

LAKE REGION COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

SUMMARY OF RESULTS - LAKE TOWNSHIP

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.

- 1)

Which of these communities do you reside in? (Check for primary residence)	
245	Lake Township
	Palmyra Township
	Paupack Township
	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?	
33	Less than 5 years	29	Less than 5 years
27	5 to 9 years	27	5 to 9 years
30	10 to 14 years	27	10 to 14 years
19	15 to 19 years	17	15 to 19 years
18	20 to 24 years	14	20 to 24 years
78	25+ years	90	25+ years
40	None - 2nd home owner	41	None - 2nd home owner
- 3)

How much land do you own in this community?	
1	None, I rent
137	Less than 2 acres of land
61	2 to 5 acres
8	6 to 9 acres
8	10 to 19 acres
17	20 to 49 acres
9	50 to 99 acres
3	100 to 149 acres
1	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)	
93	Affordable housing costs	65	Affordable housing costs
77	Born or raised here	56	Born or raised here
30	Close to friends/relatives	84	Close to friends/relatives
27	Close to work	24	Close to work
34	Low crime rate	40	Low crime rate
64	Low taxes	63	Low taxes
7	Quality of schools	17	Quality of schools
3	Quality of services	10	Quality of services
158	Rural atmosphere	176	Rural atmosphere
- 5)

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)	
38	The Township has become a more desirable place to live.
67	The Township has become a less desirable place to live.
108	The Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
25	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.
- 6)

What do you like LEAST about the community? (Please check no more than 3)				
91	Cost of services/taxes	103	Increased density of population	
9	Housing costs	65	Lack of job opportunities	
50	Lack of cultural/recreation	25	Lack of land use regulation	
24	Quality of services	73	Lack of shopping opportunities	
56	Transportation difficulties	35	Too much regulation now	

		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	Air quality	7	3	21	61	152
		Drinking water quality	4	2	12	55	170
		Farmland	23	25	67	77	45
		Historic buildings	36	32	86	53	27
		Mature forests	11	14	58	85	68
		River access	58	35	62	38	43
		Scenic views	12	18	64	71	72
		Stream corridors	29	18	69	73	46
		Stream water quality	11	11	39	58	122
		Wetlands	27	28	56	68	57
	Wildlife habitat	10	15	54	59	105	
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	Business signs	31	20	60	61	66
		Commercial development near homes	12	16	33	57	120
		Density of development	6	7	37	63	119
		Hillside development	22	19	62	58	73
		Historic character	19	27	62	69	57
		Impact on streams	5	12	37	79	105
		Landscaping	14	13	64	89	56
		Preserving trees at commercial sites	14	10	44	81	89
		Protection of farmland	10	9	42	74	103
		Scenic impact	13	8	48	87	61
		Site design and layout	13	13	54	80	76
		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?		
32 Yes	53 Yes						
206 No	162 No						
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	Ambulance services	5	171	64		
		Fire Protection	3	169	68		
		More playground facilities	35	152	48		
		Other youth-based activities	26	141	68		
		Picnic facilities	40	170	24		
		Police protection	10	133	94		
		Road maintenance	6	141	98		
		Senior activities center	18	172	46		
		Special clean-up days	8	149	78		
				Reduce	Continue	Increase	
11)	How old are you?	0	<25 years				
		5	25-29 years				
		10	30-34 years				
		18	35-39 years				
		19	40-44 years				
		22	45-49 years				
		24	50-54 years				
		32	55-59 years				
		36	60-64 years				
		28	65-69 years				
		29	70-74 years				
		17	75-79 years				
		3	80+ years				
12)	Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address?	28	Elsewhere in community				
		23	Elsewhere in the County				
		48	Elsewhere in Pennsylvania				
		24	Always lived where I do now				
		94	New York City/New Jersey Metropolitan Area				
		25	Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.				
13)	Are there any children under age 18 years living at home with you?	74	Yes				
		163	No				

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

Householder No. 1:	
81	Employed by others full-time
9	Employed by others part-time
98	Retired
37	Self-employed full-time
5	Self-employed part-time
1	Student
4	Unable to work
2	Unemployed, seeking work

Householder No. 2:	
56	Employed by others full-time
12	Employed by others part-time
70	Retired
10	Self-employed full-time
6	Self-employed part-time
1	Student
11	Unable to work
4	Unemployed, seeking work

15) Please indicate where you work.

Householder No. 1:	
30	This municipality
18	Elsewhere in County
3	Luzerne County
7	Monroe County
6	Pike County
35	Lackawanna/Wayne County
10	New Jersey
28	New York

Householder No. 2:	
17	This municipality
12	Elsewhere in County
0	Luzerne County
3	Monroe County
1	Pike County
30	Lackawanna/Wayne County
4	New Jersey
20	New York

16) How would you describe your present occupation?

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

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

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	6	19	58	99	49
	Fire protection	2	13	58	103	54
	Health care services	16	48	80	64	19
	Land use regulation	22	37	97	56	8
	Overall Township code enforcement	21	35	85	54	23
	Police protection	27	36	76	72	20
	Public meeting space	8	35	89	77	19
	Road maintenance	26	30	56	92	29
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	10	18	43	116	46

18) Should the municipality establish or improve local land use or other regulations with respect to the following: (Please answer for each issue)				
Regulating the construction of cellular communications towers?	176	Yes	64	No
Protecting the right to farm?	228	Yes	11	No
Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	211	Yes	24	No
Regulating junk vehicle storage?	221	Yes	19	No
Regulating mobile home parks?	209	Yes	30	No
Regulating wind power generation facilities?	170	Yes	65	No
Addressing the compatibility of adjacent uses?	188	Yes	39	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	8	4	22	66	136
	COMPARED TO:					
	Managing the impact of development	8	14	48	62	99
	Land Development Issue No.2					
	Developing the commercial tax base	15	18	69	56	63
COMPARED TO:						
Developing a bedroom community	27	34	62	54	27	

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)	
42	I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of zoning for my community.
33	I view zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.
52	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.
102	I want to see a very strong zoning ordinance that addresses all the major land development issues.

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	5	2	23	70	138
	Development of tourism industry	56	55	68	29	28
	Extended sewer and water systems	44	27	54	49	64
	Higher quality forms of development	36	23	77	62	36
	More affordable housing	52	44	68	37	33
	More high valued housing	45	34	71	49	37
	More local shopping opportunities	40	39	49	57	53
	More recreation for residents	42	36	63	47	47
	More second-home development	97	62	55	11	8
	More small-scale industrial jobs	43	34	69	55	33
Preservation of remaining farms	10	6	37	62	129	

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!!