

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY REFLECTS OVERALL POSITIVE OUTLOOK OF COMMUNITY

Results are back from the **Community-Wide Citizens Survey** which was mailed out late October of 2005. The results from over 250 households who responded reflect an overall positive outlook of the community. On various subjects below is a sampling of responses. While a certain percentage of those responding agreed or disagreed, some may have had no opinion on a particular question asked.

LAND USE	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION
The type and distribution of Land Use has a direct affect upon the quality of life throughout Jackson Township Land Use controls, e.g. the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance should be uniformly enforced to guide future development throughout the Township.	93%	3%	4%
Future development should be concentrated within (filling in vacant parcels and lots first) and immediately adjacent to existing development concentrations.	80%	14%	6%
Growth boundaries (the geographic limits of future development) should be established throughout the Township as a means of guiding future growth.	56%	23%	21%
Every new development should set aside areas of undeveloped land e.g. (Open space) for conservation.	70%	15%	15%
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HOUSING			
Housing is available for families with young children, not including mobile homes.	56%	26%	18%
Housing is available for retired persons and the elderly.	53%	32%	15%
The homes in my neighborhood are well maintained and attractive; if not, should they have to be?	80%	12%	8%
There are housing options available for all sectors of the community including low/moderate income families.	51%	27%	22%
There are rental and home ownership opportunities available in the community.	66%	17%	17%
Housing rehabilitation programs are needed.	67%	14%	19%
Suitable land with municipal water and sewer service are available to encourage the development of new housing within the community.	68%	22%	10%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
There are adequate job opportunities within Jackson Township.	15%	72%	13%
There are adequate job opportunities within Cambria County and the surrounding region.	38%	57%	5%
The business climate is conducive to keeping existing business in the Township as well as for attracting new business.	42%	39%	19%
There is adequate planning for future economic growth.	34%	31%	35%
Shopping services located in the area meet the needs of local citizens.	57%	35%	8%
What industry do the employed persons in your household consider themselves to work in? (Check all that apply)			
Health Care - 16%	Other professional and related services - 11%	Construction - 10%	
Retail trade -10%	Educational services -9%	Business and repair services - 6%	
Transportation - 6%	Finance, insurance, real estate - 5%	Personal services - 5%	
Manufacturing, nondurable - 4%	Mining - 4%	Agriculture, forestry, fisheries -3%	
Communications; public utilities -3%	Manufacturing, durable - 3%	Public administration - 2%	
Wholesale trade - 2%	Entertainment, recreation services - 1%		
What occupation do the employed persons in your household consider themselves to work in? (Check all that apply)			
Managerial and professional specialty - 37%	Technical, sales, and administrative - 22%	Operators, fabricators, and laborers - 16%	
Precision production, craft, and repair - 7%	Services-Household, Protection, and other - 7%	Transportation - 7%	
Farming, forestry, and fishing - 4%			

TRANSPORTATION	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION
Highways and roads are adequate throughout the township.	81%	15%	4%
Local roads are well-maintained in winter and summer.	80%	18%	2%
State highways and roads are well maintained.	81%	15%	4%
Public transportation (bus, van, etc.) is available to residents of the Township.	52%	21%	27%
Adequate traffic control facilities e.g. traffic signals, warning blinkers, signage, etc.) are provided throughout the Township.	75%	15%	10%
Traffic regulations e.g. speed control, turning, parking, etc. are enforced.	66%	19%	15%
Bridges throughout the Township are adequate.	65%	4%	31%
Informational signs, and directional signs, are attractive.	64%	12%	24%
COMMUNITY FACILITIES			
I feel safe in my neighborhood.	90%	7%	3%
Police protection is adequate.	81%	10%	9%
Emergency medical services are responsive.	91%	1%	8%
Fire protection is adequate.	94%	1%	5%
Medical care is accessible.	80%	10%	10%
Dental care is accessible.	77%	7%	16%
Services to treat drug and alcohol abuse are available.	26%	21%	53%
Noise levels within the community are acceptable.	72%	17%	11%
Community has access to health and welfare services.	57%	12%	31%
Community recreation facilities are a convenient place to spend leisure time.	66%	16%	18%
The number of organized recreation activities for youth is adequate.	41%	34%	25%
The number of organized recreation activities for adults is adequate.	37%	32%	31%
Development of a hiking / biking / walking trail would be a good recreational addition to the Township.	80%	7%	13%
The overall appearance and ambience of the community is appealing.	73%	17%	10%
Entrances to the Township are adequately marked and attractive.	58%	22%	20%
The condition of neighborhoods reflect that properties are well maintained.	65%	25%	10%
Historic preservation of homes should be encouraged.	63%	8%	29%
Social problems impacting upon the youth of the community are concerns, such as teen pregnancy, drug use, vandalism, truancy, etc.	59%	14%	27%
Job training and employment services are available.	18%	48%	34%
The local school district is well supported (facilities, buildings, etc.)	81%	6%	13%
The local school district is adequately preparing our children for the future.	75%	9%	16%
Our children are safe in their schools.	80%	5%	15%
There are adequate and varied opportunities for civic and community activities.	57%	17%	26%
There are a variety of active organizations which provide opportunities for social events and cultural activities.	50%	22%	28%
There are a variety of opportunities for volunteerism and public service in the community.	65%	12%	23%
The public library resources and programs are adequate.	27%	38%	35%
Newcomers are welcomed into civic and community events / activities.	39%	18%	43%
Services such as counseling, domestic violence, and enrichment programs for children, etc., for individuals, families and children are accessible.	21%	30%	49%
PUBLIC UTILITIES	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION
Water service is adequate.	81%	11%	8%
Sanitary sewage collection and treatment is adequate.	69%	20%	11%
Storm water management is adequate.	64%	19%	17%
Garbage collection is adequate.	89%	8%	3%

PUBLIC UTILITIES (Continued)

		AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION
Community recycling programs are utilized by my family.		76%	10%	14%
Electric service is reliable.		68%	6%	26%
Cable service is reliable and adequate.		63%	18%	19%
Telephone service is adequate (locally).		87%	7%	6%
Unsanitary conditions exist throughout the Township. If so, where?		29%	19%	52%
Local streams are affected by water pollution. If so, where?		18%	19%	63%

OTHER INFORMATION

Why do you choose Jackson Township as a place in which to live? (Please check as many items as may apply).

Safe place to live - 62%	Good school district - 61%
Quality of life associated with small town atmosphere - 61%	Good place to raise children - 56%
Affordable housing - 43%	Born or raised here - 41%
Friendliness and support system provided by local people - 41%	Good place to retire - 34%
Low taxes - 23%	Community spirit - 18%
Availability of infrastructure and services - 11%	Good place to work - 8%

Please tell us which on the following issues should be important to the Township in the next 20 years by placing a yes or no beside each category.

Local job opportunities - 78%	Neighborhood improvements - 73%	Economic development - 72%
Recreation opportunities - 66%	Community Services - 64%	Housing for retirees - 63%
Housing for young families - 62%	Beautification activities - 57%	Population growth / development - 50%
Cultural and civic activities - 48%	Historic Preservation - 41%	Tourism - 25%

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS SURVEY

Are you a native of the community?	Yes - 48%	No - 52%
Is your spouse a native of the community?	Yes - 36%	No - 64%
I work in the community?	Yes - 16%	No - 84%
My spouse works in the community?	Yes - 14%	No - 86%

I live in the community and commute _____ miles round-trip per day to my job.

0-25 Miles - 61%	25-50 Miles - 25%	51-75 Miles - 8%	100+ Miles - 3%
76-100 Miles - 1%	150 Miles - 1%	300 Miles - 1%	

My spouse commutes _____ miles round-trip per day to their job.

0 - 25 Miles - 71%	25-50 Miles - 20%	51-75 Miles - 5%	76-100 Miles - 1%
100+ Miles - 1%	180 Miles - 1%	250 Miles - 1%	

Age	45-65 - 44%	65+ - 28%	31-44 - 24%	18-30 - 4%
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Educational Background:

	Myself	My Spouse
High school graduate	39%	45%
Some college and / or technical training	30%	31%
College degree	19%	17%
Post-graduate degree	8%	4%
Less than high school graduate	4%	3%

Family income:	Above \$50,000 - 33%	\$15,000-\$35,000 - 32%	\$35,000 - \$50,000 - 29%	Below \$15,000 - 6%
Description of family status:	Married - 83%	Single - 10%	Divorced - 4%	Living with children - 3%
My housing status:	Own my home - 96%	Rent - 4%		
No. of persons in household:	(2) - 48% (3) - 21%	(4) - 13% (1) - 12%	(5) - 5% (6) or more - 1%	

