

## Appendix A

### COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

As part of the regional planning effort, LDARPG and URDC sent a survey to all households within the district. A total of 8,974 surveys were distributed by mail in mid-March 2002 along with the Lower Dauphin School District newsletter. Residents were encouraged to either mail back the survey or return it to any school district building. A total of 867 surveys were returned, for a response rate of 9.7 %.

The following memorandum presents the results of the survey and includes three sections:

- Total Responses (p. 1) — Responses to questions 1–7, using the percentage of response for each potential answer, together with a brief explanation/analysis of each the results of each question. Written comments which appeared with each question are also listed with the answers.
- General Comments (p. 12) — All comments which were made in response to question 8: Please list any other issues, concerns or opportunities you would like to see addressed as part of the regional comprehensive plan.
- Responses by Municipality (p. 28) — Responses to questions 1–7 for each of the five municipalities in the Lower Dauphin region (South Hanover included).

The total of responses for each question is represented by “n= \_\_\_”.

#### Total Responses

##### 1. In which municipality of the Lower Dauphin School District do you live? (n=852)

<i>Survey Returns</i>	<i>Municipality</i>	<i>2000 Population</i>
11 %	Conewago Township	13 %
24 %	East Hanover Township	24 %
21 %	Hummelstown Borough	19 %
18 %	Londonderry Township	23 %
26 %	South Hanover Township	21 %

Comments:

- Why did S. Hanover resign?
- Should be part of planning group!
- South Hanover Township (we do not agree with the Township’s decision to withdraw from the Regional Plan!)

*The distribution of survey responses correlates fairly well with the 2000 population. The largest deviations from the population distribution were for Londonderry Township, which is slightly underrepresented in the survey response, and South Hanover Township, which is slightly overrepresented in the survey response.*

**2. How old are you? (n=853; median age=47.4 years)**

<i>Survey Returns</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>2000 Population</i>
1 %	10–19	17 %
3 %	20–29	11 %
21 %	30–39	18 %
31 %	40–49	21 %
30 %	50–64	20 %
15 %	65 and over	14 %

The majority of the respondents were middle-aged adults (age 40–64). Fifteen percent of the respondents were seniors ages 65 and older, while only four percent of the respondents were under the age of 30. While only one percent of the responses were from children or teenagers, some responses from people over 20 years old may have been completed in consultation with children in the household. Compared to the total 2000 population of the region, youth were underrepresented and adults were overrepresented, which is common for public surveys.

**3. How long have you lived in the Lower Dauphin School District? (n=854)**

**9 %** less than 3 years    **21 %** 3–10 years    **23 %** 11–20 years    **47 %** more than 20 years

- Comments:
- Lived in S.H. from 1982-1993; graduated from L.D. in 1988; returned to L.D. 2001!
  - Less than 3 years—just purchased a property.
  - More than 20 years—left and came back after 8 years!

*Almost half of all survey respondents have lived in the Lower Dauphin Area School District for more than 20 years. Seventy percent of all respondents have lived in the region for more than 10 years, while only nine percent of the respondents were people who have lived within the school district for less than 3 years. Clearly, many respondents are long-time residents of the school district.*

**4. How important are the following issues to you?**

Issue	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Preserving important natural areas and creek valleys.	71	15	12	2	1	2.96	855
Preserving the scenic character of the region.	66	17	14	2	1	2.86	853
Preserving agricultural lands	65	18	13	4	1	2.81	853
Preserving significant areas of open spaces within new development.	57	20	17	4	2	2.63	851
Carefully controlling the types and locations of business development.	52	20	22	4	2	2.53	846
Expanding public parks and recreation facilities.	33	24	28	13	2	1.91	847
Improving opportunities for bicycling and pedestrians.	32	25	27	12	4	1.89	854

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Issue	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Addressing traffic problems along Route 39.	32	24	29	10	6	1.94	842
Preserving historic buildings.	30	25	32	10	4	1.89	857
Addressing traffic problems along Main Street in Hummelstown.	28	24	29	11	7	1.76	853
Extending public sewer service to homes with failing septic systems.	27	18	32	17	6	1.56	844
Addressing traffic problems along Route 22.	24	24	31	15	7	1.60	851
Addressing traffic problems along Route 743.	23	24	33	14	7	1.61	844
Making sure that older housing is properly maintained.	21	23	40	11	5	1.62	852
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of I-81.	21	22	34	15	8	1.49	847
Reducing problems of noise.	20	20	35	21	5	1.35	847
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of Route 283.	18	23	35	17	8	1.40	842
Addressing traffic problems along Route 230.	14	18	36	20	11	1.12	842

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

**Comments: General**

- Lower property taxes!
- Why isn't all of this very important? I live near 283-743 but I have concerns for all of us; for traffic issues! How does LDARPG expect to deal with these issues beyond our local governments and how does your function impact on the locals?
- NOTE: Are the ordering of alternatives random or selected for ensuring positive responses? All respondents should indicate if they are homeowners or if they rent! Very important for tax planning! (Filled out by homeowner)
- Although I applaud the survey effort—I wish there was an opportunity to prioritize so many important issues! Most are “very important” but relative to each other.....!!

**Carefully controlling the types and locations of business development**

- Important (any additional business might alleviate taxes!)
- Major grocery store!
- Already got that—enforce the law!

**Preserving significant areas of open spaces within new development; preserving the scenic character of the region; preserving agricultural lands; and preserving important natural areas and creek valleys**

- Not at my expense! I own an open farm with scenic character and natural areas with creek valleys. Don't tell me I must keep it as “open spaces”! I purchased this land to use for my retirement. If you vote to keep these (my) open and scenic areas intact, my land will be worthless! Now, if you want to pay me to keep the farm scenic, then that's a different story!!!
- New development is scary! We will look like suburban Philly soon! What a loss!
- Limit or stop development!
- Developer already does this; who pays the taxes!

**Preserving agricultural lands**

- Not important (farmers should not be told what to do with their lands!)
- Who pays the taxes!

***Addressing traffic problems at interchanges of I-81, Route 283, along Route 743, along Route 39, along Route 230 and along Main Street in Hummelstown***

- *I am not aware of these traffic problems!*
- *All traffic problems should be addressed by controlling development rather than by allowing development to spread unchecked and then scrambling to fix the problem! Infrastructure (roadways) have to be part of all development plans and must be implemented from the onset!*
- *In my opinion these items beg the question: Exactly what traffic problems are being addressed? Any growing area will have greater traffic volume, but the solutions are not traffic lights every two blocks! We are not as congested as the Main Line (Phila.) area! This is a PennDOT problem; I think PennDOT does a fine job under the current Secretary of Transportation!*
- *What problems!*

***Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of I-81***

- *Important—new light at 39 and Jonestown Road (whoever designed this traffic pattern had a few screws loose!).*
- *What problems!*

***Addressing traffic problems along Route 39***

- *Very important (especially with the huge developments going in)*
- *What problems!*

***Addressing traffic problems along Main Street in Hummelstown***

- *Very important (at Warner's Garage)*
- *Important (do away with on-street parking!)*
- *Important (railroad crossing very bad!)*
- *What problems!*

***Improving opportunities for bicycling and pedestrians***

- *Find their own!*

***Expanding public parks and recreation facilities***

- *Establish a nature center/learning area for development of young people into professions compatible with the natural resources of the area!*
- *Teen center, please!*
- *Enough is enough!*

***Extending public sewer service to homes with failing septic systems***

- *Very important (only if public water is provided at the same time!)*
- *Not important (homeowner's decision to repair or hook-up)*
- *Okay, but would force those of us with good septic systems to join in!*
- *Not important if failing septic systems can be fixed!*
- *NO—it encourages excess development!*
- *Don't force this on those of us not having problems!*
- *More than very!*
- *Important—only when necessary—I had a good one and had to get a new one!*
- *NO—help these people restore the septic systems! As a consideration to conservation of resources including water, innovations such as waterless toilets, grey water recycling, etc. become important! Let's take this opportunity of area study and planning to stop the thinking about what the future will be into the picture! Not one question in this survey indicates any awareness of the direction thoughts about the future is taking!*
- *Used to be an issue until we had to install a new septic system!*
- *Offering, not requiring!!!*
- *Take care of what you have!*

**Reducing problems of noise**

- *Very important (cars playing radios excessively loud at midnight!)*
- *Light pollution is worse in some areas than noise pollution; and remember that traffic and highways create ceaseless noise!*
- *What problem!*

**Making sure that older housing is properly maintained**

- *Very important (not just mobile homes)*
- *Very important (and property cleaned up)*
- *Depends on what you mean by properly (who’s determination)!*
- *What do you mean “properly maintained”?*
- *Who pays the taxes!*

**Preserving historic buildings**

- *Very important—a loss of “final” blow-time—Methodist Church parsonage in Hummelstown will tell it! State College is a good example of what can happen!*
- *Very important (extremely important!!)*
- *Who pays the taxes!*

The three issues cited most frequently by respondents were:

- Preserving important natural areas and creek valleys
- Preserving the scenic character of the region
- Preserving agricultural lands

Respondents were least concerned about traffic problems along some of the major roadways in the region, especially along Route 230.

In addition to the number of “very important” responses, one other method of measuring response on important issues is to assign weights to the various responses. A rating, such as that which appears in the last column of the table above, identifies issues which are a concern to many people but are not a strong enough concern to warrant a top ranking. In the case of the issues in question 5, the ratings generally match the ranking of issues based on the number of “very important” responses.

**5. How important are the following services to you?**

	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	84	9	7	0	0	2.77	862
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	79	11	10	0	0	2.69	861
Police Protection	74	13	10	2	1	2.56	858
Public Education	68	14	13	3	2	2.42	854
Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads	54	26	19	1	0	2.32	859
Trash Collection and Recycling	40	33	23	4	1	2.05	855
School Transportation	44	24	20	8	5	1.92	852

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	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Parks and Recreation	33	32	26	7	2	1.82	851
Local Government Administration	28	33	31	7	2	1.74	851

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

**Comments: General**

- Lower property taxes!
- Of course! Who would meet other than very important? (#469)

**Police Protection**

- Very important (we use State Police in Harrisburg)
- Very important (State Police only! No “local cops” in all their power/glory here, please!

**Trash Collection and Recycling**

- Very important (we have good service)
- Very important (we need at least drop-off sites locally!
- Very important (we don't have recycling)

**Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)**

- Very important (very slow and much overused and overcrowded—some PA areas have private weekend medical treatment to relieve ERs for emergencies)

**School Transportation**

- Excessive when they stop at each house—add up costs!

**Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads**

- Maintenance—very important; snow removal—important (#51)

The services identified as most important to respondents, in terms of both top votes and rating, are:

- Fire Protection
- Emergency Medical Services
- Police Protection
- Public Education
- Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads

Services which respondents felt were less important include:

- Parks and Recreation
- Local Government Administration

**6. How do you rate the following services?**

Service	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	35	39	17	1	8	1.08	858
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	28	38	19	1	14	0.93	854
Public Education	23	47	17	4	9	0.89	853
Trash Collection and Recycling	23	44	24	7	2	0.83	856
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Major Roads (such as Routes 22, 743, 283, 39 and 230) by PennDOT	17	52	24	3	4	0.83	858
School Transportation	15	47	19	2	17	0.75	852
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Local Roads by municipalities	17	41	29	11	2	0.64	857
Police Protection	18	33	28	13	8	0.56	852
Parks and Recreation	11	41	33	8	6	0.55	850
Local Government Administration	7	34	36	11	12	0.37	846

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Excellent= 2, Good = 1, Adequate = 0, Poor = -1.

**Comments: General**

- For the amount of taxes paid, services are either non-existent or poor!
- Haven't seen any yet!
- Lower property taxes!
- For me to rate these items would be to pass judgment on Conewago Township. I believe we try to do our best, and I appreciate their service!

**Police Protection**

- Adequate (Great if you call, but no roving patrols!)
- Poor (Quantity is poor, not quality! We only have a state police at night and we've had a lot of vandalism (mailboxes))
- Poor—East Hanover has no police department!
- We don't have any!
- Poor (we have none!)
- None in our township!
- Don't have any!
- Poor (what protection?)
- Police protection/fire protection/emergency medical services (no experience to judge)
- Very important (we have none!)
- No opinion (N/A—only State police)
- Adequate (East only State police)
- We have none!
- State police!
- No Opinion—we must use State Police; we are one mile from Hummelstown!

**Fire Protection**

- *Never needed!*

**Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)**

- *Never needed!*
- *I never used!*
- *Hershey's ER is a disgrace!*
- *Never had experience!*

**Local Government Administration**

- *Adequate (Taxes seem very high in S. Hanover compared to Hummelstown. This considers difference in services.)*
- *Adequate-Poor (Local government is working to improve itself in East Hanover)*
- *Poor (Londonderry Township politics are a laughing stock! I'm ashamed of my local board!*

**Trash Collection and Recycling**

- *No recycling*
- *We have very little recycling*
- *Excellent waste transport but NO recycling!*
- *Trash collection–excellent; recycling–poor!*
- *Adequate (since we pay \$40.00/month for this; recycling comes at 3:00 a.m.!)*
- *Trash collection–good–no recycling!*
- *Trash collection–good (In our area, we do not have the option to recycle (excess waste– Roundtop Road)–I'm not happy about this!)*
- *Poor (there is no recycling in Conewago Township)*
- *Good (need to add cardboard)*
- *Trash collection–excellent; recycling–poor!*
- *Trash collection–adequate; recycling–poor!*
- *More recycling needed!*
- *Trash collection–good; recycling (we cannot get!)*
- *Recycling–poor (no recycling!)*
- *Recycling–adequate (more extensive recycling would be appreciated!)*
- *Trash–good; recycling–poor!*
- *This is done by Dauphin County and is far from adequate!*
- *Too expensive!*

**Parks and Recreation**

- *Are there any in Conewago Township?*
- *Don't people have yards for playing? This is generally a rural area–let's be realistic!*
- *Poor–but they are improving–we just have a ways to go with walking, biking trails, etc.*

**Public Education**

- *That's why we live in L.D.*
- *Real estate taxes too high!*
- *More money won't create improvement; that has been shown in research and reality!*

**School Transportation**

- *Too costly–Bucks County did some great research!*
- *Waste of taxpayers money on after school activity runs!*

**Maintenance/Snow Removal of Major Roads**

- *Maintenance–very important; snow removal–important (#51)*
- *Adequate (what about Sandbeach Road?)*

**Maintenance/Snow Removal of Local Roads**

- Maintenance—very important; snow removal—important (#51)
- Adequate (has improved this year—no snow!!)

Responses about the quality of current services (question 6) were very similar to the responses about the relative importance of public services, as shown below:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Rank in Importance (#5)</i> (based on rating)	<i>Rank in Quality (#6)</i> (based on rating)
Fire Protection	1	1
Emergency Medical Service	2	2
Police Protection	3	8
Public Education	4	3
Road Maintenance	5	PennDOT 5 municipalities 7
Trash Collection/Recycling	6	4
School Transportation	7	6
Parks and Recreation	8	9
Local Government Administration	9	10

The most important services identified in question 5 (fire protection, emergency medical service) were also given the best service ratings in question 6. Similarly, the two services which received the lowest ratings for importance (parks and recreation, local government administration) also received the lowest ratings for quality. Comparing the results of questions 5 and 6 also yields three notable differences:

- The quality of police protection ranked lower than the importance of police protection.
- The quality of trash collection/recycling ranked higher than the importance of trash collection/recycling.
- Respondents perceived a difference between the quality of road maintenance by PennDOT compared to municipalities, and PennDOT maintenance ranked higher.

**7. Please give your priorities for up to five types of public recreation facilities that are most needed within the Lower Dauphin Area. (Use “1” for your highest priority, “2” for your second priority, etc., up to “5”. Please choose no more than 5 responses.)**

Facility	Priority					Responses With Priorities	Priority Average <sup>2</sup>	Responses Without Priorities	Total Responses
	1	2	3	4	5				
Wooded natural areas w/ trails	146	107	92	76	47	468	3.49	40	508
Jogging/pedestrian trails	75	102	87	68	47	379	3.24	35	414
Bicycle paths	74	90	89	76	48	377	3.18	33	410
Recreation building with gym	75	44	54	42	43	258	3.26	25	283
Children's playgrounds	58	46	45	44	45	238	3.12	27	265
Indoor swimming pool	73	49	27	23	33	205	3.52	24	229

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Facility	Priority					Responses With Priorities	Priority Average <sup>2</sup>	Responses Without Priorities	Total Responses
	1	2	3	4	5				
Skate/rollerblading park	30	40	38	40	29	177	3.01	24	201
Picnic pavilions	6	27	39	37	52	161	2.37	25	186
Outdoor swimming pool	38	37	22	29	25	151	3.23	28	179
Public fishing areas	6	31	31	23	32	123	2.64	29	152
Baseball/softball fields	16	23	21	19	27	106	2.83	22	128
Outdoor amphitheater	14	8	14	22	33	91	2.43	18	109
Soccer/football fields	16	18	20	22	14	90	3.00	21	111
Public hunting areas	29	15	14	13	11	82	3.46	27	109
Indoor ice skating area	8	14	16	13	20	71	2.68	19	90
Outdoor ice skating area	4	14	12	21	17	68	2.51	15	83
Tennis courts	8	6	14	23	16	67	2.51	19	86
Outdoor basketball courts	7	11	14	15	16	63	2.65	20	83
Boat access	5	5	18	20	12	60	2.52	16	76
Equestrian trails	17	3	9	9	19	57	2.82	15	72
Golf course	7	9	15	8	14	53	2.75	17	70
Golf practice area	7	9	7	12	9	44	2.84	15	59
Volleyball courts	2	8	10	6	7	33	2.76	15	48
Other: lacrosse fields	4	1	3	2	1	11	3.45	1	12
Other: library	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.67	0	3
Other: ATV/dirt bike areas	1	2	0	0	0	3	4.33	1	4
Other: teen center	1	1	1	0	0	3	4.00	1	4
Other: pet exercise parks	0	1	1	0	0	2	3.50	0	2
Other: senior center	0	0	0	0	2	2	1.00	1	3
Other: park like Brightbill Park	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.00	0	1
Other: major park like Derry Plaza	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.00	0	1
Other: natural areas for birding	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.00	0	1
Other: state forest	0	0	1	0	0	1	3.00	0	1
Other: open space	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.00	0	1
Other: environmental education ctr.	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.00	1	2
Other: park for seniors only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	1
Other: movie theater	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	1
Other: karate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	1
Other: public access computers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	1
Other: outdoor complex for all sports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	1

No recreation facilities needed: 14 responses

<sup>2</sup> arithmetic average using 5 points for priority 1, 4 points for priority 2, ..., 1 point for priority 5.

*Comments: Note: "Other" responses to question 7 which pertained to suggested recreation facilities were incorporated into the response tabulation rather than listed as comments.*

- *No to equestrian trails—Never, the state has found too many a problem! 5. Public fishing areas— not practical in this climate!*
- *Combine outdoor and indoor swimming pools!*
- *Why is the recreation concern so strong? We ought to look at this with an eye to what is being developed at what already exists in nearby localities, i.e. Hershey, Middletown, Elizabethtown, Hummelstown, rather than in a vacuum!*
- *Other than the toxic river!*
- *Outdoor and indoor swimming are the most important! Swimming is only activity you can do from birth to death—so why aren't there any pools?*
- *No gambling at Penn National/slot machines!*
- *Wheelchair accessible trails!*
- *1. Day care with transportation to E. Hanover Elementary School!*
- *Make use of our school buildings more*
- *I would only support these types of facilities if they were built and operated by user fees and not via taxes!*
- *1. Sewer service expansion*

Respondents were asked to assign a priority to each response, with a maximum of five responses. To assess the strength of responses by priority, a value of 5 was given to a top priority response, 4 for a second priority, and so forth. The five facilities with the strongest priorities, regardless of the number of responses and excluding all "other" responses, are:

- Wooded natural areas with trails
- Jogging/Pedestrian trails
- Bicycle paths
- Recreational building with gym
- children's playground

## **General Comments**

**8. *Please list any other issues, concerns or opportunities you would like to see addressed as part of the regional comprehensive plan.***

The general comments in response to question 8 have been grouped into the following categories:

- Transportation/Road Maintenance
- Local Government
- Trash/Recycling
- Water/Sewer
- Police Protection
- Fire Protection/Ambulance Service
- Growth Issues
- Recreation/Open Space
- School District
- General Comments

## Transportation/Road Maintenance

- Speed limit enforcement on Rt. 743 would be welcomed. We live along Rt. 743 for 25 years. Increased truck and auto traffic traveling at high speeds make turning into our driveway a dangerous event; rerouting traffic onto a NEW INTERCONNECT from 81 to Hershey is required to make 743 a safe road for residents!
- Enforced speed limit of 45 mph.!
- Eliminate roadside memorial sites!
- Too many school buses being used when there are only 2-3 students on each bus as they pass my residence—maybe this could be corrected!
- Reroute the truck traffic from the distribution center on Rt. 743!! Between Rt. 22 and Hershey Park Drive is dangerous!
- Street lights; paved roads—not tar and chips; our own police!
- Please no major highway “improvements”! For example, Route 743, Laudermilch—reduce speed limit to 35 mph and keep road in good condition. Keep East Hanover a rural and residential area. Please remember, we are not here to meet the needs of Hershey interests!
- We are concerned about increased traffic due to new housing developments in area!
- Slow down the cars and school buses—quiet the car radios, especially around playgrounds!
- Maintenance on secondary roads (paving); speed limit sign on Hoffer Road; Elizabethtown, Dauphin County!
- The intersection of Hershey Park Drive and K-mart needs some type of major improvement!! The accidents in that area seem to be at a high level!
- Hoernerstown Road hill at Harrogate Drive coming toward Hummelstown is dangerous! Lots of wrecks and cars out of control—signs, mirrors, caution lights or road modification needed!
- Many middle and high school students walk to/from school and crossing Main St. is very dangerous—some type of traffic signal (light or 3-way stop) is needed at Main and Quarry and/or Main and Water. Also people with corner property should be required to clear access to crosswalks after snow or the Borough should do it. (Also, more crossing guards for middle/high school.)
- Enforcing snow and ice removal from sidewalks! Enforcing no left turns from bank drive-in!
- Route 322 sound/exhaust problems along South Hummelstown!
- Road crew should talk with homeowner before trimming (butchering) trees that extend over the right-of-way space along roads!
- Traffic and land use should be planned together; growth boundaries are needed; and wildlife habitat is essential!
- Traffic light at intersection of Grandview Road with Route 39 (by UniMart). Sign prohibiting use of 50 foot shoulder to pass car trying to make left turn onto Grandview from Route 39.
- We think that the overuse of 743 should be addressed as it carries all the traffic from the northeast U.S. into Hershey Park and Arena and the traffic from the Eastern Distribution Center!
- Please, Please, Please repave Old Jonestown Road!
- Consider highway congestion before considering housing developments!
- Sidewalks, street lights, curbs, city water, city sewage, excessive speed on neighborhood roads by non-residents; need to use Hummelstown police instead of State cops!
- I would like to see police enforce speed limits on secondary streets in Hummelstown Borough (i.e. High Street west); it is a danger to children and a constant problem that does NOT get attention!

- Traffic patterns and speeding (mostly 6-8 a.m.; 4-6 p.m.) on Grandview Road. This has been an issue for years with NO resolution! Does someone have to die?
- Speeding through the town of Sandbeach! Cars fly on this road. We have no police to control this problem!
- Issue of kids driving to school—speeding on local roads.
- Please be more aggressive about getting the traffic light in at the Route 391 Grandview intersection—this is a very dangerous area!
- Concerns: Hershey Park traffic and parking spilling over to South Hanover Township Route 39!
- Maybe making it easier to see what traffic is coming on Main Street when you're trying to pull out on a side street; and the crossing for pedestrians needs to be longer at the square!
- Better public transportation!
- The noise level along I-81 since it was resurfaced in 1995 has increased tenfold! Sound walls must be added up to the Grantville exit. The state did not consider the appropriate noise factors during construction!
- Ordinance and enforcement limiting "0" unlicensed vehicle per property unless enclosed in a garage—E. Hanover is becoming proliferated with houses with cars no longer licensed and parked in yards and along streets!
- We are going to need a traffic light at Rt. 39 and Grandview in near future!
- Traffic violations such as speeding and parking where the curb is painted yellow because then it is very dangerous to pull out (Main and Landis)!
- I would like to see some sort of local transportation—taxi, bus, van, etc.! The elder express is good, but many times is not available and certainly not in the evenings!
- Noise ordinance enforced; speeding enforced; stopping at stop signs enforced!
- I would like the heavy dump trucks to stop going up and down our road—they drive too fast sometimes and they are messing up the road by leaving ruts from their tires from being overweight and leaving mud up and down the road most of the time!
- We live on Hoernerstown Road where every AM and PM there are cars flying by—the speed limit is 30/35 but we've seen some after school traffic "catch air" outside our house; our garage is on the opposite side of the road and I've almost been hit four times! The neighbors child was paralyzed after he was hit several years ago!
- There needs to be a stop sign at the intersection of Pine Hill and Union Deposit--when traffic turns onto Pine Hill you can't see down Union Deposit!
- Red light at corner of Quarry Road and Main Street—Hummelstown!
- Congested intersection at Hershey Park Drive and Hummelstown (Main Street) very dangerous and heavily congested during any event at Hershey Park, etc.!
- We pay with our tax dollars a lot of money to our borough maintenance crew for overtime! And for the most part they do a good job, but in winter our streets deserve more than just a clean? Sweep up the center of the street. Because it freezes and to park your car then is not a fun time in the least! Perhaps they need lessons in how to do better in this area!!
- All of Beagle Road needs resurfaced and bridges repaired or replaced with blacktop, NOT tar and chip, from School House Road to Mill Road! Bridges between 5348 and 5386 Beagle Road always floods over road and junk gets blocked up in front of bridge; it is too low between water surface and bottom of bridge. There are sinkholes at bridge that get filled in from time to time!
- Pets (dogs) running loose in neighborhoods!
- Improve roads—build for future, not maintaining past!

- More obeying of pedestrian crossing signs; no one seems to wanna stop! Activities for younger children to be involved in!
- The shoulder of Rt. 39 could be a great biking path. However, it needs to be swept free of dead animals, broken glass and cinders/stones used on winter roads! Rt. 39 needs a wider shoulder in some areas so bicyclists could ride from Rt. 39 at Applebees to Rt. 22. Stone chips applied with tar makes a hazardous surface for riders! If back roads had a smooth shoulder, it would be much safer for bicyclists, especially when cars come flying around sharp corners!
- Please do something about the junction of Locust Lane and Nyer Road—motorists approaching Nyer Road from Locust Lane must stop at the stop sign and it is difficult to make a left-hand turn onto Nyer Road because of the huge volume of speeding traffic both ways on Nyer Road! Accidents have already occurred here and sometimes there are 30 cars waiting on Locust Lane at 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.!
- Snow fencing is needed along Rt. 743 between Early Mill Road and Swatara Creek. This causes problems every year as snow drifts across the road!
- Route 39 and Grandview Road – needs a traffic light NOW! I have been almost hit several times trying to turn!

### Local Government

- Local government (board of supervisors) have more control than necessary.
- The regressive nature of the per capita tax. Someone fresh out of high school working for minimum wage pays same as others making much more—renters often don't get taxed at all. Real estate taxes for mostly the same reasons when it comes to seniors!
- Concern over extremely high taxes in Lower Dauphin School District!
- Encourage planning commissions and zoning boards to designate areas away from residential areas as “industrial”. For instance, Vine St. exit off of SR 283, Toll House Road exit, etc.
- The noise of barking dogs!
- Thank you for volunteering your time to this process! Regional cooperation is so important!
- Less government—no need for permits to have yard sale; Less expense—for building permits.
- Joint purchasing of services with other communities!
- Concern about people walking their dogs and not cleaning up after them. It's on the road, grass, people's properties and it's an eyesore!
- Intelligent, practical and reasonable zoning; taking responsibility for the sewage disaster (not at taxpayers' expense); a local government administration that gives glory to the residents and not to themselves! Stop the “power” game!
- Lower taxes (change) tax from property to other type tax; we are penalized for having something nice every year!
- These things are fine, but we all know that they cost money. We already pay far too much in taxes and not having any children, I don't feel we get our money's worth and most of what you listed is not important to us and costs more money!
- Lower taxes!!!
- I don't think businesses should be allowed in a residential area, especially car repair garages! Those that are, should be made to clean up the mess of old cars, etc. Route 230 is looking very bad. Places need to be cleaned up!
- Eliminate property taxes: property taxes (county, local and school) should be a form of income tax, not tax on property!

- You have my support for a lot of the above and including the previous pages as long as it can be accomplished without raising taxes!
- Just lower my taxes and be fiscally responsible!
- Why do people who rent lots off of trailer parks have to pay property taxes?
- Real estate tax reduction for seniors on fixed or low incomes!
- Bring more industry–this would help with tax increase for senior citizens!
- Constant construction–we are outgrowing the schools before they are completed and it seems we are adding on every 4-5 years. Can't we plan and look forward enough that we don't continue to keep expanding! Every couple years and do it once! More construction means more taxes! I am concerned about the constant threat of rising taxes–it is not fair and has created a burden on homeowners!
- Please publish why South Hanover Township withdrew from the LDARPG!
- The state must do a better job of funding education, especially with services they initiate!
- Tax relief for senior property owners!!
- Tell whomever is in favor of getting rid of mobile home communities to leave it alone unless they plan on furnishing affordable housing for everyone who now lives in MH communities. There is nothing wrong with the communities, just some of the people who live there!
- Devise a way to acquire school taxes other than from property owners!
- Local government has worked to improve itself and the quality of life. However, more needs to be done, such as comprehensive zoning and planning and enhanced qualifications of public servants!
- No additional taxes!!
- No tax increases for recreation facilities–we are senior citizens!!
- Lower real estate taxes, especially for senior citizens!
- Keeping all township employees honest or get rid of them!
- Real estate tax–help for seniors!
- Why has South Hanover withdrawn?
- Community volunteer services–something similar to “Volunteer” or “Welcome Wagon”!
- It would be nice to have a public fishing pond in East Hanover (like Hershey's Bullfrog Valley)!
- Senior citizens should be exempt from school tax and get a reduction in property taxes so we can afford to keep our home!
- A regional Comp Plan should seriously address the issues of sprawl, agricultural land depletion, habitat preservation, etc.; only then will the process not be an exercise in futility!
- Do away with property taxes or make older long-term residents a lot lower! All this stuff is good, but it all costs money. When does it stop–bigger, newer, etc. is not always better!
- If improvements/additions would be addressed, please DO NOT use or increase our taxes! We are really struggling to live plus medical expenses each month!
- Property taxes must be shifted to an income based system to give relief to the lower earned income residents of the district!
- You should have asked–are you retired? Are you over 65-70 years old? Do you have a limited income? You would find that a lot of users cannot afford the constant rise in school taxes!
- Lower property taxes–or no property taxes–use income!
- Controlling budgets–senior citizens on fixed incomes soon will need to leave the Township with increased school taxes, etc.! Some officials say we will just die out! What if we continue to live? In response to a question dealing with increased taxes and fixed incomes–we need to

live within our budgets! The schools and townships, etc. should do the same. Perhaps even trim some “fat” off of the budget!!!

- I do not have children and probably never will! I should not have to pay to educate someone else’s child! At least reduced tax rate; and 2) I once reported a breaking and entering and received no response from police department—suspected drug dealers on Main Street reported but nothing done!!
- Outdoor lighting codes should be developed and enforced to provide less light pollution of the sky; i.e. having more light directed to ground and sides of building for more secure illumination and less electric power consumption!
- Poor planning in South Hanover Farms being sold to housing developments without adding any business or road infrastructure! South Hanover needs a business community and better roads!
- I would like to see S. Hanover Township back on the committee! Other concerns: groundwater protection, protecting/improving water quality/watershed protection/restoration! Thank you for your efforts!
- I resent having to pay the high taxes for recreation to be used by a few! If people would parent, get involved in a church, keep their homes cleaned up and be responsible for their own—we’d have plenty of recreation now! We raised five very successful children and between home, sports at school and church, they never used the recreation facilities!
- We should seriously consider moving away from Township governing to county governing. Concentration of economics, sharing of resources and having more qualified individuals in positions of responsibility. This type of governing is done in neighboring states with considerable success!
- How can business/industry be brought in to the district to help redistribute some of the tax base!
- Real estate taxes are obscenely high! There is no need for them to be so. There is too much redundancy in local police, fire and government. Consolidate and concentrate on efficiency! PA is the land of redundancy and waste!
- Taxes! Taxes! Taxes are too high! Money can be raised through fundraisers, etc. Education is not how much money you can spend!
- Indoor swimming pool! Taxes for L.D.S.D.!
- I would like to see more convenience businesses in my Township; i.e. grocery, video, car wash, etc. We have to drive too far for everything!
- We need to be careful we do not use public funds to support small groups’ personal agendas!
- I’ve lived in S.H. Township all my life and have never understood why, when we pay practically the same taxes as Hershey, Hershey offers so much more—library, indoor/outdoor pool, large playground, etc.!
- How long can you tax the property owner til they say enough is enough!
- Mr. Galately should be investigated for fraud—Londonderry Twp. Supervisor!
- Lower taxes! Return surplus to taxpayers rather than spend on recreation facilities!

### **Trash/Recycling**

- I would like to see a ban on trash burning—especially in towns—Union Deposit is terrible—burn barrels everywhere!
- Trash recycling.

- We really need a good recycling program—curbside collection that accepts many common types of household trash—or even a drop off center!
- People dumping within Borough; junk and trash sitting on properties within borough; correct way to plow streets when snowed!
- Provide recycling of glass, plastic, paper, etc.!
- It is critically important to me that Londonderry Township provide (at the minimum) recycling drop-off containers. I would prefer it as a mandate with curbside pickup! Thank you for your work!
- A recycling center would be helpful!
- More recycling—non-corrugated cardboard and junk mail/paper!
- Bulk trash disposal more than once a year—at least twice; better road maintenance on township roads.
- Ongoing trash cleanup along roadways to keep area clean and free of trash, dump areas, etc.
- Litter is a real problem in East Hanover Township. I would really like to see that issue addressed more than any other!
- Enforcement of litter law along Red Top Road and Stoudt Road, S. Hanover Township. The traffic is heavy and beer cans and whiskey bottles along these roads tell us there is a lot of drinking while driving, plus other litter!
- Recycling!!
- Trash and junk vehicles removed from properties that create hazards and an eyesore for the neighborhood!
- Limiting two trash cans is really stupid—people will keep illegally dumping! Most places I've lived pick up twice a week! Impervious coverage for having a swimming pool is really stupid! Would you rather I put an eyesore above the ground pool in? Or a nice landscaped in-ground pool? I believe I pay my property tax so I should be able to put a pool in my yard! Just think of tax dollars you could collect with increased property values!
- Limit open burning or ban it altogether! It will give better air quality and limit pollution so we can enjoy being outdoors!
- Recycling in Conewago Township; public sewers in Conewago Township; public water in Conewago Township!
- Recycling of glass and metal cans and plastics!
- A place within the district/township where grass clippings and other organic debris would be recycled and then made available to residents, i.e. mulch from products above!
- We have concerns about junk cars in neighborhood; dogs and cats running loose; wells!!!
- Conewago does not recycle!
- More waste cans located throughout Hummelstown and at any new recreation sites would be appreciated!
- We need more controls on prohibiting residents from leaving abandoned cars and other junk on their property, especially in residential communities!
- Yard waste recycling; public transportation to downtown Harrisburg (convenient and speedy)!
- Conewago Township has got to implement a recycling program—now we are doing nothing!!!
- Need for recycling and trash centers! Roads and wooded areas have become dumping grounds!
- Making sure people keep their property clean and not looking like junkyards—fines for junk and abandoned vehicles!
- Would like to see two bulk trash days per year—spring and fall!
- Recycling in areas outside of towns!
- Outdoor burning should be banned. We live down from Hoss's and my neighbors burn trash all summer long—I can't leave my windows open at all. The smoke and the smell is terrible!

- Vacuuming leaves along road and streets!
- Keeping people's properties clean of junk and following zoning and restrictions of area!

### **Water/Sewer**

- Sewage—especially homes that are within a mile of sewage pipes, i.e. Middletown, Royaltown—but are not allowed to hook up because of POLITICAL reasons. It needs to be resolved. More septic plants need to be built!
- Also I would like to see water, septic and gas lines on Rt. 230.
- Our family is included in the sewer system (step 1). We personally don't need it or want it and can't afford it. We're also concerned about housing growth because of it!
- Sewage and roads repaved; then worry about recreation facilities!
- I do not believe septic and/or water lines need to be extended to homes that have properly working septic tanks and wells! That would be an unnecessary expense!
- Expansion of public water to replace wells. Fire hydrant systems are needed.
- Would like to see E. Hanover Township Board take responsibility for the botched-up sewage plant and not put it on the residences or businesses affected.
- Please give us safe water and sewer service!
- People complain about the fact there is no sewage plant! What the township needs to do is make it mandatory for residents to pump their septic tanks every two years, which will take care of the contaminated wells!
- Public water and sewer!
- Public water system should be a priority over public sewer!
- Extending public water to people with failing wells in Crestview Manor!
- What is happening with sewage facilities?
- I would like to see public sewer hookups implemented as an optional rather than mandatory program.
- More public water!
- Sewage management, recycling, comprehensive zoning—then sticking to it for “ordered”/ “orderly” development, water quality issues (waste, etc.) much of L.D. is on private well water supply!
- Public water (city water) hookup to City water!
- Getting public sewer along Rt. 743 from Hershey to Conewago School!

### **Police Protection**

- Not all!! But some bus drivers drive too fast on some of our rural roads. State police need to patrol our township better.
- Police presence in developments off Rt. 743. Specifically, Anglewood Development.
- Better school and police awareness of and action upon drug dealing!
- More police patrol—Roundtop Road is like a race course—especially after the high school kids are dismissed! I think the State Police need to start monitoring this!
- Does E. Hanover even have a local police department? Have never seen a police vehicle from E.H.—if they exist, they are not visible enough! State police do not make much additional presence except for Rt. 22!

- Police protection; noise ordinance; sewer!
- I would like to see parking addressed by police in Union Deposit!
- Police protection!
- Regional police force!
- Police protection in South Hanover Township.
- Mailbox vandalism in our community! State police and post office does nothing about it! People can't afford to keep replacing them—stiffer fines for people dumping illegally!
- I would love to see the police “visible”—rather than hiding behind a bush across from L.D. high school! A visible vehicle will cause travelers to slow down; rather than hiding and making so many stops for speeding!
- More police surveillance or presence in Parks (Sunset), where alcohol is served and/or permitted! Bicycle and/or pedestrian path along Geyer's Church Road from 441 to 230!

### **Fire Protection/Ambulance Service**

- Have a better fire prevention program; i.e. joint fire companies from the school district.
- The large area near the fire department in Middletown should be turned into a playground. It currently is an eyesore and poor use of a piece of property!

### **Growth Issues**

- Control residential growth and ensure that industrial/commercial growth takes place in areas with adequate infrastructure and ordinance control to reduce impact on other use areas (light and sound pollution)!
- Encouraging business development in the region.
- I would like to see the mentioned four items located at Lytles on Rt. 230.
- Noise standards; outdoor lighting standards for residential and nonresidential development; presentation of wildlife habitat with interlinked corridors; logical and sound placement of business and residential development with supporting infrastructure!
- Maintaining the natural areas and agricultural geography; manage the suburban sprawl to maintain the beauty of our countryside.
- Council has approved a zone at northwest area of town on Handwork property for adult clubs. Why allow them at all! Other towns are getting rid of them and keeping them out! I feel that some sort of control on selling of homes and properties should be in effect to protect property values. When we purchased building lots on the northwest end of town in 1952, our deeds specified NO BUILDINGS TO BE BUILT OR USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES! Real estate agents have sold homes to out of town people who are renting rooms to students at the Hershey Medical Center. Properties are not maintained properly. They get “seedy” and become blights—bringing down the values of properties in the area. There should be something done about this. After living here for 47 years, I would hate to leave Hummelstown. Borough management has stated that they can't do anything about it!
- Slow down the building to maintain the rural areas!
- Make all new building lots “1 ACRE” minimum. We need a 5 person Supervisory Board; call a truce on the Board; get on with government!
- Most important—protect our farmland!
- Please limit housing development! No high density residential areas, please!!
- The “Let's see how many houses we can jam in an acre” attitude of developers!

- Curb commercial development—NO ugly shopping centers! Don't want to become Lower Paxton Township. If that means continued high taxes—SO BE IT! Planning Group great idea—keep up the good work!
- New development—need to put stop to this! Parks and recreation not necessary! Too much government freedom being lost; taxes too high; public education teaching more than arithmetic, reading, writing has turned our society into a very sad situation—No respect for each other!
- No lots should be sold off of land zoned agricultural!
- Keep industry concentrated—away from housing; preserve farmland; develop water and sewage!
- Overdevelopment causing overcrowding in schools; stress on fire and police, also environment!
- Attract more commercial/industrial property owners; better balance between commercial and residential properties.
- Would like to see NO construction of new development; area should stay rural—farms remain to keep rural setting!
- Mobile home parks in Londonderry Township are disgusting—no one should be allowed to live that way in 2000! Please send the Board of Health! (Look behind trailers “Crestview”)
- The drastic loss of farmland in this area!
- Adequate parking is a concern for older folks—it limits our access to business and activities—not a big problem though!
- 1) Some type of incentives to entice business to utilize the vacant commercial and industrial buildings throughout the area; 2) any incentive to builders and homeowners to build “green” and practice water reclamation on existing and future buildings to conserve our resources here!
- The first five issues on page 4 are extremely important to me personally! We do not need any more developments (housing) in the area. Rural areas becoming too busy with traffic! ENOUGH ALREADY!!!
- 1) Sale of farmland for housing development; 2) effective and consistent control of traffic and the speed of the traffic!
- I would like to see the natural beauty of our surrounding countryside preserved and LESS housing developments cropping up everywhere!!!
- Maintain rural/agricultural nature of area!
- Planned growth—saving historic Hummelstown and agricultural surroundings!
- Place a moratorium on building new developments in rural areas!
- Stop the sprawl—redevelop the existing housing stock!
- 1) Large lots for new homes; 2) lower taxes—better tax spending; 3) less train noise (blow whistle 1 or 2 times instead of 10)! \*Lower personal income taxes, least people can afford to stay in this area!
- Tough zoning to protect wooded areas, farmland and wetlands. Keep Lower Dauphin area from becoming a paved, developed parking area!
- Stop large housing developments; “minimum” 1 acre lots should be new rule everywhere!
- Keep agricultural—too much housing developments! Stop development!
- Slow development on Route 22 corridor; slow housing developments—limit lot size to 2 acres—getting too crowded!
- Cut down on developed farmland to housing! Can't afford higher taxes to build more schools and traffic problems, etc. etc. etc.!!
- Limiting development in all of L.D. area!
- Preservation of undeveloped land and farmland!

- One acre zoning and suburbanization is destroying communities, personal interaction and commitment and leads to lack of open space, habitat and biodiversity—long live the automobile and the macadam road to nowhere!!
- Limiting residential development in townships; impact fee charged to developers do not begin to cover expenses to district!
- Slow down all the housing developments!!!
- Farmland and open space preservation, controlled development; use performance zoning!
- Stop rampant development!! Too many houses sprawling all over the Township!!
- Environmental concerns and issues; population growth issues!
- Please continue to preserve open space, woodlands and agricultural lands. Continue to keep areas “rural”. Maintain sufficient space between residential homes. Street lights, sidewalks, curbs, etc. are not needed in rural areas and should never be considered. Keep big developers out as they are only interested in profits and do not care about the communities best interests, in general. Continue to properly plan and maintain strict codes!
- Our community could use a small shopping center because it would bring more revenue! A suggested location would be along northern Route 743 area!
- Controlling high volume housing (trailer parks, large apartments, townhome rentals) that do not provide very much tax revenue!
- Very disappointed with the developments that are taking over the lovely wooded area along Rt. 39—it was always meant to be farmland! Area was filled with many wonderful animals!
- Limiting development, both residential and commercial!
- No auto junkyards, fewer housing developments; keep the open land!
- We need more controlled industry in our district!
- More building lots so our children can stay in this township! I believe one question you failed to ask us was—DO YOU WANT YOUR TAXES TO GO UP? That is what will happen if you continue to want all these items for people but want no more people! **NO MORE TAXES!!!**

### Recreation/Open Space

- Keep bikers on paths.
- Dedication of fields at Keller to the L.D. lacrosse program.
- Speed bumps in parks, less teen loitering, stricter curfews for 16 and under 18 and under—and so on!
- Better bear control—concerned of visiting of wild animals!
- Can’t sit on patio because people shoot guns in field next to property—can hear bullets going through trees! This is on Geyers Ch. Rd. Also, dirt bikes up and down—too much noise! Revving up motors on bikes. Lower taxes for people who try to keep their property in good shape! Also, because of close proximity to TMI we will never get full value for our property if we decide to sell and move on!
- We really need a teen center in town—why can’t the old Kmart be used as a teen recreation center? There’s nowhere for the kids to bike or skateboard except in the streets. Why can’t one playground or basketball court be designated as a skatepark?
- No more parking lots—more trees!
- Children need more things to do—we live in a very rural area which is great; but the kids get bored very quickly which then they tend to get into trouble!
- Greenway along Swatara Creek (linear park) with canoe access.
- Boat access at TMI area!

- Community watch; block parties (get to know your neighbors)!
- Skateboard park—inside or outside!
- Very nice playground on Geyer Church Road but not area for children near Laura Wood Road, Top Road area, Steinwick Road area when housing development being planned on Dorshower Farm be included in development! Play area “MUST”!
- Plant more trees on public land and along highways!
- Addressing the long-term future of the historic Horseshoe Trail specifically! Keeping intact this long distance trail between the Appalachian Trail and Valley Forge through East Hanover and South Hanover!
- “Preserve open space”! Put pressure on state representatives/senators to allocate larger amounts of money to buy development rights so more farms can be preserved!
- We need either a public swimming pool, or we need to get someone involved in the current swim club whose rules and ideas are more “current” and reasonable. Swimmers are not allowed to wear sunglasses in the pool! Such a rule is senseless and dangerous! I’ve belonged to swim clubs in five states and I have never heard such an illogical rule!
- Suggestion: Fenced area in Township parks and school areas for seniors to exercise their dogs in safety close to parking area/water/bench/trash can at area; also shade/fence 5 feet high—2 gates that close—grass with concrete footer under fence/size 100 ft. x 100 ft./1 gate entry—1 gate for maintenance people—kept locked. No hidden fence! Less development—more open land for wildlife!
- With today’s access to lakes, oceans, backyard pools ALL kids should learn to swim! It should be mandatory for graduation and for each student’s safety!
- Our Children—need to stop building in fields; leave land to nature so the land can breathe and our future generations can breathe too! Make new jobs for people by recycling more!
- Wheelchair accessibility!
- Do not rezone!
- Bicycling should only be allowed where there is a designated bicycle path. Parks just improve what we have.
- There needs to be more for teenage kids to do in town, such as movie theaters, decent bowling alleys, etc.
- Long-term—summer programs for younger children! For people who don’t make enough money for child care but want their children to have educational/recreational opportunities during summer months!
- Historic preservation; affordable housing!
- More activities for senior citizens!
- Our #1 recreation building to offer young people supervised place to gather after school and evenings. This worked well in the “50’s” in the building which is now the library!
- Kids enjoy in-line skating and are being told they can’t skate in parking lots, parks, school, main street, etc. Where should they skate?
- I would like to see some type of security system at East Hanover Park. I have visited with other parents and have had to intervene when older teenagers are riding skateboards on playground equipment or talking vulgar and vandalizing the children’s play areas. I have also heard about the vandalism at the park the past year. I don’t use the park as much because I don’t want to have to deal with these problems. I have started going to West Hanover and/or Hershey Park!
- Being from Hummelstown I see no need of any of the above—we have a decent park (Shaffner); also nature trail off Duke St.; plus water area at W. Main for skating and the creek for boating and fishing! (#369)

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## The Lower Dauphin Area Regional Comprehensive Plan

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- We need public dirt bike areas; we have to put up with the horse track and all the riff-raff it brought into the area and the noise and traffic; I don't mind noise but it's not fair to the kids with dirt bikes who can't ride in their own backyards without horse people complaining! We were here first and they took over—is that fair to our kids!
- Programs targeted to age specific target audiences—seniors, teens, etc.
- Farmland protection to minimize residential development; energy conservation/reducing air pollution!
- More recreation activities that are free or very low costs for families! Indoor activities in winter for children to get out extra energy, safe and low cost!
- More recreational opportunities for children/youth in rural areas.
- Swimming is a huge sport in PA—L.D. should recognize that!
- Opportunity: Lacrosse field.
- Need indoor youth center. School children are walking the streets, stealing, hanging out—unsupervised! Need supervised gym activities!
- Keep our young people with some place to meet besides the street!
- Community center similar to the Friendship Center in Lower Paxton Township would be nice!
- Preservation of open space and controlled growth and development is our highest priority!
- More support of club sports!
- There needs to be more summer camp programs locally for working parents with school age children! A local recreation center would be great! The old K-Mart building would have been perfect!
- Rollerblade/skateboarding area at East Hanover Park. More access to Swatara Creek for canoes! Motocross riding area (4-wheelers)!
- I would like to see a large, multi-use natural area with trails and area for native plants and wildflowers (and athletic fields) in or near South Hanover Township. Also, bike paths connecting Rt. 39 with Hershey Park would be a significant improvement! I would like to see less small (2 swingset) parks and more consolidated multi-acre recreation areas!
- Make our surroundings as beautiful and natural as possible and our schools the best as can be!
- 1) Communities should have more parks/playgrounds instead of one large park (as in E. Hanover Twp.); 2) local government must do more to fund emergency services plus demand on adequate return on investment in emergency services!
- Would like to see a facility similar to the friendship center in Lower Paxton!
- Opportunities to use facilities should not be so pricey that only the “wealthy” are afforded that opportunity. There should be some system set up for those who abuse areas to have a logical consequence, such as clean-up maintenance, etc. instead of just loss of privileges to use facilities!
- Keeping our trees and natural areas and farmlands!
- Improvement in park and recreation activities for non-school aged children: play groups, activities, crafts! Community center would be nice to have!
- The Elfner Red Hill building in Middletown! (#741)
- Ice hockey should be a school-sponsored sport. Parents would be more than willing to continue to help pay!
- More fundraisers for community money (example: yard sale at fire hall, children's programs, “story tellers, etc.” with pre-paid ticket sales! Community day at parks with advance meal purchase “chicken-hot dog, etc.”!)

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- Preserve natural areas; control/limit amount of new development, especially high density housing–i.e. townhouses, mobile home parks, etc.! The open areas cannot be replaced once they are developed!
- Preserve excellent (historical) farms in area! Youth center with recreational facilities and scheduled activities! Areas for 4-wheel and other recreational vehicles to ride (state park area?)
- Please try to preserve open spaces?
- We waste all this money on stadiums that only a chosen few use–why not an indoor pool–that the whole community can use!
- The language that is used on the basketball courts at Borough Park is offensive. Parks are wonderful, but a certain amount of “policing” is necessary!

### School District

- The School District should remain in the educational business, not in regional planning. Tri County Planning and local municipalities are responsible for the region. I want my taxes to go for only education, not studies that are not the concern of some people who believe that they know what is needed. Run for public office if that is what you want and let teachers teach!
- School choice–we are not anti-public school but have chosen to educate our children in a Christian school in conjunction with our beliefs taught at home and church. We should not be penalized monetarily for our choice!
- Lower Dauphin High School offers only 1 varsity sport for girls in the winter season (basketball). A school this size should offer more; the boys have two (basketball and wrestling). This is unequal! Cheerleading is NOT a sport!
- There should be volleyball and swimming teams at schools.
- Replace old school buses–better bus rider behavior (enforcement)!
- Get back to basic 3 R’s!
- Very concerned with need across the nation to improve our public schools–let’s work locally. Concerned with low opportunity locally for family sustaining jobs. Relationships need to be improved between local community and Hershey Park/Arena that present win-win situation! How can we keep more of our young adults local after working so hard raising and educating them Few career opportunities here and yet we need their talents!
- We currently have 114 students in the Lower Dauphin Lacrosse Club program. We need facilities to support this!!!
- School transportation–half the school buses are half empty! Parents drive the children or the children drive. There are red lights at 39 and 743. Bus drivers are in too big of a hurry–they need to slow down!
- Better school and police awareness of and action upon drug dealing!
- L.D. School District should have its’ own football field for games!
- I would like someone to review and fix the LDHS track and field meet schedule: 4 meets in 8 days? I am willing to help with the planning/execution!
- There are enough of soccer/field hockey/sports fields in the area to use! Please use tax dollars in the classroom instead! Thanks!
- Keeping our farmland; keeping education alive for all ages!
- Drug problem at schools!
- It would be nice if the school transportation was affiliated with more day care centers for before and after school care! Right now there are only two in the borough–not much of a selection! For

instance, the day care beside Fox's on 322 or Tender Years on 422! Or have the borough offer before and/or after school care (a latch-key program?) for elementary school children!

- More focus on the education of our children in the classroom and not so much on sports. Give students who are L.S. more effective support and the teachers the resources to teach them. Use the L.S. Consortium properly—placing students appropriately!
- Day care (year round) is very lacking in E. Hanover Township. The Before/After School YMCA Program only starts at 1<sup>st</sup> grade and still leaves summer camp a question. An adequate child care facility (year round) at the elementary school would be perfect!! I would be willing to pay top dollar for good care!
- Keep improving the schools! That's by far my priority in township planning!
- Conewago Elementary School needs to be enlarged to accommodate more students as it will be overcrowded in 2002-2003. This seems to be a trend the last several years. Conewago Township supervisors need to be proactive. A zoning officer for Conewago Township needs to be found who is qualified and knows what is going on!
- Quite a chunk of change for only 12,505 sq.ft. addition to East Hanover Elementary!
- Pedestrian school students; auto parking; safe sidewalk connecting middle and high schools to the town; the Hanover Street area is a death trap—Quarry Road needs help!
- Monitoring the bus services that transport school children to PREVENT speeding/reckless driving in residential areas! Phone calls to district don't help!
- Using public facilities year round! For example, public schools and fire halls in the summer for day camps. Sunset Park in the winter time for cross country skiing, sledding, nature walks, ice skating, etc.
- Adult opportunity to walk in the school halls after hours—we have no close mall! Add all-day kindergarten to help the many working parents with impossible! Many are already in full day daycare at 2 years, including our grandchild!
- After school/before school for kindergarten students!
- Please stop the continuous school building and renovations! Enough is enough!!
- Build another elementary school with a full-size gym; need indoor basketball courts for youth programs!
- Concern for the safety and security of the student population!
- Too many children in our schools!
- Keep the school and education money for education! I.E.—less sports—don't try to keep up or outdo another school district!
- 1) Reducing cost of public education; 2) increase learning fundamentals (3 R's); and 3) limit development (urban sprawl)!
- I would love to see a bicycle path along Hoernerstown Road and Union Deposit Road. This would decrease traffic on those roads and hopefully more students could ride bikes to school. The high school should put a pool in for a swim team, for cross training for other teams, for physical education classes and for community use!
- Latch key program for Nye Elementary; train whistles very loud in Graystone Farms development!
- Put some brakes on school spending! Make schools more responsible for property, its use! Hold kids and teachers responsible for property, education! Sports seem more important than education!
- Public education—a lot of time given to building/upgrading buildings while out-of-date methods and practices are allowed to continue throughout the district, at all levels—particularly at the elementary level!

- L.D.S.D. should put a cap on their spending to stay within budget and not increase taxes!!
- I would like to see Nye Elementary be given a better gym facility. The high school also needs a second or auxiliary gym!
- How about seat belts on the school buses?
- Some facility—maybe a community center or open the schools in the evenings—so arts opportunities for adults exist!
- I feel L.D. should have an indoor pool. We are the only school district in the area without one—all the children should be taught how to swim!
- The Lower Dauphin Middle School NEEDS a sidewalk behind the side parking lot! I was told this was brought up many times by parents, with nothing every done! Is it going to take a child getting run over before something is done? Have someone watch after school sometime—it’s ugly—parents rushing; kids walking in front of cars, etc.!
- Before and after school child care programs! Summer child care for school-age children!
- Indoor athletic facilities in the schools should have public use; same with outdoor facilities!
- Mandatory use of school buses, by all students with a need! Prohibit use of private vehicles, unless a need is authenticated!
- Please consider the raw resources, human and natural, that are available and instead of inventing artificial elements like sports complexes, capitalize and maximize the outdoors/biological strengths! Regional means an area much broader than just Lower Dauphin School District! Libraries managed a statewide access capability! It’s time for “services” to do less reinventing the wheel, locally!
- The school district is too large of an area to have something that can be accessed by everyone (in a reasonable amount of time)! The school district’s townships seem to be the ideal way to go!
- After school and summer programs for latchkey children. Opportunities for art, recreation, games, field trips, learning activities for children and teens!

### General Comments

- No slot machines at Penn National or elsewhere!
- We love East Hanover!
- An enlarged library for the Borough of Hummelstown!
- Personnel fence between Sunset Park and the high speed Amtrak Railroad is needed desperately!
- My concern is enforcing the laws—woodpiles by house; sawing at trees to have spacious woodpiles—terrible yards with junk in them; cats running at large and have been reported many times; and parking on wrong side of the street!
- Area needs a major bookstore, computer/media store, more coffee shops!
- The above issues, etc. are well presented with the realization that some are beyond expectations for these municipalities!
- More yard sales!!

### Responses by Municipality

The following section presents the results of the Lower Dauphin area public survey organized by the municipality of the respondent. Separate tabulations are provided for Conewago Township, East Hanover Township, Hummelstown, Londonderry Township, and South Hanover Township. Tables are in the same format as the regional totals presented on page 1.

**Conewago Township**

2. How old are you? (*n=94; median age=47.7 years*)

0 % 10–19 years      1 % 20–29 years      20 % 30–39 years  
33 % 40–49 years      39 % 50–64 years      6 % 65 years or older

3. How long have you lived in the Lower Dauphin School District? (*n=94*)

5 % less than 3 years    27 % 3–10 years    20 % 11–20 years    48 % more than 20 years

4. How important are the following issues to you?

Issue	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Preserving important natural areas and creek valleys.	69	12	17	2	0	27.03	91
Preserving the scenic character of the region.	65	19	15	0	1	26.67	93
Preserving agricultural lands	62	18	17	1	1	25.59	93
Carefully controlling the types and locations of business development.	50	19	23	4	4	22.75	91
Preserving significant areas of open spaces within new development.	49	28	17	3	2	23.59	92
Extending public sewer service to homes with failing septic systems.	37	16	22	22	4	15.38	93
Addressing traffic problems along Route 743.	34	30	27	7	2	19.78	92
Expanding public parks and recreation facilities.	30	27	21	21	1	15.65	92
Preserving historic buildings.	29	22	36	11	3	16.77	93
Improving opportunities for bicycling and pedestrians.	28	26	26	17	2	15.76	92
Making sure that older housing is properly maintained.	23	22	40	10	7	15.38	93
Reducing problems of noise.	17	16	40	26	1	10.43	93
Addressing traffic problems along Route 39.	16	21	42	11	10	13.44	90
Addressing traffic problems along Main Street in Hummelstown.	10	28	34	17	11	11.20	92
Addressing traffic problems along Route 22.	10	26	39	19	7	11.09	92
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of Route 283.	9	30	41	17	4	12.20	91
Addressing traffic problems along Route 230.	8	21	42	22	8	9.45	91
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of I-81.	6	27	43	17	8	10.89	90

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Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

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5. How important are the following services to you?

	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	72	11	15	2	0	2.51	93
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	69	13	16	2	0	2.47	93
Public Education	68	13	17	1	1	2.46	93
Police Protection	60	18	14	8	0	2.22	93
Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads	54	26	19	1	0	2.32	93
School Transportation	39	30	22	8	2	1.91	93
Parks and Recreation	33	27	27	13	0	1.67	93
Trash Collection and Recycling	30	34	28	8	0	1.78	93
Local Government Administration	20	36	36	6	2	1.62	91

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

6. How do you rate the following services?

Service	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No Opinion		
Public Education	20	47	18	4	10	0.83	93
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Major Roads (such as Routes 22, 743, 283, 39 and 230) <i>by PennDOT</i>	16	53	27	4	0	0.81	93
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	15	38	37	2	8	0.66	92
Trash Collection and Recycling	15	23	31	28	3	0.25	91
School Transportation	13	54	19	2	12	0.78	93
Fire Protection	13	33	41	5	8	0.54	92
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Local Roads <i>by municipalities</i>	7	35	34	22	2	0.27	91
Local Government Administration	6	23	49	13	9	0.22	90
Police Protection	6	18	51	20	7	0.10	91
Parks and Recreation	4	23	43	22	8	0.09	91

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Excellent= 2, Good = 1, Adequate = 0, Poor = -1.

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7. Please give your priorities for up to five types of public recreation facilities that are most needed within the Lower Dauphin Area. (Use "1" for your highest priority, "2" for your second priority, etc., up to "5". Please choose no more than 5 responses.)

Facility	Priority					Responses With Priorities	Priority Average <sup>2</sup>	Responses Without Priorities	Total Responses
	1	2	3	4	5				
Wooded natural areas w/ trails	18	10	9	6	2	45	3.80	2	47
Jogging/pedestrian trails	9	14	5	8	3	39	3.46	2	41
Bicycle paths	5	10	8	6	6	35	3.06	1	36
Children's playgrounds	7	5	11	4	4	31	3.23	2	33
Outdoor swimming pool	6	6	5	0	6	23	3.26	2	25
Recreation building with gym	5	2	4	5	7	23	2.70	2	25
Picnic pavilions	2	3	4	4	8	21	2.38	1	22
Indoor swimming pool	5	5	0	7	2	19	3.21	2	21
Skate park	4	3	2	4	4	17	2.94	1	18
Public fishing areas	0	4	4	5	1	14	2.79	2	16
Public hunting areas	6	3	2	1	1	13	3.92	0	13
Indoor ice skating area	2	2	3	3	3	13	2.77	1	14
Golf course	0	1	4	0	6	11	2.00	0	11
Soccer/football fields	3	1	0	1	4	9	2.78	0	9
Outdoor basketball courts	1	1	2	1	3	8	2.50	1	9
Golf practice area	1	1	1	3	1	7	2.71	0	7
Tennis courts	1	0	1	2	3	7	2.14	1	8
Outdoor ice skating area	0	0	1	5	0	6	2.17	0	6
Equestrian trails	0	0	0	3	3	6	1.50	0	6
Baseball/softball fields	1	1	1	1	1	5	3.00	0	5
Outdoor amphitheater	0	0	1	4	0	5	2.20	2	7
Boat access	0	0	2	2	0	4	1.50	1	5
Volleyball courts	0	0	2	0	0	2	3.00	2	4

<sup>2</sup> arithmetic average using 5 points for priority 1, 4 points for priority 2,..., 1 point for priority 5.

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**East Hanover Township**

2. How old are you? (*n*=205; median age=47.1 years)

1 % 10–19 years      2 % 20–29 years      24 % 30–39 years  
29 % 40–49 years      32 % 50–64 years      18 % 65 years or older

3. How long have you lived in the Lower Dauphin School District? (*n*=205)

10 % less than 3 years      22 % 3–10 years      23 % 11–20 years      44 % more than 20 years

4. How important are the following issues to you?

Issue	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	<i>n</i>
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Preserving the scenic character of the region.	73	13	10	3	1	12.54	201
Preserving important natural areas and creek valleys.	69	13	15	2	1	12.12	203
Preserving agricultural lands	67	19	83	5	1	15.77	201
Preserving significant areas of open spaces within new development.	61	18	14	5	2	11.18	204
Carefully controlling the types and locations of business development.	50	24	18	6	2	10.34	203
Addressing traffic problems along Route 22.	46	25	20	7	2	9.90	203
Addressing traffic problems along Route 39.	40	26	25	50	4	7.42	198
Addressing traffic problems along Route 743.	40	25	25	64	5	6.55	200
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of I-81.	40	24	25	7	4	9.21	202
Expanding public parks and recreation facilities.	32	25	27	16	1	7.85	200
Improving opportunities for bicycling and pedestrians.	28	28	22	17	5	7.21	201
Preserving historic buildings.	26	26	33	10	5	7.57	202
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of Route 283.	22	17	35	15	12	6.03	199
Reducing problems of noise.	21	15	37	23	5	5.35	200
Extending public sewer service to homes with failing septic systems.	19	20	40	18	3	5.95	200
Addressing traffic problems along Main Street in Hummelstown.	17	20	36	16	11	5.63	197
Making sure that older housing is properly maintained.	16	24	40	13	8	6.15	200
Addressing traffic problems along Route 230.	15	14	36	19	17	4.52	199

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5. How important are the following services to you?

	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	84	8	7	0	1	2.75	204
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	76	13	9	1	1	2.62	204
Police Protection	72	16	9	2	1	2.55	203
Public Education	67	13	13	6	1	2.34	203
Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads	50	28	23	1	0	2.28	204
School Transportation	47	24	15	10	3	1.94	203
Trash Collection and Recycling	35	36	23	4	1	1.96	201
Parks and Recreation	27	35	27	10	1	1.68	200
Local Government Administration	24	38	29	8	1	1.69	203

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

6. How do you rate the following services?

Service	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	34	42	14	1	9	1.09	201
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	30	39	17	1	15	0.98	200
Trash Collection and Recycling	25	45	26	2	2	0.93	203
Public Education	20	50	18	5	8	0.85	199
School Transportation	16	47	18	4	16	0.75	200
Parks and Recreation	15	43	34	3	5	0.70	202
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Local Roads <i>by municipalities</i>	15	42	27	13	3	0.59	203
Police Protection	14	35	28	13	10	0.50	202
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Major Roads (such as Routes 22, 743, 283, 39 and 230) <i>by PennDOT</i>	13	51	30	4	3	0.73	202
Local Government Administration	6	31	37	16	12	0.27	200

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Excellent= 2, Good = 1, Adequate = 0, Poor = -1.

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7. Please give your priorities for up to five types of public recreation facilities that are most needed within the Lower Dauphin Area. (Use "1" for your highest priority, "2" for your second priority, etc., up to "5". Please choose no more than 5 responses.)

Facility	Priority					Responses With Priorities	Priority Average <sup>2</sup>	Responses Without Priorities	Total Responses
	1	2	3	4	5				
Wooded natural areas w/ trails	32	35	18	16	11	112	3.54	9	121
Bicycle paths	15	16	17	19	12	79	3.04	6	85
Jogging/pedestrian trails	12	13	18	17	13	73	2.92	7	80
Recreation building with gym	5	16	13	14	8	56	2.93	5	61
Skate park	11	12	16	12	4	55	6.25	6	61
Children's playgrounds	18	9	11	6	8	52	3.44	8	60
Outdoor swimming pool	18	9	8	5	8	48	3.50	9	57
Indoor swimming pool	13	13	5	3	7	41	6.54	6	47
Picnic pavilions	1	2	9	8	16	36	2.00	5	41
Public fishing areas	2	10	11	4	8	35	2.83	8	43
Equestrian trails	11	3	5	4	5	28	3.39	5	33
Baseball/softball fields	4	5	5	7	7	28	2.71	6	34
Public hunting areas	10	2	5	4	3	24	3.50	6	30
Soccer/football fields	3	4	6	6	1	20	3.10	8	28
Indoor ice skating area	2	3	4	4	7	20	2.45	6	26
Outdoor amphitheater	4	1	5	2	7	19	2.63	5	24
Outdoor ice skating area	0	3	3	3	5	14	2.29	4	18
Outdoor basketball courts	1	1	2	4	3	11	2.36	6	17
Boat access	1	0	2	4	2	9	2.33	4	13
Golf course	2	4	0	1	1	8	3.63	5	13
Golf practice area	0	4	0	3	1	8	2.88	4	12
Tennis courts	0	2	2	2	1	7	2.71	6	13
Volleyball courts	0	0	2	2	3	7	1.86	4	11

<sup>2</sup> arithmetic average using 5 points for priority 1, 4 points for priority 2,..., 1 point for priority 5.

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**Hummelstown Borough**

2. How old are you? (*n=177; median age=49.0 years*)

**0 %** 10–19 years      **6 %** 20–29 years      **20 %** 30–39 years  
**24 %** 40–49 years      **24 %** 50–64 years      **27 %** 65 years or older

3. How long have you lived in the Lower Dauphin School District? (*n=177*)

**10 %** less than 3 years      **20 %** 3–10 years      **15 %** 11–20 years      **55 %** more than 20 years

4. How important are the following issues to you?

Issue	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Preserving important natural areas and creek valleys.	68	16	15	0	1	14.26	176
Addressing traffic problems along Main Street in Hummelstown.	60	21	15	3	1	13.15	178
Preserving the scenic character of the region.	58	20	19	2	1	13.35	173
Preserving agricultural lands	58	18	17	5	2	12.69	175
Preserving significant areas of open spaces within new development.	53	22	19	2	3	12.94	170
Carefully controlling the types and locations of business development.	51	21	21	7	1	12.15	172
Preserving historic buildings.	41	26	25	6	2	10.90	178
Improving opportunities for bicycling and pedestrians.	39	24	28	6	2	10.63	176
Making sure that older housing is properly maintained.	33	27	32	7	2	10.06	177
Expanding public parks and recreation facilities.	32	27	29	9	4	9.83	173
Reducing problems of noise.	25	23	32	16	4	7.97	172
Addressing traffic problems along Route 39.	23	22	36	13	6	7.86	173
Extending public sewer service to homes with failing septic systems.	22	21	33	11	14	7.60	171
Addressing traffic problems along Route 22.	18	20	37	14	12	6.80	172
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of Route 283.	16	18	42	12	12	6.67	171
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of I-81.	15	19	39	16	12	6.13	173
Addressing traffic problems along Route 743.	14	20	39	17	10	6.05	172
Addressing traffic problems along Route 230.	7	16	42	22	13	4.27	171

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5. How important are the following services to you?

	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	90	6	3	0	1	2.85	178
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	88	5	7	0	0	2.81	178
Police Protection	87	6	6	0	1	2.79	176
Public Education	72	13	11	1	3	2.52	175
Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads	55	26	19	0	0	2.36	175
Trash Collection and Recycling	50	30	18	1	1	2.27	175
Local Government Administration	41	29	23	6	1	1.98	174
School Transportation	39	20	28	7	6	1.78	174
Parks and Recreation	35	36	26	2	2	2.01	174

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

6. How do you rate the following services?

Service	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	58	32	4	0	7	1.48	178
Police Protection	44	43	10	2	2	1.29	178
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	41	36	9	1	14	1.17	177
Trash Collection and Recycling	34	48	17	2	0	1.14	178
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Local Roads <i>by municipalities</i>	32	43	18	4	2	1.03	175
Public Education	32	42	11	3	12	1.03	176
Local Government Administration	21	49	17	5	8	0.86	174
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Major Roads (such as Routes 22, 743, 283, 39 and 230) <i>by PennDOT</i>	17	52	18	3	10	0.83	176
Parks and Recreation	16	52	24	3	5	0.81	177
School Transportation	12	40	16	2	30	0.62	174

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Excellent= 2, Good = 1, Adequate = 0, Poor = -1.

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7. Please give your priorities for up to five types of public recreation facilities that are most needed within the Lower Dauphin Area. (Use "1" for your highest priority, "2" for your second priority, etc., up to "5". Please choose no more than 5 responses.)

Facility	Priority					Responses With Priorities	Priority Average <sup>2</sup>	Responses Without Priorities	Total Responses
	1	2	3	4	5				
Wooded natural areas w/ trails	31	18	22	15	8	94	2.00	10	104
Jogging/pedestrian trails	21	30	18	13	7	89	3.24	10	99
Bicycle paths	18	17	21	16	15	87	3.08	10	97
Recreation building with gym	24	11	10	9	6	60	3.63	4	64
Children's playgrounds	7	11	8	11	9	46	2.91	5	51
Indoor swimming pool	14	10	5	2	9	40	2.45	2	42
Picnic pavilions	1	9	11	7	8	36	2.67	4	40
Baseball/softball fields	4	8	3	2	10	27	2.78	6	33
Outdoor swimming pool	2	4	1	10	4	21	2.52	3	24
Outdoor amphitheater	1	1	4	5	10	21	1.95	3	24
Soccer/football fields	3	3	5	5	4	20	2.80	4	24
Skate park	3	1	4	6	6	20	2.45	1	21
Boat access	1	3	2	9	4	19	2.37	2	21
Tennis courts	4	0	2	7	3	16	2.69	3	19
Outdoor ice skating area	2	3	3	6	2	16	2.81	2	18
Outdoor basketball courts	2	5	1	3	4	15	2.87	5	20
Public fishing areas	1	2	6	1	5	15	2.53	5	20
Indoor ice skating area	1	2	2	2	3	10	2.60	1	11
Volleyball courts	0	4	3	2	1	10	3.00	1	11
Golf practice area	1	1	4	2	1	9	2.89	1	10
Golf course	2	0	2	0	2	6	3.00	1	7
Public hunting areas	0	1	1	1	1	4	2.50	6	10
Equestrian trails	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.00	1	2

<sup>2</sup> arithmetic average using 5 points for priority 1, 4 points for priority 2,..., 1 point for priority 5.

**Londonderry Township**

2. How old are you? (*n=153; median age=47.0 years*)

1 % 10–19 years      3 % 20–29 years      21 % 30–39 years  
31 % 40–49 years      28 % 50–64 years      16 % 65 years or older

3. How long have you lived in the Lower Dauphin School District? (*n=153*)

11 % less than 3 years      18 % 3–10 years      17 % 11–20 years      54 % more than 20 years

4. How important are the following issues to you?

Issue	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	<i>n</i>
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Preserving important natural areas and creek valleys.	70	15	10	3	3	16.25	152
Preserving agricultural lands	64	17	12	6	1	15.36	151
Preserving the scenic character of the region.	59	20	15	4	2	15.00	152
Carefully controlling the types and locations of business development.	56	11	29	2	2	14.47	150
Preserving significant areas of open spaces within new development.	52	20	21	5	3	13.95	152
Extending public sewer service to homes with failing septic systems.	38	14	21	22	5	9.34	151
Addressing traffic problems along Route 230.	36	24	30	5	5	11.91	152
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of Route 283.	29	31	27	9	5	11.06	151
Expanding public parks and recreation facilities.	27	29	25	14	5	10.07	149
Improving opportunities for bicycling and pedestrians.	25	21	33	15	7	9.00	150
Preserving historic buildings.	23	24	34	15	5	9.01	151
Reducing problems of noise.	21	23	28	22	6	7.67	150
Making sure that older housing is properly maintained.	19	20	42	13	7	8.34	151
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of I-81.	18	17	35	16	14	7.18	149
Addressing traffic problems along Main Street in Hummelstown.	16	29	29	13	14	8.03	152
Addressing traffic problems along Route 743.	15	29	35	10	11	8.53	150
Addressing traffic problems along Route 22.	13	19	33	18	17	6.13	150
Addressing traffic problems along Route 39.	12	25	34	15	13	7.05	149

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

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5. How important are the following services to you?

	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	86	11	4	0	0	2.84	153
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	81	13	6	0	0	2.75	153
Police Protection	72	13	11	3	1	2.50	152
Public Education	63	15	14	3	6	2.30	151
Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads	59	22	18	1	1	2.38	153
School Transportation	47	21	18	5	9	1.96	151
Trash Collection and Recycling	39	30	25	6	1	1.96	152
Parks and Recreation	28	31	29	6	6	1.69	150
Local Government Administration	26	27	38	7	3	1.63	149

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

6. How do you rate the following services?

Service	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	38	41	14	0	7	1.17	153
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	36	37	18	0	9	1.09	153
Public Education	26	44	18	3	9	0.93	149
Trash Collection and Recycling	25	31	25	15	4	0.66	150
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Major Roads (such as Routes 22, 743, 283, 39 and 230) by PennDOT	21	49	28	1	1	0.90	152
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Local Roads by municipalities	18	39	31	11	3	0.64	153
School Transportation	15	46	26	1	13	0.75	152
Parks and Recreation	13	42	32	6	8	0.62	149
Police Protection	13	31	31	13	12	0.44	150
Local Government Administration	1	25	50	12	12	0.15	153

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Excellent= 2, Good = 1, Adequate = 0, Poor = -1.

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7. Please give your priorities for up to five types of public recreation facilities that are most needed within the Lower Dauphin Area. (Use "1" for your highest priority, "2" for your second priority, etc., up to "5". Please choose no more than 5 responses.)

Facility	Priority					Responses With Priorities	Priority Average <sup>2</sup>	Responses Without Priorities	Total Responses
	1	2	3	4	5				
Wooded natural areas w/ trails	22	19	12	8	14	75	3.36	14	89
Jogging/pedestrian trails	7	13	21	14	7	62	2.98	11	73
Bicycle paths	8	15	13	17	5	58	3.07	11	69
Indoor swimming pool	20	10	7	4	4	45	3.84	8	53
Recreation building with gym	8	8	10	8	7	41	3.05	8	49
Children's playgrounds	13	6	4	8	9	40	3.15	10	50
Outdoor swimming pool	7	7	4	7	3	28	3.29	8	36
Skate park	2	7	4	6	5	24	2.79	11	35
Picnic pavilions	1	3	5	7	7	23	2.30	10	33
Public hunting areas	11	4	2	1	4	22	3.77	12	34
Public fishing areas	0	8	5	3	5	21	2.76	12	33
Baseball/softball fields	3	4	7	3	3	20	3.05	8	28
Outdoor amphitheater	3	1	0	7	7	18	2.22	7	25
Soccer/football fields	2	3	3	3	4	15	2.73	7	22
Boat access	3	0	6	2	1	12	3.17	6	18
Indoor ice skating area	1	2	4	2	2	11	2.82	9	20
Outdoor ice skating area	0	4	2	1	4	11	2.55	7	18
Tennis courts	0	1	4	4	1	10	2.50	7	17
Golf practice area	3	2	1	0	1	7	3.86	7	14
Outdoor basketball courts	1	1	2	2	1	7	2.86	7	14
Volleyball courts	2	1	0	2	1	6	3.17	7	13
Equestrian trails	1	0	0	1	4	6	1.83	6	12
Golf course	1	0	2	1	1	5	2.80	8	13

<sup>2</sup> arithmetic average using 5 points for priority 1, 4 points for priority 2,..., 1 point for priority 5.

**South Hanover Township**

2. How old are you? (*n*=221; *median age*=46.7 years)

**0 %** 10–19 years      **2 %** 20–29 years      **19 %** 30–39 years  
**38 %** 40–49 years      **30 %** 50–64 years      **11 %** 65 years or older

3. How long have you lived in the Lower Dauphin School District? (*n*=222)

**7 %** less than 3 years    **19 %** 3–10 years    **36 %** 11–20 years    **38 %** more than 20 years

4. How important are the following issues to you?

Issue	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	<i>n</i>
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Preserving important natural areas and creek valleys.	75	16	7	2	1	11.91	220
Preserving the scenic character of the region.	72	13	13	1	1	11.49	221
Preserving agricultural lands	68	16	14	1	1	11.32	220
Preserving significant areas of open spaces within new development.	62	18	15	3	1	10.59	221
Carefully controlling the types and locations of business development.	53	22	21	2	2	10.18	218
Addressing traffic problems along Route 39.	50	23	19	7	1	9.45	220
Expanding public parks and recreation facilities.	39	17	33	10	2	7.91	220
Improving opportunities for bicycling and pedestrians.	34	28	27	9	3	7.93	222
Preserving historic buildings.	31	24	33	8	4	7.55	220
Addressing traffic problems along Main Street in Hummelstown.	28	26	33	10	4	7.16	222
Extending public sewer service to homes with failing septic systems.	25	18	35	17	6	5.97	216
Addressing traffic problems along Route 22.	21	26	31	19	3	5.75	221
Making sure that older housing is properly maintained.	18	19	45	12	5	5.73	218
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of I-81.	16	25	35	21	4	5.09	220
Reducing problems of noise.	16	20	39	20	6	4.89	219
Addressing traffic problems along Route 743.	13	22	36	24	5	4.38	217
Addressing traffic problems at the interchanges of Route 283.	12	26	33	28	5	4.27	218
Addressing traffic problems along Route 230.	7	17	35	30	11	2.75	218

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

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5. How important are the following services to you?

	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	82	10	8	0	0	2.74	221
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	74	12	14	0	0	2.60	220
Police Protection	74	12	12	2	0	2.56	221
Public Education	69	15	11	4	1	2.44	219
Maintenance/Snow Removal of Roads	54	29	16	1	0	2.35	221
School Transportation	46	25	19	8	3	1.99	219
Trash Collection and Recycling	41	33	24	2	0	2.11	221
Parks and Recreation	40	29	22	7	2	1.93	221
Local Government Administration	25	33	33	8	1	1.66	221

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Very Important = 3, Moderately Important = 2, Important = 1, Not Important = -1, No Opinion = 0.

6. How do you rate the following services?

Service	Percent Response					Rating <sup>1</sup>	n
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No Opinion		
Fire Protection	24	44	20	2	10	0.90	221
Public Education	19	49	21	4	7	0.83	222
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Major Roads (such as Routes 22, 743, 283, 39 and 230) <i>by PennDOT</i>	18	56	22	2	2	0.90	222
School Transportation	16	48	19	2	14	0.78	219
Trash Collection and Recycling	15	55	26	3	1	0.82	221
Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance, Paramedic)	15	42	24	1	19	0.71	219
Maintenance and Snow Removal of Local Roads <i>by municipalities</i>	12	44	34	10	1	0.58	222
Police Protection	10	32	30	19	10	0.33	218
Parks and Recreation	4	39	37	14	7	0.33	218
Local Government Administration	3	34	36	11	16	0.29	216

<sup>1</sup> Rating is the arithmetic average of scores based on the following values:  
 Excellent= 2, Good = 1, Adequate = 0, Poor = -1.

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7. Please give your priorities for up to five types of public recreation facilities that are most needed within the Lower Dauphin Area. (Use “1” for your highest priority, “2” for your second priority, etc., up to “5”. Please choose no more than 5 responses.)

Facility	Priority					Responses With Priorities	Priority Average <sup>2</sup>	Responses Without Priorities	Total Responses
	1	2	3	4	5				
Wooded natural areas w/ trails	43	24	31	28	11	137	3.44	4	141
Bicycle paths	26	29	28	17	10	110	3.40	4	114
Jogging/pedestrian trails	24	31	24	14	16	109	3.30	5	114
Recreation building with gym	29	7	16	4	15	71	3.44	5	76
Children's playgrounds	13	14	11	15	14	67	2.96	2	69
Indoor swimming pool	20	10	9	7	11	57	3.37	6	63
Skate park	5	14	10	12	5	46	3.04	1	47
Picnic pavilions	0	7	10	11	12	40	2.30	4	44
Public fishing areas	3	6	5	10	12	36	2.39	1	37
Outdoor swimming pool	4	11	4	7	4	30	3.13	5	35
Outdoor amphitheater	5	5	4	4	9	27	2.74	1	28
Soccer/football fields	5	7	5	7	1	25	3.32	2	27
Tennis courts	2	3	5	7	8	25	2.36	2	27
Baseball/softball fields	2	5	5	5	6	23	2.65	2	25
Outdoor basketball courts	2	3	7	5	5	22	2.64	1	23
Golf course	2	4	5	6	3	20	2.80	3	23
Outdoor ice skating area	1	4	3	6	6	20	2.40	2	22
Public hunting areas	2	5	4	6	2	19	2.95	2	21
Indoor ice skating area	2	5	3	1	5	16	2.88	2	18
Equestrian trails	4	0	3	1	7	15	2.53	2	17
Boat access	0	2	5	3	4	14	2.36	2	16
Golf practice area	2	1	0	4	5	12	2.25	3	15
Volleyball courts	0	3	3	0	1	7	3.14	1	8

<sup>2</sup> arithmetic average using 5 points for priority 1, 4 points for priority 2,..., 1 point for priority 5.

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