

LAKE REGION COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

SUMMARY OF RESULTS - ALL SURVEYS

Lake, Palmyra (Wayne) and Paupack Townships, together with Hawley Borough, are preparing a Comprehensive Plan. We need your help! Your name has been chosen at random to receive a community survey being sent to only 10% of all voters and taxpayers. Your participation is, therefore, crucial.

This survey is intended to assess your feelings about your Township and your expectations about the future. Please keep this in mind when answering the survey questions. You should read the entire survey before you begin to answer the questions. Some questions ask for only one response while others ask for multiple answers. Also, if more than one person in your household would like to respond to the opinion questions, please feel free to pick up an additional survey form at the Municipal Buildings or visit the project website at: www.shepstone.net/LakeRegion.

Please return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid, envelope as soon as possible. Surveys mailed after March 15 cannot be included in the results. The data will be COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL and will be tabulated by our consultants. Publ

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7)	Please rate the importance of each of these aspects of the community's environment to your personal quality of life:	Drinking water quality	13	3	21	103	416
		Air quality	17	5	41	125	367
		Stream water quality	0	23	72	144	286
		Wildlife habitat	22	29	101	143	257
	(Circle your rating for each, using the following guide) 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important	Scenic views	26	39	117	173	190
		Mature forests	23	30	115	190	184
		Wetlands	0	57	123	144	153
		Stream corridors	54	54	152	149	124
		River access	98	87	136	106	111
		Farmland	59	63	157	152	104
	Historic buildings	67	79	195	112	84	

8)	Please rate the importance of regulating each of these aspects of land development in your community:	Commercial development near homes	33	31	70	123	289
		Density of development	21	20	72	137	288
		Impact on streams	15	24	83	171	251
		Preserving trees at commercial sites	23	18	91	170	242
	(Circle your rating for each, using the following guide) 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important	Protection of farmland	20	27	98	178	221
		Scenic impact	26	15	94	190	214
		Landscaping	30	33	134	198	202
		Site design and layout	26	29	117	188	180
		Business signs	64	50	130	131	169
		Hillside development	46	45	140	139	162
		Historic character	37	55	148	160	135

9)	Modern technology and ease of travel has made it possible than ever to conduct businesses from residential locations.	Do you have an existing home occupation?	Would you like to have a home occupation?
		60 Yes	114 Yes
		485 No	390 No

		Reduce	Continue	Increase	
10)	Please tell us to what extent you would generally favor spending your tax money adding, expanding or improving each of these:	Road maintenance	1	298	248
		Police protection	15	306	224
		Special clean-up days	20	319	199
		Fire Protection	5	376	169
	(Circle your position on each, using the following guide) Reduce = Reduce Spending Continue = Continue Current Level Increase = Increase Spending	Ambulance services	7	385	157
		Other youth-based activities	53	336	147
		Senior activities center	39	378	120
		More playground facilities	80	364	90
		Picnic facilities	96	387	54

11)	How old are you?	0	<25 years
		9	25-29 years
		19	30-34 years
		35	35-39 years
		43	40-44 years
		59	45-49 years
		68	50-54 years
		79	55-59 years
		77	60-64 years
		61	65-69 years
	52	70-74 years	
	37	75-79 years	
	20	80+ years	

12)	Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address?
	240 New York City/New Jersey Metropolitan Area
	117 Elsewhere in Pennsylvania
	60 Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.
	53 Elsewhere in the County
	43 Elsewhere in community
35 Always lived where I do now	

13)	Are there any children under age 18 years living at home with you?
	150 Yes
	394 No

14) Which of the following choices describe your current employment status? (You may choose more than one category)

Householder No. 1:	
219	Retired
190	Employed by others full-time
75	Self-employed full-time
27	Employed by others part-time
16	Self-employed part-time
9	Unemployed, seeking work
8	Unable to work
1	Student

Householder No. 2:	
166	Retired
134	Employed by others full-time
26	Self-employed full-time
25	Employed by others part-time
14	Unable to work
14	Unemployed, seeking work
12	Self-employed part-time
2	Student

15) Please indicate where you work.

Householder No. 1:	
63	Lackawanna/Wayne County
53	New York
52	This municipality
49	Elsewhere in County
30	New Jersey
27	Pike County
13	Monroe County
6	Luzerne County
11	Other
3	Tri-States
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42	Lackawanna/Wayne County
40	New York
36	This municipality
35	Elsewhere in County
20	New Jersey
16	Pike County
5	Monroe County
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16) How would you describe your present occupation?

Householder No. 1:	
205	Retired
84	Professional occupation
61	Executive/administrative/managerial
45	Contractor, self-employed
23	Service occupation
20	Administration support occupation
20	Sales occupation
14	Transportation or material moving
13	Homemaker
12	Technician or support occupation
8	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
8	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
7	Farming, forestry or mining
5	Precision production, craft or repair
2	Private household occupation

Householder No. 2:	
140	Retired
63	Professional occupation
33	Administration support occupation
30	Homemaker
27	Executive/administrative/managerial
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17) How would you rate the quality of the following public and semi-public services?

		1	2	3	4	5
Please rate the quality of these public and semi-public services: (Circle your rating for each, using the following guide) 1 = Poor Quality 2 = Fair Quality 3 = Neutral/Undecided 4 = Good Quality 5 = High Quality	Fire protection	6	27	147	229	114
	Ambulance services	9	34	155	221	108
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	19	41	111	253	100
	Road maintenance	50	98	126	198	57
	Overall Township code enforcement	34	79	219	131	53
	Police protection	55	86	166	168	48
	Public meeting space	16	72	227	157	42
	Health care services	41	104	175	151	40
	Land use regulation	40	79	229	135	32

18) Should the municipality establish or improve local land use or other regulations with respect to the following: (Please answer for each issue)			
Regulating junk vehicle storage?	513	Yes	33 No
Protecting the right to farm?	503	Yes	38 No
Regulating mobile home parks?	492	Yes	53 No
Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	477	Yes	59 No
Addressing the compatibility of adjacent uses?	452	Yes	68 No
Regulating the construction of cellular communications towers?	420	Yes	125 No
Regulating wind power generation facilities?	399	Yes	134 No

19) Please compare the importance of each of these development issues: (Circle your rating for each, using the following guide, and comparing the choices) 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important	Land Development Issue No. 1					
	Protecting private property rights	20	10	62	130	316
	COMPARED TO:					
	Managing the impact of development	18	22	86	166	240
	Land Development Issue No. 2					
	Developing the commercial tax base	34	37	148	139	151
	COMPARED TO:					
	Developing a bedroom community	73	78	156	106	68

20) Which of the following statements BEST describes your view of zoning as a method of dealing with land use issues? (Please answer based on the experience or need of your own community)					
235	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.				
133	I want to see a very strong zoning ordinance that addresses all the major land development issues.				
100	I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of zoning for my community.				
55	I view zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.				

21) Where would you like to see the community in the next 10-20 years? Please indicate how important each possible goal is to you. (Circle your rating for each, using the following guide) 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important	Clean and green environment	10	7	43	148	338
	Preservation of remaining farms	17	24	91	135	280
	Extended sewer and water systems	76	54	131	130	150
	More local shopping opportunities	120	84	85	128	126
	More recreation for residents	159	81	81	114	103
	Higher quality forms of development	57	54	177	141	101
	More small-scale industrial jobs	89	75	151	130	91
	More high valued housing	99	79	174	104	80
	More affordable housing	108	99	163	95	73
	Development of tourism industry	103	111	169	90	64
	More second-home development	198	124	157	39	20

22) Is there anything else you would like to tell us for use in our Comprehensive Plan or any question where you wished you could offer an answer we didn't offer as a choice? If so, please provide your thoughts below or as attachment.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!!