

OREGON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Total number of surveys distributed: 530. Total number of surveys returned: 231. Return rate: 44%

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

	very important		important		somewhat important		not important		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Quality of schools	122	53.7	69	30.4	18	7.9	18	7.9	227
B. Place to raise children	145	63.6	52	22.8	17	7.5	14	6.1	228
C. Job opportunities	105	47.1	67	30.0	36	16.1	15	6.7	223
D. Scenic beauty	140	61.1	65	28.4	21	9.2	3	1.3	229
E. Environmental quality	186	81.9	35	15.4	6	2.6	0	0.0	227
F. Natural areas	141	62.4	56	24.8	21	9.3	8	3.5	226
G. Social activities	20	8.9	72	31.9	90	39.8	44	19.5	226
H. Recreational activities	27	11.9	75	33.2	90	39.8	34	15.0	226
I. Cultural activities	20	8.9	79	35.1	87	38.7	39	17.3	225
J. Places to shop	35	15.6	64	28.4	72	32.0	54	24.0	225
K. Rural character	102	44.7	85	37.3	36	15.8	5	2.2	228
L. Overall quality of life	159	69.4	58	25.3	9	3.9	3	1.3	229
M. Cost of living	154	67.0	52	22.6	23	10.0	1	0.4	230

Number marked as most important.

	#	%
A. Quality of schools	49	8.0
B. Place to raise children	74	12.2
C. Job opportunities	67	11.0
D. Scenic beauty	61	10.0
E. Environmental quality	114	18.7
F. Natural areas	58	9.5
G. Social activities	0	0.0
H. Recreational activities	2	0.3
I. Cultural activities	1	0.2

J. Places to shop	11	1.8
K. Rural character	37	6.1
L. Overall quality of life	61	10.0
M. Cost of living	74	12.2
Total	609	100.0

2. Which BEST describes how Oregon Township has changed since you have lived here?

more desirable		less desirable		not changed much		not lived here long enough		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
35	15.4	50	21.9	122	53.5	21	9.2	228

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

more desirable		less desirable		stay same		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	
76	33.6	86	38.1	64	28.3	226

4. Why do you choose to live in Oregon Township?

	#		#
Born or raised	67	Low crime rate	109
Close to work	70	Affordable housing costs	44
Close to friends or relatives	71	Low taxes	70
Rural lifestyle	179	environmental quality	100
Quality of schools	60	Other (see below)	19

	# resp		# resp
Affordable land	1	Husband born here	2
Become home to me	1	I enjoy it	1
Bought for right price	1	Married a farmer	1
business opportunity	1	Married someone who lived her	1
Farming	1	Place to retire	1
Farms	3	Real estate available	1
Found property we liked	2	Woods	1
House is located here	1		19

5. Please rate our area in terms of:

	excellent		good		fair		poor		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Quality of schools	57	25.0	134	58.8	37	16.2	0	0.0	228
B. Place to raise children	76	34.1	137	61.4	10	4.5	0	0.0	223
C. Job opportunities	1	0.5	39	17.6	127	57.5	54	24.4	221
D. Scenic beauty	113	50.0	104	46.0	9	4.0	0	0.0	226
E. Environmental quality	91	40.1	122	53.7	14	6.2	0	0.0	227
F. Natural areas	50	26.0	108	56.3	29	15.1	5	2.6	192
G. Social activities	1	0.5	70	31.5	117	52.7	34	15.3	222
H. Recreational opportunities	16	7.2	86	38.6	85	38.1	36	16.1	223
I. Places to shop	5	2.3	115	52.5	69	31.5	30	13.7	219
J. Rural character	72	32.3	115	51.6	35	15.7	1	0.4	223
K. Overall quality of life	55	24.4	147	65.3	19	8.4	4	1.8	225
L. Cost of living	14	6.2	93	41.3	89	39.6	29	12.9	225

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

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
147	65.0	75	33.2	3	1.3	1	0.4	226

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	191	85.3
should not take steps	33	14.7
TOTAL	224	100

8. The minimum lot size for new subdivided lots should be:

	#	%
one acre	20	9.7
two acres	158	76.3
not sure	29	14.0
TOTAL	207	100

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

	Compatible everywhere		Compatible some places		Not compatible anywhere		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Single-family homes on large lots	121	54.8	94	42.5	6	2.7	221
Single-family second homes	69	31.7	113	51.8	36	16.5	218
Mobile home parks	3	1.1	95	34.9	174	64.0	272
Townhouses and apartments	3	1.4	66	30.0	151	68.6	220
Conservation subdivisions	10	4.8	74	35.2	126	60.0	210
Small Stores, shops and office	24	10.8	107	48.2	91	41.0	222
Tourism, hotels and motels	6	2.7	80	36.2	135	61.1	221
Large scale commercial development	6	2.7	41	18.6	174	78.7	221
Light manufacturing	8	3.6	113	51.1	100	45.2	221
Electronic/high tech firms	8	3.7	70	32.1	140	64.2	218
Industry	5	2.3	70	32.0	144	65.8	219
Mining	9	4.1	107	48.4	105	47.5	221
Timbering	20	9.1	133	60.5	67	30.5	220
Sawmills	12	5.5	144	65.5	64	29.1	220
Intensive livestock/poultry operations	33	15.1	100	45.7	86	39.3	219

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	92	42.8
Managing development impacts	123	57.2
TOTAL	215	100

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

	#	%
Yes	111	49.1
No	14	6.2
Need more information	101	44.7
TOTAL	226	100

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

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
45	20.1	128	57.1	44	19.6	7	3.1	224

If you disagree, the types of housing you believe are needed.

Type	# resp
One-family	23
Two-family	1
Elderly housing	16
Mobile homes	1
Cluster housing	1
Apartments	3
Condominiums	1
Low cost housing	8
Middle income housing	11
Other	6

Other:	# resp
affordable one-family	1
few possibilities for new families	1
no more housing	2
wages too low	2
total	6

13. Oregon 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
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
138	61.1	78	34.5	8	3.5	2	0.9	226

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

	#	%
gone dry	4	44.4
contamination	5	55.6
TOTAL	9	100.0

Type of Contamination	#
bacteria	1
200 feet deep	2
oil from roads	1
pump burned out	1

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

	very important		important		somewhat important		not important		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Ambulance service	131	58.7	76	34.1	14	6.3	2	0.9	223
B. Fire and emergency protection	149	65.9	65	28.8	10	4.4	2	0.9	226
C. Police protection	117	51.8	64	28.3	38	16.8	7	3.1	226
D. Road and street maintenance	130	56.3	86	37.2	15	6.5	0	0.0	231
E. Youth recreation	27	12.2	72	32.6	77	34.8	45	20.4	221
F. Adult recreation	18	8.1	59	26.7	83	37.6	61	27.6	221
G. Senior recreation	18	8.1	56	25.2	88	39.6	60	27.0	222
H. Affordable housing	48	19.8	78	32.2	75	31.0	41	16.9	242
I. Elderly housing	21	9.5	79	35.6	79	35.6	43	19.4	222
J. Availability of medical facilities	98	43.9	79	35.4	38	17.0	8	3.6	223

Marked as most important.

	#	%
A. Ambulance service	151	25.9
B. Fire and emergency protection	155	26.6
C. Police protection	81	13.9
D. Road and street maintenance	100	17.2
E. Youth recreation	9	1.5
F. Adult recreation	2	0.3
G. Senior recreation	1	0.2
H. Affordable housing	18	3.1
I. Elderly housing	6	1.0
J. Availability of medical facilities	60	10.3
Total	583	100.0

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

	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Ambulance services	72	32.3	125	56.1	25	11.2	1	0.4	223
Fire and emergency protection	74	33.3	125	56.3	21	9.5	2	0.9	222
Police protection	38	17.4	96	44.0	61	28.0	23	10.6	218
Health care services	28	12.9	109	50.2	65	30.0	15	6.9	217
Township road maintenance	27	11.9	77	33.9	74	32.6	49	21.6	227
State road maintenance	24	10.6	73	32.2	68	30.0	62	27.3	227
Recycling	39	18.0	106	48.8	48	22.1	24	11.1	217
Overall local gov. services	16	7.2	109	49.3	76	34.4	20	9.1	221

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

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
33	16.2	93	45.6	62	30.4	16	7.8	204

Please mark the types of recreation facilities and programs needed.

# resp	Type
9	Football fields
11	Skateboard/skating areas
15	Soccer fields
15	Tennis courts
17	Basketball courts
29	Pool
32	Adult recreation programs
33	Baseball fields
38	Community center
44	Picnic areas
51	Youth recreation programs
59	Bicycle routes
67	Trails
72	Playgrounds

Other	# resp
ATV trails	1
beach at public lake	1
can't judge the facilities	1
improve community center with plumbing	1
environmental education prog	2
none	6
park area	2
gardens	1
public open areas	1
snowmobile trails	1
we have nothing	1
total	18

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

	#	%
Yes	132	60.3
No	87	39.7
TOTAL	219	100

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

	Increase funding		Continue as is		Decrease funding		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Recreation facilities and programs	34	16.1	141	66.8	36	17.1	211
Road maintenance/improvements	121	53.5	104	46.0	1	0.4	226
Fire protection	48	21.9	170	77.6	1	0.5	219
Ambulance service	48	21.9	168	76.7	3	1.4	219
Police protection	55	25.1	153	69.9	11	5.0	219
Township buildings	20	9.3	182	84.7	13	6.0	215
Recycling	35	16.1	181	83.0	2	0.9	218

20. How old are you?

	#	%
18 to 24	7	3.0
25 to 44	55	23.9
45 to 64	104	45.2
65 to 74	41	17.8
75 or older	23	10
TOTAL	230	100

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

	#	%
Administrative support occupation	11	4.8
Executive, administrative, manage	14	6.1
Farming, forestry, mining	18	7.9
Handler, cleaner, helper, laborer	10	4.4
Homemaker	19	8.3
Machine oper, assembler, inspect	3	1.3
Precision production, craft repair	0	0.0
Private household occupation	1	0.4
Professional occupation	44	19.2
Retired	73	31.9
Sales occupation	13	5.7
Service occupation	7	3.1
Student	3	1.3
Technician or material moving	3	1.3
Transportation or material moving	3	1.3
Unemployed or unable to work	7	3.1
TOTAL	229	100.0

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

	#	%
less than 1 year	1	0.4
1 -5 years	32	14.2
6 - 10 years	31	13.7
11 - 15 years	31	13.7
16 - 20 years	39	17.3
20 years plus	92	40.7
TOTAL	226	100.0

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

	#	%
Home based business	24	16.8
In the township	8	5.6
Elsewhere in Wayne County	89	62.2
Elsewhere in PA	19	13.3
New Jersey	0	0.0
New York	2	1.4
Elsewhere	1	0.7
TOTAL	143	100.0

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

	#	%
Always lived where I do now	29	13.1
Elsewhere in Oregon Township	25	11.3
Elsewhere in Wayne County	79	35.7
Elsewhere in PA	14	6.3
New Jersey	33	14.9
New York	24	10.9
Elsewhere in US	16	7.2
Outside United States	1	0.5
TOTAL	221	100.0

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

	#	%
Do not own property in twp.	14	6.3
Less than 1 acre	6	2.7
1 to 2 acres	16	7.2
2+ to 5 acres	58	26.2
5+ to 10 acres	38	17.2
10+ to 50 acres	50	22.6
50+ to 100 acres	19	8.6
More than 100 acres	20	9.1
TOTAL	221	100.0