

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.)

100% Harrisburg 0% Martinsburg 0% Montague 0% Pinckney

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

58% Town resident

42% Landowner (non-resident)

Please indicate the number of years you have resided or owned land in the town. 100%

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

1% 18-24 6% 25-34 19% 35-44 24% 45-54 25% 55-64 25% 65+

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

63% Employed full time 4% Employed part time 3% Unemployed 30% Retired

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

18% Distance to work 19% Tax rates 62% Recreational opportunities
 26% Distance to friends and relatives 35% Cost of land 29% Crime rate
 12% Affordable housing 25% Quality of schools 38% Sense of community, small town atmosphere and community pride

Please indicate other reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in the town. 100%

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

17% Very satisfied 73% Satisfied 7% Dissatisfied 3% 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	25%	55%	0%	0%	20%
Recreational and park facilities	9%	34%	16%	9%	31%
Building code enforcement	8%	49%	14%	6%	23%
Senior services	3%	20%	13%	6%	58%
Solid waste/garbage disposal services	3%	31%	12%	10%	44%
Fire protection	11%	66%	3%	2%	17%
Public parking facilities	5%	40%	3%	3%	49%
Zoning code enforcement	4%	50%	13%	4%	29%
Road maintenance	9%	50%	20%	15%	6%
Snow removal	19%	56%	11%	6%	8%
Emergency services	9%	51%	4%	3%	33%

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

20% No change	6% New businesses	7% More trailers
1% More farming	5% More logging	47% New camps
34% More people	24% Abandoned structures	41% Less farming
6% Less logging	8% Improved roads	48% More people on weekends
11% Recreational development	34% More junk	13% More crime

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

77% Property taxes	14% Fire & police service	41% Snowmobiles
61% Road maintenance	32% Hunting & fishing	11% Minimum lot size
25% Uncontrolled dogs	52% ATV's	43% Wind farm development
26% Stream quality	21% Pollution problems	
17% Tourist business	25% Jobs	

Please indicate other issues you are concerned about. 100%

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

42% Very important	43% Important	9% Somewhat important	7% Not important
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11. Which types of development do you feel would be compatible for our community? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

69% Single family homes	57% Farms/Agricultural uses	60% Wind turbine development
8% Multi-family homes	39% Tourism/recreational businesses	35% Natural gas development
7% Subdivision housing	13% Entertainment	31% Broadband access
21% Mobile homes on single lots	17% Light industry	65% Snowmobile trails
4% Mobile home parks	7% Adult entertainment	62% ATV trails
35% Campgrounds/RV parks	2% Junkyards	

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

88% Single family homes	30% Senior housing	4% Tract or development housing
10% Multi-family homes	9% Apartments	4% Single family dwellings converted to apartments
5% Condominiums/town houses	26% Affordable housing	

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

37% Tourist attractions	30% Small industry	40% Hunting & fishing
48% Roads	15% State-owned land	24% Town parks
61% Snowmobile trails	42% Hiking & skiing trails	25% Mountain bike trails
64% ATV trails	14% Commercial development	

Please indicate other areas you would like to see growth in. 100%

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

73% Streams	54% Cemeteries	40% Historic buildings & sites
43% Wetlands	62% Forests	33% Open space
60% Good farm land	63% Gorges and waterfalls	

Please indicate other areas of the Town you think are worthy of special protection for the future. 100%

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?	48%	53%
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor charging for admission to Whitaker Park?	0%	0%
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor extension of water & sewer lines in the town?	0%	0%
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor the development of a transfer station or other garbage collection and recycling facility?	0%	0%
If you live or own property in Montague , do you favor the development of faster internet service?	0%	0%
If you live or own property in Montague , do you favor the development of Sears Pond?	0%	0%
If you live or own property in Pinckney , do you favor the development of faster internet service?	0%	0%

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	41%	36%	23%
Sharing of code enforcement with one or more neighboring towns	56%	20%	24%
Joint planning and zoning boards with one or more neighboring towns	48%	28%	24%
Consolidation of your town government with one or more neighboring towns	38%	37%	25%
Consolidation of assessing unit with one or more neighboring towns	45%	30%	25%

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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| 73% Generator for backup power | 7% Medical condition that needs special attention |
| 66% Supply of non-perishable food | 56% Supply of potable water |
| 71% Alternative heat source such as woodstove | |
| Please indicate other items your household has in the event of a natural disaster. 100% | |

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

100%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Please return your completed survey in the envelope provided.