

Chosen Survey (White)

Written Responses from the Alsace, Oley, Ruscombmanor Municipal Survey

16. Would you be in favor of additional traffic lights through the region?

- Route 12 @ Sunoco & strip mall (Chatty's)
- 72 & Friedensburg Rd. – turn signals/also @ 662 & 73
- Pricetown Rd. & Oley Rd.
- Route 12 & Skyline Road
- Route 12 at intersection south of Route 73
- Route 12 and Mt. Laurel Rd.
- 662 & Oley Turnpike Roads
- As Needed
- Pricetown Rd. & Oley Furnace Road
- Pricetown Rd. near Sunoco & strip mall with Chatty's, Max Creamary Dance Dynamics – dangerous
- Near strip mall on Route 12 (Giannotti's Restaurant)
- Bertolet Mill & Hoch Rd. – also Covered Bridge & 662
- Pricetown Rd.
- Pricetown/Antietam Rd.
- Antietam/Pricetown Rd.
- 662/72 Intersection in Oley
- Route 73 & 662
- Pricetown Rd. (Route 12) (Modify) also Route 73 & Friedensburg put arrows in
- I would like to see a center turning lane on Route 12 from the 4-lane highway to Mt. Laurel Rd., especially at Route 12 and Elizabeth Ave.
- Route 12 in Alsace Twp.
- Route 12 & Mt. Laurel Rd.
- Route 12 – Elizabeth Ave.
- Route 12 – Antietam Rd.

17. Every area has its “treasures” – places that are unique because of their beauty, appeal, historic character, or because of what they offer the citizens of the area. Citizens often want to preserve these special spaces for future generations. In the space provided below, please identify places in the Oley/Alsace, Ruscombmanor area – including neighborhoods, historic buildings, public buildings, businesses, and scenic spots or any other location – that you consider a “treasure.”

- The Village of Oley
- The hillside along Route 73 (formerly owned by Shirley DeTurk) just west of the Weis Market Shopping Center should remain open space. It

consists of approximately 50 acres. If this ground is developed it will spoil the beautiful Oley Valley!! The “Moxon” Land should not be developed! It should remain open space and be used for community park!

- Main St. Oley
- The entire Oley Township is on historical registry – how can development happen with this designation?
- Main St. Oley.
- “Golden Oaks Golf Club” – offers sport attraction while maintaining open space and a restaurant for dining.
- We have a generous mix of woodland and farmland. Maintaining our “Green Jewel” is most important to us. Conservation Zoning and codes requiring architecture appropriate to our neighborhoods should be considered.
- The historic buildings and farmlands of all three townships should be preserved for future generation.
- Oley Main Street
- Main St. Oley & intersection of Main & Friedensburg Rd.
- All of Oley Township is unique in scenic beauty & historic character, and agricultural productivity – Alsace and Ruscombmanor also have many special features.
- Private open space will be the best treasure to leave future generations. Farms & woodland make for a more appealing vista than the roof tops of housing developments or industrial size schools and parking lots. Preserve our private open land.
- Covered bridges – Oley
- All of our historic farmsteads
- Oley farmlands – not to over develop our existing areas – open spaces.
- Main St., Oley; Spangsville; 2 covered bridges.
- Oley Furnace
- Main St. of Oley
- Simply put, STOP destroying quiet/good farm/wooded areas with ridiculous development (homes). People are moving here from out of County. Preserve all good areas that God has given us to enjoy. Thank You.
- Ag. Land – no buildings
- Each person’s property is their treasure. Infringing regulations could be a hindrance to home and landowners.
- Let the townships alone – they are “treasures” as they exist – that’s why we are here!
- I believe that preservation of local “treasures” should be privately funded, not with tax dollars.
- The family owned farms & open space that remains but is being developed because elected officials do stand behind the taxpayers wishes.
- Stop destroying old buildings - fix them up

18. Any other comments or issues that you would like to see addressed?

- Additional beautification of “Main Street” Oley. The Main Street Oley needs to be repaired/resurfaced. The result of the many municipal sewage repairs that have been made.
- Please do something about motorcycles & RMC – they bring noise and lots of unwanted people to Oley. A noise ordinance would be great or actually fine people with illegal pipes.
- Also events @ Fairgrounds in Oley like April Motorcycle Meet are dangerous and too large for our community. STOP THEM before someone gets hurt.
- Too much traffic and residential development in Oley.
- Can’t understand why these communities have not worked more closely together in the past. We share a school district and could do more together to address issues associated with growth, water and sewer, public safety.
- Permits and approvals should be required for any cutting on wood plots. Should be overseen by a department knowledgeable in forestry and erosion. Clear cutting should be banned.
- If the townships decide to work jointly – please focus on developing a future plan that includes businesses and budgeting! Please explore outside sources of funding and grants! Focus on senior developments that won’t tax our school system and increase our taxes! We’re paying a lot of taxes and are not getting much in return!!
- Smart Growth (density) requiring more open space area in new developments.
- As the three townships grow, the following should be looked into: regionalizing police, fire and emergency medical services as well as trash collection and recycling. Also some properties in the townships need to be cleaned up, too much trash lying around makes everyone’s property value’s lower.
- Consolidation of the 3 townships into one. Centralized business development area. Berks County can no longer afford all of the current townships.
- A community swimming pool would give focus to our area – not owned by a municipality, but private. Healthful, safe, financially independent – cultivate a sense of belonging that doesn’t center around the schools – which is all there is now.
- Protect water resources to fullest extent.
- Eliminate property taxes. Regionalization destroys community heritage. Don’t regionalize!
- Better traffic/speed enforcement.
- Safe right-of-ways for horseback riding

- The more townships stick their noses in other townships business the less control the poor tax payer has over anything. P.S. nothing you talked about can lower taxes – only raise them higher.
- Schools should have to stop spending like we do – No more taxes.
- Adding right turn lanes at Breezy Corners and Route 73 & Friedensburg Rd. in Oley
- Use our tax money wisely – Fix Mexico Rd.
- Better enforcement of “Zoning” too many “businesses” in residential zones