

# PORTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SURVEY

- ☞ This survey is intended to assess your feelings about Porter Township and your expectations about the future. Please keep this intent in your mind when answering the survey questions. You should read the entire survey before you begin to answer the questions.
- ☞ Should you have any questions or if you would like an additional survey form please call, Community Planning and Management at 570-857-0282 or complete or print it at [www.portertownship.net](http://www.portertownship.net).
- ☞ Please take a few minutes and complete the survey. Return it to Community Planning and Management, HCR 1 Box 59, Paupack, PA 18541, or drop it at the Pickerel Inn Store on Route 402.
- ☞ **Surveys received after June 30, 2009, cannot be included in the results.**
- ☞ Individual survey answers are strictly confidential. The overall results of the survey will be made public and a public meeting will be conducted to present the results of the survey and obtain additional public comment.
- ☞ **Please participate. We value your opinion.**

## 1. What is your association with Porter Township? (please check all that apply)

- Live full-time in the Township.
- Own a vacation home in the Township.
- Own vacant land in the Township.
- Operate a business in the Township.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Where in the Township do you live or own a home? \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. If you own property in Porter Township, how large is it?

- Less than 1 acre       10+ to 50 acres
- 1 to 2 acres           50+ to 100 acres
- 2+ to 5 acres         More than 100 acres
- 5+ to 10 acres

## 4. How old are you?

- Less than 18               45 to 64
- 18 to 24                   65 to 74
- 25 to 44                   75 or older

## 5. If you are a full-time resident, how long have you lived in the Township? Or, if you own a vacation home in the Township, how long have you owned it?

- less than 1 year           11 - 15 years
- 1 - 5 years                 16 - 20 years
- 6 - 10 years               20 years plus

## 6. If you are a full-time resident, where is the last place you lived prior to your current home?

- Always lived where I do now
- Elsewhere in Porter Township
- Elsewhere in Pike County
- Elsewhere in Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- New York
- Elsewhere in United States
- Outside United States

## 7. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

- Retired
- Homemaker
- Agriculture, forestry, or mining
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Transportation, warehousing, or utilities
- Information
- Finance, insurance, or real estate or rentals
- Professional, scientific, mngt, or administra.
- Education, health or social services
- Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, or food service
- Public administration
- Other services
- Student
- Unemployed or unable to work

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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home based business      | <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Pennsylvania |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the Township          | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Pike County | <input type="checkbox"/> New York                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Monroe County, PA     | <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere _____ (list)    |

**9. If you are employed, what is your travel time to work? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes**

**10. How do you feel about the following statement?**

*Porter Township will become a more desirable place to live in the next 5 to 10 years.*

- strongly agree     agree     disagree     strongly disagree

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**11. How important are the following in your choice to be in Porter Township?**

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
A. Affordable housing costs -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Born or raised here -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Close to work -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Close to friends or relatives -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Environmental quality -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Job opportunities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Living in private community -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Low crime rate -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Low taxes -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Open space -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Proximity to Lehigh Valley/Philadelphia -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Proximity to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. Proximity to New Jersey/New York -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N. Quality of schools -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
O. Recreational opportunities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P. Rural lifestyle -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q. Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12. Please rate Porter Township and the larger community for each of the following:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
A. Availability of places to shop -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Cost of living -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Cultural opportunities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Environmental quality (water, air, etc.) -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Job opportunities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Natural areas (wetlands, forest, etc.) -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Overall quality of life -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Place to raise children -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Recreational opportunities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Rural character and working landscape -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Scenic beauty -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Social activities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13. Please rate the quality of the following services in the Township and the larger community:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
A. Building and zoning permit services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Child day care services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. College opportunities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Elder care services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Emergency medical service -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Fire protection -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Health care services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Overall Township services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Police protection -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Preschool services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Public schools -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Recycling -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. State road maintenance -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N. Township recreation facilities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
O. Township road maintenance -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
A. Building and zoning permit services-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Child day care services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. College opportunities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Elder care services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Emergency medical service -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Fire protection -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Health care services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Overall Township services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Police protection -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Preschool services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Public schools -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Recycling -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. State road maintenance -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N. Township recreation facilities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
O. Township road maintenance -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**15. Please mark the types of new recreation facilities and programs needed:**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult recreation programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic areas             | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer fields             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball fields           | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball courts         | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking trails            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle routes            | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard/skating areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth recreation programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____    |  |

**16. To what extent would you favor spending your Township tax money for each of the following services and facilities?**

	Add or Increase	Continue As Is	Decrease
A. Acquire land/conservation easements for open space ----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Building and zoning permit services -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Emergency medical service -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Fire protection -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Improve water quality of lakes and streams -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Police protection -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Recreation facilities -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Recycling -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Township road improvements -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Township building improvements -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**17. If you volunteer with an organization in the Township or in the larger community, how many hours do you volunteer each week?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not currently volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 hours per week       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 2 hours per week      | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 hours per week      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 to 3 hours per week      | <input type="checkbox"/> more than 10 hours per week |

**18. If you do not volunteer, why?** (please check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of transportation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaware of volunteer opportunities                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest at this time  | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteered previously but disappointed with the experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No time because of family | <input type="checkbox"/> Would volunteer if training was available                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No time because of work   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____                                       |

**If you are interested in volunteering contact one of the Township Supervisors, email the Township Secretary at portertw@hughes.net, or call 570-223-0447.**

**COMMENTS** - Please let us know anything else on your mind about Porter Township's current situation and/or future growth and development. (Please attach additional sheets if necessary.)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT.**

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