“Shaping the Future” Survey Comments from Calumet Township

The following comments (except summaries) are reproduced exactly as written by respondents to the 1997 Houghton County "Shaping Our Future" Land Use Survey who said they lived in Calumet Township. All local governments and libraries received full survey results in 1998 (also available at http://emml.mtu.edu/gem/community/planning/planning.html).

Calumet Township surveys returned – 164. Total surveys returned, Houghton County – 1,936.

3. Public costs for new water, sewer, and other services should be considered when any development is proposed.
   • Pay themselves [1355]*

5. The benefits of recent commercial development along M-26 and Sharon Avenue outweigh any disadvantages.
   • Taco Bell sign is unsightly. [402]
   • As long as it stays south of the Bridge. [439]

6. Similar commercial development along US 41 between Hancock and Calumet would benefit the area.
   • NO!! [98]

7. Lack of jobs, especially for young people, is a problem in our area.
   • Enough jobs for young people, not enough well-paying jobs for adults. [439]
   • Also bus service! [572]
   • Always was! [1634]

9. Tax incentives, such as tax abatements, should be used to attract new businesses.
   • Punishing old. [767]
   • We pay, they pay. [1355]

11. More recreational opportunities are needed in my township/city/village. If so, what kind?

   Summary (verbatim responses on pp. 8-9):
   - swimming pool (indoor - 2) - 20
   - park/playground - 13
   - YMCA/recreation center (teen center - 3) - 8
   - skating rink (ice skating rink - 3, roller skating - 2) - 8
   - non-motorized trails (hiking/walking - 5, biking - 4, skiing - 2, roller blading - 1) - 7
   - teen activities/place for youth to hang out (excluding 3 people who want teen center) - 7
   - movie theater - 5
   - music, dancing (not specifically for teens) - 4
   - place for shooting sports - 3
   - baseball field - 2
   - tennis court - 2
   - camping - 2
   - very good recreational opportunities already - 2
   - swim lessons, gymnastics, step aerobics, hunting preserve, open track and field, fishing, race track, handicapped-accessible facilities, beach volleyball, lower cost for skating, sled dog course, frisbee golf, go-kart track, rowing/sailing/harbor facilities, fast food restaurant, more stores, race track (auto/snowmobile), tourism, handball court, clubs, shopping centers, hunting/fishing classes - 1 each

15. New development would be acceptable to more people if it blended better with the historic buildings in the area.
   • It doesn’t matter in the townships—maybe in the cities or villages it does. [1772]

18. Some roads should be designated as “scenic” and should retain their natural character. If so, which roads?

   Summary (verbatim responses on pp. 9-11):
   - US 41 (“north”/Keweenaw County/to Copper Harbor” - 22, unspecified - 4, north of Calumet - 3, Hancock to Calumet - 1, Quincy Hill - 1) - 32

*number assigned to survey when received; comments by the same person in response to different statements are followed by the same number. 1
20. Private property rights are more important than public interest when a development is proposed.
   - if located to interfere [572]

22. Public access to waterfront areas is becoming too limited.
   - Thanks to greedy realtors. [421]

23. Property is becoming unaffordable for local residents.
   - Especially lakeshore [1734]

24. I feel that I have a voice in shaping the future of my community/township/city
   - Comments or complaints bring retribution not solutions.
   - Politics & business decides [1355]
   - The option is there, but requires much volunteer time, which many cannot do. [1436]

26. Long-range planning is needed to manage growth and to protect our environment and natural resources such as drinking water.
   - #26 is extremely important. I work with onsite sewage & water supply—these need to be taken into account as a very important item in any development—large or small. [420]

C. Comments
General comments not identified with any survey statement were sorted into 33 categories during survey analysis (survey respondents were not aware of these categories). Some general comments that address more than one topic are divided into the appropriate categories, e.g., [251], #25 means that another part of survey 251’s comment is found under category #25. Wording was not changed.

1. Jobs
   - Economic development along the present path promoting tourism and commercial development are doing more harm than good to local families—minimum wage jobs. What’s needed are small scale manufacturing/industrial businesses that can raise the average working wage for the area. [992]
   - 1. Houghton County has expanded greatly in the service industry, new jobs must now come from “value added” industry. [38] #6, 13, 32
   - As an elderly person and owning no property, it’s hard to decide on all questions. More work is needed for the younger generations. [572]
   - We need year-round employment, not just seasonal jobs dependent on tourism. [836] #3, 13, 31
   - Bring more jobs to the area—not hamburger joints & shopping malls. [1255]
   - Anybody can find work in the Copper Country if they abandon their personal & professional standards, pride and self-esteem and promote their willingness to work cheap, fiercely maintain the status-quo, and resist change as if
there was something wrong with it. Or better yet, not have any standards and not know any better to begin with, and recognize a minimum wage as lots better than nothing. [1410]

- We need more & better paying jobs to keep our younger generation in the area. The majority of jobs are at or below poverty level. To stay in the area people accept it. [1661] #30

- See [1717] #2
- The need for jobs—quality jobs is widely known—the how to go about getting them here is the hard part. We want to preserve “our way” of life up here but to what extreme are we willing to go. [1734] #32
- There should be more programs in helping the poor, such as helping them get proper training, helping them know what they want in careers. [1933]

2. Business and economic development

- We need a Menard store in the area to drive down costs of local lumber companies & hardware stores. [1357] #30
- The Copper Country is unique. Advertising for tourism, & real estate sales, and these small-time low pay business ventures, is like giving our homeland away for filling some businessman’s pockets. Everything including the academy is low wage employment. Real jobs like CCI, Champion, Mead Paper, UPPCO don’t give us away for WalMart wages. The bad element is cropping up. We the “Copper Country” were better off when they hardly noticed us on the national weather map. How much investment is based on speculation not a genuine interest in the area? [1717]

3. Concerns about development

- Too much development at all costs. [402] #28
- I feel it’s very important to preserve and keep safe our natural resources for future generations. [564]
- Too much building going & not enough people. [835] #5, 24
- Development with some restrictions is needed. [836] #1, 13, 31
- I think there is a lot of room for growth development and improvement in the area but it should be done very carefully and with great concern to the property owners. [1264]
- Please take the time to think of mankind & nature’s harmony, that needs to be protected…. It’s a rare commodity today. [1649] #21

4. Chain Retailers vs. locally owned shops

- See [84] #20
- We need to encourage locally owned and established businesses by patronizing and employing them instead of out of the area businesses particularly in construction. [1334]

5. Shopping/entertainment/restaurants

- Local retirees don’t have that much money to shop unnecessarily. [835] #3, 24

6. Tourism

- 2. Tourism is good, but must be controlled so to not crowd out or overcharge the locals. [38] #1, 13, 32
- Too many tourists, too much development too fast, there’s going to be a lot of empty buildings here when this pyramid project falls apart [720]
- See [836] #1
- See [992] #1
- Michigan Tech has a wonderful display of minerals. The problem is that it is not accessible to tourists. Why can’t some of it be displayed at the Quincy Mine or in Calumet? It’s a shame it can’t be seen by the ordinary citizen. What is the problem? Politics or what? [1253]
- Laws and punishments should be equal for tourists (i.e. snowmobilers) and Tech students as they are for local residents. No leniency because they’re “not from around here!” [1469]
- We are becoming a low-paid and part-year service organization for tourists and “summer people!” Examine what happened to the natives on the coast of Maine!! [1679] #19

7. Logging, timber industry, and wood products

- The logging industry is becoming less responsible. Too much clear-cutting is taking place. I don’t consider that the jobs they provide balance the damage they do to streams (runoff) & roads (heavily loaded trucks). [574]
- It bothers me to see double logging trucks coming out of the Keweenaw daily (7 days a week). It’s only a matter of time it will be stripped! The beauty of the Keweenaw gone! Along with the birds, wildlife & tourist industry
8. Mining

9. Development location-downtown, renaissance zones, etc.
   • 1) city of Hancock needs more parking spaces if the city is to redevelop [1112] #27

10. Development-Calumet/Laurium
   • See [84] #20
   • See [98] #20
   • See [575] #20
   • See [771] #15
   • See [1664] #20
   • We like Mine Street Station. The Calumet area needs more of this type development! Historic doesn’t put meat on
   the table! [1772]

11. Development—M-26/Sharon Avenue
   • See [84] #20
   • See [98] #20

12. Future U.S. 41 development, Hancock to Calumet

13. Waterfront development and public access
   • 3. Most important → to control the development of Lake Superior shoreline. Nothing is better than a view of
     nothing but nature! [38] #1, 6, 32
   • We are losing our lakshore to private ownership. In most cases, we now get to see and enjoy it is from the
     window of your car as we drive by. (Example of rich vs. poor) [99]
   • keep the beaches at Bete Gris open to the public, no development. [398] #17, 28
   • I would like to see public ownership of Bete Gris Beach. While not in Houghton Co., I believe this is the most
     beautiful spot in our area. [567]
   • Save our waterfront! [575] #20
   • See [835] #24
   • Protection of our water resources, especially Lake Superior is a must. [836] #1, 3, 31
   • In Australia, where I lived for a year, no one is allowed to own the foreshore, so they have beaches you can walk
     for miles. The houses nearest the waterfront still have all the advantages that we associate with waterfront
     property, but they are farther back, and neither other people nor birds & wildlife are deprived of enjoyment & use
     of the beaches. How many animals/shorebirds are able to move inland & pipe in the water anyway? Access to
     long stretches of tree-cloaked beach are also essential to tourism. Look, if you can see Superior behind those
     houses/hotels, is stupid. I’d like to identify myself first, as a native of the U.P., though not the Copper Country. I
     was born and lived in Ironwood, Gogebic County, until the age of nine, at which point, I was dragged into exile
     (my parents moved to Missouri). I was able to return north only in summers and at Christmas. Until I’d had to
     leave Ironwood, I’d believed the world was green and blue in summer, brilliant in fall, white in winter, and filled
     with wild animals. My desire to return to the U.P. was really a desire to return to a living world from one that I
     saw as dead. Even though the part of Missouri that I lived in was rural, I saw only fenced fields and concrete all
     the way to St. Louis. Everything wild was gone. No bear. No wolves. My father no longer brought home wild
     game and fish to eat. After each northern visit, I would cry because I had to leave again. Eventually, I was able to
     return to my land. Now I, and other natives of the U.P., see our beloved land being taken from us, as development
     threatens to put even the Lake beyond our reach. It is heartbreaking to watch Superior’s lovely shores transformed
     into suburbia on the lake. I feel the helpless grief that many natives feel. If we could vote on this, it would not
     happen. I am well aware that ordinary working people have no power to prevent destruction of the land for
     money’s sake. There is time only to work, and no extra resources. That is why this survey gave me hope. I will be
     brutally frank here. I thought, maybe now that even the Techies (I am married to a Techy) are being priced out of
     the lakeshore properties, something can be done to preserve some of it. When only ‘the locals’ could no longer
     afford the land, they didn’t care. Now, perhaps they do. All my life, I’ve thought it insane that anyone would be
     allowed to own the shore, long before Superior began to disappear behind monster homes, often used only in
     summer. I was privileged to live in Australia for a year, and learned they’d always thought so too. No one there
     can own the ocean shore. Australians have miles of beach to walk even in the cities. A few cannot prevent others
from enjoying so precious and rare a resource. There is still expensive waterside real estate, but building is done further back from the shore. The beaches are not private. This is civilized. The appropriation of Superior’s shores by a wealthy few is a vestige of the aristocratic privilege system of old Europe, a bad way of the old world that America should have corrected. It is manifestly unfair to the many who cannot access the shore near their homes. It is death to wildlife that depends on the interface of water and land, as these cannot be moved inland, as can the local people. I am lucky, for the moment. At the end of our road, there are almost two miles of untouched Superior shore. All of us, in the area, live in fear of losing that beach, where we walk and see eagles, loons, and mergansers. I saw a sturgeon in the water there. We may no longer want to walk the beach if silly and destructive trade wild cover for lawns and pretentious ‘cottages,’ or worse, hotels and parking lots. The loss will be incalculable to us. The greatest hurt is to see Superior so humiliated. Lake Superior Land Company owns that shore, so we are right to be afraid. The company lacks vision. I just don’t know why. If I were developing that shoreline—and it will happen, the sole question is what form it will take—I would leave the shore as a common, and build at a distance from the water. I would include access points at intervals. Public access points would allow animals to continue to access the waterside as well. Even a wealthy person might prefer to buy a home near the lake where there was still a beautiful shore to walk and where animals and birds are found. Why own a little chunk of beach when by leaving it in common, one can have it all? This strategy would create the best lake property by preserving the beauty of the shore. The lake would be a short walk away. Natural cover would preserve the privacy of homeowners, who should have no more objection to public use of the beach than to public use of a sidewalk or any park. How sane, fair and good. But, I fear, ahead of its time, in a place where no one speaks of eco-tourism, where there are no large community parks with grand trees and fruiting shrubs, no walking trails in and between towns, no public gardens, where developers put up new buildings instead of restoring old ones and it’s done minus the landscape designer and the naturalists. I like Seattle’s parks, but not its waterside suburbs where the only dens accommodate humans and their cars. I would never, as a tourist, choose to stay at a hotel with a view of a parking lot, or in a town barren of green spaces. Too late to make a system of public gardens along both sides of the Portage, but it’s not too late to make good parks. A park is more than a strip of grass and a few picnic tables. I lived in Portage/Kalamazoo, down state, next to a state game area, a hunting reserve. Parks near my home included natural or naturalized habitat for wildlife, garden paths or hiking trails, natural streams or water fountains, and so forth. These places, accessible without a long drive, made the quality of life good. I saw a great horned owl in Schrier Park, in the city of Portage. I walked wooded trails there. My little son could swing and play in a sandbox, and we could picnic in the shade of huge old trees as well. The number of parks maintained by the cities of Portage and Kalamazoo would be too much for the little communities here to contemplate, but might we not have one good park in each community? And how long before we, who have grown up eating wild meat, have to travel to Kalamazoo to the state game area in order to hunt, at the rate outsiders are putting up ‘no hunting’ signs? Can the DNR be persuaded to maintain a game area here? Can we set aside such an area? Hunting and fishing are part of the way of life here, and I don’t believe that those who are able to put up ‘no hunting’ signs understand this land at all. Perhaps they prefer factory farm meat, but we who have our roots here cannot compare the adulterated, insipid stuff to wild rabbit, venison or grouse. For those who care only for economics, consider that a large hunting area would also attract those city hunters who need lodging and food. Maybe they’d stay here, instead of going to Canada (where also, more of Superior’s shore is being preserved, and eco-tourism, the fastest growing tourism sector, is known). I said on my questionnaire that I’d like my community to operate a community pool, but that would be a luxury. Keeping some land around the village as wilderness and keeping what is left locally of Superior’s shore intact feels essential. If we lose it, we lose all our pride. [1494] #32

14. Property values and taxes

15. Planning
   - Question 26 may well be the most important. Extended long range planning is needed, beyond 20 years, up to 40, 50 years from now. [44] #3
   - Planning has been well done so far (except 4th St. in Calumet). More care and thought is needed before a major renovation. [771]

16. Cooperation among units of government

17. Lack of public input in development decisions, favoritism
   - Need more public input [398] #13, 28
• I believe the people should have a final VOTE on any development or re-development before the cost is turned over to the tax-payers. [438]
• Improvements only benefit business & the rich—average citizens get only tourist prices—creating jobs hype is a joke—business hires family first, then other business’ relatives, then friends—a few crumbs go to the locals—have businesses sign to donate 10% of their profits they get to help the needy & community & senior citizens for their support in those so-called benefits for us. [1355]
• The “developers” and county officials work in conjunction with each other. The ordinary citizen has little or no input. [1664] #20

18. Zoning, ordinances, building permits
• I believe part of Houghton County is already zoned. Concentrate your efforts on the unzoned areas. [1823]
• All areas of the county should have and enforce zoning laws to prevent undesirable things in residential or recreation areas. (no survey number listed)

19. Balancing environment and development
• The Copper Country needs more business or industry as long as it doesn’t detract from the natural and historic beauty, and doesn’t pollute our water or land. [421]
• I truly believe we can “have it both ways” by planning long range with environment and esthetics in mind. [1436]
• I believe in protecting our God-given earth, but it can be used wisely and still preserve the environment, and provide significant industry to insure decent jobs for our people. Environmental groups prevented development of the Gratiot Lake Mine, the mill in Baraga, & present development at White Pine. I resent these people demanding our area should be their playground. They’ve gained their wealth by polluting other areas. Lifelong residents have kept this area what makes it attractive to them. [1679] #6
• I feel that development in this area is important but the environment & scenic beauty is just as important. [1771]

20. Cultural history/community character/appearance/signs
• Encouraging large chain retailers to operate where their only investment in the community is the inventory on leased shelf space is shortsighted and irresponsible. Pamida, WalMart, etc. help us to look like anywhere USA but how much commitment have they? [84]
• No more ugly strip development as was done on M-26/Sharon Avenue. The Burger King & Pamida in Calumet are an eyesore. Calumet should require that old buildings be restored before new developments are planned. If new developments, they should match the character of the old buildings. All plantings should be of native trees & shrubs. [98]
• The Moyle development in Calumet is an eyesore. I thought Mr. Moyle said in the paper that he would make sure the facades would match the historic facades of the local buildings. Shame on you, Mr. Moyle & Calumet. People come to the Keweenaw to get away from Strip Mall USA. The mall area & Calumet strip could be from Anytown USA. Shame on the shortsighted fools like Ray Kestner. [575] #13
• We are disgusted with all the new development. We now look like “Anytown USA.” The 6th development in Calumet is an eyesore. [1664] #17

21. Small-town feelings/quality of life
• We moved up here to get away from the “big city”, to a slower, more relaxed pace of life, where there was a lower cost of living. Now the “big city” is catching up to us, & it’s moving faster & faster. It’s really scary how much things have changed in the last 7 years. The increase in property values is ridiculous. If everyone could only realize that along with “big city” development comes “big city” problems, what a lot of moved here to get away from in the first place! [439]
• Our town isn’t our town anymore! [767]
• I grew up in a small city of 300,000 people & seen large developmental growth (& destruction) in a 9 year period to a population of 1.3 million—not a very pretty sight—crime escalated rapidly. Also because resources were being consumed @ a grossly rapid state, public resources to protect existing social structure were not substantial enough. I left—it was very sad to see, so much beauty destroyed. [1649] #3

22. Historic buildings/improving existing properties/blending old with new
• Stop all the historical B.S., tear down the old and get on with the new. [814]
• All buildings taken down that are not safe for the public. We have a lot. [1570]

23. Open space, undeveloped land
24. Drinking water, wastewater, and health concerns
   - Preserve our drinking water & shorelines. [835] #3, 5
   - The EPA considers stamp sand as toxic waste. Houghton County spreads this very liberally in our area. Come
     spring time, the CLK area is the ugliest area in the entire USA. Cleanup is very poor. [1033]
   - Relocate people & property from polluted & potential hazardous substance areas. [1098]

25. Property rights and regulations
   - There is too much regulation on private property, eroding property rights for individuals. (Wetlands regulation,
     sand-dunes protected, can’t reclaim lost water frontage with sea walls, etc.) [405]
   - Protected federal property is useless to all; as is the Crooked Lake ruling against Kathy Stupak-Thrall. [1219]
   - Land takeovers are no good! They aren’t legal or moral. People should be able to keep what they have worked for
     all their life! That’s why we are called the “Land of the Free.” We are to have a choice in buying & selling &
     everything we do! [1732]
   - We don’t need anymore government control over privately owned property. I believe property owners paying
taxes should have control over their property. [1687]

26. Road maintenance, traffic control, and safety
   - We need another bridge. 911 too! [580]
   - See [1033] #24
   - all roads in all of our area are in need of vast improvement! [1117]
   - Rural areas are completely ignored roads [1251] #27.
   - We need better roads! [1555]

27. Snow removal
   - 2) sidewalks are not cleared of snow. [1112] #9
   - Plowing in Calumet Township town sites worse in (50 years) using (township equipment) for (personal use).
     [1251] #26

28. Public and non-motorized transportation
   - Reopen electric park— train service between Houghton, Hancock, Calumet and Keweenaw. [398] #13, 17
   - Need more areas free from snowmobiles, so we can enjoy nature. Could promote ski touring if we had more trails
     safe from snowmobiles. [402] #3

29. Tax incentives
   - Any new business could have a tax break but with the provision that they stay after the tax break is up. If they
     have a tax break for 5 years, they should have to stay 5 years after the tax break is up. [784]
   - I wish state & local government would give the new home owner tax incentives & tax abatements—as when they
     have the home built they add to the work force & put money into the community but are taxed fully whereas item
     9 is rewarded for the same objective. [1513]

30. Government and public services
   - Our county & township governments are getting to big & costly. Need better people in public office, should be
     qualifications for anyone running for office, get people elected that aren’t qualified. [97]
   - See [580] #26
   - Alcohol should be banned from all parks/recreation areas unless the parties involved have a special permit by the
     governing body. [1357] #2
   - I feel that local government should have the “voice” in development rather than the federal or state governments
     deciding for us. The EPA and other environmental groups have become ridiculous with rules and regulations—
     keep out of our properties and private lives!!! [1407]
   - I believe the utilities we pay are some of the highest in the state. With the biggest fresh water lake in the world,
     what is the reason for at least the water? I know someone in Missouri—their water bill is $3.00/month. [1661] #1
   - Government is gaining too much control of our civil liberties. [1681]

31. Recreation
   - It would be nice to have a park to go picnicking at and camping. The only place is Calumet Waterworks and you
     have to be out of the park at midnight. [711]
   - Giving kids a place to hang out with supervision of some type could help curb rising juvenile crime. [836] #1, 3,
• I think that if this community had more things for young people to do, there would not be so many of them in trouble, & in jail. [1310]
• We need to get on top of this youth problem. They need somewhere to go and do. Before it gets out of hand. [1341]

32. Survey

• 4. Keep up the Great Work! and Thanks! [38] #1, 6, 13
• Very good survey. [44] #15
• It’s nice to have this opportunity to share my opinions on these questions. Thank you. [1734] #1
• I have glanced at the comments section of your survey form, and have decided that it is not enough. Receiving your survey touched a well-spring. I only wish we had been able to fill out two, since my husband feels much as I do. I filled in the survey, as I have much more at stake emotionally. [1494] #13
• I am very interested in seeing how the results of this survey are presented. Several questions/answers, if taken out of context or context changed will change survey results. I felt that several questions were “loaded.” [1440]

33. Miscellaneous

• Ship all the transplants back where they came from—including the welfare people, drug addicts, drunks, mental retards, etc. and require visas to cross the bridge. [87]
• Whatever we do, let’s do it right the first time. [479]

### # 11 (recreational needs) verbatim responses, grouped generally from most common topic to least:

- Swim pools [1117]
- public swimming pool in Calumet [1219]
- Indoor pool [859]
- public swimming pools [520]
- swimming pool [98]
- swimming pool, rec. room for kids [438]
- Swim lessons, gymnastics, step aerobics [871]
- public pool [99]
- pool, movie theater [280]
- Public pool [1315]
- Swimming pool; rink for skaters, no hockey, as hockey takes up all open skating [1771]
- Community pool & running/walking trails; a large park with flowering trees & fruiting shrubs for birds & big trees & a picnic area. Leave the pristine beach at the edge of Calumet as it is. Preservation of a hunting area, like the state game areas down state. [1494]
- Pool, playground/park, more/another ice arena [1440]
- winter indoor pool, make park out of Calumet dam area [1255]
- Public pool, larger playground area, open track & field at Calumet at all times [1773]
- swimming pool [1936]
- Swimming pool, more parks with activities for children especially [1679]
- swimming pool—playground [1189]
- Swimming pool, tennis courts [1801]
- better playgrounds for younger children [564]
- need a park to walk in [1933]
- teen centers, playgrounds, summer sports [1870]
- YMCA type especially in winter [38]
- YMCA or YWCA or combined facility—build in a general locale to Houghton County populous. [1649]
- Teen centers & sports center [771]
- Teen centers to keep kids from trouble, crime [718]
- YMCA type facility for all ages—pools, rinks, etc. [1812]
- roller rink, climb/hang-scramble play areas (timber & tires) [84]
• roller rink for kids [421]
• Lower cost for children to skate [1357]
• Skating rink, better playground [1734]
• Walking paths Calumet M203 to Township Park as BEFORE. [767]
• more ski touring trails and hiking trails [402]
• Silent sports—ski, bike, hike, camp [1436]
• Safe bike trails [1808]
• blacktop bike & rollerblade trails—but not on highways [409]
• Outdoor-related; fishing, hiking, biking, tennis courts; handicapped-accessible facilities [1410]
• Something for our youth [1014]
• Recreation for local teens and for the young tourists that come with their parents. If the kids are enjoying themselves the tourists will stay longer. [1772]
• summer recreation and places to socialize for elderly & youth [396]
• teenagers—dance, etc. [572]
• Friday & Saturday night activities for teenagers & 19-21 yr. olds [1284]
• Somewhere for kids to go to socialize, dance, hang out, etc. [836]
• Have to go Houghton-Hancock to see a movie [717]
• A movie theater, pool [876]
• movie theater(s). Place to dance not a bar. [44]
• Movies, public skating rinks, swimming pools, another park like McLain— one more accessible to locals [1661]
• musical, sports [96]
• more live music & theater. A few more shooting sports areas i.e., ranges both target & skeet. A frisbee golf course, sled dog courses [575]
• Some kind of music entertainment for younger generation, go-cart track, nice clean park with restrooms, camping site, another fast food restaurant, more stores to look in [711]
• Clubs, shopping centers [1310]
• Kids sports, shooting sports, hunting/fishing classes [1334]
• Handball courts & archery & gun sites [1341]
• baseball field [410]
• Baseball fields, outdoor ice rink [1681]
• Calumet Township provides very good recreational opportunities (Swedetown, waterworks park, nature trail) [1900]
• There are a lot of things to do north of the bridge! [567]
• For young people & senior citizens [1355]
• Public beach areas/rowing club, sailing club, harbor facilities [1431]
• Snowmobile or automobile race track [768]
• Tourism [813]
• Township in general is more sports minded vs. education [1033]
• Like the interested group raising money for the George Gipp area [1104]
• volleyball nets (on beach) [1925]

#18 (scenic roads) verbatim responses, grouped generally from most common topic to least:

• US 41, M 26 [1117]
• US 41 north, M203, Cliff Drive [786]
• US 41 north of Calumet and in Quincy [38]
• M41 north, M26 shoreline [409]
• US 41 to Copper Harbor, M-203 to McLain Park to Hancock [1357]
• US 41 Delaware to Copper Harbor & covered drive [1730]
All of US 41 from Houghton to Keweenaw Counties, Redridge area, Keweenaw County road to Lake Linden, all of Keweenaw County [1801]
Northern terminus of Hwy. 41; 5 Mile Point to Copper Harbor; Gay to Lac LaBelle [1410]
US 41 north of Calumet, M-26 [1783]
US 41 north in Keweenaw [1823]
Scenic US 41 in Keweenaw County [1696]
US 41 from Mohawk to Copper Harbor, Lac LaBelle to Gay [1771]
US 41 [1882]
41 5 mile Rd & M 26 through Keweenaw [1039]
US 41 from Phoenix to Copper Harbor [421]
US 41 between Calumet & Copper Harbor, road between Eagle River & Eagle Harbor [439]
41 north, Cliff, Betsy [178]
US 41 Lac LaBelle to Copper Harbor, Cliff Drive [836]
US 41, M26 Keweenaw County [1264]
US 41 to Copper Harbor [1314]
US 41 to Copper Harbor [1315]
US 41 to Copper Harbor [716]
US 41 to Copper Harbor, most Keweenaw County roads [1440]
M26 [1703]
The Sand Dune Drive [876]
Between Eagle River & Harbor [784]
mountain drive, lakeshore drive from Eagle River to Copper Harbor [568]
lake roads, US 41 to Copper Harbor, covered road [574]
Any and all roads along a waterway or shoreline. [714]
Along the lake [717]
Road with shoreline, canal, lakes, etc. [1469]
Any roads along the lake [768]
All lakeshore drives [1570]
Those that take you along shore of Lake Superior [44]
any lakeshore drives & sandy beach roads (ex. Bete Gris) [1870]
To parks & shoreline [771]
All roads north of the bridge [720]
Keweenaw [460]
Most of them in Keweenaw County [710]
all roads in Keweenaw [87]
all main in Keweenaw County [1189]
Scenic routes in Keweenaw County [1033]
All of scenic route existing @ present & a route to our peninsular point in Copper Harbor [1649]
Most roads—all scenic [1664]
All [1014]
all except US 41 and M-26 [84]
All roads should be improved even those considered scenic for safety reasons [1334]
All of them outside city limits—we should not limit the rights of private landowners, however, only commercial developers [1431]
M203 [97]
M-203; M-26; US 41 [98]
M203 Calumet-Hancock, Lakeshore Drive, Gay-41 [396]
M-203, Lake Shore, US 41 (Keweenaw Co.), all shoreline roads [1355]
M203, M26 Allouez to Copper Harbor, US 41 Calumet to Copper Harbor [402]
road leads to McLain Park from Calumet should have been left as was with trees along side of it. [1933]
• M-20 Calumet to McLain [1900]
• covered road, M26 to Copper Harbor, all lakeshore roads [575]
• covered road, US 41 to Copper Harbor [1925]
• road to Freda, Keweenaw Mountain Drive [1116]
• Gay-Lac LaBelle Road [580]
• Gay to Lac LaBelle, covered road to Copper Harbor [1615]
• Gay-Lac LaBelle, Lakeshore Drive, 5 Mile Point to Copper Harbor [1734]
• Gay-Betsy-Lac LaBelle road, US 41 north of Mohawk [1773]
• at least from Mohawk to Copper Harbor [1884]
• Road to Copper Harbor [1353]
• all roads to Copper Harbor, for example [118]
• scenic drive to Copper Harbor [1936]
• Copper Harbor scenic road, covered road and lakeshore roads in Keweenaw Co. [567]
• road to Copper Harbor and five-mile point road [564]
• 5 Mile Point, M-26 [1732]
• Cliff Road, M26 [781]
• Cliff Drive, US 41 & M-26 [813]
• Copper Harbor—Lac LaBelle [1219]
• New road from Lac LaBelle turnoff to Copper Harbor for safe driving, scenic drive is very unsafe to drive [1513]
• Lac LaBelle to Bete Gris, Sand Dune Drive, Lakeshore Drive, Canal road on both sides [1753]
• Bete Gris [1717]
• Bete Gris [280]
• Park roads [440]
• throughout Calumet business area [1104]
• Tamarack Water Work road [1177]
• section 16/Canal Road [1272]
• local roads not trunk line or main collector routes [1284]
• Some [1625]
• STOP logging by road! i.e. Gay Road [767]