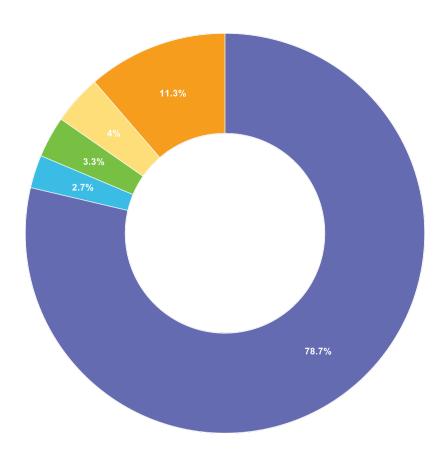


# **Romeo Master Plan Survey**

Thank you very much for participating in this survey! Your input is instrumental to the Master Plan's success!

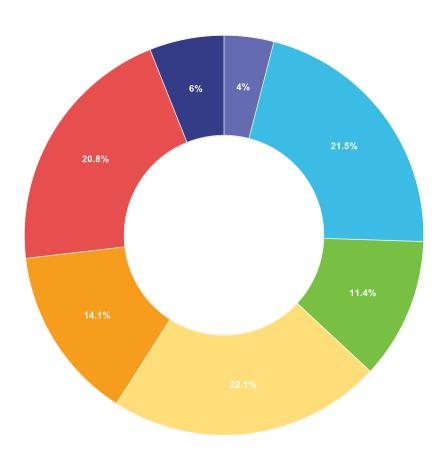
Q1 What is your affiliation with the Village of Romeo? (Please check all that apply)



## Answered: 150 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
Resident	118
Business	4
Work in Romeo	5
Visitor	6
Other, please indicate:	17

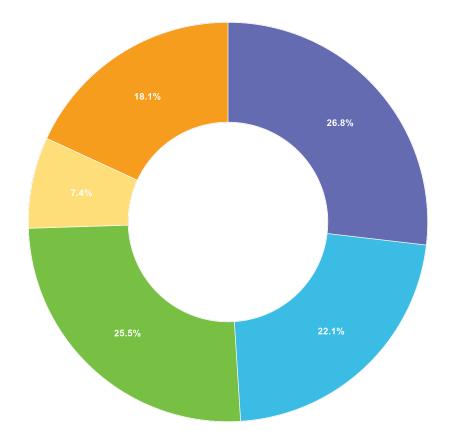
## Q2 How long have you lived or worked in Romeo?



## Answered: 149 Unanswered: 1

Choice	Total
Less than one year	6
One to five years	32
Six to ten years	17
Eleven to 20 years	33
Twenty-one to 30 years	21
Over 30 years	31
I don't live or work in Romeo, but spend time there	9

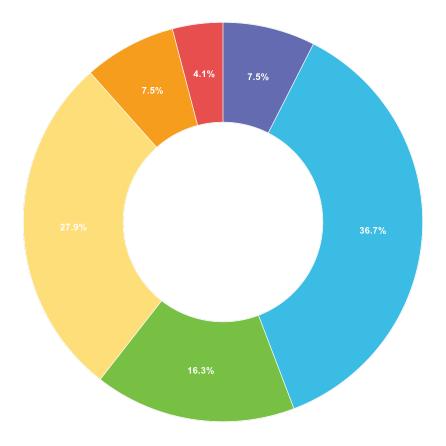
Q3 In what area of the Village do you live?



## Answered: 149 Unanswered: 1

Choice	Total
North of St. Clair and west of Van Dyke	40
North of St. Clair and east of Van Dyke	33
South of St. Clair and west of Van Dyke	38
South of St. Clair and east of Van Dyke	11
I do not live in Romeo	27

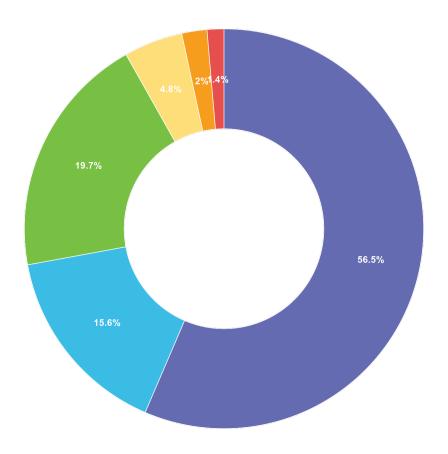
Q4 2. How many people live in your household?



### Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
1	11
2	54
3	24
4	41
5	11
6 or more	6

Q5 3. How many people in your household are under the age of 18?

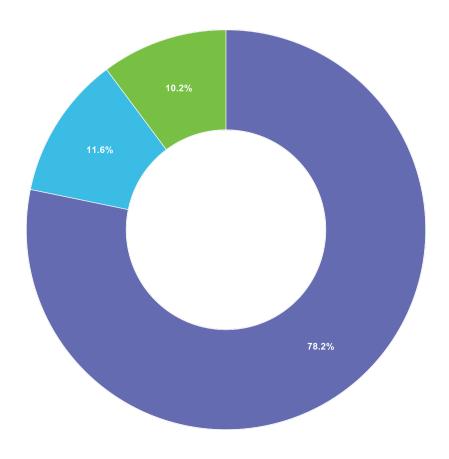


Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
0	83
1	23
2	29
3	7
4	3
5	2



Q6 4. How many people in your household are over the age of 65?

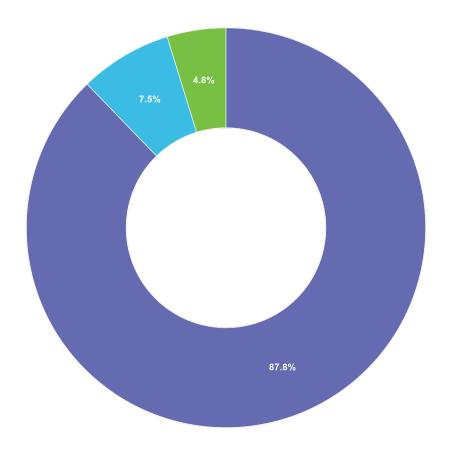


Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
0	115

Choice	Total
1	17
2	15
3	0
4 or more	0

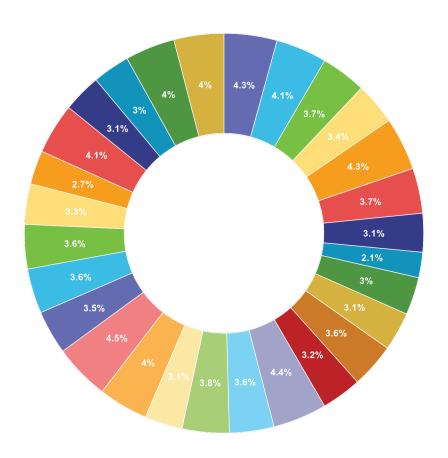
Q7 Did you attend either of the two previous Master Plan public meetings?



Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
Neither one	129
One of them	11
Both of them	7

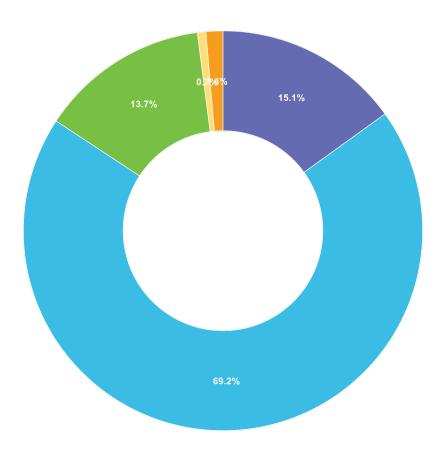
Q8 How do each of the following influence your decision to live in Romeo?



Answered: 142 Unanswered: 8

Choice	Score	Average
Residential Neighborhoods	620	4.37
Quality of Housing	597	4.2
Housing Costs	529	3.73
Housing Options	491	3.46
Location	619	4.36
Schools	528	3.72
Available Shopping	452	3.18
Job Opportunities	297	2.09
Taxes	441	3.11
Arts and Culture	452	3.18
Recreation Opportunities	522	3.68
Environmental Features	469	3.3
Walkable Community	632	4.45
Traffic and Circulation	521	3.67
Downtown Amenities	550	3.87
Downtown Parking	444	3.13
Attractiveness of the Downtown	581	4.09
Safety and Security	651	4.58
Quality of Roads	513	3.61
Quality of Sidewalks	524	3.69
Bike Paths and Trails	518	3.65
Municipal Infrastructure	473	3.33
Religious and Community Institutions	396	2.79
Friendliness of Community Residents	593	4.18
Diversity of Population	448	3.15
Local Government	436	3.07
Community Appearance	582	4.1
Community Image and Reputation	585	4.12

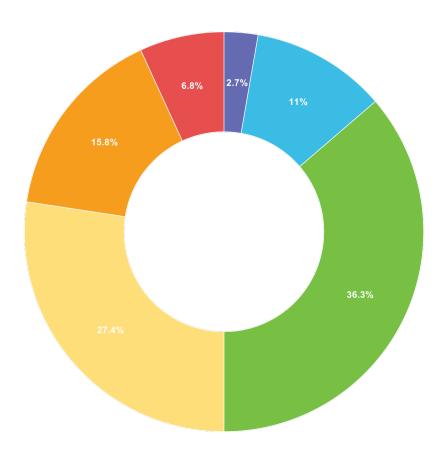
Q9 What is the overall quality of the housing stock (appearance, cost, property maintenance) in Romeo?



Answered: 146 Unanswered: 4

Choice	Total
Excellent	22
Good	101
Fair	20
Poor	1
Don't Know	2

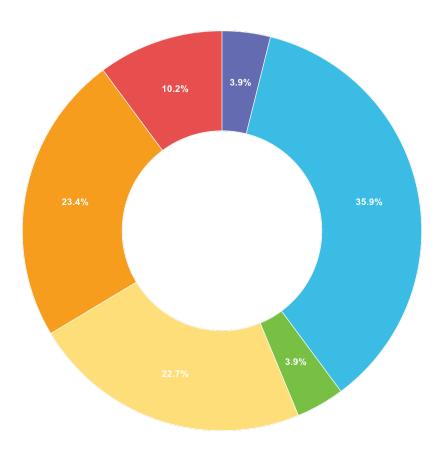
## Q10 How is the quality of housing changing in Romeo?



## Answered: 146 Unanswered: 4

Choice	Total
Getting much worse	4
Getting somewhat worse	16
Staying about the same	53
Getting somewhat better	40
Getting much better	23
Don't know	10

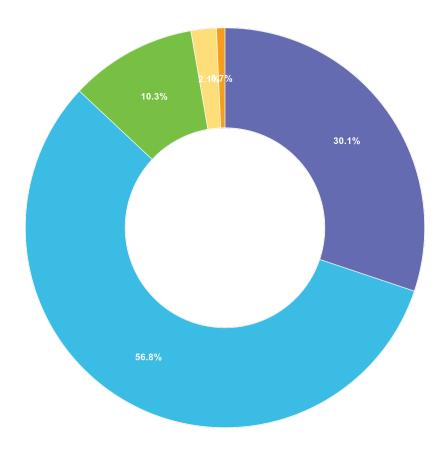
## Q11 What is the biggest threat to the viability of your neighborhood?



## Answered: 128 Unanswered: 22

Choice	Total
Vacancies	5
Blighted properties	46
Crime	5
Property values	29
Proximity to commercial areas	30
Housing code issues	13

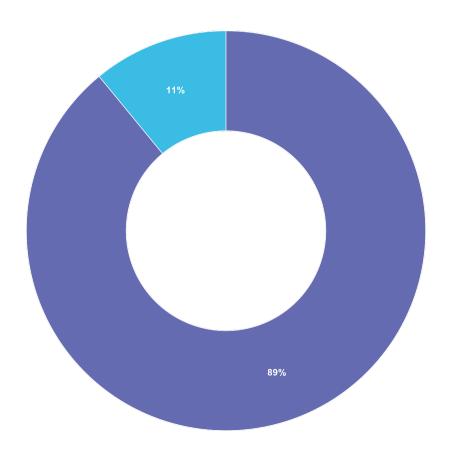
## Q12 Are you satisfied with the overall quality of life in Romeo?



## Answered: 146 Unanswered: 4

Choice	Total
Very satisfied	44
Satisfied	83
Neutral	15
Dissatisfied	3
Very dissatisfied	1

## Q13 Is it easy to get around Romeo without a vehicle?

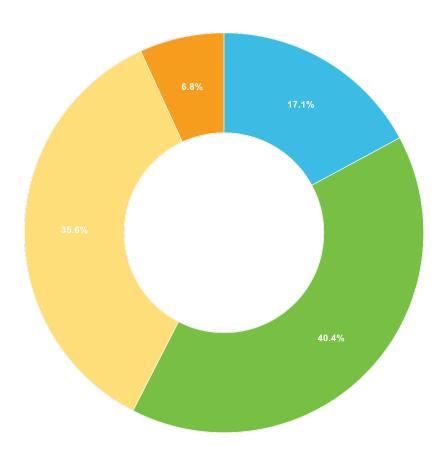


Answered: 146 Unanswered: 4

Choice	Total
Yes	130
No	16

Q14 How would you rate the physical appearance of Romeo's arterial roads and

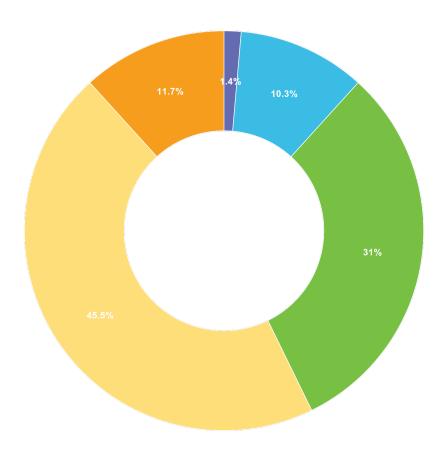
primary points of entry into the community? (1=Poor, 5=Excellent)



Answered: 146 Unanswered: 4

Choice	Total
1	0
2	25
3	59
4	52
5	10

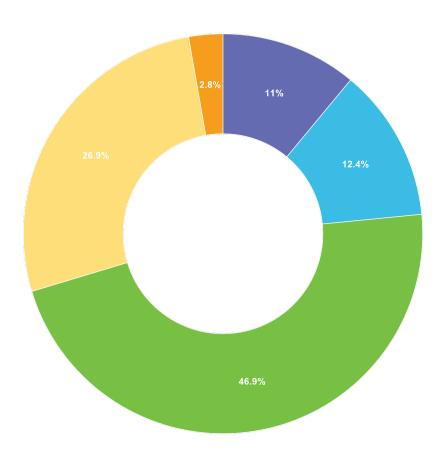
Q15 How would you rate the condition of the main roads in Romeo? (1=Poor, 5=Excellent)



Answered: 145 Unanswered: 5

Choice	Total
1	2
2	15
3	45
4	66
5	17

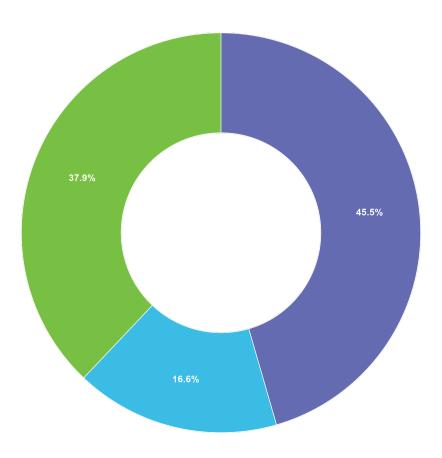
Q16 How would you rate the condition of the local neighborhood streets in Romeo? (1=Poor, 5=Excellent)



Answered: 145 Unanswered: 5

Choice	Total
1	16
2	18
3	68
4	39
5	4

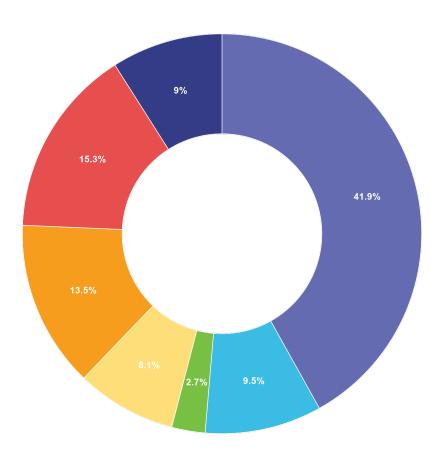
Q17 Would you be supportive of a bond proposal to improve Romeo's roads?



## Answered: 145 Unanswered: 5

Choice	Total
Yes	66
No	24
Undecided	55

Q18 What type of new residential development would you like to see in Romeo? (Check all that apply)

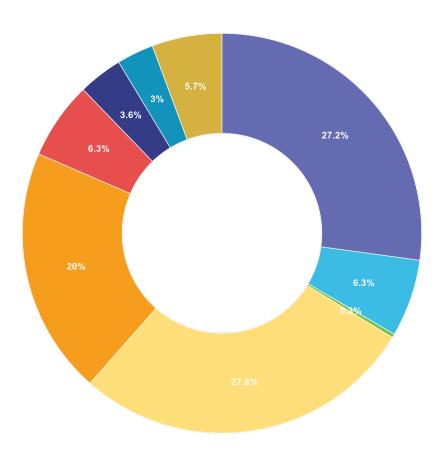


Answered: 141 Unanswered: 9

Choice	Total
Single Family Homes	93
Townhouses	21
Apartments	6
Senior Citizen Housing	18
Live/Work spaces	30

Choice	Total
Mixed Use (residential and commercial)	34
Other	20

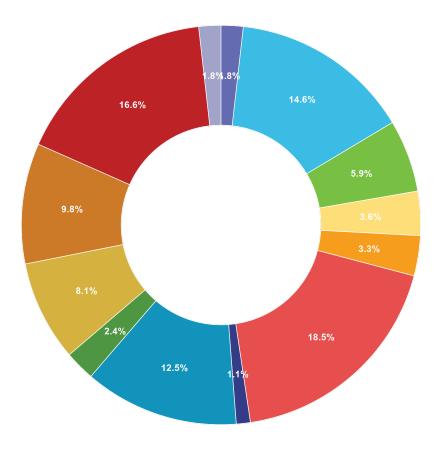
Q19 What type of non-residential development would you like to see in Romeo in the future? (Check all that apply)



**Answered:** 140 **Unanswered:** 10

Choice	Total
Retail	91
Personal Services	21
Gas Stations	1
Restaurants	93
Entertainment	67
Hotels	21
Professional Offices	12
Medical Facilities	10
Industry	0
Other	19

Q20 What type of new development would you **not** want to see in Romeo? (Check all that apply)

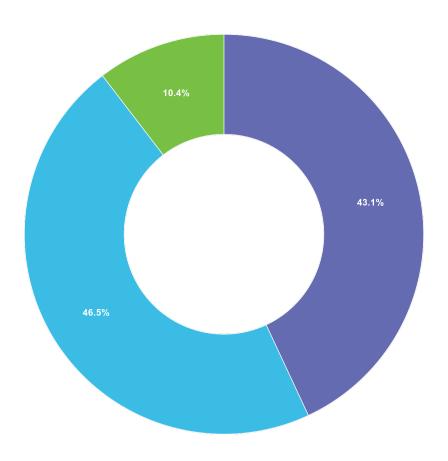


### Answered: 142 Unanswered: 8

Choice	Total
Single Family Homes	11
Apartments	90
Senior Citizen Housing	36
Retail Stores	22
Personal Services	20
Gas Stations	114
Restaurants	7
Hotels	77
Entertainment	15
Professional Offices	50

Choice	Total
Medical Facilities	60
Industry	102
Other	11

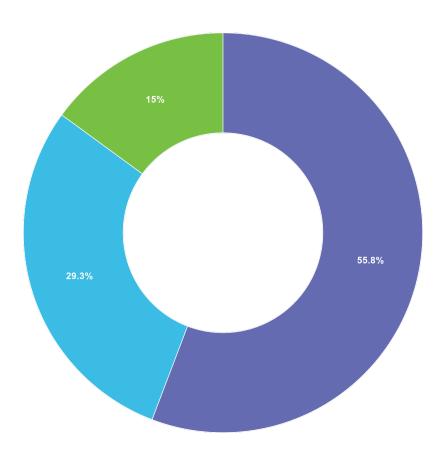
## Q21 In ten years Romeo will...



Answered: 144 Unanswered: 6

Choice	Total
Be a better place	62
Stay about the same	67
Get worse	15

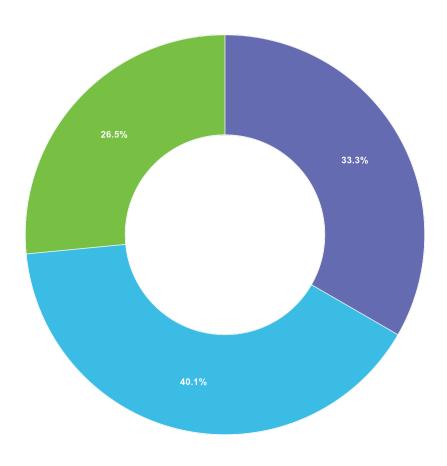
Q22 Early in the Master Plan development process, several people indicated that there is a serious parking problem in Downtown Romeo. Do you agree?



Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
Yes	82
No	43
Unsure	22

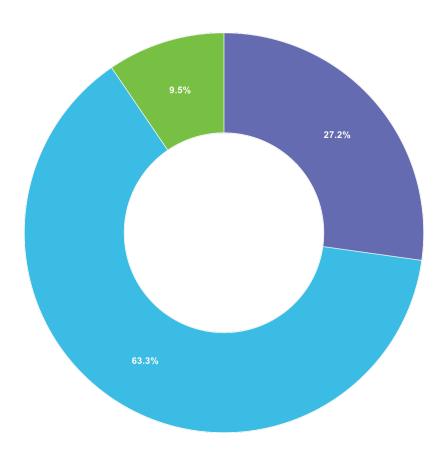
Q23 Other people felt that there is not necessarily a problem with the amount of available parking, but instead there is a problem in how parking spaces are used and managed. Do you agree?



Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
Yes	49
No	59
Unsure	39

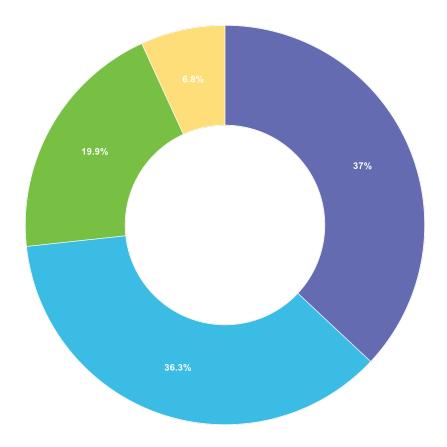
Q24 In some communities, parking meters are used to regulate the amount of time prime parking spaces are utilized? Would you support the use of downtown parking meters for this purpose?



#### Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
Yes	40
No	93
Unsure	14

Q25 There has been a lot of discussion on whether the first floor of buildings in certain parts of the downtown should be restricted to retail use. Proponents advocate that first floor retail, if properly designed, can increase activity in the downtown. Opponents counter that the amount of retail space that can be supported downtown is limited, and that an undesired consequence of such policies are higher vacancy rates. What best describes your opinion on this issue?

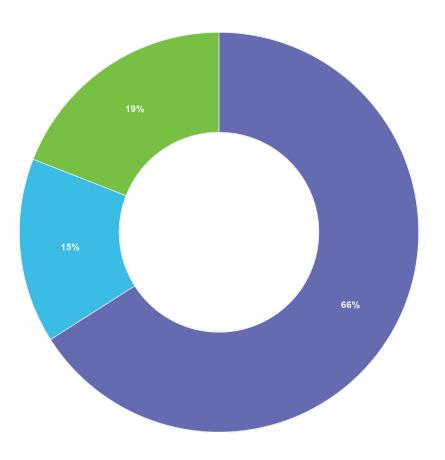


Answered: 146 Unanswered: 4

Choice	Total
Ground floor space in the downtown should be restricted to retail	54
Office uses should also be permitted to occupy ground floor space, but residential units should only be on upper floors	53
Any legal use should be allowed on any floor	29
No opinion	10

Q26 "Aging in place" is the ability to stay in one's home or community safely, independently, and comfortably as we grow older. Individuals often express a desire to

remain in their home and/or community as they age. Zoning regulations in most communities create obstacles for those trying to remain in their homes and neighborhoods. These regulations prevent older adults from converting a garage or basement into apartment space for a caregiver. Children of older adults face the same barriers trying to convert their homes to locate their parents nearby. Should the Village of Romeo amend its zoning ordinance to allow for accessory residential dwelling units for family members on single family residential property?

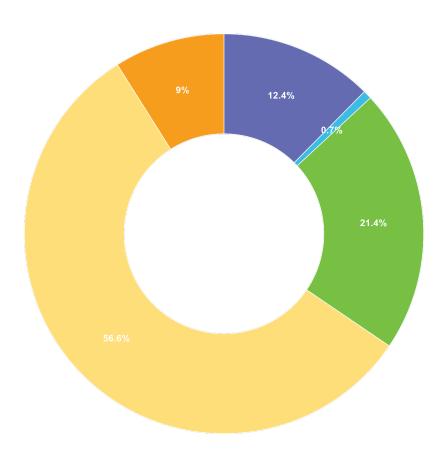


Answered: 147 Unanswered: 3

Choice

Choice	Total
Yes	97
No	22
Unsure	28

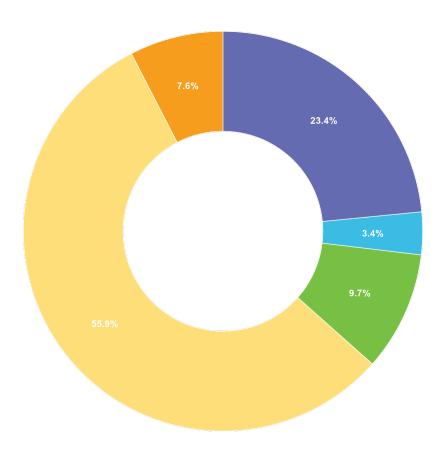
**Q27** It was recently announced that Ford Motor Company will be shuttering its Romeo Engine Plant. How would you like to see the property redeveloped in the future?



Answered: 145 Unanswered: 5

Choice	Total
Industrial	18
Commercial/Office	1
Recreational	31
A mixture of the above	82
Other	13

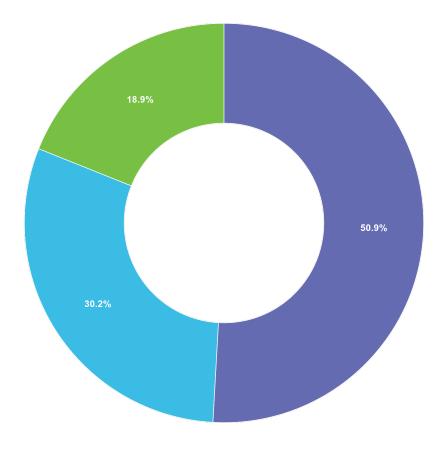
Q28 Romeo Community Schools has closed the Romeo Middle School on Prospect St. How would you like to see the property redeveloped in the future?



#### Answered: 145 Unanswered: 5

Choice	Total
Single Family Residential	34
Multiple Family Residential	5
Independent or Assisted Living for the Elderly	14
Open Space or Park	81
Other	11

Q29 The State of Michigan is divided into non-overlapping cities and townships. These two units perform the legally required duties of a local government: assessing property, collecting taxes, and conducting elections. An area incorporated as a village is not a primary unit of government. It remains a part of the township, with the township performing the required duties and the village performing local services needed by its usually denser population (water supply, sewage disposal, public safety, planning, zoning, etc.). Currently, the Village of Romeo is in the early stages of evaluating whether to transition to a city form of government. Are you interested in learning more about this possible change to "cityhood" status?



**Answered:** 143 **Unanswered:** 7

Choice	Total
No	86
Yes	51
If yes, what are you most interested in learning about?	32

Q30 Is there anything else you would like to share with us regarding the Master Plan?

Saturday, May 1, 2021, 1:32 AM UTC

Please continue to fix side walks. Allow for more dining options which serve alcohol to exist downtown. How about a village "tool library"- where residents can check out shovels, rakes, clippers, etc?

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 4:23 PM UTC

Take it up a notch! It's a great town so many good things here!

Monday, April 26, 2021, 4:22 AM UTC

Can speed limit radar signs be installed on west St. Clair rd. Eastbound, Between Chandler and prospect street?

Also, could the speed limit be reduced to 25mph?

Saturday, April 24, 2021, 11:54 PM UTC

It's current content is extremely sparse and far too general to be of any useful informative content to the residents of the Village.

Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:47 PM UTC

No

Saturday, April 3, 2021, 3:21 AM UTC

Would love to see a fountain or water feature in Romeo. We have no pool, creek, river, lake, pond, splash park, etc. It is an element overlooked and sorely missed.

Friday, April 2, 2021, 9:14 PM UTC

Keep Romeo sweet and quaint. This little village is a gem. Not many places can boast such a beautiful downtown with a dreamy "step back in time" feel. Please don't allow anything that will ruin what we have. Not a day goes by that we aren't thankful for living in Romeo. God Bless and keep moving forward ....but tread lightly.

Friday, April 2, 2021, 11:43 AM UTC

restaurants- maintain small town charm- highlight farming community- farm to table - art-

Friday, April 2, 2021, 3:01 AM UTC

You have a good group there

Friday, April 2, 2021, 2:03 AM UTC

A dog park would be great.

Shut down the Romeo "motel" it's a blight and embarrassing to the entire town!

Get an actual hotel chain where the Romeo Ford plant was. 1 or 2 is absolutely necessary and would have a ton of business from other surrounding towns... Leonard, almont, Imlay, Romeo etc.

Allow more than the 3 main restaurants in town- Youngers, office and Mainstreet. Allow others to come in as they wish. And NOT diner style we have enough junk diner/coney island style restaurants... (4 corners-coney island-timeshare-crave-Romeo family..) all the same!

Friday, April 2, 2021, 1:51 AM UTC

I love what has been happening with Downtown the past few years. Keeping the small.town feel is important, which is why I feel the Ford plant should be a lateral zone, versus commercial.

Friday, April 2, 2021, 1:40 AM UTC

Why are the water bills in Romeo so outrageous?

Friday, April 2, 2021, 1:36 AM UTC

I understand the need for affordable housing but allowing lower income housing is bringing this town down. The sidewalks definitely need repairs down Main Street. More retail, restaurants and entertainment is needed. We aren't even a "small Rochester" we are a very "low income downturn Utica". Maybe more research into Rochesters plan would do us wonders

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#### Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 2:54 PM UTC

Often times Rental properties result in dilapidated properties when not properly maintained by the landlord. Rental occupancy should be determined by number of bedrooms. The Village needs to have stringent codes to prevent this blight on the community. Furthermore these blighted properties decrease everyone's property values. No short term rentals or AirBnBs should be allowed.

Lower the speed on West Saint Clair to 30 mph until you get past the middle school for the safety of pedestrians. Enforce the speed limit on West Saint Clair (this street is like a race track early the morning and late in the afternoon.)

#### Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 5:33 PM UTC

If the Village could acquire the former middle school lot on Prospect, I think that would make an wonderful Village park with enough space for a small band shell. Then the small current Village park could be turned into more parking (or a mix of parking and and more retail spaces).

#### Monday, March 29, 2021, 8:35 PM UTC

Making this village beautiful for the future isn't about moving around money, it's not about turning into something we are not a city, it's about taking care of what you have, Build small business areas downtown, look for ways to bury the telephone lines and electric lines, improve our way of life, stop with the pettiness and obstruction of local government. Stop increases our taxes and stop exploring committees that drain money for things we never wanted ie city explorative committees.

Monday, March 29, 2021, 6:16 AM UTC

Look for ways to save money instead of looking for ways to spend.

Monday, March 29, 2021, 1:48 AM UTC

Why is it necessary to waste money on "redoing the Master Plan" when the boundries are fixed and there is no room for change or expansion?

Sunday, March 28, 2021, 3:07 PM UTC

We think our President and Clerk of the Village are doing a great job, finding money to fix our sidewalks and working on other projects. Our DPW And Village Police are doing a fantastic job. Very interested in becoming a City/village as we don't want to pay taxes to the townships and gettin no return!

Saturday, March 27, 2021, 1:18 PM UTC

Ordinances need to be in place and enforced to prevent intentional neglect of historic homes.

Saturday, March 27, 2021, 11:32 AM UTC

I think Romeo should remain a village, and the historic nature should be preserved. Recreation is very important and having amenities at recreational sites like restrooms and water. Having the library in town Accessible it's a great.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 2:49 PM UTC

Romeo should stay a Village, not change to city!

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 9:05 PM UTC

Please add sidewalks where missing so seniors and children can stay out of the streets. Also enforce snow shoveling rules in the winter.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 3:29 PM UTC

Areas of the sidewalks in the village are unsafe for walking. There are areas that are uneven where someone might easily trip. Some areas do not even allow enough space for walking let alone for someone to get around who is in a wheelchair.

### Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 2:07 PM UTC

- 1. I prefer that Romeo remains a village.
- 2. What ever ruling is voted into place, as far as zoning regulations, I would hope that they would be enforced.
- 3. Follow and enforce the "historical preservation & renovation" guidelines to preserve the rich architectural history of Romeo.

Monday, March 22, 2021, 4:56 PM UTC

Very happy this is being taken care since it has been neglected for so long.

Sunday, March 21, 2021, 6:55 PM UTC

Move the police station, it scares people going to restaurants and bars and trying to have fun in downtown. They are great but its keeps people scared to let lose.

Bring more better restaurant options

Dont focus on retail as much due to retail moving online. Most people tend to shop all online in todays world.

Get rid of some of the antique stores, though we have older population, we are becoming younger and need more options to attract young families.

Be more like rochester, plymouth, milferd, traverse city.

Bring a brewery to town or a steak house

Bring a food truck bar like traverse city

Create a golf cart friendly town, allow people to ride up to downtown in golf carts.

Revamp the main park behind mainstreat coffee shop. Make it more exciting.

Get rid of blight

Fix the sidewalks and streets

Go after other exciting businesses around the area and entice them to lease downtown.

Sunday, March 21, 2021, 11:18 AM UTC

Get rid of the motel!!!!!!

Sunday, March 21, 2021, 1:54 AM UTC

Maintain a thriving parks and recreation

Friday, March 19, 2021, 2:00 PM UTC

Thanks for all you do to make Romeo a nice place to live

Friday, March 19, 2021, 2:50 AM UTC

I would support converting the old middle school area into a park/open space where seasonal festivities could be taking place.

Friday, March 19, 2021, 1:51 AM UTC

The former Romeo Middle School area would be a wonderful area for a park. The gazebo park in town is very small and can be quite congested during events. Romeo would be much more appealing if it had a larger space for people to visit. It would be very sad and aesthetically unappealing to see new homes built there.

Friday, March 19, 2021, 1:19 AM UTC

The DDA and Chamber must take a more active role in attracting business and people into the downtown.

Friday, March 19, 2021, 12:25 AM UTC

Sidewalks need to be fixed!! They have been horrible for decades!!! More parking is needed in every way!!! So many business would like to come to Romeo but there is zero parking for customers

Friday, March 19, 2021, 12:11 AM UTC

The elected village president and elected village clerk need to be held accountable! They are not performing their elected duties for the tax payers and not being transparent about where the village money is being spent. The master plan for the village shouldn't be the main focus right now.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 11:36 PM UTC

Growth and change is necessary as the world evolves but let's not lose sight of who Romeo is and why people love to live and visit here. We have a special quaint character that people want preserved. Additional nicer restaurants, not just pubs, would be huge for the area. A big park with a trail and green area would keep Romeo beautiful. If parking is needed move the village park/gazebo to the middle school land and turn the village park into a parking lot.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 11:14 PM UTC

Don't ruin a good thing! We move out here to get away from the city life! Romeo is currently a great place to raise a family let's not ruin that by taking away the community feel with unnecessary developments.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 11:02 PM UTC

Romeo is a desirable area for young families, we love to walk around and enjoy our small and beautiful community. Let's not ruin it by trying to over develop, we moved out here to get away from that. Keep Romeo Romeo, the Romeo we love and want to live in for years to come.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 10:50 PM UTC

Blight issues are a huge concern. Too many homes are being unkept. It is really sad to see so many historic homes look so bad and then owners with trash and junk everywhere. Many still take pride in their homes but when others don't it makes the streets look bad.

Also downtown development should focus on retail. One person said Romeo should mimic Downtown Northville as a goal. It is a vibrant community.

Romeo used to be known for nice historic homes and a fun downtown area. Not so much anymore. There are also some buildings downtown that are not kept up (ie building behind police station). The park could really use a makeover and if you want to revitalize downtown there should be something that can be done about some of the store owners. Some spaces have been empty for well over a year or not open.

Personally I have heard people come to Romeo and say how disappointed they were with all the stores not open (pre Covid as well)

Downtown Port Huron is another example of a town that is being revitalize with new shops, a grocery store etc

The Chamber and Romeo Development shroud really work together and come up with new ideas

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 10:02 PM UTC

Let's please keep in mind this is a village we are not set up as a Rochester nor do we need to be. It cannot be all about what brings in the most money. We need to take what we currently do and do it better. The community is changing and young families still desire the area. Let's not clutter our historic features with new brick and mortar.

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 9:30 PM UTC

Slow the traffic especially along VanDyke between Gates and 32.

## Thursday, March 18, 2021, 9:13 PM UTC

I would like to see more green space, community gardens, dog park and things of this nature. I would not like to see new homes built in among our beautiful historic homes. Maybe some more parks and playgrounds. Maybe a few more restaurants downtown instead of retail spaces.

### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 8:53 PM UTC

Forming and shaping the identity of a community might be one of the biggest roles of small businesses. Their participation in the community can help reflect an important history that is crucial to the village Small businesses build connections and relationships with the people who live and visit the area. There's a small town feeling that arises when anyone walks into a local business—the staff is polite, the owner is usually present and friendly and customers always feel welcome. Please meet the small business owners on Main Street! Keep; the village quaint...

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 8:53 PM UTC

I'd like to see more reasons to go downtown. I live within walking distance of town and it's nice to walk up town to get something to eat. It'd be nice if we could expand for restaurants or reasons to be in town. Anything. But the downtown is so small, it'd be nice to have a restaurant that's not downtown. More outdoor seating at restaurants. I agree parking is bad, but if they fixed up and reconfigured the ally's and behind (like they did for the office and youngers) it would be good. I love romeo and would love to stay here. I'd just love more walking reasons to visit town

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 7:18 PM UTC

Please see my other comments. Please do not sell the middle school lot to a greedy home builder who builds cheap cookie cutter homes. A green space would be the best acquisition. A community garden, dog park, walking path, gazebo, and lots of trees (possibly like in Birmingham where you could do a ropes course!) would be amazing and wonderful. It would make my heart swell for this town.

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:48 PM UTC

The sidewalks are in desperate need of repair. Many tripping hazards. They should also be wider

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:45 PM UTC

We are absolutely against The Village of Romeo becoming a city.

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:29 PM UTC

Some building "deemed" historical are eye sores in the village and often due to costs never get updated get sold for low cost and become further eyesores. Will it be possible to have these properties bought for lot prices with the requirement that buildings rebuilt must take a historic feel to fit into it's surroundings?

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:22 PM UTC

Rental homes seem to have the worst blight and no one is addressing it.

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:18 PM UTC

Keep it a Village

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:06 PM UTC

Clean up blight, there are a couplehouse on gates that have shit everywhere in their yards

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:04 PM UTC

The La Juliet hotel is a horrible piece to downtown and needs to be fixed. Also, the house a few doors down that acts as a junk yard needs to be fixed

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:02 PM UTC

More parking, more restaurants, some more shopping besides antique stores. Make sure people's property is kept up at all times. Lessen the traffic's through town. Always traffic on main street in the last few years.

### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 5:53 PM UTC

With the increasing traffic in Downtown Romeo, both Van Dyke and West Saint Clair are in DIRE need of a traffic study and assessment of sidewalk/pedestrian safety. The SPEED on both roads has become a major concern for many members of the community who walk these sidewalks regularly. Also, with the number of children who walk home from school, the speed, specifically on West Saint Clair headed (East word, downhill )into town has become a major concern for us (and many of our neighbors) as residents. Cars are traveling far above the posted limit, partially because of the downhill terrain and failure to brake. The speed limit needs to be reduced to residential limits as it does in neighboring communities.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 5:50 PM UTC

Address the light at the Romeo Hotel and the homes to the east of it on the south side of Gates. There are a few that I can't believe are still allowed to be kept so poorly with garbage everywhere. I pay way to high of taxes to have this down the road from me and for the entrance to the village to look so awful.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021, 5:46 PM UTC

Truck traffic through town is dangerous, noisy, and has a significant negative impact on neighboring homes. Surely there is a way to route such traffic away from our village.

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 5:37 PM UTC

Please don't change the Village Park to a playground. There are other playgrounds available. Keep it a quiet space also usable for events.

Look at parking behind the Congregational Church especially for post office to free up street parking. I've heard the issue is repairing the pavement.

Thursday, March 11, 2021, 4:30 AM UTC

Thanks

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