

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

Total number of surveys distributed: 624. Total number of surveys returned: 231. Return rate: 37%

**1. How important to you are each of the following?**

	very important		important		somewhat important		not important		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Quality of schools	108	<b>47.6</b>	75	<b>33.0</b>	25	<b>11.0</b>	19	<b>8.4</b>	227
B. Place to raise children	107	<b>45.0</b>	75	<b>31.5</b>	33	<b>13.9</b>	23	<b>9.7</b>	238
C. Job opportunities	93	<b>41.2</b>	80	<b>35.4</b>	31	<b>13.7</b>	22	<b>9.7</b>	226
D. Scenic beauty	133	<b>58.3</b>	72	<b>31.6</b>	21	<b>9.2</b>	2	<b>0.9</b>	228
E. Environmental quality	174	<b>76.0</b>	49	<b>21.4</b>	6	<b>2.6</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	229
F. Natural areas	129	<b>56.3</b>	73	<b>31.9</b>	23	<b>10.0</b>	4	<b>1.7</b>	229
G. Social activities	22	<b>9.6</b>	86	<b>37.6</b>	83	<b>36.2</b>	38	<b>16.6</b>	229
H. Recreational activities	33	<b>14.4</b>	93	<b>40.6</b>	69	<b>30.1</b>	34	<b>14.8</b>	229
I. Cultural activities	20	<b>8.9</b>	67	<b>29.6</b>	95	<b>42.0</b>	44	<b>19.5</b>	226
J. Places to shop	36	<b>15.8</b>	78	<b>34.2</b>	76	<b>33.3</b>	38	<b>16.7</b>	228
K. Rural character	96	<b>42.5</b>	94	<b>41.6</b>	31	<b>13.7</b>	5	<b>2.2</b>	226
L. Overall quality of life	153	<b>67.1</b>	69	<b>30.3</b>	4	<b>1.8</b>	2	<b>0.9</b>	228
M. Cost of living	170	<b>74.6</b>	49	<b>21.5</b>	7	<b>3.1</b>	2	<b>0.9</b>	228

**Number marked as most important.**

	#	%
A. Quality of schools	56	<b>10.0</b>
B. Place to raise children	48	<b>8.5</b>
C. Job opportunities	43	<b>7.7</b>
D. Scenic beauty	46	<b>8.2</b>
E. Environmental quality	100	<b>17.8</b>
F. Natural areas	40	<b>7.1</b>
G. Social activities	3	<b>0.5</b>
H. Recreational activities	3	<b>0.5</b>
I. Cultural activities	1	<b>0.2</b>
J. Places to shop	17	<b>3.0</b>

K. Rural character	45	<b>8.0</b>
L. Overall quality of life	60	<b>10.7</b>
M. Cost of living	100	<b>17.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	562	<b>100.0</b>

**2. Which BEST describes how the township has changed since you have lived here?**

more desirable		less desirable		not changed much		not lived here long enough		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
25	<b>11.1</b>	51	<b>22.7</b>	136	<b>60.4</b>	13	<b>5.8</b>	225

**3. Which BEST describes how you think the township will change in the next five to ten years?**

more desirable		less desirable		stay same		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	
60	<b>27.4</b>	64	<b>29.2</b>	95	<b>43.4</b>	219

**4. Why do you choose to live in the township?**

	#		#
Born or raised	75	Low crime rate	70
Close to work	30	Affordable housing costs	48
Close to friends or relatives	75	Low taxes	72
Rural lifestyle	157	Environmental quality	88
Quality of schools	31	Other (see below)	19

	# resp		# resp
family house is here	1	outdoor activities by the river	1
friendly people, peace & quiet	1	own property	1
good place to raise children	1	peaceful & restful	1
hunting, fishing, the river	1	quiet, low key, ideal for retirement	1
keep horses on own prop	1	river	1
marriage-husband lives here	5	scenic beauty	2
opportunity to buy a farm	1	too poor to move	1
		total	19

5. Please rate our area in terms of:

	excellent		good		fair		poor		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Quality of schools	43	<b>20.8</b>	125	<b>60.4</b>	29	<b>14.0</b>	10	<b>4.8</b>	207
B. Place to raise children	48	<b>51.6</b>	14	<b>15.1</b>	24	<b>25.8</b>	7	<b>7.5</b>	93
C. Job opportunities	2	<b>0.9</b>	29	<b>13.5</b>	111	<b>51.6</b>	73	<b>34.0</b>	215
D. Scenic beauty	120	<b>53.6</b>	92	<b>41.1</b>	10	<b>4.5</b>	2	<b>0.9</b>	224
E. Environmental quality	91	<b>40.4</b>	120	<b>53.3</b>	13	<b>5.8</b>	1	<b>0.4</b>	225
F. Natural areas	87	<b>38.8</b>	116	<b>51.8</b>	19	<b>8.5</b>	2	<b>0.9</b>	224
G. Social activities	6	<b>2.7</b>	58	<b>25.7</b>	118	<b>52.2</b>	44	<b>19.5</b>	226
H. Recreational opportunities	15	<b>6.7</b>	90	<b>40.4</b>	88	<b>39.5</b>	30	<b>13.5</b>	223
I. Places to shop	6	<b>2.7</b>	59	<b>26.3</b>	92	<b>41.1</b>	67	<b>29.9</b>	224
J. Rural character	69	<b>37.5</b>	110	<b>59.8</b>	4	<b>2.2</b>	1	<b>0.5</b>	184
K. Overall quality of life	38	<b>16.5</b>	158	<b>68.4</b>	31	<b>13.4</b>	4	<b>1.7</b>	231
L. Cost of living	19	<b>8.4</b>	82	<b>36.1</b>	103	<b>45.4</b>	23	<b>10.1</b>	227

6. Agricultural land, forest land, and other open land are critical to Manchester Township’s rural character and working landscape and quality of life.

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
132	<b>58.9</b>	84	<b>37.5</b>	7	<b>3.1</b>	1	<b>0.4</b>	224

7. Local government can encourage the preservation of rural character and the working landscape by enacting rules and regulations to preserve agricultural land, forest, and other open land.

	#	%
should take steps	181	<b>80.1</b>
should not take steps	45	<b>19.9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	226	<b>100</b>

8. The Upper Delaware Council is an organization of local townships that works in partnership with the National Park Service to manage the Upper Delaware National Scenic and Recreation River corridor. Should Manchester Township join the UDC.

	#	%
should join UDC	101	<b>45.1</b>
should not join UDC	84	<b>37.5</b>
not familiar with UDC	39	<b>17.4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	224	<b>100</b>

9. How compatible do you feel the following types of NEW residential development or commercial activity would be for the township?

	Compatible everywhere		Compatible some places		Not compatible anywhere		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Single-family homes on large lots	97	<b>43.7</b>	113	<b>50.9</b>	12	<b>5.4</b>	222
Single-family second homes	50	<b>22.7</b>	137	<b>62.3</b>	33	<b>15.0</b>	220
Mobile home parks	6	<b>2.7</b>	72	<b>32.6</b>	143	<b>64.7</b>	221
Townhouses and apartments	4	<b>1.8</b>	75	<b>34.1</b>	141	<b>64.1</b>	220
Conservation subdivisions	11	<b>5.3</b>	91	<b>44.0</b>	105	<b>50.7</b>	207
Small Stores, shops and office	26	<b>11.7</b>	166	<b>74.8</b>	30	<b>13.5</b>	222
Tourism, hotels and motels	9	<b>4.1</b>	109	<b>49.8</b>	101	<b>46.1</b>	219
Large scale commercial development	4	<b>1.8</b>	57	<b>25.9</b>	159	<b>72.3</b>	220
Light manufacturing	15	<b>6.8</b>	155	<b>70.5</b>	50	<b>22.7</b>	220
Electronic/high tech firms	6	<b>2.7</b>	115	<b>52.5</b>	98	<b>44.7</b>	219
Industry	7	<b>3.2</b>	111	<b>51.2</b>	99	<b>45.6</b>	217
Mining	15	<b>6.9</b>	159	<b>72.9</b>	44	<b>20.2</b>	218
Timbering	35	<b>15.8</b>	163	<b>73.8</b>	23	<b>10.4</b>	221
Sawmills	26	<b>11.8</b>	171	<b>77.4</b>	24	<b>10.9</b>	221
Intensive livestock/poultry operations	26	<b>11.9</b>	139	<b>63.8</b>	53	<b>24.3</b>	218

**10. Effective land use regulation protects and limits property rights to manage the impacts of development. The balance point is different for every community. If you were to write land use regulations for our Township where would you put the greater emphasis?**

	#	%
Protecting private property rights	107	<b>51.2</b>
Managing development impacts	102	<b>48.8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>100</b>

**11. Zoning can be used to manage growth and development. Is zoning a good idea for Manchester Township?**

	#	%
Yes	104	<b>45.6</b>
No	34	<b>14.9</b>
Need more information	90	<b>39.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100</b>

**12. Families of all sizes and incomes reside in Manchester Township, and adequate and affordable housing is available to meet the current needs of these residents.**

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
21	<b>10.1</b>	115	<b>55.6</b>	59	<b>28.5</b>	12	<b>5.8</b>	207

**If you disagree, what types of housing are needed.**

Type	# resp
One-family	38
Two-family	7
Elderly housing	46
Mobile homes	9
Cluster housing	4
Apartments	13
Condominiums	0
Low cost housing	28
Middle income housing	27
Other (see following table)	6

Other:	# resp
have you ever been here?	1
lower taxes	1
not another suburb	1
reasonably priced real estate	3
<b>total</b>	<b>6</b>

13. Township residents rely on wells and springs for drinking water. In anticipation of increased development, the Township should adopt rules and regulations aimed at preventing contamination of wells and springs, and should encourage water conservation.

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
113	<b>49.8</b>	93	<b>41.0</b>	17	<b>7.5</b>	4	<b>1.8</b>	227

14. If you have a well or spring, have you had any of the following problems?

	#
gone dry	11
contamination	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

Type of Contamination	#
bacteria	1
bacteria after flood	2
hard water	1
road run-off	1
rodent in spring tank	1
sulfur	2
sulfur, iron	1

15. How important to you are each of the following?

	very important		important		somewhat important		not important		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Ambulance service	179	<b>79.6</b>	40	<b>17.8</b>	6	<b>2.7</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	225
B. Fire and emergency protection	190	<b>100</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	190
C. Police protection	116	<b>100</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	0	<b>0.0</b>	116
D. Road and street maintenance	151	<b>67.1</b>	61	<b>27.1</b>	9	<b>4.0</b>	4	<b>1.8</b>	225
E. Youth recreation	21	<b>9.4</b>	91	<b>40.8</b>	83	<b>37.2</b>	28	<b>12.6</b>	223
F. Adult recreation	17	<b>7.6</b>	76	<b>33.9</b>	96	<b>42.9</b>	35	<b>15.6</b>	224
G. Senior recreation	22	<b>9.9</b>	75	<b>33.6</b>	93	<b>41.7</b>	33	<b>14.8</b>	223
H. Affordable housing	61	<b>27.5</b>	96	<b>43.2</b>	43	<b>19.4</b>	22	<b>9.9</b>	222
I. Elderly housing	49	<b>22.3</b>	89	<b>40.5</b>	61	<b>27.7</b>	21	<b>9.5</b>	220
J. Availability of medical facilities	137	<b>60.9</b>	68	<b>30.2</b>	11	<b>4.9</b>	9	<b>4.0</b>	225

**Marked as most important.**

	#	%
A. Ambulance service	170	<b>28.8</b>
B. Fire and emergency protection	170	<b>28.8</b>
C. Police protection	54	<b>9.2</b>
D. Road and street maintenance	96	<b>16.3</b>
E. Youth recreation	1	<b>0.2</b>
F. Adult recreation	2	<b>0.3</b>
G. Senior recreation	5	<b>0.8</b>
H. Affordable housing	14	<b>2.4</b>
I. Elderly housing	9	<b>1.5</b>
J. Availability of medical facilities	69	<b>11.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	590	<b>100.0</b>

**16. Please rate the quality of the following public and community services:**

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Ambulance services	74	<b>34.1</b>	104	<b>47.9</b>	35	<b>16.1</b>	4	<b>1.8</b>	217
Fire and emergency protection	82	<b>37.4</b>	114	<b>52.1</b>	21	<b>9.6</b>	2	<b>0.9</b>	219
Police protection	5	<b>2.1</b>	55	<b>23.1</b>	90	<b>37.8</b>	88	<b>37.0</b>	238
Health care services	10	<b>5.7</b>	55	<b>31.1</b>	68	<b>38.4</b>	44	<b>24.9</b>	177
Township road maintenance	21	<b>9.3</b>	83	<b>36.7</b>	72	<b>31.9</b>	50	<b>22.1</b>	226
State road maintenance	6	<b>2.7</b>	74	<b>33.2</b>	74	<b>33.2</b>	69	<b>30.9</b>	223
Recycling	21	<b>9.7</b>	119	<b>54.8</b>	49	<b>22.6</b>	28	<b>12.9</b>	217
Overall local gov. services	12	<b>5.6</b>	98	<b>45.4</b>	77	<b>35.6</b>	29	<b>13.4</b>	216

**17. Recreation facilities and programs available to Manchester Township residents are adequate.**

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
13	<b>6.3</b>	99	<b>47.6</b>	77	<b>37.0</b>	19	<b>9.1</b>	208

Please mark the types of recreation facilities and programs needed.

8	Soccer fields
12	Skateboard/skating areas
12	Tennis courts
13	Football fields
25	Basketball courts
30	Baseball fields
41	Bicycle routes
42	Adult recreation programs
46	Pool
51	Community center
53	Playgrounds
57	Picnic areas
60	Youth recreation programs
63	Trails

Other	# resp
again, ever been here?	1
ATV trails	1
don't know	1
finish what has been started	1
library	2
none	1
park	1
senior outdoor	1
recreation for disabled	1
too much emphasis on sports	1
walking trails	1
total	12

18. Should Manchester Township actively work to establish cellular telephone service in the area?

	#	%
Yes	186	<b>83.4</b>
No	37	<b>16.6</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>100</b>

19. Please rate the following in terms of funding with tax revenues.

	Increase		Continue as is		Decrease		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Recreation facilities and programs	44	<b>19.5</b>	139	<b>61.5</b>	43	<b>19.0</b>	226
Road maintenance/improvements	158	<b>69.6</b>	64	<b>28.2</b>	5	<b>2.2</b>	227
Fire protection	93	<b>41.7</b>	129	<b>57.8</b>	1	<b>0.4</b>	223
Ambulance service	101	<b>45.3</b>	120	<b>53.8</b>	2	<b>0.9</b>	223
Police protection	84	<b>38.7</b>	123	<b>56.7</b>	10	<b>4.6</b>	217
Township buildings	38	<b>17.4</b>	166	<b>76.1</b>	14	<b>6.4</b>	218
Recycling	31	<b>14.1</b>	178	<b>80.9</b>	11	<b>5.0</b>	220



**20. How old are you?**

	#	%
18 to 24	7	<b>2.3</b>
25 to 44	114	<b>37.0</b>
45 to 64	104	<b>33.8</b>
65 to 74	52	<b>16.9</b>
75 or older	31	<b>10.1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>100</b>

**21. Which of the following best describes your employment status?**

	#	%
Administrative support occupation	12	<b>5.3</b>
Executive, administrative, manage	16	<b>7.1</b>
Farming, forestry, mining	7	<b>3.1</b>
Handler, cleaner, helper, laborer	11	<b>4.9</b>
Homemaker	17	<b>7.5</b>
Machine oper, assembler, inspect	6	<b>2.7</b>
Precision production, craft repair	0	<b>0.0</b>
Private household occupation	3	<b>1.3</b>
Professional occupation	19	<b>8.4</b>
Retired	94	<b>41.6</b>
Sales occupation	8	<b>3.5</b>
Service occupation	14	<b>6.2</b>
Student	1	<b>0.4</b>
Technician or material moving	2	<b>0.9</b>
Transportation or material moving	9	<b>4.0</b>
Unemployed or unable to work	7	<b>3.1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**22. How long have you lived at your current residence?**

	#	%
less than 1 year	5	<b>2.2</b>
1 -5 years	47	<b>20.5</b>
6 - 10 years	30	<b>13.1</b>
11 - 15 years	23	<b>10.0</b>
16 - 20 years	18	<b>7.9</b>
20 years plus	106	<b>46.3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**23. If you are employed, which best describes where you work?**

	#	%
Home based business	20	<b>15.9</b>
In the township	16	<b>12.7</b>
Elsewhere in Wayne County	38	<b>30.2</b>
Elsewhere in PA	8	<b>6.3</b>
New Jersey	10	<b>7.9</b>
New York	30	<b>23.8</b>
Elsewhere	4	<b>3.2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**24. Where is the last place you lived prior to your current home?**

	#	%
Always lived where I do now	21	<b>9.3</b>
Elsewhere in Manchester Twp	36	<b>15.9</b>
Elsewhere in Wayne County	40	<b>17.6</b>
Elsewhere in PA	30	<b>13.2</b>
New Jersey	31	<b>13.7</b>
New York	54	<b>23.8</b>
Elsewhere in US	13	<b>5.7</b>
Outside United States	2	<b>0.9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**25. If you own property in Manchester Township,  
how large is it?**

	#	%
Do not own property in twp.	19	<b>8.4</b>
Less than 1 acre	19	<b>8.4</b>
1 to 2 acres	30	<b>13.3</b>
2+ to 5 acres	36	<b>15.9</b>
5+ to 10 acres	36	<b>15.9</b>
10+ to 50 acres	50	<b>22.1</b>
50+ to 100 acres	19	<b>8.4</b>
More than 100 acres	17	<b>7.5</b>
TOTAL	226	<b>100.0</b>