

**THE ERIE
COUNTY
CITIZEN SURVEY**

**Prepared by the
Erie County Department of Planning**

**Assisted by
Graney, Grossman, Ray, Colosimo
and Associates, Inc.**

**An Element of the Comprehensive Plan
for
Erie County, Pennsylvania**

March 2002

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Section 1 - Survey Narrative

Section 2 - Survey Form

Appendices:

- A. Responses to Question 12A - Are there areas of Erie County where you believe intensive development would be inappropriate?
- B. Responses to Question 33 - When you have visitors, to what places in Erie County do you take them?
- C. Responses to Question 34 - Name what you consider the top three problems for Erie County.
- D. Other written comments that were included with the survey.

Erie County Department of Planning
Erie County Courthouse, Room 119
140 West Sixth Street
Erie, PA 16501
Phone (814) 451-6336
Fax (814) 451-7000

SECTION 1 - SURVEY NARRATIVE

THE ERIE COUNTY CITIZEN SURVEY

A comprehensive plan must always reflect the ideas, priorities, and vision of the people. There are several ways to receive such input. Public meetings and visioning sessions are two such devices. However, the meeting place, location, even the weather can affect the turnout. Also, the lack of a “hot issue” can dampen citizen involvement. While a landfill, rezoning, or similar topic can bring out a large crowd, a general discussion of planning policy may not. This does not mean that people are not interested in such issues. In fact, they very much are. Rather, in today’s life, time is often at a premium.

Consequently, a device must be used to engage a wide variety of citizens, allowing for input to be given in a convenient manner.

That is why this random citizen survey was critical. Using voter lists, Erie County randomly selected a base of 1,500 persons for participation. In September of 2001, these surveys were prepared and then mailed over a four-week period. The forms were six pages long and provided with a prepaid, return envelope. Returns were made directly to the consultant.

To say the survey was a success would be an understatement. Anticipating a modest initial response, the surveys were coded to allow for a postcard followup. If the required response number was not achieved, then the postcards would be sent. That response was 384; a number which yields a “95-and-5” result. Technically, the accuracy level of the survey is 95 percent (confidence level) and the estimated margin of error is plus or minus 5 percent (confidence interval). Or, in everyday language, we are 95 percent sure that the results do not have an error of more than 5 percent. The actual response was 501 – well over 100 above the minimum goal.

The purpose of this report is to present the highlights of the survey responses. The following pages are arranged in the same order as the mailed survey. A full copy of the survey with responses is attached. Also, an Appendix with the individual comments is also attached. The number, variety, and length of written comments is a prime example of the importance of the issues presented to the citizens of Erie County. Please note, that although 501 persons responded to the survey, some did not respond to each question.

Planning issues are important in Erie County!

The County of Erie and Graney, Grossman, Ray, Colosimo and Associates Inc., would like to thank all of those who took the time to participate in this survey. Your responses will be of great assistance in the County’s efforts to complete its Comprehensive Plan.

SURVEY RESPONSES

Q1. Where do you live (Borough, City, Township)?

Comments: Ironically, the first question, “Where do you live?”, was the only one which seemed to cause some confusion. While some respondents wrote Erie City or Corry City, others merely stated “a city” or “borough” or a “township.” Nonetheless, the responses roughly reflected the County’s population pattern.

	Survey Responses	2000 Population
Boroughs	9%	8%
Townships	53%	53%
Cities	38%	39%

Q2. How long a resident of Erie County? 42 years average - the range was 0 to 94 Years (491 responses)

Comments: It is apparent that the average survey respondent was a long-term resident of the County.

Q3. If a household with adult children, do your children still live in Erie County?

Yes - 169 No - 94 (263 responses)

If not, why did they leave (marriage, employment, etc.)?

70 mixed reasons 92 left for employment 44 for marriage

Comments: The issue of out-migration is an important one in Western Pennsylvania. Most of these losses appear tied to education or jobs. In Erie County, jobs or marriages appear as the primary reasons that young adults left.

Q4. We would like to begin by asking how you feel about Erie County as a place to live. Do you consider it ? (Circle the number of the answer that best describes your feelings.) (498 responses)

Very Desirable - 253 (51%)

Somewhat Undesirable - 4 (1%)

Somewhat Desirable - 239 (48%)

Very Undesirable - 2 (0%)

Comments: This finding is a very positive one. It clearly demonstrates that over 98 percent of Erie County’s residents find this is a good place to live.

Q5. If given a choice, where would you prefer to live? (please check one only): (492 responses)

In a city or urban area - 94 (19%) Rural open space - 165 (34%)
 A suburban subdivision - 131 (27%) Small town or village - 102 (20%)

Comments: These living preferences are interesting. Even though most residents of the County live in an urban or urbanized environment, only 19 percent expressed a preference to live in such a place. Another 20 percent liked small-town life. A definite majority, 61 percent, preferred a rural or suburban environment.

Q6. What type of housing do you prefer? (500 responses)

Traditional single-family home - 451 (90%) Apartment complex - 20 (4%)
 Condo/townhouse - 19 (4%) Mobile/manufactured home - 10 (2%)

Comments: Given lifestyle preferences noted in item 5, perhaps these results are not surprising. Some 90 percent of all respondents still preferred the traditional single-family unit over other housing alternatives. Actually this response was somewhat unexpected, as contemporary real estate trends appear to be leaning toward “condos,” loft apartments, and “patio” homes.

Q7. Please rate the following factors that might influence you in choosing a home.
 (Response rate varies by topic)

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Not Desirable</u>
Full public water	348	76	53	14
Full public sewer	339	85	53	14
Small-town atmosphere	208	210	59	10
Country setting	192	188	89	13
Proximity to shopping/entertainment	204	225	54	6
Full local police protection	353	103	31	3
A large lot size	203	200	78	7
A homeowner’s association	50	116	230	90
Mixture of residents by age and income	73	203	190	18
Paved road or street	302	148	42	2
Sidewalks	196	139	139	17
Parks and playgrounds	164	216	103	8

Comments: While County residents may express a desire for suburban or rural environments, they obviously want urban amenities. The top four “Very Important” factors for choosing a home were:

- Local police protection
- Public water
- Public sewer
- Paved streets

These four responses all received over a 60 percent “Very Important” rating from a selection of four possible values. As the police protection factor scored 72 percent “Very Important”, personal safety is obviously a top priority.

Items considered “Not Important” received smaller positive percentages, but the results were interesting. Homeowners associations, neighborhood age mixes, sidewalks, and parks/playgrounds were on this list. Perhaps the last two items are of special interest to planners. The “neo-traditional” movement (its most noteworthy development being Disney’s new town of Celebration in Florida) emphasizes sidewalks and neighborhood playgrounds/parks; yet, they generated little local interest.

Q8. How would you rate Erie County in regard to each of the following characteristics? (Response rate varies by topic)

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
	(Circle one answer for each item.)			
a. The environment (air, water, etc.)	113	308	63	9
b. Scenic beauty	206	229	53	8
c. Employment opportunities	10	111	246	122
d. Affordability	77	266	132	17
e. Recreational opportunities	112	245	115	20
f. Historic and cultural attractions	105	256	117	13
g. Health care facilities and services	157	263	62	9
h. Freedom from crime	32	265	174	21
i. Natural resources	118	275	83	83

Comments: In most of the Q7 rankings, some very clear preferences were shown. For these issues (Q8), items are less clear, except in one category. Nearly 3 in 4 Erie County residents rate local employment opportunities as only fair to poor. Conversely, when the “Excellent” and “Good” categories are combined, Scenic Beauty, the Environment, Health Care, and Natural Resources garner the highest rating. It is obvious that Erie Countians enjoy and appreciate their physical surroundings.

Q9. How would you rate your community within the County in regard to each of the following? (Response rate varies by topic)

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
	(Circle one answer for each item.)				
a. Attractiveness of commercial storefronts	28	221	170	61	6
b. Merchandise retail stores (clothing, hardware etc.)	69	261	101	57	1
c. Police protection	112	259	96	19	3
d. Fire protection	172	250	58	8	4
e. Ambulance services	169	242	66	6	8
f. School buildings	132	266	64	9	6
g. Public library services	182	202	84	18	2
h. Theaters and museums	82	207	112	72	12
i. Cable TV services	54	183	139	72	41
j. Organized recreation activities	46	189	175	44	29
k. Parks and recreation facilities	78	236	134	33	8
l. Overall appearance of the area	62	296	114	18	1

Comments: To an extent, this section is so diverse, each issue must “speak for itself.” Yet, once more, it is interesting to note residents are pleased with many facets of their individual communities. It was somewhat surprising to note that Library Service received more “Excellent” votes than any other single category. Fire and Ambulance Services also rated high. Those elements receiving a large number of “Fair” to “Poor” ratings include Storefronts, Cable TV, Theaters and Museums.

Q 10. As you look ahead to the next five years, do you expect that Erie County will become a more or less desirable place to live? (Circle one answer.) (492 responses)

More Desirable -133 (27%)	Less Desirable - 83 (17%)
Will Stay About the Same - 255 (52%)	Don't Know - 21 (4%)

Comments: When questioned about the future, about half the respondents expect the County will “Stay the Same.” However, 27 percent see a better future, and only 17 percent see a downturn; about 4 percent had no opinion.

Q11. During the next five years, what priority do you believe should be given to each of the following issues in order to preserve and/or enhance the quality of life in Erie County? (Response rate varies by topic)

	<u>Highest Priority</u>	<u>High Priority</u>	<u>Moderate Priority</u>	<u>Low Priority</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
(Circle one answer for each item.)					
a. Preparing long range community plans to guide future growth	171	208	73	17	12
b. Guiding the quality of development	149	234	77	11	11
c. Protecting open spaces from development	172	167	108	23	12
d. Reserving woodlands for recreational use?	173	180	98	26	8
e. Encouraging development of new highways?	52	121	196	100	15
f. Encouraging development of additional walking and biking paths?	80	144	178	71	11
g. Encouraging development of additional recreation facilities?	66	162	191	46	16
h. Training future local community leaders?	119	193	117	34	16
i. Provide recreational activities for youth?	163	202	95	13	13
j. Provide recreational activities for families?	122	202	128	15	15

Comments: This question is an important one for policymakers, as it asks citizens to give policy priorities. The “Highest Priority” four ratings, in order, were:

- Reserve woodlands
- Protect open spaces
- Long-range planning
- Recreational activities for youth

If “Highest” and “High” priorities are combined, the top four policies would be:

- Guiding the quality of development
- Preparing long-range community plans
- Provide recreational activities for youth
- Reserving woodlands for recreational use

Policy areas ranking low are:

- New highways
- Walking and biking paths

However, overall, there is clear evidence that Erie County residents have at least moderate interest in a wide variety of issues.

Q12. In general, where should the following types of new development be located (please name a municipality or specific geographic area)? (Responses vary by topic)

	<u>Erie</u>	<u>Erie Metro</u>	<u>Suburban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No Where</u>
A new 200-unit, single-family development	108	125	142	32	9	65
A new 200-unit townhouse/apartment complex	98	153	128	30	6	65
A new 200-unit mobile home park	25	34	100	134	19	157
A “big box” retailer (K-Mart, Wal-Mart, etc.)	59	93	144	58	10	104
A “super grocery” (Wegman’s, Tops, etc.)	64	114	142	53	6	94
A new 100 acre industrial/office park	76	104	120	97	21	62
A new 100-acre warehouse/distribution center	61	95	116	112	29	65

Comments: For this question, “Where should new development be located?” there is no right or wrong answer. It is obvious that many respondents focus on suburban locations for various development types. It is also obvious that a limited, but important, portion of the County’s residents obviously have concerns about too much growth. At least 20 percent (or more) of survey takers answered “No Where,” to large, new mobile home parks, big-box retailers, and super-size grocery stores. Even in the four other categories, 14 percent plus answered “No Where.” In Erie County, the population has grown only marginally over the past 20 years, yet, according to the Census Bureau, the urbanized area has grown substantially. Obviously, some citizens are very concerned about growth.

Q12A. Are there areas of Erie County where you believe intensive development (such as listed above) would be inappropriate? Where (please name a municipality or specific geographic area)? The answers to this question varied greatly. The responses to this questions can be found in Appendix A.

Though there was a great variety of answers, some generalizations can be made:

- Many believe that the “Peach Street-Route 19 area” in Summit and Millcreek are already fully developed, and more development would be inappropriate.
- Many believe that rural, wooded areas should be exempt from development as well as areas near the Lake or Bay.
- Several people suggested more retail development in Erie City.
- To a lesser extent, some favor development in rural areas which are perceived as underserved – the East County in particular.

Q13. In general, do you support or oppose the consolidation or merger of each of the following? (Responses vary by topic)

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
	(Circle one answer for each item.)		
a. Ambulance services	248 (52%)	147 (31%)	83 (17%)
b. Fire departments	240 (50%)	164 (34%)	74 (16%)
c. Municipal governments	193 (41%)	183 (38%)	100 (21%)
d. Police services	235 (49%)	176 (37%)	65 (14%)
e. Water	280 (59%)	111 (23%)	86 (18%)
f. Sewer	281 (59%)	110 (23%)	86 (18%)

Comment: This series of questions asked about the merger or consolidation of various services. There was great interest in water, sewer, ambulance, and fire services combining. There was less support for municipal government, police and fire department jointures. Yet, the “Support” response received the highest vote for each of the six issues.

Q14. Overall, how much do you feel that the quality of the environment in Erie County is currently threatened? (Circle one answer.) (477 responses)

A Great Deal - 68(14%)	Very Little - 135(28%)
Somewhat - 265(56%)	Not At All - 9(2%)

Comment: Obviously, most residents of the County do not see serious threats to the environment.

Q15. How great a problem do you feel each of the following is in Erie County? (Responses vary by topic)

	<u>Severe Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>Not A Problem</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a. Drinking water quality	60	184	215	23
b. Air pollution	45	290	130	18
c. Storm water runoff or flooding	137	231	73	40
d. Too much noise	58	254	153	15
e. Illegal trash dumping	116	248	75	44
f. Inadequate sewage treatment and disposal	51	171	168	87
g. Gas drilling practices	26	96	200	157
h. Too many people, houses and buildings (overcrowding)	52	197	195	35
i. Loss of hunting and fishing opportunities	96	134	175	74
j. Loss of open spaces	157	181	102	37
k. Soil erosion	73	195	108	103
l. Loss of habitat for wildlife and native plants	147	172	115	43
m. Loss of agricultural land to development	165	153	110	52

n. Loss of forest land	181	149	99	51
o. Stream pollution	137	204	70	70
p. Overuse/misuse of parks and open spaces	60	178	177	64
q. Loss of wetlands	88	160	154	79
r. Gravel pits	32	147	150	152

Comment: The “top five problems” for County residents were:

- Loss of forest land
- Loss of agricultural land to development
- Loss of open spaces
- Stormwater runoff and flooding (tie)
- Stream pollution (tie)

Most of these concerns are the result of new developments.

Comments: The following questions contain a series of policy statements relating to planning and planning-related policies. Respondents were asked to give one of four reactions from “Agree Strongly” to “Disagree” or “Not Sure.”

The first issue was zoning and land use regulations. The majority of respondents strongly supported such regulations (56%) while another 34 percent – “Agreed Somewhat.” Only 4 out of each 100 survey takers disagreed with such regulations.

Q16. I support local zoning and similar land use regulations.

Agree strongly - 269 (56%) Agree somewhat - 169 (34%) Disagree - 18 (4%) Not sure - 28 (6%)

The next four questions deal with land regulations. In balance, the responses follow the following patterns:

- Respondents are generally cautious relative to developmental regulations.
- However, when these land regulations are tied to specific goals, such as property protection or agricultural protection, they are widely supported.
- Urban sprawl is seen as a moderate problem in the County.
- Local government is clearly the choice for land development control regulations.

Q17. I am against all regulations which restrict any use of private land.

Agree strongly - 63 (13%) Agree somewhat - 188 (39%) Disagree - 167 (35%) Not sure - 61 (13%)

Q18. I support those regulations which protect my property from uses which would threaten my quality of life or property values.

Agree strongly - 369 (76%) Agree somewhat - 94 (20%) Disagree - 9 (2%) Not sure - 11 (2%)

Q19. I support regulations which would protect agricultural land from development.

Agree strongly - 210 (43%) Agree somewhat - 197 (41%) Disagree - 50 (10%) Not sure - 29 (6%)

Q20. I believe urban sprawl is a serious problem in Erie County.

Agree strongly - 111 (23%) Agree somewhat - 192 (40%) Disagree - 102 (21%) Not sure - 75 (16%)

Q21. In general, where there is regulation, I think that land use is regulated best at the _____ level of government. (Chose the best option below to complete the sentence.)

City, Township or Borough - 299 (63%) County - 124 (26%) State - 42 (9%) Federal - 8 (2%)

The next two questions relate to infrastructure:

- Generally, residents believe new development should pay appropriate impact fees.
- To a lesser extent, respondents somewhat support water and sewer extensions for new development.

Q22. Local government should require new development to pay impact fees related to costs for new schools, parks, roads, and sewers.

Agree strongly - 189 (39%) Agree somewhat - 190 (40%) Disagree - 52 (11%) Not sure - 48 (10%)

Q23. Local government should extend water and sewer to encourage more growth and development.

Agree strongly - 130 (27%) Agree somewhat - 212 (44%) Disagree - 107 (22%) Not sure - 32 (7%)

The next question relates to the questions on growth planning policies. Once more, respondents demonstrated that regulations for a specific purpose, in this instance to preserve a rural setting, are supported.

Q24. Local government should adopt regulations to require new developments to preserve rural settings.

Agree strongly - 226 (47%) Agree somewhat - 194 (40%) Disagree - 32 (7%) Not sure - 28 (6%)

Following this question are two questions that are related to locational priorities. Here, survey takers place a priority on the preservation of existing neighborhoods and the revitalization of cities and boroughs.

Q25. The revitalization of our cities and boroughs should be a Countywide priority.

Agree strongly - 232 (49%) Agree somewhat - 192 (40%) Disagree - 30 (6%) Not sure - 22 (5%)

Q26. The preservation of existing residential neighborhoods should be a prime County and local policy.

Agree strongly - 256 (54%) Agree somewhat - 178 (37%) Disagree - 20 (4%) Not sure - 23 (5%)

A single question followed on revenue sharing relative to service costs. The idea of sharing between local governments is endorsed.

Q27. The various cities, townships, and boroughs should share both tax revenue from new development and the costs of providing services.

Agree strongly - 130 (27%) Agree somewhat - 197 (42%) Disagree - 73 (15%) Not sure - 76 (16%)

The following question was a generic one relative to recreational facilities. Respondents seemed “lukewarm” on the proposition that more facilities were needed.

Q28. Erie County needs more community and local recreation facilities, such as ballfields, gyms, and community centers.

Agree strongly - 94 (19%) Agree somewhat - 240 (50%) Disagree - 117 (24%) Not sure - 40 (8%)

Next followed some four questions relative to the extension of sewer and water facilities. These utilities are necessary for any type of intensive development. Consequently, extension policies are important. Also, these facilities are very expensive, so expansions are not only related to growth issues but also to fiscal ones.

Responses were not clear for the next questions relative to the extension of sewer and water to areas which lack such services. Here, most respondents “Agreed Somewhat” (46%) while 37 percent “Agreed Strongly.” Some 17 percent either disagreed or were not sure.

The next response moderately supports a policy that the maintenance of sewer and water facilities is more important than system expansions. Once again, the “Agree Somewhat” response was highest - 42 percent, and “Agree Strongly” was 27 percent. Those who disagreed with the policy were 22 percent while the “Not Sure” was 9 percent.

The next question related to the extension of sewer and water facilities to areas targeted for growth by local or County plans. Following prior patterns, the single highest response was “Agree Somewhat” (45%) while the “Disagree” response was next at 20 percent, “Not Sure” at 18 percent, and “Agree” at 17 percent.

The final question was relative to extending sewer and water lines only to protect the health and environment of existing development. Once again, the “Agree Somewhat” was the first choice (39%), but the “Disagree” segment was a close second at 35 percent and “Agree Strongly” was 22 percent; only 4 percent were “Not Sure.” There were only 435 respondents to this question.

It is obvious Erie County residents do not have strong policy concepts relative to water and sewer facilities. Generally, they believe some type of policy is appropriate, but they are not focused on one issue. However, they generally believe that water and sewer expansions should be limited.

Q29. Where feasible, public water and sewer systems should be extended to areas which lack those services in Erie County.

Agree strongly - 181 (37%) Agree somewhat - 229 (46%) Disagree - 51 (10%) Not sure - 31 (7%)

Q30. It is more important to maintain existing water and sewer lines and treatment plants than to make new extensions.

Agree strongly - 133 (27%) Agree somewhat - 208 (42%) Disagree - 110 (22%) Not sure - 44 (9%)

Q31. In general, new sewer and water lines in the Erie Metro Area should be restricted to areas targeted for growth by County or local land use plans.

Agree strongly - 80 (17%) Agree somewhat - 216 (45%) Disagree - 98 (20%) Not sure - 90 (18%)

Q32. Water and sewer lines should be extended to protect the health and environment for existing development but not to encourage new development.

Agree strongly - 97 (22%) Agree somewhat - 168 (39%) Disagree - 154 (35%) Not Sure - 16 (4%)

The last two questions in the survey were open ended and responses can be found in the Appendix. However, a summary of the responses follow.

Q33. When you have visitors, to what places in Erie County do you take them?

Comments: The answer to the question, “Where do you take visitors?”, was an interesting one. The responses to this question can be found in Appendix B. In general, priority responses were as follows:

- Presque Isle - the Lake (more than twice as many as the number 2 destination)
- The Bayfront complex (dock, library, museum, etc.) (Once more, twice the next destination.)
- Shopping was a clear third choice. The Millcreek Mall and upper Peach Street destination mentioned.
- After shopping came: the Zoo, historic sites, cultural/entertainment places, the new Jerry Uht Ballpark, and North East/wine country.

Beyond these specific destinations, several people enjoyed “driving in the country,” the “fish” statues, and similar activities. Although there were a few negatives in these responses (i.e. “Nowhere to go,” etc.), they were in a clear minority. Certainly, “the Beach,” Lake Erie, and Erie City’s waterfront are major attractions.

Q34. Name what you consider the top three problems for Erie County.

Comments: This final question asked respondents to list three problems. Here, codifying the answers became difficult. Often, for the sake of simplification, we have grouped concerns. For example, local road conditions, Peach Street traffic, and the airport are grouped under “Traffic and Transportation.” The responses to this question can be found in Appendix C. The general concerns of County residents were:

- The Economy – This was clearly the number one concern of respondents. This can be summarized by three words: “good paying jobs.”
- Second place was traffic and transportation. Here, there were a great variety of issues. To be sure, local road conditions (potholes) and congestion were major concerns, but so were construction projects and the airport. In question 11, the development of new highways received a rather low priority. However, current traffic problems and the condition of existing streets are quite important to County residents.

- Politics and government came in third. Many comments were the generic type of condemnation. However, others had specific concerns, most of which centered around a need for more cooperative action and less parochialism.
- Public safety was fourth. Concern about public safety, drugs, and juveniles were common.
- Fifth place was unregulated growth, with upper Peach being the most criticized spot.
- In sixth place was urban congestion and deterioration. Most of this was centered on Erie City and areas of run-down homes/buildings.
- The final issues were scattered; they included taxes, the environment, sewer and water, recreation, and housing.

SECTION 2 - SURVEY FORM

ERIE COUNTY CITIZEN SURVEY:

As required by law, the County of Erie has been developing elements to complete a new County Comprehensive Plan. Most of the Commonwealth's counties as well as many counties in the nation have and use such a plan. As we have prepared this document, there has been an increasing concern by the citizens of Erie County about their quality of life. To enable you, as a citizen of Erie County, to have direct input into the new Comprehensive Plan, your name has been selected as part of a random sample of County adults. As part of our sample, it is important for you to respond. Please participate by taking a few minutes to respond to this survey and return the form in the enclosed, stamped, self-addressed envelope. **All replies will be kept strictly confidential.**

This is your opportunity to be heard in this important task – to help determine Erie County's future.

ABOUT YOU:

Q. Where to you live (Borough, City, Township)? _____

Q. How long a resident of Erie County? _____ Years

Q. If a household with adult children, do your children still live in Erie County?
Yes _____ No _____ If not, why did they leave (marriage, employment, etc.)?

Q. We would like to begin by asking how you feel about Erie County as a place to live. Do you consider it: (Circle the number of the answer that best describes your feelings.)

Very Desirable Somewhat Undesirable
Somewhat Desirable Very Undesirable

Q. If given a choice, where would you prefer to live (please check one only):

In a city or urban area Rural open space
A suburban subdivision Small town or village

Q. What type of housing do you prefer?

Traditional single-family home Apartment complex
Condo/townhouse Mobile/manufactured home

Q. Please rate the following factors that might influence you in choosing a home.

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Not Desirable</u>
Full public water	_____	_____	_____	_____
Full public sewer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Small-town atmosphere	_____	_____	_____	_____
Country setting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Proximity to shopping/entertainment	_____	_____	_____	_____
Full local police protection	_____	_____	_____	_____
A large lot size	_____	_____	_____	_____
A homeowner's association	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mixture of residents by age and income	_____	_____	_____	_____
Paved road or street	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sidewalks	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parks and playgrounds	_____	_____	_____	_____

Q. How would you rate Erie County in regard to each of the following characteristics?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
(Circle one answer for each item.)				
a. The environment (air, water, etc.)	1	2	3	4
b. Scenic beauty	1	2	3	4
c. Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4
d. Affordability	1	2	3	4
e. Recreational opportunities	1	2	3	4
f. Historic and cultural attractions	1	2	3	4
g. Health care facilities and services	1	2	3	4
h. Freedom from crime	1	2	3	4
i. Natural resources	1	2	3	4

Q. How would you rate your community within the County in regard to each of the following?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
(Circle one answer for each item.)					
a. Attractiveness of commercial storefronts	1	2	3	4	5
b. Merchandise retail stores (clothing, hardware etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
c. Police protection	1	2	3	4	5
d. Fire protection	1	2	3	4	5
e. Ambulance services	1	2	3	4	5
f. School buildings	1	2	3	4	5
g. Public library services	1	2	3	4	5
h. Theaters and museums	1	2	3	4	5
i. Cable TV services	1	2	3	4	5
j. Organized recreation activities	1	2	3	4	5
k. Parks and recreation facilities	1	2	3	4	5
l. Overall appearance of the area	1	2	3	4	5

Q. As you look ahead to the next five years, do you expect that Erie County will become a more or less desirable place to live? (Circle one answer.)

- More Desirable Less Desirable
 Will Stay About the Same Don't Know

Q. During the next five years, what priority do you believe should be given to each of the following issues in order to preserve and/or enhance the quality of life in Erie County?

Highest High Moderate Low Don't
Priority Priority Priority Priority Know
 (Circle one answer for each item.)

a. Preparing long range community plans to guide future growth	1	2	3	4	5
b. Guiding the quality of development	1	2	3	4	5
c. Protecting open spaces from development	1	2	3	4	5
d. Reserving woodlands for recreational use?	1	2	3	4	5
e. Encouraging development of new highways?	1	2	3	4	5
f. Encouraging development of additional walking and biking paths?	1	2	3	4	5
g. Encouraging development of additional recreation facilities?	1	2	3	4	5
h. Training future local community leaders?	1	2	3	4	5
i. Provide recreational activities for youth?	1	2	3	4	5
j. Provide recreational activities for families?	1	2	3	4	5

Q. In general, where should the following types of new development be located (please name a municipality or specific geographic area)?

	<u>Erie</u>	<u>Erie Metro</u>	<u>Suburban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No Where</u>
A new 200-unit, single-family development	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A new 200-unit townhouse/apartment complex	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A new 200-unit mobile home park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A "big box" retailer (K-Mart, Wal-Mart, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A "super grocery" (Wegman's, Tops, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A new 100 acre industrial/office park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A new 100-acre warehouse/distribution center	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q. Are there areas of Erie County where you believe intensive development (such as listed above) would be inappropriate? Where (please name a municipality or specific geographic area)?

I am against all regulations which restrict any use of private land.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

I support those regulations which protect my property from uses which would threaten my quality of life or property values.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

I support regulations which would protect agricultural land from development.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

I believe urban sprawl is serious problem in Erie County.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

In general, where there is regulation, I think that land use is regulated best at the _____ level of government. (Chose the best option below to complete the sentence.)

City, Township or Borough County State Federal

Local government should require new development to pay impact fees related to costs for new schools, parks, roads, and sewers.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

Local government should extend water and sewer to encourage more growth and development.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

Local government should adopt regulations to require new developments to preserve rural settings.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

The revitalization of our cities and boroughs should be a Countywide priority.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

The preservation of existing residential neighborhoods should be a prime County and local policy.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

The various cities, townships, and boroughs should share both tax revenue from new development and the costs of providing services.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

Erie County needs more community and local recreation facilities, such as ballfields, gyms, and community centers.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

Where feasible, public water and sewer systems should be extended to areas which lack those services in Erie County.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

It is more important to maintain existing water and sewer lines and treatment plants than to make new extensions.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

In general, new sewer and water lines in the Erie Metro Area should be restricted to areas targeted for growth by County or local land use plans.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

Water and sewer lines should be extended to protect the health and environment for existing development but not to encourage new development.

Agree strongly Agree somewhat Disagree Not sure

Q. When you have a visitor, what places in Erie County do you take them?

Q. Name what you consider the top three problems for Erie County.

If we have not covered things you consider important, please attach another sheet of paper with your comments.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the survey. Please place your survey for return in the post-paid envelope.

APPENDICES

- A. Responses to Question 12A - Are there areas of Erie County where you believe intensive development would be inappropriate?
- B. Responses to Question 33 - When you have visitors, to what places in Erie County do you take them?
- C. Responses to Question 34 - Name what you consider the top three problems for Erie County.
- D. Other written comments that were included with the survey.

APPENDIX A

Responses to Question 12A - Are there areas of Erie County where you believe intensive development would be inappropriate? Where (please name a municipality or specific geographic area)?

Inappropriate Areas For Development.

Where is large-scale development inappropriate in Erie?

Suburban areas

No

In rural farm areas but close to these areas.

No opinion.

Downtown area

Peach Street in Summit Township is overdeveloped.

Mobile home park, downtown Erie or Millcreek

State, national or local parks, Presque Isle, Allegheny, Asbury Woods, etc.

There are too many stores in Millcreek.

Summit Township - too crowded already.

Millcreek

No

I don't think Sara's and those other stores should be torn down to make a park office. Those are convenient stops.

Bayfront

Upper Peach Street - West 26th Street

No

Millcreek near mall.

Stop Summit growth. Revitalize the City of Erie.

I would like to see a rural area kept rural.

Girard or Lake City Borough

I don't think inappropriate is the correct term for any area (see additional comments on survey form).

Don't know.

No

No

Anywhere between the lakeshore and 15 miles south in areas not already over-developed as they currently stand.

Lake City

No

Lowe's to come in a take over family recreation at Sportland

Erie City proper is not conducive to such overcrowded conditions as would happen with #1, #2 dev.

We must be very careful of the Bayfront. Development in the Behrend area would be most efficient.

Millcreek and Summit Township

Not inappropriate

Rural areas

We don't need anymore grocery stores! Enough woods are already torn down - we don't need anymore industrial parks.

In the city - anywhere there is mostly single-family homes.

Millcreek

Quit taking out trees to build empty office buildings.

No more anything on upper Peach Street. Way too congested already.

We have enough office space available currently - renovate the old instead of building new. There's enough in the City stores.

What we need to do is clean up areas in Erie City and save the country environment. Instead of building into rural areas, improve any further development on Peach Street (Upper) or any area that would disturb undeveloped land.

NA

The Bayfront

North East

No more on Peach Street, Route 19.

Any areas too far removed from the center of population and the Waterfront.

Stop disregarding wetlands and forests and woodlands

Any lakefront property - should be located where these entities would upgrade an area.

Millcreek does not have school capacity to handle more children, nor Erie City; Fairview and East Springfield most likely. Not in another state.

Millcreek

Upper Peach Street - we must avoid oversaturating one area.

No more expansion on Peach Street

We need to use the real estate on 12th from Weschler to Parade in a more efficient manner.

Places in Erie County that are agricultural areas.

Fairview

Not within a 5-mile area of residential housing.

Upper Peach Street - Summit Township

Southeast and southwest Erie City (are too residential) - Millcreek, Summit, Edinboro

Our rural area should not be developed too rapidly - keep the rural areas rural.

Urbanized communities

Downtown Erie

On the approaches to Presque Isle, from 6th Street to the park.

South of Interstate 90 across the County west of airport - Erie County

Too many now

The Peach Street area needs more attention to traffic before any further development.

None I can think of.

Upper Peach Street - Summit Township

Mobile home parks, locations should be carefully decided not be with regular single-family development units, really have

There are no areas that need intensive development.

Bayfront, or Lakefront

Erie Lakefront

Too many vacant lots in City of Erie

Union City, PA

Don't know

Small historical areas such as Waterford.

Bayfront

Millcreek Township

Springfield, Wattsburg

N/A

Millcreek

N/A

Don't know if the above new developments would be necessary for reasons I don't understand, but seem like there is just too

No

Don't know

Anywhere there are parks or wetlands which would be destroyed.

It would be inappropriate to build on state game lands or swamp areas.

I believe we need to expand beyond city limits.

Areas presently forested or farmland - all townships outside of City of Erie

All except the run down and brownfields of the City of Erie.

None

Near Hammermill - housing only

Peach Street - Millcreek Mall area - already too congested! Utilize empty buildings instead of building new ones.

West 12th Street NEEDS intensive development; the inner City needs help.

In the middle of the City. It is already too crowded and the people who live there don't need to be more crowded by another

West County area

Downtown Erie

In the City proper.

Downtown area is congested enough

We have to stop the unchecked "development" and destruction of our wooded areas.

No

Any valley where sound would bounce off the adjacent hillsides, or areas wher "multiple" highways are close and already

These developments should not be located in the City unless they replace urban blight, thus improving the area.

No comment for this.

Millcreek Mall area, upper Peach - limit additional development.

Peach Street in Summit, Edinboro - Washington Township, McKean

Kearsarge

Millcreek

City of Erie

West County

I don't think we need more industrial development near the Bayfront. Let's work on more recreational/nature uses there.

N/A

No more development on upper Peach Street/Interchange Road

Upper Peach Street

I don't know

Upper Peach Street, West Millcreek Township

Northwestern School District and surrounding area would lose its small town feeling.

Harborcreek, North East

N/A

Suburban areas, McKean Borough or Township

Summit is overdeveloped.

These new stores are not necessary. We don't need new stores, we need new homes for these new mothers and mothers

Need greenspace - all areas; need more affordable senior housing

Millcreek and Summit Townships

This requires resource allotment. Where possible (along West 12th Street) to revitalize our already established corridors.

Development must not be discouraged. However, every opportunity to distribute it more throughout the County should be made.

City of Erie

Bottom of 21st and Parade - in the lower part of the City of Erie - the Hood

Near schools - Presque Isle

Peach Street and Millcreek are already overdeveloped - go back Downtown and redevelop; stop urban sprawl; redo the City.

Summit Township

No

No

Southeast of Interstate 90

Suburban - Greene, Harborcreek, Summit Townships

No

The Downtown area (State Street, etc.) needs revitalized; however, personal safety would be an important factor in getting people

Summit - too much already.

Center City of Erie

Millcreek and Fairview Township - we have sufficient - stay away from schools and housing areas

Bayfront - shoreline, Millcreek Mall

I believe that there is enough of this type of development already.

Summit Township has experienced enough "big box" retailers. It also has 5 large mobile home parks. Millcreek also has

Any farmlands or wooded areas. There are plenty of abandoned buildings of failed businesses. Let new businesses redo

Anywhere around Corry.

Do not develop farms and woodlands. Develop and restructure existing areas in the City metro area.

Projects are too large for most of Erie County. Fairview already has the Fairview Business Park.

NA

Concord-Wayne Townships, Elgin

Summit Township - inappropriate for further building - enough is enough.

We need to stop removing large areas of trees in regions where a "for sale/rent" (or another Country Fair) sign goes up.

Downtown area

Stop paving the woodlands! Redevelop the City! Stop wetland thefts!

Lake Pleasant, Seigle Marsh, developing these areas are a danger to existing wildlife. We see hawks, and eagles - please let

Enough in Summit!

North East

Near the lakefront (all shore property so as to prevent runoff polluting). Thriving farmland (no farms - no food!).

Not sure

North East Township, except for Wegman's.

No

Growth in Summit Township area needs to be limited until adequate roads are built.

Lake and Bayfront and Presque Isle

Yes, developing a 200-unit mobile home park in Millcreek Township would be undesirable.

All rural designated areas.

West County Albion area

All areas outside the City of Erie and Millcreek Township, rural areas and green space need to be preserved.

State Street - rid of empty buildings. Encourage a variety of small stores.

Not sure

City of Erie

City of Erie

Have plenty County Fair stores now, as well as Rite Aid and Wal-Mart - no more necessary.

Millcreek or Fairview

Intensive development inadequately supported by road/open space, infrastructure is undesirable in any location.

Don't know of any.

Bayfront

Union City, Waterford (traffic too heavy already)

I think Summit is maxed out. Maybe somewhere with easy access off of I-79 south of Erie.

Concern over the great # of retail stores along South Peach. Wondering if it is a case of too much as the economy declines.

Development is not the job of the government! If you must interfere with the private sector, the City of Erie is a mess. Cut taxes.

Amity Township

Housing developments close to employment opportunities (see other comments on survey form).

South of Interstate 90

None

Northern Millcreek, Wesleyville, Lawrence Park

Farmlands, animal habitats

North East area, Harborcreek area, Edinboro and Washington Township area

Don't know.

Rural areas. We like the peace and quiet, low taxes, and low crime.

Millcreek Mall

From I-90 to Crawford County line.

North East Borough

APPENDIX B

Responses to Question 33

When you have visitors, to what places in Erie County do you take them?

Where Do You Take Visitors?

<i>Where Do You Take Visitors?</i>	<i>Responses</i>
6th Street Park/Fountain, Dobbin's Landing, Presque Isle, Glenwood Hills, Bayfront	1
Albion Park, Lake Erie, Bayfront, fruit farms	1
All over	1
Area golf courses, Presque Isle, museums, Chautauqua Instiute	1
Asbury Woods, Presque Isle, Elk Creek, Millcreek Mall, Glenwood Zoo, Bayfront area, Tullio Convention Center, North East, Jumbo Woods, Edinboro University, Penn State Behrend	1
Ballpark, dock, Presque Isle, zoo, library	1
Ballpark, Peninsula, Millcreek Mall	1
Battles Village Museum, Erie City tourists sights	1
Bay area and park, zoo, museums	1
Bay area, beaches, mall	1
Bay area, Peninsula, mall	1
Bay/Lakefront, zoo, Juva Eagles	1
Bayfront	3
Bayfront (east and west), Presque Isle	1
Bayfront area	2
Bayfront Erie/Niagara and Bicentennial tower, Presque Isle	1
Bayfront marinas, museum, Erie Zoo, Presque Isle	1
Bayfront, country roads, farmland	1
Bayfront, Dobbin's Landing, art museum, Presque Isle	1
Bayfront, Downtown ballpark, Dock, Upper Peach St.	1
Bayfront, Jerry Uht Park, Gannon campus, Millcreek Mall	1
Bayfront, Lake Erie (in North East, Eaton Reservoir), the local wineries; in general, our community	1
Bayfront, Library, good restaurants	1
Bayfront, museums, Zoo and parks. "Go Fish" has been a marvelous ides for Erie-Presque Isle of course!	1
Bayfront, Peninsula	1
Bayfront, Peninsula, Downtown Erie, Millcreek Mall and environs	1
Bayfront, Zoo, Presque Isle	1
Beach, Ashbury Woods, rural drive, golf course, zoo	1

Beach, children's museum, covered bridges, Dickerson Tavern, Anthony's Block House, plays, sports events	1
Beach, country setting	1
Beach, dock, Bayfront	1
Beach, dock, Zoo, library, Niagara (boat)	1
Beach, the dock, museums, mall, restaurants	1
Beaches	1
Beaches, Flag Ship Niagara	1
Beaches, mall, parks	1
Beaches, Presque Isle, the lake overall, golfing area courses, fishing area	1
Beaches, Sara's, Zoo, mall	1
Beaches, theater, parks and mall	1
Bicentennial tower	1
Bicentennial Tower, beaches, library, museum	1
Bicentennial Tower, peninsula, Millcreek Mall	1
Blasco Library, Erie County Historical Society, and Museums, Presque Isle (Judson House, museum and Eagle Hotel - all in Waterford)	1
Blasco Library, Museum, Peninsula, Dobbins Landing	1
Blasco Library, Presque State Park, Bayfront highway Liberty Park - the availability to shopping areas, Millcreek Mall, etc.	1
Brig Niagara and its museum	1
Children, Waldameer Park, Peninsula and the dock	1
Churches, schools, parks, library, factories, hospital	1
City	1
Conneaut, Ohio; Albion or Erie; enjoy the country - hunting, bike riding	1
Corry and Erie	1
Country side, library, Marina-Museum, just a general drive around City of Erie	1
Creeks, Lake Erie, parks, small community activities: firemen picnics, parades, fairs; recreational facilities	1
Depending on the season - lakefront, wine growing area, ski areas, golf, historical events	1
Depends on the length of their stay - Peninsula, ball games, golf courses, parks, etc.	1
Dobbin's Landing, Erie Zoo, Presque Isle	1
Dobbin's Landing, Maritime and library complex, art museum, Erie Firefighting Museum, local nonchain-related eateries, churches	1

Dobbin's Landing, Maritime Museum, Peninsula	1
Dobbin's Landing, Peninsula, museum	1
Dobbins Landing, Peninsula, shopping centers	1
Dobbin's Landing, Zoo	1
Dock and Peninsula, museum, Uht Park	1
Downtown Erie, Millcreek Mall, and Summit	1
Downtown Erie, Presque Isle, grape vineyards and orchards	1
Erie	1
Erie - Lake Erie	1
Erie Bayfront, Presque Isle, shopping districts	1
Erie International Airport, Presque Isle	1
Erie Maritime Museum, Bicentennial tower, the Peninsula, Edinboro Lake and French Creek, the lighthouses, Erie Playhouse, Asbury Woods nature center, Erie Phil concerts, Brig Niagara, Pepsi Amphitheater, the Fish	1
Erie Zoo, Kinzua Dam, Peek 'N Peek, Bicentennial Tower, Presque Isle Bay	1
Erie Zoo, Presque Isle	1
Erie's Lake, Waterfront, library (I live in Corry, I believe Erie is a phenomenal area - all beautiful things to enjoy).	1
Everywhere - Erie is a beautiful city.	1
Flagship Niagara and Erie Maritime Museum, Presque Isle	1
Flagship Niagara, Peninsula	1
Go Fish! Waldameer, Museums	1
Go to Niagara Falls or Cleveland shopping	1
Golf courses, Millcreek Mall, Bayfront	1
Gurdgonville Bridge, Uht Ballpark, Peninsula	1
Haven't had any visitors - Presque Isle (Peninsula)	1
Historic sites.	1
Historic Waterford, PA, Presque Isle	1
Historic Waterford, Presque Isle	1
Historical museum	1
I encourage people to go to the museums, library, public dock and the beach.	1
I encourage them to visit the Zoo and the beach and Waldameer.	1
I would take them to areas where our tax dollars have already been spent to enhance up-to-date development, not areas where we have not had the privilege to do the same.	1

Jerry Uht Park, Millcreek Mall, Presque Isle	1
Lake and bay	1
Lake and lakefront	1
Lake Erie	3
Lake Erie (boating, fishing, etc.)	1
Lake Erie, Erie City historic sites	1
Lake Erie, Erie shopping and theaters, golf	1
Lake Erie, Erie, Corry sites	1
Lake Erie, hunting	1
Lake Erie, mall - either Summit or Millcreek, Erie Dock, Edinboro Lake	1
Lake Erie, mall, Bayfront, ballpark	1
Lake Erie, stories	1
Lake front, covered bridge	1
Lake, farmland, restaurants	1
Library, Presque Isle Park, Niagara	1
Library/dock area, Peninsula area, tourism, fishing, hunting, skiing, beach,	1
Mall and dock	1
Mall, Presque Isle, restaurants	1
Maritime Museum, beach, Bayfront	1
Maritime Museum, North East winery area, Presque Isle, Asbury Woods greenway, South Pier, Elk Creek access area	1
Maritime Museum, Presque Isle, North East, Zoo, Downtown bars	1
Maritime Museum, public library, Peninsula, Flagship Niagara	1
Millcreek Mall	1
Museums, peninsula, waterfront, library	1
My house in the country, Corry area	1
No one visits me.	1
No suggestions - no visitors.	1
No where, everywhere I taken them, we get looked at strangely.	1
No where. There is nowhere to go. They won't want to visit Erie County. They would be very disappointed.	1
None	2

None - because Erie is just too slow of a town. When I have out-of-town guests, there is nothing to do. We like R&B concerts, casinos, horse racing, things in that nature. The Peninsula just doesn't do anything for me.	1
None - we entertain in our home.	1
None out of county	1
North East groves and grape fields, potato farms south of Erie	1
North Hills Golf Course, Meade Park, Corry Country Club, Bayfront and Presque Isle	1
Not sure.	1
Not too many come to Erie; the sunsets at Presque Isle are worth seeing.	1
Nothing here we encourage visitors to see!	1
Our beaches in summer, our waterfront area, some restaurants, playhouse and Broadway shows	1
Parks and museums	1
Parks, Bayfront	1
Peninsula, Bayfront, clubs, golf locations	1
Peninsula, Erie, Corry, ballpark	1
Peninsula, Uht Park, dock, Bayfront	1
Peninsula	24
Peninsula (Presque Isle), Jerry Uht Park, Playhouse	1
Peninsula and Rainbow Garden, Waldemeer	1
Peninsula, Asbury Woods	1
Peninsula, Asbury Woods, Flagship	1
Peninsula, ballfield, sporting events	1
Peninsula, Bayfront	1
Peninsula, Bayfront, library	1
Peninsula, Bayfront, mall	1
Peninsula, Bayfront, museums	1
Peninsula, beautiful countryside	1
Peninsula, Bi Scotti's	1
Peninsula, Blasco Library, Dobbin's Landing	1
Peninsula, Borough of Waterford, Lake LeBoeuf	1
Peninsula, Civic Center	1
Peninsula, concerts, often times out of the County	1
Peninsula, Dobbins Landing, Blasco Library, Warner Theater	1

Peninsula, Dobbins Landing, Civic Center, Bayfront	1
Peninsula, Dobbins Landing, Gannon University, Mercyhurst, Penn State, stadium, hospitals, restaurants.	1
Peninsula, Dobbins Landing, Liberty Park if children involved, but swings should be added.	1
Peninsula, Dobbins Landing, Tower, Blasco Library, Land Lighthouse	1
Peninsula, Dobbins Landing, zoo, Waterford, museums, Millcreek Mall, library and museum, Niagara, cultural activities at local colleges, Uht field, civic	1
Peninsula, dock	1
Peninsula, dock, library, Perry Square	1
Peninsula, Frontier Park	1
Peninsula, fruit and grape farms, local festivals and fairs, etc.	1
Peninsula, Go Fish exhibit, Waterford, Findley Lake	1
Peninsula, Go Fish, Warner, Erie County Park	1
Peninsula, Jr's Last Laugh, Chuck E. Cheese, children's museum, Chi Chi, Habachi, Waterfront	1
Peninsula, Lake Erie, Jerry Uht Park, a ride in the county, maybe Gurdgonville Bridge	1
Peninsula, lakefront	1
Peninsula, lakefront activities such as boating, swimming; Maritime Museum	1
Peninsula, lakefront areas, including Route 5, East and West	1
Peninsula, library and Maritime Museum	1
Peninsula, library, museum	1
Peninsula, library, waterfront, any of the museums	1
Peninsula, local sporting evens - i.e., Sea Wolves, Otters	1
Peninsula, Mall - Summit Township, ballpark	1
Peninsula, mall areas	1
Peninsula, malls, ballfield (Uht)	1
Peninsula, Maritime Museum, Ethnic festivals, County fairs, my church, Dobbins Landing.	1
Peninsula, North East, Niagara Falls	1
Peninsula, other beaches, local craft and antique vendors, local restaurants (not chains).	1
Peninsula, public library, mall, beautiful county	1
Peninsula, public dock	2

Peninsula, public dock, wineries, Wendell August Forge in Grove City, covered bridge in Girard Township, Drake's Well, Niagara Falls	1
Peninsula, Sea Wolves games, Otters hockey game, Go Fish	1
Peninsula, sports events	1
Peninsula, the movies, the bars	1
Peninsula, this year's fish project downtown.	1
Peninsula, Tinsletown, mall, rural towns for a country drive.	1
Peninsula, Walnut access, Elk creek.	1
Peninsula, Water World	1
Peninsula, Waterford area	1
Peninsula, Waterford historic sites, Erie Bayfront	1
Peninsula, Waterfront	1
Peninsula, Waterfront, beautiful churches, historic sites, zoo, mall	1
Peninsula, Wintergreen Gorge	1
Peninsula, Wintergreen Gorge, Bayfront	1
Peninsula, Zoo	1
Peninsula, Zoo, museum, Jerry Uht Park	1
Peninsula, Zoo, public dock, Asbury Woods	1
Peninsula, Zoo, Waldameer, Millcreek Mall	1
Peninsula, Zoo, Waterford, Chautauqua, NY; Findley Lake	1
Peninsula/Bay area	1
Peninsula	1
Peninsula, Bayfront.	1
Pens, Presque Isle State Park, restaurants, shopping mall	1
Pittsburgh	1
Presque Isle, wineries of North East, Erie Museum, Millcreek Mall	1
Presque Isle	28
Presque Isle - fish (statues)	1
Presque Isle and countryside, not downtown	1
Presque Isle Beach, Bayfront, mall	1
Presque Isle Park	2
Presque Isle Park - swimming, Bay for boating and fishing; Waldameer Park and Water World, Erie Zoo, Warner Theater (once of the best in the State)	1
Presque Isle Park, Asbury Woods, Bayfront	1

Presque Isle Park, Maritime Museum, Tower at public dock, Zoo, local country club	1
Presque Isle Park, rural country drives, Millcreek Mall, Zoo, Jerry Uht Park, Bicentennial Tower, Warner Theater	1
Presque Isle Park; in season, baseball stadium	1
Presque Isle Peninsula Park, Bayfront and State Street Pier	1
Presque Isle State Park	3
Presque Isle State Park, Dobbins Landing	1
Presque Isle State Park, Dobbin's Landing	1
Presque Isle State Park, Erie Bayfront area	1
Presque Isle State Park, Liberty Amphitheater (not County), public dock	1
Presque Isle State Park, Maritime Museum	1
Presque Isle State Park, Millcreek Mall area	2
Presque Isle State Park, shopping - upper Peach Street	1
Presque Isle State Park, state game lands, Corry area	1
Presque Isle State Park, Waldameer	1
Presque Isle, Allegheny Forest (Kinzua Dam), Millcreek Mall	1
Presque Isle, baseball games, Glenwood Zoo, Waldameer, public dock	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront - little else. See additional comments on survey form.	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront (Dobbins Landing, Niagara, library), fairs, rides in country, shopping	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront and contiguous City development.	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront restaurants	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront tower	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront, Asbury Woods	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront, Downtown, mall	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront, French Creek, Union City Dam	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront, lakefront in west County	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront, library, Erie Zoo, Millcreek Mall, State parks	1
Presque Isle, Bayfront, Museums, Theater	1
Presque Isle, beaches, Downtown	1
Presque Isle, Behrend, zoo, Bayfront, Tower, Warner	1
Presque Isle, Blasco Public Library, Maritime Museum, Jerry Uht Park, Zoo	1
Presque Isle, Brig Niagara, Millcreek Mall, Chautauqua Inst., NE Grape Festival	1

Presque Isle, Bulle Dam	1
Presque Isle, Civic Center events, museums	1
Presque Isle, Civic Center, Jerry Uht Park, Shades Beach, Millcreek Mall	1
Presque Isle, Colao's and Matthews Tratteria Restaurants, Millcreek Mall	1
Presque Isle, Covered Bridge, Zoo, mall	1
Presque Isle, covered bridges	1
Presque Isle, different restaurants, mall, Summit Township growth	1
Presque Isle, Dobbin Landing, Millcreek Mall, Asbury Woods, Wintergreen Gorge, museums	1
Presque Isle, Dobbins Landing	1
Presque Isle, Dobbin's Landing	1
Presque Isle, Dobbin's Landing, Blasco Library	1
Presque Isle, Dobbins Landing, Blasco Library, Maritime Museum	1
Presque Isle, Dobbins Landing, Zoo, Lake Pleasant, Buffalo farm, Museums, mall, Edinboro Lake	1
Presque Isle, docks	1
Presque Isle, Downtown	2
Presque Isle, Downtown museums, restaurants, love the fish - Go Fish! - excellent idea. I think it was a great thing for Erie. I think a complete guide with map of all downtown sites should be available and events on flyers. We have community calendar	1
Presque Isle, downtown, Upper Peach, Wintergreen Gorge.	1
Presque Isle, Downtown Erie - Civic Center, etc., the Downs, Upper Peach Street Area, the "Fish" tour	1
Presque Isle, Edinboro Lake, historical spots	1
Presque Isle, Erie Zoo, Jerry Uht Ball Park, fine dining, Civic Center	1
Presque Isle, Findley Lake	1
Presque Isle, Flag Ship Niagara, art museum, main dock.	1
Presque Isle, Frontier area	1
Presque Isle, Grape belt.	1
Presque Isle, Jerry Uht Ballpark	1
Presque Isle, Jerry Uht Park	1
Presque Isle, Jerry Uht Park, Millcreek Mall	1
Presque Isle, Kinzua	1
Presque Isle, Lake Erie, community parks, shopping areas, museums	1

Presque Isle, Lake Pleasant, Seigal Marsh, churches	1
Presque Isle, lakefront areas, Zoo	1
Presque Isle, library, Brigg Niagara, ballfield, channel, Dobbins Landing	1
Presque Isle, library, Dobbins Landing, Warner Theater	1
Presque Isle, library, mall, Bayfront	1
Presque Isle, library, Maritime Museum, Dobbin's Landing Tower	1
Presque Isle, library, Maritime Museum, Dobbin's Landing, Millcreek Mall, fish displays	1
Presque Isle, mall	1
Presque Isle, Mall, church, cemetery, Waldemeer, golf course, public dock	1
Presque Isle, malls	1
Presque Isle, Maritime Museum, Bayfront	1
Presque Isle, Maritime, Jerry Uht Park, historical museum	1
Presque Isle, Millcreek Mall, Summit shopping area, Civic Center, Jerry Uht	1
Presque Isle, museums	1
Presque Isle, museums, public dock (Dobbin's Landing), driving in beautiful rural areas	1
Presque Isle, museums, theater, Bayfront	1
Presque Isle, our grape vineyards, Pymatuning Dam, and places along Erie's shorelines	1
Presque Isle, Peach Street shopping areas, Downtown attractions	1
Presque Isle, Playhouse, dinner, Dobbin's Landing, Brig Niagara, Jerry Uht Park, Civic Center	1
Presque Isle, Plymouth Tavern, mall area, Comedy Club	1
Presque Isle, restaurants, theater	1
Presque Isle, rural scenic areas	1
Presque Isle, surrounding countryside	1
Presque Isle, the Bayfront, ride in the country	1
Presque Isle, the Bayfront/public dock, Millcreek Mall, Erie Zoo	1
Presque Isle, the dock, a ride in the country, local ethnic restaurants and	1
Presque Isle, the dock, take them along Route 5 for a drive	1
Presque Isle, the shopping and eating places	1
Presque Isle, theaters	1
Presque Isle, Uht Ball Park, Millcreek Mall, Historic places in Girard, Warner Theater	1

Presque Isle, Uht Park, zoo	1
Presque Isle, vineyards	1
Presque Isle, Waldameer	2
Presque Isle, Waldameer Park	1
Presque Isle, Waldameer Park, Dobbins Landing, Erie Zoo, Erie County Library, Millcreek Mall	1
Presque Isle, Waldameer, Dobbins Landing	1
Presque Isle, Waldameer, Erie Museum, the Warner, Sportland	1
Presque Isle, Waldameer, Wineries	1
Presque Isle, Waldameer, dock, zoo, shopping areas.	1
Presque Isle, Warner Theater, North East community, Waterford, Erie public docks	1
Presque Isle, Waterfront, mall	1
Presque Isle, West Springfield, City of Erie, Edinboro	1
Presque Isle, without a greenway	1
Presque Isle, Zoo	1
Presque Isle, Zoo, Asbury Woods	1
Presque Isle, Zoo, Maritime Museum, Dobbin's Landing	1
Presque Isle, Zoo, North East	1
Presque Isle, Zoo, Waldameer, the Falls	1
Public dock and Bayfront, State Park - swimming, boating	1
Public dock Tower, library, baseball field, Warner Theater	1
Public dock, Erie Public Library, Erie Zoo, Presque Isle State Park, Waldameer - Water World, Erie Playhouse, Erie Philharmonic, Warner Theater, Erie Historical Museum, Planetarium, Erie Maritime Museum	1
Public dock, library, Peninsula	1
Public dock, peninsula, art museum, Zoo, drive the bay road	1
Public dock, Peninsula, mall	1
Public dock, Presque Isle, mall	1
Public dock, Wegman's	1
Public library on the Bayfront, Jr.'s Last Laugh, Warner Theater	1
Racoon Park - West Springfield, Albion Park, museum and zoo in Erie	1
Racoon Park, Peninsula	1
Recreational areas	1

Restaurants, mall, church	1
Rural areas, woods, perhaps Presque Isle, Riverside Inn	1
Summit (shopping), Peninsula	1
Take them to the beach.	1
The Bayfront, Presque Isle, the fish	1
The beach	1
The beach, Perry Square, dock, Jr.'s Comedy Club	1
The dock, the Peninsula, the mall	1
The greater Erie area. Places too numerous to itemize. Everything from our water assets to our churches.	1
The Lake	1
The lake, Peninsula	1
The mall or the dock	1
The mall, Lake	1
The new amphitheater, Presque Isle and Sea Wolves	1
The Peach Street experience, mall, etc., the dock and beaches, the library, and sporting events	1
The Peninsula, any of the state parks, library, the Landing, museum	1
The Peninsula, Bay, lake, Niagara, one or two good restaurants	1
The Peninsula, Millcreek Mall and Summit	1
The Peninsula, the dock, and our local playhouses	1
The Peninsula, the Zoo, experience Erie Museum, Sea Wolves games, Freeport Beach, Peach Street shopping centers	1
The Peninsula, zoo, mall - the Bayfront needs to be developed as does Downtown area.	1
The tower/Dobbin's Landing, art museum, library/Maritime Museum, wineries, Millcreek Mall, Pepsi Amphitheater concerts, Go Fish exhibit, baseball park	1
The Zoo, Presque Isle beach or bike trail, Peach Street shopping, Bayfront	1
Theater, Presque Isle, park	1
This year, to visit the fish and waterfront; the Bayfront area and Peninsula	1
To see the Flagship Niagara - "When it is here," the Zoo, Erie public library, Presque Isle	1
To the beach, shopping malls	1
To the Erie docks. That is the only place to take them.	1
Tower (dock), mall, beach	1

Uht, library, beach, Erie speedway, festivals at the time of their visits.	1
Union City Dam, Presque beaches	1
Warner Theater, Peninsula, shopping, Bayfront, library	1
Waterfront	3
Waterfront (Bayfront) and Peninsula	1
Waterfront, Peninsula, "Millionaires Row," Library/Maritime Museum	1
Waterfront, Peninsula, Zoo	1
Waterfront, Pennsylvania wineries, Peninsula, Zoo, golf courses	1
Waterfront, Presque Isle Park	1
Waterfront, Presque Isle, Museums	1
Waterfront	1
We go to the family's house for use of the pool. They come to visit, not sightsee	1
We stay at home.	1
Wineries	1
Wineries in North East	1
Zoo and good places to eat. To see our "Go Fish."	1
Zoo in Erie, view area of Lake Erie, visit Erie Mall	1
Zoo, dock, beach	1
Zoo, Lake Erie, Peninsula	1
Zoo, Maritime Museum, fish displays, Bicentennial Tower	1
Zoo, Waldameer, mall, library, Flagship, museum, public dock, Peninsula	1

APPENDIX C

Responses to Question 34

**Name what you consider the top three problems
for Erie County.**

Three problems you feel are important

Three Problems of Erie County

Weather, lack of parks/recreational options, aging buildings.

Street repair due to winter weather, vandalism of public and private property, loud noise from car radios.

Small community political control, unwilling to establish metro government, failure of politicians to promote issues to increase public voting.

Water quality - inland and Lake Erie, trash removal - quit importing from other states, sewage - need sewers.

Finding honest local government officials, damaged streets and roads (including taking too much time in repair)

Too many subdivisions, no recreation facilities (racetrack, aquarium or casinos?), revenue leaving the County.

Unregulated growth; lack of public parks, open space, etc. south of 90; low-paying jobs.

High taxes

Unemployment, crime rate

Roads, parks, metro governments

Not sure.

Employment opportunities, crime, school safety

"Brain Drain," traffic flow, lack of industrial land for development.

Litter/dirty, pollution

Need more companies to provide good jobs, not enough business opportunities in west County, Could use more facilities for underprivileged children.

New jobs and teenagers, more day care for one-parent families, Better pay for teachers - smaller classes - teach manners.

Small local governments (boroughs and townships) not willing to work with each other, jobs - lessening standard of living, being tough on

Teens need more places to go and meet friends.

Taxes and pensions too high, West Side gets everything, East Side does not exist.

Low wages and salaries have cause a brain drain, Need economic development with high paying jobs, We have enough infrastructure to support, don't need more unless it is part of economic development

Development of surrounding areas to encourage industry to locate, Fire protection for all communities, Development of the Bayfront for commerce

Inner City decline/crime increase associated. Small minded politicians. Lack of high-paying jobs/educational/economic mind drain.

Too much politics. Need better relationships between City and townships.

Unemployment, too many low-pay jobs (Who can survive on these?), crime

Nothing for youths ages 18-21. Sewers in County

Politicians, mall development, road work

Need new businesses-jobs, lower taxes, more efficient government

wheelchair accessibility, streets and sidewalks, drug crime

Politicians

Slum landlords - either fix their property or tear down. Cut drug selling.

Lack of jobs in Erie City - lack of employable persons. Lack of child care centers - appearance, staff turnover. Need big-box stores on the East Side - more quality shopping.

Police protection, road construction, burglaries

Poor water in Harborcreek wells, bridges are falling apart, water main pipes keep breaking, not enough activities and places for the mentally handicapped.

Too much growth in West Co., not enough in East Co. Consolidation of smaller municipalities. This summer's road construction - too much at one time!

No jobs, no Bayfront, no big business

Lack of job opportunities. A city (Erie) that people want to leave - not much renovation. So many abandoned companies that could still be used in the City instead of building new ones in the country.

Far too much effort is extended toward creating facilities for entertainment. Agricultural areas being lost to development.

Loss of community elementary and middle schools due to consolidation of local schools into a single multi-complex.

Sewer, water, services

Low wage jobs, big problems - most common reason people move. Lack of new industry - the high-paying General Electric/Lord Corp., etc. There are too many retail jobs or minimum wage jobs.

Crime. More to do for senior citizens. Protect Lake Erie.

Short-sighted elected officials. Employment opportunities. Unnecessary traffic bottlenecks (dumb speed limits and traffic

Less suburban greenspace. Over development. Low-quality jobs - too many service jobs.

Lack of tourist attractions. Bayfront should be geared toward shopping centers and restaurants, not libraries and museums.

Swimming pools, rec facilities for young people. Affordable housing for seniors.

Water Authority (power of). Poor Erie City planning. Poor road construction planning.

Rural transportation very hard to get to Erie because of urban sprawl. Need 4-lane highway. Encourage industrial and commercial development Countywide. It would be nice for Erie County to include Corry as a part of Erie County and your

Jobs, better housing for low income family, raise wage

Good paying jobs, Peach Street, Pot holes (road conditions)

Recreation for children, overgrowth for schools, no bike paths - descent paved roads.

Small thinking - politics, roads, more access to Bay and Lake.

Poverty, unplanned development, spawl.

Loss of agricultural/rural land to development, crime/unhelpful police/unknowledgeable police.

Erie City schools need County system, rural - poor schools need County system, Water pollution. I also support the consolidation or merger of schools.

Lack of good jobs.

Jail overcrowding, too many high official jobs, more free schooling for factory workers.

City of Erie, growth of government, and taxes.

Stormwater and sewer Citywide, drug problem in urban neighborhoods, improving inner City redevelopment and affordable

Traffic, noise, and congestion.

Teen drugs, sex, violence; unemployment rate; children's education.

Not enough recycling, enforcement of speed laws, cooperation among boroughs, townships, suburbs.

Water quality, taxes, traffic - Peach Street, 38th Street in Erie, Millcreek.

Need for metro/county water and sewer responsible to County Council. Eliminate Erie to Millcreek to Summit, etc. Eliminate "authority" approach which engenders unresponsive, arrogant actions. Attract high quality industry, but not through tax breaks.

Schools! Need to break monopoly of public schools. Charter, vouchers, electronic (TV) classes, other innovation.

Prohibit control of school board by teachers union - strong teacher performance measurements.

Slum landlords, garbage - they charge you for it and you can only put out bags. If you have other items, you have to pay someone else.

Taxes, especially relating to people who have no children in school.

Utilities too expensive, no follow up on complaints made to County Commissioners, streets

Urban sprawl, environmental pollution, over population

Better paying jobs, taxes too high, keep industries here - help (when in trouble).

City overcrowding and drugs/guns - poor neighborhoods, police looking for revenue and not enough criminal focus.

Employment, recreation for youth, eastern area needs better shopping opportunities.

Crime, maybe need more family time with your kids.

Abandoned buildings, traffic flow.

Unemployment, traffic, noise.

Lack of manufacturing jobs, see No. 1, better snow plowing (City)

Air pollution, lack of adequate roads, government mismanagement of tax money

Lack of progressive thinking (status quo ok - I got mine), continued loss of manufacturing jobs, lack of effective County

East Side - not enough development, no Wegman's, no Wal-Mart

Water pollution, car pollution and overcrowding, loss of blue-collar jobs.

Jobs, streets, crime

Clean water, police protection, safe schools

Curfew for children, lack of public patrolling town, drug interaction at two locations in town.

Bad streets in some places, more lights in some neighborhoods, more curfews for noisy cars.

Old unmaintained, unused buildings in town; lack of entertaining - things to do; too many layoffs and cutbacks with jobs.

Career-type jobs are few and far between and wages are a joke, not enough development of our Bayfront, lack of companies headquartered here - lot of "mom" and "pop" businesses that get you nowhere in terms of a career, taxes too high!

Taxes too high (school) for me, rural roads, rural shopping

Lack of jobs for young professionals, affordable housing (condos, etc.) for senior citizens, stagnant politicians

Honesty with all residents of Edinboro, water problems, a better selection of cable TV

Crime (racial profiling a load of garbage); deteriorating inner city, yet overspending on hotels, convention centers, etc; overtaking of rapidly dwindling middle class.

I think that we are over taxed - worst is school tax

Drugs; guns; terrorist threats

Recreational activities for youth; lack of good teachers; roads

Employment; entertainment; transportation

Good paying jobs; possible job losses at plants

No sidewalks; tubes not ditched; children walking home from school or to parks or ballfield, especially on 39-40th in busy street!!! We've called and nothing has been done. So what makes this survey mean anything!!

Politics in education; partisan politics (hampers forward movement); continual wrangling about health services-emergency

Family recreation taking over by "big box" retailers.

City of Erie benefits by new ballfields, civic centers, library; small towns have to provide more money for large projects than City of Erie.

Road infrastructure; water/sewer infrastructure; master plan, i.e. zoning

Dwell on minor issues such as nude dancing - concentrate on something important; small airport; schools

Small towns are dead - no industries; too many HUD houses and welfare housing developments; there is not a future for our kids in this area - no employment opportunities/very little industry, besides retail.

Taxes too high; too many little shops that pay nothing; County getting too crowded

Unemployment; cheaper housing; affordable day care

Overpopulation; uneducated/skilled youth; waste

Police - need more; fire - need more; more east side development

Loud car stereos; gangs of youth walking in middle of streets; youths living in homes without adult supervision

Deteriorating neighborhoods that need update/renovated (Parade Street for example); Employment opportunities - need more professionals, too much retail minimum wage jobs; crime/poor - very obvious which neighborhoods are trouble & they need policed better. Get the poor working so they don't have so much free time to get into trouble.

Crime, more jobs, more schools

Too many Country Fairs and drug stores; losing valuable underdeveloped lands.

Loss of manufacturing jobs; discrimination on new recreational facilities; lack of planning and foresight by elected officials.

Airport expansion; reassessment of all property.

Road repair and maintenance (a constant consideration); public buildings which need restoration, i.e., County Courthouse; at times, County residents feel like "second class" citizens in contrast to those of Erie City (not a major issue, but one that comes

Loss of manufacturing, loss of jobs; maintaining and maintaining and re-maintaining roadways; reduce taxes - do not increase

No up-to-date things to do for people between 21-50. No real decent paying jobs - that is why young people are leaving - not enough help for purchasing a house. People now have good jobs, but slow or not as good credit.

The unfriendly situation for walkers or biking in the whole County. Stop now development in rural areas make developers reuse areas and vacant buildings. Encourage rebirth of older areas.

The airport - none of this means a thing if we cannot provide air transport out of Erie. Having to drive to Pittsburgh, Cleveland or Buffalo is inconvenient, expensive and waste of valuable time. It's nuts and prevents individuals and businesses from moving to or developing in Erie. The airport. The airport.

Rising utility costs, rising/high taxes - in the City.

Jobs, redevelopment, roads

There should be access roads on upper Peach to alleviate traffic.

Water, roads, too much development.

Water fluoridation; sewer and water maintenance; redevelopment

Poor representation in Harrisburg (up until now); wages too low in comparison to industrial cities; too much concentration of retail outlets in one area

More restaurants; more cultural events; cleaner water and stricter testing of the water

Roads in and about the City; good bus service on main streets

Water and sewer - sorley needs to be updated; job development - but getting better; not working together as a whole for the benefit of the entire County. Overall - a great place to live!

Have no idea!

Crime - loud music from cars and homes; overcrowding of upper Peach Street

Crime; pollution; more activities for our children

Government trying to control more and eroding freedom; too many laws - Jesus said law is only condemnation - not

Industry loss - focus on tourism rather than industry; employment opportunities; environment - water/fish/land use

No new government personnel, local; public should have control of school tax and development; control of Bayfront is restricted to government, not public

I would like roads at least tar and chip; garbage dumping; local police

Need more condo choices.

No greenspace in commercial expansion plans; traffic logistics; special interest drive local politics

Overcrowding on Peach Street

Abandoned buildings; vacant lots overgrown with weeds; employment opportunities

Sprawl; decrease in open ground; I love Erie County the way it is.

High taxes; streets; old, rundown buildings - clean up slum areas

Employment; education; crime

Transportation system; good paying employment; that Erie County does not end at I-90, tax dollars need to be used for more rural communities.

Need better access to air transportation which I believe is key to Erie's future - airport development; road repairs and general improved response to weather-related impact; Bayfront development not inhibited by politics and indecisiveness

Slum areas not well kept - litter of vacant lots; road and street conditions - potholes, nonpaved, dirty, no parking; vandalism of private and public property - Drugs #1

High property taxes

Overcrowding and development of upper Peach Street, high traffic and poor access into mall area; poor road/drainage for water runoff when heavy rainfalls occur; lack of integrated highway system to get around City of Erie or access to 38th

Neighborhoods that are crumbling and need fixed up; unsynchronized lights causing traffic problems downtown; kids with nothing to do getting into trouble

Lack of political will to force the demolition of buildings which are vacant and an eyesore for years; lack of insight to the fact that a City/County must look inviting - thus billboards, wires and poor development design in abundance.

Employment - not many good paying jobs available; politics - too many personal agendas

Monopoly on development in the City; losing far too much greenspace; loss of tax revenue in the City from many different areas - business, tax-free organizations, etc.

Growth on Peach Street at I-90; taking land from citizens to help big business

Job opportunities; storm drainage control - new developments

Lack of business growth; declining population; unemployment

Bayfront - it looks trashy; City - downtown - it looks trashy; Transportation - there is such a limited amount of public

High taxes; poor road care; more lighting on streets

Pollution; land; traffic

Too much political hassling

Farmland encroachment; recreational vehicles; sewage systems

Developing too much of the farmlands; traffic is terrible on Peach Street - makes a person not want to go to Erie, will find other places to shop; taxes too high.

Expansion of airport

Elected leaders not listening to the people; loss of good jobs; law enforcement that isn't viewed in a good light (Girard, Millcreek and PA State)

Individual governments - police/fire protection; tax restructuring; better planning for future developments - roads, runoffs

Downtown - inner City issues - crime, deterioration, lack of businesses, looks terrible - trash, etc.; lack of jobs, more than minimum wage and tourist industry, etc.; benefit package to attract and retain businesses in our area.

Regulations that don't have any meaning today.

Too much growth in development; letting big business get away with not paying taxes.

Employment; downtown revitalization; traffic (inner City)

Urban sprawl; loss of animal and plant habitats; decay of cities versus over-development of suburban housing

Need more businesses in the City; too many elementary schools in use; need a better political system.

Smart Bayfront development that will bring jobs to Erie. We should showcase our lake and history.

Local government; zoning; wetland restrictions

Too much traffic; better paying jobs for people

Jobs; keep pollution under control; Peach Street jam

High taxes; township lacks their own police

Lack of employment opportunities other than minimum wage; lack of recreation facilities for youth

Government; politics

In the City of Erie, young children (ages 12-15 & 16 or more years) - vandalism of homes and restaurants - leaves and tin cans and garbage thrown down the sewer drains; also, no pride - pop cans, paper and plastic wrappers thrown down along the streets and sidewalks; cigarette butts thrown all over

Needs to fluoride water; politicians; no thinking about a progressive future.

Smaller towns (ex. Corry): should get more tax dollar allocations for our needs; roads and bridge improvements; railway (passenger) and bus service

Rural development, secondary roads (dirt roads), work on requirements to assist in water and sewer development.

More job opportunities that pay liveable wages; less retail stores concentrated at the mall and thus avoid traffic problems resulting in wear and tear on highways and roads, wasting gasoline and time in traffic tie-ups and less fender-benders.

Jobs (more than minimum wage), jobs (more than minimum wages and benefits), jobs (more than minimum wage and benefits and enough to support and take care of a family).

Lack of good paying jobs, air pollution

Not enough business going up on the east side. All the businesses are up on upper Peach.

Taxes, more affordable housing for elderly who are not eligible for HUD, more job opportunities

Employment - not enough high salary jobs available; flooding - only have dry well, and they can't take care of the water when it rains or snow melts in Millcreek; no more building if they can't take care of water problems that we have, too much pavement

creates more problems.

Railroad crossings - having to wait to cross; more after-hour restaurants; too many store closings

Taxes, roads, utilities

None

Development done too rapidly in some areas, lack of effort to keep or develop upper middle class jobs, short-sightedness of governmental officials that contribute to the first two problems listed.

Employment, controlled development, education

Jobs in Corry, stores in Corry, major roads in Corry area.

Peach Street jam; City of Erie traffic light system; working on streets and highways in Erie and Erie County

Bad weather; traffic issues in Millcreek (uncontrolled); urban sprawl in many areas - need better zoning - development does not have overall good planning.

Uncontrolled growth in urban communities; no planning on extreme planning; lack of communication and cooperation between local communities (reduction in number of municipal consolidations)

Lack of jobs - no real growth; old dilapidated vacant buildings; Peach Street is a mess (traffic flow)

Sit down and see to it that they do for the people, and not is right for the party they stand for - Democrats or Republicans

Manufacturing jobs - new industry; school taxes; tax relief for small business to expand

Urban sprawl; misuse of land; no respect of landowners

Water; crime

Government not working together; everyone wants their own project to complete; need new business in area!!

Economic growth - jobs; abandoned, neglected housing; tax (Erie) relief

Cohesive leadership; lack of long-range planning; appositional attitude toward the public!!

Legislation to help local government to tear down substandard, abandoned homes faster; manufacturing employment

To extend waterlines, sewer lines

The drug abuse; the poverty neighborhoods (the Hood); the protection of police

Autonomy of townships; failure to remember that "government" is "of the people, for the people, and by the people"

Water pollution

Rising tax structure; urban sprawl; employment for our kids

New homes too large and too much money (they are fake looking and too planned, they all look the same) - Erie is a home town, not a large city with tons of rich people! We like it that way.

Jobs (not minimum wage jobs); tax base (City); poor government management (throughout) and lack of unity

Competitive employment opportunities

Signs on Washington Avenue are now 25 miles/hour - should be 15 (36th to 38th St.) - school zone; Washington Ave. is in poor shape from 26th to 38th Streets - should be fixed - our streets were paved, we had to pa for it; street stop signs are faded and bent throughout City streets; all rubbish should be taken weekly by the City. We have to store it (everything). It causes illegal dumping and fires. You may have to raise rubbish fees.

Jobs; training for employment; high taxes

Peach Street - why is everything there? Too many people - not enough jobs; economy is slow; not enough for our children to do (too many stores, nothing for children - example, mini-golf by the airport is too close for a new "store." What is there for families to do? People don't have the money to "shop" all the time.)

Urban sprawl, using open space for new development, while City property is left decaying - makes no sense.

Lack of jobs; education; health costs

Airport runway extension and Powell Avenue; job opportunities; local economy

Taxes; taxes; taxes

Cash flow/taxes; lack of public service-oriented officials

Employment; City and County Council bickering; drug traffic

Not enough housing for senior citizens; need more shopping centers for communities

Economic development; crime; public education

Airport and air service to accommodate conventioner travel. When attending conventions, it wasn't just the inbound flight, but there were options to change the return reservations. Escalating fringe costs of policemen, firemen & teachers.

Restoration and preservation of non-service related jobs. Drugs.

The pollution in an around the Bayfront; over-development of upper Peach Street

Cleanliness of streets all over - homes, business establishments - downtown area; litter all over - rundown homes and trees not trimmed, etc.; traffic problems

Developing Bayfront; completing Bayfront highway

Large volume of immigration of Middle Eastern and Hispanic people; high taxes on property owners; not enough good jobs for college students - we lose them to other states.

Roads - safer and better quality

Overpopulation; day care is too expensive for single- and double-parent families; children are not receiving the religious background they need to become productive citizens in our society.

Job availability; poor economy; high taxes

Employment; poor airport - very few flights directly to cities

Erie City needs to be renovated so that Erie County isn't going to be eaten up by big business; if they need to extend, make sure there isn't any other possibilities for extension other than rural areas; rebuild Erie City!!

Over-development of Bayfront; over development of peninsula and surrounding area; traffic flow

Landlord rights, tenants who are aloud to stay in apartments without paying for months. What happened to the laws about renting? The landlords always lose.

Violent criminals and convicted child molesters do not serve sentences. Legalize gambling and prostitution to create jobs and tax revenue - tax it heavy. Hold parents accountable for acts of their children.

Abandoned manufacturing facilities; los of trees, fields, and habitats; roads inadequate to handle development.

Peach Street traffic, bad roads, poor snow removal in City.

Erie needs an outdoor skateboard park.

Government, government, government

Low income and neighborhoods - abandoned buildings; encourage growth in the downtown City area; good paying

Water, sewer

Agricultural pesticide pollution, development of rural areas, lack of comprehensive water and sewer plan.

Declining economic base, especially manufacturing; continued decline of the City (Erie).

Taxes, schools, leadership

Rising taxes, employment limited to minimum wages, so young people must leave.

Parking, erratic zoning (see additional comments on survey for these two problems).

Too many authorities (just a tax), should have less government by going metro, too many homeless.

People who run down homes and don't fix them up. It is a real eyesore to see new homes that are build in our neighborhood and people fixing them up their homes while others don't do anything to their homes. We live by two homes where they need to fix them up.

Need more high-tech jobs; more FREE! Youth programs/entertainment; smaller class sizes for (public) schools!

Violence and crime increase; growth of shopping areas and transportation getting around those areas.

Employment, high taxes, nothing for teens to do.

Comprehensive forward planning; lack of higher employment for skilled persons; better maintained streets

Proper storm sewers in every area to get water back into the Lake. Bellview is in need of stormsewer at 1100 block. More activities for our youth. A better airport to travel from this area.

Lack of major roadways for business, competition among businesses, no respect for major landowners.

Too many junk discounts stores; side roads in bad shape; not enough to do in evening, recreationally.

Urban sprawl, inadequate roads

Housing; education; drugs and alcohol

Overpopulation; too many Country Fairs, Rite Aids, Eckerds, department stores; construction is way out of hand! They should close one road at a time and get it done in a timely manner!

Age-old political thinking; too many lower-paying jobs; more improved road intersections, need more turn lanes.

Property taxes are too high; health insurance is out of hand; employment hourly rate too low.

School tax on elderly retired, school tax on elderly retired, school tax on elderly retired.

Lack of municipal government/services (consolidation)

Welfare to people who don't need it, roads

Consolidation of efforts - public safety, regional assets, equitable taxation; marketing the area for job creations; preservation of quality of life.

Lack of industry, lack of jobs

Traffic on Upper Peach Street, not enough good paying jobs, Parade Street sucks

Lack of manufacturing (jobs above minimum wage); lack of good employment opportunities; too much concern on tourism which offer low-income jobs.

Deterioration of homes in the City of Erie; lack of single-family homes (less flats, etc.) in the City of Erie; deterioration of major retailers in downtown Erie.

Too much violence; too many pot holes; not enough things to do for the people!

The appearance of the City of Erie.

Over-development on Upper Peach Street; Tearing down commercial buildings to build new ones when there is nothing wrong with the first building; taste of drinking water.

Keeping open spaces; gambling; crime

High taxes, especially school taxes; high costs of water and sewer - When one makes an improvement to one's property, the property taxes are immediately increased. Home improvement is not encouraged.

Government and politicians; inability to solve real problems without throwing taxpayers money; inadequate transportation and road systems

Preserve undeveloped land with valuable/diverse habitat; reduce nonprofit source pollution; improve public transportation - facilitate transportation improvements to reduce local single-passenger cars on road - unnecessary pollution of air and waste

City should enforce owners to take payments to demolish and pay for the houses that are not taken care of.

Replacement of covered bridge, police protection

Eroding base of high-paying jobs; lack of quality leaders in politics; high cancer rate

Not enough senior housing for mid-income people; those very ugly telephone/electric lines along West 12 and West 8th Streets; no control of roaming cats (pets) and barking dogs!

Police department; housing authority; these abandoned buildings (fix them).

Lack of job opportunities in the professional world; lack of vision for new ideas to spark growth; lack of cooperation between townships, school districts, County and City officials to work together to attract business development (example - tax breaks and infrastructure).

Need for water and sewers in rural areas; lack of jobs for young people; recreation areas for the young

Lack of concern for greenspace (example, parking lots); overdevelopment of current shopping areas; lack of foresight in current leadership; overtaxation

Lack of industrial jobs

High taxes; quality of drinking water; air pollution

Loss of good paying jobs.

Diminishing City dwellings and industry; run-down City neighborhoods; high City taxbase for homes, industry, commerce

City of Erie snow removal

Teen pregnancy; lack of sewer systems/cable, etc. in townships; recreation in outlying areas

Places to occupy, amuse, and full times of juveniles; taking away of access to fishing spots along Bayfront; racism against any and all people regardless of color, nationality, creed - start by teaching at home, school, workplace.

Too many vacant buildings and no upkeep

Lack of good-paying jobs; us then mentality of city versus county; disparity of home prices and schools in city versus county

Lack of a comprehensive 2-year college program.

Over-development encroaching into rural areas (loss of open spaces); business duplication - how many "County Fairs" do we really need? Revitalizing of existing commercial areas would better serve the county rather than expansion into the rural

Unkept neighborhoods; crime; middle class treated unfair.

Bayfront development needs more tourist attractions - ex., museums, mine-strip areas of quaint shops; quality job opportunities.

We need to attract companies. The lack of our ability to travel anywhere directly from our airport.

Job opportunities; taxes; rail track

Lack of industry; weather; teen pregnancy

Bad or uninformed politicians - all local areas; restrictive regulations that impact industrial expansion and development; Millcreek is the worst - storm sewers must be installed in western areas of Millcreek, Pittsburgh Avenue to Asbury Road - Lake south to 26th Street

The lack of enforcement against slum landlords and property owners who do not care for their properties - rental or abandoned sites. Better planning when repairing street areas. No decent paying jobs available - "Minimum wage doesn't pay

No factories for men to work at to support families - few men are proud of where they work. Erie is becoming a tourist attraction - not much for families and children. Too many minimum wage jobs - yet, we can support the many bars, restaurants, and stores - illogical.

Quality of water; entertainment; police protection

Not enough job opportunity or pay; air pollution; using open land for unnecessary stores, Country Fair, Rite Aid

Bayfront development; quality jobs; housing prices

Job market - jobs targeted for the educated and experienced individual are not available. Dilapidated housing - City of Erie neighborhoods - houses need cleaned up or torn down.

Roads are not the best; lack of family activities and entertainment; remodeling of City to look better (Erie).

Lack of revitalization of downtown area (urban blight); ineffective traffic patterns and transportation system; urban sprawl

Improve waterfront at Dobbins Landing; consider continuous help/caring for senior citizens; consider whatever the needs to lower the crime rate - additional policemen, etc.; be good to our firefighters - give them the compensation they deserve.

Unemployment; higher paying jobs to keep people here; lack of weekend health care (like immediate care)

Too much non-union construction work; need to develop County area for residents; no good paying jobs for average persons

Police and fire companies; working on water runoffs (from storms); budgeting - they need to work on how to budget the tax money, for the good of all.

Consistency between municipalities within County; availability of services to outer County, ie, West County

Problem of more revenue generated for sustaining the beauty of the lake and beaches.

Water impurities; rural/urban sprawl - too much growth for an area that can't handle so many retail outlets; deterioration and property devaluation in the City.

Lack of industrial base, for good paying jobs; great education base - no jobs after college here; lack of quality places for vacationers to visit - we need service center - aquarium, other museums, etc.

Roads; industry - losses of; WINTER

They do not have anything for the people of Corry. They do not punish criminals enough. They worry about upper class more than lower class.

Loss of jobs; loss of jobs; loss of jobs

Employment opportunities - not minimum wage; high taxes in City; keeping our young professionals here

Unrestricted sprawl on Peach Street corridor; loss of tax base in City of Erie; regressive, ignorant, squabbling politicians

Low paying jobs; low paying jobs; low paying jobs

Employment

Traffic - road closings; lights not synchronized to keep traffic flowing; dirty streets (trash, cigarettes, etc.)

House value is not growing in last 5 years, because there are too many new subdivisions; talk with parents and encourage their children to use a school bus; create more high-paying jobs to make the City grow.

Drugs - bar; noise (need curfew), kids screaming, loud TV and car radio - let them use ear plugs, too much amusement, too much music - shut it all down; cruelty to animals - do to them what they do to the "voiceless" ones.

Zoning - Millcreek is perhaps the best example of the worst zoning and planning in the nation; urban sprawl - Peach Street corridor; poor job opportunity for college-educated youth.

Loss of natural environment - wetlands, etc.; over development of mall area; traffic flow

Local government - Erie, Millcreek, Harborcreek, Wesleyville, Lawrence Park; local retail store - Wal-Mart in Boston Store; more help for homeless and unfortunate; more help for local industries in PA to keep better-paying jobs.

Urban sprawl; protection of rural areas; revitalization of City of Erie and areas of Millcreek

Employment; roads; development of Bayfront

Quality jobs, lack of long-range planning to bring new jobs into the area; leadership doesn't inspire

Politics - see survey sheet

Ambulance service; lack of volunteers for fire protection

Lack of professional careers; crime; drugs

Lack of control on the type of "like" businesses brought into the same area. Businesses go out. No job security. Bayfront highway extensions - a frasco! Has anyone done a study on the noise level at Wintergreen Gorge? Behrend? Allowing businesses in areas without complete impact studies on residents, traffic access, etc.

Visitor's center should not be built at Presque Isle entrance; inequity of taxes between communities; low-paying jobs - manufacturing businesses leaving and downsizing.

Over-development above I-90; too much Peach Street jam; need better-paying job opportunities

East of Parade Street - time forgot it - could use some sort of "dressing up." Destruction of trees (woods) for new houses when there are older ones rotting to the ground. Lack of affordable rent - \$6.50/hour wage and rent over \$300/month and utilities - check out the rates in Waterford.

Not using Bayfront area for attracting tourism - some choices area very odd. Not for office buildings. Too many separate choices of what is being built. Should be not one person who decides. Names of all streets, etc. should be posted with correct signs not left for the driver to try to find out what is what!

Lack of high-paying jobs for young people.

Traffic

Poverty; education/training; economic development/jobs (also, we do not sell "Erie" well. We need a sophisticated, well-structured marketing effort.

Politics; crime and drug prevention; police protection

Deteriorating housing/buildings (vacant houses, buildings); lack of development on lower State Street area/downtown; traffic congestion around Interchange Road and Peach Street (upper)

Urban sprawl; deterioration of the City of Erie (inner city)

No industry; low-paying jobs - we do not need land that last 4 months - we need jobs; people who dislike change

Fair housing; help people with mental illness (families with children); sensible minimum wage

The politicians who run the government; the lack of input from residents - i.e., need more ballot issues; need to reduce tax burden for senior citizens, especially school tax.

Finish Bayfront highway extension; West 38th Street Bridge at Glenwood

Houses too close together; parking on narrow streets; Bayfront highway extension

Status quo politics; lack of strategic plan for growth; lack of plan for economic development

Lack of good paying jobs

Deterioration of City neighborhoods; families moving out of the City to suburban areas; preserving wooded areas

Too many people moving to the County; County - no water - no sewer; I moved from Millcreek to County 28 years ago for lots of space - would like to keep it that way!

Antiquated water and sewer systems; too few police officers; up-to-date building and zoning regulations

Development, specifically allowing approved small flow sewer discharge to streams; an overabundance of development for service-oriented establishments, ex., Wal-Marts, malls, restaurants; failure to redevelop city or suburban areas that are abandoned or stifle - stop on Peach Street and do something Downtown.

Narrow job market; water fluoridation; preservation of Presque Isle

My concern is for more mental health programs for the people who fall through the cracks and are not on their medications. A threat to all of us. The homeless of which I work. Downtown full food markets within walking distance for the homeless

Too much construction and development (retail) around Erie; loss of taxable properties in City of Erie

No water in Springfield Township most summers - very, very inconvenient. We can have no company in summer months.

Slow road development; remaining Lake pollution still a problem; combining local governments and overlapping services not given the proper attention.

Unemployment; we need more companies to open here; less building on new land of homes and companies - we need to rebuilt or renovate buildings.

Antenna towers; urban sprawl; lack of major airline services

Politics; school boards; roads

Too much of employment is located in too few industries.

Lack of industry and good paying jobs; crime - drugs caused to some degree by allowing plea bargaining; immorality

Upper Peach Street traffic; urban crime; unemployment

Loss of manufacturing; bio-terrorism - water poisoning; an individual's quest to stop water fluoridation

Need better roads in Corry area; better transportation in County; roads to Corry and Erie

Governmental bickering; taxes; drug problems

Roads in poor shape; poor paying jobs; water level of the lake

Destruction of remaining natural habitats; unchecked growth of developments and outside the City; inability of educational systems to meet the needs of growing population.

Crime; job growth; increase and maintain tourist dollars

Lack of open space and hiking; peninsula biking-friendly on the road; road conditions

None

Lack of new business; minimal good locally owned restaurants; questionable commercial transportation (airport)

Economic development

County government

Divided, uncoordinated government structure/function; ineffective training/retraining of job applicants; inadequate roads, utility infrastructure to support present and future community

Water, sewer, taxes

Jobs - good paying; taxes

Unemployment; taxes; crime

Lack of ATV trails; unsolved crimes

Good paying jobs; air quality; drugs, crime

Taxes; roads

Lack of metropolitan government that would support cooperation and logical resource use; partisan politics; unstructured growth and development

Redevelopment in the inner City of Erie - need more of it; more development Downtown area; water and sewer in extended

Lack of planning (highway development); traffic routing, restrictions - ridiculous - we're a larger metro than you realize

Utilities/monopoly - water/sewer should be controlled with PUC regulations - all utilities should be watched by the PUC.

Preventative health care programs - free screenings, etc. More police walking the streets.

Location of RV parks

Too much development on upper Peach; commitment to economy on developer's part; programs to utilize recreational areas.

Employment; drugs; high cost of utilities, water-sewer-taxes.

Crime, especially in Erie - East and West 28th - entire eastside and westside to Liberty to bay; limited, neat, affordable senior housing; poor schools.

County representatives are not concerned about the needs of the Union City area; road conditions are an ongoing problem; employment.

Poverty

Roads

Crime; attorney general; traffic control

Government leaders; water runoff; roads (older subdivisions)

Pollution; failure to complete projects in a timely manner; development being isolated to one side of town.

Unemployment; underemployment; crime

Loss of good paying jobs - develop a knowledge/technology park; lack of east/west rapid travel to Peninsula - Eastside

Bridge; Summit Township is overdeveloped with poor traffic control.

Developments/subdivisions - too many in small areas; schooling - education - overcrowding in classrooms; noise pollution - loss of trees, destruction of environment.

Lack of economic development in high-tech jobs of future; local government leadership; loss of high-paying jobs in area.

Urban sprawl into Summit and McKean; traffic congestion, especially Bayfront and Peach Street

Employment opportunities; school maintenance/education

Jobs!! - good union-paying, full-time with benefits; teen activities

Not enough jobs - too many layoffs; too much development in small areas; not enough wooded areas left.

Bridge of railroad Norcross from LP; Bayfront library completion; water and sewer up Clark Road

Loss of high-pay employment; loss of manufacturing; too many retail big box

Increased regulations/government - increased tax burden; increased bureaucracy for permits/inspections, etc.; increased population in relation to desirable employment opportunities; overcrowding

Sewage; water; police protection

Employment; roads - lots of patchwork and holes; airport - needs improvements

See comments on survey form.

APPENDIX D

**Written comments that were included
with the survey.**

Other Comments

Comments

Also need an ice rink.

See attached.

Rating Erie County relative to wheelchair accessibility - poor to disgusting; What priority given within next 5 years - wheelchair accessibility - highest priority

Question re: types of new development located where - City of Corry

See attached comments on form.

Let's hope Summit Township has reached its "summit!"

Feel there are enough mobile home parks, big box retailers, and super grocery stores

See additional comments

As a 96-year old resident of a retirement home, my preferences regarding future home are more aimed to my life after this one. I feel that I am not a suitable person to reply to these questions, so I am returning your survey unanswered.

The welfare system should be investigated. There are so many people on welfare that could be working. We give too much to people who do not deserve it. P.S. Don't know whether or not this is under our City or not, but medications are so the development of a real airport is most important and not mentioned once in this survey. You are missing the biggest

See note on page 5

See comments on pages 5 and 6

See comments on page 6

See comments on page 3

See comments on pages 4-6.

See comment on page 5.

Let's get our dirt roads addressed - aid to townships.

Why did you make so many retirement housing for elderly downtown???

See survey form for additional comments.

See survey form for comments within survey form itself.

See other comments on survey form.

Felt no need to continue after the sixth question. Lived in an apartment for 47 years after leaving her homestead - past 7 years at the Regency, Southshore Retirement Home.

See additional comments on survey form.

Land use is best regulated at all levels - see survey

See additional comments on form - page 4.

See comments on pages 4 and 5.

Bicycles almost rip off your hips as they pass - send them all someplace else. Too much nonsense.

See survey sheet for comments on pages 3 and 4.

Why is this survey being down outside of Erie County?

See comments on pages 2 and 3.

See comments on pages 1, 2, and 4.

Additional problems - Quality of reconstructing existing roads; development within so many feet of area lakes and streams.

See additional comments throughout survey.

See additional comments throughout survey.

See additional comments on survey form.

See comment on page two (question 3).

See additional comments attached to survey.

I would raze those abandoned houses on east side and rebuild the neighborhoods to support single-family homes with parks nearby for children to play (ex., ball, B-ball, etc.). Also, see other comments on survey form.

See additional comments on pages 2 and 3.

See comments throughout survey form.