

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 0% Montague 100% Pinckney

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

37% Town resident

63% 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 4% 25-34 15% 35-44 33% 45-54 26% 55-64 22% 65+

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

58% Employed full time 4% Employed part time 4% Unemployed 34% Retired

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

11% Distance to work 18% Tax rates 78% Recreational opportunities
 20% Distance to friends and relatives 31% Cost of land 18% Crime rate
 8% Affordable housing 15% Quality of schools 44% 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 78% Satisfied 4% 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	6%	53%	2%	0%	38%
Recreational and park facilities	6%	55%	10%	3%	26%
Building code enforcement	4%	47%	9%	7%	33%
Senior services	1%	22%	7%	2%	67%
Solid waste/garbage disposal services	9%	44%	7%	3%	37%
Fire protection	5%	50%	5%	3%	36%
Public parking facilities	4%	50%	8%	3%	36%
Zoning code enforcement	3%	46%	9%	4%	38%
Road maintenance	9%	59%	15%	10%	6%
Snow removal	16%	67%	2%	1%	15%
Emergency services	5%	47%	6%	2%	40%

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

13% No change	10% New businesses	10% More trailers
0% More farming	11% More logging	43% New camps
38% More people	28% Abandoned structures	34% Less farming
8% Less logging	12% Improved roads	65% More people on weekends
24% Recreational development	25% More junk	8% More crime

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

70% Property taxes	21% Fire & police service	55% Snowmobiles
57% Road maintenance	40% Hunting & fishing	22% Minimum lot size
15% Uncontrolled dogs	66% ATV's	23% Wind farm development
27% Stream quality	22% Pollution problems	
28% Tourist business	21% 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.)

49% Very important	41% Important	7% Somewhat important	3% 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.)

62% Single family homes	47% Farms/Agricultural uses	48% Wind turbine development
4% Multi-family homes	60% Tourism/recreational businesses	31% Natural gas development
5% Subdivision housing	8% Entertainment	28% Broadband access
17% Mobile homes on single lots	15% Light industry	69% Snowmobile trails
3% Mobile home parks	3% Adult entertainment	74% ATV trails
41% Campgrounds/RV parks	0% Junkyards	

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

90% Single family homes	19% Senior housing	4% Tract or development housing
3% Multi-family homes	2% Apartments	3% Single family dwellings converted to apartments
6% Condominiums/town houses	27% Affordable housing	

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

36% Tourist attractions	18% Small industry	59% Hunting & fishing
33% Roads	17% State-owned land	24% Town parks
60% Snowmobile trails	47% Hiking & skiing trails	28% Mountain bike trails
66% ATV trails	8% 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.)

84% Streams	62% Cemeteries	51% Historic buildings & sites
55% Wetlands	78% Forests	48% Open space
56% Good farm land	71% 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?	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?	67%	33%

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	42%	33%	25%
Sharing of code enforcement with one or more neighboring towns	60%	17%	23%
Joint planning and zoning boards with one or more neighboring towns	55%	23%	22%
Consolidation of your town government with one or more neighboring towns	35%	40%	24%
Consolidation of assessing unit with one or more neighboring towns	45%	29%	26%

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

66% Generator for backup power	11% Medical condition that needs special attention
65% Supply of non-perishable food	52% Supply of potable water
72% 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.