

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.)

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

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

62% Town resident

38% 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.)

0% 18-24 6% 25-34 16% 35-44 27% 45-54 21% 55-64 28% 65+

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

63% Employed full time 5% Employed part time 1% Unemployed 31% Retired

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

34% Distance to work 11% Tax rates 42% Recreational opportunities
 36% Distance to friends and relatives 27% Cost of land 20% Crime rate
 25% Affordable housing 26% Quality of schools 45% 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.)

22% Very satisfied 69% Satisfied 7% Dissatisfied 2% 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	12%	61%	8%	2%	18%
Recreational and park facilities	13%	61%	9%	3%	13%
Building code enforcement	7%	49%	11%	4%	29%
Senior services	4%	31%	7%	3%	55%
Solid waste/garbage disposal services	7%	34%	11%	7%	41%
Fire protection	29%	55%	3%	1%	11%
Public parking facilities	7%	43%	8%	3%	38%
Zoning code enforcement	5%	46%	9%	5%	36%
Road maintenance	9%	54%	19%	13%	4%
Snow removal	19%	65%	6%	2%	8%
Emergency services	14%	61%	2%	2%	21%

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

19% No change	14% New businesses	7% More trailers
4% More farming	6% More logging	32% New camps
16% More people	21% Abandoned structures	36% Less farming
9% Less logging	10% Improved roads	52% More people on weekends
19% Recreational development	17% More junk	13% More crime

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

76% Property taxes	15% Fire & police service	42% Snowmobiles
54% Road maintenance	21% Hunting & fishing	8% Minimum lot size
22% Uncontrolled dogs	46% ATV's	31% Wind farm development
24% Stream quality	18% Pollution problems	
25% Tourist business	34% 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.)

46% Very important	38% Important	12% Somewhat important	4% 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.)

58% Single family homes	51% Farms/Agricultural uses	44% Wind turbine development
8% Multi-family homes	48% Tourism/recreational businesses	29% Natural gas development
5% Subdivision housing	12% Entertainment	20% Broadband access
9% Mobile homes on single lots	32% Light industry	46% Snowmobile trails
1% Mobile home parks	5% Adult entertainment	52% ATV trails
24% Campgrounds/RV parks	1% Junkyards	

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

77% Single family homes	35% Senior housing	3% Tract or development housing
8% Multi-family homes	7% Apartments	4% Single family dwellings converted to apartments
4% Condominiums/town houses	42% Affordable housing	

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

37% Tourist attractions	45% Small industry	35% Hunting & fishing
38% Roads	8% State-owned land	30% Town parks
42% Snowmobile trails	39% Hiking & skiing trails	24% Mountain bike trails
50% ATV trails	17% 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.)

76% Streams	67% Cemeteries	66% Historic buildings & sites
37% Wetlands	64% Forests	32% Open space
63% Good farm land	66% 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?	0%	0%
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor charging for admission to Whitaker Park?	33%	67%
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor extension of water & sewer lines in the town?	61%	39%
If you live or own property in Martinsburg , do you favor the development of a transfer station or other garbage collection and recycling facility?	33%	67%
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	26%	46%	27%
Sharing of code enforcement with one or more neighboring towns	46%	27%	27%
Joint planning and zoning boards with one or more neighboring towns	37%	33%	30%
Consolidation of your town government with one or more neighboring towns	21%	49%	29%
Consolidation of assessing unit with one or more neighboring towns	32%	40%	28%

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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| 55% Generator for backup power | 8% Medical condition that needs special attention |
| 67% Supply of non-perishable food | 42% 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.