

## THREATS

### 1. Please mark your top three choices

	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents
1. Crime	9.54%	54
2. The entire Board of Commissioners could be transitioned in the elections this year.	1.24%	7
3. Preserving the quality of life.	10.60%	60
4. The financial strength and balance of the Township government may not be sustainable due to new facilities and services required for a growing population and changes in State laws (e.g. possible annual charge of \$3 million for State police protection).	10.07%	57
5. Current form of providing police protection may not be sustainable.	9.19%	52
6. Aggressive developers and their attorneys will push development of all open space unless the Township tightens planning and development regulations.	16.43%	93
7. Fewer volunteers to handle public safety responsibilities.	1.24%	7
8. Need for a combination volunteer/paid fire protection service.	2.12%	12
9. Adversarial relationship with the Lehigh County Authority.	2.83%	16
10. Money spent at the Leister farm could be better spent on other parks, recreation, and open space needs.	3.89%	22
11. Rapid growth (e.g. Hills at Lock Ridge) will exacerbate need for new public facilities and services.	5.65%	32
12. Increasing pressures for more "box store" development along Hamilton Blvd.	1.94%	11
13. Pressures to rezone certain large "suburban" zoned tracts to "commercial" (e.g. southwest corner of Lower Macungie and Brookside Roads and Lower Macungie Road and Sauerkraut Lane).	8.13%	46
14. The Capital Improvements Program prepared for implementation of the Act 209 Traffic Impact fees is not sustainable.	0.53%	3
15. Long time neglect of park and recreation planning and development has created a current shortage of play field space.	1.94%	11
16. East Penn School District's management of growth in student population and attendant escalating costs of education could change a relatively low tax community into a high tax one.	14.66%	83

**Number of respondents 190**

**Number of respondents who skipped this question 80**

## 2. YOUR IDEA

1. The sense of personal responsibilities and values have/are deteriorating in the youth as the result of overindulgence of their parents. The word "No"'s missing from the adults vocabulary without first class preservation of the park and its facilities, the youth activities will never flourish. the key to youth activities is the appearance of the park.- how modern can you make the park look. the good thing about Macungie. is to be able to balance the modern from the traditional. you can still make lower Macungie contemporary in some aspects and modern in others. homes, all facilities, shops, roads, trees, land and parks should be most modern. i dont care what you do with the rest.
2. Property tax burdens are high for Senior Citizens. Private communities who provide some of their own services (snow plowing, grass cutting, maintenance of roads) should be given tax break.
3. No specific ideas  
Make the developers contribute more toward township growth because of their new housing. Contribute a percentage of their money toward library, police, community center, ambulance, new street lighting, street paving and traffic control. Do you see a neighborhood movie house or indoor gathering place for young children to get together other than the library and church? Why not have free fishing day at the near the fish hatchery for kids? What about more community picnics at other places than the park? Why can't neighborhood kids swim free for one hour per day in the pool? Have something for families in the Spring or summer just like the Winter Holiday.
4. Last thing I would like to add. If we ever have a Twp Tax, consideration be given to Sr Condo Ass'ns that do not require Twp services be given a discount. thank you.  
We need to be looking at and encouraging development of 55 & over communities that will not continue to add additional school-age children to LMT. We also need to look for and encourage commercial development to help hold down taxes for citizens. Properly done, commercial development will go a long way towards keeping taxes for individual citizens reasonable. The East Penn School District is one of the best in the area, but continually increasing the number of students will cause very large increases in our School Taxes, especially for Retirees and Senior Citizens.
5. Not enough public facilities such as parks, library, etc. Growth is making it difficult for all people to access and enjoy the township. DO NOT FORM A POLICE FORCE!  
Stop thinking every portion of recreation/open space has to be placed into active recreation (sports uses) - we need to maintain passive uses as well - East Penn School which serves more than Lower Macungie needs to use its own fields and not continually assume it can use public fields - keep some fields strictly for the general public - not all controlled by LMYA  
A planning board with a up to date zoning usage of available lands, new development, whether commercial or residential, rehab of existing tracts, needs to be adamant on how the land within our boundaries are put to use for the betterment of the community and the image they wish to provide to those seeking to make changes within.
6. We will likely determine that the money spent on the Act 209 Plan was wasted and that what will result is overdevelopment as the developers will have no incentive in working with the Township.
7. Next time you do a survey, you might consider a square to check if one doesn't know anything about that issue.  
The Water Authority needs competition--Their fees for fire hydrant maintenance, etc. is exorbitant. The Water Authority refuses to disclose their maintenance records. The School District's costs are out of control--too many layers of administration and middle management.
8. we have relatively low taxes? are you kidding?  
The biggest threat is growth and growth has to be contained. The bigger the population the more traffic, traffic accidents, crime and of course less and less open space. Growth also taxes our sewer system and water supply. Along with continued growth also obviously need for growth in property taxes. We need to stem the growth if we wish to preserve the quality of life.
9. All the East Penn School District wants to do is collect more taxes from senior citizens who do not have kids in school. Continuing rapid growth. Recent growth lowers existing property values, places pressure on services, increases traffic and, most importantly East Penn School taxes do not pay the incremental cost of new students. Suggestions: i) leave the police issue alone, PSP does a good job, ii) curtail growth in favor of open space and no school expansion, and iii) live within foreseeable means. Otherwise, LMT becomes a mini California.
10. School's growth can be directly affected by controlling the influx of "new" residents.  
Seniors who are living in 55+ communities should get a tax break because many of the services are paid by our communities. which are included in maintenance fees. Contractors should have to pay fees for road use, and other costs of wear and tear of town amenities.
11. don't understand why School taxes keep rising given the growth in population, i.e. tax, base  
The problems for the school district RESULT from the LMT's inability to plan and manage growth. Upper Mac, for example, has a much better balance of residential, commercial and industrial development. LMT has an outstanding (negative) reputation when it comes to cooperating and collaborating with our neighboring municipalities.
12. Get Lehigh County to take over the functions of LCA to put political control in an out of control organization. The \$26 million in unencumbered cash that LCA has would solve a lot of county and LMT problems.
13. This is a great community. One I'm proud to be a part of. But as it continues to grow so fast (and that's a good thing), we need to protect why exactly it is such a good community. Growth, particularly fast growth, is a double-edged sword. We need to continue to focus financially on the strengths township that have contributed to our success in the first

place, while also making improvements. We can't neglect one for the other.

- A company relocating headquarters to the township would help improve the tax base, create local jobs, while leveraging an educated citizen base. This would require sustaining a high quality school district at the best cost and businbess friendly government, Please don't single out particular developments in this survey...we pay taxes and can vote just like everyone else.
24. Actually think "light" commercial would be positive at these intersections. I'd love to walk to the grocery store or post office. What shape the commercial spaces take and who occupies them matters more then the zoning. Architectually attractive buildings (no box stores) might be great! A diversers intergenerational population that has different ideas of what consists of a good community. We must balance the need for limited tax growth with an equally imported demand for good schools and an educated population. Architectural planning matters too! Protect the open spaces, parks, but insist that buildings are attractive, flowers, plants, trees bushes planted. LOOK like a great communtity too!
25. Loss of the township's financial health due to the government change & new leadership
26. Sell the Leister farm now! It is a boondoggle. We don't need it. We don't want it! Improve traffic flow now by widening streets, installing dedicated turn lanes and traffic lights. We don't want higher taxes--we want less spending. What spending there is should be on infrastructure improvements: streets, water, sewer. After that, focus on public safety, i.e., police and fire.
27. Opportunities: Utilize positives of population growth to promote farming instead of big box development Utilize Camp Olympic as a town center for outdoor events like Macungie ustilizes it's Park-concerts,car shows,fairs, etc Encourage local volunteer involvement with CERT duties and watch groups(pubic safety)
28. Need to control crime and drug influence
29. The township governing body to decide public safety needs while vigorously challenging any state legislative efforts to force establishing a police service. The edition of a police agency should be decided based upon professional studies and community input not being coerced or threatened with of ludicrous state tax laws as has been suggested in legislation.
30. While parks, open space, etc are nice to have, we have many more pressing issues. Lower Macungie needs to address the need for a police force. We need to address the poor planning that has allowed developers to overtake the township with little regard to the roadways and public safety.
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***Number of Respondents 31***

***Number or respondents who skipped this question 239***