

LAKE REGION COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

SUMMARY OF RESULTS - LAKE TOWNSHIP 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.

- 1)

Which of these communities do you have a 2nd home in? (Check for 2nd home residence)	
45	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?	
1	Less than 5 years	1	Less than 5 years
1	5 to 9 years	1	5 to 9 years
0	10 to 14 years	0	10 to 14 years
0	15 to 19 years	0	15 to 19 years
2	20 to 24 years	2	20 to 24 years
1	25+ years	0	25+ years
40	None - 2nd home owner	41	None - 2nd home owner
- 3)

How much land do you own in this community?	
0	None, I rent
38	Less than 2 acres of land
3	2 to 5 acres
1	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)	
16	Affordable housing costs	10	Affordable housing costs
5	Born or raised here	3	Born or raised here
8	Close to friends/relatives	9	Close to friends/relatives
1	Close to work	1	Close to work
2	Low crime rate	3	Low crime rate
7	Low taxes	7	Low taxes
1	Quality of schools	2	Quality of schools
1	Quality of services	2	Quality of services
38	Rural atmosphere	38	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)	
5	The Township has become a more desirable place to live.
5	The Township has become a less desirable place to live.
24	The Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
10	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)			
13	Cost of services/taxes	16	Increased density of population
2	Housing costs	3	Lack of job opportunities
7	Lack of cultural/recreation	7	Lack of land use regulation
6	Quality of services	10	Lack of shopping opportunities
7	Transportation difficulties	4	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	0	0	5	9	31
		Drinking water quality	0	0	5	8	32
		Farmland	3	7	14	15	4
		Historic buildings	6	7	15	10	6
		Mature forests	1	3	8	12	20
		River access	8	3	12	7	14
		Scenic views	0	3	8	7	26
		Stream corridors	6	1	8	14	14
		Stream water quality	1	1	5	8	29
		Wetlands	1	1	15	11	16
Wildlife habitat	0	2	7	9	26		

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	4	3	8	15	13
		Commercial development near homes	2	0	4	13	25
		Density of development	2	0	7	6	29
		Hillside development	2	4	9	12	16
		Historic character	2	7	9	12	14
		Impact on streams	1	0	5	13	25
		Landscaping	1	2	10	14	16
		Preserving trees at commercial sites	1	3	7	16	17
		Protection of farmland	3	1	8	16	16
		Scenic impact	2	1	6	12	23
		Site design and layout	2	2	8	14	17

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?	
		6	Yes	5	Yes
		38	No	33	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	Ambulance services	0	33	11
		Fire Protection	0	31	13
		More playground facilities	10	29	4
		Other youth-based activities	5	32	6
		Picnic facilities	5	35	3
		Police protection	1	24	19
		Road maintenance	0	28	16
		Senior activities center	6	29	7
		Special clean-up days	3	29	11

11)	How old are you?	0	<25 years
		0	25-29 years
		0	30-34 years
		4	35-39 years
		4	40-44 years
		5	45-49 years
		4	50-54 years
		11	55-59 years
		8	60-64 years
		3	65-69 years
		4	70-74 years
2	75-79 years		
0	80+ years		

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

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

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

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

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

15) Please indicate where you work.

Householder No. 1:	
0	This municipality
0	Elsewhere in County
0	Luzerne County
0	Monroe County
0	Pike County
2	Lackawanna/Wayne County
6	New Jersey
13	New York

Householder No. 2:	
0	This municipality
0	Elsewhere in County
0	Luzerne County
0	Monroe County
0	Pike County
0	Lackawanna/Wayne County
3	New Jersey
11	New York

16) How would you describe your present occupation?

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

Householder No. 2:	
4	Administration support occupation
0	Contractor, self-employed
4	Executive/administrative/managerial
0	Farming, forestry or mining
0	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
3	Homemaker
0	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
0	Precision production, craft or repair
0	Private household occupation
6	Professional occupation
8	Retired
1	Sales occupation
0	Service occupation
1	Technician or support occupation
2	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	0	1	16	17	7
	Fire protection	0	0	19	16	6
	Health care services	0	11	22	7	1
	Land use regulation	2	12	17	8	1
	Overall Township code enforcement	4	6	21	9	1
	Police protection	2	5	23	9	2
	Public meeting space	1	9	24	5	1
	Road maintenance	3	6	16	11	5
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	1	8	10	16	6

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?	37	Yes	8	No
	Protecting the right to farm?	42	Yes	1	No
	Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	38	Yes	4	No
	Regulating junk vehicle storage?	42	Yes	2	No
	Regulating mobile home parks?	42	Yes	2	No
	Regulating wind power generation facilities?	35	Yes	7	No
	Addressing the compatibility of adjacent uses?	38	Yes	5	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	3	2	7	10	19
	COMPARED TO:					
	Managing the impact of development	1	2	11	11	15
	Land Development Issue No.2					
	Developing the commercial tax base	4	6	10	12	9
	COMPARED TO:					
	Developing a bedroom community	0	2	10	10	22

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)				
9	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.				
20	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.				
12	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.					
(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	5	10	29
	Development of tourism industry	8	14	13	5	3
	Extended sewer and water systems	6	5	16	9	8
	Higher quality forms of development	3	5	18	9	9
	More affordable housing	13	8	16	6	1
	More high valued housing	11	6	16	6	4
	More local shopping opportunities	6	12	12	5	9
	More recreation for residents	6	7	16	11	4
	More second-home development	13	9	17	1	4
	More small-scale industrial jobs	14	9	15	5	0
	Preservation of remaining farms	0	2	10	10	22

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!!