

**Edinboro Borough/Franklin Township/Washington Township Area  
Citizens' Survey – Combined Results**

**Total Responses – 1,059**

This is an opinion survey to help us understand crucial future issues. There are no right or wrong answers.

**Where do you live?**

Edinboro Borough – 329 (31%)      Franklin Township – 256 (24%)      Washington Township – 474 (45%)

**We would like to begin by asking how you feel about the Edinboro/Franklin/Washington Area (Area) as a place to live. Do you consider it?**

Very Desirable – 622 (60%)    Somewhat Desirable – 386 (37%)    Somewhat Undesirable 22 (2%)    Very Undesirable – 10 (1%)

**How great a problem do you feel each of the following is in this area? Please check *only one* choice for each issue (1 severe problem to 3 little/no problem).**

Issue	Rank		
	1	2	3
Highway congestion	342 (33%)	378 (36%)	320 (31%)
Stream pollution	177 (17%)	470 (47%)	361 (36%)
The health of Edinboro Lake	400 (39%)	485 (47%)	141 (14%)
Deteriorated housing	143 (14%)	460 (45%)	415 (41%)
Young people leaving	256 (26%)	434 (43%)	313 (31%)
Loss of agricultural land to development	407 (39%)	400 (39%)	222 (22%)
Tax-exempt real estate	245 (26%)	421 (43%)	306 (31%)
Not enough living-wage new jobs	513 (50%)	346 (34%)	158 (16%)

**General:** Comprehensive plans have a horizon of ten years and though policy statements, they are increasingly important relative to State programs and land use ordinances (zoning, etc.). Your priorities are important. Following is a series of issues. Please check *only one* choice for *each* issue (1 highest importance to 3 little/no importance).

Issue	Rank		
	1	2	3
Prepare long-range plans to guide future growth	662 (62%)	298 (30%)	70 (7%)
Require high-quality development (improved roads, landscaping, buffer areas, etc.)	568 (55%)	349 (34%)	111 (11%)
Offer informational sessions on community development issues	373 (37%)	466 (46%)	179 (17%)

**Zoning:** The zoning ordinance controls land use in the community. Please check *only one* choice for *each* issue (1 highest importance to 3 little/no importance).

Issue	Rank		
	1	2	3
Increase high-density residential areas	118 (12%)	331 (33%)	550 (55%)
Increase commercial districts	149 (15%)	413 (41%)	441 (44%)
Increase industrial districts	162 (16%)	342 (34%)	488 (49%)
Preserve low-density residential and farm areas	712 (69%)	242 (24%)	74 (7%)
Keep current zoning patterns	342 (35%)	472 (49%)	57 (16%)

**Land Development:** The development of raw land into subdivisions and larger developments on a single parcel fall under the subdivision and land development ordinance. Please check *only one* choice for *each* issue (1 highest to 3 little/no importance).

Issue	Rank		
	1	2	3
Keep existing subdivision practices	292 (30%)	503 (51%)	190 (19%)
Strengthen development regulations, such as design standards	399 (40%)	369 (37%)	223 (23%)
Improve street standards	467 (47%)	382 (39%)	143 (14%)
Encourage/require sidewalks in high density areas	434 (44%)	266 (27%)	285 (29%)
Large lot (1 acre plus) residential developments should be encouraged	482 (48%)	275 (28%)	238 (24%)
Smaller lots (under 1 acre) with water and sewer services are needed	260 (27%)	293 (30%)	423 (43%)

**Note:** Read both questions below.

**Do you believe commercial or industrial development on a single lot need strong site design regulations?**

Yes – 828 (83%)      No – 172 (17%)

**If such developments are specially regulated, at what size should this start? (Please check *only one*.)**

Combined parking and building area 1/2 acre in size      244 (25%)  
 Combined parking and building area 1/2 acre to 4 acres      477 (50%)  
 Combined parking and building area over 4 acres      240 (25%)

**Please check *only one* choice for *each* issue (1 highest to 3 little/no importance) for the following:**

Issue	Rank		
	1	2	3
New developments should be required to set aside permanent open space*	693 (68%)	205 (20%)	121 (12%)
Farmland preservation should be a regional goal.	654 (64%)	267 (26%)	102 (10%)

\*This open space could be trails, wooded areas, meadows, a greenway, or a similar feature permanently set aside. Open space can be public or private.

**Natural Resources and Environment:** Please check *only one* choice for *each* issue (1 highest to 3 little/no importance) for the following:

Issue	Rank		
	1	2	3
Woodland, open space preservation should be a regional goal	744 (73%)	224 (20%)	48 (5%)
Preserve and enhance Edinboro Lake and its watershed	835 (81%)	150 (15%)	45 (4%)

**Economic Development:** Commercial and industrial developments are usually good for the tax base. They provide new jobs. They can also bring traffic congestion, bright lights, and other negatives. Please think about all these issues when your respond.

**General:**

Should the attraction of new businesses, of all kinds, be a priority?      Yes – 529 (51%)      No – 501 (49%)

**Industrial/Manufacturing: In general, I support:\***

Small light manufacturing (under 50 employees)      345 (44%)  
 Light manufacturing of any size      219 (28%)  
 Heavy manufacturing with strict performance standards      39 (5%)  
 None of the above      161 (21%)

\*Tally excludes multiple choices

**Where should development be focused? Check all locations that you agree with.**

In Edinboro	348	3*
Along Route 99 north of Edinboro	659	1
At or near the I-79/Route 6N Interchange	634	2
At Route 98 and Old State Road	259	5
In McLane Village	198	6
South of Edinboro Borough	319	4

\*Rank

**All the local governments involved can apply for grant funds for a variety of activities. What do you think is important? Please check *each* line as appropriate.**

Activity	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Rehabilitating owner-occupied housing	330 (33%)	466 (47%)	194 (20%)
Rehabilitating rental housing	325 (33%)	390 (39%)	277 (28%)
Assisting residents in developing small businesses	455 (46%)	410 (41%)	129 (13%)
Extending utilities such as water and sewer	433 (44%)	307 (31%)	250 (25%)
Expanding recreational opportunities for residents	404 (40%)	380 (38%)	214 (22%)
Improving traffic congestion	586 (58%)	304 (30%)	122 (12%)
Protecting open space from development	563 (56%)	329 (33%)	107 (11%)
Providing sites to attract industry and commercial	322 (33%)	392 (40%)	274 (27%)
Property maintenance codes in deteriorating areas	500 (50%)	397 (40%)	98 (10%)
Assist existing business/business areas	522 (50%)	402 (39%)	110 (11%)

**What specifically would most concern you about new development? Please check *each* line as appropriate.**

Activity	Greatly Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned
Large-scale industry	600 (59%)	257 (25%)	152 (15%)
Large-scale retail	414 (41%)	374 (37%)	214 (22%)
Apartment developments	342 (34%)	449 (45%)	214 (21%)
Mobile home parks	659 (67%)	237 (24%)	94 (9%)
Traffic safety	651 (64%)	307 (31%)	54 (5%)
Traffic congestion	657 (65%)	286 (28%)	70 (7%)
Stormwater runoff	418 (45%)	391 (42%)	116 (13%)
Sewage management	600 (60%)	300 (30%)	100 (10%)
Loss of rural character	623 (62%)	275 (27%)	106 (11%)
Quality of new roads	550 (55%)	367 (37%)	84 (8%)
Noise pollution	526 (54%)	339 (34%)	118 (12%)
Light pollution	411 (41%)	416 (42%)	170 (17%)
Parking	263 (27%)	466 (47%)	260 (26%)

**Future Development**

**Traffic and Transportation: Which roads or intersections should be widened or improved? Please check *only one* choice for *each* issue (1 highest to 3 little/no importance).**

Issue		Rank		
		1	2	3
6N and Route 99 in Edinboro	2*	520	220	234
Route 99 and Old State Road	6	149	326	481
The I-79, Route 6N area	4	354	268	344
Route 98 and Old State Road	8	76	277	577
Angling Road and 6N	3	497	243	235
Crane Road and Route 98	7	99	269	569
Route 99 south of Edinboro	9	73	261	611
New Interchange I-79 and Old State Road	5	190	233	504
6N and Fry Road	1	633	189	177

\*Incidence of #1 Ranking

Any other traffic concerns, please list.

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In general, do you support or oppose the consolidation/merger of the following? Please check your opinion for each issue.

	Support (1)	Oppose (2)	Unsure (3)
Edinboro, Franklin and Washington – Local Governments	295 (29%)	429 *(42%)	293 (29%)
Edinboro and Washington – Local Governmental	390 (39%)	313 (32%)	285 (29%)
Franklin and Washington – Local Governmental	302 (30%)	318 (32%)	389 (38%)

In general, do you support the following? Please check your opinion for each issue.

	Support (1)	Oppose (2)	Unsure (3)
Joint recreation authority	658 (65%)	146 (14%)	215 (21%)
Joint fire and ambulance services	715 (70%)	153 (15%)	153 (15%)
Joint police services	630 (62%)	228 (22%)	166 (16%)
Joint trash and recycling services	651 (65%)	177 (18%)	172 (17%)
Edinboro and Washington/Franklin Townships Public Utilities (Water and Sewer)	388 (38%)	394 (39%)	239 (23%)
Edinboro, Washington and Franklin – Public Works Department (Road and Street)	461 (45%)	303 (30%)	251 (25%)
Inter-municipal agreements for services	536 (55%)	165 (17%)	281 (28%)

If the joint comprehensive plan could solve any one issue, what should it be?

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**Thank you for participating in this survey.  
Please return the survey in the stamped, self-addressed envelope.**

Please use this space for any additional comments or concerns.