

q. **Zoning** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern

r. **Subdivision and Land** Major concern Occasional concern Minor concern
 development requirements

6. Does your municipality participate in any preservation programs? i.e. Ag. Security Areas
 Please list:

7. Do you feel that your municipality has adequate municipal facilities i.,e. municipal
 buildings, municipal parks, adequate space for equipment, adequate equipment, etc.
 Please explain:

Please use the space below for any comments that you may have concerning this questionnaire, or any topics that may not have been covered and are important to you.

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. Your cooperation is appreciated. Your input is a valuable asset to the County and it is hoped that this survey will generate additional interest and participation in the activities that impact the County's future.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY TO THE ELK COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE

THANK YOU

ELK COUNTY

COMMUNITY SURVEY COMMUNITY ISSUES AND LAND USE

ELK COUNTY is presently preparing for a review of its Comprehensive Plan. One purpose of this plan is to help determine the character, degree and patterns of growth, and the future land use of the County. **YOUR PARTICIPATION** in this survey is valuable in ensuring that the Comprehensive Plan accurately reflects the true desires and goals of its citizens. Your responses to this survey will help in shaping the County's near and long term future.

This survey is available to each business and household desiring to participate. Additional copies of this survey will be available from the County to any entity wanting to submit a separate survey. If you feel that any questions is too personal, you need not answer. **However, try to answer as many questions as possible.** To assist the County in compiling the surveys, please return your completed survey in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope by February 18, 1998. **All responses can be anonymous and will be kept in a confidential file in the County Planning office.**

CENSUS AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. Employment:

_____ Place of residence	_____ Retired
_____ Place of work	_____ Unemployed
_____ Work at Home (includes homemakers)	_____ Student

I reside in _____ Township, Borough, City.

2. How many children are in the household? _____

Circle their ages:

Under 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 over 18

3. Indicate the number of people in your home that are in each age group.

0 - 20 _____	30 - 39 _____	50 - 59 _____	
20 - 29 _____	40 - 49 _____	60 - 69 _____	over 60 _____

4. If you live in subdivision or commonly recognized neighborhood, what is its name?

5. You: Rent _____ or Own _____ your place of residence.

6. You reside in a:

single family (detached) home _____	two family/duplex home _____
apartment/multi-family unit _____	townhouse _____

You and your family may or may not agree with all or part of the following statements. For each statement, indicate the extent to which you "AGREE" or "DISAGREE" by **circling** the answer which comes closest to reflecting your attitudes. If you aren't familiar with the subject, circle "Don't Know". If you have no feelings on the subject, circle "INDIFFERENT".

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF GROWTH

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

1. Local Government (Township/Borough/City) government should take an active role in planning land development.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

2. County government should take an active role in planning land development.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

3. When a development of any kind (business, housing, and industries, other) is proposed, what distance from the project do you feel is appropriate in notifying people.

1 mile _____ 4 miles _____ don't know _____
2 mile _____ 5 miles _____ no opinion _____
3 mile _____ not applicable _____

4. I am satisfied with the present process of notifying citizens (through newspaper's legal section) about important public hearings.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

5. Developers should share the cost of any improvements required within the County as a result of their development (i.e. sidewalks, signals, and road improvements)

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

6. I would like to see the local government officials hold one or two open houses per year, with no government business scheduled, except for the purpose of exchanging ideas with the public on important issues facing the Communities.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

7. Developers should assume liability for any damage done to the environment (groundwater contamination, improper drainage, and overuse of water capacity) during and after time of construction.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

GENERAL ATTITUDES ON LAND USE AND GROWTH

1. All future development in the Township/Borough/City in which I reside, should be carefully controlled in order to preserve and enhance the present environmental quality of the community.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

2. Preservation of agricultural properties and open spaces should be a primary goal of the County Comprehensive Plan.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

3. Looking ahead over the next 10 year period, what rate of growth do you expect in your municipality and what rate do you prefer? (check only one choice in each column)

	<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>		<u>Residential</u>	
	Expect	Prefer	Expect	Prefer
No growth	_____	_____	_____	_____
Slower than present	_____	_____	_____	_____
Same as present	_____	_____	_____	_____
Faster than present	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Development is inevitable. The County's plan should permit well-planned urban land uses such as apartments, townhouses, and condominiums.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ATTITUDES

1. Check one of the statements below that best describes your feelings about planned residential developments (PRD's), i.e. apartments, townhouses, condominiums, etc.

PRD's should:

- _____ be located in multi-family and commercial areas.
_____ be permitted anywhere as long as surrounding residents agree with it.
_____ be of varied densities and acreage for different areas in the County.
_____ should be permitted only in certain Townships/Boroughs/Citys.
_____ not be permitted
_____ don't know _____ no opinion

2. For the types of housing listed below, indicate how you feel about increasing or decreasing their availability in the Township/Borough/City in which you reside.

	Increase	Decrease	Remain Same	Don't Know	No Opinion
retirement communities	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
single-family detached	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
cluster housing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
townhouses	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. I feel the market value and appeal of my property would be increased by having public sewers.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

4. I feel the market value and appeal of my property will be increased by having public water

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT, AND RECREATION ATTITUDES

1. Development of any type should be avoided on all environmentally sensitive areas within the Township/Borough/City in which I reside.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

2. The Elk herds should be controlled by hunting

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

3. According to Federal and State laws, it is illegal to destroy or disturb wetland habitats without permits. The County should take an active role in ensuring that these laws are enforced within our community.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

4. For the types of recreation listed, indicate how you feel about their availability in the Township/Borough/City in which you reside.

	Increase	Decrease	Remain Same	Don't Know	No Opinion
elderly recreation center	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
youth center	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
parks	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
recreation centers	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
swimming pools	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
tennis courts	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
biking trails	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
walking trails	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
athletic fields	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
open space	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

other: _____

5. Do you feel that there is a need for indoor recreation facilities?

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

If so, what type(s) of facilities do you recommend?

6. Would you agree to pay more taxes for the development of any of the recreation facilities listed in questions #4 or #5.

Yes _____ No _____

7. School taxes should be _____ should not be _____ subsidized by liquidation of timber resources from the Allegheny National Forest. If you feel that taxes should be subsidized in this manner, should more _____ or less _____ consideration be given to other uses i.e. education, recreation, tourism.

8. Tourism should be developed in the County.

Yes _____ No _____

9. If yes, the following should be focuses for tourism:

	Yes	No
• Elk Herds	_____	_____
• Historical Resources	_____	_____
• State Parks	_____	_____
• Allegheny National Forest	_____	_____
• Clarion River	_____	_____
• All of the above managed and coordinated, e.g. Heritage Region	_____	_____

10. How do you feel that the Allegheny National Forest resources are best utilized. (Number from 1 to 7, 1 being most favored and 7 being least favored)

_____ oil _____ recreation _____ preservation/conservation
_____ gas _____ tourism _____ equal consideration to all uses
_____ logging _____ education/research

11. How should forest resources be managed?

- a. _____ Professional foresters
- b. _____ Environmental committee made up of various sectors of the general public
i.e. education, foresters, developers, scientists, biologists, industry, etc.
- c. Other _____

12. A land fill should be encouraged in the Township/Borough/City

Yes _____ No _____

13. Another landfill should be considered in the county.

Yes _____ No _____

14. The township/borough/city in which I reside has its waste disposal needs met.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

Additional Comments: _____

15. Do you feel Elk County should have or form an environmental council or committee to address or monitor environmental concerns in or affecting county environment? (i.e. siting of waste incinerator, disposal facilities, reclamation operations, etc.)

Yes _____ No _____

Additional Comments: _____

PUBLIC WATER/SEWER (INFRASTRUCTURE) AND ENVIRONMENTAL ATTITUDES

1. Is your water supplied by:
 Well _____ Spring _____ Public _____ Other _____

2. Has your source of water ever been inadequate in quantity to meet your daily needs?
 Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what year(s)? _____

3. How long has it been since you had any type of testing done on your drinking water supply?
 Less than one year _____ 5-10 years _____ Never _____
 2-5 years _____ Over 10 years _____ Not Applicable _____

4. If you had your water tested, did you receive results that made you take or consider any treatment action? (i.e. adding a purification system, softener, filter)
 Yes _____ No _____ Not applicable _____

5. Have you installed a system to filter or disinfect your water?
 Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what year? _____
 Describe reasons for installation:

6. The Township/Borough/City in which I reside needs public water service extended.
 Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know
 Additional comments.

7. The Township/Borough/City should require a groundwater study be performed prior to approval of any high density development that would utilize wells as a water source.
 Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

8. The Township/Borough/City should apply for available grants to study the quality of drinking water.
 Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

9. Have you installed any water saving devices? (i.e., water saving toilets, shower heads, etc.).

Yes _____ No _____

10. I am satisfied with the quality of the environment in my community (air, water, soil).

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

11. I believe the County should be concerned about maintaining or improving the quality of the environment in the County.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

1. Large regional shopping centers should be discouraged or encouraged in the County due to the close proximity to or existence of similar facilities near by. (Check one)

No opinion _____ Discouraged _____ Encouraged _____

2. Large regional shopping centers should be discouraged or encouraged in the township/borough/city, due to the close proximity to similar facilities near by. (Check one)

No opinion _____ Discouraged _____ Encouraged _____

3. Encouragement of new industry should be a priority in the County.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

4. Encouragement of new industry should be a priority in the Township/Borough/City.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

5. Industrial development should be actively encouraged by the County to locate in a planned industrial park.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

6. Industrial development should be actively encouraged by the Township/Borough/City to locate in a planned industrial park.

Strongly Agree Agree Indifferent Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know