

APPENDIX 1
QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

NORTHERN BERKS REGION PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. From 1990 to 2000, the population of the Northern Berks Region grew from 11,810 to 13,372, a 13.2% increase. In the future, would you like to see this rate of growth:

Stay the same	<u>16</u>
Increase	<u>5</u>
Decrease	<u>6</u>

2. If further residential development occurs, are you in favor of it happening as:

	Yes	No
Large individual lots scattered throughout the Townships along existing roads	<u>4</u>	<u>21</u>
Cluster developments in which higher density housing concentrations are offset by open space and recreation areas	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>
Conservation developments in which conservation areas containing the special features of a tract are identified first (typically 50 to 80% of the tract remains in open space), houses are located to maximize views of the open space, and road systems and lot lines are established to conform to open space and house locations.	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
Large scale developments involving a mixture of single family homes, townhouses and apartments	<u>6</u>	<u>19</u>
Single family and two family homes on ¼ acre lots	<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>
Retirement communities	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>
Single family homes on one acre lots along new streets built by subdividers	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>
In a village pattern, with a mix of uses and emphasis on human scale and walkability	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>
On remaining vacant land in Hamburg, Shartlesville, Strausstown, Edenburg and West Hamburg	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>

3. Do you feel that the community needs more industrial areas?

Yes	<u>14</u>
No	<u>13</u>

4. If you answered Yes, indicate what types of industrial development you feel are needed in the community.

Light Manufacturing	<u>14</u>
Heavy Manufacturing	<u>4</u>
Offices	<u>8</u>
Warehousing	<u>7</u>
Research Labs	<u>4</u>
Other	<u>food marketing & processing - 1</u>

5. If you answered Yes, indicate what pattern of industrial development should take place.

Planned industrial parks	<u>10</u>
Strips along roads	<u>1</u>
Individual sites near existing industries	<u>9</u>
Other	<u>existing vacant sites - 3</u>

6. Do you feel that the community needs more commercial areas?

Yes	<u>8</u>
No	<u>19</u>

7. If you answered Yes, what types of commercial development do you feel are needed in the community?

Grocery Stores	<u> </u>
Supermarkets	<u> </u>
Video Stores	<u>2</u>
Drug Stores	<u>1</u>
Department Stores	<u>3</u>
Discount Stores	<u>2</u>
Clothing Stores	<u>1</u>
Mini Storage Facilities	<u> </u>
Restaurants & Entertainment	<u>7</u>
Motels	<u>6</u>
Appliance/home furnishing/hardware stores	<u>5</u>
Day Care Centers	<u>5</u>
Service Stations	<u> </u>
Doctor and Other Professional Offices	<u>4</u>
Convenience Stores	<u> </u>
Fast Food Restaurants	<u>1</u>
Other	<u>Sporting goods - 1</u>

8. If you answered Yes, indicate what pattern of commercial development should take place.

Shopping Centers	<u>3</u>
Strips along roads	<u>1</u>
In Shartlesville	<u>5</u>
In Hamburg	<u>6</u>
In Strausstown	<u>4</u>
I-78 Interchanges	<u>7</u>
In or next to large residential developments	<u>1</u>
Other	<u>Existing vacant areas - 1</u>

9. Do you feel that the agricultural land in the Townships should remain as agricultural land?

Strongly agree	<u>20</u>
Agree	<u>4</u>
Disagree	<u>2</u>
Strongly disagree	<u> </u>
No Opinion	<u>1</u>

10. If you feel agricultural land should be preserved for farming, please choose the statement below that best describes why you feel this way.

<u>2</u>	I live on a farm.
<u>20</u>	I want farmland available for future generations to farm.
<u>3</u>	I like to view farmland.
<u>13</u>	I want to limit development which occurs in the community.
<u> </u>	Other <u>Want to buy food from local farmers - 1</u>
	<u>Need ag land for conservation purposes - 1</u>
	<u>When soil taken for development, we lose part of our soul - 1</u>
	<u>I hunt on farmland - 1</u>
	<u>Allow where not practical or sensible for ag use - 1</u>
	<u>Preserve ag industry to which many businesses are related - 1</u>
	<u>Land away from interstate should be used for farming - 1</u>

11. After reading the four statements below, please choose the one that best describes your feelings concerning farmland use.

<u>1</u>	I think farmland should be converted whenever market conditions demand.
<u>6</u>	I think farmland should be converted ONLY when public water and sewer are available.

3 I think farmland should be converted ONLY when density is limited to 1 house per 20 acres.

17 I think farmland should NOT be converted to other uses.

12. What use should be made of vacant industrial buildings in Hamburg?

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13. Are you in favor of programs to increase landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, building façade appearance and similar amenities in the Boroughs and villages?

Yes 19
No 6

14. Are there intersections or road designs in the area you would like to see improved?

Yes 17
No 8

15. If Yes, which intersections or road designs need improvements?

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16. Check any of the following which you think are transportation problems in the area:

Interchanges with I-78	<u>5</u>
Inadequate parking	<u>9</u>
Inadequate public transit	<u>8</u>
Inadequate road maintenance	<u>7</u>
Lack of sidewalks	<u>3</u>
Lack of walking trails	<u>6</u>
Lack of bikeways	<u>8</u>
Through traffic on back roads	<u>5</u>
Congestion	<u>7</u>
Other	<u>Need a more reasonable traffic pattern for Hamburg - 1</u>
	<u>Need traffic light on Rt. turn lane at Hawk Ridge Dr. - 1</u>
	<u>Narrow streets send shoppers to mall parking lots, especially during snow storms - 1</u>

17. If additional hiking and bicycling trails were available in the community, would you use those trails?

Yes 16
 No 11

18. If yes, from where to where would you like to see trails?

	<u>Origin</u>	to	<u>Destination</u>
1.	<u>Hamburg to Lenhartsville</u>		<u>1</u>
2.	<u>Hamburg to Shartlesville</u>		<u>2</u>
3.	<u>Shartlesville to Strausstown</u>		<u>2</u>
4.	<u>Reading to Pottsville</u>		<u>1</u>
5.	<u>Hamburg Watershed</u>		<u>1</u>
6.	<u>Kernsville Dam</u>		<u>1</u>
7.	<u>Strausstown to Hamburg</u>		<u>2</u>
8.	<u>Follow the Schuylkill River</u>		<u>2</u>
9.	<u>Hamburg Park to Shoemakersville</u>		<u>1</u>
10.	<u>Along old railroad cut from the back of the high school to</u>		
	<u>State Street</u>		<u>1</u>
11.	<u>Leesport to Grings Mill</u>		<u>1</u>
12.	<u>Kaersher Creek, without geese</u>		<u>3</u>
13.	<u>Lindyville to Hamburg Watershed</u>		<u>1</u>
14.	<u>Kernsville Dam area to Auburn</u>		<u>1</u>
15.	<u>Strausstown to Shartlesville</u>		<u>1</u>
16.	<u>Bernville to Strausstown</u>		<u>1</u>
17.	<u>Hamburg to Reservoir</u>		<u>1</u>
18.	<u>Hamburg Park to Port Clinton</u>		<u>1</u>
19.	<u>Hamburg to Leesport (Old Canal Bed)</u>		<u>1</u>
20.	<u>Along present waterways</u>		<u>1</u>

19. Do you feel that additional public recreation facilities should be provided in the region?

Yes 12
 No 12

20. If yes, what new recreational facilities would you like to see?

<u>Multi-purpose fields – 6</u>	<u>Tennis Courts - 2</u>
<u>Ballfields – 1</u>	<u>Skateboarding area - 1</u>
<u>Basketball Courts - 3</u>	<u>Roller blade/bike paths for children - 1</u>
<u>Family picnic areas – 2</u>	<u>Fix up Kernsville Dam - 1</u>
<u>Hiking/Bike Trails - 1</u>	<u>School facilities should be open to public - 1</u>
<u>Ice Rink – 2</u>	<u>Running track – 1</u>
<u>Family oriented, community supported health club – 1</u>	

21. If yes, where should they be located?

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22. Do you feel that the level of commercial development along Route 61, Route 183, Old Route 22 and the interchanges with I-78 should...

	<u>Route 61</u>	<u>Route 183</u>	<u>Old Route 22</u>	<u>Interchanges with I-78</u>
Remain the same	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>8</u>
Increase	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>
Decrease	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

23. Do you feel that the level of industrial and office development along Route 61, Route 183, Old Route 22 and interchanges with I-78 should...

	<u>Route 61</u>	<u>Route 183</u>	<u>Old Route 22</u>	<u>Interchanges with I-78</u>
Remain the same	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>
Increase	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
Decrease	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

24. How long have you lived in your municipality?

5 years or less	<u> </u>
6-10 years	<u>3</u>
11-20 years	<u>3</u>
more than 20 years	<u>21</u>

25. How much land do you own?

10,000 square feet or less	<u>3</u>
Between 10,000 square feet and 1 acre	<u>8</u>
1 to 5 acres	<u>5</u>
6 to 49 acres	<u>6</u>
50 to 100 acres	<u>1</u>
More than 100 acres	<u>4</u>
None, I rent	<u> </u>

26. What is the age of the head of your household?

18-24	<u> </u>	45-64	<u>17</u>
25-44	<u>3</u>	65 and older	<u>7</u>

27. What do you like most about the Northern Berks Region?

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28. What are the most important issues facing Northern Berks today?

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29. What kind of community do you want Northern Berks to be in the future?

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30. Please list any additional comments:

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