

To: Onekama Township and Village Parcel Owners of Record
From: Onekama Joint Master Plan Committee

Subject: Seeking your input on Visions of the Community for 2015 Master Plan Update

The community of Onekama, which includes the Township and the Village, created a Joint Master Plan for the community that was approved by the Village and the Township in March, 2010. The Master Plan requires renewal every 5 years. The plan can be updated, modified or replaced depending on progress that has been made and/or any change of circumstances. The Village and the Township formed a joint committee to create the next version of the 5 year Master Plan. After review of the current Master Plan, the committee felt that the plan required modification and not replacement.

The first step in the modification process is to reestablish Community Visions and Expectation through the input of residents, landowners, businesses and visitors. The committee felt that the input given in 2010 by 138 people on the current state of the community was still appropriate, but we needed to understand if there was any shift in priorities or if there were any new priorities. To do this, we have created a survey asking you to give us your input as to the current state of the Onekama area. From the last input sessions, we took the general comments that were made on what people liked about Onekama and what they disliked about Onekama and reduced them down to statements. We put them in alphabetical order and would like you to do the following:

- For What People Like About Onekama, indicate with a check mark not more than ten (10) of the statements you most agree with
- For What People Don't Like About Onekama, indicate with a check mark not more than ten (10) of the statements you most agree with

If you find that there is something you wish to share that are not on the list, please indicate in the other area and place one of your votes on that item.

Please complete your survey by August 30th, 2014 and send it to:

Onekama Joint Master Plan Committee
Onekama Township Offices
5435 Main Street, P.O. Box 458
Onekama, MI 49675

We value your input and opinions, so please take some time to share them with us. These will help establish community priorities and will be used to create the next version of the Master Plan for the community. If you have any questions, you can email me at windsongmi@aol.com or by phone at 231-889-0205.

Al Taylor
Joint Master Plan Committee

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What People Like about Onekama

- ☐ 911, EMS, Fire Department
- ☐ Agriculture – Farms, Orchards and produce
- ☐ Art Community
- ☐ Beauty of our natural resources and wildlife
- ☐ Boat Launches, Jetty
- ☐ Civic Organizations
- ☐ Community involvement
- ☐ Community Diversity
- ☐ Community Spirit and Pride
- ☐ Concerts, Fairs, Festivals in area
- ☐ Condo Availability
- ☐ Drinking and spring water quality
- ☐ Fisheries in both lakes
- ☐ Fishing, golf, boating, skiing, swimming, camping
- ☐ Friendly people and community
- ☐ Good School
- ☐ Grocery Store
- ☐ Hiking and Biking
- ☐ History of the area
- ☐ Generational Visits to the Area
- ☐ Library, Farr Center
- ☐ New Businesses
- ☐ Onekama Master Plan
- ☐ Our Lake Michigan Beaches
- ☐ Parks especially Village, Langland and North Point
- ☐ Petunias, Banners, Welcome Signs
- ☐ Portage Lake Watershed Plan
- ☐ Public Access to both lakes
- ☐ Residential Growth
- ☐ Restaurants
- ☐ Small Town and Safe Environment
- ☐ Township and Village working together
- ☐ View sheds in the area including lakes
- ☐ Walking Village
- ☐ Waste Water Treatment
- ☐ Water quality of our lakes
- ☐ Zoning Ordinances
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

What People Don't Like about Onekama

- ☐ Aging population
- ☐ Appearance of Fairgrounds
- ☐ Appearance of Village
- ☐ Clear Cutting of woodlands
- ☐ Condition of Langland (the Turnaround) Park
- ☐ Condition of Onekama Village Park and Beach
- ☐ Condos
- ☐ Downtown Development and Streetscape
- ☐ Enforcement of Zoning Ordinances and Blight
- ☐ Inadequate funds for community improvements
- ☐ Inadequate Storm Sewer System
- ☐ Invasive Aquatic Species (ie milfoil, Phrag, etc)
- ☐ Invasive non Aquatic species (ie Autumn Olives)
- ☐ Lack of acquiring undeveloped lake front property
- ☐ Lack of adequate Trash pickup
- ☐ Lack of Affordable Housing
- ☐ Lack of bike paths
- ☐ Lack of communication between village and township
- ☐ Lack of Community wide High Speed Internet
- ☐ Lack of complete community Waste Treatment
- ☐ Lack of parks
- ☐ Lack of public input/ meetings/communications
- ☐ Lack of Public Land
- ☐ Lack of public marina
- ☐ Lack of quality jobs
- ☐ Lack of regular beach maintenance
- ☐ Lack of sidewalks
- ☐ Lack of south shore Portage Lake Access
- ☐ Lack of visitor information
- ☐ Lack of youth activities
- ☐ Lake area development and loss of lake views
- ☐ Loss of agricultural land to development
- ☐ Loss of local businesses
- ☐ Loss of wetlands
- ☐ Loss of wildlife habitat
- ☐ Low channel depth
- ☐ No good swimming area in Village
- ☐ No Ground Water Protection
- ☐ No Museum
- ☐ Overhead utilities in Village
- ☐ Poor Cell Phone service
- ☐ Road Maintenance
- ☐ Signage for Parks
- ☐ Zoning grandfathering precludes improvements
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____