

Milford Township

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Dear Milford Township Resident:

The Milford Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission are conducting a survey to find out how you feel about our community, the issues facing us, and YOUR expectations for the future of our area. The Township and Milford Borough, through the recently appointed Planning Committee, are working together to prepare a comprehensive plan for the two municipalities using a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to pay much of the cost. The comprehensive plan will set the direction for the growth and development of the Township and Borough over the next ten to fifteen years.

Your responses to the survey will help local municipal officials develop goals and objectives for the conservation and development of the area. Please participate! We believe you will find the questions interesting. Your answers will be important to the Comprehensive Plan and local officials as decisions are made about guiding land use, community development issues and community facilities and services.

Please spend the few minutes needed to answer all of the questions and return the form in the enclosed, postage paid, pre-addressed envelope by **July 30, 2004**. The survey should be completed individually by each registered voter in your household. If you have any questions or if you need an additional survey call the Township office at 296-5540. You may also print a survey from www.shepstone.net/Milford.

Community Planning and Management Associates, together with Shepstone Management Company, is conducting the survey and will compile the results. When the survey responses are compiled, the Planning Committee will conduct public meetings to present the overall results of the survey and obtain additional public comment. Let me again stress that your answers are important. The Committee and local municipal officials will appreciate your participation in the survey because your opinion really does count.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Kevin T. Stroyan

Chairman, Milford Township Planning Commission

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Please help us plan for Milford Township's future by checking the appropriate box or by writing in your answer where appropriate.

1) How many years have you lived in Milford Township?

	Less than 1 year		11 to 15 years
	1 to 5 years		16 to 20 years
	6 to 10 years		More than 20 years

2) How important to you are each of the following?

	Not Important	Only Slightly Important	Important	Very Important
Availability of shopping				
Cost of living				
Cultural activities				
Environmental quality				
Job opportunities				
Overall quality of life				
Place to raise children				
Quality of schools				
Recreation opportunities				
Scenic beauty				
Social activities				

Please rate Milford Borough and Township in terms of the following:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not Sure
Availability of shopping					
Cost of living					
Cultural activities					
Environmental quality					
Job opportunities					
Overall quality of life					
Place to raise children					
Quality of schools					
Recreation opportunities					
Scenic beauty					
Social activities					

3) What most influenced your ORIGINAL decision to live here in Milford Township? (Please check no more than 3)

	Affordable housing costs		Less regulation
	Born or raised here		Low crime rate
	Close to friends/relatives		Low taxes
	Close to work		Quality of schools
	Environmental quality		Small town lifestyle

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4) **Why do you CONTINUE to live in Milford Township?**
 (Please check no more than 3)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable housing costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less regulation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Born or raised here	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low crime rate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Close to friends/relatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low taxes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Close to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small town lifestyle

5) **Which BEST describes how Milford Township has changed since you moved here?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Milford Township has become a more desirable place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Milford Township has become a less desirable place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Milford Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.

6) **Which BEST describes how you think Milford Township will change in the next 5-10 years?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Milford Township has become a more desirable place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Milford Township has become a less desirable place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Milford Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.

7) **What do you like LEAST about Milford Township?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost of services/taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of public water supply system
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of culture/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pace of development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of local shopping/services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of public sewage treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation/traffic difficulties

8) **Please rank the importance of each of the following to the Township:**

	Not Important	Only Slightly Important	Important	Very Important
Allowing residents to have home occupations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating more commercial opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing a balanced tax base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing a Township park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing more local job opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving/supporting local emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping the cost of government and taxes low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing more local police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing public sewage collection/treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing public water supplies to new areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upgrading the quality of local roads/transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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9) Please rank the importance of each of the following when the Township reviews developments?

	Not Important	Only Slightly Important	Important	Very Important
Allowing economically productive use of land				
Buffering homes from commercial development				
Creating open spaces within developments				
Ensuring functional site designs and layouts				
Ensuring ridgeline development is buffered				
Limiting the density of development				
Limiting the sizes, types and numbers of signs				
Preserving historic character				
Preserving large trees at new commercial sites				
Providing for quality landscaping & buffering				
Steering development to sites in or near Borough				
Promoting commercial development of the 3-lane				
Keeping the 3-lane as uncluttered as possible				
Regulating the placement of cell towers/windmills				

10) Technology and ease of travel has made it possible to conduct more businesses from home.

Do you have an existing home occupation? Yes No
 If NOT, would you like to have a home occupation at some point? Yes No

11) To what extent would you generally favor spending your tax money **ADDING, EXPANDING** or **IMPROVING** each of the following public services and facilities?

	Add or Increase Support	Continue As Is	Decrease Support
Town roads			
Emergency services			
Recreation facilities and programs			
A regional municipal police force			
Additional Borough/Township park near the Borough			

13) There is no public sewage collection and treatment system now serving Milford Borough or Milford Township. This has forced reliance upon on-site subsurface sewage disposal systems. If the public system now serving Westfall Township were extended to Milford, this would reduce the need to rely upon such systems and open up some new development possibilities. New commercial development could help the tax base. New residential development could increase traffic and the impacts on the school system. How do you feel about this issue?

A public sewer extension is needed No public sewer is needed

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14) The Township may have some limited land available and could acquire more land for a park. Is there a need for the Township to provide MORE recreation, NEW facilities or ADDITIONAL support for recreation programs? Consider "increase support" as your wish to have the Township spend more of your tax money on these facilities or programs.

	Add or Increase Support	Continue As Is	Decrease Support
Baseball/softball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer/football fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard/skating areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking and walking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More playground facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior recreation program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult recreation programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth recreation programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sawkill Creek access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delaware River access/launch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15) Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address?

<input type="checkbox"/> Always lived where I do now	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey
<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Pike County	<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut
<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Pennsylvania	<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in U.S. or outside the U.S.
<input type="checkbox"/> New York	

16) Are there children under 18 living at home? Yes No

17) If employed, please indicate where you work. 18) How old are you?

<input type="checkbox"/> Home-based business	<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in PA	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 24 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Milford Township	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-44 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Pike County	<input type="checkbox"/> Another state	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 years
		<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 years
		<input type="checkbox"/> >75 years

19) The Milford Water Authority should use its financial resources to acquire watershed land or conservation easements for the purpose of restricting development to protect the water supply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree	

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20) How would you describe your present occupation?

<input type="checkbox"/> Administration support occupation	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional occupation
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive/administrative/managerial	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired
<input type="checkbox"/> Farming, forestry or mining	<input type="checkbox"/> Sales occupation
<input type="checkbox"/> Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer	<input type="checkbox"/> Service occupation
<input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Student
<input type="checkbox"/> Machine operator/assembler/inspector	<input type="checkbox"/> Technician or support occupation
<input type="checkbox"/> Precision production, craft or repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation or material moving
<input type="checkbox"/> Private household occupation	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed or unable to work

21) How would you rate the quality of the following public and semi-public services?

	Poor Quality	Fair Quality	Neutral/ Undecided	Good Quality	Excellent Quality
State Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cellular phone service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State highway maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Township highway maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22) Where would you like to see Milford Township in the next 10-20 years - what's most important?

	Low Priority	Neutral/ Undecided	High Priority
Improved economic opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher quality commercial development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More cultural & recreation opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High quality residential environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation of environmental quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23) 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 a separate attachment.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!