

MILFORD BOROUGH COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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962	192	20.0%

1. Which BEST describes how Milford Borough has changed since you have lived here.

more desirable		less desirable		has not changed		not lived here long		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
76	42.0	68	37.6	29	16.0	8	4.4	181

2. Which BEST describes how you think Milford Borough will change in the next five to ten years.

more desirable		less desirable		will not change		not sure		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
57	30.8	83	44.9	19	10.3	26	14.1	185

3. What most influenced your ORIGINAL decision to live in Milford Borough?

REASON	# resp	REASON	# resp
small town lifestyle	72	low taxes	30
close to friends or relatives	46	low crime rate	28
historic character	45	close to work	24
born or raised here	34	other	19
affordable housing costs	30	quality of schools	16
environmental quality	30	less regulation	7

4. Why do you continue to live in Milford Borough?

REASON	# resp	REASON	# resp
close to friends or relatives	94	other	47
small town lifestyle	89	born or raised here	35
historic character	70	quality of schools	23
low crime rate	55	affordable housing costs	20
environmental quality	53	low taxes	18
close to work	49	less regulation	2

5. Please rate Milford Borough and the larger community in terms of each of the following:

	excellent		good		fair		poor		not sure		# of respons
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Quality of schools	17	9.6	78	43.8	31	17.4	12	6.7	40	22.5	178
Place to raise children	27	15.2	91	51.1	27	15.2	8	4.5	25	14.0	178
Job opportunities	0	0.0	4	2.2	49	26.8	112	61.2	18	9.8	183
Scenic beauty	100	54.1	63	34.1	21	11.4	0	0.0	1	0.5	185
Environmental quality	60	32.8	97	53.0	17	9.3	5	2.7	4	2.2	183
Social activities	6	3.3	63	34.8	69	38.1	36	19.9	7	3.9	181
Recreational opportunities	21	11.5	69	37.9	64	35.2	24	13.2	4	2.2	182
Cultural activities	13	7.1	65	35.7	67	36.8	32	17.6	5	2.7	182
Places to shop	11	6.1	46	25.6	63	35.0	58	32.2	2	1.1	180
Cost of living	4	2.2	43	23.9	82	45.6	50	27.8	1	0.6	180
Overall quality of life	34	18.3	94	50.5	43	23.1	6	3.2	9	4.8	186

6. How important to you are each of the following characteristics?

	very important		somewhat important		not very important		not sure		# of responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Quality of schools	82	45.6	48	26.7	43	23.9	7	3.9	180
Place to raise children	86	48.9	35	19.9	46	26.1	9	5.1	176
Job opportunities	14	11.5	54	44.3	47	38.5	7	5.7	122
Scenic beauty	116	62.4	59	31.7	11	5.9	0	0.0	186
Environmental quality	156	83.0	30	16.0	2	1.1	0	0.0	188
Social activities	38	20.9	97	53.3	45	24.7	2	1.1	182
Recreational opportunities	51	28.2	92	50.8	37	20.4	1	0.6	181
Cultural activities	44	24.2	90	49.5	46	25.3	2	1.1	182
Places to shop	66	36.1	78	42.6	39	21.3	0	0.0	183
Cost of living	136	73.5	39	21.1	10	5.4	0	0.0	185
Overall quality of life	160	86.5	21	11.4	3	1.6	1	0.5	185

Which 3 are most important.	# of responses				total	Importance Rank (descending order)
	#1	#2	#3	total		
Quality of schools	35	3	3	41	88	Overall quality of life
Place to raise children	10	33	4	47	86	Cost of living
Job opportunities	12	7	8	27	69	Environmental quality
Scenic beauty	13	7	10	30	47	Place to raise children
Environmental quality	21	28	20	69	41	Quality of schools
Social activities	3	5	5	13	30	Scenic beauty
Recreational opportunities	0	3	4	7	27	Job opportunities
Cultural activities	2	2	4	8	17	Places to shop
Places to shop	2	8	7	17	13	Social activities
Cost of living	18	33	35	86	8	Cultural activities
Overall quality of life	30	16	42	88	7	Recreational opportunities

7. What do you like least about Milford Borough?

REASON	# resp	REASON	# resp
Transportation/traffic difficulties	130	Pace of development	52
Cost of services/taxes	87	Other	35
Lack of public sewage treatment	62	Lack of culture/recreation	22
Lack of local shopping/services	57	Quality of public services	22

8. Please rate the quality of the following services:

	excellent		good		fair		poor		not sure		# of respons
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Borough police protection	39	20.5	96	50.5	42	22.1	5	2.6	8	4.2	190
Fire and emergency protection	70	37.2	96	51.1	12	6.4	1	0.5	9	4.8	188
Ambulance service	59	31.6	92	49.2	13	7.0	5	2.7	18	9.6	187
Broad, Harford, 7 th , Rt. 2001 maintenance	17	9.4	104	57.5	43	23.8	8	4.4	9	5.0	181
Borough road (all others) maintenance	20	10.9	78	42.6	67	36.6	16	8.7	2	1.1	183
Garbage pick-up	45	24.1	117	62.6	20	10.7	4	2.1	1	0.5	187
Overall Borough services	22	12.5	105	59.7	35	19.9	8	4.5	6	3.4	176

9. Recreation facilities and programs available in the Milford Borough and Milford Township area are adequate.

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		not sure		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
17	9.7	57	32.6	59	33.7	21	12.0	21	12.0	175

If you disagree, please list the types of new recreation facilities and programs needed.

	# of responses
Pool	53
Bicycle routes	52
Hiking/walking trails	49
Youth recreation programs	43
Delaware River access	35
Community center	33
Picnic areas	32
Skateboard/skating areas	30
Sawkill Creek access	29

	# of responses
Tennis courts	27
Senior recreation programs	26
Adult recreation programs	25
Other	22
Basketball courts	19
Playgrounds	17
Soccer/football fields	12
Baseball fields	9

10. Some areas of the Borough have sidewalks and some do not, and the type and condition of the sidewalks vary. The Borough should:

	# of responses
Focus on improving and maintaining sidewalks on Broad Street and Harford Street.	81
Sidewalks outside of the commercial area are not important.	72
Plan on improving all existing sidewalks in the Borough.	62
Plan on installing sidewalks throughout the Borough.	46
Require property owners to maintain sidewalks.	36
Other	26

11. The Milford Water Authority should use its financial resources to acquire watershed land or conservation easements to protect the water supply.

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		not sure		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
95	50.8	60	32.1	5	2.7	8	4.3	19	10.2	187

12. The Borough is not served by a public sewage collection and treatment system. All of the homes and businesses in the Borough use on-lot sewage disposal systems. Central sewage would reduce the possibility of groundwater contamination and could stimulate additional development. The Borough should:

	# of responses
Plan to provide central sewage collection and treatment for the entire Borough.	80
I need more information before deciding.	54
Continue to rely on on-lot systems.	47
Focus on providing central sewage to meet the needs of the commercial districts	35
Other	18

13. The Borough should take steps to provide more parking in the commercial districts.

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		not sure		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
51	27.7	51	27.7	42	22.8	20	10.9	20	10.9	184

14. The Borough is part of the *Tree City USA Program* and the *Shade Tree Commission* has been working to improve street trees for many years.

	# of responses
Street tree management has been positive for the Borough.	120
Additional steps should be taken to manage street trees.	46
The Borough should not be involved in a street tree management program.	16
Street tree management has done little to benefit the Borough.	15
I need more information before deciding.	11
I did not realize there was a street tree management program.	2

15. Which of the following would you be willing to support with a Borough tax increase?

	# of respon
none	52
improved sidewalks, streetscapes	46
recreation facilities and programs	41
Borough street improvements	39
expanded ambulance service	37
Borough alley improvements	32
public parking lots	32

16. The Borough's commercial zones have been included in a locally regulated historic district where the design of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings is controlled to ensure compatibility with existing historic buildings.

	# of responses
The commercial historic district has been positive for the Borough.	112
The Borough should not be involved in historic preservation.	38
The commercial historic district has done little to benefit the Borough.	35
Additional eligible areas should be included in the locally regulated historic district.	25
I need more information before deciding.	19
I did not realize there was a locally regulated historic district.	3

17. How long have you lived in the Borough?

	#	%
less than 1 year	3	1.6%
1 - 5 years	37	20.1%
6 - 10 years	38	20.7%
11 - 15 years	19	10.3%
16 - 20 years	11	6.0%
20 years plus	76	41.3%
total # of responses	184	

18. How old are you?

	#	%
18 to 24	5	2.8%
25 to 44	32	18.1%
45 to 64	78	44.1%
65 to 74	33	18.6%
75 or older	29	16.4%
total # of responses	177	

19. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

	#	%
Retired	62	33.3%
Professional occupation	38	20.4%
Executive, admin, or managerial	31	16.7%
Homemaker	16	8.6%
Sales occupation	10	5.4%
Service occupation	8	4.3%
Administrative support occupation	4	2.2%
Student	4	2.2%
Private household occupation	3	1.6%
Unemployed or unable to work	3	1.6%
Machine oper, assembler, inspector	2	1.1%
Precision production, craft or repair	2	1.1%
Farming, forestry, or mining	1	0.5%
Handler, cleaner, helper, or laborer	1	0.5%
Technician or material moving	1	0.5%
Transportation or material moving	0	0.0%
total # of responses	186	

20. If you moved to the Borough, from where did you relocate?

	#	%
New Jersey	41	22.7%
New York	38	21.0%
Elsewhere in Pennsylvania	29	16.0%
Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.	25	13.8%
Elsewhere in Pike County	24	13.3%
Always lived in the Borough	22	12.2%
Connecticut	2	1.1%
total # of responses	181	

21. If you are employed, which best describes where you work?

	#	%
In the Borough	31	26.7%
New Jersey	23	19.8%
New York	19	16.4%
Home based business	17	14.7%
Elsewhere in Pike County	16	13.8%
Elsewhere in Pennsylvania	7	6.0%
Elsewhere	3	2.6%
total # of responses	116	