



Community Questionnaire

O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel Borough

We are asking you to complete a 15-minute survey that will have a big, positive and concrete impact on you and your community. O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel Borough are kicking off the exciting process of creating a joint long-range Comprehensive Plan for the future. The plan will spell out local visions, goals and practical steps to bring them to life. It will help local leaders make decisions about land use and development, budgeting and capital improvements priorities for years to come.

We need your input to create a plan that reflects what's most important to those who live and work here. We look forward to hearing from residents, business owners and other stakeholders. Your responses will remain anonymous.

Please note:

- The survey can be completed online at www.planforourfuture.com.
- Survey results will be posted on the plan website. (Your name and email, if you choose to provide them, will NOT be posted or published in any manner.)
- Your completed survey may be dropped in the marked drop box at the municipal building or other locations around the community. Direct any questions to plan consultant Jenni Easton at jeaston@pashektr.com or 412-321-6362 x107.

1. How important are each of these aspects of our community to you today? (Please rate the importance of each, with 1 being not important and 5 being very important.)

	1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)
Access/proximity to the river	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Availability of quality medical facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Availability of restaurants/bars/coffee shops	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Convenience of location/proximity to do to downtown	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cooper-Siegel Library	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cost of housing/rent	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Family, friends are here	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Job or work opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lauri Ann West Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Living in/near wooded areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				

	1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)
Parks, recreation, sports, things to do	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Place of worship	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Public transportation options	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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Safety, healthy community to live in	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Schools/higher education	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Shopping/services I need are local/convenient	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Well-run local government	<input type="checkbox"/>				

2. Think about what you like most about where you live. If you were explaining to a friend why they should move to your neighborhood, what would you tell them?

3. How important to you are the following issues in the communities as we move forward? (Please rate the importance of each, with 1 being not being not important and 5 being very important.)

	1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)
Attracting businesses in O'Hara Township	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Collaboration between the two communities to reach common goals	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Collaboration with the school district	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Community safety	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Develop a regional park system	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Development and redevelopment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>				

	1 (Not important)	2	3	4	5 (Very important)
Establishing walkable and bikeable communities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Evaluation of infrastructure needs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Evaluation of public transportation needs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Improvement in regional planning and implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Preservation of historical assets	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Stormwater management/flooding prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Traffic congestion and calming	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Working toward the use of zero-carbon energy sources	<input type="checkbox"/>				

4. What three things would you like to see change in our community?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. What three things does our community do best?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

6. How often do you, including family members, visit the following parks?

	Do not	1 - 5 times/year	6 -10 times/year	1-20 times/year	Frequently
Beulah Frey Park (adjacent to Community Center)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
George J. Sacco Park (Parkview area)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hardie Valley Park (Old Mill Road)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
McCahill Park (Hemlock Hollow Road)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Meadow Park (off Harding Road)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
O'Hara Township Community Park (near Municipal Building)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Raymond A. Schafer Jr. Memorial Park (Montrose Hill)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Riding Meadow Park (Riding Meadow Road)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Salamander Park (Fox Chapel Road)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Scott Park (Hemlock Hollow Road)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Woodland Park (off Dorseyville Road)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

7. Where do you think O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel Borough should focus their parks and recreation efforts in the future?

	High Priority	Priority	Low Priority	Not Necessary
Protect open space and natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop walking and biking trails that connect parks, neighborhoods, schools and businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve amenities in existing parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand recreation programs and activities at the community center, library, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.

Visitors to parks and trails in the two communities can bring dogs to certain facilities. Providing dog-friendly public recreation space serves the needs of dog owners, though other park and trail users may prefer space where dogs are well controlled or prohibited. Should the communities consider expanding, maintaining, or reducing the facilities available to dogs?

	Expand	Maintain	Reduce
Off-leash dog play areas and trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park areas where on-leash dogs are permitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails where on-leash dogs are permitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park areas where no dogs are permitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails where no dogs are permitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any specific suggestions for dog use of local parks and trails?

9.

If you could have a meeting with your Council member, what would you ask them to do for our community?

10.

Tell us something you've noticed in another community that you think our community should try.

11. Which best describes you?

- I live in O'Hara Township.
- I live in Fox Chapel Borough.
- I live and own a business in O'Hara Township or Fox Chapel Borough.
- I own a business in O'Hara Township or Fox Chapel Borough but I do not live in the township or the borough.
- I live in a neighboring community and am interested in planning for the two communities.

12. In which age range do you fall?

- Younger than 18
- 18 to 25
- 26 to 34
- 35 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 or older
- Prefer not to answer

13. How long have you lived in, worked in or had a business in your community?

	Less than 5 years	6-15 years	More than 15 years	Not applicable
Lived here	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worked here	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owned a business here	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. What is one thing you would be willing to do to improve our community?

- Attend council or commission meetings
- Help to promote our community
- Help to implement some specific elements of the comprehensive plan, once it is completed
- Improve the appearance of my property
- Maintain a flower garden in a public space
- Plant a tree
- Run for elected office
- Serve on a committee or board
- Volunteer with the schools or a non-profit organization
- Work at a clean-up day
- Pay slightly increased taxes to fund new initiatives coming from the Comprehensive Plan
- Donate for specific initiatives

15.

If you would like to add comments that would help us better understand successes, issues or ways to better our community, please add them below.

16.

If you would like to receive updates about this plan as it develops, please provide an email address. This is optional.

Email Address:

Thank you for your thoughts as we work toward improving our communities!