B. ONLINE PUBLIC SURVEY: QUESTIONS AND SUMMARY RESPONSES

Question #1: Please select your county:

Question #3:
What type of community do you live in? Please select 1.
**Question #4:** Which of the following places best reflect what you value about your community? Please select all that apply.

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<td>Local parks and public spaces</td>
<td>75.0%</td>
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<td>Trails, waterways, and natural areas</td>
<td>62.7%</td>
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<td>Surrounding countryside, such as farmland or forests</td>
<td>58.3%</td>
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<td>Residential neighborhoods</td>
<td>54.5%</td>
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<td>Downtown commercial district</td>
<td>48.9%</td>
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<td>Public and institutional buildings</td>
<td>38.9%</td>
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<td>Religious properties</td>
<td>27.2%</td>
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<td>Industrial areas</td>
<td>13.8%</td>
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<td>Highway commercial corridor</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
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**Question #5:** Which resources most enhance your community? Please select 3.

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<td>Older and historic places</td>
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<td>Beauty, views, etc</td>
<td>52.8%</td>
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<td>Parks and open spaces</td>
<td>48.0%</td>
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<td>Ped friendly/walkability</td>
<td>44.3%</td>
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<td>Arts and cultural</td>
<td>40.3%</td>
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<td>Quality of public ed</td>
<td>38.3%</td>
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<td>Variety of rec activities</td>
<td>34.8%</td>
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<td>Proximity to services</td>
<td>32.4%</td>
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<td>Size of community</td>
<td>30.0%</td>
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<td>Quality local govern</td>
<td>25.7%</td>
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<td>Quality of public transp.</td>
<td>24.0%</td>
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Series 1: 98% 9.9% 23.9% 33.5% 51.8% 60.9% 61.7% 68.6% 70.6%
Question #6: What contributions do you think older and historic places make to your community or region? Please choose no more than 2.

- They protect Pennsylvania's unique stories and heritage for future generations: 1707 (61.1%)
- They are a big part of our community/regional identity: 1287 (43.7%)
- They improve the beauty and quality of life of my community: 1131 (38.4%)
- They help teach and remind us about the past: 1105 (37.0%)
- They provide unique economic development opportunities: 546 (17.2%)
- They help sustain my community through Heritage Tourism: 505 (15.5%)
- They encourage sustainable, walkable, ‘green’ communities: 455 (15.1%)
- I don’t think they make valuable contributions: 46 (1.4%)
- I haven’t really thought about it before: 39 (1.2%)

Question #7: Overall, what do you notice about the condition of older and historic properties in your community? Please select one.

- Many are generally well maintained: 1028 (34.6%)
- Many are generally not well maintained: 583 (19.5%)
- Key places have been adapted for other uses and retain their character: 443 (14.9%)
- Other (please specify): 336 (11.2%)
- Buildings are being demolished and the land left vacant: 295 (9.9%)
- Key places have been adapted for other uses but they lost their character: 225 (7.7%)
- Vacant properties have been rehabilitated nicely: 49 (1.7%)

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Vacant properties have been rehabilitated nicely: 1.7%
Key places have been adapted for other uses but they lost their character: 7.7%
Buildings are being demolished and the land left vacant: 9.0%
Other (please specify): 11.5%
Key places have been adapted for other uses and retain their character: 15.1%
Many are generally not well maintained: 19.9%
Many are generally well maintained: 35.1%
Question #8: Are you worried that any of the following older and historic places in your community are in danger of being negatively changed or lost?

- Older residential neighborhoods: 45.1%
- Surrounding countryside: 42.4%
- Downtown commercial district: 40.3%
- Religious properties: 25.0%
- Public and institutional buildings: 24.1%
- Roads, bridges, railroads and highways, etc.: 23.4%
- Local parks and public spaces: 21.8%
- Archaeological sites: 19.4%
- Mid-20th century residential developments: 13.2%
- Industrial areas: 13.2%
- Other: 10.3%

Question #9: What challenges are there in your community to protecting older and historic places in your community? Please choose no more than 3.

- Little or no funding: 50.4%
- Neglect/abandonment: 37.1%
- Demolition/construction: 27.2%
- Little/no protection: 20.4%
- Neglect of public and governmental policies/practice: 10.7%
- Little/no advocacy at local/regional level: 19.1%
- Few/unknown contractors: 18.6%
- Little/no interest in local heritage: 18.1%
- Little/no enforcement of existing regulations: 16.0%
- Loss of population: 14.2%
- Little/no community pride: 13.4%
- Other: 9.9%
- I don't know: 9.4%
- I don't think there are challenges: 6.8%
- 3.3%
Question #10: Do you think your community could or does benefit from local historic preservation protections, such as a local historic district or a zoning ordinance? Please select 1.

- Yes, we have some protections in place: 26.8%
- Yes, we have limited protections but need more: 21.6%
- I don’t know if my community has any protections for historic places: 21.6%
- Yes, we need some protections: 16.7%
- Maybe, as long as they are not too restrictive: 10.0%
- No, I don’t think we need any regulation of property rights: 3.2%

Question #11: Do you have a positive or negative view of historic preservation?

- Positive: 2268, 78.1%
- Somewhat positive: 492, 16.9%
- Neutral: 96, 3.3%
- Somewhat negative: 40, 1.4%
- Negative: 8, 0.3%
Question #12:
What do you think when you see or hear the words "historic preservation"? Please select 1.

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<td>It's a part of community planning.</td>
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<td>It's making sure old buildings and neighborhoods look nice.</td>
<td>26.0%</td>
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<td>It's part of creating sustainable and 'green' communities.</td>
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<td>It means someone wants to say what I can do to my property.</td>
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<td>It's for history museums.</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Haven't ever really thought about it.</td>
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<td>It's a hobby for senior citizens.</td>
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<td>I don't know what historic preservation is.</td>
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Question #13:
Do you believe that public funds should be used to support historic preservation?

- Yes, from any source: 2221, 77%
- Yes, but not from taxes: 591, 20%
- No: 86, 3%
Question #14:
Do you think communities should plan for ways to protect older and historic places from damage or loss from natural disasters and ensure their future preservation?

- Yes: 2547, 88%
- No: 70, 2%
- I'm not sure: 286, 10%

Question #15:
Did you know that Pennsylvania has a state preservation agency, the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office?

- Yes: 2092, 72%
- No: 363, 13%
- I thought so, but wasn't sure: 452, 15%
Question #16:
Which of the following categories best describes you? Please choose no more than 2.

- Local, state, or federal employee: 683
- Owner of an old or historic property: 526
- Work for/volunteer with historical society or preservation group: 487
- Environmentalist/Conservationist: 471
- Educator/teacher: 264
- Historian: 256
- Other: 249
- Urban or Regional Planner: 243
- Work for/volunteer with a community revitalization program: 236
- None of these apply to me: 197
- Business Owner: 199
- Seasoned preservationist: 194
- Preservation 'newbie': 168
- None of these apply to me: 141
- Student: 122
- Elected official: 123
- Architect: 105
- Preservation Consultant: 91
- HARB or Historical Commission member: 78
- Archaeologist: 79
- Tradesman/Craftsmen: 67
- Real Estate professional: 65
- Answered question: 51

Question #17:
Is there anything else you'd like us to know?