

JEFFERSON, MADISON AND SALEM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY

MADISON TOWNSHIP RESULTS

Jefferson, Madison and Salem Townships 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 Township Buildings or visit the project website at: www.shepstone.net/JMS.

Please return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid, envelope as soon as possible. Surveys mailed after April 19 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 Townships do you live in or have a 2nd home in? (Check for primary residence)

110	Jefferson Township, Lackawanna County	27.0%
130	Madison Township, Lackawanna County	31.9%
167	Salem Township, Wayne County	41.0%
407	Totals	100.0%

2) How many years in total have you lived in this Township? How many years in total have you lived in this County?

17	Less than 5 years	13.1%	6	Less than 5 years	4.6%
16	5 to 9 years	12.3%	6	5 to 9 years	4.6%
18	10 to 14 years	13.8%	9	10 to 14 years	6.9%
9	15 to 19 years	6.9%	4	15 to 19 years	3.1%
14	20 to 24 years	10.8%	10	20 to 24 years	7.7%
55	25+ years	42.3%	94	25+ years	72.3%
1	None - 2nd home	0.8%	1	None - 2nd home	0.8%
130	Totals	100.0%	130	Totals	100.0%

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

12	None, I rent	9.7%
23	Less than 1 acre	18.5%
11	1 to 2 acres	8.9%
40	2 to 5 acres	32.3%
11	6 to 9 acres	8.9%
8	10 to 19 acres	6.5%
8	20 to 49 acres	6.5%
7	50 to 99 acres	5.6%
3	100 to 149 acres	2.4%
0	150 to 199 acres	0.0%
1	More than 200 acres	0.8%
124	Totals	100.0%

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)

73	Born or raised here	26.1%	87	Rural atmosphere	29.5%
70	Rural atmosphere	25.0%	58	Friends/relatives	19.7%
42	Friends/relatives	15.0%	57	Born or raised here	19.3%
25	Quality of schools	8.9%	24	Close to work	8.1%
23	Close to work	8.2%	24	Low crime rate	8.1%
19	Affordable housing	6.8%	21	Quality of schools	7.1%
19	Low crime rate	6.8%	11	Affordable housing	3.7%
9	Low taxes	3.2%	11	Low taxes	3.7%
0	Quality of services	0.0%	2	Quality of services	0.7%
280	Totals	100.0%	295	Totals	100.0%

5) Which of the following statements BEST describes your opinion of how the Township you live in has changed since the time you first moved here? (Please check only ONE)

65	The Township has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.	51.2%
31	The Township has become a less desirable place to live.	24.4%
27	The Township has become a more desirable place to live.	21.3%
4	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.	3.1%
127	Totals	100.0%

6) What do you like LEAST about the Township? (Please check no more than 3)	70	Increased density of population	27.6%
	38	Cost of services/taxes	15.0%
	31	Lack of land use regulation	12.2%
	27	Lack of cultural/recreation	10.6%
	21	Lack of shopping opportunities	8.3%
	20	Too much regulation now	7.9%
	19	Lack of job opportunities	7.5%
	13	Quality of services	5.1%
	13	Transportation difficulties	5.1%
	2	Housing costs	0.8%
254	Totals	100.0%	

7) Please rate the importance of each of these aspects of the Township'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	Drinking water quality	1	1	5	19	103	609
	Air quality	3	0	13	29	84	578
	Wildlife habitat	7	7	27	27	62	520
	Stream water quality	9	9	15	33	62	514
	Farmland	9	8	31	34	47	489
	Scenic views	9	9	24	46	39	478
	Mature forests	8	13	28	35	42	468
	Wetlands	15	19	31	25	39	441
	Stream corridors	19	17	30	26	36	427
	Historic buildings	25	16	54	19	14	365
	River access	35	22	25	20	21	339

8) Please rate the importance of regulating each of these aspects of land development in your Township: (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	Protection of farmland	4	3	14	39	69	553
	Density of development	5	2	18	30	72	543
	Impact on streams	3	3	24	38	59	528
	Com. development near homes	8	10	11	28	70	523
	Preserving trees at commercial	6	8	28	34	53	507
	Scenic impact	5	7	22	40	52	505
	Landscaping	9	8	28	44	39	480
	Site design and layout	8	11	25	45	38	475
	Hillside development	12	9	30	36	38	454
	Business signs	16	12	31	28	41	450
	Historic character	12	13	42	31	29	433

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?			
	15	Yes	13.9%	26	Yes	26.3%
	93	No	86.1%	73	No	73.7%
	108	Totals	100.0%	99	Totals	100.0%

		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	Road maintenance	1	0.8%	57	45.2%	68	54.0%
	Special clean-up days	2	1.6%	63	50.0%	61	48.4%
	Police protection	9	7.4%	59	48.8%	53	43.8%
	Other youth-based activities	10	8.2%	76	62.3%	36	29.5%
	More playground facilities	17	13.9%	71	58.2%	34	27.9%
	Fire Protection	1	0.8%	104	83.2%	20	16.0%
	Ambulance services	0	0.0%	102	84.3%	19	15.7%
	Senior activities center	5	4.2%	97	80.8%	18	15.0%
	Picnic facilities	24	19.7%	82	67.2%	16	13.1%

11) How old are you?

3	<25 yrs	2.3%
6	25-29 yrs	4.7%
9	30-34 yrs	7.0%
15	35-39 yrs	11.7%
17	40-44 yrs	13.3%
22	45-49 yrs	17.2%
7	50-54 yrs	5.5%
17	55-59 yrs	13.3%
9	60-64 yrs	7.0%
10	65-69 yrs	7.8%
6	70-74 yrs	4.7%
4	75-79 yrs	3.1%
3	80+ yrs	2.3%
128	Totals	100.0%

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

56	Elsewhere in the County	43.1%
23	Always lived where I do now	17.7%
19	Elsewhere in Pennsylvania	14.6%
12	Elsewhere in Township	9.2%
10	New York City/New Jersey Metropolitan Area	7.7%
10	Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.	7.7%
130	Totals	100.0%

13) Are there any children under age 18 years living at home with you?

42	Yes	32.3%
88	No	67.7%
130	Totals	100.0%

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

Householder No. 1:

72	Employed by others full-time	55.8%
5	Employed by others part-time	3.9%
30	Retired	23.3%
14	Self-employed full-time	10.9%
3	Self-employed part-time	2.3%
0	Student	0.0%
4	Unable to work	3.1%
1	Unemployed, seeking work	0.8%
129	Totals	100.0%

Householder No. 2:

44	Employed by others full-time	44.9%
14	Employed by others part-time	14.3%
21	Retired	21.4%
8	Self-employed full-time	8.2%
3	Self-employed part-time	3.1%
0	Student	0.0%
6	Unable to work	6.1%
2	Unemployed, seeking work	2.0%
98	Totals	100.0%

15) Please indicate where you work.

Householder No. 1:

7	The Township	7.7%
34	Elsewhere in County	37.4%
3	Luzerne County	3.3%
12	Monroe County	13.2%
2	Pike County	2.2%
31	Lackawanna/Wayne County	34.1%
2	New Jersey	2.2%
0	New York	0.0%
91	Totals	100.0%

Householder No. 2:

5	The Township	7.1%
32	Elsewhere in County	45.7%
2	Luzerne County	2.9%
5	Monroe County	7.1%
0	Pike County	0.0%
25	Lackawanna/Wayne County	35.7%
0	New Jersey	0.0%
1	New York	1.4%
70	Totals	100.0%

16) How would you describe your present occupation?

Householder No. 1:		
9	Administration support occupation	7.2%
6	Contractor, self-employed	4.8%
9	Executive/administrative/managerial	7.2%
6	Farming, forestry or mining	4.8%
11	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer	8.8%
1	Homemaker	0.8%
5	Machine operator/assembler/inspector	4.0%
1	Precision production, craft or repair	0.8%
0	Private household occupation	0.0%
20	Professional occupation	16.0%
33	Retired	26.4%
4	Sales occupation	3.2%
8	Service occupation	6.4%
9	Technician or support occupation	7.2%
3	Transportation or material moving	2.4%
125	Totals	100.0%

Householder No. 2:		
9	Administration support occupation	9.7%
1	Contractor, self-employed	1.1%
5	Executive/administrative/managerial	5.4%
0	Farming, forestry or mining	0.0%
7	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer	7.5%
10	Homemaker	10.8%
3	Machine operator/assembler/inspector	3.2%
0	Precision production, craft or repair	0.0%
0	Private household occupation	0.0%
18	Professional occupation	19.4%
21	Retired	22.6%
5	Sales occupation	5.4%
11	Service occupation	11.8%
3	Technician or support occupation	3.2%
0	Transportation or material moving	0.0%
93	Totals	100.0%

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

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	Fire protection	1	4	22	56	44	519
	Ambulance services	3	9	26	53	33	476
	Utilities (e.g. electric)	3	14	29	59	20	454
	Public meeting space	3	12	55	42	14	430
	Road maintenance	13	23	26	46	20	421
	Overall Twp. code enforcement	20	19	42	37	6	362
	Land use regulation	24	18	50	28	5	347
	Health care services	16	20	43	35	4	345
	Police protection	34	17	34	33	5	327

18) Should the Township establish or improve local land use or other regulations with respect to the following:

(Please answer for each issue)						
Protecting the right to farm?	120	Yes	93.8%	8	No	6.3%
Regulating mobile home parks?	113	Yes	88.3%	13	No	10.2%
Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	110	Yes	85.9%	17	No	13.3%
Regulating junk vehicle storage?	111	Yes	86.7%	17	No	13.3%
Addressing the compatibility of adjacent uses?	97	Yes	75.8%	26	No	20.3%
Regulating the construction of cellular communications towers?	99	Yes	77.3%	28	No	21.9%
Regulating wind power generation facilities?	93	Yes	72.7%	33	No	25.8%

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 property rights	2	3	14	29	79	561
	COMPARED TO:						
	Managing impact of development	5	4	19	38	58	512
	Land Development Issue No.2						
	Developing commercial tax base	12	17	32	26	32	406
	COMPARED TO:						
	Developing bedroom community	19	11	29	31	20	352

NOTE: Rankings from left to right, from "not that important" to "extremely important." The number to the far right represents a total ranking. The total ranking gives relative weights to each ranking (from 1 for "Not that important" up to 5 for "Extremely Important.") and add the results.

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 Township)		
66	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.	52.4%
26	I view zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.	20.6%
23	I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of zoning for my Township.	18.3%
11	I want to see a very strong zoning ordinance that addresses all the major land development issues.	8.7%
126	Totals	100.0%

21) Where would you like to see the Township 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	Preservation of remaining farms	2	3	13	28	82	569
	Clean and green environment	0	3	13	38	73	562
	More recreation for residents	30	15	36	32	13	361
	More local shopping	44	19	31	22	12	323
	More affordable housing	40	20	35	21	10	319
	Higher quality development	33	21	45	16	8	314
	More small-scale industrial jobs	43	23	29	20	10	306
	More high valued housing	43	20	36	17	9	304
	Extended sewer and water	69	17	20	14	6	249
	Development of tourism	76	19	23	5	2	213
	More 2nd-home development	85	22	17	4	0	196

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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.

Junkyards, clean-up	11	Property clean-up, more needed	2
Taxes, don't increase	7	Development, needed	2
Development, regulate	6	Regulations, reduce	2
Policing, more needed	6	Zoning, needed	2
Code enforcement, needed	4	Recreational facilities, needed	1
Spring clean-up day, important	4	Jobs, needed	1
Rural beauty, protect	3		
Roads, improve	3		

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY