T	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
2ND AVE											
S. of M-45	L		648				630			920	
8TH AVE											
S. of M-45	L			1,134				1,281			1,304
N. of M-45	P			6,474				6,592			7,468
N. of Leonard	P		4,665				5,189			5,753	
S. of Johnson St	P	4,997				6,425			6,916		
S. of Ironwood Dr.	P	4,283				5,691			5,684		
N. of M-11	P	6,293				7,287			6,290		
S. of Hayes St.	P	4,225				4,269			4,520		
14TH AVE											
S. of M-45	L			531				434			537
N. of M-45	L			1,072				940			909
16TH AVE											
S. of Hayes St.	P			2,337				2,816			3,075
24TH AVE											
N. of M-45	L	1,411				1,655			2,021		
Between Leonard St.	P		2,096				2,139			3,323	
N. of Leonard St.	P	1,465				977			2,441		
S. of Johnson St.	P	1,606				1,788			2,098		
48TH AVE											
N. of Leonard St.	P			1,828				2,039			2,316
Fennessy St.											
W. of Kenowa Ave.	P			2,797				2,521			3,026
Johnson St.											
E. of 8th Ave.	L		1,391				1,528			984	
E. of 24th Ave.	P		1,869				1,988			2,108	
W. of 40th Ave.	L		581				779			736	
Leonard St.											
E. of 8th Ave.	P	3,212				3,649			3,768		
E. of 14th Ave.	P	2,379				2,632			2,754		
E. of 24th Ave.	P	1,551				1,602			1,935		
W. of 24th Ave.	P			1,550				1,535			1,620
W. of Linden Dr.	P	2,449				2,142			2,914		
E. of 48th Ave. E. Bd.	P		1,196				1,228			1,311	
E. of 48th Ave. W. Bd.	P		1,075				1,133			1,309	
W. of 48th Ave.	P	1,881				2,051			2,380		
Lincoln St.											
E. of 8th Ave.	L			467				479			584
E. of 24th Ave.	L			399				503			484
Linden Dr.											
S. of M-45	P	1,605				1,901			2,054		
N. of M-45	P			2,140				2,148			2,230