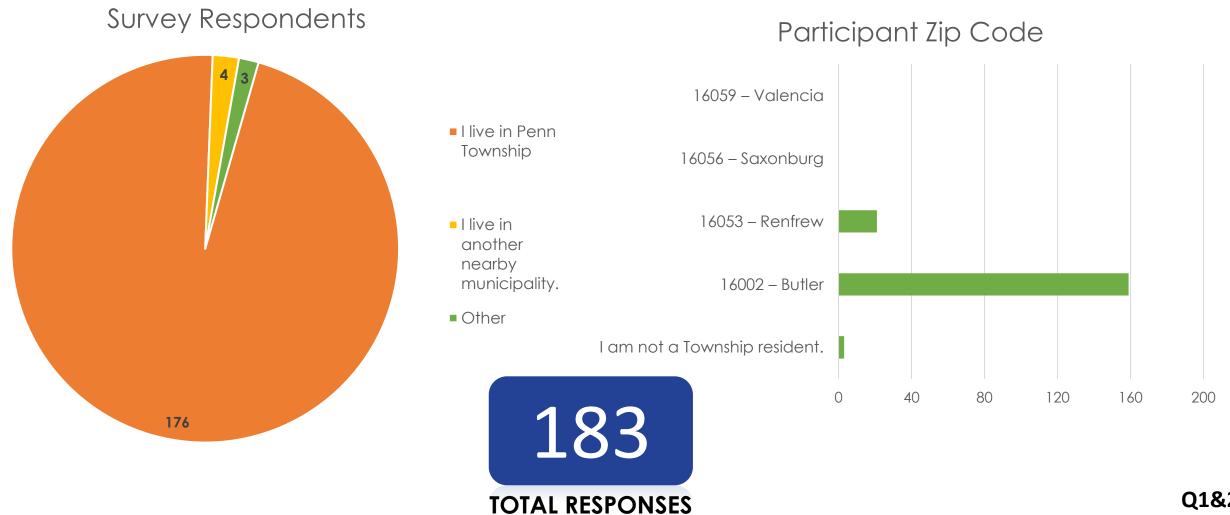
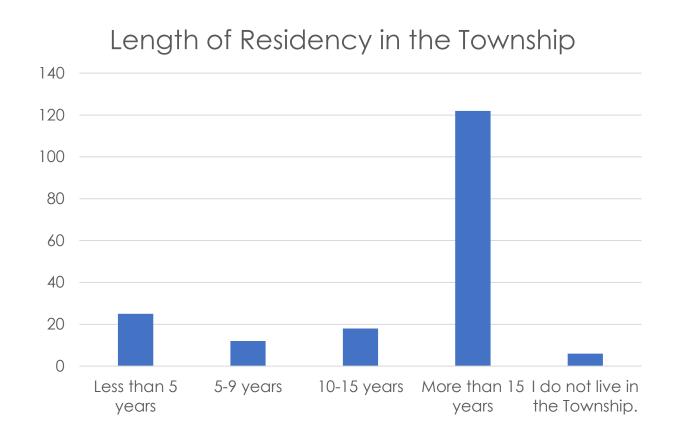
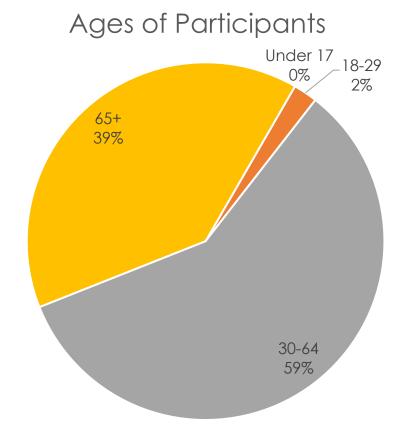




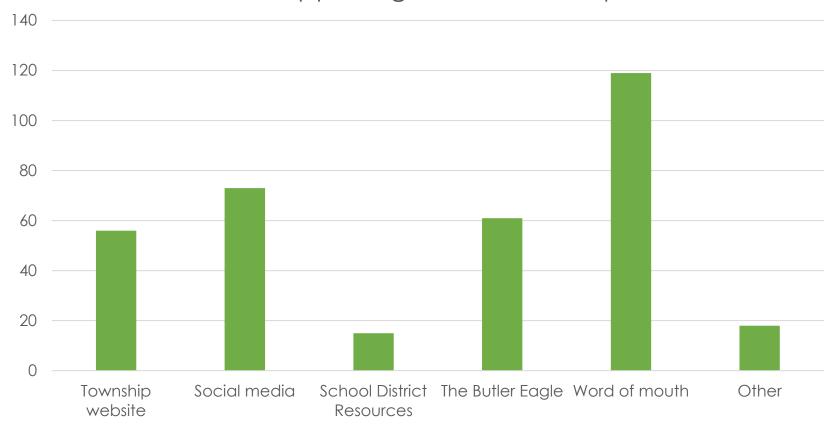
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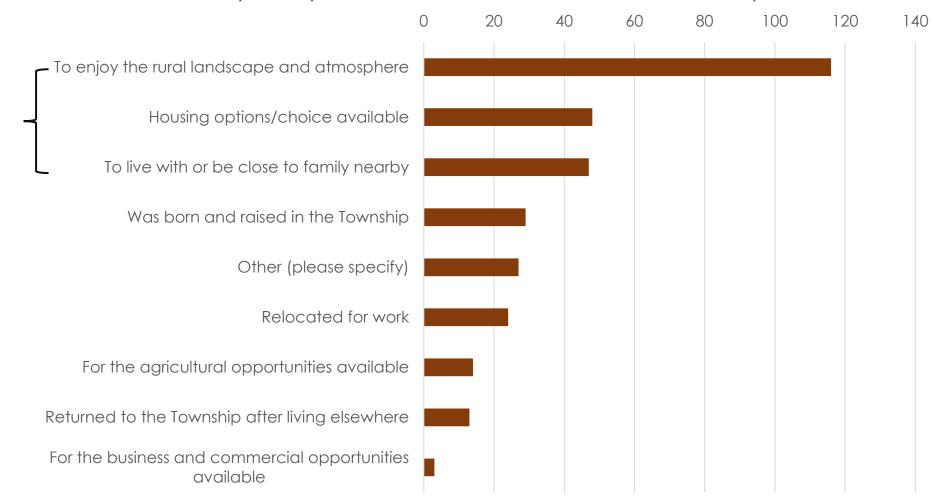


Where do you typically find information on events and happenings in the Township?



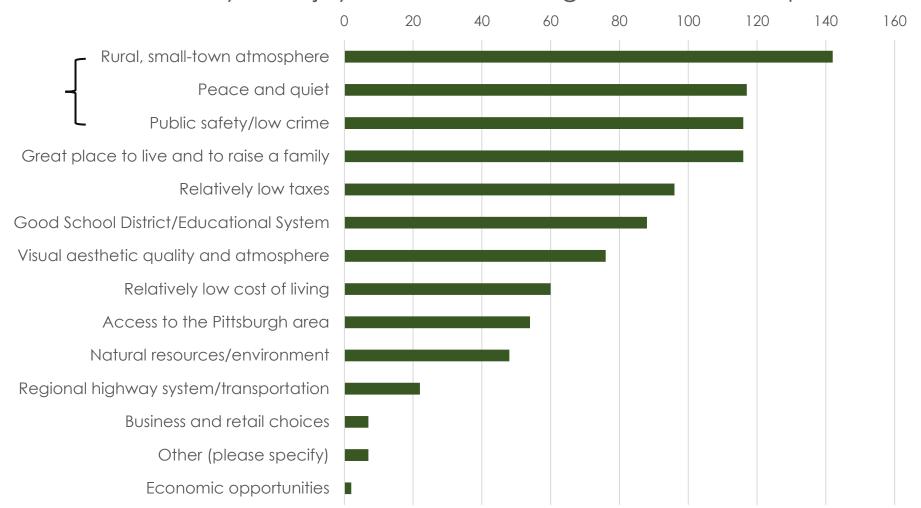
- Radio
- Signs in the Township
- Attending Township meetings

#### Why did you choose to live in Penn Township?



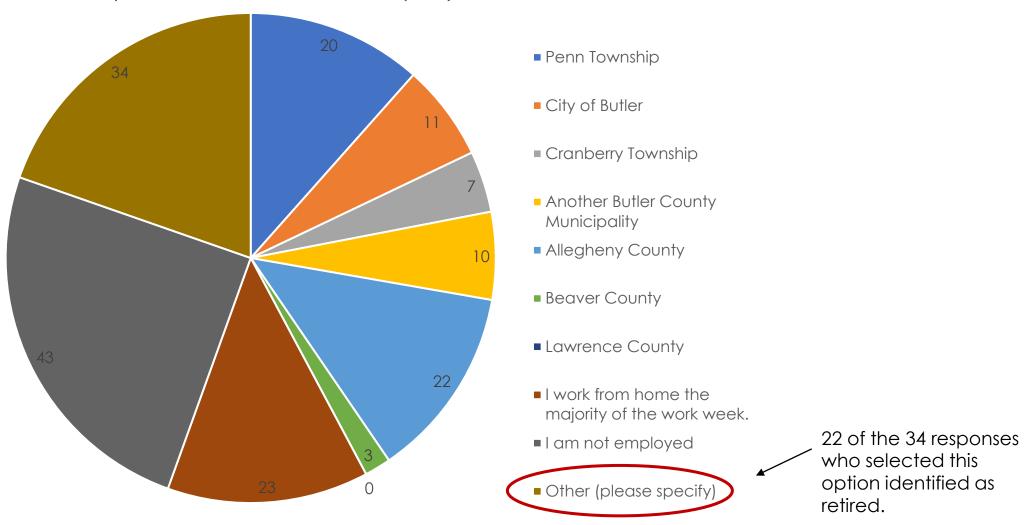
- School District
- Proximity to work and other attractions

What do you enjoy most about living in Penn Township?

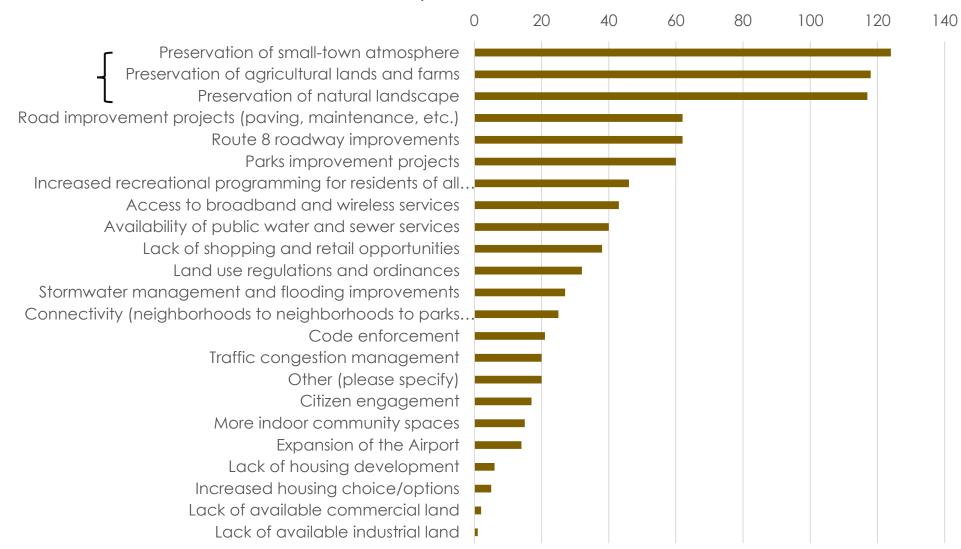


- Great people
- Privacy
- Family
- Community core values

#### Respondent's Place of Employment

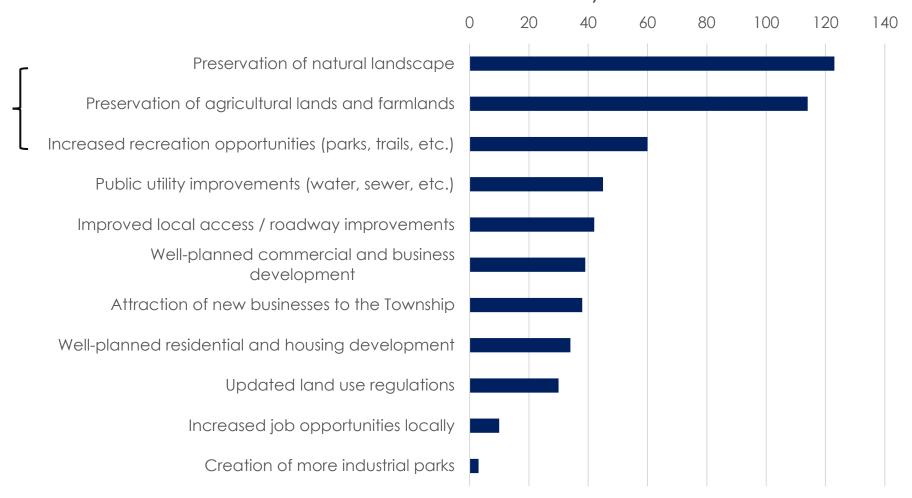


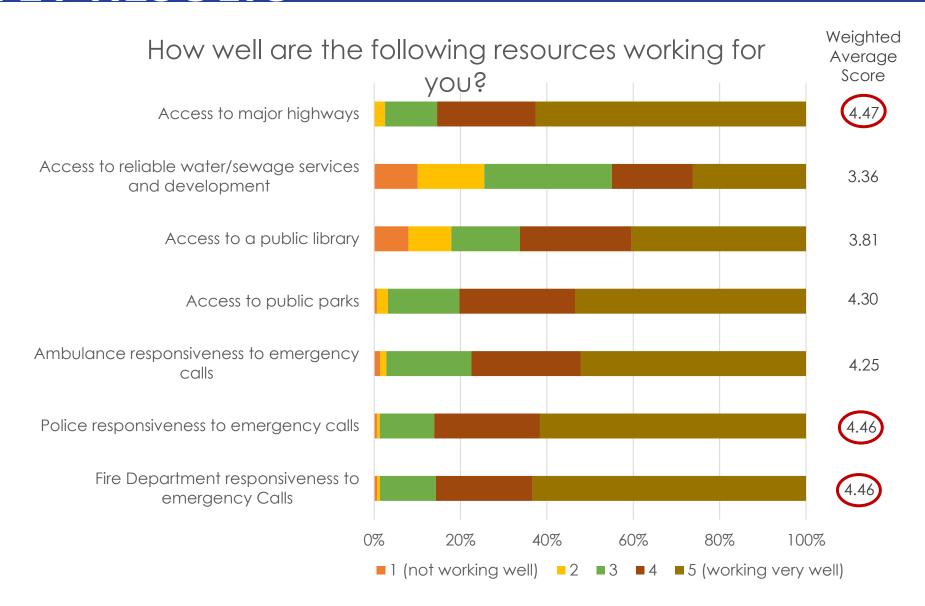
#### Important Issues



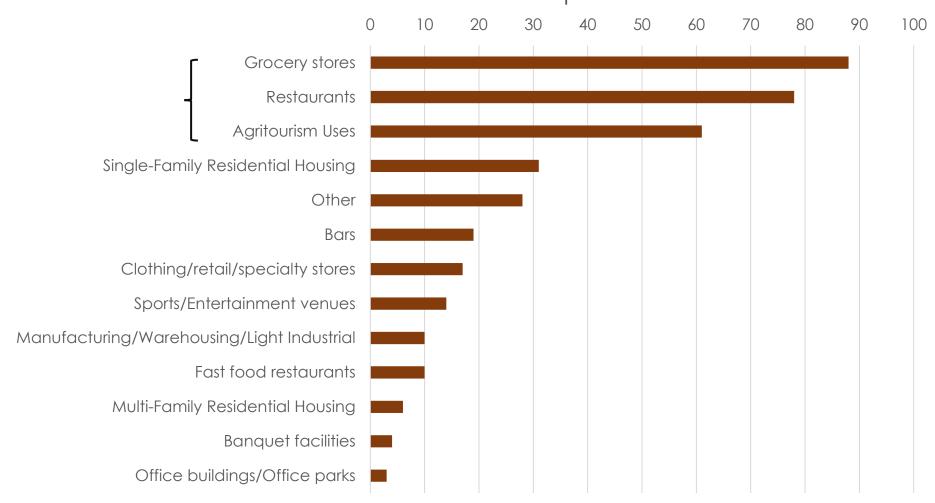
- Noise issues
- Controlling development
- Access to a grocery store

Which of the following local Township leaders should address in the next 5-10 years?



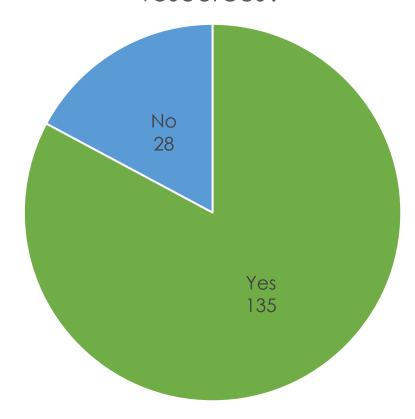


What type of developments would you like to see more of in the Township?



- Maintaining the rurality
- Noise Ordinances
- Farm Preservation
- Zoning Ordinances to avoid excessive development
- None

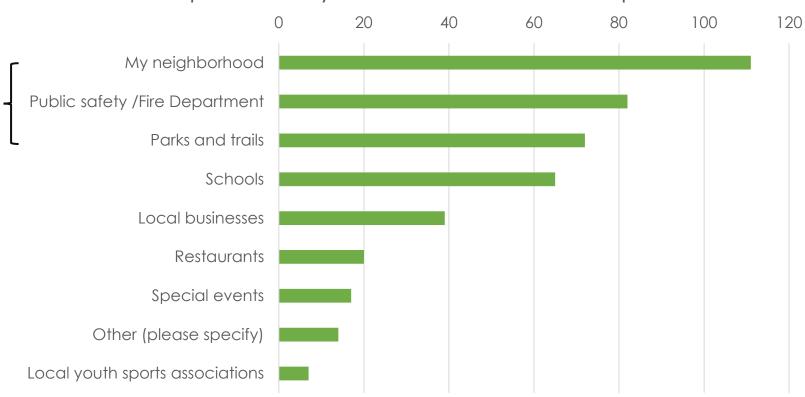
Do you feel like the Township is investing adequately and properly in its parks and recreation assets and resources?



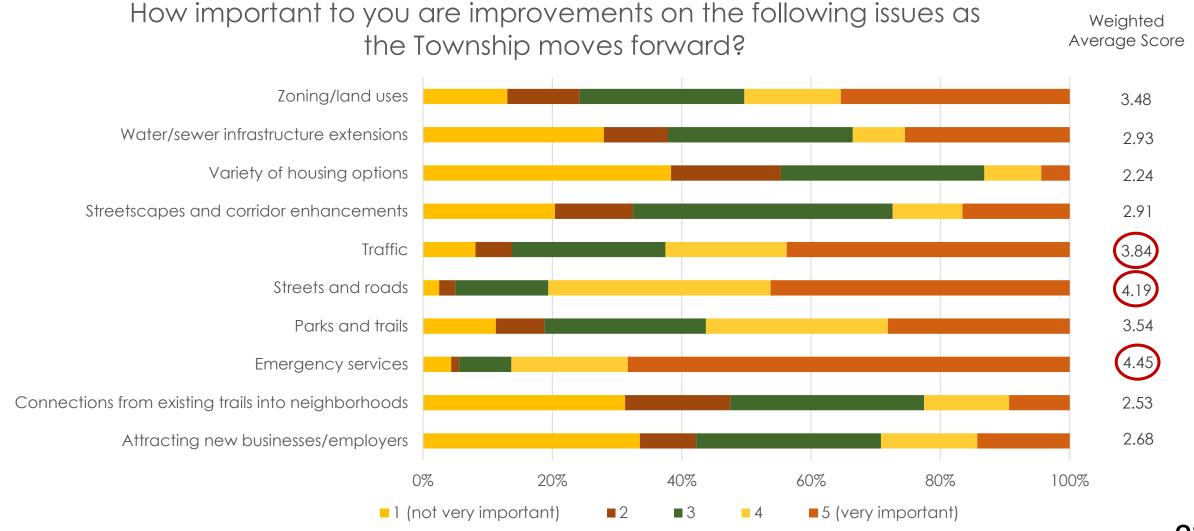
#### Notable Reasons for "No":

- More trails for walking and hiking
- Keep working on Harcrest Park
- More shade trees

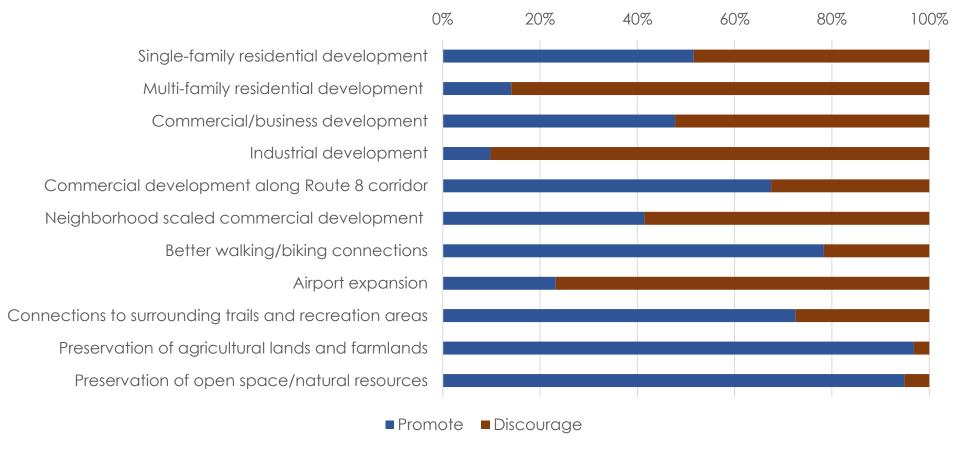
Select up to three places or things that you particularly value in Penn Township.



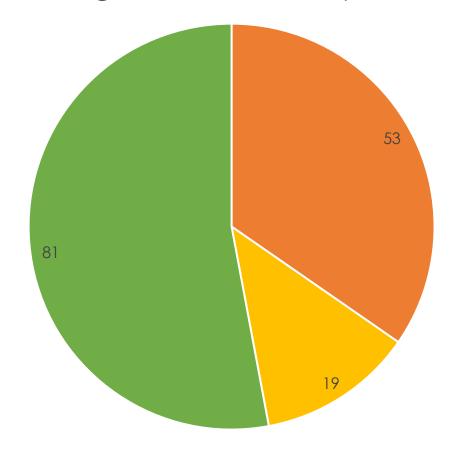
- Golf Courses
- The local farms
- The rural charm
- Nature



In planning for future development, do you feel the Township should promote or discourage the following types of development?



Which of the following best describes your perspective on growth and development in Penn Township?



- I support the encouragement of growth and development in and around areas that currently have adequate utilities and roadway access to support said growth and development.
- I support the encouragement of development in those areas where development has yet to occur even if it requires constructing, improving, and expanding utilities and highways to better accommodate said growth and development.
- I feel the Township has adequate development and therefore I do not support encouraging any new growth or development and instead prefer to preserve our rural landscape.

What do you like most about living in Penn Township? What makes Penn Township unique when compared to other municipalities in the area?



#### Notable Response:

I have lived here since 1973. It is a very peaceful place with good neighbors. We enjoy the natural environment and have seen relatively small growth in our area. My family bought property here about 1959 so I have been around here since childhood. I don't like to see big houses going up but that is just my personal preference. The rural areas are the townships greatest assets to me. There are plenty of places that are building up in the area to the point they are unrecognizable and if I see too much of that in my area we will relocate. I know that progress comes eventually but we really enjoy this area and feel safe here.

Is there anything else you'd like us to take into consideration moving forward with Penn Township's Comprehensive Plan?

- We would love to see improvements to our sports fields.
- Keep it Rural! Instead of encouraging development of housing plans, put that money back into the community farms and farmers.
- Our small roads don't need to have more people driving on them everyday. Too many people drive way too fast that already drive them daily.
- I do believe we could use some attractive businesses, but not strip mall types.
- Hope thought given to designating areas for housing and parks and preservation of land.
- Keeping the safety of residents in mind. With growth, the chance of more crime is unfortunately inevitable.
- The Airport Rd/Rt 8 intersection redesign isn't happening fast enough.

Is there anything else you'd like us to take into consideration moving forward with Penn Township's Comprehensive Plan?

- Please refrain from approving large housing development plans.
- Expand public water.
- I know that we need to develop the tax base. We have had a few major losses to the tax rolls over the years with nonprofits buying up large tracts of land but we need to be careful to not become Cranberry or Middlesex.
- Noise ordinances & keeping commercial out of residential areas.
- Avoid things that might lead to property tax increases.
- Control growth of the Airport, residential development and its impact on our roadways.
- The keys to growth require careful and thought-out guardrails that require time and research. Township leadership will need to network and learn from other areas that have experienced growth in order to put the right steps into place.

#### KEY SURVEY TAKEAWAYS

- Most respondents strongly value the rural character of the Township.
- The school district and community matter to residents.
- Residents primarily want preservation of agricultural land.
- Noise is a common issue identified by residents.
- Enhancing the recreational amenities (parks, trails, etc.) in the Township are valued and residents would like to see these amenities improved.
- Residents enjoy the access to larger, nearby communities but would prefer their community not emulate those characteristics.
- The Township is not trying to imitate nearby hotspots such as Cranberry or even Middlesex.
- Route 8 has an opportunity to be improved to support the needs of residents.
- The Comprehensive Plan should focus on policymaking to ensure consistent rural character for years to come.

#### KEY SURVEY TAKEAWAYS (Continued)

- Most respondents favor supporting commercial development along the Route 8 corridor.
- Having a variety of housing options was identified as a key issue for Township officials moving forward.
- Better walking and biking connections identified as a type of development to promote in the future.
- Types of development survey respondents would like to see in Penn Township include grocery stores, restaurants, and agritourism uses.