

On Monday, April 27, 2009, City Planner Michael Spencer met with 5 Charlevoix High School classes to explain the importance of community planning and request student input for the Charlevoix Community Survey as part of the City of Charlevoix Master Plan. The students of psychology, government and economics aged in range from 17-18.

Following are the list of questions and the answers provided by the eighty-eight student responses.

1. What are three features or characteristics that make Charlevoix a good place to live? (Examples may include access to water, scenery, small town character, recreational activities, etc)
2. What are three things that you do not like or would like to see changed within the City of Charlevoix?
3. After graduation of high school or college would you consider living in Charlevoix? Why or why not?
4. If you could find a job in Charlevoix after high school or college, what type of job would you want? Example: professional (Medical, attorney, account), manufacturing, service related such as restaurant, resort or hotel positions, information technology, government.
5. Do you think Charlevoix should have more sidewalks, trails, or bike paths? Yes or No
6. What are your favorite types of recreational activities to do in Charlevoix?
7. What recreational activities should be in Charlevoix that currently are not?

1. Three features or characteristics that make Charlevoix a good place to live.	Number of Responses
Access to water/boating/beaches	80
Small town character/Community	40
Beauty/Scenery	26
Parks/Skate-park	20
Festivals	14
Mt. McSauba/North Pointe Woods	13
Recreational Activities	13
Downtown (shops)	8
Nature	7
Summertime	6
Residents/Friends/People	6
Ability to walk around/hike	5
Weather	3
Winter Sports/Activities	3
Schools	3
Quality/Way of Life	3
Bridge/Lighthouse	3
Crime Rate	2
Restaurants	2
Airport	2
Belvedere Summer Homes	1

Family-owned businesses	1
The Castle	1
Library	1
Variety of Attractions	1
Summer Jobs	1

2. Three things that you do not like or would like to see changed.	Number of Responses
Increase Youth Recreational Activities/Entertainment	53
Traffic congestion/ stop-lights/ road conditions/ parking	47
Renovated Movie Theatre and/or Bowling Alley	22
Variety of restaurants/stores	20
Law Enforcement	14
Jump off pier	12
Job Opportunities	11
Tourists	7
Bridge Timing (Decrease # of times up)	7
Bike Lane (Downtown biking)	7
Updated Buildings	4
Cleaner public places	3
Lower prices	2
Disk golf	2
Stop development	2
Dog Park	1

3. Will you consider living in Charlevoix after schooling is complete?	Number of Responses
Maybe/ Yes and No	14
No- Lack of jobs and recreation/Cost Of Living	14
Yes	11
Yes- Family and/or Friends	10
No	10
No- Travel or desire to live elsewhere	8
Yes- to raise family/retire	8
Summertime/Vacation only	7
Yes- Lakes/Beauty	5

4. What job would you like to have in Charlevoix?	Number of Responses
Medical	19
Professional, Accounting, Legal,	18
Manufacturing/Construction	11
Education	11
Entrepreneur/Business	9

Service	4
Publishing	3
Hotel/Resort Management	3
Psychology/social work	3
Computer Information Technology	2
Water-Related	2
No preference	2
Welding	2
Auto-body	2
Spanish-related	1
Religion	1
Recreation Mgmt	1
Law Enforcement	1
Government	1
Motocross	1

5. Does Charlevoix need more sidewalks, trails or bike paths?	Number of Responses
Yes	75
No	12

6. What are your favorite recreational activities in Charlevoix?	Number of Responses
Swimming	30
Biking	21
Boating	19
Beach	16
Snowboarding/Boarding	12
Walking around	9
Basketball	9
Hanging out	9
Hiking	8
Disc Golf	8
Ski	7
Festivals/Concerts/Community Events	7
Skateboarding/Longboarding	7
Jet Ski/Tubing/Wakeboard/Ski	7
Rollerblading	6
Running	5
Volleyball	5
Tennis/Badminton	5
Kayak	5
Golf	4
Cross country skiing/Snowshoeing	3

Fishing	3
Soccer	3
Sports Leagues	2
Camping	2
Movies	2
Hunting	2
Horseback riding	2
Driving	2
Bocceball	2
Ice Hockey	1
Shopping/Farmer's Market	1
Treeclimbing	1
Tetherball	1
Backpacking	1
Parasailing	1
Mini Golf	1
Go-carts	1
McSauba	1
Bowling	1
Snorkeling	1
Motorcross	1
Ping-pong	1
Trampoline	1
Climbing	1

7. Recreational activities that should be in Charlevoix that currently are not.	Number of Responses
Dance Club	25
Disc Golf	17
Laser Tag/Arcade	16
Concerts	14
Watercraft Rental	13
Go-karts	12
Teen Activity Center	9
Paintball	8
Theater/Drive-in	8
Waterpark	8
Scuba Diving	7
Mini Golf	7
Rockwall	6
Hookah bar	5
Park activities	4
Pier jumping	4
Mall/shopping variety	4
Restaurant options	3

Trampoline/water trampoline	3
Aquarium	3
Zoo	3
Mountain biking trails	2
Motorcross track	2
Rollerskating/Derby	2
Bike path	2
Farmer's market	2
Skydiving	2
Tours	2
Film Festivals	2
Planetarium	1
Badminton	1
Community events	1
Live game reserve	1
Bocce ball	1
More campgrounds	1
Horseback riding	1
Kiteboarding	1
Hot Balloon tours	1
Slamball	1
Public junkyard	1
Dog park	1
Lacrosse	1
Boxing	1
BMX	1
Historic Center	1
Bike race	1
Use of band shell	1
Hockey rink	1
Fighting	1
Casino	1
Ice climbing	1
Drag strip	1