

LAKE REGION COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

SUMMARY OF RESULTS - ALL SECOND HOMES

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. Public meetings are planned for the near future to present the results.

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Which of these communities do you have a 2nd home in? (Check for 2nd home residence)	
67	Paupack Township
45	Lake Township
7	Palmyra Township
4	Hawley Borough
- 2)

How many years in total have you lived in this community?		How many years in total have you lived in this County?	
5	Less than 5 years	5	Less than 5 years
1	5 to 9 years	1	5 to 9 years
1	10 to 14 years	1	10 to 14 years
4	15 to 19 years	3	15 to 19 years
4	20 to 24 years	3	20 to 24 years
2	25+ years	3	25+ years
112	None - 2nd home owner	113	None - 2nd home owner
- 3)

How much land do you own in this community?	
5	None, I rent
3	Less than 2 acres of land
14	2 to 5 acres
0	6 to 9 acres
1	10 to 19 acres
1	20 to 49 acres
1	50 to 99 acres
0	100 to 149 acres
0	150 to 199 acres
0	More than 200 acres
- 4)

What MOST influenced your ORIGINAL decision to live here? (Please check no more than 3)		What are the PRIMARY reasons you CONTINUE to live here? (Please check no more than 3)	
99	Rural atmosphere	98	Rural atmosphere
37	Affordable housing costs	25	Affordable housing costs
22	Low taxes	22	Close to friends/relatives
20	Close to friends/relatives	20	Low taxes
7	Low crime rate	9	Low crime rate
6	Born or raised here	6	Quality of services
4	Quality of services	4	Born or raised here
3	Close to work	3	Close to work
2	Quality of schools	2	Quality of schools
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Which of the following statements BEST describes your opinion of how the community you live in has changed since the time you first moved here? (Please check only ONE)	
53	The Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
29	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.
25	The Township has become a more desirable place to live.
14	The Township has become a less desirable place to live.
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What do you like LEAST about the community? (Please check no more than 3)		40	Cost of services/taxes	51	Increased density of population
		22	Lack of cultural/recreation	19	Lack of shopping opportunities
		17	Quality of services	15	Too much regulation now
		16	Transportation difficulties	13	Lack of land use regulation
		7	Housing costs	11	Lack of job opportunities

		1	2	3	4	5	
7)	Please rate the importance of each of these aspects of the community's environment to your personal quality of life: (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	Drinking water quality	1	1	3	20	94
		Air quality	1	1	3	24	90
		Stream water quality	5	4	9	25	77
		Wildlife habitat	4	6	15	29	67
		Scenic views	2	7	15	33	65
		Mature forests	3	5	17	42	57
		Stream corridors	11	10	19	33	44
		Wetlands	8	8	25	33	44
		River access	16	11	21	30	41
		Historic buildings	15	16	42	28	20
Farmland	15	16	35	36	15		

8)	Please rate the importance of regulating each of these aspects of land development in your community: (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	Density of development	5	3	14	21	77
		Commercial development near homes	6	2	9	30	74
		Impact on streams	1	2	13	37	67
		Scenic impact	4	3	13	34	66
		Preserving trees at commercial sites	2	5	15	40	59
		Protection of farmland	5	8	17	44	44
		Site design and layout	3	6	23	42	44
		Business signs	10	8	19	39	43
		Landscaping	2	12	27	38	40
		Hillside development	7	11	22	37	39
		Historic character	6	15	30	33	35

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?	
		11	Yes	20	Yes
		110	No	93	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: (Circle your position on each, using the following guide) Reduce = Reduce Spending Continue = Continue Current Level Increase = Increase Spending	Police protection	1	73	45
		Road maintenance	0	79	40
		Fire Protection	0	81	39
		Special clean-up days	6	73	38
		Ambulance services	0	86	34
		Other youth-based activities	12	80	25
		Senior activities center	8	82	25
		More playground facilities	22	79	14
		Picnic facilities	18	91	10

11)	How old are you?	0	<25 years
		2	25-29 years
		2	30-34 years
		9	35-39 years
		10	40-44 years
		13	45-49 years
		14	50-54 years
		27	55-59 years
		14	60-64 years
		14	65-69 years
		10	70-74 years
6	75-79 years		
2	80+ years		

12)	Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address?	
	76	New York City/New Jersey Metropolitan Area
	24	Elsewhere in Pennsylvania
	10	Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.
	4	Always lived where I do now
	1	Elsewhere in the County
	0	Elsewhere in community

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

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

Householder No. 1:	
54	Employed by others full-time
41	Retired
16	Self-employed full-time
6	Employed by others part-time
3	Self-employed part-time
2	Unemployed, seeking work
0	Student
0	Unable to work

Householder No. 2:	
40	Employed by others full-time
31	Retired
10	Self-employed full-time
3	Employed by others part-time
2	Unable to work
1	Self-employed part-time
0	Student
0	Unemployed, seeking work

15) Please indicate where you work.

Householder No. 1:	
34	New York
21	New Jersey
3	Penna.
3	Lackawanna/Wayne County
2	Elsewhere in County
2	Monroe County
1	This municipality
1	Pike County
7	Other

Householder No. 2:	
31	New York
14	New Jersey
3	Elsewhere in County
3	Other
1	Penna.
1	Lackawanna/Wayne County
0	Monroe County
0	Pike County

16) How would you describe your present occupation?

Householder No. 1:	
39	Retired
28	Executive/administrative/managerial
27	Professional occupation
6	Service occupation
5	Contractor, self-employed
4	Administration support occupation
4	Sales occupation
3	Technician or support occupation
2	Homemaker
2	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
2	Transportation or material moving
0	Farming, forestry or mining
0	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
0	Precision production, craft or repair
0	Private household occupation

Householder No. 2:	
26	Retired
23	Professional occupation
10	Executive/administrative/managerial
8	Homemaker
7	Administration support occupation
4	Sales occupation
4	Service occupation
2	Contractor, self-employed
2	Transportation or material moving
1	Technician or support occupation
0	Farming, forestry or mining
0	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
0	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
0	Precision production, craft or repair
0	Private household occupation

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	Ambulance services	0	5	51	38	19
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	3	12	30	51	17
	Fire protection	1	4	52	39	16
	Road maintenance	5	18	32	45	14
	Police protection	10	12	50	31	10
	Overall Township code enforcement	6	19	53	26	7
	Public meeting space	3	16	61	23	7
	Health care services	4	21	56	25	5
	Land use regulation	6	23	47	29	5

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?	117	Yes	4	No
Regulating mobile home parks?	114	Yes	6	No
Protecting the right to farm?	111	Yes	4	No
Addressing the compatibility of adjacent uses?	106	Yes	10	No
Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	99	Yes	17	No
Regulating the construction of cellular communications towers?	98	Yes	23	No
Regulating wind power generation facilities?	94	Yes	23	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	4	5	21	26	60
	COMPARED TO:					
	Managing the impact of development	5	4	21	37	49
	Land Development Issue No.2					
	Developing the commercial tax base	8	12	36	30	25
COMPARED TO:						
Developing a bedroom community	10	26	40	21	16	

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)	
49	I want to see a very strong zoning ordinance that addresses all the major land development issues.
34	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.
28	I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of zoning for my community.
3	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.		1	2	3	4	5
(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	0	0	7	28	87
	Preservation of remaining farms	2	9	25	34	50
	Extended sewer and water systems	12	15	26	38	29
	More local shopping opportunities	19	23	33	19	27
	Higher quality forms of development	9	12	45	28	24
	More recreation for residents	13	16	44	28	20
	More high valued housing	23	19	44	19	14
	Development of tourism industry	16	32	39	22	11
	More affordable housing	33	24	35	18	10
	More second-home development	24	21	54	12	10
	More small-scale industrial jobs	24	24	43	22	6

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!!