Athens Borough Comprehensive Plan Update - Community Survey - 2023

1. Overall, what do you like most about Athens Borough? (Check no more than your top 5)

_ Rural/small town atmosphere
_ Economic opportunities
_ Visual quality/viewsheds
_ Health care availability
_ Work ethic of residents
_ Tourism resources
_ Strong sense of community
_ Medical/Emergency services
_ Friendly people
_ Natural resources
_ Highway/air/rail service
_ Local events/festivals/etc.
_ Public safety and security
Cleanliness
_ Housing conditions
_ Good place to raise a family/cost of living
_ Responsive local government
_ Good quality school systems
_ Recreation opportunities
_ Park system
_ Other (Specify_____

2. Overall, what do you think are Athens Borough major problems? (Check no more than your top 5)

_ Controlling growth/sprawl
_ Tourism promotion
_ Conflicting/nuisance land uses
_ Visual quality/standards
_ Code/Ordinance enforcement
_ Aging population
_ Managing new development
_ Water quality
_ Recreation opportunities
_ Natural resource protection
_ Local law enforcement
_ Retaining our young people
_ Truck traffic in small towns
_ Education opportunities
_ Economic development
_ Property tax issues
_ Drug/alcohol problems
_ Property maintenance
_ Road and bridge maintenance
_ Loss of "good jobs"/job diversification
_ Limited housing choice
_ Public water/sanitary systems
_ Other (Specify____)

3. Identify major issues and problems you feel Athens Borough leaders should address in the near future. (Check no more than your top 5 priority issues and problems)

_ Develop new hiking/biking trails
_ Well-planned development
_ Protection of environment
_ Greater emphasis on tourism
_ Vocational/job training
_ Infrastructure improvements
_ Increased manufacturing
_ Improved telecommunications
_ Attraction of new businesses
_ Fewer regulations
_ New business parks/areas
_ Flood Protection/Insurance
_ Gas industry diversification
_ Advanced technology jobs
_ Improved public transit
_ Improved local policing
_ Visual quality standards/improvements
_ Affordable housing choices
_ History/Heritage preservation
_ Preserving small town atmosphere
_ Community development
_ Municipal cooperation/collaboration
_ Recreation facilities/opportunities
_ Encourage business expansions
_ Other (Please specify_____

4. How do you feel about the following services/facilities in your community? (Check one rating for each service; if a service does not exist in your community please check NA

Service	Good	Fair	Poor	NA
Police Protection				
Fire Protection				
Flood Protection				
Recreational Facilities/Opportunities				
Ordinance Enforcement				
Trash/Garbage Collection/Recycling				
Tourism Promotion				
Other Municipal Services				
Public Transit				
State Highway Maintenance				
Municipal Street/Road Maintenance				
Land Use/Development Regulations				
Sanitary Sewer Service				
Public Water Service				
Electric Service				
Telephone - land				
Telephone - cell				
Other Telecommunication (Internet/Cable/TV)				
Health Care/Emergency Services				
Visual Quality/Aesthetics				
Public Education				
Housing Choice				

5. Please identify if you live, work or recreate in Athens Borough

Live ____ Work____ Recreate _____

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6. **How do you feel Athens Borough rates on <u>each</u> of the following "quality of life" issues? (Check *Strength* or *Weakness* for each issue)**

Issue	Strength	Weakness
Visual/aesthetic quality of the area	_____	_____
Educational system (through High School)	_____	_____
Educational system (after High School)	_____	_____
Availability of shopping choices	_____	_____
Availability of social services	_____	_____
Housing/property conditions	_____	_____
Community leadership	_____	_____
Cost of living	_____	_____
Public safety	_____	_____
Safe drinking water	_____	_____
Employment opportunities	_____	_____
Housing opportunities	_____	_____
Recreational opportunities	_____	_____
Social/Cultural/Entertainment activities	_____	_____
Community pride	_____	_____
History and heritage	_____	_____
Civic Volunteer Organizations	_____	_____

7. Which <u>one</u> of the following best characterizes your view on growth and development?

__ I favor encouraging growth and development in and around areas that presently have adequate utilities and highway access.

__ I favor encouraging development in those areas where development has not yet occurred even if it requires constructing, improving or extending utilities and highways.

__ I feel the borough has adequate development, therefore, I do not favor encouraging any new growth or development.

__ Other (Please specify _____)

8. Which <u>one</u> of the following best characterizes your view on development regulations in your community?

__ I feel that the developmental regulations in my municipality are adequate to assure well-planned and orderly development and to avoid future problems and conflicts.

__ I feel that my municipality needs to enact additional requirements to assure well-planned and orderly development and to avoid future problems and conflicts, specifically _____

__ I believe that some *county or regional* developmental regulations are necessary to assure well-planned and orderly development across municipal boundaries and to avoid future problems and

__ conflicts.

I do not feel that any developmental regulations are necessary to guide future development, whether

__ they are at the *municipal, county or regional* level.

9. Which of the following would you like to see more of in the Borough? (Check your <u>top 5</u>)

_ Specialty retail stores	_ Tourism promotion	_ Well planned residential subdivisions
_ Affordable housing/rentals	_ High-end housing/rentals	_ Greater inter-municipal cooperation
_ Dining establishments	_ Community festivals/events	_ Transportation improvements
_ Fast food restaurants	_ Industrial development	_ Sewer/Water System Expansion
_ Community cleanup	_ Recreation opportunities	_ Natural resource protection
_ Well planned development	_ Hiking/biking trails	_ School district improvements
_ Vocational training	_ Telecommunications Upgrades	_ Incentives for Business Expansion

Other (Please Specify _____)

10. Please feel free to make any comments that you feel are relevant to the Plan

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