

Palmyra Township, Pike County Community Survey Results

256 paper surveys + 106 Internet surveys = 362 total returned surveys

Q-1: What is your association with Palmyra Township?

	#	%		#	%
Live full-time in the Township	206	66.0	Own vacant land in the Township	19	6.1
Own a vacation home in the Township	78	25.0	Operate a business in the Township	9	2.9
Total	312				

Q-2: Where in the Township do you live or own a home?

	#	%		#	%
Bear Trap Mtn. Rd	1	0.4	Rt 390	3	1.1
Beechwood Cove	1	0.4	Rt 507	6	2.3
Chipmunk Dr	1	0.4	Rt 6	3	1.1
Cottage Lake Rd	1	0.4	Sand Court	2	0.8
Egypt Rd	1	0.4	Shiny Mt.	3	1.1
The Escape	1	0.4	Shook and Crystal Rd	1	0.4
Fairview Lake	3	1.1	Simons' Point	1	0.4
Ford Acre Ct	1	0.4	Spinnler Point	3	1.1
Greentown	32	12.1	St. Andrew's Dr	1	0.4
Gumbletown Rd	4	1.5	Sunset Acres	2	0.8
Meadowbrook Rd	1	0.4	Sunset Point	2	0.8
Old Greentown Rd	1	0.4	Tafton	28	10.6
Lake Wallenpaupack	1	0.4	Tafton View	1	0.4
Palmyra	5	1.9	Tanglwood	23	8.7
Paupack	9	3.4	Tanglwood Lakes	104	39.2
Paupack Gardens	2	0.8	Tanglwood North	5	1.9
Paupack Heights	1	0.4	Timber Ln	1	0.4
Paupack Hills	1	0.4	Wenonan Rd	1	0.4
Pennwood	3	1.1	Wilderness Rd	1	0.4
Pike County	1	0.4	Wilsonville Dev.	1	0.4
Promised Land	1	0.4	Wilsonville Rec Area	1	0.4
Total	265				

Q-3: If you own property in Palmyra Township, how large is it?

	#	%		#	%
Less than 1 acre	161	44.3	10+ to 50 acres	5	2.4
1 to 2 acres	81	38.2	50+ to 100 acres	5	2.4
2+ to 5 acres	20	9.4	More than 100 acres	1	0.5
5+ to 10 acres	6	2.8	Total	212	

Q-4: How old are you?

	#	%		#	%
Less than 18	0	0.0	45 to 64	150	52.8
18 to 24	0	0.0	65 to 74	69	24.3
25 to 44	35	12.3	75 and older	30	10.6
Total	284				

Q-5: If you are a full-time resident, how long have you lived in the Township? Or, if you own a vacation home in the Township, how long have you owned it?

	#	%		#	%
less than 1 year	16	6.1	11 to 15 years	16	6.1
1 - 5 years	80	30.4	16 to 20 years	22	8.4
6 - 10 years	46	17.5	20 plus years	83	31.6
Total	263				

Q-6: If you are a full-time resident, where is the last place you lived prior to your current home?

	#	%		#	%
Always lived where I do now	4	1.9	New Jersey	43	20.7
Elsewhere in Palmyra Township	14	6.7	New York	48	23.1
Elsewhere in Pike County	13	6.3	Elsewhere in United States	16	7.7
Elsewhere in Pennsylvania	69	33.2	Outside United States	1	0.5
Total	208				

Q-7: Which of the following best describes your employment status?

	#	%		#	%
Retired	138	48.4	Finance, insurance, or real estate or rentals	23	8.1
Homemaker	5	1.8	Professional, scientific, mngt, or administration	37	13.0
Agriculture, forestry, or mining	2	0.7	Education, health or social services	27	9.5
Construction	6	2.1	Arts, entertain, recreation, accommodation, or food service	7	2.5
Manufacturing	5	1.8	Public administration	3	1.1
Wholesale Trade	5	1.8	Other services	16	5.6
Retail Trade	5	1.8	Student	0	0.0
Transportation, warehousing, or utilities	3	1.1	Unemployed or unable to work	2	0.7
Information	1	0.4	Total	285	

Q-8: If you are employed, which best describes where you work?

	#	%		#	%
Home based business	8	5.8	Elsewhere in Pennsylvania	50	36.2
In the Township	27	19.6	New York	22	15.9
Elsewhere in Pike County	9	6.5	New Jersey	22	15.9
Total	138				

Elsewhere:

Baltimore, Maryland	Quakertown, Pa
Connecticut	Scranton
Delaware County	Scranton, Pa
Greene Township	Simpson, Pa
Harleysville	Smith Barney Shrewsbury NJ
Hawley, Wayne County	Throughout NE US
Honesdale, Wayne County	Tobyhanna, Pa
Lansdale	Tobyhanna, Pa
Massachusets	Va
Massachusetts	Wayne and Pike Co.
Milford, Pa	Wayne County
Monroe County	Wayne Memorial Hospital

Q-9: If you are employed, what is your travel time to work in minutes?

	#	%		#	%
.5 minutes	1	0.8	25 minutes	4	3.3
2 minutes	5	4.2	30 minutes	17	14.2
3 minutes	2	1.7	35 minutes	6	5.0
5 minutes	13	10.8	40 minutes	5	4.2
7 minutes	1	0.8	45 minutes	7	5.8
8 minutes	3	2.5	50 minutes	1	0.8
10 minutes	17	14.2	55 minutes	1	0.8
12 minutes	2	1.7	60 minutes	8	6.7
14 minutes	1	0.8	90 minutes	2	1.7
15 minutes	12	10.0	120 minutes	3	2.5
20 minutes	8	6.7	210 minutes	1	0.8
Total	120				

Q-10: How do you feel about the following statement? "Palmyra Township will become a more desirable place to live in the next 5 to 10 years."

strongly agree		agree		disagree		strongly disagree		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
40	16.2	162	65.6	33	13.4	12	4.9	247

Why?

Access to lake, low concentration of commercial facilities, good people
affordable and safe
affordable and safe
affordable housing
already a desirable place to live
already very desirable as it is
as long as township leans on residents to clean up their property
as more people retire this is a desirable place to reside in
as population increases, crime and taxes will increase
Attractive rural character but not too far from amenities
Attractive cost of living, great schools, population boom in NY/NJ
beautiful
beautiful and quiet place to live
Beauty, Open spaces, lakes, boating
because of growth and progress
because of local control through supervisors and planning commission
Because of proactive planning and surveys like this. It shows you are interested
Becoming too built up; open spaces disappearing.

better organization of community minded issues
better planning
building of new homes brings service related business into the area.
By putting out this survey, the township is actively planning for a better future.
community is evolving as more people take up permanent residence
conscientious officials
convenience
Cost and the beauty of the area
depends on how the growth is controlled.
depends on managing commercialization
depends on nature and extent of development
Due to sound financial practices our township can afford to maintain its roads and recreational facilities. With continued stewardship our community can only improve.
excellent school system, would be better if industry was allowed
excessive population in adjacent areas
For the most part the county is improving its real estate and business community.
Geographic location to major cities aka New York, Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley and yes Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
Getting to many people
Good location and improvements
good planning and leadership, involved citizens, good schools
Good school system, beautiful area, plenty of sporting activities..
Great lifestyle, but need more services for Seniors, and greater access to health care
growing too rapidly without much thought to the peaceful quality of life which it was meant to be
growth and development is properly managed
I believe we are addressing the growth burst better now.
I don't know. It depends on how it is managed.
I feel it will still be a very nice, quiet place to live and raise a family.
I think it is desirable now we need to keep it that way
I think that the building of homes will slow down for the next 5 years
I truly believe our township leaders are making great strides in improving our township every year!
If rural Character is kept-reduce building
improving local economy, Hawley improvements
increase in population, environment being destroyed
increased population, more employment
influx of affluent population from neighboring states
influx on property available
It has a lot to offer & many people we know are going to retire here.
It has stayed beautifully green - woodsy....just like the Poconos should be.
it is desirable now
it is pleasant to live here
it is still unspoiled while urban sprawl affects other areas
it is beautiful
it still is country
it will slowly add more amenities but not be crowded like a city
It's a beautiful area and it is still not too built up.
Lake Wallenpaupack
Lake Wallenpaupack
leadership will want to show a very progressive approach to achieve new programs, new services and a clean environment to promote outdoor activities and tourism
less rural
like it the way it is and don't consider growth beneficial
location and tax structure
loose rural character as more people move in, trees are cut, and houses that don't look like rural homes are built

loss of rural character
lots of open land, good school system, pleasant environment and friendly neighbors
love it, enjoy home and where it is located
Low taxes, transportation to NY area, school system
Lower cost of living and more open space
more business/people moving here
more commuters from NY, increase services
More people
More people are willing to commute longer distances to work.
more people are working from home and area is desirable for a family and housing needs
more people will make it a better place for business
more people, strip commercial development
need to control the amount of building and traffic flow
new construction, new shopping, town upgrading
New development of homes and shopping areas
nice area, great location
nice place to live, good schools.
nice place to raise a family
No idea
no large city
over development
People from New York/New Jersey are moving to the area
People will move out of cities due to telecommuting, etc.
pleasant environment
population growth, city influence
population growth, inevitable property tax increases
Population increase will probably cause increase in crime and increased taxes.
population increasing, far enough away from Scranton, pristine woodland area with beautiful lake
Presently retaining its character as a good community
pristine resort area that should remain green
Progress
progress is coming
property values hold steady or will increase
proximity to Lake Wallenpaupack, excellent schools
quality of life
Quality of living
questionable, concern over further growth issues and related controls and costs
Rural and scenic character, nearby recreational amenities, good public schools
rural character needs to be kept
rural setting, Great School District
schools are good; building continues
seems to be a growing community
some growth, but not a population explosion
still a country setting
Surveys like this are evident.
Taxes and it is beautiful
That is a very general statement. In what way will it be more desirable. Nice restaurants in the area but the price of gas is usually 15 to 20 cents higher than in areas within 45 min.
The beauty and not a lot of businesses
The economy will pick-up and business will increase within the area.
The Lake and area will always be a huge draw for outside people.
The quality of life issues are more appealing to seniors and education is better for younger families
The township is acting proactively to insure that this happens
the township is good now
the way taxes are rising in N.J. and I'm of retirement age

too built up
Too many new homes
Too many New Yorkers moving in. They do not have family values.
too many people
too many people and businesses moving in
too many people are moving in
too many people are moving in
too many people, not rural anymore, too much traffic, too many people from NY & NJ
too many run- down, un-cared for properties, not enough retail,
too much development, not as rural
Too much land being developed, especially malls, when there are malls that are empty.
township's desire to remain scenic
train from Scranton to NYC
unrestricted development will ruin the country and open and natural environment, making Pike the same as any other county
We just moved to our vacation home 2 years ago and we love the out in the country feel
will be more crowded
Will become too populated and congested.
with a few more amenities it could be the best of both worlds, peaceful and rural with conveniences
with proper management & controlled growth, there will be an improvement in services, cultural activities, and emergency medical and police protection
yes if you don't make a lot of changes

Q-11: How important are the following in your choice to be in Palmyra Township?

	not important		somewhat important		important		very important		#
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Affordable housing costs	47	16.9	65	23.4	106	38.1	60	21.6	278
B. Born or raised here	185	81.5	20	8.8	10	4.4	12	5.3	227
C. Close to work	137	58.5	30	12.8	43	18.4	24	10.3	234
D. Close to friends or relatives	72	28.7	76	30.3	71	28.3	32	12.7	251
E. Environmental quality	5	1.8	15	5.5	91	33.1	164	59.6	275
F. Job opportunities	96	40.5	54	22.8	59	24.9	28	11.8	237
G. Living in private community	96	36.6	42	16.0	69	26.3	55	21.0	262
H. Low crime rate	3	1.1	11	4.1	72	26.8	183	68.0	269
I. Low taxes	1	0.4	31	11.3	83	30.2	160	58.2	275
J. Open space	5	1.8	14	5.1	84	30.7	171	62.4	274
K. Proximity to Lehigh Val / Phila	148	58.0	56	22.0	29	11.4	22	8.6	255
L. Proximity to Scranton /Wilkes-B	66	24.9	94	35.5	80	30.2	25	9.4	265
M. Proximity to NJ /NY	87	33.6	77	29.7	65	25.1	30	11.6	259
N. Quality of schools	67	26.2	24	9.4	80	31.3	85	33.2	256
O. Recreational opportunities	11	4.1	35	13.2	116	43.6	104	39.1	266
P. Rural lifestyle	7	2.6	32	11.8	96	35.3	137	50.4	272

Other

3, quietness	Keeping taxes low
3,wildlife	Knowing & trusting those responsible for the township.
4, hospital and good doctors	Lake to fish in and we need to keep it clean
4, hunting/fishing	Public rifle range and state hunting lands
4, industry and higher paying jobs	Quality of life
4, Pennsylvania	Quality of life.
4,lake wallenpaupack	Reasonable gas prices in comparison to other areas
Comfort factor of a small town where you get to know storekeepers, bankers, and your neighbor from down the block.	Shopping convenience
Good roads and bridges	

Q-12: Please rate Palmyra Township and the larger community for each of the following:

	excellent		good		fair		poor		#
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Availability of places to shop	7	2.5	87	30.9	117	41.5	71	25.2	282
B. Cost of living	23	8.2	169	59.9	84	29.8	6	2.1	282
C. Cultural opportunities	2	0.7	70	26.0	137	50.9	60	22.3	269
D. Environmental quality (water, air, etc.)	91	32.6	162	58.1	23	8.2	3	1.1	279
E. Job opportunities	3	1.3	22	9.2	117	48.8	98	40.8	240
F. Natural areas (wetlands, forest, etc.)	132	47.5	131	47.1	15	5.4	0	0.0	278
G. Overall quality of life	98	34.5	174	61.3	12	4.2	0	0.0	284
H. Place to raise children	75	30.4	145	58.7	25	10.1	2	0.8	247
I. Recreational opportunities	81	29.1	149	53.6	45	16.2	3	1.1	278
J. Rural character and working landscape	97	35.7	159	58.5	13	4.8	3	1.1	272
K. Scenic beauty	180	63.8	96	34.0	5	1.8	1	0.4	282
L. Social activities	8	3.0	118	43.5	123	45.4	22	8.1	271

Q-13: What is your opinion about the water quality of Lake Wallenpaupack?

excellent		good		fair		poor		# of responses
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
16	5.9	146	53.7	86	31.6	24	8.8	272

If needed, what should be done to improve water quality?

A better inspection of boats allowed on the lake. There have not been many, but I have seen boats with a very noticeable "oil trail" left behind them.
as population increases we will probably need sewer systems
Better Control
Bring it back to clean, it was green this year.
central sewage
central sewage and reduce # of boats
central sewage for all homes, businesses and communities around the lake
central sewage for entire lake; address farm runoff
central sewage, less boats, no 2 cycle engines, only 4 cycle
check septic systems bordering lake
Considering I experienced a shallow, less than 1" cut while swimming in the lake then had to go on a series of antibiotics leading up to the strongest one there was to treat ... Eboli ... yes, the lake NEEDS TO BE CLEANER. Enforce stiff regulations on pollution, in particularly, sewage!
CONTINUE MONITORING WATER QUALITY
continue to monitor runoff into lake
control amount of boats trailered into area
control amount of boats: gasolene runoff, pollutants, bacteria
control the algae in the water and make it a clean water lake
decrease the motor boats on lake, at least size and speed, and noise level
Do not drop the lake so early in the summer.
Education + awareness about ways to improve H2O Qualities
enforce septic compliance, especially older ones
Given the age of the lake and surrounding older cabins that are now seeing higher usage than ever in their history we need a watchful eye on the discharge from septic systems or lack thereof because its all headed for the lake. We have but one chance to keep it clean and a million chances to damage it.
Have PAL give it up; been coming up for 6+ years and lake is getting worse every year
I am a lakefront resident. I feel boat traffic should be limited by size and numbers of boats allowed in at public launch areas.
I believe that over the past few years the LWWMD has done a tremendous job of monitoring and informing the community about the water quality. There should be annual inspections of home septic holding tanks around the lake to verify usage and or problems.
improve sewer systems
introduce zebra mussels or other filter feeders
Investigating the areas around the lake for sewage seeping into it.
Isn't it state regulated?
It looks dirty all the time. Stop the runoff
It should be cleaner and constant - no more broken lines
keep educating the public. Keep port o lets on the islands.
keep motor boats off lake, keep sewage from seeping in
keep number of boats docked on lake controlled
Keep up good efforts
Lake level in recent years has caused erosion. End of summer still shows algae bloom in some years.
Less building on lake, less boats on lake
less jet skis; clean storm debris after heavy rain
less motorboat traffic, lower mercury levels
less pollution
Limit boat size on lake

limit boat size, enforce no sleeping aboard
limit boat size; crack down on illegal waste dumping from boats; no more building with septics and poor drainage on shores
Limit boats on the water
limit condo/townhouse development around lakefront; prohibit 2-cycle water craft
limit gas/oil contamination and runoff from land contaminates
limit number of boats, sizes of boats and horsepower
limit number of powerboat licenses and other motor driven craft
limit size of boats on lake
Limit the number of power boats on the lake.
limit the size of boats
Limit the size of boats
limit use of gas engines and # of boats
limit use of gasoline engines in lake and limit number of boats on the lake and limit houses built on the shore
live oysters: don't laugh, they are natural water filters
make it a lot less algae
monitor boat and septic pollution
monitor waters entering the watershed to protect the quality of the water in Lake Wallenpaupack...a beautiful lake which should be taken care of...mandatory septic cleaning every 2 to 3 years for everyone and preserving trees in the area to reduce run-off
need public water and sewer to prevent waste runoff from going into lake, especially with increased development
NOT QUALIFIED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE
Not sure, but perhaps better control of gas powered water craft; potential runoff from new developments/houses/pesticides.
Please keep the water clean.
prevent sewage waste and nitrogen from entering lake, leave area around lake natural
Provide central sewage
public sewers to avoid unhealthy drainage and runoff into lake; limit size of motors on lake
reduce algae in the summer, better septic/sewer systems
Reduce nutrient loads, boating quantity and size, reduce waste water runoff and limit use of fertilizers
regulate the discharge from antiquated septic systems that were meant for occasional seasonal use & are now supporting full time use.
removal of floating debris after a storm
Residing in Tanglwood Lakes, the water pressure is poor at times and the quality is poor at times. The service people have stated our community doesn't have enough pressure and the pipes are old.....
Restrict # of boats allowed on the lake
restrict # of motor boats permitted, stringent sewage requirements in watershed
Restrict fertilizers and pesticides along the lakefront area. Green lawns make green lakes.
restrict impermeable surfaces on new development and repairs to existing parking areas and roads
sewer plant
sewers for all new building
SEWERS!
smaller boat motors, better sewage systems
smaller boats, less horsepower; enforcement of rules and regulation is poor
stop homes from using antiquated septic systems, have them improve their systems to meet current standards

Strict laws on dumping and type of water craft on the lake.
Strict monitoring of septic close to lake; incentive to use 4-stroke or other environmentally friendly boat motors
testing in all areas of the lake
testing; bleach
township should regulate and enforce septic clean out every so many years
We don't drink it.
zebra mussels to filter water

Q-14: Please rate the quality of the following services:

	excellent		good		fair		poor		#
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Building/zoning permit services	30	12.7	150	63.3	49	20.7	8	3.4	237
B. Child day care services	4	2.7	47	32.2	80	54.8	15	10.3	146
C. College opportunities	13	6.6	74	37.8	67	34.2	42	21.4	196
D. Elder care services	6	3.2	60	32.1	87	46.5	34	18.2	187
E. Emergency medical service	23	9.2	126	50.6	82	32.9	18	7.2	249
F. Fire protection	39	15.2	140	54.5	72	28.0	6	2.3	257
G. Health care services	13	5.4	88	36.7	119	49.6	20	8.3	240
H. Overall Township services	7	3.1	135	59.2	79	34.6	7	3.1	228
I. Police protection	5	2.0	73	29.3	96	38.6	75	30.1	249
J. Preschool services	9	5.8	53	34.2	78	50.3	15	9.7	155
K. Public schools	76	37.3	110	53.9	17	8.3	1	0.5	204
L. Recycling	48	17.8	113	42.0	68	25.3	40	14.9	269
M. State road maintenance	20	7.3	148	53.8	77	28.0	30	10.9	275
N. Township recreation facilities	17	7.1	121	50.6	84	35.1	17	7.1	239
O. Township road maintenance	27	10.3	152	58.0	70	26.7	13	5.0	262

Q-15: How important are the following services to you?

	not important		somewhat important		important		very important		#
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Building/zoning permit services	38	13.7	105	37.9	98	35.4	36	13.0	277
B. Child day care services	186	72.1	38	14.7	25	9.7	9	3.5	258
C. College opportunities	140	52.2	54	20.1	50	18.7	24	9.0	268
D. Elder care services	54	19.5	62	22.4	99	35.7	62	22.4	277
E. Emergency medical service	2	0.7	16	5.7	91	32.4	172	61.2	281
F. Fire protection	1	0.4	8	2.8	83	29.4	190	67.4	282
G. Health care services	3	1.1	18	6.5	98	35.3	159	57.2	278
H. Overall Township services	1	0.4	45	16.2	141	50.9	90	32.5	277
I. Police protection	2	0.7	22	7.9	98	35.1	157	56.3	279
J. Preschool services	169	66.3	34	13.3	36	14.1	16	6.3	255
K. Public schools	85	32.7	29	11.2	80	30.8	66	25.4	260
L. Recycling	7	2.5	47	16.9	118	42.4	106	38.1	278
M. State road maintenance	2	0.7	14	5.0	114	40.7	150	53.6	280
N. Township recreation facilities	20	7.2	84	30.2	121	43.5	53	19.1	278
O. Township road maintenance	6	2.1	13	4.6	124	43.8	140	49.5	283

Q-16: To what extent would you favor spending your Township tax money for each of the following services and facilities?

	add or increase		continue as is		decrease		#
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
A. Acquire land/easements for open space	105	39.3	152	56.9	10	3.7	267
B. Building/zoning permit services	29	11.1	210	80.2	23	8.8	262
C. Emergency medical service	178	65.2	95	34.8	0	0.0	273
D. Fire protection	161	58.5	114	41.5	0	0.0	275
E. Improve water quality of lakes and streams	170	63.0	98	36.3	2	0.7	270
F. Police protection	169	61.9	102	37.4	2	0.7	273
G. Recreation facilities	66	24.5	194	72.1	9	3.3	269
H. Recycling	105	38.3	162	59.1	7	2.6	274
I. Township road improvements	105	38.5	165	60.4	3	1.1	273

**Q-17: Please mark the types of new recreation facilities and programs needed:
(please check all that apply)**

	#	%		#	%
Adult recreation programs	95	13.5	Pool	59	8.4
Picnic areas	49	7.0	Walking trails	152	21.6
Soccer fields	21	3.0	Bicycle routes	110	15.6
Baseball fields	19	2.7	Skateboard /skating areas	29	4.1
Playgrounds	32	4.6	Youth recreation programs	61	8.7
Tennis courts	17	2.4	None	43	6.1
Basketball courts	16	2.3	Total	703	

Other

4 wheeling trails	hiking trails
A shooting range and ATV trails would be a nice addition to our community!	hunting, fishing, wildlife
boat launch on south side of lake	Library
boat launch on south side of lake	Need to be well maintained
county public golf course	rifle range
dog park	rifle/archery range
dog park	Since our community, Tanglwood Lakes has many of these amenities, these are not important
don't know	Theater or more library funds!! I am NOT interested in paying for places for kids to play. That should come out of school funds!
fenced in dog park	YMCA type facilities
golf	

Q-18: If you volunteer with an organization in the Township or in the larger community, how many hours do you volunteer each week?

	#	%		#	%
Do not currently volunteer	173	68.4	3 to 5 hours per week	14	1.2
1 to 2 hours per week	35	13.8	5 to 10 hours per week	8	2.0
2 to 3 hours per week	15	5.9	more than 10 hours per week	8	4.0
Total	253				

Q-19: If you do not volunteer, why? (please check all that apply)

	#	%		#	%
Lack of transportation	1	0.5	No time because of family	36	19.6
Unaware of volunteer opportunities	40	21.7	Would volunteer if training was available	7	3.8
No interest at this time	42	22.8	No time because of work	58	31.5
Volunteered previously but disappointed with the experience	0	0	Total	184	

Other

age	not around enough; did volunteer at Prom Land
age and physical health not good	Not full time resident
Do not live here full time	Not Here enough
Do not live here full time.	not here most of the week
don't know when I will be up here	not there for long enough periods of time; when full-time I intend to do so.
Don't live here	Only a weekend resident
haven't started yet	only here some weekends, and 1 month in summer.
health	part time resident
Health Problems	Part time resident; not there often enough.
Health reasons	Poor Health
I don't live in the township full-time.	preoccupied with other commitments
Injuries due to auto accident	Retired
involved with HOA and another club in the area	sight impaired
Live 2 hours away most of the time	Summer resident
live full time out of state	too lazy, nothing interesting to volunteer for
live in N.J.	Too old
live in New York	Too old
Live part of the time in New Jersey	travel a lot
Lot of travel with no set pattern - away a lot. Difficult to commit.	Vacation only
medical reasons	vacation/weekend home
Not always available	

Q-20: COMMENTS - Please let us know anything else on your mind about Palmyra Township's current situation and/or future growth and development.

390 needs to be better maintained by the state
area is growing and we need to keep on top of things in order to keep the township good like it is and to keep it rural
bulk garbage day twice a year with mailers to every resident of township
centralize commercial development so as not to have it spread all over
desperately need police dept., state police is nearly non existent
desire a more organized method of voting, ie. Take a number and wait in your car, and display a large sign that allows the disabled to go straight in and not have to wait in line
Even though new businesses along 507 might be helpful, they would not contribute to the rural, natural beauty of the area and might contribute to poorer water quality of the lake.
Finish Paupack School
Finish Paupack School project

future building should be limited to 2 acre parcels, no townhouse complexes
Good Survey.
I believe that the Twp. has an opportunity to become a premier retirement area. It is convenient to several metropolitan areas, has an excellent quality of life and a low tax structure.
I have found that outside of poor winter road conditions(last winter was my first up here), the area has overall been a pretty nice place to live. However, I haven't had the opportunity to explore everything that the area has to offer yet either.
I think it would be a good idea to have a community newspaper that could be mailed to residents.
If you want to attract more people to the area you need to create jobs with better pay. You also need to improve police presence, EMS, fire protection and health care.
improve quality of lake
It is a nice place to live. I love the rural setting and open spaces. Yet we are close to town.
It's difficult to answer these questions if a part time resident.
keep improving but be mindful of planet
keep taxes and school taxes down as economy slows
Keep taxes low.
less boats on the lake
library in Paupack School needed
live in Escape, take care of roads, have own water and sewer, get nothing from township
more electronic recycling opportunities
moved in 1992, officials have been professional, road maintenance is excellent
need bulk garbage day twice a year and people need to keep their property cleaned up
need industry for job opportunities and economy to help young people and lower and middle income people from leaving because of taxes
need new and different people in supervisory positions, there is a monopoly from restaurants and businesses that have been here for years and new ones try and struggle
need police protection, no one to call, state police are overwhelmed
need to crack down on noise levels of trucks and speeding on roads
need to keep the lake water in good care as a lot of people are here for that reason, the cleanness of the water is important
not sure of how libraries are funded - currently utilize Wayne libraries because Pike's are too far away
only concern is the rate of growth and how it will affect the quality of the area especially in non-summer months
only state police, no others to deter burglary
please control development, not helter skelter, place stricter zoning rules regarding landscaping, stripping the land of all trees should not be allowed; the esthetics of development are very important
please keep the integrity of our open lands
Police, fire, EMS !!!
presidential election voting was disorganized regarding parking and traffic flow; the location of voting workers was also confusing
rising crime rate must be dealt with, along with fire and emergency protection, they should be put before recreation
sewage needs a closer look
start fining residents in regard to excess piles of debris on their property
Thanks for thinking about my family and myself
township did wonderful job snow-plowing snow and quick response to downed trees
use non-skid or other material instead of cinders so it does not need to be applied so heavily
would like to see curbside recycling and a dog park
would love to see a community pool and more shops and places to eat