

Springdale Township Visioning Results  
One Word Description

"One word"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Rural; very rural; maintain rural character	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	11
Recreational; recreationally abundant	2, 6	6
Low income; poverty	3, 5	4
Peaceful	1, 6	4
Wildlife	1, 6	4
Crowded - 40-50% state owned	3	4
Gas and water	5	3
Laid back	1	3
Age of residents	3	2
Lack of zoning (positive and negative)	4	2
Pleasant	6	2
Private	2	2
Sparse; underpopulated	2, 5	1
Friendly	1	1
Picturesque, rural look	4	1
Roads - good access	1	1
Self-sufficient (sovereign rights; ability to govern self)	4	1
Active	6	
Isolated	4	
Open	1	
River	6	

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What We Have Done Well

"Done Well"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Fiscally responsible	6	5
Clean up; clean up day; community clean up	2, 3, 6	4
Township management; township managed well by local people	1, 3	4
Limited government	5	4
Good neighbors; rural with friendly people	1, 3	3
Betsie River and Healy Lake	3	2
Cemetery kept up	2	2
General utility service fairly good	4	2
Community participation and liaison; supportive of community activities	4, 6	1
Healy Lake campground; Healy Lake camping; Healy Lake park	2, 5, 6	
Crime rate low	1	
Elections run smoothly	5	
Hazardous waste	2	
Sanitation reimbursement	3	
Township park	2	
Volunteer fire department above average	4	

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What We Could Have Done Better

"Could've Done Better"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Police and fire protection; expanded police coverage	4, 6	4
Communication	1	4
Emergency contact information	2	4
Township meeting participation	5	4
Blight reduction; blight, cars, outbuildings	3, 5	3
Noise pollution transportation and Crystal Mountain	3	2
Trash ordinance	6	2
Electrical support, need better at times	4	1
Better internet communication and natural gas access/availability	4	1
Monitor oil and gas wells	1	1
Township wide sanitation and recycling center	3	1
Advanced planning	6	
Better welcome to new residents	3	
Zoning regarding well capacity, need improvement	4	

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Barriers to Our Success

"Barriers to Our Goals"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Communication	1, 6	8
Institutional differences between rural areas	3	6
Finances; financial (public); cash flow; excess of state land limits revenue for township	3, 4, 5, 6	5
Lack of input and communication at meetings from residents; lack of quorum due to lack of citizen input	3, 4	5
Open-minded leadership	5	4
Physical location (distance from services)	6	4
Fire protection	1	3
Funding for law enforcement	1	3
Commerce opportunities, limited	5	2
Lack of community outreach programs	5	2
Low population (stunts flexibility in goals)	4	2
Lack of industrial tax base is burden on homeowners	4	2
Educational level	5	
Employment	1	
Income gap	5	
Lack of access to high end medical facility	4	
Outside influence	5	
No official planning tactics (why we are here)	4	
Road conditions	1	

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Who Should Be in the Sandbox

"Who Should Be in the Sandbox?"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Times Mentioned (Tally)
Michigan Department of Natural Resources; DNR deer checks	1, 2, 3, 5, 6	5
Township board; township leadership; township supervisor	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	5
Crystal Mountain	1, 5, 6	3
Manistee County Road Commission	1, 3, 5	3
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	3, 5	2
Friends of Betsie Library; Friends of Betsie Library and district library	5, 6	2
Neighbors; residents	2, 6	2
ACE Communications	1	1
BACN - food	1	1
Benzie Central Schools administration	5	1
Cherryland Electric	1	1
Manistee County Clerk	5	1
Jordan Development	1	1
Land Conservancy	6	1
Manistee County: health department, road commission, emergency, sheriff / police	6	1
National Fish and Wildlife	5	1
Sheriff's department	3	1
State representative	4	1

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Envisioning Our Future

"Envision Your Community"	Times Mentioned (Tables 1-5)	Votes Received
Stay rural; remain rural; rural character will remain the same; rural - sparse; rural - wooded, forestry, healthy river	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	17
Cleaner - fewer abandoned structures and trash; less blight and better maintained; zoning improvements regarding personal homesites that are negative aesthetically (junk, old autos, etc.) to overall community	4, 5, 6	5
Clean air	3	5
Develop better trails; snowmobile trails; bike paths	1, 2	4
Balance natural resources, commerce, agriculture, tourism, maintaining small town character	5	4
More community involvement	5	4
Keep young people with a drive for business	3	4
Better roads	1	4
Write Springdale's history	2	4
Master plan in place; planned out and organized	1, 5	3
Ability to improve and protect; self-direction in possible community improvement	4	3
Employers - appropriate and good fit	6	3
Limited population growth	3	3
Better public transportation	1	3
Improved river access	6	3
Youth - recreation	1	3
Broadband internet	1	2
Less poverty	3	2
Staying connected with each other	2	2
Maintained fishery	6	1
More pride in community	5	
Will add economically and socially to neighboring region	4	

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 Actions to Accomplish 1

table	Better roads	Better public transportation	Youth recreation	Write Springdale's history	Stay rural
	More state and federal money				
1	Support road commission - taxes				
1	Better efficiency				
1		Advertising and promotion			
1			School system support		
1			Volunteerism		
2				Story hour at twp hall; bring photos and record stories	
2				Publish book	
2					No zoning
2					Stay content with the way we are

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 Actions to Accomplish 2

table	Staying connected with each other	Clean air	Remain rural	Keep young people with a drive for business	Rural character of community remains the same (to include property rights)
2	Community potluck				
3		Control air pollution across the lakes			
3		Increased sanitation and recycling initiatives			
3			Control the split of land		
4				(No suggestions)	
4					Communicate key elements to township population that requires input for self-governance



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Actions to Accomplish 3

	Protect our ability to self-govern community improvements	Zoning requirements to regulate home sites that negatively affect community	Rural - sparse	Balance of natural resources, commerce, agriculture, tourism, small town character	Increased community involvement
table	Convince twp supervision as to merits of self-government				
	Have meetings with twp personnel to gain consensus on this				
		Bring summary of complaints as to homesites that do not meet normal requirements of storage, etc.			
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5			Green areas		
5			Keep large parcel sizes		
5			Stimulate agricultural zones		
5			Limit and plan by design / zoning		
5				Be self-sustaining	
5					Develop a sense of community by offering a wide range of community minded activities

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 Actions to Accomplish 4

table	Increased community involvement	Rural: wooded, forestry, healthy river	Cleaner: fewer abandoned structures, less trash	Employer: Appropriate and good fit for rural community
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Develop a sense of  
 community by  
 offering a wide  
 range of  
 community

5 minded activities

6

Reforestation

6

River restoration  
 projects: fish  
 habitat, clean up

6

Rural planning:  
 parcel sizes

6

Trash ordinance  
 enforcement

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Collective Prioritization

Collective Prioritization	Votes
Stay rural	24
Zoning - blight control	16
Youth recreation	11
Job opportunities for youth	5
Better roads	5
Clean air / sanitation / recycling	4
Self governing	4
Attract employer	2
Better public transportation	2
Maintain small town character / balance	2
Stay connected	1
Increase community involvement	1
History - written	