

CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY FOR RESIDENTS

Enter to win! Complete our survey to be entered in a drawing for a \$150.00 gift certificate for The Office Bar & Grille.

Email address: _____ (optional: fill in to receive weekly website updates)

Phone number: _____ (optional: fill in to enter the prize drawing)

Charlestown Township will be updating the Comprehensive Plan in 2016. The Comprehensive Plan establishes resource protection, land use planning, zoning and public services/facilities to guide future development. Your responses will assist us in developing the goals and objectives for this planning effort. The deadline for submitting your completed questionnaire is September 30, 2015.

1. How many adults in your household are responding to this questionnaire? _____
If more than one adult is responding, please provide more than one response for each survey question.
2. If you own property in the Township, for what purpose is the property held (check all that apply)
___ residence ___ agriculture ___ rental property ___ industrial ___ investment
___ commercial ___ sales/development If you rent property, check here ___
___ other (describe here) _____
3. What type of dwelling do you live in?
___ single family ___ duplex or twin ___ townhouse ___ apartment
___ other (describe here) _____
4. What are your primary reasons for choosing to live in Charlestown Township? Select three reasons and number them 1, 2 and 3 based on your order of preferences.
___ low township taxes ___ quality of schools ___ housing cost ___ housing availability
___ convenient to workplace ___ attractiveness of surroundings ___ relatives in area
___ life-long resident ___ Other (describe here) _____

5. Where are you presently employed? (Please indicate number employed in your household under each of the following categories.)
___ at home ___ within Charlestown Township ___ Exton/West Chester Area
___ Great Valley/Malvern Area ___ Philadelphia Area ___ King of Prussia ___ Currently unemployed
___ Other (describe here) _____
6. Please rank from #1 to #9 which of these roads do you or your family members most often travel, with #1 being the most travelled.
___ Route 29 ___ Route 202 ___ Charlestown Road ___ Phoenixville Pike
___ PA Turnpike ___ Whitehorse Road ___ Yellow Springs Road ___ Route 23
___ Other (list) _____

7. Respond to the following characteristics of the Township as they apply to your needs.

	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Inadequate</u>	<u>Not Important</u>
Housing Availability	___	___	___
Housing Cost	___	___	___
Employment within Township	___	___	___
Accessibility to Nearby Attractions	___	___	___
Shopping Facilities	___	___	___
Recreation Lands/Facilities	___	___	___
Protected Open Space/Natural Areas	___	___	___

8. Do you believe that productive farmland in the Township should be preserved for agricultural uses?

___ Yes ___ No ___ No opinion

9. Should the Township take steps to preserve and protect historic resources?

___ Yes ___ No ___ No opinion

Please check any of the following historic resources you have visited in Charlestown:

___ Charlestown Mill ___ Longwood School ___ Ice Dam Ruins ___ Revolutionary War Cemetery
___ Other: _____

10. Should the Township take steps to adopt ordinances encouraging environmental sustainability, including alternate energy sources (wind and solar) and impose stricter recycling measures?

___ Yes ___ No ___ No opinion

Comments/Suggestions: _____

11. Should the Township take an active role in setting aside recreation areas as future development occurs?

___ Yes ___ No ___ No opinion

12. Which Recreation Areas in the Township do you frequent:

___ Brightside Farm Park ___ Charlestown Park ___
___ Pickering Trail ___ Horseshoe Trail ___ Thompson Trail

Other: _____

13. Do you feel the following services are adequate/inadequate for Charlestown Township?

	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Inadequate</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Road Maintenance (state)	___	___	___
Road Maintenance (township)	___	___	___
Public transportation	___	___	___
Traffic Control	___	___	___
Police protection	___	___	___
Fire protection	___	___	___
Public water service	___	___	___
On-site sewage facilities	___	___	___
Public sewer service	___	___	___
Trash removal	___	___	___
Ambulance services	___	___	___
Public Education	___	___	___
Parks & Recreation Areas	___	___	___

14. If services are found to be inadequate how should the Township pay for them?

	<u>More Taxes</u>	<u>More User Fees</u>	<u>Reallocate Budget</u>	<u>Developer Fees</u>
Road Maintenance (state)	___	___	___	___
Road Maintenance (township)	___	___	___	___
Public transportation	___	___	___	___
Traffic Control	___	___	___	___
Police protection	___	___	___	___
Fire protection	___	___	___	___
Public water service	___	___	___	___
On-site sewage facilities	___	___	___	___
Public sewer service	___	___	___	___
Trash removal	___	___	___	___
Ambulance services	___	___	___	___
Public Education	___	___	___	___
Parks & Recreation Areas	___	___	___	___

15. Are there any roads or intersections in the Township which you consider dangerous for vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians? ___ Yes ___ No

If so, where? _____

16. If you were to move from the Township, which would be the reason(s)? Select a maximum of three responses.

- ___ Distance to Work
- ___ Inadequate public transportation
- ___ Inadequate community facilities
- ___ Greater Employment Opportunities elsewhere
- ___ Over-development
- ___ Limited Housing
- ___ Limited shopping
- ___ Quality of Schools
- ___ Inadequate Parks/recreation
- ___ Township Taxes are too high
- ___ Other _____

17. Would you like to see more, less, or none of the following land uses in Charlestown? Respond with "M" for More, "L" for Less, and "N" for none.

	M MORE	L LESS	N NONE	R NO CHANGE – REMAIN AS IS
Single Family homes	_____	_____	_____	_____
Industrial parks	_____	_____	_____	_____
Institutional	_____	_____	_____	_____
Townhouses	_____	_____	_____	_____
Highway Commercial	_____	_____	_____	_____
Office parks	_____	_____	_____	_____
Townhouses/Duplexes	_____	_____	_____	_____
Apartments	_____	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood Commercial	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parks/Recreation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Open Space	_____	_____	_____	_____
Agriculture & Agricultural Services	_____	_____	_____	_____
Uses for Historical Structures	_____	_____	_____	_____
Home Business	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child Care	_____	_____	_____	_____
Adult Care	_____	_____	_____	_____
Affordable Housing	_____	_____	_____	_____

18. What do you think are the greatest problems facing the Township?

19. Do you have other comments or see problems facing Charlestown Township in the Future?

20. From a community-wide perspective, what do you and your family need from Charlestown Township to improve your quality of life?

21. What medium do you prefer for Township Communications:

Newsletter Website Twitter Facebook Other: _____

What information are you most interested in? Check all that apply:

Historical preservation Public interest stories Parks & Open Space Financial information

Present and Proposed Developments Township policies and regulations Township events

Board and commission meeting schedule General announcements Roadwork and construction

Trash pickup Other: _____

Thank you for participating in our Survey! Please return via one of these methods:

Mail to: Charlestown Township, P.O. Box 507, Devault, PA 19432
Fax to: 610-240-0328 **Email to:** admin1@charlestown.pa.us
Hand Deliver to: Charlestown Township, 4030 Whitehorse Road, Devault, PA 19432