

Q7. Does the public participate significantly in your jurisdiction's budget setting process in any of the following ways? (check all that apply)

- Public forums (sometimes called "town hall meetings")
- Budget public hearings
- Special sessions of the board or council
- Regular sessions of the board or council
- Individual contacts to local government officials
- Citizen surveys
- Other (please specify) _____
- None - citizens don't participate in any significant way
- Don't know

Q8. Are there any particularly unique or innovative approaches your jurisdiction has taken toward balancing the budget in the last few years or has planned for the next few years?

Q9. To what degree would you consider the following items as barriers or assets to your jurisdiction's economic development efforts? (Leave individual items blank if not applicable to your jurisdiction.)

	A Significant Barrier	Somewhat of A Barrier	Neither A Barrier Nor An Asset	Somewhat of An Asset	A Significant Asset	Don't Know
Availability of land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information technology infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traditional infrastructure (roads, bridges, water/sewer, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of appropriate workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of labor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presence of major employers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrepreneurial culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of capital/funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distance to major markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permitting process(es)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizen input	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact of change in population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K-12 education system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vocational and higher education system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts/cultural programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10. Does your jurisdiction use any of the following economic development strategies to attract or retain businesses? (check all that apply)

- Local or regional business incubator
- Economic development agency
- Tax abatements
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Workforce development programs
- Child care programs
- Tourism promotion
- Surveys of local businesses
- Marketing campaign
- Partnering with other nongovernmental organizations
- Partnering with other local governments
- Special zoning districts
- Other (please specify) _____
- None
- Don't Know

Q11. Are any of the following sectors a focus of your jurisdiction's current economic development efforts? (check all that apply)

- Retail
- Manufacturing
- Small business
- Finance
- Arts/Culture (other than the film industry)
- Film Industry
- Tourism/hospitality
- Education
- Health care
- Life sciences
- Energy
- Forestry and agriculture
- Technology/telecommunications
- Warehousing/distribution
- Other (please specify) _____
- None
- Don't Know

Placemaking has been described as capitalizing on a local community's assets in order to create appealing public spaces for economic development purposes. Proponents of placemaking argue that by improving a community's quality of life, new workers will be drawn to move there and that new businesses then follow the workers.

Q12. Is your unit of government currently engaged in any placemaking programs or projects for economic development purposes?
 Yes No Don't Know

Q13. (If yes to Q12) Please describe your jurisdiction's placemaking projects:

Q14. Regardless of whether you have any placemaking projects underway, how confident are you that placemaking can be an effective economic development strategy for your jurisdiction?

Not at all Confident
 Somewhat Unconfident
 Neither Confident nor Unconfident
 Somewhat Confident
 Completely Confident
 Don't Know

Q15. What types of external assistance or resources would be most valuable to help your jurisdiction improve its economic development capabilities? (check all that apply)

- Financing
- Information about economic development best practices
- Assistance in assessing community assets/opportunities for economic development
- Strategic planning assistance
- Information about state, federal, or private grants
- Grant writing assistance
- Assistance in improving the capacity of local economic development organization(s)
- Other (please specify) _____
- None
- Don't know

Q16. Are there any particularly unique or innovative approaches your jurisdiction has taken toward economic development in the last few years or has planned for the next few years?

Q17. How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?

Nearly Always
 Most of the time
 Some of the time
 Seldom
 Almost never
 Don't know

Q18. How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Lansing to do what is right?

Nearly Always
 Most of the time
 Some of the time
 Seldom
 Almost never
 Don't know

Q19. How much of the time do you think you can trust other local governments to do what is right?

Nearly Always
 Most of the time
 Some of the time
 Seldom
 Almost never
 Don't know

Many communities are turning to intergovernmental or regional cooperation as a way to cut costs and/or improve services. By intergovernmental or regional cooperation, we mean efforts to provide government services that involve two or more units of government.

Q20. Is your jurisdiction currently involved in any of the following types of intergovernmental or regional efforts?

	Not Involved At All	Somewhat Involved	Very Involved	Don't Know
Land use planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation/public transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utilities/water/waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks/recreation/libraries/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q21. Now, thinking specifically about regional land use planning between two or more units of government, is your jurisdiction currently involved in any of the following? (check all that apply)

- Partnerships or joint planning efforts with one or more neighboring communities
- Participation in a council of governments within your county
- Participation in county-led planning efforts
- Participation in a multi-county council of governments
- None
- Don't Know

Q22. Do you think your jurisdiction's involvement in regional land use planning efforts is ...?

Too Much
 Just right
 Not enough
 Don't know

Q23. If your jurisdiction were to engage in a new regional land use planning effort, do you believe that existing organizations in your region-- such as the county government, a metropolitan planning organization, a regional council, or a joint planning commission -- have the capacity to engage in those efforts, or do you think a new organization would be required?

- Existing organization(s) have the capacity
- A new regional planning organization would be needed
- Don't know

Q24. What do you believe are the largest barriers to regional land use planning in your region?

Q25. Thinking about the Federal Stimulus Package, how informed do you feel you have been about the opportunities available to your jurisdiction through the Stimulus Package?

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Not at all
Informed | Somewhat
Uninformed | Neither Informed
nor Uninformed | Somewhat
Informed | Completely
Informed | Don't
Know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q26. Some Stimulus Package funding has already been allocated and/or distributed, while funding decisions for other projects are still pending. Overall, considering the number and total cost of all of your requested projects, please estimate the portion of the total requested stimulus funding that has been approved for your jurisdiction so far.

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| All | Most | About half | Some | None | Did not request any funding | Don't Know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q27. In your opinion, what portion of the projects for which your unit of government requested Federal Stimulus Package funding would you have undertaken anyway, even without the possibility of Stimulus funding?

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| All | Most | Some | Few | None | Did not request any projects | Don't Know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q28. Overall, do you think the Stimulus Package will significantly help improve the economic conditions in your community?

- Yes No Don't know (*skip to Q30*)

Q29. Please explain why you think the Stimulus Package will or will not significantly help improve your community's economic conditions:

Q30. Now, outside of the Federal Stimulus Package, what would you say are the most important things state and/or federal policymakers could do to help your jurisdiction?

Q31. The Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS) will be an ongoing program, allowing us to track fundamental local and state policy issues over time. We would like your advice regarding the most important issues that should be included in future surveys. Please describe either the general topic areas and/or specific questions that you would like to see included in the MPPS:

Q32. CLOSUP will protect your privacy and anonymity to the full extent provided by law. We need to confirm your personal information such as name, email address, and phone number for tracking and administrative purposes only. Your personal information will not be linked with your survey responses nor will it be shared with any outside sources.

Your name _____

Your phone number _____ - _____ - _____

Your email address _____

Finally, we would like to ask some demographic questions. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional. Responses will be reported in aggregate form only so that your individual responses will remain confidential.

Q33. What is your gender? Male Female

Q34. In what year were you born? _____

Q35. How many years have you served in your current position? _____

Q36. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent? Yes No

Q37. Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (*check all that apply*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |

Q38. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 th grade or less/no diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate or GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/Doctorate degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree | |

Q39. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

- Republican Independent Democrat Something Else

Q40. (*if Republican or Democrat*) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?

- Very strong Not very strong Don't Know

Q41. (*if Independent*) Would you consider yourself closer to ...?

- the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither