

## City of Buchanan Master Plan Community Survey

Please complete this survey or complete it online: [www.swmpc.org/buchananmp.asp](http://www.swmpc.org/buchananmp.asp)

**Demographic Info.** 1. How many years have you lived in the City of Buchanan? (Check one.)

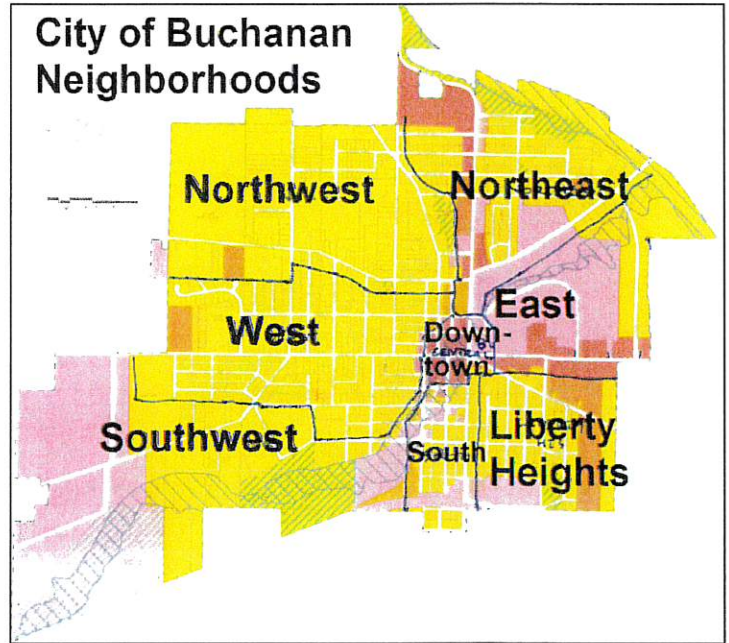
Don't live in City     less than a year     1-4 years     5-10 years     11-25 years     more than 25 years

2. Check the category that identifies your age group.

Up to 21 (Gen Z)     22-38 (Mill.)     39-53 (Gen X)  
 54-74 (Boomer)     75 and over

3. Where do you live? (See map)

Downtown     Northwest Neighborhood     South Neighborhood  
 West Neighborhood     Liberty Heights  
 Southwest Neighborhood     Buchanan Township  
 Northeast Neighborhood     Bertrand Township  
 East Neighborhood     Other \_\_\_\_\_



**City Outreach Efforts.** 4. Do you visit the City's website: [cityofbuchanan.com](http://cityofbuchanan.com)?  no     occasionally     often

5. Which three sources are most effective for keeping you informed of public decisions, meetings, etc.? (Check top three.)

South Bend Tribune     Local radio station  
 Local Channel/Cable TV     Mail flyers  
 Community Newspaper     Word of mouth/friend  
 Internet (e.g., Facebook)     Public schools

**Community Survey.** 6. Below is a list of services and resources. From your own experience, please indicate how well you think the City of Buchanan has provided each of the services listed below. (Circle the appropriate rating.)

	Services	Very well	Well	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
6.1	Street lighting	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.2	Street cleaning	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.3	Street repair	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.4	Sidewalk repair	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.5	Number of sidewalks	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.6	Landscaping & street trees	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.7	Sewage lines & treatment	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.8	Storm drainage	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.9	Traffic signs & signals	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.10	Downtown parking	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.11	Trucks/Traffic enforcement	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.12	Adequate public transit options	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.13	Enforcement of zoning, design, & nuisance ordinances	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.14	Police response/safety	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.15	Snow removal	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.16	Water service/quality	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.17	Number of parks, trails & open space	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.18	Organized sports fields & facilities	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.19	Park maintenance & upkeep	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.20	Community events & festivals	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.21	Library facilities & programs	5	4	3	2	1	0

7. What are the most important reasons that you feel the City of Buchanan is a desirable place to live? (Check all that apply.)

Small town atmosphere     Attractiveness of town  
 Outdoor recreation opportunities     Reasonable tax rate  
 Lakes and rivers     Low crime rates  
 Employment opportunities     Availability of shopping  
 Quality school system     Ease of commute  
 Friendly people     Affordable housing  
 Community spirit     Community events and festivals  
 Surrounding farmland and open space     Library

(Please turn page over to complete the survey)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

8. Overall, do you feel the quality of life in Buchanan is...? (Check only one):

\_\_\_\_\_ improving \_\_\_\_\_ holding steady \_\_\_\_\_ declining

9. Is there an area in the City that needs safer pedestrian access? If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Below is a list of issues Buchanan may face in the next 20 years. Circle the number that best reflects the issue's importance.

	Issues	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
10.1	Protection of rivers, natural areas, open spaces and water quality	4	3	2	1	0
10.2	Availability of family housing	4	3	2	1	0
10.3	Availability of empty nester housing	4	3	2	1	0
10.4	Availability of millennial housing	4	3	2	1	0
10.5	Availability of lower income housing	4	3	2	1	0
10.6	Public transportation	4	3	2	1	0
10.7	Availability of industrial sites	4	3	2	1	0
10.8	Availability of commercial sites	4	3	2	1	0
10.9	Downtown business vitality	4	3	2	1	0
10.10	Cleaner outdoor air	4	3	2	1	0
10.11	Aging water and sewer systems	4	3	2	1	0
10.12	Lack of sidewalks, bike lanes, trails	4	3	2	1	0
10.13	Community appearance	4	3	2	1	0
10.14	Loss of small town/rural atmosphere	4	3	2	1	0
10.15	Preserving historic sites and districts	4	3	2	1	0
10.16	Lack of medical services	4	3	2	1	0
10.17	Lack of public recreation facilities/parks	4	3	2	1	0
10.18	Size and height of commercial signs	4	3	2	1	0
10.19	Services for seniors	4	3	2	1	0
10.20	Local employment opportunities	4	3	2	1	0

11. Economic development is important to sustaining the local economy and keeping tax rates manageable. How strongly do you support the City of Buchanan in seeking the following kinds of economic development? (Circle the appropriate rating.)

	Type of Economic Development	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Neither Support nor Oppose
11.1	Accommodations/lodging	4	3	2	1	0
11.2	Retail stores/necessities	4	3	2	1	0
11.3	Specialty/gift stores, art galleries	4	3	2	1	0
11.4	Sit-down restaurants, bars, brewpubs	4	3	2	1	0
11.5	Fast food restaurants, food trucks	4	3	2	1	0
11.6	Grocery stores, convenience stores	4	3	2	1	0
11.7	Industry	4	3	2	1	0
11.8	Offices	4	3	2	1	0
11.9	Health care facilities/providers	4	3	2	1	0
11.10	Tourism development	4	3	2	1	0
11.11	Other – describe:	4	3	2	1	0

12. What are the biggest challenges/opportunities that the community faces as you look toward Buchanan's future?

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**THANK YOU!** Please return this survey to: Buchanan City Hall, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107. Surveys need to be returned by August 31, 2018. The City of Buchanan Planning Commission will host a Public Visioning Session on Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 PM at City Hall to receive in-person input for the master plan and to review the results of this survey. Please join us! We need your input!