

## Appendix C – Community Attitude and Interest Survey

### National Benchmarking

*Since 1998, Leisure Vision (a division of ETC Institute) has conducted household surveys for needs assessments, feasibility studies, customer satisfaction, fees and charges comparisons, and other parks and recreation issues in more than 400 communities in over 40 states across the country.*

The results of these surveys has provided an unparalleled data base of information to compare responses from household residents in client communities to “National Averages” and therefore provide a unique tool to “assist organizations in better decision making.”

Communities within the data base include a full-range of municipal and county governments from 20,000 in population through over 1 million in population. They include communities in warm weather climates and cold weather climates, mature communities and some of the fastest growing cities and counties in the country.

Communities within the following states are included within the National Benchmarking data base.

- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wyoming

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*“National Averages” have been developed for numerous strategically important parks and recreation planning and management issues including: customer satisfaction and usage of parks and programs; methods for receiving marketing information; reasons that prevent members of households from using parks and recreation facilities more often; priority recreation programs, parks, facilities and trails to improve or develop; priority programming spaces to have in planned community centers and aquatic facilities; potential attendance for planned indoor community centers and outdoor aquatic centers; etc.*

*Results from household responses in Muhlenberg County were compared to National Benchmarks to gain further strategic information.* A summary of all tabular comparisons are shown on pages 3-9.

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<b>Parks and Recreation Benchmarking for Needs Assessment Surveys</b>			
		<b>National Average</b>	<b>Muhlenberg County</b>
<b>Have you or members of your household visited any City/County/ Park District <u>parks</u> over the past year?</b>			
	Yes	72%	76%
	No	28%	24%
<b>How would you rate the quality of all the <u>parks</u> you've visited?</b>			
	Excellent	31%	6%
	Good	54%	43%
	Fair	12%	45%
	Poor	2%	6%
	Don't know	1%	0%
<b>Have you or members of your household participated in City/County/Park District recreation <u>programs</u> during the past year?</b>			
	Yes	30%	37%
	No	70%	63%
<b>How would you rate the quality of all the recreation <u>programs</u> you've participated in?</b>			
	Excellent	34%	18%
	Good	54%	59%
	Fair	10%	21%
	Poor	2%	2%
	Don't Know	1%	0%

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		<b>National Average</b>	<b>Muhlenberg County</b>
<b>Ways respondents learn about recreation programs and activities</b>			
	Newspaper	40%	80%
	Word of mouth	42%	80%
	Fliers	19%	29%
	Radio	11%	28%
	School newsletter	17%	24%
	Cable television	9%	17%
	Website/social networking	15%	16%
	Youth sports organization	NA	15%
	Chamber of Commerce/Tourism	NA	14%
	City newsletters	14%	7%
	Visited or called a City office	NA	4%
	Muhlenberg County Government	NA	3%
<b>Organizations used for parks and recreation programs and facilities</b>			
	Churches	31%	60%
	City Owned Parks	NA	52%
	Muhlenberg County School facilities	28%	48%
	Neighboring/cities/counties/state parks	36%	37%
	AG Center	NA	27%
	Central City Wellness Center	NA	26%
	Public & private golf courses	NA	15%
	Private youth sports leagues	13%	12%
	Country Clubs	NA	9%
	College or university	16%	8%
	Homeowners/apartment complex	13%	7%
	Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	23%	6%
	Private schools	9%	1%

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<b>Reasons preventing the use of parks and recreation facilities and programs more often</b>			
	Facilities are not well maintained	6%	30%
	Too far from our residence	14%	26%
	I do not know what is being offered	22%	26%
	Fees are too high	12%	24%
	Program or facility not offered	13%	23%
	Lack of quality programs	7%	20%
	Security is insufficient	7%	15%
	Program times are not convenient	15%	13%
	Facilities don't have the right	7%	12%
	Safety concerns	NA	11%
	Personal disability	NA	10%
	I do not know location of facilities	13%	9%
	Facilities operating hours not convenient	6%	7%
	Use facilities in other park systems	9%	6%
	Availability of parking	5%	6%
	Class full	5%	5%
	Poor customer service by staff	3%	5%
	Use other agencies in Muhlenberg County	7%	2%
	Lack of transportation	3%	2%
	Registration for programs is difficult	3%	1%

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		<b>National Average</b>	<b>Muhlenberg County</b>
<b>Recreation <u>programs</u> that respondent households have a need for</b>			
	Adult fitness and wellness programs	48%	64%
	Teen programs	17%	40%
	Youth fitness and wellness programs	19%	39%
	Water fitness programs	29%	39%
	Nature programs	32%	36%
	Youth sports programs	27%	35%
	Special events	40%	33%
	Birthday parties	17%	31%
	Youth Learn to Swim programs	24%	31%
	Shooting skills	NA	28%
	Before and after school programs	15%	27%
	Youth summer camp programs	19%	26%
	Mature adults programs	23%	24%
	Pet Exercise / Dog Park	NA	23%
	Pre-School programs	15%	23%
	Adult sports programs	23%	22%
	Programs for mental/physically challenged	11%	21%
	Youth art, dance, performing arts	17%	20%
	Adult art, dance, performing arts	21%	20%
	Babysitting/ child care	NA	19%
	Archery	NA	18%
	Martial arts programs	15%	15%

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		<b>National Average</b>	<b>Muhlenberg County</b>
<b>Most important recreation <u>programs</u> (sum of top choices)</b>			
	Adult fitness and wellness programs	29%	34%
	Teen programs	8%	22%
	Youth sports programs	15%	18%
	Youth fitness and wellness programs	6%	17%
	Nature programs	14%	15%
	Before and after school programs	7%	13%
	Special events	20%	13%
	Shooting skills	NA	13%
	Youth Learn to Swim programs	13%	13%
	Mature adults programs	13%	12%
	Water fitness programs	12%	12%
	Pet Exercise / Dog Park	NA	11%
	Pre-School programs	7%	9%
	Youth summer camp programs	9%	9%
	Birthday parties	4%	9%
	Babysitting/ child care	NA	8%
	Programs for mental/physically challenged	4%	7%
	Adult art, dance, performing arts	9%	7%
	Adult sports programs	9%	7%
	Youth art, dance, performing arts	6%	7%
	Archery	NA	6%
	Martial arts programs	4%	3%

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		National Average	Muhlenberg County
<b>Parks and recreation <u>facilities</u> that respondent households have a need for</b>			
	Paved walking and biking trails	69%	66%
	Picnic shelters / picnic areas	53%	64%
	Small neighborhood parks	60%	57%
	Indoor fitness and exercise facilities	46%	57%
	Large community/County parks	55%	57%
	Playgrounds	43%	55%
	Natural areas/nature parks	50%	52%
	Indoor swimming pools/water parks	44%	51%
	Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	43%	48%
	Indoor multi-purpose community centers	43%	45%
	Non-paved walking and hiking trails	47%	41%
	Baseball and softball fields	21%	37%
	ATV trails	NA	36%
	Indoor basketball / game courts	26%	35%
	Banquet facility / Meeting space	22%	34%
	Outdoor basketball courts	25%	33%
	Shooting range	NA	31%
	Outdoor stage or amphitheater	35%	30%
	Boat launch ramps	28%	28%
	Tennis courts	26%	24%
	Soccer fields	22%	24%
	Off-leash dog parks	25%	17%
	Youth football fields	14%	17%
	Paintball / Laser Tag	NA	17%
	Skateboarding area	13%	15%
	Mountain bike trails or BMX track	22%	14%
	Equestrian center	12%	11%
	Remote control planes, cars, etc.	NA	11%



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	Small neighborhood parks	29%	27%
	Paved walking and biking trails	41%	24%
	Large community/County parks	19%	23%
	Playgrounds	21%	22%
	Indoor fitness and exercise facilities	19%	21%
	ATV trails	NA	18%
	Picnic shelters / picnic areas	17%	18%
	Indoor swimming pools/water parks	17%	15%
	Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	17%	14%
	Natural areas/nature parks	16%	13%
	Shooting range	NA	12%
	Baseball and softball fields	7%	11%
	Non-paved walking and hiking trails	19%	11%
	Banquet facility / Meeting space	6%	10%
	Boat launch ramps	8%	10%
	Indoor multi-purpose community centers	12%	9%
	Indoor basketball / game courts	7%	7%
	Soccer fields	8%	7%
	Off-leash dog parks	12%	7%
	Outdoor stage or amphitheater	9%	6%
	Equestrian center	3%	6%
	Paintball / Laser Tag	NA	6%
	Outdoor basketball courts	5%	5%
	Skateboarding area	3%	5%
	Tennis courts	7%	4%
	Mountain bike trails or BMX track	6%	3%
	Youth football fields	3%	1%
	Remote control planes, cars, etc.	NA	1%

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## Survey Instrument

The Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation Task Force would like your input to help determine parks and recreation priorities for Muhlenberg County. This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. We greatly appreciate your time.

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**1. Have you or any member of your household visited any of the parks and/or recreation facilities in Muhlenberg County during the past 12 months?**

- (1) Yes (please answer Questions 1a and 1b)  
 (2) No (please skip to Question 4)

**1a. Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit parks and/or recreation facilities in Muhlenberg County during the past year?**

- (1) 1 to 5 visits                       (3) 11-19 visits                       (5) Don't know  
 (2) 6 to 10 visits                       (4) 20 or more visits

**1b. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of ALL the parks and recreation facilities in Muhlenberg County you have visited?**

- (1) Excellent                               (3) Fair  
 (2) Good                                       (4) Poor

**2. From the following list, please check ALL of the parks and recreation facilities that you or members of your household have visited in the past 12 months.**

**City & County Parks**

- (01) Central City Park & Pool  
 (02) Gish Park (Central City)  
 (03) Pattontown Mini-Park (Central City)  
 (04) Central City Wellness Center  
 (05) Rail-Trail (Greenville to Central City)  
 (06) J. P. Morgan Memorial Park (Greenville)  
 (07) Ben Topmiller Park at Lake Luzerne  
 (08) Veterans Plaza (Greenville)  
 (09) Brizendine Nature Park (Greenville)  
 (10) South Carrollton Park  
 (11) Mose Rager Park (Drakesboro)  
 (12) Simmons Street Park (Drakesboro)  
 (13) Paradise Park (Powderly)  
 (14) Beechmont Community Park  
 (15) John T. Rice Park (Powderly)  
 (16) Bremen Park  
 (17) Dunmor Park

- (17) Muhlenberg County Senior Citizens Center  
 (18) Riverfront Park (Rochester)  
 (19) Weir Ballfield Park  
 (20) Church Facilities  
 (21) Private facilities

**Schools Facilities**

- (22) Bremen Elementary  
 (23) Greenville Elementary  
 (24) South Elementary  
 (25) Central City Elementary  
 (26) South Middle School  
 (27) North Middle/Longest Elem.  
 (28) MHS – East & West Campuses

**Other Parks & Facilities**

- (29) Lake Malone State Park  
 (30) Greenville Country Club  
 (31) Central City Country Club  
 (32) Dogwood Lake & Campground

**3. Which three of the facilities from the list in Question #2 did you visit the most in the last 12 months [Please write in the numbers below for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most visited facilities using the numbers in Question #2 above or circle NONE.]**

1st most visited: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_\_ NONE



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9. Please indicate if **you or any member of your household has a need** for each of the parks and recreational facilities listed below by circling the YES or NO next to the park/facility.

If YES, please rate ALL of the following Parks and Recreation facilities of this type in Muhlenberg County on a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means “100% Meets Needs” and 1 means “Does Not Meet Needs” of your household.

Type of Facility	Do You Have a Need for this Facility?		If YES You Have a Need, How Well Are Your Needs Being Met by Facilities?				
	Yes	No	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
A. Small neighborhood parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
B. Large community/County parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
C. Baseball and softball fields	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
D. Youth football fields	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
E. Soccer fields	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
F. Off-leash dog parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
G. Non-paved walking and hiking trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
H. Paved walking and biking trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
I. Mountain bike trails or BMX track	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
J. Natural areas/nature parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
K. Playgrounds	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
L. Picnic shelters / picnic areas	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
M. Skateboarding area	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
N. Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
O. Outdoor stage or amphitheater	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
P. Tennis courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
Q. Indoor multi-purpose community centers	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
R. Indoor basketball / game courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
S. Indoor swimming pools/water parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
T. Indoor fitness and exercise facilities	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
U. Remote control planes, cars, etc.	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
V. Shooting range	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
W. Outdoor basketball courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
X. Boat launch ramps	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
Y. Banquet facility / Meeting space	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
1. Equestrian center	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
2. Paintball / Laser Tag	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
3. ATV trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

10. Which **FOUR** of the facilities from the list in Question #9 are **most important** to your household? [Using the letters and numbers in the left hand column of Question #9 above, please write in the letters and numbers below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle 'NONE'.]

1st: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_\_ 4th: \_\_\_\_\_ NONE

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11. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the recreation programs listed below by circling the YES or NO next to the recreation program.

If YES, please rate the following recreation programs in Muhlenberg County on a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means "100% Meets Needs" and 1 means "Does Not Meet Needs" of your household.

Type of Program	Do You Have a Need for this Program?		If YES You Have a Need, How Well Are Your Needs Being Met by Programs in Muhlenberg County				
	Yes	No	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
A. Youth Learn to Swim programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
B. Pre-School programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
C. Babysitting/ child care	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
D. Before and after school programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
E. Youth summer camp programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
F. Youth sports programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
G. Youth fitness and wellness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
H. Martial arts programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
I. Adult fitness and wellness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
J. Water fitness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
K. Youth art, dance, performing arts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
L. Adult art, dance, performing arts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
M. Adult sports programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
N. Mature adults programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
O. Programs for mental/physically challenged	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
P. Birthday parties	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
Q. Pet Exercise / Dog Park	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
R. Teen programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
S. Special events	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
T. Nature programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
U. Archery	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
V. Shooting skills	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
W. Other: _____	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

12. Which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question #11 are *most important* to your household? [Using the letters in Question #11 above, please write in the letters below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle 'NONE'.]

1st: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_\_ 4th: \_\_\_\_\_ NONE

13. Which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question #11 do you currently participate in *MOST OFTEN*? [Using the letters in Question #11 above, please write in the letters below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle 'NONE'.]

1st: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_\_ 4th: \_\_\_\_\_ NONE

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**14. Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to the existing parks in the cities of Muhlenberg County. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to the existing parks in Muhlenberg County.**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Park entrance signs | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Playground equipment      | <input type="checkbox"/> (19) Sand volleyball courts   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Parking             | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Bike racks                | <input type="checkbox"/> (20) Park security lighting   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Sidewalks/trails    | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Picnic shelters           | <input type="checkbox"/> (21) Landscaping              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Drinking fountains  | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Picnic tables/benches     | <input type="checkbox"/> (22) Increased programs       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Restrooms           | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Outdoor basketball courts | <input type="checkbox"/> (23) More info & registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Trail lighting      | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Sports fields lighting    | <input type="checkbox"/> (24) Upgrade swimming pool    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Natural areas       | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Bike trails & bike lanes  | <input type="checkbox"/> (25) Wider roads              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Dog park            | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Handicap accessibility    | <input type="checkbox"/> (26) Expand Rail Trail        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Bury power lines    | <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Add urban green spaces    | <input type="checkbox"/> (27) Other: _____             |

**15. Please check ALL the ways you learn about recreation or activities.**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Newspaper                       | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Muhlenberg County Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Fliers                          | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) City newsletters             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Word of mouth                   | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Radio                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Website/social networking       | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Cable television             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Chamber of Commerce/Tourism     | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) School newsletter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Youth sports organization       | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Other: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Visited or called a City office |  |

**16. If you had \$100 in new funding, how would you allocate the \$100 among the following types of parks and recreation facilities in Muhlenberg County? [Please be sure your total adds up to \$100.]**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Acquisition of land for open space/green space / future park land
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Development of walking and biking trails
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Improvements/maintenance of existing parks, playgrounds, and picnic areas
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Improvements/construction of new game fields (i.e. softball, soccer, baseball, football, etc.)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Development of a new outdoor family aquatic center
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Development of new outdoor parks and recreation facilities (i.e. playgrounds, shelters, etc.)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Development of new indoor recreation facilities (i.e. gyms, exercise equipment, pools, etc.)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ 100 TOTAL**

**17. How strongly would you support a recreation tax to fund the development and operations of the types of parks, recreation, trails, programming and facilities and activities that are most important to you and members of your household?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Strongly support   | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Not Sure          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Moderately support | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Would not support |

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**18. Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS of Muhlenberg County and its cities more often.**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Facilities are not well maintained        | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Personal disability                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Program or facility not offered           | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Use facilities in other park systems      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Facilities don't have the right equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Poor customer service by staff            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Security is insufficient                  | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) I do not know location of facilities      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Lack of quality programs                  | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Use other agencies in Muhlenberg County   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Too far from our residence                | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) I do not know what is being offered       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Lack of transportation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Facilities operating hours not convenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Class full                                | <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Registration for programs is difficult    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Fees are too high                         | <input type="checkbox"/> (19) Availability of parking                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Program times are not convenient          | <input type="checkbox"/> (20) Safety concerns                           |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> (21) Other: _____                              |

### **Demographics**

**19. Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?** \_\_\_\_\_

**20. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are:**

Under 5 years _____	15 - 19 years _____	35 - 44 years _____	65+ years _____
5 - 9 years _____	20 - 24 years _____	45 - 54 years _____	
10 - 14 years _____	25 - 34 years _____	55 - 64 years _____	

**21. Your Gender:**  (1) Male  (2) Female

**22. What is your age?** \_\_\_\_\_

**23. Please indicate if you live within the city limits of one of the following communities. (Check one)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Bremen       | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Powderly                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Central City | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) South Carrollton                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Greenville   | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) None – we don't live within city limits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Drakesboro   |  |

**24. Are there any disabled persons living in your household?**

- (1) Yes  (2) No

**This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!**

Please Return Your Completed Survey in the Enclosed Postage Paid Envelope Addressed to:  
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ONLY be used to help identify areas with special interests.

Web/Handout Survey

**Muhlenberg County Parks and Recreation Survey**

**1. Muhlenberg County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey**

The Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation Task Force is in the process of developing a Master Plan to plan for the future of parks and recreation opportunities in Muhlenberg County. Your help is needed to determine the facilities, programs, services, events, and improvements that are needed. This survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete. We greatly appreciate your time.

**\* 1. Where do you live? This survey is for Muhlenberg County residents only. Please check one.**

Within the city limits of Central City, Greenville, or Powderly?

Elsewhere in the County?

**2. Have you or any member of your household visited a park in Muhlenberg County in the last 12 months?**

Yes  No

**3. If you answered "Yes" to Question 2 above, please indicate how often you or members of your household visited parks within the past year.**

1 to 5 visits  11 to 19 visits  Did not visit parks in the past 12 months

6 to 10 visits  20 or more visits

**4. How would you rate the physical condition of the parks and facilities?**

Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

**5. Have you or any member of your household participated in any recreation programs, concerts, events, festivals, parades, classes or leagues offered by Muhlenberg County, any of the cities within the County, or leagues over the past 12 months?**

Yes  No

**6. How would you rate the quality of the programs in which you or members of your household participated?**

Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor  Did not participate



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**7. Do you feel that there is a need for more parks and recreation facilities in Muhlenberg County?**

Yes

No

**8. For each of the following functions that could be performed by Muhlenberg County or the cities within the County, please indicate if you feel the function is very important, somewhat important, or not important.**

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Providing places for outdoor sports programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing places for indoor recreation and fitness activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing programs for residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Operating and maintaining parks and facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allocating park facilities equally to different parks of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing trails and linear parks (corridors like the Rail-Trail)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing places for cultural programs (i.e. theater, arts, dance)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing specific programs for senior citizens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing specific programs for teens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserving the environment and providing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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open space/green space

**9. Do you or members of your household have a need for Muhlenberg County or the cities within the County to develop the following facilities? Click on all of the facilities that correspond to the facilities you or members of your household would use if they were developed.**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small neighborhood parks                | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor stage or amphitheater              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large community or county parks         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball or softball fields             | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor multi-purpose community center      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth football fields                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor basketball courts                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor soccer fields                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor swimming pool or water park         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-leash dog parks                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor fitness and exercise facilities     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-paved walking and hiking trails     | <input type="checkbox"/> Area for remote control planes, cars, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paved walking and biking trails         | <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting range                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike trails or BMX track       | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor basketball courts                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural areas or nature parks           | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat launch ramps                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet facility/Meeting space             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelters and picnic areas        | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian center                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard parks                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Paintball/laser tag                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor swimming pool or aquatic center | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV trails                                 |

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**10. Please click on the programs that you or members of your household have a need to be offered in Muhlenberg County.**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Youth learn-to-swim programs      | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Adult art, dance, performing arts         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Pre-school programs               | <input type="checkbox"/> M. Adult sports                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Babysitting/child care            | <input type="checkbox"/> N. Senior programs                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Before and after-school programs  | <input type="checkbox"/> O. Programs for mental/physically challenged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Youth summer camp                 | <input type="checkbox"/> P. Birthday parties                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Youth Sports                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Q. Pet exercise/Dog park                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G. Youth fitness and wellness        | <input type="checkbox"/> R. Teen programs                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. Martial arts                      | <input type="checkbox"/> S. Special events                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I. Adult fitness and wellness        | <input type="checkbox"/> T. Nature programs                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J. Water fitness                     | <input type="checkbox"/> U. Archery                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K. Youth art, dance, performing arts | <input type="checkbox"/> V. Shooting skills                           |

Other (please specify)

**11. Please indicate the three (3) programs from the question above that are MOST IMPORTANT to your household. Choose three of the letters that precede the selections in Question #10.**

- A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  K  L  M  N  O  P  Q  R  S  T  U  V

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<b>12. Please indicate which of the following services are most needed in the community. Choose 1 through 6 to indicate your opinion of the severity of the need. If there is a need that you believe is completely met in the community, please choose X.</b>							
	1 = Very high unmet need	2 = High unmet need	3 = Medium unmet need	4 = Low unmet need	5 = Very low unmet need	6 = Do not know	X = Need is completely met
Youth employment counseling and training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parent training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth leadership programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation for the disabled	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retraining for displaced workers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable after-school child care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parent-child recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth fitness and health enhancement program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer day camps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen adventure programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tutoring program in partnership with School District	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable preschool child care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Literacy classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation for children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day care for adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation for young and middle-aged adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult fitness and health enhancement program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Teen sports programs

**13. Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to existing parks. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to parks in Muhlenberg County.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Park entrance signs	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike racks	<input type="checkbox"/> More info and registration
<input type="checkbox"/> Paved parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade swimming pool
<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables/benches	<input type="checkbox"/> Wider roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/> Expand the Rail-Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountains	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Add urban green spaces
<input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports field lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Bury power lines
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog park
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Park security lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Expand the Rail Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike trails and lanes
<input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased programs	

Other (please specify)

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**14. If you had \$100 in new funding, how would you allocate the \$100 among the following types of parks and recreation facilities in Muhlenberg County? Choose from the pull-down menus in each box. (Please be sure your total adds up to \$100)**

Dollars

Acquisition of land for open space/green space / future park land

Development of walking and biking trails

Improvements/maintenance of existing parks, playgrounds, and picnic areas

Improvements/construction of new game fields (i.e. softball, soccer, baseball, football, etc.)

Development of new outdoor family aquatic center

Development of new outdoor parks and recreation facilities (i.e. playgrounds, shelters, etc.)

Development of new indoor recreation facilities (i.e. gyms, exercise equipment, activity rooms, etc.)

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