

# 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.

<b>LAND USE</b>	<b>AGREE</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>NO OPINION</b>
The type and distribution of Land Use has a direct affect upon the quality of life throughout Jackson Township	93%	3%	4%
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.	80%	14%	6%
Future development should be concentrated within (filling in vacant parcels and lots first) and immediately adjacent to existing development concentrations.	56%	23%	21%
Growth boundaries (the geographic limits of future development) should be established throughout the Township as a means of guiding future growth.	70%	15%	15%
Every new development should set aside areas of undeveloped land e.g. (Open space) for conservation.	77%	11%	12%

## **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**

	<b>AGREE</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>NO OPINION</b>
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**

	<b>AGREE</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>NO OPINION</b>
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)**

	<b>AGREE</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>NO OPINION</b>
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:

	<b>Myself</b>	<b>My Spouse</b>
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%

