

LAKE REGION COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

SUMMARY OF RESULTS - HAWLEY BOROUGH 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)	
	Lake Township
	Palmyra Township
	Paupack 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?	
1	Less than 5 years	1	Less than 5 years
0	5 to 9 years	0	5 to 9 years
0	10 to 14 years	0	10 to 14 years
0	15 to 19 years	0	15 to 19 years
1	20 to 24 years	0	20 to 24 years
0	25+ years	1	25+ years
2	None - 2nd home owner	2	None - 2nd home owner
- 3)

How much land do you own in this community?	
0	None, I rent
4	Less than 2 acres of land
0	2 to 5 acres
0	6 to 9 acres
0	10 to 19 acres
0	20 to 49 acres
0	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)	
0	Affordable housing costs	0	Affordable housing costs
0	Born or raised here	0	Born or raised here
0	Close to friends/relatives	2	Close to friends/relatives
1	Close to work	1	Close to work
0	Low crime rate	0	Low crime rate
1	Low taxes	0	Low taxes
0	Quality of schools	0	Quality of schools
1	Quality of services	1	Quality of services
4	Rural atmosphere	3	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)	
1	The Township has become a more desirable place to live.
0	The Township has become a less desirable place to live.
2	The Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
1	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)			
2	Cost of services/taxes	2	Increased density of population
1	Housing costs	1	Lack of job opportunities
0	Lack of cultural/recreation	0	Lack of land use regulation
2	Quality of services	0	Lack of shopping opportunities
2	Transportation difficulties	0	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:	Air quality	0	0	0	2	2
	Drinking water quality	0	0	0	1	3
	Farmland	1	1	1	1	0
	Historic buildings	1	0	3	0	0
	(Circle your rating for each, using the following guide)	0	0	1	2	1
	1 = Not that important	0	0	1	2	1
	2 = Slightly important	0	0	0	3	1
	3 = Moderately important	0	0	1	2	1
	4 = Very important	0	0	0	1	3
	5 = Extremely important	1	1	0	1	1
	Wildlife habitat	1	1	0	1	1

8) Please rate the importance of regulating each of these aspects of land development in your community:	Business signs	1	1	1	1	1	
	Commercial development near homes	0	0	0	1	3	
	Density of development	0	0	1	0	3	
	Hillside development	1	1	0	2	0	
	(Circle your rating for each, using the following guide)	1	0	1	2	0	
	1 = Not that important	0	0	0	2	2	
	2 = Slightly important	0	0	1	1	2	
	3 = Moderately important	0	0	0	2	2	
	4 = Very important	0	1	0	3	0	
	5 = Extremely important	0	0	0	2	2	
		Scenic impact	0	0	0	2	2
		Site design and layout	0	0	1	1	2

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?	
	0	Yes	1	Yes
	4	No	3	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:	Ambulance services	0	3	1	
	Fire Protection	0	4	0	
	More playground facilities	1	2	1	
	Other youth-based activities	1	2	1	
	(Circle your position on each, using the following guide)	2	2	0	
	Reduce = Reduce Spending	0	2	2	
	Continue = Continue Current Level	0	3	1	
	Increase = Increase Spending	0	3	1	
		Senior activities center	0	3	1
		Special clean-up days	0	2	2

11) How old are you?	0	<25 years
	0	25-29 years
	1	30-34 years
	1	35-39 years
	0	40-44 years
	0	45-49 years
	0	50-54 years
	0	55-59 years
	1	60-64 years
	0	65-69 years
	0	70-74 years
1	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
0	Elsewhere in the County
3	Elsewhere in Pennsylvania
0	Always lived where I do now
0	New York City/New Jersey Metropolitan Area
1	Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.

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

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

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

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

15) Please indicate where you work.

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

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

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0	
0	Administration support occupation
0	Contractor, self-employed
1	Executive/administrative/managerial
0	Farming, forestry or mining
0	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
0	Homemaker
1	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
0	Precision production, craft or repair
0	Private household occupation
0	Professional occupation
1	Retired
0	Sales occupation
1	Service occupation
0	Technician or support occupation
0	Transportation or material moving

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0	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
0	Precision production, craft or repair
0	Private household occupation
0	Professional occupation
2	Retired
0	Sales occupation
1	Service occupation
0	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	0	2	1	1
	Fire protection	0	0	1	2	1
	Health care services	0	1	2	0	1
	Land use regulation	0	0	1	2	1
	Overall Township code enforcement	0	0	3	0	1
	Police protection	1	0	1	1	1
	Public meeting space	0	1	1	1	1
	Road maintenance	0	1	1	1	1
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	0	2	1	0	1

