

## *Allen Township Comprehensive Plan Survey (2016)*

*Survey Issued on March 29, 2016*

*Survey Concluded on June 3, 2016*

*Results Issued on June 10, 2016*

*Results Certified by ATCP Task Force*

*Total Responses via On-Line Survey: 138*

*Total Responses via Mail-In Survey: 625*

*Total Responses for the ATCP Survey: 763*

*Percentage of Total Housing Units: 35.0 %*

<b>1. Home Address or Street Address (Confidential)</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Home Address of Street Address Provided	488	64.0 %
Home Address of Street Address Not Provided	275	36.0 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>2. How long have you lived in the Township?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
5 Years or less	121	15.9 %
6 to 10 Years	107	14.0 %
11 to 20 Years	257	33.7 %
21 + Years	254	33.2 %
No Response	24	3.2 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>3. Age of Head of Household</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
18 to 24 years	2	0.3 %
25 to 44 years	120	15.7 %
45 to 64 years	321	42.1 %
65 + years	294	38.5 %
No Response	26	3.4 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %

<b>4. How much land do you own in Allen Township?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
None, I Rent	17	2.2 %
Less than 1 acre	500	65.5 %
1 to 5 acres	183	24.0 %
6 to 49 acres	35	4.6 %
50 to 100 acres	5	0.7 %
More than 100 acres	1	0.1 %
No Response	22	2.9 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>5. How far is your commute to work?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1 to 10 miles	229	30.0 %
11 to 25 miles	168	22.0 %
26 to 50 miles	48	6.3 %
51 to 100 miles	14	1.9 %
More than 100 miles	4	0.5 %
Work from home, retired or other	245	32.1 %
No Response	55	7.2 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>6. In general, what would you like Allen Township to be in the future?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Rural - Agricultural	442	57.9 %
Rural - Suburban	246	32.2 %
Suburban	47	6.2 %
No Response	28	3.7 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %

<b>7. What do you like most about Allen Township? Check top 2 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Rural - Agricultural	518	67.9 %
Many Natural Features	191	25.0 %
Recreational opportunities	71	9.3 %
History aspect of Township	63	8.3 %
Low Taxes	185	24.2 %
Proximity to Employment Areas	110	14.4 %
Safe Neighborhoods	317	41.5 %
Education	19	2.5 %
Other or No Response	35	4.6 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>8. What do you feel are Allen Township's biggest challenges? Check top 2 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Development Pressures	580	76.0 %
Traffic and Inadequate Roadways	407	53.3 %
Local Police	192	25.2 %
Lack of Infrastructure (water sewer, etc)	82	10.7 %
Limited Recreational Facilities	38	5.0 %
Limited Shopping and Entertainment	65	8.5 %
Other or No Response	85	11.1 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>9. Population of Allen Township has increased dramatically from 2,630 in 2000 to 4,269 in 2010 and estimated 4,410 in 2014. Understanding growth can't be completely halted, would you like to see the <u>growth rate</u></b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Slow down a lot	316	41.4 %
Slow down a little	268	35.1 %
Stay the same	125	16.4 %
Increase	24	3.2 %
No Response	30	3.9 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %

<b>10. Where do you feel future residential growth should be accommodated? Check top 3 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Adjacent to Northampton Borough	238	31.2 %
Adjacent to North Catasauqua	264	34.6 %
Vicinity of Fire Department - Howertown	140	18.4 %
South of Nor-Bath (PA 329)	223	29.2 %
Cherryville Road Corridor	196	25.7 %
Seemsville Road Corridor	167	21.9 %
Vicinity of Route 329 Signal	116	15.2 %
Nowhere	295	38.7 %
Other or No Response	94	12.3 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>11. What, if any, additional service expansions to support residential development would you like to see?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Public Sewer / Water	142	18.6 %
Open Space / Active Recreation	264	34.6 %
None – prefer all new homes on lots (>1 acre) with on-site sewage and water	288	37.8 %
Other or No Response	69	9.0 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>12. What type(s) of residential development would you like to see? Check top 2 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Large lots (1+ acres) – limited open space	378	49.5 %
Medium lots (1/2 to 1 acre)	259	33.9 %
Small lots (1/4 to 1/2 acre)	98	12.8 %
Cluster (smaller lots with more public open space)	166	21.8 %
Mix of single-family homes, townhouse and apartments	112	14.7 %
Other or No Response	90	11.8 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %

<b>13. What additional retail development would you like to see? Check top 3 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
None, we have enough	334	43.8 %
Professional services (dental, medical, etc)	112	14.7 %
Agricultural support	223	29.2 %
Retail for day to day needs	130	17.0 %
Convenience retail (Wawa, 7-11, etc)	129	16.9 %
Large department stores	14	1.8 %
Family Restaurants	155	20.3 %
Casual dining (e.g. bar and grill)	175	22.9 %
Entertainment, movie theater, etc.	38	5.0 %
Supermarket	78	10.2 %
Other	49	6.4 %
No Response	74	9.7 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>14. What form or scale would you like new retail development to be? Check top choice</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Small-scale neighborhood or “Main Street” retail	428	55.4 %
Convenience shopping centers or strip malls	106	14.1 %
Big-box retail centers	9	1.2 %
Other	124	16.2 %
No Response	96	12.7 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %

<b>15. Where do you think the best location would be for new retail? Check top 3 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Vicinity of Kreidersville and Indian Trail	78	10.2 %
Cherryville Road Corridor	112	14.7 %
Nor-Bath Boulevard Corridor	246	32.2 %
Small-scale retail near residential areas	143	18.7 %
Agricultural support in rural areas	166	21.8 %
Weaversville South of Atlas	117	15.3 %
Savage Road	109	14.3 %
Other	115	15.1 %
No Response	115	15.1 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>16. What type of industrial and commercial development would be most appropriate? Check top 3 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Small scale light-industrial “flex” space	234	30.7 %
Small scale industrial parks	164	21.5 %
Additional warehousing OK, impacts are worth the economic benefit	65	8.5 %
Mini-Warehousing (e.g. self storage)	49	6.4 %
Adaptive Re-Use of barns and other facilities	248	32.5 %
None, economic and employment not worth the impacts	423	55.4 %
Other or No Response	69	9.0 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %

<b>17. Where do you think are the most appropriate locations for new industrial? Check top 2 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Just south of Nor-Bath Boulevard	184	24.1 %
Area surrounding and north of Nor-Bath	165	21.6 %
Extreme southern end of Allen Township	257	33.7 %
Other	199	26.1 %
No Response	137	18.0 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>18. Are you supportive of preserving quality agricultural land in Allen Township?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly Supportive	547	71.4 %
Somewhat Supportive	127	16.6 %
Neutral	31	4.1 %
Not Supportive	4	0.5 %
No Response	54	7.1 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>19. Are you supportive of preserving natural features in Allen Township?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly Supportive	562	73.7 %
Somewhat Supportive	106	13.9 %
Neutral	33	4.3 %
Not Supportive	3	0.4 %
No Response	59	7.7 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %

<b>20. Would you support regulations to preserve natural/agricultural areas even if it meant development restrictions?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly Supportive	451	59.1 %
Somewhat Supportive	171	22.4 %
Neutral/Don't Know	64	8.4 %
Do Not Supportive	14	1.8 %
Strongly Do Not Support	6	0.8 %
No Response	57	7.5 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>21. Which natural/recreational features are most important to you? Check top 3 choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Woods	488	64.0 %
Streams and Waterways	615	80.6 %
Wetlands	112	14.7 %
Steep Slopes	20	2.6 %
Trails and Bike Paths	433	56.7 %
Passive Open Space	265	34.7 %
Other	31	4.1 %
No Response	70	9.2 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %
<b>22. Do you support historic preservation in Allen Township?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly Supportive	487	63.8 %
Somewhat Supportive	154	20.2 %
Neutral	57	7.5 %
Not Supportive	8	1.0 %
No Response	57	7.5 %
Total Responses	763	100.0 %



**23. The following issues were identified as some of the important issues to address in the Allen Township Comprehensive Plan. We are seeking to prioritize these issues to focus on the Top 4. Please rank the following issues from 1 (highest priority) to 10 (lowest priority).**

<b>Issue to Consider for Priority Ranking</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Classifications of commercial and industrial zones. How to plan future commercial/industrial development</b>	<b>Total</b>	92	55	47	29	60	53	62	53	66	98	
	<b>Percentage</b>	15.0 %	8.9 %	7.6 %	4.9 %	9.8 %	8.6 %	10.1 %	8.6 %	10.7 %	15.9 %	
<b>Plan and allocate location and type of residential development</b>	<b>Total</b>	17	74	59	95	78	57	80	80	59	16	
	<b>Percentage</b>	2.8 %	12.0 %	9.6 %	15.4 %	12.7 %	9.3 %	13.0 %	13.0 %	9.6 %	2.6 %	
<b>Conservation of rural areas and promote sustainable agriculture</b>	<b>Total</b>	187	123	80	65	41	33	30	22	20	14	
	<b>Percentage</b>	30.4 %	20.0 %	13.0 %	10.6 %	6.7 %	5.4 %	4.9 %	3. %	3.3 %	2.3 %	
<b>Promote and conservation of natural, historical and cultural resources</b>	<b>Total</b>	76	144	84	83	61	56	44	27	23	17	
	<b>Percentage</b>	12.4 %	23.4 %	13.7 %	13.5 %	9.9 %	9.1 %	7.2 %	4.4 %	3.7 %	2.8 %	
<b>Maintain strong tax base to fund public improvements without raising tax rates</b>	<b>Total</b>	108	62	85	63	68	67	38	44	40	40	
	<b>Percentage</b>	17.6 %	10.1 %	13.8 %	10.2 %	11.1 %	10.9 %	6.2 %	7.2 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	
<b>Improve major routes in and to Allen including Nor-Bath Blvd., PA 329, Weaversville, Willowbrook, etc.</b>	<b>Total</b>	65	51	74	60	63	71	50	66	61	54	
	<b>Percentage</b>	10.6 %	8.3 %	12.0 %	9.8 %	10.2 %	11.5 %	8.1 %	10.7 %	9.9 %	8.8 %	
<b>Improve non-motorized transportation options (biking and walking)</b>	<b>Total</b>	13	15	33	54	65	91	72	105	88	79	
	<b>Percentage</b>	2.1 %	2.4 %	5.4 %	8.8 %	10.6 %	14.8 %	11.7 %	17.1 %	14.3 %	12.9 %	
<b>Improve stormwater management, enhance quality of runoff and reduce flooding</b>	<b>Total</b>	13	26	58	42	51	77	97	78	102	71	
	<b>Percentage</b>	2.1 %	4.2 %	9.4 %	6.8 %	8.3 %	12.5 %	15.8 %	12.7 %	16.6 %	11.5 %	
<b>Realizing that it would increase costs and taxes, to have local police service</b>	<b>Total</b>	20	24	30	42	46	46	56	68	104	179	
	<b>Percentage</b>	3.3 %	3.9 %	4.9 %	6.8 %	7.5 %	7.5 %	9.1 %	11.1 %	16.9 %	29.1 %	
<b>Implement Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan</b>	<b>Total</b>	24	41	65	82	82	64	86	72	52	47	
	<b>Percentage</b>	3.9 %	6.7 %	10.6 %	13.3 %	13.3 %	10.4 %	14.0 %	11.7 %	8.5 %	7.6 %	
<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	42 responses with various answers and issues					<b>A total of 615 surveys were considered complete and were utilized to establish the percentages for each specified issue contained under Survey Question 23</b>					
	<b>Percentage</b>	5.5 % of the total number of surveys (763)										
<b>No Responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	106 responses were considered incomplete										
	<b>Percentage</b>	13.9 % of the total number of surveys (763)										

<b>24. Addition written comments provided to the Allen Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force (Confidential)</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Additional written comments provided ATCP Task Force	280	36.7 %
No additional comments or responses	483	63.3 %
Total Responses considered for this Survey	763	100.0 %