

## LAKE REGION COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS - PAUPACK 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](http://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 reside in? (Check for primary residence)	
	Lake Township
	Palmyra Township
222	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?	
40	Less than 5 years	39	Less than 5 years
24	5 to 9 years	20	5 to 9 years
31	10 to 14 years	25	10 to 14 years
21	15 to 19 years	20	15 to 19 years
12	20 to 24 years	15	20 to 24 years
24	25+ years	40	25+ years
59	None - 2nd home owner	59	None - 2nd home owner
- 3) 

How much land do you own in this community?	
3	None, I rent
142	Less than 2 acres of land
49	2 to 5 acres
9	6 to 9 acres
7	10 to 19 acres
4	20 to 49 acres
1	50 to 99 acres
1	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)	
77	Affordable housing costs	50	Affordable housing costs
21	Born or raised here	14	Born or raised here
38	Close to friends/relatives	58	Close to friends/relatives
25	Close to work	24	Close to work
27	Low crime rate	29	Low crime rate
57	Low taxes	52	Low taxes
29	Quality of schools	21	Quality of schools
4	Quality of services	7	Quality of services
154	Rural atmosphere	157	Rural atmosphere
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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)	
42	The Township has become a more desirable place to live.
42	The Township has become a less desirable place to live.
92	The Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
34	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.
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What do you like LEAST about the community? (Please check no more than 3)				
69	Cost of services/taxes	95	Increased density of population	
9	Housing costs	55	Lack of job opportunities	
45	Lack of cultural/recreation	29	Lack of land use regulation	
29	Quality of services	44	Lack of shopping opportunities	
48	Transportation difficulties	34	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	6	1	12	46	150
		Drinking water quality	5	0	7	33	171
		Farmland	27	27	64	51	36
		Historic buildings	23	33	72	41	42
		Mature forests	11	10	36	69	88
		River access	29	31	55	44	49
		Scenic views	9	13	31	74	87
		Stream corridors	18	22	63	49	54
		Stream water quality	11	5	24	60	112
		Wetlands	21	19	46	57	65
	Wildlife habitat	9	10	27	62	108	
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	23	19	42	49	10
		Commercial development near homes	17	11	25	44	118
		Density of development	12	7	23	50	121
		Hillside development	19	17	53	53	64
		Historic character	13	21	61	58	55
		Impact on streams	8	8	31	74	94
		Landscaping	12	14	45	77	64
		Preserving trees at commercial sites	8	4	32	57	113
		Protection of farmland	8	10	42	71	81
		Scenic impact	11	3	30	71	94
	Site design and layout	9	10	39	78	75	
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?			
		18	Yes	39	Yes		
		194	No	161	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	Reduce		145	Increase	68
		Fire Protection	Reduce		142	Increase	72
		More playground facilities	Reduce		151	Increase	24
		Other youth-based activities	Reduce		140	Increase	49
		Picnic facilities	Reduce		161	Increase	35
		Police protection	Reduce		115	Increase	95
		Road maintenance	Reduce		115	Increase	97
		Senior activities center	Reduce		145	Increase	51
		Special clean-up days	Reduce		121	Increase	84
		11)	How old are you?	0	<25 years		
2	25-29 years						
5	30-34 years						
9	35-39 years						
17	40-44 years						
20	45-49 years						
30	50-54 years						
40	55-59 years						
29	60-64 years						
24	65-69 years						
19	70-74 years						
10	75-79 years						
13	80+ years						
12)	Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address?	8	Elsewhere in community				
		16	Elsewhere in the County				
		50	Elsewhere in Pennsylvania				
		4	Always lived where I do now				
		110	New York City/New Jersey Metropolitan Area				
		23	Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.				
13)	Are there any children under age 18 years living at home with you?	12	Yes				
		164	No				

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

Householder No. 1:	
74	Employed by others full-time
12	Employed by others part-time
86	Retired
23	Self-employed full-time
9	Self-employed part-time
0	Student
3	Unable to work
4	Unemployed, seeking work

Householder No. 2:	
50	Employed by others full-time
9	Employed by others part-time
67	Retired
11	Self-employed full-time
3	Self-employed part-time
0	Student
2	Unable to work
6	Unemployed, seeking work

15) Please indicate where you work.

Householder No. 1:	
15	This municipality
16	Elsewhere in County
3	Luzerne County
3	Monroe County
12	Pike County
19	Lackawanna/Wayne County
15	New Jersey
28	New York
3	Tri-States/Other

Householder No. 2:	
10	This municipality
13	Elsewhere in County
1	Luzerne County
1	Monroe County
9	Pike County
6	Lackawanna/Wayne County
13	New Jersey
19	New York
1	Tri-States/Other

16) How would you describe your present occupation?

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

Householder No. 2:	
13	Administration support occupation
2	Contractor, self-employed
9	Executive/administrative/managerial
1	Farming, forestry or mining
4	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
9	Homemaker
0	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
0	Precision production, craft or repair
2	Private household occupation
29	Professional occupation
55	Retired
9	Sales occupation
5	Service occupation
3	Technician or support occupation
0	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	10	74	85	33
	Fire protection	1	10	68	86	35
	Health care services	13	45	70	53	12
	Land use regulation	11	27	96	48	12
	Overall Township code enforcement	9	30	85	49	23
	Police protection	23	36	68	58	14
	Public meeting space	8	24	96	50	14
	Road maintenance	12	48	46	77	19
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	6	15	44	103	31

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?	173	Yes	39	No
	Protecting the right to farm?	188	Yes	19	No
	Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	182	Yes	26	No
	Regulating junk vehicle storage?	203	Yes	8	No
	Regulating mobile home parks?	199	Yes	12	No
	Regulating wind power generation facilities?	158	Yes	48	No
	Addressing the compatibility of adjacent uses?	185	Yes	15	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	6	28	40	125
	COMPARED TO:					
	Managing the impact of development	7	5	24	69	102
	Land Development Issue No.2					
	Developing the commercial tax base	10	15	59	56	60
COMPARED TO:						
Developing a bedroom community	28	33	70	29	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)				
44	I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of zoning for my community.				
14	I view zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.				
86	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.				
58	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	2	5	12	57	135
		Development of tourism industry	34	40	70	40	22
		Extended sewer and water systems	21	22	50	58	58
		Higher quality forms of development	16	24	62	53	48
		More affordable housing	37	42	68	38	23
		More high valued housing	37	31	74	35	17
		More local shopping opportunities	31	34	50	48	47
		More recreation for residents	30	29	73	42	35
		More second-home development	67	38	77	19	9
		More small-scale industrial jobs	30	35	61	44	38
		Preservation of remaining farms	5	13	43	53	97

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.

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