

Leelanau Friends and Planners,

First. Leelanau County Building Safety Department records show that 41 housing permits were issued in the Village of Northport and 228 in Leelanau Township from 2010 to 4/2025. A total of 269 housing permits issued over past 14.3 years. Growth in Leelanau exceeds the State average considerably.

To my knowledge a developer has never approached the Township with wanting to create a subdivision. Why? Ask: Who would the buyers be? Sure, if we had a Ford plant in town that needed housing for workers that would be different. God forbid!

(Seems we are talking about providing housing for people that would have to commute to Traverse City for employment unless comfortably retired)

Northport/Leelanau Township is an exceptional place on the little blue planet with natural features that exceed any other community. While at the same time we have more than adequate funding for public services. Our street scape is clean, fresh and attractive. We are so lucky!

I personally feel the word "need" is often misused. It may be more appropriate to use the word 'want'.

Thank you.

Regards, Dave Brigham