

**Edinboro Borough/Franklin Township/Washington Township Area
Local Leaders' Questionnaire**

This is an opinion survey to help us understand crucial future issues. There are no right or wrong answers. All responses will be kept confidential.

Where do you live?

Edinboro Borough - 29 Franklin Township - 9 Washington Township - 21
No Response - 1

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: (Circle the number of the answer that best describes your feelings.)

- 1. Very Desirable - 39
- 2. Somewhat Desirable - 18
- 3. Somewhat Undesirable - 0
- 4. Very Undesirable - 0

How great a problem do you feel each of the following is in your municipality? (Please circle your opinion for each issue.)

Issue	Severe Problem (A)	Minor Problem (B)	Not a Problem (C)	Unsure (X)
Highway congestion	20	30	10	0
Too many people, houses and buildings (overcrowding), the loss of green space and/or rural character	4	26	30	0
Stream pollution	8	25	22	5
The health of Edinboro Lake	22	25	5	7
Deteriorated housing and abandoned buildings	1	31	27	0
Insufficient economic development	16	28	16	0
Young people leaving	12	19	21	7
Loss of agricultural land to development	10	23	24	2
Tax-exempt real estate	23	10	21	6
Economic base deterioration	14	23	16	7

During the next five years, what priority do you believe should be given to each of the following issues in order to improve or preserve quality of life in your municipality:

	Highest <u>Priority</u>	High <u>Priority</u>	Moderate <u>Priority</u>	Low <u>Priority</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
(Circle one letter for each item.)					
Preparing long-range plans to guide future growth.	27	26	5	2	0
Increasing training to develop local community leaders	3	22	28	6	1
Increasing cooperation among the three governments	32	21	6	1	0
Guiding the quality of development	23	27	7	0	3
Building community spirit	10	20	25	5	0
Manage traffic congestion	22	24	7	6	1
Extend Public water to areas with well water	8	6	16	29	1
Revitalize Downtown Edinboro	11	18	19	10	2
Encourage new housing in the area	4	10	22	22	2
Encourage new retail businesses in the area	16	20	12	9	3
Encourage new industry in the area	17	16	12	14	1
Preserve woodlands	19	20	15	4	2
Preserve farmland	14	15	20	8	3
Provide recreation for youth	12	26	16	6	0
Provide recreation for families or older citizens	8	22	22	8	0
Expand public sewer to areas with on-lot sewer	12	17	8	22	1
Expand and enhance police and fire services	6	9	27	17	0
Expand and enhance code enforcement	10	18	19	13	0
Preserve and enhance residential neighborhoods	13	22	21	4	0
Preserve and enhance Edinboro Lake	23	23	13	1	0

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	14	31	13
Rehabilitating rental housing	16	29	14
Assisting residents in developing small businesses	20	32	8
Extending utilities such as water and sewer	21	18	19
Expanding recreational opportunities for residents	17	28	15
Improving traffic congestion	35	17	8
Protecting open space from development	24	29	7
Providing sites to attract industry and commercial development	24	21	15
Code enforcement in deteriorating areas	25	29	6
Other (please specify)*	10	--	50

***See attachment**

What is your opinion about the use of buildings and land in your municipality?

	Circle one answer for each item.		
	Too Much	Enough	Need More
Owner-occupied housing	0	40	16
Rental housing	8	42	9
Offices and business services	0	38	21
Retail stores	0	24	35
Restaurants	0	23	36
Light industry	1	25	32
Heavy industry	3	43	9
Public lands (game lands parks, etc.)	1	36	23
Farmlands	1	55	5
Woodlands	0	46	12
Open space/green space	0	42	16
Motels/hotels	0	27	30
Housing for the age 55+ market	0	30	30

How concerned would you be about the following size of residential subdivision in your municipality? (Please check each line as appropriate.)

	Greatly Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned
Subdivision of 2-5 Lots	6	10	44
Subdivision of 6-10 Lots	11	16	33
Subdivision of 11-25 Lots	16	24	20
Subdivision of 26-49 Lots	32	13	14
Subdivision of 50+ Lots	40	5	14

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

	Greatly Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned
Large-scale industry	32	19	9
Large-scale retail	29	18	13
Apartment developments	20	28	12
Mobile home parks	44	13	3
Seasonal homes/cottages	6	19	35
Campgrounds	9	19	32
Traffic safety	39	14	5
Traffic congestion	40	16	4
Water consumption	28	21	11
Stormwater runoff	33	19	8
Sewage management	42	16	2
Loss of rural character	28	22	9
Quality of new roads	27	28	4
Making new roads fit into existing system	27	29	4
Need to set aside recreation lands or open space	22	25	13
Noise pollution	21	24	15
Light pollution	21	23	15
Landscaping/buffer yards	17	31	12
Fire safety/emergency access	30	24	6
Parking	24	23	12
Policing	18	27	14

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Traffic Concerns:

In your opinion, please list the most dangerous intersection in your municipality.

See attachments

In your opinion, please list the most congested intersection in your municipality.

See attachments

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

	Support (1)	Oppose (2)	Unsure (3)	Does Not Apply (4)
Edinboro and Washington Township Public Utilities (Water and Sewer)	39	7	8	4
Edinboro, Washington and Franklin Public Works Department (Road and Street)	33	16	9	0
Edinboro, Franklin and Washington Townships Local Governmental	27	20	12	0
Edinboro and Washington Township Local Governmental	32	14	7	6
Franklin and Washington Townships Local Governmental	21	14	17	7

In general, do you support or oppose the following? (Please circle your opinion for each issue.)

	Support (1)	Oppose (2)	Unsure (3)
Joint recreation authority	47	3	9
Joint fire and ambulance services	47	5	7
Joint police services	33	13	13
Joint trash and recycling services	43	8	8

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

See attachment

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