

APPENDIX 1
COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

AMITY – 13 RETURNS
ST. LAWRENCE-EXETER-AMITY REGION PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Why did you choose to live in this area? (Please print your response.)

Rural setting/open space – 6 Good schools
Born/grew up here – 6 Low tax area
Central to Reading & King of Prussia Low crime area/low populated area
Quiet, peaceful small community in a country setting
Convenient to main roads
We wanted large piece of property in a rural farming area
Away from city but close to nearly all other needs

2. What do you like most about the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region?

Open space/country atmosphere – 4 Central location
Was rural – 2 Amity region
Close proximity to malls, outlets, theater, etc. Rural
Amity still has much farmland on its outskirts Low populated area, low crime site
Close enough to shopping, hospitals, entertainment, but still maintains enough of a rural flavor

3. What are the most important issues facing the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region today?

(See attached)

4. What kind of community do you want the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region to be in the future?

Quiet rural community Safe
Rural with open space
More balance between commercial, light industry and residential
Great place to live with lots of open space
Less development, smaller government, lower population, sewers
Less development on the housing side
Family friendly with special consideration for seniors
A growing community, with well managed growth
Back to country, less big city attitude
Agricultural areas preserved, more recreation areas, less large scale housing developments
Amity be the quaint town it once was with preservation of open fields and woods.

5. What are you most dissatisfied with in the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region?

(See attached)

6. From 1990 to 2000, the population of the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region grew by 6604 from 25,236 to 31,840, a 26% increase. In the future, would you like to see this rate of growth:

Stay the same	<u>3</u>
Increase	<u>1</u>
Decrease	<u>9</u>

7. If further residential development occurs, are you in favor of it happening as:

	Yes	No
Large individual lots scattered throughout the Townships along existing roads	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>
Cluster developments in which higher density single family housing is offset by open space and recreation areas	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
Conservation single family home developments in which conservation areas containing the special features of a tract are identified first (typically 50 to 80% of the tract remains in open space), houses are located to maximize views of the open space, and road systems and lot lines are established to conform to open space and house locations.	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>
Large scale developments involving a mixture of single family homes, townhouses and apartments	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
Single family and two family homes on ¼ acre lots	<u> </u>	<u>13</u>
Retirement communities	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>
Single family homes on one acre lots along new streets built by subdividers	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
A village pattern, with a mix of uses and emphasis on human scale and walkability	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
Mobile Home Parks	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
Apartment and Townhouse Developments	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>
Assisted Living Facilities	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>

8. How should the economic base of this region change by the year 2020?

Agriculture	Grow	<u>4</u>	Stay the same	<u>8</u>	Decline	<u> </u>
Tourism	Grow	<u>5</u>	Stay the same	<u>5</u>	Decline	<u>2</u>
Heavy Industry	Grow	<u>2</u>	Stay the same	<u>5</u>	Decline	<u>5</u>
Light Industry	Grow	<u>10</u>	Stay the same	<u>1</u>	Decline	<u>2</u>
Office Development	Grow	<u>10</u>	Stay the same	<u>2</u>	Decline	<u>1</u>
Warehousing	Grow	<u>4</u>	Stay the same	<u>5</u>	Decline	<u>2</u>
Technology	Grow	<u>11</u>	Stay the same	<u> </u>	Decline	<u>1</u>
Commercial Development	Grow	<u>5</u>	Stay the same	<u>3</u>	Decline	<u>3</u>
Research Labs	Grow	<u>5</u>	Stay the same	<u>3</u>	Decline	<u>3</u>

9. If additional industrial development occurs in the region, what pattern of industrial development should take place?

Planned industrial parks	<u>10</u>
Strips along roads	<u> </u>
Individual sites near existing industries	<u>6</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u> </u>

10. If you think the community needs additional commercial establishments, what types of businesses do you feel are needed in the community?

Grocery Stores	<u>2</u>
Supermarkets	<u>3</u>
Video Stores	<u>1</u>
Drug Stores	<u>4</u>
Department Stores	<u>4</u>
Discount Stores	<u>1</u>
Clothing Stores	<u>2</u>
Mini Storage Facilities	<u>1</u>
Restaurants	<u>11</u>
Motels	<u>2</u>
Appliance/home furnishing/hardware stores	<u>3</u>
Day Care (Children)	<u>3</u>
Day Care (Adult)	<u>8</u>
Service Stations	<u>2</u>
Doctor and Other Professional Offices	<u>7</u>
Convenience Stores	<u>1</u>
Fast Food Restaurants	<u>4</u>
Agriculture	<u>5</u>
Entertainment Establishments	<u>4</u>
Trade Schools	<u>2</u>
Nursing Homes	<u>5</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u> </u>

11. If additional commercial development occurs in the region, what pattern of commercial development should take place?

Shopping Centers	<u>6</u>
Strips along roads	<u>2</u>
In St. Lawrence Borough	<u>3</u>
In the Villages in the Townships	<u>2</u>
In or next to residential developments	<u>2</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>Enlarge existing malls</u>

12. Do you feel that the agricultural land in the Townships should remain as agricultural land?

Strongly agree	<u>9</u>
Agree	<u>1</u>
Disagree	<u>1</u>
Strongly disagree	<u> </u>
No Opinion	<u>1</u>

13. If you feel agricultural land should be preserved for farming, why do you think that way?

(See attached)

14. What do you feel will be the most important environmental challenges or issues facing the region over the next ten years?

<u>Traffic – 2</u>	<u>Landfill</u>
<u>Crime</u>	<u>Trash – 1</u>
<u>Overcrowded schools</u>	<u>Sewage removal – 1</u>
<u>Global warming</u>	<u>Water supply</u>
<u>Water- clean, ample</u>	<u>Development pressures – 2</u>
<u>Pollution</u>	<u>Clean air</u>
<u>Preservation of natural resources such as water and open space</u>	
<u>Salt and chemical runoff from overcrowding and paving pollute streams and groundwater</u>	

15. What natural resources or areas in the region are in particular need of protection in the future?

Wetlands – 2	Monocacy Hill
Open space – 2	River area
Water supply – 2	Streams and rivers
Farmland	Manatawny Creek
Clean air	Get rid of landfills
Daniel Boone Homestead	Old farmhouses
Water basins	Lakes and ponds
Wooded areas – 5	Water - 2

16. What are the greatest open space needs for this region?

Maintain farmland – 2	Walking path
Maintain woodland – 3	Bike path
Recreation – 4	Park along the River
Park with bicycle trails	Playground - 2
Maintain open space – 2	Protect places such as Monocacy Hill
Streams	

17. If light rail passenger service became available in the Region with the Schuylkill Valley Metro....

- a. Would you use the rail service?
 Daily _____ Occasionally 13 Not at all _____
- b. Do you think the rail service would be an asset to the region?
 Yes 13 No _____

18. Are you in favor of programs to increase landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, building façade appearance and similar amenities in St. Lawrence Borough and villages in the Townships such as Jacksonwald and Douglassville?

Yes 11
 No 1

19. Are there intersections or road designs in the area you would like to see improved?

Yes 12
 No 1

20. If Yes, which intersections or road designs need improvements?

Rt. 662 and 422 - 5	Rt. 422 through Amity Twp. 2
Daniel Boone Road	Swede Rd. & East 422
All intersections along 662	Church Lane & 422 East
422 E. Douglassville and River Bridge Road needs light – 3	
422 E/W from Exeter K-Mart to beginning of 422 Bypass	
Weavertown Rd. and Limekiln Rd.	
Route 662 – Weavertown Road to 562 curves	

21. Check any of the following which you think are transportation problems in the area:

Intersections with Route 422	<u>11</u>
West Shore By-pass exits	<u>1</u>
Intersections with Route 562	<u>4</u>
Intersections with Route 662	<u>7</u>
Inadequate parking	<u>2</u>
Inadequate public transit	<u>6</u>
Inadequate road maintenance	<u>4</u>
Lack of walking trails	<u>8</u>
Lack of bikeways	<u>7</u>
Through traffic on local roads	<u>6</u>
Lack of sidewalks	<u>1</u>
Congestion along Route 422	<u>10</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>Speed in residential areas – esp. Russell Ave. from 662 to curve at 400 block</u>

22. If you believe Route 422 is an area of concern, what measures would you like to see taken to improve the road corridor?

(See attached)

23. If additional walkways or hiking and bicycling trails were available in the community, would you use those walkways or trails?

Yes	<u>11</u>
No	<u>2</u>

24. If yes, from where to where would you like to see walkways or trails?

	<u>Origin</u>	to	<u>Destination</u>
1.	<u>(See attached)</u>		
2.			
3.			

25. Do you feel that additional public recreation facilities should be provided in the region?

Yes	<u>9</u>
No	<u>4</u>

26. If yes, what new recreational facilities would you use?

Public parks	Playground - 1
Walking trails – 4	Track – 2
Tennis	Picnic areas
Football/baseball/soccer fields – 2	Camping grounds
Community pool – 2	Meeting places for old people
Gym/workout facility	
Rec center/YMCA with indoor pool, gym, & classes/activities for all ages	

27. If yes, where should they be located?

Amityville – 2	Center of Township
Anywhere	Monocacy Hills
Areas designated for housing development	
Centrally between the 3 districts	
Between Douglassville & Exeter, not far from 422	

28. Do you feel that the level of commercial development along Route 562, Route 662, Route 422 or other roads should...

	<u>Route 562</u>	<u>Route 662</u>	<u>Route 422</u>	<u>Other (Specify)</u>
Remain the same	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	_____
Increase	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	_____
Decrease	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	_____

29. Do you feel that the level of industrial and office development along Route 562, Route 662, Route 422 or other roads should...

	<u>Route 562</u>	<u>Route 662</u>	<u>Route 422</u>	<u>Other (Specify)</u>
Remain the same	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	_____
Increase	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	_____
Decrease	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	_____

30. How long have you lived in your municipality?

5 years or less	_____
6-10 years	<u>3</u>
11-20 years	<u>3</u>
more than 20 years	<u>7</u>

31. What is your age?

18-24	_____	45-64	<u>8</u>
25-44	<u>3</u>	65 and older	<u>2</u>

32. In what municipality do you live?

Amity Township _____
Exeter Township _____
St. Lawrence Borough _____

33. Would you be willing to have your taxes increased for one or more of the following?

Farmland preservation/development right purchase	Yes <u>7</u>	No <u>4</u>
Preservation and upkeep of more open space	Yes <u>8</u>	No <u>4</u>
Greater recreational space and activities	Yes <u>7</u>	No <u>5</u>

34. Should the Region proactively encourage environment-friendly businesses, such as high tech firms, to locate in the Region?

Yes 12
No 1

35. If you favor “growing” this region’s tourism, what steps should be taken to ensure this result?

	Yes	No
Promote the historical significance of the region	<u>10</u>	_____
Promote parks and recreational opportunities	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
Develop the “village” concept of stores (such as New Hope)	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
Develop an upscale “outlet” mall	_____	<u>9</u>
Other (Please specify) <u>Daniel Boone Homestead</u>	_____	_____
<u>Walking and bike trails</u>	_____	_____

36. Please list any additional comments:

(See Attached)

3. What are the most important issues facing the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region today?

Over development – 10	Property taxes – 4
No ordinances to control developers	Congested roads – 2
Lack of schools/schools too small – 2	Landfills
Loss of open space and landscape	More schools/more protection
Roads and transportation – 3	Roads and transportation – 3
Preserve existing farmlands and woods	Antiquated school system
Water	Continual traffic lights
Provide current residents with better parks, schools and water treatment/sewage facilities	
422 corridor extremely busy	
Exeter Township has too many businesses with direct access onto Rt. 422	
Lack of adequate roads to accommodate new housing development	
Uncontrolled, mismanaged housing developments	
Amity Township is too restrictive – we need more clean industries to help with tax base	
Fewer business entrances onto 422	
Political games to achieve financial gains	

5. What are you most dissatisfied with in the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region?

Small lot sizes – 2
Supervisors/Planning Commission
Growth/overdevelopment – 5
New residents/do gooders want to stop growth
Congested roads
High taxes – 2
Traffic
St. Lawrence has a beautiful park, but the other areas do not
We need a large public library and a swimming pool
Traffic congestion in Exeter Township
Attitude of some Supervisors
Political games
Cookie cutter housing development
Loss of farmland – 2

13. If you feel agricultural land should be preserved for farming, why do you think that way?

When farmland is gone, it is gone – 2
Part of our history – 2
Need to find a way to help family farms
We will pay later for cheap food today
Conserve natural resources
Keep rural atmosphere – 2
Allow a way of life to continue
Preserve wildlife
Beautiful to observe
Preserve the natural land
Need the agriculture
Less crime, accidents, and traffic
Take up land that otherwise would be developed
Need for crops, milk, meat, food

22. If you believe Route 422 is an area of concern, what measures would you like to see taken to improve the road corridor?

- Bypass from Douglassville to 176 south of the river along Rt. 724
- Too many traffic lights choke traffic
- Extend/connect 422 Bypass from Douglassville to Exeter – 2
- Bypass
- Alternate route
- Build four lane highways on west lanes Douglassville & Baumstown – look into limited access
- Decrease housing developments to decrease traffic
- More time for people to turn off of 422 onto side roads
- No billboards

24. If yes, from where to where would you like to see walkways or trails?

- | | <u>Origin</u> | to | <u>Destination</u> |
|-----|--|----|----------------------------------|
| 1. | <u>Yellow House</u> | | <u>to Douglassville</u> |
| 2. | <u>Amity</u> | | <u>to St. Lawrence – 2</u> |
| 3. | <u>Monocacy Hill</u> | | <u>to all over Township</u> |
| 4. | <u>Any place you won't get creamed by traffic</u> | | |
| 5. | <u>Amity</u> | | <u>to Exeter</u> |
| 6. | <u>Douglassville</u> | | <u>to Amity</u> |
| 7. | <u>Amityville</u> | | <u>to French Creek</u> |
| 8. | <u>Yellow House</u> | | <u>to Daniel Boone Homestead</u> |
| 9. | <u>Along 724 corridor</u> | | |
| 10. | <u>No real destination – i.e., walking around the Daniel Boone Homestead</u> | | |
| 11. | <u>Nature trails</u> | | |
| 12. | <u>Amity</u> | | <u>to Amity</u> |
| 13. | <u>Along River</u> | | <u>to Monocacy Hill</u> |
| 14. | <u>Daniel Boone Homestead</u> | | <u>to St. Lawrence area</u> |

36. Please list any additional comments:

- I hope this effort is not too late – most land has been purchased for development
- Let's be satisfied with a bedroom community on the quiet side with good transportation, good restaurants, good roads. Forget farmland preservation. Most farmers are losing money. Who wants a 1000 cow dairy or 5000 head hog feed lot farm next to you.
- After 4/15/02 I would be happy to serve on any board (Donald Del Padre)
- I feel we have adequate malls and grocery stores in this area.
- Slow down the building of housing developments.
- Require developers to give more back to the community – parks, usable open space, walking trails, etc.
- It bothers us that trees are all cut down by developers – so many developments could have mature trees growing in them if more restrictions were faced by the developer.
- I grew up on dirt road with miles of fields, woods and wildlife. Now it is house upon house without horses, deer, pheasants, etc.
- I used to like the close knit, hometown atmosphere – now it's a hard ball political filled with wall to wall homes.
- This area is growing too fast and the rural atmosphere is fast going to be a part of the past.

There are all walks of life coming in which cause drastic increases in all of our pockets.
More taxes, more police force, more resources being used, etc. – Oley and Lancaster Co.
are looking better and better.
Regional planning is desperately needed.
What I liked most is disappearing.

EXETER TOWNSHIP – 14 RETURNS
ST. LAWRENCE-EXETER-AMITY REGION PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Why did you choose to live in this area? (Please print your response.)

<u>Cost of living - 2</u>	<u>Beautiful farmhouse in country - 2</u>
<u>School system in late 70's</u>	<u>Rural farm community</u>
<u>Wife had house</u>	<u>Nice neighborhood</u>
<u>Geographical convenience – 3</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Was born here – 5</u>	<u>Moved in after service with in-laws</u>

2. What do you like most about the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region?

<u>Cost of living</u>	<u>Urban</u>
<u>Proximity to rural areas – 3</u>	<u>Country atmosphere – 2</u>
<u>Geographical convenience – 5</u>	<u>Friendly people</u>
<u>Physical beauty – 3</u>	<u>Not over populated</u>
<u>Historic character – 2</u>	<u>Feels like home</u>
<u>Great community in which to raise a family</u>	

3. What are the most important issues facing the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region today?

<u>Loss of open land</u>	<u>Pending landfill expansion - 3</u>
<u>Overcrowding/overbuilding – 9</u>	<u>Exeter Supervisors Ethics Charges</u>
<u>Traffic – 9</u>	<u>Taxes</u>
<u>Economic development</u>	<u>Sprawl – 4</u>
<u>Poor management of Township</u>	<u>Rt. 422 congestion</u>
<u>Ill planned development</u>	<u>Lack of cultural attractions</u>
<u>Not enough schools to support children – 2</u>	<u>Poor planning - 2</u>

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Mobile Home Parks	<u> </u>	<u>12</u>
Apartment and Townhouse Developments	<u> </u>	<u>12</u>
Assisted Living Facilities	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

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Heavy Industry	Grow	<u>1</u>	Stay the same	<u>9</u>	Decline	<u>4</u>
Light Industry	Grow	<u>7</u>	Stay the same	<u>6</u>	Decline	<u> </u>
Office Development	Grow	<u>4</u>	Stay the same	<u>8</u>	Decline	<u>1</u>
Warehousing	Grow	<u>1</u>	Stay the same	<u>7</u>	Decline	<u>5</u>
Technology	Grow	<u>9</u>	Stay the same	<u>4</u>	Decline	<u> </u>
Commercial Development	Grow	<u>2</u>	Stay the same	<u>5</u>	Decline	<u>6</u>
Research Labs	Grow	<u>3</u>	Stay the same	<u>9</u>	Decline	<u>1</u>

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10. If you think the community needs additional commercial establishments, what types of businesses do you feel are needed in the community?

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Supermarkets	<u>2</u>
Video Stores	<u>1</u>
Drug Stores	<u>1</u>
Department Stores	<u>2</u>
Discount Stores	<u> </u>
Clothing Stores	<u>1</u>
Mini Storage Facilities	<u> </u>
Restaurants	<u>7</u>
Motels	<u>1</u>
Appliance/home furnishing/hardware stores	<u>4</u>
Day Care (Children)	<u>4</u>
Day Care (Adult)	<u>4</u>
Service Stations	<u> </u>
Doctor and Other Professional Offices	<u>6</u>
Convenience Stores	<u> </u>
Fast Food Restaurants	<u> </u>
Agriculture	<u>8</u>
Entertainment Establishments	<u>4</u>
Trade Schools	<u>3</u>
Nursing Homes	<u>4</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>Health Centers - 1</u>
	<u>Health Food Stores - 1</u>
	<u>Public golf course - 1</u>
	<u>YMCA or similar - 1</u>
	<u>Open space for wildlife - 1</u>

11. If additional commercial development occurs in the region, what pattern of commercial development should take place?

Shopping Centers	<u>4</u>
Strips along roads	<u> </u>
In St. Lawrence Borough	<u>2</u>
In the Villages in the Townships	<u>5</u>
In or next to residential developments	<u>3</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>along 422 near Birdsboro - 1</u>

12. Do you feel that the agricultural land in the Townships should remain as agricultural land?

Strongly agree	<u>10</u>
Agree	<u>3</u>
Disagree	<u>1</u>
Strongly disagree	<u> </u>
No Opinion	<u> </u>

13. If you feel agricultural land should be preserved for farming, why do you think that way?

<u>Keep open spaces – 5</u>	<u>Can't get too much of it</u>
<u>Loss impacts the biosphere</u>	<u>Little impact on the community</u>
<u>Reserve for future use</u>	<u>Growing interest in horses & animal farms</u>
<u>Need farmland and farms - 2</u>	<u>Large part of history of Exeter/Amity</u>
<u>Our most important industry</u>	<u>Variety – 2</u>
<u>Integral to economy/history/flavor of Berks Co.</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Need to limit development and preserve ag land</u>	<u> </u>

14. What do you feel will be the most important environmental challenges or issues facing the region over the next ten years?

<u>Flooding</u>	<u>Runoff</u>
<u>Air pollution – 4</u>	<u>Preserving woodland</u>
<u>Cheap houses being built will decay</u>	<u>Traffic – 3</u>
<u>Water pollution – 3</u>	<u>Sprawl – 2</u>
<u>Land pollution</u>	<u>Building of roads, communities & schools</u>
<u>Landfill expansion – 5</u>	<u>Enough drinkable groundwater – 2</u>
<u>Preserve natural areas for wildlife – 3</u>	<u>Overpopulation</u>
<u>Preserve farming – 2</u>	<u>Keep open space – 2</u>

15. What natural resources or areas in the region are in particular need of protection in the future?

(See attached)

16. What are the greatest open space needs for this region?

<u>Farmland – 4</u>	<u>Parks - 2</u>
<u>Playing fields</u>	<u>Recreation areas - 2</u>
<u>Playground</u>	<u>Keep country atmosphere - 2</u>

17. If light rail passenger service became available in the Region with the Schuylkill Valley Metro....

a. Would you use the rail service?
Daily _____ Occasionally 12 Not at all 2

b. Do you think the rail service would be an asset to the region?
Yes 13 No 1

18. Are you in favor of programs to increase landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, building façade appearance and similar amenities in St. Lawrence Borough and villages in the Townships such as Jacksonwald and Douglassville?

Yes 10
No 4

19. Are there intersections or road designs in the area you would like to see improved?

Yes 12
No 1

20. If Yes, which intersections or road designs need improvements?

<u>Need bypass</u>	<u>562 & Shelbourne Rd. - 2</u>
<u>Gibraltar Rd. & 422 - 3</u>	<u>562 & Church Lane</u>
<u>Gibraltar Rd. Toward Shelbourne</u>	<u>Light at National Penn Bank</u>
<u>Gibraltar Rd. & Shelbourne Rd.</u>	<u>562 & Oley Turnpike Road</u>
<u>Shelbourne Rd. & Scotland Drive</u>	<u>Need Elm St. extension</u>
<u>Bypass & Rt. 422 - 2</u>	<u>Many 422 intersections</u>
<u>Shelbourne Rd. – 2</u>	<u>Rt. 662 & Rt. 422</u>
<u>422 from 47th Street to Lincoln Rd.</u>	<u>422 & Lincoln Road</u>

21. Check any of the following which you think are transportation problems in the area:

<u>Intersections with Route 422</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>West Shore By-pass exits</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Intersections with Route 562</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Intersections with Route 662</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Inadequate parking</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Inadequate public transit</u>	<u>7</u>

Inadequate road maintenance	<u>3</u>
Lack of walking trails	<u>8</u>
Lack of bikeways	<u>6</u>
Through traffic on local roads	<u>7</u>
Lack of sidewalks	<u>4</u>
Congestion along Route 422	<u>12</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>Better route between 422 and Oley</u>
	<u>Need cross-town connector</u>

22. If you believe Route 422 is an area of concern, what measures would you like to see taken to improve the road corridor?

<u>Extend bypass – 5</u>	<u>4 lane from Reading to Pottstown – 2</u>
<u>Slow traffic down</u>	<u>Reduce turnoffs into driveways</u>
<u>Make pulloffs into driveways</u>	<u>Better coordination of traffic signals</u>
<u>Route to high school so people to east of 422 don't have to access 422</u>	
<u>Lengthen left hand turn lanes from 422 going east at Gibraltar Road - 2</u>	
<u>Redesign end of 422 Bypass where it merges with 422</u>	

23. If additional walkways or hiking and bicycling trails were available in the community, would you use those walkways or trails?

Yes	<u>8</u>
No	<u>5</u>

24. If yes, from where to where would you like to see walkways or trails?

	<u>Origin</u>	to	<u>Destination</u>
1.	<u>724 (by Monocacy) to French Creek State Park</u>		
2.	<u>Neighborhoods to school complex</u>		
3.	<u>Linking developments</u>		
4.	<u>3 to 4 safe passages crossing 422</u>		
5.	<u>Pedestrian/bike lane along 422</u>		
6.	<u>Exeter Community Park between schools</u>		
7.	<u>Lorane to Monocacy</u>		

25. Do you feel that additional public recreation facilities should be provided in the region?

Yes	<u>6</u>
No	<u>7</u>

26. If yes, what new recreational facilities would you use?

<u>Parks</u>	<u>Walking Trails</u>
<u>YMCA</u>	<u>Municipal golf course</u>
<u>Swimming pool</u>	<u>Pedestrian/bike trails</u>
<u>6 to 12 yr. old facilities for small motorized vehicles</u>	

27. If yes, where should they be located?

<u>Exeter</u>
<u>Landfill area</u>
<u>Along Schuylkill River</u>
<u>Open space in Exeter</u>

28. Do you feel that the level of commercial development along Route 562, Route 662, Route 422 or other roads should...

	<u>Route 562</u>	<u>Route 662</u>	<u>Route 422</u>	<u>Other (Specify)</u>
Remain the same	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u> </u>
Increase	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
Decrease	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u> </u>

29. Do you feel that the level of industrial and office development along Route 562, Route 662, Route 422 or other roads should...

	<u>Route 562</u>	<u>Route 662</u>	<u>Route 422</u>	<u>Other (Specify)</u>
Remain the same	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u> </u>
Increase	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u> </u>
Decrease	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>

30. How long have you lived in your municipality?

5 years or less	<u>1</u>
6-10 years	<u>2</u>
11-20 years	<u>1</u>
more than 20 years	<u>10</u>

31. What is your age?

18-24	<u> </u>	45-64	<u>5</u>
25-44	<u>4</u>	65 and older	<u>5</u>

32. In what municipality do you live?

Amity Township _____
 Exeter Township _____
 St. Lawrence Borough _____

33. Would you be willing to have your taxes increased for one or more of the following?

Farmland preservation/development right purchase	Yes	<u>11</u>	No	<u>2</u>
Preservation and upkeep of more open space	Yes	<u>11</u>	No	<u>2</u>
Greater recreational space and activities	Yes	<u>8</u>	No	<u>4</u>

34. Should the Region proactively encourage environment-friendly businesses, such as high tech firms, to locate in the Region?

Yes 9
 No 2

35. If you favor “growing” this region’s tourism, what steps should be taken to ensure this result?

	Yes	No
Promote the historical significance of the region	<u>9</u>	_____
Promote parks and recreational opportunities	<u>7</u>	_____
Develop the “village” concept of stores (such as New Hope)	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
Develop an upscale “outlet” mall	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Other (Please specify) _____		

36. Please list any additional comments:

Restrict new malls – existing malls are not at full capacity
Give the young people something to keep them active
Open Elm Street extension
Use lack of space in schools to stop development
I am tired of seeing Exeter Township run by housing developers – why can’t we find
a way to at least slow development like Oley
Please save our community and heritage before it is destroyed – 2
A lack of knowledge allowed our community to grow without regard to the quality of life
Need to encourage quality, caring development
We need to let some land just be untouched
Exeter has seen uncontrolled growth. It has the reputation among builders that it is an easy
place to build because not many restrictions

4. What kind of community do you want the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region to be in the future?

- No busier than it is now
- Parks and recreation facilities and programs
- Access to a YMCA or other community-based organization
- More health food restaurants, food markets & activities
- Integrated economically, racially, in age and family stage
- Self-serviced in terms of businesses, services, recreational facilities, etc.
- Suburban/Rural community
- Curtailment of development - 3
- Friendly residential
- Same as it is now
- Improve business district
- Keep urban
- The way it was 20 years ago
- Safe – 2
- Not polluted by landfills
- Not polluted with traffic
- Diverse, convenient, high quality of life
- Quiet, peaceful, safe suburb of Reading, not Philadelphia
- Open space for walking/biking
- Less “junky” attractions, more cultural attractions

5. What are you most dissatisfied with in the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region?

- Too much traffic – 5
- Too populated/overbuilt – 4
- Conflict of interest in policy decisions by Exeter Supervisors
- Lack of healthy services and activities
- Lack of integration
- Lack of self-sufficiency
- No complaints – 2
- Overcrowded schools
- Too many variances
- Lack of control of residential development
- Poor management
- Poor planning – 2
- Destruction of rural landscapes
- Landfill
- No interest in preserving farmlands & historic sites
- Cheap malls

15. What natural resources or areas in the region are in particular need of protection in the future?

Watersheds

Wooded areas – 4

Farmland – 6

French Creek State Park

Parkland

Any remaining – 2

Open land – 3

Antietam Creek

groundwater wells – 2

Schuylkill River

Baumstown (oldest part of Township)

ST. LAWRENCE – 11 RETURNS
ST. LAWRENCE-EXETER-AMITY REGION PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Why did you choose to live in this area? (Please print your response.)

<u>Like the area</u>	<u>Proximity to job</u>
<u>Lower taxes than some areas</u>	<u>House & community suited us</u>
<u>Small Borough</u>	<u>Quiet</u>
<u>Close to Reading</u>	<u>Good for young children</u>
<u>Quiet and close to stores</u>	<u>Nice, clean neighborhood</u>
<u>Own a business in area</u>	<u>Family and friends</u>
<u>Born & raised in this area – 3</u>	<u>Lot available</u>
<u>Employment</u>	

2. What do you like most about the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region?

<u>The older homes</u>	<u>Nearby open spaces & woodland</u>
<u>Environment/Fauna & Flora – 2</u>	<u>Climate</u>
<u>Smallness</u>	<u>Proximity to urban & rural areas</u>
<u>Relatively quiet & lack of traffic congestion</u>	<u>Friendly & uncrowded</u>
<u>Suburbs with some rural areas</u>	<u>Convenient location with amenities</u>
<u>Handy to stores & main roads out of Berks</u>	<u>Close to work</u>
<u>Exeter Park</u>	<u>Privacy with spacious surroundings</u>

3. What are the most important issues facing the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region today?

<u>Too many developments – 10</u>	<u>No bypass</u>
<u>Traffic – 6</u>	<u>No swimming pools in schools</u>
<u>Tax expense – 2</u>	<u>Loss of farmland</u>
<u>Roadside clutter (store after store)</u>	<u>Traffic on Rt. 422</u>
<u>Limit number of rules & regulations to bare minimum</u>	
<u>Municipal sewer system at Monocacy Creek & Schuylkill River</u>	

4. What kind of community do you want the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region to be in the future?

<u>No more developed than now – 3</u>	<u>Friendly & uncrowded</u>
<u>No more row housing, no slum areas</u>	<u>Blend of suburban and rural</u>
<u>Safe community</u>	<u>Less congested</u>
<u>Combination of residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural use</u>	
<u>Primarily residential with some rural and some shopping and conveniences</u>	

5. What are you most dissatisfied with in the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region?

<u>Too many farms being sold for development in Amity Twp. - 2</u>	
<u>Very few ways to get from St. Lawrence Ave. to Rt. 422 – 2</u>	
<u>Poor planning in zoning, recreation, traffic, sewer and water</u>	
<u>Too many uncoordinated red lights</u>	<u>Traffic</u>
<u>Number of homes and people – 3</u>	<u>Traffic at 562 & Shelbourne Road</u>
<u>422 traffic flow – 2</u>	<u>Lack of a downtown</u>

6. From 1990 to 2000, the population of the St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity Region grew by 6604 from 25,236 to 31,840, a 26% increase. In the future, would you like to see this rate of growth:

Stay the same	<u>3</u>
Increase	<u> </u>
Decrease	<u>8</u>

7. If further residential development occurs, are you in favor of it happening as:

	Yes	No
Large individual lots scattered throughout the Townships along existing roads	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
Cluster developments in which higher density single family housing is offset by open space and recreation areas	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
Conservation single family home developments in which conservation areas containing the special features of a tract are identified first (typically 50 to 80% of the tract remains in open space), houses are located to maximize views of the open space, and road systems and lot lines are established to conform to open space and house locations.	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
Large scale developments involving a mixture of single family homes, townhouses and apartments	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
Single family and two family homes on ¼ acre lots	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
Retirement communities	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
Single family homes on one acre lots along new streets built by subdividers	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
A village pattern, with a mix of uses and emphasis on human scale and walkability	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Mobile Home Parks	<u> </u>	<u>11</u>
Apartment and Townhouse Developments	<u> </u>	<u>11</u>
Assisted Living Facilities	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

8. How should the economic base of this region change by the year 2020?

Agriculture	Grow	<u>3</u>	Stay the same	<u>6</u>	Decline	<u>2</u>
Tourism	Grow	<u>2</u>	Stay the same	<u>8</u>	Decline	<u>1</u>
Heavy Industry	Grow	<u>1</u>	Stay the same	<u>10</u>	Decline	<u> </u>
Light Industry	Grow	<u>2</u>	Stay the same	<u>8</u>	Decline	<u> </u>
Office Development	Grow	<u>1</u>	Stay the same	<u>7</u>	Decline	<u>2</u>
Warehousing	Grow	<u> </u>	Stay the same	<u>10</u>	Decline	<u>1</u>
Technology	Grow	<u>5</u>	Stay the same	<u>6</u>	Decline	<u> </u>
Commercial Development	Grow	<u>2</u>	Stay the same	<u>7</u>	Decline	<u>1</u>
Research Labs	Grow	<u>4</u>	Stay the same	<u>4</u>	Decline	<u>2</u>

9. If additional industrial development occurs in the region, what pattern of industrial development should take place?

Planned industrial parks	<u>9</u>
Strips along roads	<u> </u>
Individual sites near existing industries	<u>2</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u> </u>

10. If you think the community needs additional commercial establishments, what types of businesses do you feel are needed in the community?

Grocery Stores	<u>3</u>
Supermarkets	<u>2</u>
Video Stores	<u>1</u>
Drug Stores	<u> </u>
Department Stores	<u>1</u>
Discount Stores	<u> </u>
Clothing Stores	<u>1</u>
Mini Storage Facilities	<u>3</u>
Restaurants	<u> </u>
Motels	<u> </u>
Appliance/home furnishing/hardware stores	<u>1</u>
Day Care (Children)	<u>4</u>
Day Care (Adult)	<u>3</u>
Service Stations	<u> </u>
Doctor and Other Professional Offices	<u> </u>
Convenience Stores	<u> </u>
Fast Food Restaurants	<u> </u>
Agriculture	<u>3</u>
Entertainment Establishments	<u> </u>
Trade Schools	<u>3</u>
Nursing Homes	<u> </u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>Something like Grand Prix - 1</u>

11. If additional commercial development occurs in the region, what pattern of commercial development should take place?

Shopping Centers	<u>6</u>
Strips along roads	<u>1</u>
In St. Lawrence Borough	<u>1</u>
In the Villages in the Townships	<u>2</u>
In or next to residential developments	<u>2</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>Existing buildings - 1</u>
	<u>Employment - 1</u>
	<u>Near population concentrations - 1</u>

12. Do you feel that the agricultural land in the Townships should remain as agricultural land?

Strongly agree	<u>9</u>
Agree	<u>2</u>
Disagree	<u> </u>
Strongly disagree	<u> </u>
No Opinion	<u> </u>

13. If you feel agricultural land should be preserved for farming, why do you think that way?

<u>Keep open space - 5</u>	<u>So don't have to import food</u>
<u>Keep character of area as is now</u>	<u>Health</u>
<u>Diverse ecology - human/plants/animals</u>	<u>Aesthetics</u>
<u>Tradition - 3</u>	<u>It can never be reclaimed</u>
<u>Less land will be lost if development begins in Monocacy following the creek to Limekiln</u>	
<u>Provides pleasant scenery</u>	

14. What do you feel will be the most important environmental challenges or issues facing the region over the next ten years?

<u>Air pollution</u>	<u>Traffic - 2</u>
<u>Water pollution - 2</u>	<u>Storm drainage</u>
<u>Overpopulation/growth - 2</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
<u>Where go with trash - 4</u>	<u>Water supply - 1</u>
<u>Providing channels for moving increasing amount of traffic efficiently</u>	
<u>Loss of open space and agriculture</u>	

15. What natural resources or areas in the region are in particular need of protection in the future?

<u>Streams - 3</u>	<u>Wildlife</u>
<u>Open spaces - 2</u>	<u>Woodlands - 6</u>
<u>Wetlands</u>	<u>Floodplains</u>

Limestone soil	Historic sites
Farmland	Water
River	

16. What are the greatest open space needs for this region?

Protect farmland – 2	Protect recreational areas - 2
Woodlands	Tillable soil
Planned parks	Walking/biking trails
Family place	

17. If light rail passenger service became available in the Region with the Schuylkill Valley Metro....

- a. Would you use the rail service?
 Daily _____ Occasionally 9 Not at all 2
- b. Do you think the rail service would be an asset to the region?
 Yes 9 No 1

18. Are you in favor of programs to increase landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, building façade appearance and similar amenities in St. Lawrence Borough and villages in the Townships such as Jacksonwald and Douglassville?

Yes 6
 No 5

19. Are there intersections or road designs in the area you would like to see improved?

Yes 8
 No 3

20. If Yes, which intersections or road designs need improvements?

Where bypass dumps onto 422 in Exeter	422 & 37 th & 36 th Sts.
Shelbourne & 562 – 4	422 & Oley Turnpike Road
Bingaman & St. Lawrence	422 & Promenade Plaza
422 & Gibraltar Road	422 in Amity
Shelbourne Road	422
Need left turn signal traveling east on 562 to enter Oley Turnpike Road – 2	
Left hand turn lane on 422 between Oley Turnpike Road & 39 th St. or traffic light at 34 th & 422	

21. Check any of the following which you think are transportation problems in the area:

Intersections with Route 422 7
 West Shore By-pass exits 3
 Intersections with Route 562 6
 Intersections with Route 662 3
 Inadequate parking _____

Inadequate public transit	<u>4</u>
Inadequate road maintenance	<u>1</u>
Lack of walking trails	<u>4</u>
Lack of bikeways	<u>3</u>
Through traffic on local roads	<u>3</u>
Lack of sidewalks	<u>2</u>
Congestion along Route 422	<u>6</u>
Other (Please specify)	<u>Continuous sidewalk along St. Lawrence Ave. from Jacksonwald to Mt. Penn – 1 Speed – 1</u>

22. If you believe Route 422 is an area of concern, what measures would you like to see taken to improve the road corridor?

<u>Do not allow more businesses</u>	<u>Turning lanes</u>
<u>Fix properly, don't patch</u>	<u>Synchronize traffic signals</u>
<u>Redesign merge of bypass/Business 422</u>	<u>Rail service would help congestion</u>
<u>New limited access road from Douglassville to Route 176 - 3</u>	
<u>Upgrade turning lanes or install jughandles</u>	

23. If additional walkways or hiking and bicycling trails were available in the community, would you use those walkways or trails?

Yes	<u>8</u>
No	<u>3</u>

24. If yes, from where to where would you like to see walkways or trails?

	<u>Origin</u>	to	<u>Destination</u>
1.	<u>Exeter to Douglassville</u>		
2.	<u>Exeter Park to Reading Country Club</u>		
3.	<u>Along Neversink Mountain</u>		
4.	<u>Exeter Park to School Complex</u>		
5.	<u>Along Schuylkill River</u>		

25. Do you feel that additional public recreation facilities should be provided in the region?

Yes	<u>7</u>
No	<u>4</u>

26. If yes, what new recreational facilities would you use?

Basketball courts
Baseball fields
Purchase Martin Gerich house of 1741 in Kerrsville and make it a recreational complex
Wooded park with walking trails and comfort facilities -2

27. If yes, where should they be located?

Exeter
Jacksonwald
Wherever suitable land is available
Skateboard park
Trails similar to one in Exeter along river
North of St. Lawrence

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	<u>Route 562</u>	<u>Route 662</u>	<u>Route 422</u>	<u>Other (Specify)</u>
Remain the same	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u> </u>
Increase	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
Decrease	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Empty strip-type stores</u>

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	<u>Route 562</u>	<u>Route 662</u>	<u>Route 422</u>	<u>Other (Specify)</u>
Remain the same	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u> </u>
Increase	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>
Decrease	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>

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34. Should the Region proactively encourage environment-friendly businesses, such as high tech firms, to locate in the Region?

Yes 7
No 3

35. If you favor “growing” this region’s tourism, what steps should be taken to ensure this result?

	Yes	No
Promote the historical significance of the region	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>
Promote parks and recreational opportunities	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Develop the “village” concept of stores (such as New Hope)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Develop an upscale “outlet” mall	<u> </u>	<u>7</u>
Other (Please specify) _____		

36. Please list any additional comments:

No new development
Preserve and reconstruct own existing homes
Have allowed too much development in region
Happy with St. Lawrence
Municipal sewer and water should be a prerequisite to all development
Need corridor between Oley Turnpike Road and Gibraltar Road – Beechwood Road is not adequate
No more super gas stations
Learn how to write better survey questions