

2006 Community Survey

Towns of Harrisburg, Martinsburg, Montague & Pinckney

Thank you for participating in the 4-Town Community Survey. Your answers will help us understand how different groups of citizens feel about the directions the towns of Harrisburg, Martinsburg, Montague and Pinckney might take as they plan for their future. Please know that your responses to the questions in this survey are confidential and cannot be traced back to you.

1. In what town do you reside or own land? (Please check (✓) only one.)

- Harrisburg
 Martinsburg
 Montague
 Pinckney

2. What is your residency status (Please check (✓) only one.)

Town resident

Landowner

Please indicate the number of years you have resided or owned land in the town.

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3. What is your age group? (Please check (✓) only one.)

- 18-24
 25-34
 35-44
 45-54
 55-64
 65+

4. Which of the following best describes your employment status? (Please check (✓) only one.)

- Employed full time
 Employed part time
 Unemployed
 Retired

5. What are your reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in this town? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to work | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rates | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to friends and relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of land | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community, small town atmosphere and community pride |

Please indicate other reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in the town.

6. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in this town? (Please check (✓) only one.)

- Very satisfied
 Satisfied
 Dissatisfied
 Very Dissatisfied

7. How satisfied are you with the following Town services? (Please check (✓) the column that best describes your opinion for each.)

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
Town Hall facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational and park facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid waste/garbage disposal services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public parking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoning code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. How do you feel your community has CHANGED in the past two years? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No change | <input type="checkbox"/> New businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> More trailers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More farming | <input type="checkbox"/> More logging | <input type="checkbox"/> New camps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More people | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Less farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less logging | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved roads | <input type="checkbox"/> More people on weekends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational development | <input type="checkbox"/> More junk | <input type="checkbox"/> More crime |

9. Which of the following issues are you concerned about? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire & police service | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting & fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum lot size |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrolled dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV's | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind farm development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution problems | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist business | <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs | |

Please indicate other issues you are concerned about.

10. How important is it to preserve the character of this town? (Please check (✓) only one.)

- Very important Important Somewhat important Not important

11. Which types of development do you feel would be compatible for our community? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Farms/Agricultural uses | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind turbine development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism/recreational businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile homes on single lots | <input type="checkbox"/> Light industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds/RV parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Junkyards | |

12. Which type of housing development should be encouraged in this town? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Tract or development housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Single family dwellings converted to apartments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums/town houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | |

13. Which of the following areas would you like to see growth in? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist attractions | <input type="checkbox"/> Small industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting & fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roads | <input type="checkbox"/> State-owned land | <input type="checkbox"/> Town parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking & skiing trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial development | |

Please indicate other areas you would like to see growth in.

14. Which areas of the Town do you think are worthy of special protection for the future? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemeteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic buildings & sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Forests | <input type="checkbox"/> Open space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good farm land | <input type="checkbox"/> Gorges and waterfalls | |

Please indicate other areas of the Town you think are worthy of special protection for the future.

15. Please answer the question that relates to YOUR town.

	Yes	No
If you live or own property in Harrisburg , do you favor the development of a transfer station or other garbage collection and recycling facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor charging for admission to Whitaker Park?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor extension of water & sewer lines in the town?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you live or own property in Montague , do you favor the development of faster internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you live or own property in Montague , do you favor the development of Sears Pond?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you live or own property in Pinckney , do you favor the development of faster internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. How do you feel about the following for your community? (Please check (✓) the column that best describes your opinion for each.)

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
Shared highway superintendent with one or more neighboring towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharing of code enforcement with one or more neighboring towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint planning and zoning boards with one or more neighboring towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consolidation of your town government with one or more neighboring towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consolidation of assessing unit with one or more neighboring towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. In the event of a natural disaster, which of the following does your household have? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Generator for backup power | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical condition that needs special attention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supply of non-perishable food | <input type="checkbox"/> Supply of potable water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative heat source such as woodstove | |

Please indicate other items your household has in the event of a natural disaster.

18. Please use the following space for any additional comments you would like to make.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Please return your completed survey in the envelope provided.