

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 0% Martinsburg 100% Montague 0% Pinckney

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

13% Town resident

87% 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 1% 25-34 22% 35-44 27% 45-54 22% 55-64 28% 65+

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

62% Employed full time 5% Employed part time 1% Unemployed 32% Retired

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

1% Distance to work 12% Tax rates 91% Recreational opportunities
 9% Distance to friends and relatives 17% Cost of land 10% Crime rate
 2% Affordable housing 1% Quality of schools 32% 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.)

26% Very satisfied 66% Satisfied 7% Dissatisfied 1% 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	10%	50%	3%	0%	38%
Recreational and park facilities	10%	49%	9%	3%	28%
Building code enforcement	8%	49%	9%	2%	32%
Senior services	5%	15%	3%	2%	75%
Solid waste/garbage disposal services	8%	41%	12%	4%	35%
Fire protection	5%	39%	9%	4%	43%
Public parking facilities	7%	42%	6%	2%	43%
Zoning code enforcement	7%	46%	8%	2%	36%
Road maintenance	14%	50%	19%	10%	7%
Snow removal	18%	63%	1%	1%	17%
Emergency services	6%	46%	5%	2%	41%

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

10% No change	5% New businesses	5% More trailers
1% More farming	11% More logging	58% New camps
55% More people	7% Abandoned structures	18% Less farming
8% Less logging	17% Improved roads	75% More people on weekends
29% Recreational development	9% More junk	14% More crime

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

72% Property taxes	16% Fire & police service	51% Snowmobiles
49% Road maintenance	40% Hunting & fishing	11% Minimum lot size
5% Uncontrolled dogs	58% ATV's	22% Wind farm development
30% Stream quality	16% Pollution problems	
19% Tourist business	6% 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.)

52% Very important	39% Important	9% Somewhat important	1% 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.)

48% Single family homes	37% Farms/Agricultural uses	40% Wind turbine development
5% Multi-family homes	47% Tourism/recreational businesses	27% Natural gas development
1% Subdivision housing	9% Entertainment	21% Broadband access
7% Mobile homes on single lots	6% Light industry	66% Snowmobile trails
3% Mobile home parks	5% Adult entertainment	70% ATV trails
30% Campgrounds/RV parks	1% Junkyards	

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

94% Single family homes	6% Senior housing	5% Tract or development housing
7% Multi-family homes	2% Apartments	2% Single family dwellings converted to apartments
4% Condominiums/town houses	19% Affordable housing	

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

30% Tourist attractions	13% Small industry	57% Hunting & fishing
37% Roads	18% State-owned land	17% Town parks
64% Snowmobile trails	40% Hiking & skiing trails	23% Mountain bike trails
69% ATV trails	3% 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.)

83% Streams	50% Cemeteries	42% Historic buildings & sites
54% Wetlands	79% Forests	48% Open space
40% 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?	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?	47%	53%
If you live or own property in Montague , do you favor the development of Sears Pond?	69%	31%
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	43%	34%	23%
Sharing of code enforcement with one or more neighboring towns	59%	19%	22%
Joint planning and zoning boards with one or more neighboring towns	48%	32%	20%
Consolidation of your town government with one or more neighboring towns	39%	38%	23%
Consolidation of assessing unit with one or more neighboring towns	49%	27%	24%

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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| 66% Generator for backup power | 4% Medical condition that needs special attention |
| 52% Supply of non-perishable food | 46% Supply of potable water |
| 87% 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.