

# 2011 Citizen Survey

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**Dear Citizens of Wheatfield Township:**

Wheatfield Township is developing a new Comprehensive Plan that will establish goals and prioritize actions for the next 10 years to manage development and Township services that affect our quality of life. Our Planning Commission is leading this effort. This Citizen Survey and future public meetings provide an opportunity for you to express your views and concerns on current conditions and future direction for Wheatfield Township. Your response is very important to us!

**Please take 15-20 minutes to complete the survey by October 21, 2011.** We offer you two options:  
 (1) Fill out this survey form and return it to the Township office; either the dropbox at the door or by mail to Wheatfield Township, 1280 New Bloomfield Road, New Bloomfield, PA 17068.

(2) **If you have access to the internet**, please go to the Township website and click on the [Comprehensive Plan survey link](#) to complete the survey online. This will save data entry time and costs.

**You may complete the survey as a household, or submit one form (paper or online) per adult resident.** Additional survey forms are available at the Township office. Please be assured that your responses and written comments will remain anonymous and confidential.

Survey results will be shared at a **Public Forum on Tuesday, November 15, 2011**, at the Duncannon EMS Building at 7 pm. The Planning Commission will present its findings and lead discussion of our future direction. Please attend this community event to share your thoughts and opinions.

Thank you in advance for your time and participation.  
 Paul Finkenbinder, Chairman, Wheatfield Township Planning Commission

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## Survey Instructions:

**Circle one response for each row below, unless otherwise indicated.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
<b>1. Overall, the quality of life in Wheatfield Township is very good.</b>	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>2. I am satisfied with Wheatfield Township's:</b>					
a. availability of information on the township website	SA	A	D	SD	NS
b. availability of information in the township newsletter	SA	A	D	SD	NS
c. consideration of citizen input	SA	A	D	SD	NS
d. development and zoning regulations and enforcement	SA	A	D	SD	NS
e. building permits, codes, and inspections	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>3. I believe the quality of the following services, available within or near Wheatfield Township, is adequate:</b>					
a. state police services	SA	A	D	SD	NS
b. fire and ambulance services	SA	A	D	SD	NS
c. road maintenance	SA	A	D	SD	NS
d. trash collection	SA	A	D	SD	NS
e. recycling	SA	A	D	SD	NS
f. public parks and recreation areas	SA	A	D	SD	NS
g. public walking/hiking/biking trails	SA	A	D	SD	NS
h. public education	SA	A	D	SD	NS
i. public library services	SA	A	D	SD	NS
j. services for seniors	SA	A	D	SD	NS
k. on-demand transportation service (PCTA)	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>4. I believe adequate employment opportunities are available within or near Wheatfield Township.</b>	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>5. I believe adequate commercial services, such as shopping and restaurants, are available within or near Wheatfield Township.</b>	SA	A	D	SD	NS

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
<b>6. I believe the following items are major problems in Wheatfield Township:</b>					
a. drinking water quality	SA	A	D	SD	NS
b. stormwater runoff	SA	A	D	SD	NS
c. flooding	SA	A	D	SD	NS
d. stream pollution	SA	A	D	SD	NS
e. noise	SA	A	D	SD	NS
f. unemployment	SA	A	D	SD	NS
g. property maintenance	SA	A	D	SD	NS
h. loss of rural character	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>7. If known, please describe the nature or source of the above problems?</b>					
<b>8. What other problems or issues affect you and your household in your local area of Wheatfield Township? Please describe.</b>					
<b>9. I believe the following types of uses should be encouraged to locate in the Township:</b>					
a. single family homes	SA	A	D	SD	NS
b. two family homes (duplexes)	SA	A	D	SD	NS
c. mobile homes	SA	A	D	SD	NS
d. townhomes	SA	A	D	SD	NS
e. apartments in or converted from single family homes	SA	A	D	SD	NS
f. apartment buildings	SA	A	D	SD	NS
g. senior housing	SA	A	D	SD	NS
h. large lot estates	SA	A	D	SD	NS
i. farms	SA	A	D	SD	NS
j. secondary businesses on the farm	SA	A	D	SD	NS
k. home-based businesses	SA	A	D	SD	NS
l. service shops, garages	SA	A	D	SD	NS
m. retail/service offices	SA	A	D	SD	NS
n. manufacturing facilities	SA	A	D	SD	NS
o. retail stores, restaurants	SA	A	D	SD	NS
p. mixed use development, e.g. residential/commercial	SA	A	D	SD	NS
q. other:	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>10. What concerns do you have about any of the above uses locating in Wheatfield Township? Please describe.</b>					
<b>11. I believe the following areas are appropriate locations for future development:</b>					
	Commercial, Non-Residential	Residential, min. 2 acre	Residential, min. 1 acre	Residential, min. 1/3 acre	Residential, mobile home park
a. The Route 274 Corridor	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP
b. The Route 849/Paradise Road Corridor	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP
c. Dellville	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP
d. Mecks Corner, Carroll township border	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP
e. Roseglen	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP
f. Kings Mill	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP
g. Linton Hill Road, Penn township border	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP
h. Other location:	C	R1	R2	R3	MHP

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
<b>12. I believe Wheatfield Township should pursue the following actions to minimize development's impact on the Township's rural character:</b>					
a. concentrate development potential in a limited area(s)	SA	A	D	SD	NS
b. require land conservation from future subdivisions of 10 lots or more	SA	A	D	SD	NS
c. require public parkland (woods/trails, ballfields, or other) from future subdivisions of 10 lots or more	SA	A	D	SD	NS
d. purchase development rights from farmers	SA	A	D	SD	NS
e. purchase development rights from non-ag land owners	SA	A	D	SD	NS
f. purchase historic sites and landmarks as public parks	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>13. How often do you visit Wagner Park?</b>					
a. At least once a week				d. At least once a year	
b. At least once a month				e. Rarely to never	
c. At least once a seasonal					
<b>14. What do you like to do most at Wagner Park? Please describe.</b>					
<b>15. What would you change about Wagner Park? Please describe.</b>					
<b>16. Could you walk or bike to Wagner Park from your home today?</b>					
			Yes		No
<b>17. If not, what prevents you from walking or biking to Wagner Park?</b>					
a. Too far				d. Prefer to drive	
b. Too dangerous to walk or bike on the road				e. Other:	
c. No desire to go to park					
<b>18. Over the next 10 years, I believe the following items should receive priority attention in Wheatfield Township:</b>					
a. improve existing roadways	SA	A	D	SD	NS
b. require new subdivisions to provide paved streets	SA	A	D	SD	NS
c. require new subdivisions to provide stormwater drainage	SA	A	D	SD	NS
d. develop additional recreational activities at Wagner Park	SA	A	D	SD	NS
e. develop a new park	SA	A	D	SD	NS
f. develop other public trails	SA	A	D	SD	NS
g. revise township regulations	SA	A	D	SD	NS
h. enforce township regulations	SA	A	D	SD	NS
i. replace township buildings, vehicles, equipment sooner	SA	A	D	SD	NS
j. maintain township buildings, vehicles, equipment longer	SA	A	D	SD	NS
k. Other:	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>19. For items listed above, what specific changes would you like to see occur? Please describe.</b>					
<b>20. I support the future study and evaluation of regional public services, e.g. a regional police force, as Wheatfield Township's population grows.</b>					
	SA	A	D	SD	NS
<b>21. I plan to live in Wheatfield Township for the next 5-10 years unless:</b>					
a. farming leaves the community	SA	A	D	SD	NS
b. the Township becomes strictly a residential community	SA	A	D	SD	NS
c. significant woodlands and other open spaces are developed	SA	A	D	SD	NS
d. small business development occurs	SA	A	D	SD	NS
e. Other:	SA	A	D	SD	NS

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Strongly Agree      Agree      Disagree      Strongly Disagree      Not Sure

22. If the comprehensive plan could set the stage for just one thing, what would you want that be?

23. Please share any additional comments on the future of Wheatfield Township.

24. How many years have you lived in Wheatfield Township?      <5      5-9      10-14      15-19      20-24      >24

25. Why do you choose to live in Wheatfield Township? *Circle all that apply.*

- a. It's where I was born
- b. Local family
- c. Affordable living
- d. Agricultural community
- e. Rural community
- f. Susquenita School District
- g. A good place to raise a family
- a. Proximity to employment
- b. Other \_\_\_\_\_

26. What is your employment status?

- a. Employed full-time
- b. Employed part-time
- c. Self-employed
- d. Retired
- e. Homemaker
- f. Student
- g. Unemployed

27. If employed outside your home or farm, where do you work?

- a. Wheatfield Township
- b. Duncannon area
- c. New Bloomfield area
- d. Elsewhere in Perry County
- e. Camp Hill, Lemoyne, New Cumberland area
- f. Carlisle area
- g. Elsewhere in Cumberland County
- h. Downtown Harrisburg
- i. Elsewhere in Dauphin County
- j. Other \_\_\_\_\_

28. How many children under the age of 18 years live in your home?      0      1      2      3      4+

29. Do you own or rent your home?      Own      Rent

30. I am willing to serve Wheatfield Township as a volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_ . *Circle all that apply.*

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| a. Planning commission                             | Yes | No | Not Sure |
| b. Zoning Hearing Board                            | Yes | No | Not Sure |
| c. Parks and Recreation Board                      | Yes | No | Not Sure |
| d. Park maintenance volunteer                      | Yes | No | Not Sure |
| e. Recycling/Spring Clean-Up                       | Yes | No | Not Sure |
| f. Duncannon or New Bloomfield Fire Department/EMS | Yes | No | Not Sure |

Thank you for your time and input. Survey results will be shared on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at the Duncannon EMS Building at 7 pm.

Optional

You may offer your name and contact information.      Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 This information is not required.      Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your responses will be kept anonymous and confidential.      Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_