

Flintstone Meeting Results

Protection

Country life, rural character (maintain rural character of the watershed/solitude and the minimum of human intrusions/open space)=9

Natural beauty (endangered viewscapes/night sky/open space)=9

Intact forests (connected and large)=9

Water quality (supports a high diversity of aquatic species/some of the best fishing available)=7

Wildlife and important habitats (migratory habitat corridors/riparian zones/mountains as walls protecting the watershed)=4

Diverse landscapes (agriculture, forestry, public, and private)=4

“True” mountains (beauty and protection)=3

Tightly knit community (5th and 6th generation)=3

Excellent outdoor recreational opportunities (hunting and fishing)=3

History (one of the oldest terrestrial areas, migration route, fossils, reverted from logging)=2

No traffic=1

No crime, safe, only a few earthquakes=0

Want to keep it this way!!=0

Improvements

Work with politicians (to support ideas and visions of watershed residents, implement Allegany County’s comprehensive plan, more teeth to zoning laws [so they aren’t changed easily or on a whim], more local authority for zoning laws)=10

Easements (increase funding to establish easements (5)/protect easements as a conservation tool (3))=9

Illegal dumping (change ethics of people dumping by educating them about effects of illegal dumping on water quality and their quality of life)=8

Planning and development (discourage development in floodplains (2)/water quantity during droughts (2)/prior to development water availability should be considered (1)/

limit commercial zoning along major highway interchanges. Improve sewage treatment plant capacity (2))=7

More assistance for maintaining small-scale agriculture to be economically viable=6

Create non-polluting jobs to keep young adults in the region and improve economic viability=7

Future Vision

Protect land=11

Utilize local resources, by Board of Education in environmental education=6

Wise economic stability and growth (balance)=6

Skilled professionals to guide county planning (lack of director in Allegany County)=7

Economic stability relies on sustainable natural resources=4

Keep young adults/jobs–economic stability=6

Protect water resources=5

Interstate communication among public officials=3

Well-informed public=2

Link trails- midstate PA to Greenridge Trails=2

Grassroots organizations to work together (partnership/contact list of groups in the area)=2

Bethel Church Meeting Results

Protection

Rural lifestyle=9

Clean water=8

Hunting, fishing, hiking, and paddling=7

Natural beauty/natural resources/wildlife/quiet, peaceful=6

No crowds/freedom/not much traffic=6

Local history/heritage=5

Family/roots=4

Gardens=4

Stars/clear skies=3

Horseback riding=3

Neighbors/good people=2

Mountains=1

Mud=1

Improvements

More facilities for recreation: parks, etc.=10

More low-impact recreation for youth=10

Sustainable farming=8

More bulky waste days=6

People to take “ownership” of creeks and natural resources=4

More road maintenance=3

CAFO operations—less impacts to local family farms=2

Swimming programs=2

Dump sites=2

More programs/assistance for elderly and handicapped=2

Public transportation=1

Sustainable roads (less polluting)=1

Better communication technologies=1

Future Vision

Maintain rural character – new residents to adapt to rural lifestyle and not change it=17

Joint management/shared management of non-road issues in townships (11); more cooperation between townships (2)=13

Restrict large housing developments=9

Avoid urban sprawl=9

Lower pace of growth=5

More horses=4

Tax incentives for restoration of historic buildings=2

Chaneysville Meeting Results

Protection

Rivers and stable hydrology, including exceptional and high-quality streams=6

Nature=5

Opportunity to rethink development and planning and not make same mistakes=4

Residents recognize what they have and want to protect it=4

Forested land – both public and private=3

Bulky waste drop-off days=3

Clean air=2

Uninhabited=1

Friendly atmosphere/people=1

Public lands – state forest/game lands, hunting and fishing opportunities – non-hunting/fishing recreational opportunities=1

Can see stars=0

Improvements

Illegal dumping=6

Not enough enforcement of environmental protection laws/regulations=5

Inadequate zoning=4

Better appreciation of area's history (in schools and community) – sense of identity=4

Need for good science to tackle environmental issues, such as hunting-related issues and sewage sludge applications=3

Industrial animal operations=3

Not enough open-mindedness and discussion of issues among residents=1

Hunters trespassing on private property=1

Illiteracy=1

Future Visions

Development that considers hydrological limitations (and the fact that water is limited due to watershed location and geology)=6

Closer intrastate relationship between PA and MD=4

Calculate costs and benefits of proposed activities=3

More attention to issue of acid rain (impacts, remedies, education)=3

More attention to mercury impacts=2

Expand property owners association=2

Resource-oriented local and sustainable industries (that often can be generated and sold locally) – value-added=2

Keeping local schools (i.e. South Hampton)=1

Create employment registry=1

Cooperate with National Park Service=1

Utilization of controlled burning=1

Less government interference=0

Combine schools for economic reasons=0