

LAKE REGION COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

SUMMARY OF RESULTS - PALMYRA 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)

	Lake Township
73	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?

14	Less than 5 years	13	Less than 5 years
12	5 to 9 years	8	5 to 9 years
6	10 to 14 years	6	10 to 14 years
7	15 to 19 years	5	15 to 19 years
4	20 to 24 years	4	20 to 24 years
24	25+ years	31	25+ years
6	None - 2nd home owner	6	None - 2nd home owner

3) How much land do you own in this community?

0	None, I rent
35	Less than 2 acres of land
30	2 to 5 acres
4	6 to 9 acres
1	10 to 19 acres
3	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)

24	Affordable housing costs	29	Affordable housing costs
24	Born or raised here	17	Born or raised here
17	Close to friends/relatives	19	Close to friends/relatives
12	Close to work	17	Close to work
15	Low crime rate	15	Low crime rate
21	Low taxes	15	Low taxes
7	Quality of schools	10	Quality of schools
3	Quality of services	6	Quality of services
41	Rural atmosphere	39	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)

2	The Township has become a more desirable place to live.
2	The Township has become a less desirable place to live.
1	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)

17	Cost of services/taxes	32	Increased density of population
2	Housing costs	23	Lack of job opportunities
10	Lack of cultural/recreation	13	Lack of land use regulation
16	Quality of services	14	Lack of shopping opportunities
19	Transportation difficulties	9	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	3	0	7	12	50
	Drinking water quality	3	0	2	11	57
	Farmland	8	7	19	18	17
	Historic buildings	6	9	31	14	10
	(Circle your rating for each, using the following guide)	1	4	17	26	21
	1 = Not that important	10	14	15	16	15
	2 = Slightly important	4	5	12	23	26
	3 = Moderately important	6	11	15	16	21
	4 = Very important	0	4	7	16	42
	5 = Extremely important	8	3	19	14	25
	Wildlife habitat	2	1	15	16	35

		1	2	3	4	5
8) Please rate the importance of regulating each of these aspects of land development in your community:	Business signs	5	8	20	16	21
	Commercial development near homes	3	4	8	17	37
	Density of development	3	4	9	16	37
	Hillside development	3	5	20	19	5
	(Circle your rating for each, using the following guide)	4	2	20	24	19
	1 = Not that important	2	2	8	14	42
	2 = Slightly important	3	4	17	24	23
	3 = Moderately important	1	3	11	23	30
	4 = Very important	2	6	9	24	29
	5 = Extremely important	2	2	11	21	33
	Site design and layout	3	4	17	22	23

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?	
	9	Yes	17	Yes
	62	No	48	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	53	18
	Fire Protection	2	51	20
	More playground facilities	11	46	12
	Other youth-based activities	5	42	22
	(Circle your position on each, using the following guide)	13	45	10
	Reduce = Reduce Spending	2	43	26
	Continue = Continue Current Level	0	32	39
	Increase = Increase Spending	6	51	12
		3	39	26
		Special clean-up days		

11) How old are you?	0	<25 years
	2	25-29 years
	1	30-34 years
	5	35-39 years
	5	40-44 years
	15	45-49 years
	9	50-54 years
	7	55-59 years
	7	60-64 years
	8	65-69 years
	4	70-74 years
8	75-79 years	
2	80+ years	

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

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

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

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

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

15) Please indicate where you work.

Householder No. 1:	
5	This municipality
12	Elsewhere in County
0	Luzerne County
1	Monroe County
7	Pike County
8	Lackawanna/Wayne County
3	New Jersey
4	New York
4	Tri-States/Other

Householder No. 2:	
8	This municipality
8	Elsewhere in County
1	Luzerne County
1	Monroe County
4	Pike County
4	Lackawanna/Wayne County
2	New Jersey
1	New York
2	Tri-States/Other

16) How would you describe your present occupation?

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

Householder No. 2:	
2	Administration support occupation
0	Contractor, self-employed
2	Executive/administrative/managerial
0	Farming, forestry or mining
2	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
3	Homemaker
2	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
0	Precision production, craft or repair
1	Private household occupation
9	Professional occupation
20	Retired
2	Sales occupation
8	Service occupation
2	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	3	5	14	29	20
	Fire protection	2	3	15	31	19
	Health care services	10	12	17	27	4
	Land use regulation	6	9	28	25	3
	Overall Township code enforcement	4	8	29	23	5
	Police protection	4	10	17	30	9
	Public meeting space	0	10	30	25	5
	Road maintenance	10	15	18	22	6
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	3	5	16	30	15

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?	55	Yes	15	No
	Protecting the right to farm?	66	Yes	6	No
	Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	66	Yes	4	No
	Regulating junk vehicle storage?	68	Yes	4	No
	Regulating mobile home parks?	65	Yes	7	No
	Regulating wind power generation facilities?	58	Yes	12	No
	Addressing the compatibility of adjacent uses?	62	Yes	7	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	0	9	18	40
	COMPARED TO:					
	Managing the impact of development	3	2	6	27	32
	Land Development Issue No.2					
	Developing the commercial tax base	1	2	3	4	5
COMPARED TO:						
	Developing a bedroom community	5	8	17	16	11

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.				
7	I view zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.				
34	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.				
19	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	0	7	15	49
	Development of tourism industry	12	14	20	14	11
	Extended sewer and water systems	9	4	22	14	21
	Higher quality forms of development	5	4	27	21	12
	More affordable housing	16	11	21	14	10
	More high valued housing	13	8	22	16	12
	More local shopping opportunities	12	10	13	19	17
	More recreation for residents	8	12	19	18	13
	More second-home development	29	18	14	7	3
	More small-scale industrial jobs	12	4	17	22	15
	Preservation of remaining farms	2	4	9	15	41

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!!