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Public Survey Purpose:

This survey will help inform the development of the Pen Argyl Revitalization Plan under the Slate Belt Rising initiative. The goals of this planning study are to foster sustainable economic development; maintain community character; market cultural heritage; improve infrastructure; and protect environmental resources.

The Revitalization Plan is a tool to inform and guide policy decisions consistent with community-wide values and goals. Obtaining feedback from the community is vital to the planning process.

We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the following survey. It should take about 10 minutes.

Your responses are voluntary and will be confidential. Responses will not be identified by individual. All responses will be compiled and analyzed as a group. Please complete one survey per person.

The survey is being conducted by the Borough of Pen Argyl with assistance from its planning consultants: Simone Collins Landscape Architecture and Urban Partners

For more information, please contact Robin Zmoda, Borough Manager at manager@penargylborough.com.

This survey will be available for public responses until March 2, 2020 and monitored regularly.

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General Demographics

1. What is your age?

- Under 18 years old
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+ years old

2. In what area do you live?

- Pen Argyl Borough
- Plainfield Township
- Wind Gap Borough
- Washington Township
- Roseto Borough
- Bangor Borough
- Hamilton Township
- Stroud Township
- Stroudsburg Borough
- Other (please specify)

3. How many years have you lived at your current address?

- 0 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 or more years

4. How many people currently live in your household?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

5. If you are not a resident of Pen Argyl Borough, what are the primary reasons you visit the Borough? Check all that apply.

- Employment, shopping, dining, and/or retail services
- Business Community services (library, etc.)
- Recreation, Parks, and Open Space
- Festivals / Events
- Visit friends or family
- Travel through
- I do not visit Pen Argyl
- Other (please specify)

6. Please indicate how many people of each age group currently live in your household.

- Children under the age of 5 years
- Children ages 6-12 years
- Children ages 13-18 years
- Adults ages 19-64 years
- Adults 65+ years
- N/A

7. Do you work in Pen Argyl?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to question 7, how long have you worked in Pen Argyl?

- 1-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10-14 years
- 15+ years

9. Do you own a business in Pen Argyl?

- Yes
- No

10. If you answered yes to question 9, how long have you owned your business in Pen Argyl?

- 1-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10-14 years
- 15+ years

11. If you answered yes to question 10, do you own your own building?

- Yes
- No



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Transportation Usage

12. What is your main form of transportation?

- Auto-drive alone
- Auto-drive with others
- Walk
- Bike
- Bus
- Other (please specify)

13. If you have school-age children, what modes of transportation do they use to/from school?
(please check all that apply)

- Walk
- Bike
- Auto - drive alone
- Auto - drive with others
- School bus
- LANTA Bus
- Don't have school-age children
- Other (please specify)

14. How often do you utilize the LANTA public bus system in Lehigh and Northampton Counties?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Several times per year
- Never

15. How often do you bike or walk to work/school or to run errands, or for recreation?

	Bike	Walk
Daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Where do you go when you bike or walk?

	Bike	Walk
Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Errands / Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community facilities (ex: library)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
See Family / friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks / Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Streets / Sidewalks around my residence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

17. To what types of areas would you like improved pedestrian access? (Please check all that apply)

- Naturalized areas / Open Spaces
- Municipal / County Parks
- Regional Trails
- The surrounding countryside (non-urban areas)
- Area businesses
- Public Institutions
- Water Access areas
- Work Places
- Residential Neighborhoods
- I do not need additional pedestrian access
- Other (please specify)

18. Which trails, parks, recreation areas, natural areas, or open spaces areas do you visit?
 (Please check all that apply)

- Weona Park
- Green and White Youth Association sports fields
- Pen Argyl Area High School sports fields
- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
- Appalachian Trail
- Northern Tier Trail
- Plainfield Township Trail
- Washington Trail
- Other (please specify)

19. Are there destinations in or near Pen Argyl that you would like to walk or bike to but feel you cannot safely do so because of:

	Yes	No
Lack of pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks, trail, crosswalks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of bicycle facilities (e.g. trails, bike lanes, bike parking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Too much traffic and I don't feel safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. How would you rate the pedestrian and bicycle connectivity from your home, business, or other point of origin to where you want to go?

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. What would encourage you to walk more? (check all that apply)

- Less traffic
- Off-road trails
- Additional sidewalks
- Wider sidewalks
- Better connectivity to sidewalks
- Safer crossings
- Better street lighting
- Other (please specify)

22. What would encourage you to bike more? (check all that apply)

- Bike lanes
- Off-road trails
- Paved shoulders
- Markings or signage on roads
- Better connectivity to bike facilities
- Better traffic enforcement
- Better street lighting
- A bike share or rental program
- Better/more secure bike parking
- Other (please specify)

23. In general, how important do you feel public trails are to the well-being of the community and quality of life in your area?

- Very Important
- Important
- Somewhat Important/Unimportant
- Unimportant
- Very Unimportant



Borough Characteristics

24. In general, how would you rate the outdoor appearance of Pen Argyl Borough?

- Very unattractive
- Unattractive
- Neither attractive nor unattractive
- Attractive
- Very attractive
- Other (please specify)

25. What are the three (3) most important elements to make Pen Argyl more attractive?

- Plant more trees
- Building facade improvements
- Flower beds and planters
- Add flags and banners
- Repair existing sidewalks
- Repave or repair existing roads
- Pedestrian scaled lighting
- Better signage
- Other (please specify)

26. How would you rate your neighborhood in the following categories? (Please check one box in each row)

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Not Good	Bad
Range of housing types and sizes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of shopping centers (in the subarea)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adequate shopping (nearby)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work opportunity (nearby)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business opportunity (nearby)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Level of traffic congestion or just traffic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Number of parks and areas for play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Places to walk, ride bikes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintenance of homes and yards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friendliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. What are the most prominent features or characteristics of Pen Argyl that make it different and / or more attractive from the rest of the surrounding area? (check all that apply)

- Small town community feel
- the Weona Park Carousel
- Views of the mountains
- Views of the valley
- Slate Belt history
- Proximity to regional trails
- Proximity to Delaware Water Gap
- Proximity to adjacent municipalities
- It has safe neighborhoods
- It has great businesses
- Hilly terrain
- Residential architecture



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Issues and Concerns

28. Rank the five (5) most important issues that could create better connectivity in Pen Argyl (1 = High Priority, 5 = Low Priority)

	Rank
Access to public transportation	<input type="text"/>
Maintaining existing infrastructure (sidewalks, roadways, etc.)	<input type="text"/>
Improving safety	<input type="text"/>
Improving/expanding bike paths and routes	<input type="text"/>
Improving/increasing sidewalks and pedestrian paths	<input type="text"/>
Streetscape/landscape projects to improve corridor aesthetics	<input type="text"/>
More/better bus services and routes	<input type="text"/>
Pedestrian and biking improvements in commercial corridors	<input type="text"/>
Adding handicapped ramps/accessibility	<input type="text"/>

29. Rank the top five (5) concerns you have about walkability in Pen Argyl (1 = High Priority, 5 = Low Priority)

	Rank
Lack of sidewalk connections	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Safety (crime)	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Not enough crosswalks	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Not enough pedestrian signage/signals	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Too much traffic on local roads	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Inadequate handicapped accessibility	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Poor conditions of sidewalks and pedestrian facilities	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Inadequate access to parking	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text" value="4"/>

30. Rank the top five (5) concerns you have about bikeability in Pen Argyl (1 = High Priority, 5 = Low Priority)

	Rank
Lack of bike lanes or paths	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Not enough bike parking	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Not enough bike signage/signals	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Too much traffic on local roads	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Conditions of local roads	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Conditions of major roads	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Availability of bikes	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text" value="3"/>

31. Rank the following intersections which have the greatest safety concerns (1 = Greatest Concern, 5 = Least Concern)

	Rank
PA 512 (Blue Valley Drive) and Flory Street	<input type="text" value=""/>
South Main Street and Flory Street	<input type="text" value=""/>
PA 512 (East Main Street) and South Main Street (at Weona Park) and Blue Valley Drive	<input type="text" value=""/>
PA 512 (East Pennsylvania Avenue) and East Main Street	<input type="text" value=""/>
PA 512 (East Pennsylvania Avenue) and N Robinson Avenue	<input type="text" value=""/>
PA 512 (East Pennsylvania Avenue) and Harding Avenue	<input type="text" value=""/>
PA 512 (East Pennsylvania Avenue) and Schanck Avenue	<input type="text" value=""/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text" value=""/>



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Housing

32. How important is it that the following types of housing are available in Pen Argyl? Please indicate if it's very important, important, if you are neutral or not important.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not Important
Housing that is affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Owner-occupied housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. Do you spend more than 30% of your income on housing costs? (ex. principal or interest on mortgage, insurance, taxes; rent and utilities for renters, etc.)

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

34. Do you feel that there is enough rental housing in your price range in Pen Argyl?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

35. Do you feel that there are enough homes for sale in your price range in Pen Argyl?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know



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Quality of Life

36. In general, what do you think are the most important issues facing the Borough today? (please select very important, somewhat important, slightly important, not important, or no opinion)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Redevelopment, infill development, and zoning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing improvement programs and loan programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New housing types	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic and traffic congestion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roads and sidewalk conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green spaces / parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. Thinking about land use planning for the future, what qualities of the Borough do you think are most important to be preserved? (please select very important, somewhat important, slightly important, not important, or no opinion)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Green space / Trees / Woods / Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and Recreational Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School and Civic Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community / Neighborhood / Small Town Feel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roads and Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic Homes / Historic Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalks / Bikeways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. Thinking about land use planning for the future, what aspects of the Borough should be changed? (please select very important, somewhat important, slightly important, not important, or no opinion)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Expand development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better roads / sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keep / Expand open spaces and parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More housing opportunities and types	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better Borough services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Involve the public / listen to citizens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better zoning / land use incentives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39. Now, thinking about land use planning in Pen Argyl, how important to you is each of the following issues? (please select very important, somewhat important, slightly important, not important, or no opinion)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Private property rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing or renovating parks and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserving historic places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhancing neighborhood schools / education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhancing Borough businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety and crime prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing opportunities for seniors and young families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alternative transportation options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walkable community / sidewalks and bikeways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and cultural events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Development Opportunities

40. Are you in favor of Pen Argyl trying to encourage commercial / industrial uses (non-residential growth) to broaden its tax base?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

41. If your response was “yes” to question 41, which of the following commercial enterprises would you like to see more of in Pen Argyl? (please select like, dislike, or no opinion)

	Like	Dislike	No Opinion
Professional offices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Light industrial uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business franchises (e.g. pharmacy, small grocery store, sporting goods store, auto parts store, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restaurants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor retailers / recreational rental firms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retail businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A major grocery store	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Service businesses (e.g. electrical, plumbing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism-related businesses (e.g. hotel/motel, bed & breakfast, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

42. Are you in favor of Pen Argyl trying to encourage diversification of available housing (other than single family homes) to broaden its tax base?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

43. If your response was “yes” to question 43, which of the following types of housing would you like to see in Pen Argyl? (please select Like, Dislike, or No Opinion)

	Like	Dislike	No Opinion
Manufactured homes on individual lots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two-family duplexes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing for persons over 55 years of age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condominiums	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New apartment buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cluster developments (single family homes on smaller lots with remaining area as open space)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessory dwelling units / in-law apartments (i.e. a separate apartment that is a part of a property with an existing single-family home)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conversion of large homes into apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Additional Information

44. Please share any additional thoughts, comments, or ideas you have for the Pen Argyl Revitalization Plan.