

## Chapter 14: Scenic Resources

### Survey Results

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1. How important are Scenic Resources to you? (Defined as those resources that contribute to the scenic character of the Region, such as woodlands, waterways, scenic roadways, viewsheds, unique landforms, and man-made features (i.e. historic features, split-rail fences, etc.)).

Very Important **9**

Important **1**

Somewhat Important **2**

Not Important

No Opinion

2. Please list any scenic resources in your municipality or the Region that you are aware of that you would like to see preserved.

- Borough Hall (old train station)
- Pine Grove Covered Bridge (2)
- Covered bridges (2)
- Little Elk Creek (2)
- Nottingham Park
- Octoraro Creek (2)
- Old Mill on Route 896 south of Baltimore Pike
- Octorara Reservoir and river valley
- People's Bank building
- Serpentine Barrens
- Southern part of ENT (from Waterway Road (on east/west tangent) south to the border)
- Strawbridge property (Elk)-already underway
- View west from Route 10 between south Township Line and Catamount Road
- State game lands
- Farmlands, small ponds, some woodlands (2)
- Several historic buildings (2)
- Farmsteads (house, barn, outbuildings), cultivated fields
- Agricultural essence of the entire region, open spaces
- Hedgerows
- Hunting and fishing opportunities
- Large roadside trees
- Stone foundations

3. Do you consider the scenic aesthetic of agricultural land to be as important as the use or purpose of agricultural land?

They are equally important **7**

No, the use of the land is more important **5**

No, the scenic quality of the land is more important

No opinion

4. Are there any roadway corridors that you consider of particular cultural, historic natural or scenic importance or that have archaeological significance that might benefit from official PA Scenic Byway designation? (An example in the County would be the portions of Route 52, Route 100/Creek Road, and Route 162 which have been designated as the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway.)

**Local Roads**

- Homeville and Cream Roads
- Old Baltimore Pike and Route 896 (2)
- State Road
- Scroggy Road
- Barnsley Road
- Chrome Road
- Elk Creek Road
- Park Road
- Saginaw Road

**State Roads**

- Route 926 (2)
- Route 896 (northern part to County line)
- Route 472 (2) in Elk
- Route 272
- Route 272 West to Kirk's bridge
- Route 372
- Route 10
- No (2)**

5. Would you be willing to enact regulations (zoning, subdivision, other) to protect scenic resources within your municipality or the Region? (select all that apply)

Yes **5**

No **2**

Maybe-would depend on the resource being protected **4**

Maybe-would depend on the extent of the regulation being enacted **6**

Not Sure/Undecided

6. Are you aware of any impediments to your municipality's or the Region's scenic quality? (This may be any object, structure or use that you consider unsightly or which does not fit into the character of the Region. An example in the County would be the cooling towers and vapor plumes of the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant in the Northern Federation.)

- Cell tower on Route 1 at 896 exit, Upper Oxford
- Strip commercial south of Oxford/ENT
- Scott's Hyponex
- Self storage on Baltimore Pike east of Borough
- Radio towers
- Power lines
- Hundreds of historic homesteads and other buildings in the area that are unkempt and crumbling
- Would like to say Old Baltimore Pike is scenic, but it is lacking a lot to be desired-could be revamped
- Windmills may be issue in future
- No (4)

7. Please list any specific cultural resources (i.e. community activities, attractions, events, festivals or fairs) in your municipality or the Region that you are aware of. Indicate which of these resources you think best represent the Region's identity (An example in the County would be the Kennett Area Region's Mushroom Festival).

- Apple Festival (3)
- Strawberry Festival (3)
- Halloween parade (3)
- Herr's Holiday light display (2)
- Oxford Fair (2)
- Christmas walk (Oxford)
- 4th of July festival
- Freedom Fest at Nottingham Park
- Movies in the park in Oxford
- Reenactments at Nottingham Park
- Cochranville Fair
- Wyncote Golf Course
- Bow hunting, fishing
- Parades and public events are poorly distributed -only hear about them after they occur

Other Comments: Stopping change of environment should be a goal, but not sure of its importance at this point. If we do all what has to be done to make our community work, the Comprehensive Plan, etc. the outfall should be to protect all areas of concern noted above.