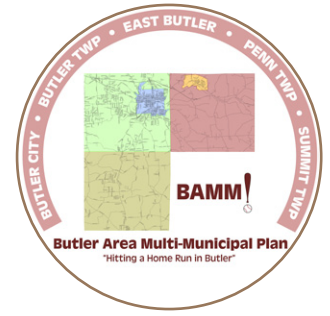


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## Appendix 2-1 Summary of Plan Reviews

### Butler Township Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan - 1995

A thorough regional analysis is provided, including lists of:

- \* National Recreation Areas
- \* Pennsylvania State Parks
- \* State Forest Natural Areas
- \* State Game Lands
- \* Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails
- \* Municipal, County and other Public Parks and Facilities
- \* Historical Sites and Commercial Facilities

#### History

- o Butler Township formal organization was in 1804. Original four townships were divided into 13 townships. Incorporated in 1817. It was then divided into North and South Butler. In 1854, the Township acquired its present boundaries.
- o Before European settlement, the Shawnee and Delaware Indians were its inhabitants.
- o Sawmills and whiskey distilleries were among the first industries in the area. Tanneries and brickyards soon followed to quickly become the importance of local economy. Small scale mining started taking place around 1811. Once the railroads made large-scale transportation possible, the natural resource became seriously exploited by 1871.
- o Butler Township is still home to ARMCO Steel and American Glass Research.
- o Butler Township has the largest population of any municipality in Butler County.
- o In 1937, a large portion of Butler Township Park was purchased. Another portion was purchased from the Catholic Diocese in 1990.
- o Deshon Woods Park was purchased from the federal government in mid-1950s.
- o A part-time recreation director was employed by the township for about 10 years, but retired in early 1990s. No replacement has been hired.

#### Cultural Resources Inventory

- o Large-scale commercial development has taken place mostly in the northern portion of the Township.
- o Route 422 and 356 corridors are heavily developed and are reaching their limit.



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### Transportation – Butler Township and vicinity

PA Route 8  
US Route 422  
Route 356

Interstate 79  
PA Route 68

### Utilities

- 85% of Butler Township homes are supplied natural gas as heating fuel by T.W. Phillips Gas & Oil of Butler. Electricity provided by West Penn Power Company.

### Population - Employment

- 98.2% of Butler Township residents are Caucasian, and the largest age group comprises 28.7%, between the ages of 25-44.
- Statistics show that Butler Township is a very stable, non-transient population.
- In 1990, the unemployment rate was 5.2%.
- The majority of residents are employed in retail or manufacturing jobs.

### Income

- Median income \$37,583. Slightly higher than Butler County average of \$34,647.
- 7% of Butler Township residents were under the poverty level, compared to 9.7% of Butler County resident.
- In 1989, 7% of the white population was below the poverty level.

Butler Township is considered a middle-class suburban community. 46.4% of single family units are owner-occupied.

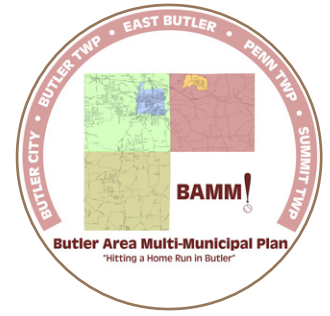
### Public Participation

- Public meetings
- Recreation Study Committee
- Key person interviews
- Recreation needs survey

### Key points - Recommendations

- Butler Township should develop a mission statement and short and long term goals related to Recreation and parks. The Township should conduct periodic reviews of the mission statement and goals to ensure their commitment and to address the needs of the residents.
- The Recreation Board of Butler Township was created in 1992. Appoint new members to the inactive Board.
- Recruit a permanent professional Parks and Rec. Director, after reconstituting the Rec. Board.

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- Make more efficient use of the recreation budget.
- Provide additional recreational programming to supplement the existing deficient programming.
- Develop a system of park hierarchy similar to The National Recreation and Parks Association.
- Develop Park Master Plan for Butler Township Park.
- Develop a Master Plan for Deshon Woods Park. Protect from future development.
- Seek Keystone Grant monies in the fall of 1995 to develop the Master plans.
- Develop neighborhood parks in areas that are lacking facilities.

## Existing Recreation and Parks Features

- No written agreement with school district for shared facility use.
- No system, plan or checklist is employed by maintenance staff.
- No master plans exist for any of Butler Township's facilities.
- Butler Township provides only one recreational program for its residents: a seven week summer camp for children ages 6-12, offered for the past 20 years.
- Programming sites offer very limited accessibility according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

## Local Recreation Providers

- Butler City Parks and Recreation Programs: Memorial Park and five neighborhood parks. Day camps, festivals, Butler County Family YMCA, pedestrian trails, swimming pool.
- Butler County Family YMCA: indoor swimming pool, court games, fitness equipment, sauna/health center, programming.
- Butler YMCA: independent living/personal care living arrangements for elderly women. Offers adult ballet and aerobics.
- Butler County Parks and Recreation: Alameda Park, a 400 acre county-wide park. Ballfields, Olympic size outdoor swimming pool, shelters, trails, playgrounds.
- Moraine State Park: a 16,000 acre park encompasses Lake Arthur. Boating, fishing, swimming and skating. Picnic areas, cabins, hunting, sledding, concessions. Contains waterfowl refuges and birdwatching. The park includes areas that were badly damaged by mine drainage, coal mining, stripping and gas and oil wells. The Commonwealth of PA expended a great effort to reclaim the area to develop it for recreational use and to set an example of how land can be restored.



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- Jennings Environmental Education Center / Old Stone House: Managed by the PA Bureau of State Parks, a 352 acre natural area. The Old Stone House, built in 1822, and now owned by the PA Historical and Museum Commission and operated by Slippery Rock University.
- Municipal Parks and Recreation: For example, Penn Township East Butler Borough, Connoquenessing Borough and Forward Township, along with Butler Township all maintain park and recreation facilities and programs.
- Highfield Community Center: Open to residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. Can be invited by a current member and pay membership fees.

### Other facilities / programs

- \* Local sports leagues
- \* Senior Citizen Facilities
- \* Religious Institutions
- \* Schools
- \* Private and Commercial Facilities and Programs

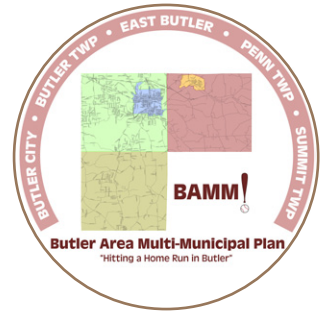
### Recreation Survey

- A vast majority of those surveyed said that they are not familiar with park programming or facilities.
- Most residents were aware of park facilities / programs through word-of-mouth or by noticing in their travels.
- Respondents were strongly against charging entrance fees for Township-owned parks.
- Top reasons why the respondents did not participate in activities in order of most often checked: lack of time, lack of information, “no reason”, lack of facilities and lack of money.
- 77.9% of survey respondents use Moraine State Park, and 45.1% use Alameda Park.
- The five most frequently listed items most likely to participate: Concerts, walking / fitness trail, ice skating, bicycle trails, swimming
- Strong support for acquiring corridors of land for developing trails.
- Respondents considered the development of a Teen Center to be highly desirable.

### Key Person Interviews

- Most recommended fees for programming, but not necessarily a park entrance fee.
- Most interviewees said that senior and handicapped accessible programming is lacking.
- All were in agreement that the current administrative set-up is not sufficient.

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- Most were in agreement to provide year-round programming / facilities.
- Most said that there was no or little promotion of activities.
- Most agreed that there are existing volunteers, but they cannot be used 100% of the time.
- All were in favor of a cooperative recreation agency within the Township.

## Recommendation and Implementation

- The study shows that there is a surplus of park land and the Township should focus on upgrading existing park facilities.
- Deshon Woods Park should be preserved from further development or land-disturbing activities.
- A community center would provide year-round recreation for all groups.
- Provide trail connections.
- There should be an overall focus on outdoor and environmental education.
- Provide “special events” programming. Contests, concerts, day trips, etc.
- Develop an aerobics/fitness program.
- Expand budget format to a fully detailed line item budget including all operating costs.
- Provide short and long term goals for developing and maintaining the Recreation and Parks facilities / programming.

### **Butler County Ethnographic Survey Julie Throckmorton-Meunier – 1/2007 PDG Summary – 5/6/08**

- The County, outside Lyndora and Butler Borough is primarily agriculture.
- The County was named for General Richard Butler, a lawyer, legislator, Indian agent, and soldier. He died at the Battle of Wabash in western Ohio in 1791.
- The County is 789 sq. miles, and was originally populated by the Delaware, Shawnee, and NY State Iroquois Confederacy. After settlers came, much of the land was reserved for soldiers of the Revolution.
- Irish and Scottish settlers from Connecticut were the first inhabitants, followed by Germans in the early 1800s. Other ethnic groups include Hungarians, Italians, Syrians, and English.
- African-Americans have been in Butler since the first settlers arrived.



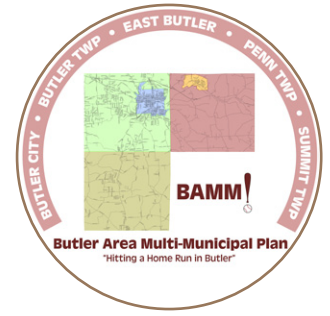
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- The City of Butler was settled in 1793, and became the county seat.
- Smaller industries began—buckwheat, flour and animal feed mills; iron furnaces; oil and gas businesses.
- Major industry came in the late 1800's and early 1900's:
  - American Bantam Car Company (1920, first Jeep built in 1940);
  - Pullman Standard Steel Car company (1902);
  - Butler Works (1907)—later Columbia Steel (1920s), then Armco (1927) and now AK Steel Holding Co.; and
  - US Steel.
- The 1980s brought the downfall of major industry in the County. Plants closed, people left, newer immigrants (Mexicans) are moving in because of affordability.
- The City of Butler was one the first places to install bells at crosswalks.
- When industry left, many people went back to farming.
- The City of Butler/Butler Township offer many opportunities for tourism. Ethnic neighborhood tours have potential.
- The County has a network of Bed-and-Breakfasts, but could use more.

**Butler County Historic Sites Survey  
Ryan Falcone and Ben Scharff, 2007  
PDG Summary – 5/6/08**

- The Forged Steel Wheel Co. built a plant in 1908, and became part of Columbia Steel in 1920s. Later, it was purchased by American Rolling Mill Co. (later Armco). For 72 yrs., it was known as Butler Armco. In 1999, AK Steel bought Armco. It still operates today producing rolled steel.
- Bantam and Pullman Standard located in the City, producing automobiles, including the Bantam Jeep and later trailers. In 1956 it was sold to American Rolling Mills, now Armco.
- Standard Steel Car Company began in 1902 and operated until 1982. It produced 1,000 all-steel railroad cars per day at its peak. Andrew Mellon and “Diamond” Jim Brady invested in it. In 1982, the company pulled out of Butler County, leaving many people jobless.
- The remains of old oil wells can be seen in farms throughout the County.
- Butler County's glass industry developed quickly from the 1870s on, in the City of Butler.
- Dominic Ihmsen Bottle Works began in 1882, became Butler Glass Firm in 1883, and in 1889 was purchased by a man named Hamilton.

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- Standard Plate Glass Company started in 1887 and was purchased by Franklin Glass Corporation, which was also located in Butler, in 1933. Franklin Glass expanded into Buffalo and Penn Twp.s. In 1940, Franklin Glass bought the Renfrew Power Plant in Penn Twp..
- There are no glass plants left in Butler County today.
- Butler was incorporated as a town in 1817, and had 400-500 residents by 1825. In 1825 Butler hosted the Marquis de Lafayette.
- The City of Butler's historic district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Historic sites include:

## City of Butler

- Pullman-Standard Office Building
- Spang Building, 100 Brugh Street
- Larkin Building, 203 Center Avenue
- Metal Shop/Brass Foundry, Etna Street
- Standard Plate Glass Company, Monroe Street (This is an archaeological site currently being excavated.)
- Union Woolen Mill, Etna Street
- Dominic Ihmsen Bottle Works, Lincoln Avenue
- St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, South Franklin Street
- St. Paul Roman Catholic Church. 128 N. McKean Street
- St. Michael Archangel Roman Catholic Church, 432 Center Avenue
- Swinging Bridge, Diamond Street (footbridge)
- Pullman Park, Pillow Street
- West Penn Rail Bridge, Kittanning Street (owned by Rails to Trails)
- TW Phillips Warehouse, Kittanning Street
- TW Phillips Office, 205 N. Main Street
- Elm Court (town) between Elm and Polk Streets

## Lyndora

- American Bantam Car Company Factory, Hansen Avenue
- Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company Factory, Hansen Avenue
- Ukrainian Catholic Church, Hansen Avenue

## Penn Township

- TW Phillips Mansion, Route 8 (used as reception & conference hall)
- Runway Restaurant & Lounge, Terminus of Airport Road (an apprentice of the Wright brothers founded the airport, Amelia Earhardt flew from here.)

## Summit Township

- Carbon Center Feed Store, Carbon Center Road
- Dittmer Store, Dittmer Road



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### Recommendations:

- Interpretative themes are consistent throughout the Rivers of Steel Region. Distinct historic thematic identities could form the basis for heritage tourism:
  - Oil boom
  - Steel and finance
  - Coal mining and stone quarrying
  - Commerce and transportation
  - Agriculture
- Several projects are fostering cooperation:
  - Washington Trail
  - Butler-Freeport Rails to Trails
  - “Footprints” project
- Developing the Connoquenessing for greater recreational use.
- Many trolley lines ran through the County: the Mars and Evans City station offer opportunities.
- Toll and stagecoach routes once lined the area.
- A Steel Heritage Walking Tour in the City of Butler.

### **Butler County Steel Heritage Plan, December 2007 PDG Summary – 5/6/08**

This combined feasibility study and concept plan was prepared to explore the need and opportunity to incorporate Butler County into the Rivers of Steel (RoS) National Heritage Area (NHA). Butler County would be the 8<sup>th</sup> county in the NHA, making it eligible for state and federal funds. The State’s Heritage Parks Program mandates that a heritage planning process be conducted for a new or expanded heritage area. This plan fulfills the state and federal requirements relating to heritage conservation as directed by applicable laws.

#### Relationship to Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

- RoS is both a state and a national NHA. The RoS Management Action Plan (MAP) is the basis for the designation (1996).
- The MAP includes Allegheny, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties, and recommended that 3 other counties be considered for inclusion: Armstrong, Butler, and Lawrence.
- Armstrong County was added to the RoSNHA in 1997.
- In 2004, parties agreed to develop a plan to admit Butler County.
- A steering committee was formed, many meetings were held; research was conducted; a televised public meeting was held; a fieldwork team visited every city and township in the County; an inventory of historic and current industrial sites and living cultural traditions was compiled; and a plan was prepared.
- County history is included in the report (as summarized in other report summaries).

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- Butler County is characterized by 3 distinct chronological periods:
  - From its founding to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century: rural and primarily agricultural, some iron furnaces for consumer goods and to begin supplying iron to rolling mills and foundries in the Pittsburgh and Mahoning Valley areas. Some small processing industries emerged to serve local community, agriculture, and industrial development. Extraction of lumber and coal began.
  - From the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century on, the County became increasingly tied to the growing industrial system in SW PA, with iron and steel dominating. This accelerated the use of rail, which in turn encouraged greater regional industrialization. The County became part of the metro Pittsburgh industrial area. New markets in building construction, military, and other steel applications arose. (Bessemer, Butler Armco, Bantam, Pullman-Standard—refer to other report summaries.) This era of rapid industrialization, which lasted until WWII, saw expansion of iron and steel production, rail transportation, increased demand for coal and limestone, oil, and natural gas. Spang Chalfont expanded into Butler County, industrial glass-making boomed, farming continued.
  - An industrial plateau was reached (after WWII) with a subsequent decline. Steel production continued, gas and oil remained important, but much of the County returned to its agricultural base. The interdependence between agriculture and industry helped cushion the transition.

## County Heritage Resources

- The County has a heritage of diversity.
- This study identified sites and activities that could be used to interpret all stages of Butler’s history. As mentioned elsewhere, they included:
  - Oil boom in eastern communities
  - Steel and finance in the central area
  - Extractive steel-related industry in NW and SW
  - Commerce and transportation in S,W, and NE
  - Early industry in the SW
  - Agriculture throughout.
- Several projects are planned or underway to re-use industrial sites and natural resources:
  - Adapting abandoned rail lines, bridges and river/creek lands for hiking-biking trails.
  - Links top other amenities such as Moraine State Park.
  - Trails can be enhanced through signage, increased accessibility, and greater attractiveness.
- Seven sites in the County are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, five in Butler City and Township:
  - Butler County Courthouse
  - Butler County National Bank
  - Butler Armory
  - Elm Court
  - Lowrie/Shaw House
- There is an historic district in Butler.
- There are 17 historical markers in the County. More could be added.



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- Two reasons that Butler County should be added to the RoSNHA:
  - Clear connections to the steel industry
  - Connection of the steel industry with the oil industry.
- Study considered if the County should be added to the RoSNHA (E, W, & S) or the Oil Region NHA (N). Determined that the County would be better served joining the RoSNHA.
- There are 5 “Journey Areas” in the RoSHNA:
  - Thunder of Protest
  - Mosaic of Industry
  - Bit Steel
  - Fueling a Revolution
  - Mountains of Fire
- Rather than start a new Journey Area, it was decided that Butler County should integrate into two bordering Journey Areas—Mosaic of Industry (MOI) and Thunder of Protest (TOP). Reasons why these areas were chosen are discussed.
- It was also recommended that joint programming be facilities between the RoS and Oil Region to enhance both programs.

### Heritage Development Zones

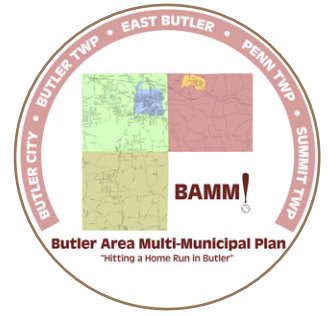
A framework of Heritage Development Zones to implement the recommendations of the plan was proposed, each with an interpretive theme, as follows:

- Washington’s Trail—Harmony Zone (SW)
- Washington’s Trail—Moraine Zone (NW)
- Butler Central Zone—Diversity of steel, iron, transportation
- Butler-Freeport Trail Zone (SE)—diversity of steel, iron, limestone, transportation
- North Country Trail Zone (NE)-diversity of oil, gas, agriculture.
- Southern Gateway Zone—diversity of transportation.

### Recommendations (Only those affecting the 5 BMM municipalities are included)

- A concerted county-wide effort would greatly enhance the marketability of these assets.
- Steel Heritage Walking Tour (Butler City/Butler Township)
- Railroad Tours (County-wide)
- Industrial Heritage Documentation (County-wide)
- Ethnic Neighborhoods Bus and Walking Tour (Butler City/Township)
- Farm Tours/Farm Stays and Farm Trails
- Stage Coach/Cattle Driver Routes
- Trolley Routes

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- Butler County Traditional Artists Gallery
- Local Traditional Arts and Artists
- K-12 Education projects
- Connoquenessing Riverfront (Butler Township)
- Heritage Trail (County-wide):
  - Butler-Freeport Trail
  - Washington's Trail (w/ 10 counties in SW PA)
  - North Country Trail (continue developing this trail, which stretches from NY to ND)
  - North Shore Trail (Moraine State Park)
- Media Series
- Heritage Land Trust Conservation Program, to supplement the PA Farmland Easement Protection Program to protect farmlands from encroachment.
- A list of heritage development potential partners is listed.
- Letters of support were attached.

## **City of Butler Main Street Application August 2006 PDG Summary – 5/6/08**

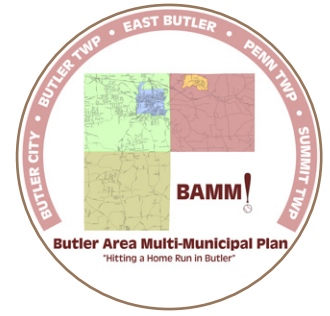
- The Butler Downtown Revitalization Committee, a PA non-profit corporation, is a 501c3 organization and is spearheading the Main Street program in Downtown Butler.
- Bylaws were adopted on January 10, 2006.
- Goals include:
  - Keeping current businesses thriving
  - Attracting new businesses and jobs
  - Creating a destination city
  - Involving the community through volunteerism
  - Improving the quality of life for residents
- Related current projects include:
  - West End development of Pullman Business Park
  - Rebuilding of Pullman Ball Park
  - The Butler Penn Theater restoration
  - Cornerstone Commons Renovation
  - Monarch Place Renovation
  - Rails to Trails grant to complete the trail in Butler
  - Planned expansion and upgrade of the Farmers Market
  - PennDOT construction of the General Butler Bridge
  - New parking deck



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- Multi-use development of a prime City block
- Initiative for an industrial history museum with the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area
- This group is convinced that the community is developing the “New Butler.”
- Mission: ***“The mission of the Butler Downtown Revitalization committee is to create a thriving central business district to support economic development for the entire City.”***
- Vision: ***“Downtown Butler will be a safe and enriched community with a walkable environment, compelling attractions and destinations, and opportunities for economic development.”***
- Key elements of the ***Master Plan***:
  - Develop streetscape, restore facades, bury utility lines, create pocket parks, preserve historically-significant buildings.
  - Develop a comprehensive, clearly marked parking network with convenient access to Main Street.
  - Create pedestrian alleys that connect Main Street to parking and provide opportunities for retailers.
  - Revitalize Diamond Park.
  - Reroute trucks off Main Street.
  - Recruit government, business, professional, and individual services.
  - Encourage development of a hotel & conference center.
  - Encourage people to live downtown by building upscale apartments and townhouses.
  - Recruit artists to set up shops in the storefronts and workshops on 2<sup>nd</sup> floors and lofts.
  - Strengthen specialty retailers and recruit new ones.
  - Mount a consolidated marketing campaign to bring people downtown to celebrate the arts.
  - Strengthen the historic district and use it as a powerful marketing tool.
  - Upgrade the Lafayette Building.
  - Promote popular events, working with the Tourism Bureau.
  - Support the Butler Center for the Arts.
  - Create a hands-on art and science center themed to Butler’s rich heritage.
  - Develop a Riverwalk between South Monroe Street Bridge and the Wayne Street Viaduct.
  - Create a Riverwalk Park.
  - Provide restaurants and parking with Riverwalk views.
  - Build consensus and recruit volunteers.
- A ***Downtown Profile*** was completed and includes information on population; delineation of the downtown; assets, weaknesses, and needs; numbers of buildings and occupancy; ownership & age of buildings; types of businesses; largest employers & financial institutions; competitive shopping centers; events held in the downtown; National Register listings; parking; ordinances; government offices, etc.
- ***Main Street boundaries*** are generally:
  - Penn Street on the north
  - Church Street on the west
  - Wayne Street on the south
  - McKean Street on the east

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- An **Historic District** was designated by the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Boundaries are:
  - Walnut Street on the north
  - Franklin Street on the west
  - Wayne Street on the south
  - Church Street on the east
- The **Butler County Historical Society** plays an active role in preserving Butler’s history. The Society has a resource library, a staff archaeologist, a Junior Archaeologist Program, and operates 4 sites:
  - the Butler County Heritage Center in Warren
  - the Little Red School House in Warren
  - the Lowrie/Shaw House in Warren
  - Cooper Cabin Pioneer Homestead in Buffalo Twp..
- Other historic buildings include:
  - The Lafayette Building (built 1902, designated 1992)
  - The IOOF Building (“Cornerstone Commons”) (built 1904)
  - The Butler Penn Theater (built 1938)
  - The Spang Factory (“Monarch Place”)
- A **Redevelopment Zone**, comprised of approx. 60 acres, was declared by City Council in 2002.
- The **Downtown Plan** included these recommendations:
  - Commercial, recreational, residential, and industrial redevelopment.
  - Housing rehab and home ownerships initiatives.
  - Industrial expansion and the relocation of 5 industries.
  - Improving drainage associated with Sullivan Run.
  - Installing a new access into the industrial area that will connect Hansen Avenue with West Wayne Street.
  - Brownfield redevelopment of the Trinity Industries 44-acre parcel.
  - A proposed West Wayne Street connector.
- **Other projects underway** in the City of Butler:
  - New South Main Street bridge replacement
  - Renovation of the Odd Fellows building on Main Street
  - Reducing Main Street to two lanes with turning lanes
  - Installing new street signs along Main Street
  - Planting/upgrading shade trees along Main Street
  - Renovation of Butler Library
  - Development of a new Arts Center along North Main Street
  - Construction of a new parking garage off Main Street
  - Replacement of the Brady Street Bridge
  - Development of a Cityscape project along Main Street
  - Renovation of Penn Theater (City Redevelopment Authority)
  - Centre City project (City Redevelopment Authority)
  - Monarch Place and Training Institute (Family Pathways)
  - Pullman Park (City Redevelopment Authority)
  - Riverwalk Place
  - West End Community Center (Housing Authority of the County of Butler)



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### Butler County Comprehensive Plan, 2002 PDG Summary – 4/11/08

- The PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) is the enabling legislation for units of local governments who wish to prepare comprehensive plans, zoning, and SALDOs. Acts 67 & 68 require municipal plans be generally consistent with the county comprehensive plan, and that zoning and SALDO be consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- Counties must publish guidelines re: how municipal plans & ordinances can be consistent with county plans.
- County Plan Commissions must review all municipal plans each decade.
- Goals & objectives are mandated concerning the location, character, and timing of future development.
  - The plan identifies future areas:
    - Urban (Butler & Cranberry Township)
    - Suburban (proximity to water& sewer, or within service areas)
    - Rural Areas with potential for development (small towns, protect rural resources, accommodate residential growth, develop economic and land use partnerships)
    - Rural areas without potential for future growth and development (build local capacity, emphasize sites for beneficial development, build linkages to urban/suburban areas)
  - Plan promotes a Butler County Identify among communities and citizens.
- Butler County produced a countywide map of current zoning.
- County wants municipal plans to become part of the County Plan.

#### Growth Rates 1990 to 2000

##### **Region 3**

- East Butler -6.34%
- Butler City -3.77%
- Butler Township -0.46%
- Summit Township 10.36%
- Region 3 total 4.04%

##### **Region 5**

- Penn Township 2.56%
- Region 5 total uniform growth

#### Southwest Commission Population Projections:

##### Region 3

**2000** 54,417 **2010** 74,242 (+19,825) **2020** 77,373 (+22,956) **2025** 77,873 (+23,456)

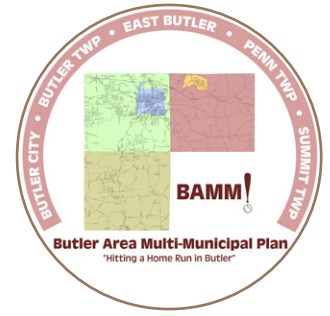
##### Region 5

**2000** 31,306 **2010** 48,060 (+16,754) **2020** 49,456 (+18,150) **2025** 49,266 (+17,960)

#### Butler City Issues:

- Danger of continued disinvestment and decline.
- Residential policies must emphasize conservation of housing stock and neighborhoods.
- The urban area has potential to offer more traditional urban amenities, walkability, historic buildings, pedestrian accessibility to a wide variety of shopping & social activities.
- Priority should be given to the retention of commercial and industrial businesses.

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- Butler and Cranberry should complement each other.
- Transportation & administrative linkages between the two should be strengthened.

## Suburban area issues:

- Street systems must be interconnected.
- Density should be examined in light of limited land resources.
- Alternative housing choices should be considered, thus support policies that increase the flexibility of housing choices consistent with changing demographics.
- Forests can be used as buffers.
- Footpaths and trails should be included in developments.
- Tree preservation standards should be integrated.
- Traditional neighborhood development (TND) should be considered with new developments.
- Support policies that create better suburbs offering both urban amenities and preserved rural setting.
- Build linkages between older and newer neighborhoods.

## Small Town issues:

- Policies should emphasize cooperative capacity building among small towns.
- Greater intergovernmental cooperation should be examined.
- Small towns should increase capacity because they need some growth and development.
- Development options such as traditional neighborhood development (TND) should be encouraged to preserve small-town quality of life.
- County should investigate the feasibility of a borough option SALDO, which could be adopted by boroughs and administered by the County Planning Commission.
- Development options should be compatible with preexisting development.

## Rural Areas with significant potential for growth & development issues:

- Many areas lack growth management tools.
- Many townships in the path of development lack zoning.
- Info on wider range of growth management tools should be disseminated, especially in un-zoned areas and along major corridors.
- Septic systems can frequently be saturated or otherwise fail. The only option may be public sewer extension, which forces suburbanization.
- Standards for rural development should be developed, such as conservation-based development or conservation subdivisions and model zoning for rural districts.
- Partnerships between neighboring small towns regarding planning and zoning should be developed.
- Provide a balance of non-taxable public lands.

## Rural areas without significant potential for growth & development issues:

- In these areas, tax-base sustainability is a serious question.
- Suitable sites for development may not exist.
- Joint planning and development through intergovernmental agreements should be considered and may be a basis for revenue sharing.
- Infrastructure should be developed to serve existing developments, build linkages to other portions of the County, diversify the tax base and create potential for revenue surplus.



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### Natural Resources & Conservation Plan

- Farmland must be protected with strategies for specific situations.
- Agricultural Security Areas (ASA) are a simple covenant between the farmer or forest landowner and a municipal government stating the preferences for preservation. Communities should reexamine the use of ASAs.
- All SALDOs should require that new lots list the presence of any ASAs on the recorded plats and deeds.
- One technique to preserve farmland is to enlarge the minimum lot standards of residential development in ag areas. Opponents say that this encourages sprawl.
- Conservation subdivisions are another technique.

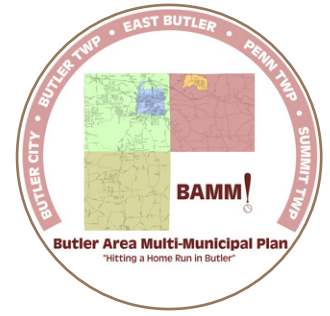
### Economic Development (ED) Plan

- There is a countywide Community Development corporation (CDC) in Butler County, and several sub-county entities doing ED work. They have done quite well.
- The CDC has a concern that there is not enough turnkey industrial space available.
- Communities in the northern part of the County may need subsidies and incentives more so than the southern part.
- Continue developing high-quality business development sites.
- Examine the regional capacity to absorb development, especially “turnkey sites.”
- Target development based on land use choices and economic impact.
  - Urban/Suburban areas: Encourage diversification.
  - Rural areas: Small-scale, low infrastructure needs.
  - Low growth areas: Maximize assistance.
  - High growth areas: Allow development to pay its own way, unless meeting targeted diversification.
- Prioritize revitalization assistance efforts in the City of Butler and areas outside the path of growth.

### Housing Plan

- There are about 70,000 housing units in the County (2000).
- Housing growth rates are higher than population growth rates, due to smaller household sizes.
- Butler City had a -3.77% change in population and a 0.16% change in # of housing units between 1990 and 2000.
- The Countywide homeownership rate is 77% (70% Statewide).
- Rental housing remains scarce.
- The general age of housing is a cause for concern.
- Rentals in the NE and City of Butler result in fewer owner-occupied homes.
- R-1 traditional zoning can help preserve housing; however, many communities use a multi-family designation for the older parts of the community, due to the smaller lot sizes. This encourages conversions to 2 or more family units/building.
- Rezoning of viable single-family (SF) neighborhoods back to SF is encouraged.
- Adoption of the BOCA Property Maintenance code and a rental licensing ordinance are ways to help preserve housing conditions.
- Develop public-private partnerships among lenders, local government, and home buyers to assure that first-time home buyers and LMI homebuyers receive proper assistance. There are many grant assistance programs available.
- Develop a countywide credit counseling education effort.
- Funds for rehabilitation and revitalization should be targeted for greater impact.

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- There will be a greater demand for low-maintenance, smaller units (condos?)
- There will continue to be a special needs population requiring assisted living.
- Families looking for affordable housing will continue to migrate to Butler County.
- There is a need to re-examine how local standards deal with alternative forms of housing and to solidify SF neighborhoods.
- Model standards should be developed for:
  - Minimum lots
  - Planned Residential developments
  - Mobile Home Parks
  - In fill housing in urban areas (TND, PRD)
  - Conversion of SF dwellings into apartments different from new construction.
- LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance) has been used for commercial and industrial development in the County.
- RETAP, its residential counterpart, has not been used. Residential real estate taxes could be abated for up to 3 years if the County, school district, and municipality agree.
- Encourage Commercial Highway zoned areas to permit conversion of SF dwellings into MF units.
- Develop an education program in cutting-edge trends in housing development.

## Historic Preservation Plan

- There are one historic district and 6 National Register sites in the County, as well as many archaeological sites.
- A comprehensive cemetery inventory was completed by the County Historical Society.
- Historic homes remain hot sellers in the County.
- Use the rich history and resources as a means to build a Butler County identity.
- Expand the database of local historic resources.
- Expand the toolbox of preservation tools.
- Create a special marker for County resources.
- Pursue further site acquisitions.
- Encourage tourism.
- Promote the Venango Trail and the Washington Trail.
- Pursue adaptive re-use codes for historic buildings.
- TND should be encouraged.
- Communities with significant downtowns should pursue façade programs, market studies, and physical revitalization.
- Create a uniform marker/signage program.
- Conduct a Countywide historic resources survey, using GIS as a starting point.
- Develop model zoning standards to comply with historic preservation standards required by the PA MPC.

## Community Facilities Plan

- Land use policies should be consistent with utility service areas. (Currently there are many rural/ag areas within service areas and many high-density areas outside service areas.)
- Water & sewer service areas should prepare for anticipated growth.
- Water and sewer extensions should be prioritized.
- Butler County's growth is being driven by in-migration not natural increase.
- The feasibility of small sewage treatment systems in Penn Township should be examined.
- Density of development and extensions of service must be examined.



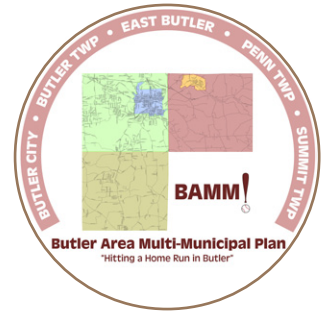
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- Active on-lot sewage management by municipalities is endorsed.
- Sewerage has outpaced public water lines. Planning for public water supplies needs to begin.
- New developments near public water sources can be required to connect.
- Land use regulations should include overlay zone protection for wellhead areas. A model ordinance should be prepared.
- Schools must plan for the anticipated in-migration. Customized enrollment projections should be used for facilities planning.
- Growth projections should be used as a starting point to examine local growth capacity.
- Priority in growth communities should be given to areas near water and wastewater treatment plants.
- Public water services should be prioritized to sewer service areas.
- Integrate water withdrawal standards into land use planning.
- Model inter-municipal cooperation agreements should be prepared.

### **Transportation Plan**

- There is a lack of coordination between land use policy and transportation policy.
- There is a projected increase of 86,580 residential vehicle trips per day in 2012 for the central area (Region 3).
- The strain on the transportation system will occur where residents are trying to get to main connectors to Allegheny County (I-76, I-79, Route 28, Route 8) via 2-lane roads.
- The stressed linkages are multi-municipal issues.
- Without limited access, intense land uses mix with local traffic and through traffic.
- Build multi-municipal planning coalitions to develop solutions for selected road networks stressed by regional growth.
- Promote intergovernmental agreements and a uniform approach to corridor zoning.
- Prioritize projects thru multi-municipal coalitions.
- Maximize interconnection and secondary access between developments.
- Develop “best practices” standards that link street systems to density of development.
- Promote transit.
- Develop standards to foster destination-based pedestrian access systems.
- Support expansion of local airports.

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## City of Butler 2005 Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan & Master Site Development Plans for Memorial Park and Father Marinaro Park

### Public Participation

- Public meetings
- Study committee
- Key person interviews
- Focus group with local sports providers
- Recreation questionnaire

### Key points - Recommendations

- All existing facilities (parks, playgrounds, etc.) should be updated and properly maintained (although they have inadequate funding / staffing)
- Football / baseball fields in Memorial Park are overused
- Consider future use of Memorial Park Swimming Pool
- Many city residents utilize Butler County's Alameda Park and swimming pool
- Butler County YMCA programming = greatest recreational strength
- Father Marinaro Park playground = most requested 'needs improvement'
- Local youth sports organizations provide excellent rec. programs
- Need for a trail system that connects the city's parks to other community resources

### Top requested facilities

- Walking – jogging trails
  - Ice skating rink
  - Sledding – tubing hills
  - Biking – rollerblading trails
  - Outdoor amphitheater
  - Playgrounds
- Based on information provided in 2005, a full-time parks and recreation coordinator will be needed to manage and supervise all facilities and programs.
  - The City of Butler has recurring financial restraints.



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### **Recommendations**

- Upgrade neighborhood parks and playgrounds (disrepair combined with upgraded safety standards)
- Create a Parks and Rec. board
- Utilize Butler County Parks and Rec. Dept as a resource
- Adopt-a-Park program
- In-kind support services to local non-profit rec. organizations
- Questionable continued operation of Memorial Park swimming pool (expensive upgrades – maintenance costs with little incoming revenue)
- Upgrades and new facilities should be of high quality (easier maintenance and stronger pride in the community)
- Make trail connections from Memorial park to Alameda Park (possible acquisition of property easements)
- City property located adjacent to Father Marinaro Park could be future park development
- Improvements should be phased based on the financial situation of the City. Memorial Park, 3 phases, and Father Marinaro Park, 5 phases

### **Summary of Facilities**

#### **City Parks and Playgrounds:**

Memorial Park – Community Park - 105.2 acres

Father Marinaro Park - Community Park – 12.2 acres

Pullman Memorial Park - Special Use Park – baseball stadium – 7.5 acres

Ritts Park – Neighborhood Park – 6 acres

Rotary Park – Special Use Park – Undeveloped green space – 2.6 acres

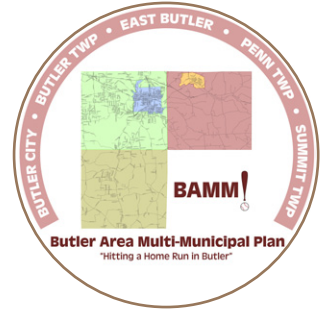
Institute Hill Playground – Neighborhood Park/Playground – 0.75 acres

South Hills Playground – Neighborhood Park/Playground - 0.3 acres

Island Playground – Neighborhood Park/Playground - 0.75 acres

Whippo Playground – Neighborhood Park/Playground – 1.3 acres (leased to the City of Butler)

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## Other Facilities:

Diamond Park – Special use – memorial square – 0.5 acres (owned by Butler County)

Center Avenue Elementary School – playground

Butler Junior High School – school park, often not available for public use

Emily Brittain Elementary School – school park, utilized for YMCA daycare program

Broad Street Elementary School – school park

Athletic Field – Sports complex, owned by Butler County School District, parking limited

- Median income levels are well below the average for both County and national averages.
- Conservation and preservation of natural features, i.e. waterways, forested areas, steep slopes. A small amount of land is left that is undeveloped.
- The demand seems to be more trails and a separation between football and baseball fields to prevent future overuse of the fields.

## Visions

- \* Additional football field
- \* Practice fields (football – soccer)
- \* Lighting
- \* A centralized park with fields
- \* Non-typical facilities (dog park, etc.)
- \* Supervised summer activities to cut down on vandalism and loitering
- \* Outdoor amphitheater
- \* Freeport trail connection to Father Marinaro Park and Kittanning Street
- \* Donation of city land near Father Marinaro Park for access easement
- \* Freeport Trail will pay for trailhead parking and bridge over Cole Run through grants
- \* Regional connections (Pitt, Erie, Washington DC, etc.)
- \* Bike routes through city
- \* Utilize unused railroad corridors
- \* Utilize flat area underneath Wayne Street Viaduct
- \* More skate parks with room for trick bike riding
- \* Indoor skating facility
- \* Asphalt velodrome

## Top Priorities

### Upgrade the following Neighborhood Parks and Facilities:

- \* South Hills (at least \$40,500)
- \* Institute Hill
- \* Whippo playgrounds (at least \$98,200)



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- \* Ritts Park (at least \$31,700)
- \* Father Marinaro Park Playground

### Proposed funding sources:

- \* PA DCNR
- \* Community Development Block Grant
- \* Butler County Mini Grants
- \* PA Conservation Corps

### Additional top priorities with estimated costs

- \* Create a Parks and Rec. Board – **no cost**
- \* Utilize Butler County Parks and Rec. Dept as a resource – **no cost**
- \* Create an Adopt-a-Park program – **no cost (\$1,000 from City Council)**
- \* Provide in-kind support services to local non-profit re. organizations – **no cost**
- \* Implement Phase I of the Father Marinaro Master Site Plan - **\$524,981**
- \* Implement Phase II of the Father Marinaro Master Site Plan - **\$350,912**
- \* Implement Phase I of the Memorial Park Master Site Plan - **\$368,998**

### Other goals

- \* Increase funding level of park maintenance, **High Priority** (City Council) - **\$100,000**
- \* Allocate funding for Parks and Rec Board (City Council) - **\$3,000**
- \* Hire recreation coordinator (City Council) - **\$25,000**
- \* Bring park facilities to ADA compliance - **\$2,000**
- \* Develop agreement with Butler School District for community access to playgrounds - **\$1,000**

## **Penn Township Comprehensive Development Plan - 2002 PDG Summary – 5/6/08**

### History

- The Plan provides information on the early history of Penn Township.
- Brownsdale in the western part of Penn Twp.. and Renfrew City in the NW part were early hamlets.

### Population

- The 1980-1990 pop. loss of 2.7% was offset by the 1990-2000 pop. gain of 2.6%.
- 2000 pop. was 5,210.
- SPC projects slow but steady growth for the Township through the year 2015.
- 98.8% of the population is white.

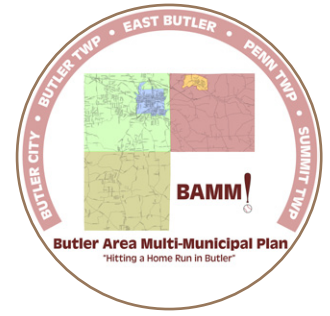
### Employment

- SPC forecasts that retail jobs will decrease by 2015, while manufacturing and other employment will increase.
- Only 7% of Penn Township residents work in Penn Twp.; 62% work in Butler County.

### Housing

- 95.8% of the housing is owner-occupied.
- 4.2% of the housing units were vacant.

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- Median housing value went down before 1990, while median rents went up.
- The largest percentage of housing was constructed in the 1970's (29.9%).

## Income

- Both Median Household Income and Per Capita Income increased substantially in the 1980's.

## Services and Facilities

- The Township's roadway network is disjointed.
- Police services are provided by PA. State Police, Butler County Sheriff's Office, and municipal police. Penn Twp.. has both FT and PT officers.
- Butler County has 38 fire companies (only the City of Butler's is paid) and 38 ambulance/rescue services.
- The Emergency Management Agency, located at the Emergency Operations Center in Sunnyview Home, oversees emergency operations.
- Penn Township residents are serviced by the South Butler County School District, with most of its facilities in Saxonburg.
- Over 85% felt that the Township does a good job with snow removal and roadway maintenance.
- Over 48% felt that the township should not construct a public water distribution system.
- Over 55% felt the Township should consider public sanitary sewerage collection and treatment for certain areas.
- Over 72% would NOT be willing to pay additional taxes for public facilities.

## Development Issues

- The Township has a traditional zoning ordinance with Planned Residential Development (PDR), Environmental Performance Zoning (PZ), and Agricultural Zoning.
- Development constraints include wetlands within the Thorn Creek Subshed, the Redway Floodplain Swamp, and the Connoquenessing Creek Conservation Area.
- The Connoquenessing Creek is reported to be the most polluted waterway in the State, and the 4<sup>th</sup> most polluted in the US.

## Future Land Use Issues

- Over 50% of the residents responding to a survey felt that additional land for public recreation should be acquired.
- Over 48% felt that regulations should be designed to protect environmentally-sensitive areas.
- Responses were almost evenly split regarding increased commercial development along the SR 8 corridor.
- Over 41% felt there was a strong sense of community among residents.

## Objectives

- Maintain low-density residential development
- Control siting of Multi-Family housing developments
- Preserve historic homes
- Provide for a variety of housing types
- Create a housing assistance plan
- Research public transit service to additional neighborhoods
  
- Promote preservation of active farmland
- Encourage participation in the Agricultural Security Area program
- Discourage the subdivision of farm tracts
- Consider the acquisition of land for public conservation and recreational opportunities



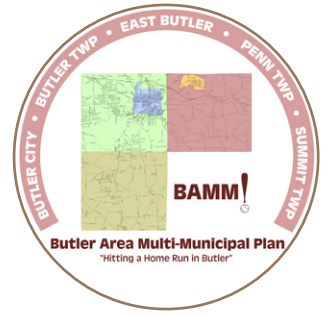
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- Provide for commercial and industrial development in specified areas
- Create “adaptive reuse” opportunities
- Consider overlay zoning concepts to permit mixed-use development
  
- Identify growth areas where utility extensions are a priority
- Focus on improvements to the SR 8 corridor
- Guide commercial and industrial growth to areas with adequate services and facilities
  
- Encourage preservation of cultural and historical sites and natural landmarks
- Discourage development in environmentally-sensitive areas
  
- Adopt the Uniform Building Code
- Create a Capital Improvements program
- Review and update local codes
- Coordinate development with adjacent municipalities

**Steel Industry Heritage Corp. Ethnographic Survey of Lyndora**  
**Christine Maxwell, 12/7/06**  
**PDG Summary – 5/6/08**

- Lyndora has a strong industrial and cultural heritage.
- There are 6 churches.
- John Hansen started Lyndora as a company town in 1902, when he purchased 224 acres in Butler Borough and started Standard Steel Car Company. The plant covered 55 acres and was the largest building under one roof in the US for many years. By 1903, 3,000 employees were producing 125 cars/day.
- The company built 58 2-story tenement houses in front of the plant in 1902; 3 rows along Pierce Ave. (painted red). “Company Row” soon became “Red Row.”
- Lyndora Land & Improvement Co. subdivided land across Pierce Ave. into 510 lots. By the end of 1920, 200 2-story homes had been built. (Some still exist today.) This is the Bessemer Avenue area.
- Lyndora has its own PO and zip code.
- Standard Steel Car Co. became Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co. in 1930. After the war, part of the company was sold to the American Bantam Car Company, which was later sold to American Rolling Mills Co. (ARMCO). All these companies were very active with the war effort.
- Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co closed in 1982, causing 21% unemployment and a 40% increase in suicides.
- Between 1900 and 1910, immigrants from eastern and southern Europe came to this area.
- The Sunday before Lent, Lyndora had a celebration called “Sceng” that was like a Mardi Gras (costumes, plays, music, dancing). On Easter, families took their Easter baskets full of special foods to the church to be blessed.

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- Holy Supper on Christmas Eve was also a special family event in Lyndora.
- ARMCO is now AK Steel, which maintains a smaller workforce.
- Lyndora used to be self-sustaining, with all kinds of markets, shops, bakeries, dry goods and hardware stores, bars, and churches. Most businesses are now gone, except for National Baking Co. The strip mall on the old Pullman-Standard property has not been overtly welcomed. Many doctors and lawyers moved there from downtown, leaving vacant buildings behind.
- There are many traditional arts in Lyndora that warrant further study and programming: waxed eggs, holiday pastries, ethnic foods, traditional songs in native languages, heritage gardening, canning.
- There are altar and icon carvings in St. John's and St. Andrew's Orthodox Church that were carved by local residents.



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### Appendix 2-2 Key Person Interviews Summary

#### Key Person Interviews Summary

##### **Selected comments from BAMB Plan KP Interviews regarding various organizations/issues/safety services/infrastructure:**

**Local schools:** Minimal tax dollars to support schools - need more upscale housing areas to support schools; With “No child left behind” program, focus is on standardized testing not education; too much emphasis on college-bound students, need to better educate kids who need jobs after high school; Great leadership at Butler Catholic and Butler Intermediate HS; Facilities are much better; Can’t reprimand teachers, low teaching standards, too many group activities - focus on 3-R’s; Schools can only do so much - need cooperation among parents, schools and community; No teacher accountability; Emily Brittain rates a 5/HS a 3; No child left behind is a disaster-issues beyond schools control; Ed Fink has done a good job of making Butler one of the great school districts in PA; Elementary schools are good, school district should work with munis to open facilities to public; Big drug problem - “Heroin High”; Denying there is a drug problem, disconnect between schools and parents.

**BC3:** Gets better every year, very progressive; excellent; County and regional appeal; price effective/good education; great nursing program; have they moved away from mission with performing arts center and fire academy (which are good but do they impact tuitions?).

**Vo Tech:** Excellent reputation; has not stayed current; serving big need - no one knows how to do anything; needs to expand to cover grades 9-12; good asset; hear many complaints from employers regarding inability to find good workers with skills that should be taught at Vo-Tech.

**Penn United:** An important industry - need to get the word out better; kids go to become machinists and end up with minimal jobs.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Focus should be on business only, rather than events, festivals, etc; Could try to organize more pre-teen activities for Butler; New director has turned it around (business-to-business network); Great leadership; Perhaps they could feature Butler County businesses each month or at an annual event; Need local money to support it; socializing clique - not much promoting business; Lost lots of people and funding, not finding new \$’s or volunteers; Very active in community, doing a lot more for local businesses; Stan has done a tremendous job in making the Chamber a vital force in the community; I worry about coordination among all Economic Development groups - causes friction; Weak in public policy/political action (Government Affairs committee).

**Butler City Council/Administration:** More business sense now; Having a Main Street Manager should help; Average at best - City residents do not want to elect anyone who wants to change the structure of things, we get what we elect, they deal with a decades old structure that outlasts their ability to change it, services and facilities are still there even if we can’t afford them (e.g. paid firemen); Avoid hard decisions, popularity contest, no leadership; Look at the streets-they are worse than I have ever seen them; All kinds of problems, limited funding-high rental vs. home ownership issue; New mayor remains a ?; George Kelly-asset for youth of area; Joe Brackovich-good finance; No leadership; Moving business (tax base) outside the City; Has improved in recent years, current Mayor is OK; Current conflict of interest on Board-2 members on Redevelopment Authority, legal issues look bad; Facing the same problems as all cities with aging buildings and infrastructure, seems to be no innovation to make the City better; City administrator (clerk) does good job with what he has to work with, Council

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members have competing agendas, too much happening behind the scene; City needs full-time Manager with direct control over City departments; Trying, lack of funds, could drop or reduce Mercantile tax.

## **Your Twp. Supervisors/Administration:**

**Butler:** One of the best Townships, efficiently run with good staff levels, nice job creating businesses-helping the school district; Cindy a big plus; Jerry Patterson has done a fine job structuring the Township's growth.

**Penn:** Pretty laid back, acreage to build, previously no sewage-about to change, Greg Primm is fantastic; Always excellent.

**Summit:** Still fight battles in the newspaper, always the same two against one; need to be more professional, their decisions are very inconsistent, this also applies to the Planning Commission.

**County Commissioners/Administration:** Much better, more business and fiscal sense, less political agenda; prison deal handled horribly-should have been at Sunnyview; jury still out on new Board members; Pinkerton and Lokhaiser have already made a positive impact; Good parts -BC3, Sunnyview, parks are great, County taxes-good point for area; Bad parts - Jail is still under construction-big mess/lawsuits, County presence in DT is all exempt from property tax - combine that with low-income housing means the area with the lowest tax base is supporting all departments; We will see; Off to a good start, will make impact; Jail-big debacle-crooked contractor and they knew it; We need to pull together-it seems that one of our Commissioners is threatening a lawsuit over neighbors; This is the most open and honest Board in memory; Showing united front; Hope.

**VA:** New Director is very progressive; Nice to have the facility in the area, from what I've seen they treat Veterans wonderfully; Provides good care; however, it does create a serious problem for the area because of its drug rehab program; Has good fitness center, make medical appointments promptly; Underutilized-wasted space and buildings, could be used by hospital; Problem with drug rehab issues-spreading to WalMart area; Good but going down in terms of its services; Positive for medical care/jobs; Needs to properly support Vets post-treatment; People expect them to be a housing agency and they're not; Not easy to work with - for example, the hospital couldn't put a deal together to build a facility there; Creating homeless after treatment; Lots of waste of federal money – new furniture/extra staff – had federal dollars to spend or lose..

**Butler Memorial Hospital:** With new regime and business plan, appear to be back on track as good community resource; Slightly concerned about all the staph infections; Instead of running like a for-profit organization, run like a community hospital, bring back citizen review Board – vote in each year, run with open accounting practice-more transparency; It is run as a non-profit, being a community hospital means it is not part of a larger provider; Much improvement now with new leadership, needs to work on internal services level and quality; Ken DeFurio will lead it to even greater levels; New addition creating jobs, Good doctors and nurses; Superior; I like the idea of keeping it where it is; Limited regional access-Pittsburgh's hospitals will overshadow it, upgrades to campus are good; Good community asset; Jewel of community.

## **Your municipal parks and recreation opportunities:**

**City:** City pool is closed, limited trails in City; Bus City kids to Alameda - City pool not financially viable; Funding is the issue - need more \$'s to increase programs for young people and families; City has pool feasibility study and playground safety audit master plan; Don't have team sports except at schools, but lots of opportunities for participation in sports in Butler schools.

**Butler Twp.:** Never enough for youth; Plenty of opportunity for pools and playgrounds, would like to see Memorial pool reopen; I see very little improvement in or change in Township parks, they probably rely on County Park which is in the Township; Limited facilities – no greenway/trail connections throughout Butler Twp..

**Penn Twp.:** Renfrew Park is 20 years old and minimally maintained; When there is a need (for more parks/facilities), it will get done; New park being built near airport.

**Summit Twp.:** None



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**County Parks and Rec Opportunities:** Comprehensive plan developed in past few years is only in initial stages of implementation; Need coordinated effort, tied to County Plan; County pool very nice, other facilities (playing fields) are also maintained very well; Moraine could have a lot more cabins and campsite facilities; Moraine Park marina has 600 boats – at one time it was run by a private concessioner, for the last decade or so it has been run by the State, it should go back to being privately run with a high level of customer service, the State should not be in the customer service business – not what they do best, they have run off boaters and visitors; Cranberry has done a great job with trails and parks – great model.

**Trails:** Moraine Park trail finally improved and done right; Rails to Trails is a property owners nightmare (Summit Twp.), property was to be made available to (adjacent) property owners first; need equestrian trails; need safe bike routes to connect people to work; need more trails.

**Parks:** Alameda is closest and most used; Alameda pool is nice, but should keep Butler City pool open for local kids.

**Individual/Team Sports:** Excellent for area – mostly volunteer; They keep building ball fields – worry it will be a constant drain and it is hard to fund recreation facilities; need ice skating rink – issue for years.

**Level of cooperation between the City and the County:** Excellent-Mayor is open and accessible; New commissioners already involved in community; Needs to improve, has for a long time; County needs to realize that the City is an integral part of the County and needs to support it better; No strategic thinking or action; Could be better (Rte 8 Bypass - City wouldn't allow desired routing); Really poor; Not a lot; A must; County has limited interest in City's plight, County should support City further financially as the City disproportionately supports the infrastructure of County government (compared to other municipalities); Poor communication; historically not good.

**Level of cooperation among the municipalities:** Improving with advent of multi-municipal planning; Need to start with something – maybe purchasing or regional recreational facilities; Until now I don't believe there was any or very little; New Council of Governments for Butler County Townships sponsors new officer training programs; Minimal-must improve; Summit Twp. has a big road grader that it should be able to share; Butler Twp. is at 13 mils and the City at 30 mils, difficult to see how they get together; Trying coop purchasing; The City needs help and Butler Township ought to be providing it; There is not enough communication; A must: Need more cooperation supplying police/fire/EMS; Butler Twp. and the County work well together, they share the use of the Butler Twp. Rec Building, need better cooperation with sports leagues; There are 28 municipalities in COG in one year's time – a must!

### **Housing options/availability in municipalities and Greater Butler Area:**

**City:** Trying to get buildings to rehab, but they are going for HUD/Section 8; Need renovation funding; Large number of rentals that attract lower class; City badly needs to revise zoning to encourage conversion back to single-family, current zoning is product of 50-60's attitude that only those who could not afford to move to the suburbs stayed in the City, hence lots of R-2 zoning; City has become a place where people flee instead of go; Little push to bring in apartments for singles; Many of the old homes are divided up for low income housing; No lower cost housing for seniors; Limited trails to walk pets; Absentee landlord problems are attracting lower income population; With growing number of rentals, no pride in community;

**Butler Twp.:** Not enough options (townhouses/apartments) for singles; Lowry House for seniors, too many high-end and lower income houses - ? for middle income/young families; Running out of space for homes with acreage.

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**Penn Twp.:** Need more townhouses/condos for singles/young families; No low-income/multi-family housing in Penn Twp.; Senior housing in Saxonburg; Limited starter homes for young families and limited opportunities for seniors.

**Summit Twp.:** Not a lot for seniors; Have nothing for seniors; Too many dogs and cats.

**GBA:** No mid-level housing; Needs to be improved, especially low-income housing; Need much greater development of condos for seniors who don't want to move out of the area; Housing for singles/young families is more available outside the City, but may not be affordable; Need affordable housing-not Section 8; All levels are available if you have the money, property on the other side of the Clearview Mall would be great spot for low-income housing; Not enough options for seniors, LMI and young families; Not much in the \$175-300,000 range; Growing trend of large-lot housing; Need pet-friendly to attract stable families to area; If you have limited funds, you have to live in places where it is tough to raise kids.

### **The Library system in your municipality and the GBA:**

**City:** Inter-library loan system greatly expands availability; Doing a good job.

**Butler Twp.:** Does a nice job.

**Penn Twp.:** No presence in Penn Twp..

**Summit Twp.:** Not aware of service in Summit Twp..

**GBA:** Very well run; In theory the Library serves the County, but primarily serves the GBA, outlying areas are reached by the Federated system which is expanding its outreach; Internet makes it less needed; Work to be done; Libraries in schools close at 3:30; Services lacking in northern Butler County; Has improved over the years; Should be able to use libraries at schools more; Great!; Underutilized – needs to market itself better; Many programs.

### **Restaurants in your municipality and the GBA:**

**City:** Sandwich shops, only one high-end restaurant; Need improvements, need ones that appeal to younger families with TV/Sports/Games; Lacking big time; Need more; No really nice restaurants.

**Butler Twp.:** Need more and more restaurants – lots of choices.

**Penn Twp.:** Quite a few in Penn Twp..

**Summit Twp.:** Very few in Summit Twp. except for Dairy Queen; Few bars in Herman and East Butler, not enough support or population, lots have tried.

**GBA:** Lots of fast food and chains, Natili's and the Brick House are good; Lots more choices now; Too many; Restaurants always packed; People here want lots of food/huge portions at low prices; Losing liquor licenses to Cranberry; People here love buffets.

**Tourist Attractions:** Inclusion in Rivers of Steel has potential, so does Oil history if pursued; Historical Society has wonderful ideas but too many pet projects – need workers, not just board members; French-American war museum opportunity; Parades bring lots of people to DT, but they just disperse after the parades – need more publicity of opportunities in Butler for visitors.

**Best ones:** Moraine State Park (under-utilized, needs more facilities); Alameda Park; Maridon Museum: BC3; Main Street Saxonburg (home of Brooklyn Bridge builder), Coopers Cabin, Jennings Nature Reserve, Numerous historic sites, McConnells Mill (needs more facilities), Golf courses (very good and very cheap), Little Theater, Succop Conservancy/Theater, Pullman Park, Grove City Outlets, Natili Restaurant, Lake Arthur, Harmony, Farm Show, Airports – at Fair Grounds and in Penn Twp., Rose Haven B&B, Ethic Festival; Classic Car Summers.



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**Cultural Facilities (in addition to those listed above):** Lot of performing arts; a renovated Penn Theater could provide an anchor for DT development; Amazing number of quality arts groups – symphony, chorale, Little Theater, Museum Theater guild, High School productions; Heritage Museum; Arts Center; Need Civic Center in DT; High School and Middle School charge too much for admissions.

**Entertainment opportunities:** Not much; Should have bands/dances for under 21; Entertainment for teens, pre-teens, young adults is terrible – not enough facilities or activities (get rid of drug dealers); Trying to raise funding for Penn Theater; Always been dead (Penn Twp.); Not enough for young kids; Adults-very little, most people leave the area for entertainment; Families – Erasers, Farm Show, lots in Cranberry area; Teens – Very little offered by the municipalities; Pre-teens – Lots of sports/school functions; Young Adults – seems like bars are about it; Tourists/Visitors – Very little; Not a lot to draw people to the City/area; Look at a multi-municipal Rec Center!; Young Adults – Tough issue, no safe place to meet for singles, so we lose singles as residents, living in the DT is not safe, especially after dark, hard to get rid of crack houses as the City is afraid of losing the property tax revenue; Pittsburgh is only an hour away; Teens and pre-teens have church, sports and schools; YMCA in DT, limited opportunity in the community; Area mostly sits on its laurels; Improve regional festivals, City Car Cruise, lots going on locally and in the region – Farm Show, Slippery Rock, Parks, Miniature Golf, Movies; More things available than most people know about – need better marketing of existing programs; Penn Twp. Swim Club, Airport (air and car shows); Cruisapalusa, Arts Center, YWCA, not enough for teens, pre-teens and young adults.

**Public Transportation:** BART does not go to Cranberry or Pittsburgh – New Castle bus does; Seniors in Summit Twp. can call and get van; Need to explore more regional transit – horrible getting financial support in County; BART – special needs transit only, regional transit is needed, BART can't cross County lines without reciprocal agreements, Butler Motor Transit (private company) has bus to Pittsburgh; Newer buses being used more; Tough in rural areas; Bus system good and improving; No bus service in Summit Twp.; The bus seems to have good routes, new buses, and are always out; Attempts have been made to run buses from Butler to Cranberry but failed, Bus goes to Boyer Mine twice a day; Has fair fees; Trying to expand services with more regular routes and night service to hospital, BC3 and malls; Appearance of empty buses and lower ridership; New trolley bus is good.

### **Safety Services:**

**City:** Fire - funding issues that no one talks about – need to address; Police/Fire/EMS – minimal staffing due to funding; Crime is up in the City but not due to police issues; Need more police officers walking the beat, more of a presence; We have a first-rate, well-trained City Fire Department; Fire/Police/EMS – good coordination – long-term may need to combine departments for financial reasons; Could use beat cop in DT, staff decreases should have been avoided; Fire – worry about staff cuts;

**Butler Twp.:** How long can we support paid fire, Police/Fire/EMS – all good, need to keep up with technology; Concerned regarding money for volunteer firemen; Police – depend on State Police; Fire – volunteers do a great job, funding limitations; Fire - Good but should go to all volunteer; Police – always see them out and about, crimes seem to get solved; Fire – great response time, well trained; EMS – seems to be great (used it once, couldn't have been better); BC3 has world-class fire training facility; Drugs are pervasive; Police will check your house when you are away if you request it;

**Penn Twp.:** No issues.

**Summit Twp.:** Rely on State Police, which sometimes take a long time to respond; not enough cops; Herman FD does a great job;

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**GBA:** Fire/EMS - Decent volunteer coverage that is getting harder to find; Need more drug task force officers; In an industrial fire in the southern part of the County, lost 75% of the building(s) – not enough experienced volunteers; Fire – should have shared services; State Police provide good protection;

## **Infrastructure/Utilities:**

**City:** DT sidewalks are bad; Roadways are slowly deteriorating – rely on DCED funding that is insufficient to do work; Sidewalks are private unless utilities have lines under them and replaces them when they repair lines (City does not do sidewalks); Sanitary sewer/Stormwater – increased fee for quasi-public authority, DEP mandated repairs; Recycling available through garbage collection; Storm sewers not cleaned out often enough; Stormwater is number one problem in City/Butler Twp.; City streets are in disrepair; Pitiful sidewalks; Sanitary sewer functional but antiquated; Garbage collection – huge issue in past, now better.

**Butler Twp.:** Electric and Natural Gas – no choice; Don't think people recycle; BASA seems to be having real issues; So many new strip malls creating issues here; Cable – Armstrong is a great community asset; Garbage – personal issues with pick-up; Recycling – needs to be better advertised and pushed; Sanitary sewer – BIG issue; Stormwater infiltration a BASA issue; Natural Gas – Phillips TW responsive to its customers. BASA's plan to install huge tanks is very expensive – need another solution.

**Penn Twp.:** No lines on roads; Need faster speed internet; Schools/churches started paper recycling stations; Natural gas and hi-speed internet – spotty; Garbage collection – only one option – no choice; Stormwater issues in Renfrew.

**Summit Twp.:** Central Electric is very expensive and deters home buyers; Cable and hi-speed internet – no choice, Armstrong is good but expensive; Recycling – only pick up cans now, need better and more choices as they only pick up every two weeks, if then. Sewage – Don't enforce maintenance of private systems; Don't agree with one garbage collector for whole Township; City water and sanitary sewer hook-ups are pricey; Telephone – too long to respond to calls (never an emergency); have three different garbage collectors – should pick one; Telephone – several choices; Electric system – improved.

**GBA:** Stormwater – Sullivan Run issues. Some institutions (e.g. schools) don't recycle.

## **Observations from BAMM Plan Key Person Interviews Summary of Statistics and Comments PDG - July 23, 2008**

### **Statistical Rankings:**

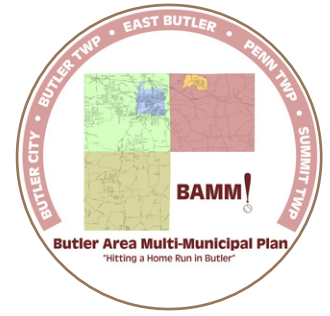
1. In the ranking of previously identified potential key issues that may need to be addressed on the Plan, those most readily agreed upon were:
  - a. Address BASA issues
  - b. Revitalization of DT Butler
  - c. Recruiting specific businesses to the DT
  - d. Maintenance of private property
2. Others also deemed important by a majority of those interviewed included:
  - a. Green Development
  - b. More and better parks in the municipalities
  - c. Parking in DT Butler
  - d. Concentrating industrial development in the West End



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3. Of the ten issues presented, the only two issues that more people disagreed were important than agreed were:
  - a. Parking outside of DT
  - b. RR grade separations
4. With regard to how well various organizations are performing, the ones receiving the most positive responses were:
  - a. BC3
  - b. Butler County Area VO Tech
  - c. Butler Memorial Hospital
  - d. Chamber of Commerce
5. Although all entities received a better than average rating, the lowest ones (in total and according to those who live in the specific municipalities) were:
  - a. In total and by City and Penn Twp. residents: Butler City Council
  - b. By Butler Twp. residents: VA Medical Center
  - c. By Summit/East Butler residents: Twp. Supervisors
6. With regard to Parks & Recreation opportunities, the County's facilities and opportunities ranked above those of the individual municipalities, with both Penn and Summit Twp.'s ranked below average by their residents. (In comments, it is noted that Penn only has one park and Summit has none.)
7. Cooperation between the City and County ranked only slightly lower than cooperation among the municipalities; however, both ranked below average indicating, as is borne out in most of the comments, that there is plenty of work to do there on all fronts.
8. With regard to housing opportunities and availability in the municipalities and the Greater Butler Area (GBA) by types of homeowners, those needing the most attention were:
  - a. In the Downtown
  - b. Singles
  - c. Young families
  - d. Within each municipality, those groups believed to have the fewest opportunities were:
    - i. City
      1. With acreage (obviously)
      2. Young families
      3. In the DT
      4. Pet-friendly housing
      5. Singles
    - ii. Butler Twp.
      1. Singles
      2. Young families
      3. With acreage
    - iii. Penn Twp.
      1. Singles
      2. Young families
      3. Seniors
    - iv. Summit/East Butler
      1. Seniors
      2. Singles
      3. With acreage
      4. Young families

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9. With regard to lifestyle-type issues/services, those providing the best service (in the aggregate) were:
  - a. The library in the GBA
  - b. Restaurants in the GBA
  - c. The library within the municipalities
10. Those rated the lowest (in the aggregate) were tourist attractions and cultural facilities.
11. With regard to which age groups had the most/least entertainment opportunities, none of them were deemed to have adequate opportunities, and those considered to have the fewest by municipality were:
  - a. City
    - i. Tourists/visitors
    - ii. Teens
    - iii. Young adults
    - iv. Preteens
  - b. Butler Twp.
    - i. Teens
    - ii. Young adults
    - iii. Preteens
    - iv. Adults
  - c. Penn Twp.
    - i. Teens
    - ii. Young adults
    - iii. Preteens
    - iv. Families
  - d. Summit/East Butler
    - i. Tourists/visitors
    - ii. Teens
    - iii. Young adults
    - iv. Preteens & Families
12. Public transportation was considered to be slightly above adequate everywhere except Penn and Summit Townships, best within the City.
13. Regarding the adequacy of Safety Services, in the aggregate, all ranked well above average.
14. With regard to infrastructure, those rated the highest and lowest by municipality were:
  - a. City: Highest – Water and Stormwater; Lowest – Roads and Sidewalks
  - b. Butler Twp.: Highest – Water and Roads; Lowest – Wastewater and Wellheads
  - c. Penn Twp.: Highest – Wellheads and Wastewater; Lowest – Sidewalks and Water
  - d. Summit/EButler: Highest – Stormwater and Roads; Lowest – Wellheads, Wastewater and Sidewalks
15. Regarding utilities and related services, in the City and Butler Twp. Hi-speed internet and Cable ranked the highest. In Penn Township, Electric and Telephone ranked the best, and in Summit/East Butler Telephone and Natural Gas. Recycling ranked the lowest basically everywhere, although in Summit/East Butler Hi-speed internet and Cable ranked slightly lower than Recycling. All services ranked average or above in each municipality and in the aggregate.
16. Generally speaking, the preservation of Natural Resources, Historic sites and Neighborhoods were considered the most important; although in Summit Twp., the preservation of Open Space and Agricultural Land ranked slightly higher. All were deemed important to very important within the parameters discussed.
17. Prioritizing the various transportation issues identified as potential issues by the Steering Committee resulted in the following being ranked as the top priority. (Additional suggestions and the identification of which bridges need the most attention are shown in the comments on the spreadsheet.):
  - a. Rte 228 corridor
  - b. Butler – Cranberry Twp..



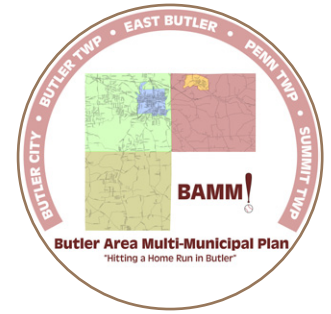
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- c. Park & Ride
  - d. Ret 68 corridor
  - e. Mass Transit
  - f. Walking/jogging connectivity
  - g. Bicycle connectivity
  - h. New Castle Road corridor
  - i. Connections to 80 & 79
  - j. Wayne to West End
18. Regarding how well different age groups are served recreationally, generally Seniors, Preschoolers and Youths were considered best served, with teens and families served the poorest, especially teens.
  19. Regarding future opportunities and/or improvements in Parks & Rec, facilities were the primary focus with nearly 90% suggesting some kind of desired facility improvements. These ranged from reopening the pool at Memorial Park and fixing the tennis courts to adding more restrooms and picnic facilities for families and groups.
  20. Funding was believed to be the primary issues hampering the development of parks and recreation opportunities within the municipalities.
  21. Nearly everyone interviewed rated the importance of cooperation between municipalities, school districts, churches, and other organization when it comes to developing quality parks and recreational opportunities as either important or very important – and aggregate score of 4.66 (on a scale of 1-5).

**Highlights of comments:** *(Refer to the both the comments section on the spreadsheet and the separate write-up of selected comments from the many recorded regarding various organizations, issues, services and infrastructure, or **all of the responses and comments** as recorded on the **Survey Monkey site** for the Key Person Interviews through the link provided earlier to each SC member.)*

1. **BASA:** What is taking so long? Need total change – administration and system. Absolutely a priority.
2. **Revitalization of DT Butler critical to whole area:** Heart of the County; Hub of entire region; Image for whole area.
3. **Recruit specific businesses to DT:** Specialty shops, restaurants, professional services, upper floor residential.
4. **Enforce property maintenance:** Enforce rules on books. Use reward rather than “force”.
5. **Green development:** Yes, but can it be affordable? No mandates.
6. **More and better parks:** Key to quality of life, bringing people in.
7. **Parking in DT:** Perceived problem only. Major issue for restaurants. Too much ticketing, especially at churches.
8. **Industrial development in addition to West End:** East Butler. Tie West End and East Butler together with a road.
9. **Need RR grade separations where:** 38 & Hendricks (North end of Butler Twp.); East Butler & 422.
10. **Other parking problem areas:** Schools (especially at special/sporting events. Pullman Ball Park. City neighborhoods (references to restrictions on building garages and number of former single-family homes that are now multi-family).
11. **Local schools:** Problems caused by “No child left behind” program. Tax base issues. Disconnect between schools and parents. Huge drug problem. Good facilities.
12. **BC3:** Very positive comments.
13. **Vo Tech:** Good asset with excellent reputation. Should expand to 9-12 grades.
14. **Penn United:** Important, need to get the word out about its programs. Some disconnect with expectations and jobs actually landed by trainees.

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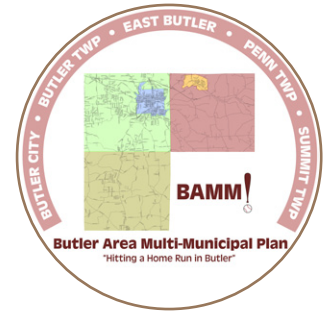
15. **Chamber of Commerce:** Mostly positive comments, especially regarding new leadership. Issues with funding and attracting volunteers, and possibly amount of emphasis on events rather than promoting and attracting business.
16. **City Council/Administration:** Recognize budget limitations. Hope that having a Main Street Manager will help. Concerns about ability to really change things that need to be changed. Mercantile tax issue – driving businesses out of City & DT.
17. **Township Supervisors/Administration:** Butler and Penn – generally high marks. Summit has issues between Board members and inconsistencies with Planning Commission.
18. **County Commissioners/Administration:** Sense of renewed hope with two new commissioners. Still smarting from prison issues.
19. **VA Medical Center:** Good asset for community, but creating problems for the community with number of homeless after rehab.
20. **Butler Memorial Hospital:** Enthused about new leadership; considered a big asset for the community.
21. **Municipal Parks and Recreation:** Reopen Memorial Pool. Always need to improve opportunities for youth. Better maintenance of existing facilities.
22. **County Parks and Recreation:** County Plan in early stages of implementation. Discussions of issues at Moraine Park and Marina (facilities, maintenance and level of service).
23. **Trails:** Moraine Trail recently improved. Rails to Trails issues in Summit Twp.. Need for safe bike routes for both recreation and transportation.
24. **Sports:** High marks for the area. Ice Rink has been an issue for years.
25. **Level of cooperation - City & County:** Hopes are raised with new Mayor and Commissioners, but generally considered pretty minimal for a long time. Consensus, however, is that cooperation between the two is critical for the area and that the City needs the County's financial and other support.
26. **Level of cooperation among the municipalities:** Improving and needed, but still minimal. Need to find some common ground and/or starting places, as well as explore shared services. Hopes raised with Multi-municipal planning effort.
27. **Housing opportunities/availability:** Lots of issues in the City – too many rentals, tough for young families to find affordable and safe areas to live, etc. Need for housing for middle-income families, seniors, and families throughout the area.
28. **Library:** Lots of positive comments. Questions regarding presence in Summit and Penn Townships. Suggestions for keeping libraries in schools open later and making them available to the public during the summer (as well as other facilities – pools, basketball courts, auditoriums, playgrounds, etc).
29. **Restaurants:** Need more in the DT. Plenty of fast food and chains in the area (except in Summit and Penn Twp.s), but could always use more good, family and mom & pop-type restaurants.
30. **Tourist attractions and Cultural facilities:** A good number already in the area, and opportunities for others suggested. Need more publicity and marketing of local opportunities, especially in conjunction with parades and other special events.
31. **Entertainment opportunities:** Need much more for teens, preteens, singles and young adults especially, but also in general. However, there are lots of things to do in the area, but not very well publicized.
32. **Public Transportation:** Mixed reviews. Generally considered to be improving, but questions regarding routes, availability and financial viability.
33. **Safety Services:** High marks all around. Lots of comments about sharing of services, how long we can afford paid Fire Departments, need for more drug enforcement, etc.
34. **Infrastructure/Utilities:** Sidewalks, roads, stormwater, and BASA issues. Mixed comments about utilities in each municipality.
35. **Should it be a priority to create a network of trails in the GBA?** Overwhelmingly yes.



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- 36. Transportation issues:** Mass transit and Park & Ride need expected to grow with fuel prices. Parking near prison and in Lyndora. Picklegate intersection at Pullman should be a 4-way light intersection. Bridge issues identified. Additional corridors/areas for consideration in the planning effort: Rte 8 By-pass, 422 at Jefferson and at Bonniebrook, access to 422 on N. Duffy, turn lanes on Keck and Karnes Roads, etc. Need for multiuse trails for recreation and transportation. Skateboard Park. BMX track.
- 37. Residents and Visitors image of City:** Mixed but skewed negatively.
- 38. Main things to attract more businesses:** Tax and Development incentives. Eliminate/reduce Mercantile tax. Better zoning. Parking. Affordable housing. More DT businesses. Solve BASA issues. Street improvements.
- 39. Main things to attract more residents:** Jobs. Fix DT facades. More recreation and entertainment. Middle-income housing. Fix BASA. Clean-up drug problems. More retail. Lower taxes.
- 40. Expect what kind of help if opening a new business:** Business-friendly regulations. Tax incentives. Help getting through all of the red tape. Etc.
- 41. Problems likely to encounter if opening new business:** High taxes. Red tape, Code, and Zoning issues. Finding employees. Etc.
- 42. Types of businesses that should be recruited to area:** Family recreation and entertainment. Coffee shop, microbrewery, family restaurants. Services and manufacturing. Specialty shops in DT. Warehousing. Health care. Banquet facility for 400+. "Whatever we can get."
- 43. Where your municipality spends too much money:** Ranging from some essential services to "none".
- 44. Where your municipality doesn't spend enough money:** Mostly roads and other infrastructure.
- 45. Strengths/weaknesses of zoning code:** City – Antiquated and inconsistently enforced. Butler Twp. – Good on pre-development, but short on follow-up. R-2 does not encourage affordable housing. Penn – Generally good. Summit – Keeping out Big Box retail (as desired), too long to make decisions, too strong regarding businesses.
- 46. Cooperation regarding Parks & Recreation:** Getting people to understand that they are not islands but that they are attractions that cut across municipal boundaries. Coordinate with the County as well. Start with a single project, build from there.

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## Key Person Interviews Summary Responses by Municipality and in Total

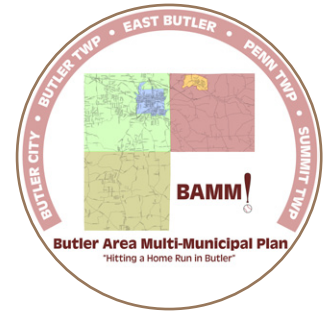
	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
(Individual municipality rankings are based on residency of key person.)					
Ranking of specific identified issues:	(Average of all KP Rankings)				
Main Comments					
Address BASA issues	4.51	4.40	4.57	4.29	4.83
1. What is taking so long? Need total change - Admin & System. Absolutely a priority.					
2. Revitalize DT Butler critical Heart of County/County Seat. Hub of entire region. Image for whole area.	4.03	4.50	4.36	3.29	3.33
3. Recruit Specific Bus. to DT Specialty shops(10), Restaurants(7), Professional services (3), Upper floor residential(3).	3.82	4.40	3.85	3.00	3.60
4. Enforce Prop Maintenance Enforce rules on books. Question the word "force". Use reward rather than force. Landlords the main problem.	3.73	4.30	3.64	3.43	3.33
5. Green Development - your muni Yes, but can it be affordable? No mandates.	3.67	4.00	3.46	3.14	4.17
6. Need More & Better Parks - muni Key to Quality of Life, bringing people in.	3.62	4.00	3.79	2.86	3.50
7. Parking problem in DT Perceived problem only. Adequate for now (re Conventon Center). Major issue for restaurants. Too much ticketing, esp churches on Sundays.	3.19	3.10	3.23	3.43	3.00
8. Ind.Dev in West End Elsewhere - East Butler. Tie West End and East Butler together (road).	3.19	3.00	3.21	2.86	3.83
9. RR Grade Separations? 38 & Hendricks (N end of Butler Twp.). East Butler & 422.	2.39	2.00	2.54	2.14	3.00
9a Parking elsewhere Schools. Pullman Ball Park. City Neighborhoods (restrictions on building garages, single-family homes now multi-family).	2.30	2.00	2.50	2.80	1.75



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10 Ranking of Orgs/Issues (See comments on following sheets) (Organizations)	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
BC3	4.41	4.25	4.57	4.00	4.80
Vo Tech	4.20	4.14	4.23	3.60	4.80
Butler Memorial Hospital	4.11	3.80	4.43	4.00	4.00
Chamber of Commerce	3.97	4.13	4.23	3.00	3.75
Penn United Technology	3.71	4.00	3.73	4.00	3.25
Schools (5/4/3/2/1)	3.69	3.38	3.79	3.86	3.67
Butler County Commissioners	3.68	3.89	3.71	3.57	3.25
Your Twp. Supervisors	3.57	na	3.86	4.43	2.00
VA Medical Center	3.54	3.25	3.25	4.25	4.25
Butler City Council	3.22	3.33	3.36	3.20	2.50
(Parks & Rec)	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
County Trails	3.81	3.56	3.83	3.83	4.25
County Parks	3.77	3.44	3.92	3.67	4.25
County Parks & Rec	3.74	3.67	3.77	3.71	3.83
Specific sports (team & Ind)	3.58	3.20	3.50	3.67	4.25
Your muni's Parks & Rec	3.00	3.00	3.46	2.71	1.67
(Cooperation)	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Coop among munis	2.97	2.89	3.08	3.17	2.60
City-County Cooperation	2.77	2.78	2.85	2.60	2.67

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(Housing)	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Housing - Senior GBA	3.73	3.78	3.67	3.67	3.83
Housing - Pets - muni	3.54	3.00	3.70	4.33	3.50
Housing - Seniors your muni	3.48	3.67	3.69	3.20	3.00
Housing - acreage - GBA	3.28	3.00	3.45	3.00	3.40
Housing - acreage - muni	3.22	2.57	3.18	4.20	3.25
Housing - Pets - GBA	3.17	2.50	3.56	3.33	3.20
Housing - young families - GBA	3.09	3.13	2.92	3.20	3.33
Housing - young families - muni	3.06	2.89	3.00	3.17	3.33
Housing - Singles - GBA	2.87	3.38	2.50	2.50	3.17
Housing - Singles - muni	2.84	3.13	2.62	2.50	3.17
Housing in the DT	2.60	2.70	2.45	2.00	3.00
(Lifestyle)	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Library - GBA	3.94	3.78	3.55	4.17	4.80
Restaurants - GBA	3.83	3.78	3.62	4.00	4.17
Library - muni	3.63	4.11	3.75	3.00	2.33
Tourist Attract - GBA	3.41	3.40	3.42	2.60	4.20
Cultural - GBA	3.38	3.70	2.83	3.80	3.60
Restaurants - muni	3.03	2.88	3.23	3.29	2.40
Cultural - muni	2.94	3.11	3.00	3.29	1.33
Tourist Attract - muni	2.89	3.11	3.10	2.75	2.00



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(Entertainment)	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Ent - Adults - GBA	2.96	2.83	2.82	2.83	3.60
Ent - Families - GBA	2.86	2.43	3.09	2.67	3.20
Ent - Adults - muni	2.79	3.00	2.82	2.86	2.25
Ent - Tourist/Visitors - GBA	2.74	2.40	3.00	2.50	2.80
Ent - Families - muni	2.61	2.83	3.00	2.33	1.50
Ent - Young Adults - GBA	2.50	2.60	2.33	2.40	2.80
Ent - Tourist/Visitors - muni	2.50	2.33	3.00	2.67	1.00
Ent - Preteens - GBA	2.48	2.75	2.67	2.00	2.20
Ent - Preteens - muni	2.33	2.67	2.58	2.00	1.50
Ent - Teens - GBA	2.19	2.33	2.20	1.80	2.40
Ent - Young Adults - muni	2.08	2.50	2.27	1.80	1.25
Ent - Teens - Muni	1.96	2.40	2.08	1.75	1.25

(Public Transportation)	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Public trans - GBA	3.50	3.43	3.31	3.60	4.00
Public trans - muni	3.08	3.80	3.58	1.33	2.00

11 Grade Adequacy of:  
(See comments on following sheets)  
Safety Services

	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Fire - muni	4.26	4.00	4.25	4.29	4.67
EMS - GBA	4.22	3.89	4.46	3.80	4.60
Fire - GBA	4.18	3.78	4.31	4.17	4.60
EMS - muni	4.00	3.78	4.29	3.00	4.67
Police - GBA	3.91	3.78	4.00	4.00	3.80
Police - your muni	3.86	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00

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Infrastructure	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Water - muni	3.62	3.78	3.92	2.33	3.25
Storm water - muni	3.27	3.20	3.08	3.80	3.40
Roads - muni	3.24	2.30	3.57	3.86	3.33
Wellheads - muni	3.20	2.67	3.00	4.67	2.67
WW - muni	3.09	2.78	3.00	4.50	3.00
Sidwalks - muni	2.65	2.33	3.08	1.00	3.00

Utilities & Services	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Hi-speed - muni	4.19	4.20	4.50	3.86	3.80
Cable - muni	4.03	4.00	4.14	4.00	3.80
Electric - muni	3.97	3.70	4.00	4.14	4.17
Telephone - muni	3.92	3.60	4.07	4.14	3.83
Natural Gas - muni	3.86	3.78	3.93	3.67	4.00
Garbage Collection - muni	3.65	3.70	3.57	3.57	3.83
Recycling - muni	3.47	3.22	3.43	3.57	3.83

12 Importance of preservation of:	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
Natural resources	4.51	4.50	4.43	4.57	4.67
Historic sites/areas	4.25	4.44	4.14	3.71	4.83
Neighborhoods	4.16	4.00	4.21	3.71	4.83
Tree stands	4.13	4.43	3.42	4.43	4.83
Open space	4.06	3.78	3.62	4.43	5.00
Ag Land	3.88	3.63	3.23	4.43	5.00



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13	Priority to create trails throughout GBA?	Yes (24). No (10). Not a priority, but yes (3). (% if interviewees identifying as a priority)				
14	Priority of Transportation issues	Total (%)	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
	Rte 228 corridor	73.0	80.0	85.7	42.9	66.7

Main comments re: Transportation issues: Park & Ride to Pittsburgh. Mass transit, esp with fuel prices. Connections/Bus to Cranberry and Pitt. Second connection to 79. Parking near prison. Parking in Lyndora. Picklegate intersection at Pullman - should be 4-way intersection/light controlled. Bridges: Monroe Street, Wayne Street, Centre Ave Viaduct, McCalmont Road - widen bridge. Corridors: New Castle Road (make 4 lanes?), 68 to 79, Rte 8 By-pass around City, 422 @ Jefferson, 422 @ Bonniebrook, Access to 422 from N. Duffy, 356, Need turn lanes on Keck Road and Karnes Road, Better connection to Slippery Rock. Activities: Skateboard parks bring in visiting families. Need multi-use trails for transportation and recreation.

Butler - Cranberry Twp.	67.6	70.0	71.4	85.7	33.3
Park & Ride	62.2	60.0	64.3	57.1	66.7
Rte 68 corridor	56.8	60.0	71.4	28.6	50.0
Mass transit	54.1	70.0	57.1	28.6	50.0
Walking/jogging connectivity	54.1	80.0	64.3	14.3	33.3
Bicycle connectivity	54.1	80.0	57.1	14.3	50.0
New Castle Road corridor	45.9	40.0	50.0	28.6	66.7
Parking DT	45.9	40.0	64.3	42.9	16.7
Connections to 80 & 79	45.9	70.0	50.0	42.9	0.0
Wayne to West End	43.2	40.0	57.1	28.6	33.3
Roller Blades/Skateboards	35.1	50.0	28.6	28.6	33.3
Bridges	32.4	40.0	28.6	0.0	66.7
Rte 8 corridor	32.4	50.0	35.7	28.6	0.0
General vehicular connectivity	27.0	30.0	28.6	0.0	50.0
Parking in neighborhoods	24.3	40.0	14.3	14.3	33.3
Rte 422 corridor	24.3	50.0	7.1	14.7	33.3
Connecting Comm. Parking lots	18.9	30.0	14.3	14.3	16.7

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Vehicular conn between munis	10.8	20.0	7.1	0.0	16.7
Vehicular conn. Btwn N'hoods	10.8	10.0	14.3	14.3	0.0
Access management	10.8	20.0	7.1	14.3	0.0

15 Residents' image of City. Negative; Old steel town-run down; More drugs and crime; Poor-low income; Comfortable-can do business here; Good place to raise kids; Quiet/minimal violence; Dying/dead; Long-timers are discouraged-gone way down hill; DT is wonderful; Economically depressed.

16 Visitors' image of City. Not bad; Old; Positive; Worn-out/declining; Pleasantly surprised; Dangerous element - drugs/ghetto; Depressed; Not good; Not very welcoming - store fronts need updating; Pretty setting - needs work; Vital; Small town.

17 Main things to attract more businesses: Tax/Development incentives; Eliminate/reduce mercantile tax; Facades on Main Street; Lower taxes; Lower State taxes; Better zoning/building codes; Parking; Affordable Housing; Senior housing walkable/safe to stores; DT Businesses; More destination entertainment; Cooperation among agencies marketing the area; Solve BASA issues; Street improvements.

18 Main things to attract more residents: More businesses/jobs; Improve DT facades; Improve Recreation and Entertainment; Improve housing/neighborhoods; More middle-income housing; Fix BASA; Clean-up drug problems; More retail; Less red tape to build/fix-up houses; Improved access to Pittsburgh; Lower taxes.

19 Expect what help if opening a business? Regulations that were more business friendly; Tax incentives; Help with getting through all the red tape/checklist; Low-interest loans/grants; Help with Business Plan development; Eliminate the Mercantile tax; Better cooperation from BASA.

20 Problems encounter opening new bus: High taxes; Permits/building codes/zoning/red tape; finding employees; funding; lack of consistency between planning commission and Supervisors.

21 Types of businesses should be recruited: Family recreation/entertainment; Coffee shop/microbrewery/family restaurants; manufacturing; services; specialty shops in DT; Hi tech/global; whatever we can get; warehousing; health care; movie theater; banquet facility big enough for 400+.

22 Where your muni spends too much money: City: Fire department, police, none. Butler Twp.: Fire/police, Essential services, new building, frugal. Penn Twp.: Run well, frugal, none, police protection, there will be new challenges with sewer available. Summit Twp.: Legal fees, equipment (e.g. new truck), nothing excessive, trying to keep taxes down.

22a Muni doesn't spend enough money: City: Streets, parks/recreation, infrastructure, fire, snow removal, public safety, incentives for business, don't have excess \$'s. Butler Twp.: Roads, infrastructure, parks/recreation, neighborhood clean-up/enforcement, salaries, not an issue. Penn Twp.: Roads, not an issue. Summit Twp.: Roads, training for supervisors and planning commission.



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23 Strengths/weaknesses of zoning code? City: Antiquated, inconsistently enforced, hampers development, needs to be clearly explained to new businesses. Butler Twp.: R-2 does not encourage affordable housing, good pre-development but short on follow-up, good re home construction, weak on business re architectural fit with area, too rigid/restrictive, needs to be explained more clearly to businesses, no issues/recently updated. Penn Twp.: Good, Best in area/updated regularly, inflexible. Summit Twp.: Keeping Big Box retail out (as desired), enforcement, too long to make decisions, too strong re business, needs to be structured, adopted code from another area - lots of n/a issues.

24	Rec. served best in your muni	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
	Seniors (5/4/3/2/1)		3.43	3.43	3.42	4.33 1.00

City: Good for organized sports, Churches/Y/Munis need to work together. Butler Twp.: Not a lot for kids. Penn Twp.: Rec for kids only in schools, otherwise not much for them.

	Preschoolers		3.41	3.43	3.64	3.50 2.00
	Youths		3.35	3.57	3.42	3.80 1.00
	Adults		3.08	3.29	3.00	3.60 1.50
	Families		3.00	2.71	3.08	3.80 1.50
	Teens		2.54	2.00	2.83	3.20 1.00

25	Future improvements - muni	Total (%)	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
	Facilities	87.0	87.5	75.0	100.0	100.0

City: Reopen Memorial pool, deteriorating - parks not focus of City, need walking and bike paths/civic center in DT, rehab tennis courts, more restrooms. Butler Twp.: Sidewalks connecting commercial to residential areas, walking trails, better use of space at pool, are lighting slopes for sledding, should add BMX Track. Penn Twp.: Trails, upgrade park/slowly increase new facilities, banquet.meeting areas. Summit Twp.: Park with pavillion, volleyball/basketball, jog/walk/bike trail, ball field/play area.

	Programs	39.1	37.5	50.0	33.3	25.0
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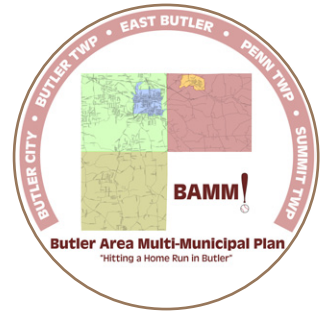
City: Family-oriented. Butler Twp.: Sustainable, teens and younger, all ages, better use of YMCA. Penn Twp.: Concerts in Park. Summit Twp.: Teens.

	Maintenance	30.4	37.5	37.5	33.3	0.0
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City: Memorial and Alameda Parks need maintenance, rehab parks, more staff. General: Moraine not clean. Continue to maintain and improve parks.

	Other amenities	21.7	37.5	12.5	33.3	0.0
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26 Key issues hampering parks&rec in muni: City: Funding, leadership, lack of appreciation for benefits, cooperation. Butler Twp.: Funding, available land, they are neglected and poorly maintained/become hang-out places for youth. Penn Twp.: Funding, price of available land. Summit Twp.: Funding, not wanted.

27	Importance of cooperation - Parks & Rec	Total	City	But Twp.	Penn	Sum/EBut
	Average (Rank 1-5)	4.66	4.70	4.86	4.60	4.17

Need a leader with youth orientation. Need multi-municipal master plan. Cooperation on ideas is easy; cooperation on funding is tough. Allow public use of school facilities (library, pool, basketball) year-round and after hours - esp for special needs kids. Put \$'s in education not parks.

28 Other comments about cooperation re P&R: Volunteers are a huge, largely untapped resource. Getting people to understand that parks and recreation are not islands, but they are attractions that cut across municipal boundaries. Start with a single cooperative project and take baby steps to reach objectives. Coordinate with County as well/meet periodically with Gary Pinkerton regarding opportunities and funding sources. Not just parks & rec, but every segment of our community would be better served if we merged the City with the townships - make it all the City of Butler. The ice rink didn't happen because one vocal guy was totally against it. Summit, Oakland and Clearfield are all fairly small munis with no parks/recreation facilities, maybe this is something they could work on. Encourage organizations like Rotary/area businesses to adopt a park or build new parks.

29 Other general comments: Keep talking to each other during and after the planing process; communication is the toughest thing. The Redevelopment Authority is pretty effective, but runs out of funding. To keep our young people in the area we need things for them to do - we need jobs and training. Downtown vacancies are a huge issue. Ritz Park needs attention. Not enough of an employment base, which makes for more traffic; becoming a bedroom community for Pittsburgh and Cranberry Twp.



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## Appendix 2-3 Resident Survey and Summary of Responses

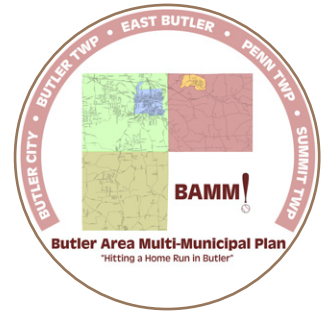
### BAMM Plan Resident Survey, July, 2008, Response Summary

2000 Population	42,933	679	4,728	5,210	17,185	15,121
% of Total	100.0	1.6	11.0	12.1	40.0	35.2
Number of Responses	364	5	29	39	193	98
522						123
% of Total	100.0	1.4	8.0	10.7	53.0	26.9

(35 did not answer residency question)

	BAMM Area	East Butler	Summit Twp.	Penn Twp.	Butler Twp.	City of Butler	Non-Residents	Total Responses
Quality of Life/Community Development - Response Averages (1-5 Scale)								
(Agree or Disagree with following statements - 5 = Strongly Agree, 1 = Strongly Disagree)								
# (Listed from highest to lowest ranking for all BAMM Area Responses combined)								
23	Revitalization of DT Butler is critical for the Greater Butler Area.							
	4.43	4.8	4.11	4.26	4.41	4.63	4.42	4.42
19	Some neighborhoods need to be revitalized (see list below)							
	4.38	4.4	4.35	3.97	4.37	4.58	4.19	4.32
5	Local governments need to improve communications with public.							
	4.32	4.4	4.41	4.36	4.25	4.41	4.32	4.31
22	Various projects such as (listed) are important to the revitalization of the area.							
	4.31	4	4.07	4.26	4.31	4.4	4.27	4.28
7	Open space, floodplains, habitat areas & natural resources should be preserved.							
	4.29	3.8	3.97	4.39	4.25	4.43	4.24	4.26
25	The Butler Area needs to diversify its economic base.							
	4.28	4.2	4.22	4.05	4.28	4.4	4.17	4.24
6	Prime agricultural lands in parts of the townships should be preserved.							
	4.25	4.6	4.21	4.31	4.16	4.4	4.25	4.24
8	Better maintenance of private properties should be required and enforced.							
	4.25	4.4	3.93	4.08	4.31	4.28	3.88	4.15
2	The historic aspects of the Greater Butler area should be promoted.							
	4.22	4	3.79	4.36	4.23	4.29	4.25	4.21
11	Consolidation/sharing of organizations/services should be considered.							
	4.08	4	3.9	3.87	4.07	4.25	4.05	4.07
9	The municipalities should promote "green" development.							
	4.06	4.2	3.71	3.82	4.09	4.19	3.92	4.02
24	Design standards should be enforced in the DT and along key commercial corridors.							
	4.05	4.2	3.85	3.9	4.11	4.03	3.95	4.03
27	Commercial Development and redev. should be focused in DT/Corridors, not green sites.							
	4.02	4	4.22	3.82	4.02	4.04	3.87	3.99
21	Tourism should be enhanced and promoted.							
	4.01	4.2	3.85	3.9	4.11	4.03	4.17	4.04
14	Increased home ownership should be promoted (reducing rentals).							
	3.99	4.2	3.89	3.72	3.99	4.11	3.67	3.92

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17	Walkways should be required in new developments.	3.97	4.2	3.89	3.39	3.96	4.24	3.81	3.92
12	Better connections to 1-79, I-80, Cranberry Twp. and between municipalities are needed.	3.86	4	3.62	3.74	3.9	3.89	3.69	3.82
26	Municipal foundations should be created to accept donations etc. to help fund civic projects.	3.85	3.8	3.78	3.41	3.82	4.09	3.8	3.83
3	Additional public transportation is needed within and outside the Greater Butler Area.	3.83	4.2	3.39	3.82	3.75	4.11	3.93	3.84
4	(Would you use public transportation? (Yes percentage)	54%	75%	55%	51%	47%	68%	53%	53%
13	More independent living units for the elderly are needed.	3.7	4.2	3.37	3.28	3.78	3.8	3.81	3.73
20	Attractive "Gateway signs" at key entrances are needed.	3.55	3.8	3.37	3.13	3.6	3.67	3.39	3.51
16	Upgrading of the sidewalks in my municipality is important.	3.44	3.8	2.85	2.85	3.29	4.12	2.97	3.3
1	The greater Butler Area provides adequate social services.	3.42	2.6	3.17	3.49	3.44	3.47	3.42	3.44
18	Mixed-use projects (combined residential and commercial spaces( should be pursued.	3.31	3.4	3.31	2.82	3.23	3.67	3.25	3.3
15	Parking is an issue in my municipality.	2.96	3.4	2.59	2.05	2.8	3.72	2.5	2.83
Neighborhoods needing revitalization:(Those mentioned the most by 200 responding.)		Times mentioned		%					
1	The Island area	85	42.5%						
2	West End	51	25.5%						
3	South Side	46	23.0%						
4	City as a whole	34	17.0%						
5	Downtown	23	11.5%						
10	I am satisfied with the quality of services in my municipality by the: (1-5 Scale)								
10a	Police	4.01	3.2	2.93	4.31	4.17	3.92	3.65	3.92
10b	Fire/EMS	4.39	4.2	4.17	4.38	4.48	4.31	4.38	4.38
10c	Elected Officials	3.17	3.4	2.48	3.49	3.36	2.88	3.22	3.2
12a	Better highway connections are especially needed on these roads (priority order):								
1	68 - cited by 79 of 150 answering this question.								
2	228 - cited by 56								
3	8 - cited by 25								
4	528 - cited by 16								
5	422 - cited by 9								
	Others receiving multiple mentions: 356, 38, 19, Main Street, Bypass City								
26	Comments on Quality of Life/Community Development - Summary, most frequent comments per topic (priority order):								
1	Revitalization of the Downtown is a key issue for whole area; several new suggestions - locate college there, bring small chains to DT, more entertainment, etc.								
2	Stronger Drug enforcement.								
3	Lower taxes, reduce government and wasteful spending.								
4	Bring more and diverse job opportunities.								
5	Clean up the streets, make the communities more attractive.								
6	Reopen Memorial Park pool.								
7	Provide more activities for youth.								
8	Increase home ownership, reduce number of HUD houses.								
9	Go after landlords.								



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- 10 Make the communities, especially the City and the DT, safe.
- 11 Reuse existing buildings for development rather than reducing green space.

Major areas of emphasis: .

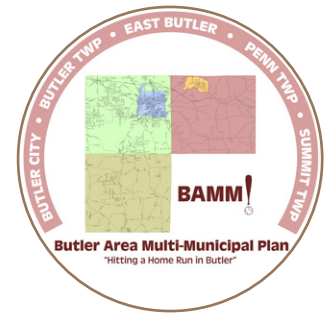
DT revitalization, Safe, attractive drug-free communities, Jobs, Activities for youth, Home ownership, Preserve open spaces

Questions regarding Parks & Recreation:

(Scale of 1-5; 5 = Very Important, 1 = Not at all important.

	BAMM Area	East Butler	Summit Twp.	Penn Twp.	Butler Twp.	City of Butler
29 How important is public recreation to you and your family?	3.83	4	3.61	3.5	3.84	4.0
30 Select statement that most accurately reflects your opinion re community rec programs.						
a The municipality shouldn't provide any recreational programs.	5%	0	7%	11%	3%	4%
b The municipality should provide a few basic programs.	28%	60%	46%	43%	24%	23%
c The muni needs rec programs for all ages, abilities & interests.	68%	40%	46%	46%	73%	73%
31 Which age groups are not presently being provided sufficient rec activities (ck all that apply)						
a Pre-school (2-5)	14%	20%	14%	17%	12%	15%
b School Age (6-12)	19%	40%	18%	14%	17%	26%
c Teens (13-19)	40%	20%	32%	26%	39%	50%
d Young Adults	32%	40%	25%	26%	32%	36%
e Adults	29%	20%	29%	20%	31%	29%
f Seniors	27%	60%	32%	26%	26%	25%
g Families	24%	40%	29%	23%	21%	30%
h Not sure	30%	20%	29%	46%	31%	24%
32 Are recreational programs readily accessible to you? (Yes/No) (% that answered Yes)	59%	20%	36%	54%	66%	57%
34 Re parks and rec facilities in your muni, check statements that reflect your opinion.						
We have too many parks.	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%
We currently have sufficient parks.	28%	20%	36%	21%	31%	24%
We need more parks.	22%	40%	25%	39%	18%	20%
Existing parks should be improved.	59%	80%	43%	18%	62%	75%
We have too many recreational facilities.	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%
We currently have sufficient recreational facilities.	16%	0%	29%	21%	18%	8%
Facilities should be expanded.	35%	0%	18%	31%	35%	43%
Existing recreational facilities should be improved.	53%	100%	36%	33%	55%	58%
Not familiar with parks/rec facilities in the municipality.	6%	0%	21%	26%	2%	3%
35 Are the general appearance and condition of parks in your muni...						
Satisfactory	28%	40%	21%	28%	35%	15%
In need of some improvements.	48%	20%	38%	25%	48%	60%
Need significant improvements.	14%	20%	8%	6%	13%	21%
Don't know	10%	20%	33%	42%	3%	4%
36 What public facilities would your family use on a regular basis? (Most popular responses shown below)						
Courts:						
Tennis	23%	40%	27%	6%	24%	24%
Deck Hockey	11%	0%	4%	12%	11%	12%
Horseshoes	14%	0%	25%	3%	12%	18%
Volleyball	15%	40%	18%	15%	14%	14%
Basketball	18%	20%	18%	18%	14%	27%

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Trails:						
Nature	50%	20%	50%	53%	51%	48%
Walking	74%	60%	71%	71%	72%	82%
Bike	48%	80%	50%	62%	48%	43%
Hiking	30%	20%	21%	38%	27%	37%

Fields:						
Baseball	22%	40%	25%	27%	17%	30%
Softball	18%	40%	7%	18%	15%	26%
Football	14%	40%	18%	12%	11%	20%
Soccer	14%	20%	21%	9%	12%	18%

Areas:						
Restrooms	63%	100%	54%	62%	62%	67%
Sledding	31%	60%	29%	38%	29%	30%
Large Picnic Shelter	38%	80%	46%	35%	36%	38%
Picnic Areas/Tables	49%	80%	57%	47%	45%	52%
Playgrounds	39%	60%	29%	44%	35%	46%
Outdoor Amphitheater	34%	40%	32%	24%	37%	36%
Wooded Natural Areas	37%	40%	29%	44%	38%	34%
Swimming	38%	80%	43%	27%	38%	38%
Arts and Crafts	24%	20%	14%	18%	22%	33%

37 Which new or improved facilities should your muni consider a funding priority? (Highest response percentages shown)

Courts:						
Tennis	19%	20%	19%	12%	21%	18%
Basketball	14%	0%	27%	9%	11%	19%
Horseshoes	11%	0%	31%	0%	8%	12%

Trails:						
Walking	65%	80%	77%	68%	64%	64%
Bike	43%	60%	42%	50%	42%	41%
Nature	39%	40%	31%	44%	38%	42%

Fields:						
Baseball	19%	0%	19%	32%	16%	20%
Softball	16%	0%	19%	27%	12%	20%

Areas:						
Restrooms	46%	80%	35%	50%	44%	48%
Playgrounds	32%	60%	19%	38%	27%	40%
Picnic Areas/Tables	30%	40%	27%	27%	29%	34%
Wooded Natural Areas	30%	20%	12%	29%	30%	34%
Swimming	29%	40%	31%	12%	29%	34%
Amphitheater	23%	0%	31%	12%	26%	22%

38 Would you support your muni allocating resources toward the following types of trails? (Yes percentage shown)

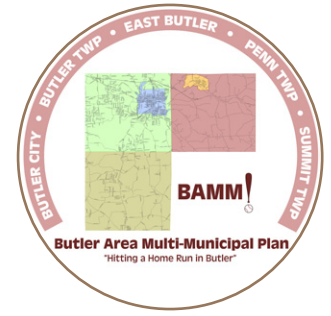
a	Walking trails within parks.	85%	80%	87%	77%	85%	87%
b	Paved bike trails within parks.	75%	100%	68%	68%	77%	74%
c	Multi-purpose trails between parks, neighborhoods, and/or schools.	71%	100%	60%	50%	73%	75%
d	Multi-purpose trails along key commercial corridors.	66%	100%	71%	52%	65%	71%



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39	Please check the types of programs that you would like to see offered by your muni. (Highest response percentages shown.)						
	Special events	50%	60%	48%	47%	51%	50%
	Outdoor/Nature	48%	80%	30%	50%	49%	47%
	Family-oriented	44%	60%	48%	34%	45%	45%
	Educational	40%	40%	30%	22%	40%	48%
	Youth	38%	60%	22%	22%	37%	51%
	Senior Citizen	38%	40%	44%	31%	36%	44%
	Cultural	38%	20%	22%	31%	38%	45%
	Teen	37%	60%	17%	22%	33%	53%
41	Do you believe funding for parks, recreational programs and trails/greenways should...						
	Increase	71%	100%	58%	56%	71%	79%
	Decrease	3%	0%	3%	5%	2%	3%
	Stay the same	26%	0%	39%	39%	27%	18%
42	Do you feel that the municipalities in the Butler area should partner in the development of parks and recreational programs/facilities?						
	Percent responding Yes	89%	75%	89%	75%	88%	96%
43	Would you donate money to support parks, recreation programs and trails/greenways?						
	Percent responding Yes.	67%	75%	68%	47%	67%	74%
	Questions regarding Downtown Butler:						
45	How often do you visit DT Butler? (Shown in highest to lowest response for all BAMM municipalities.)						
	Once or twice a month	27%	60%	31%	32%	34%	9%
	Daily	21%	20%	14%	13%	13%	43%
	Once a week	18%	0%	24%	16%	19%	14%
	More than once a week	18%	0%	17%	13%	14%	28%
	Once or twice a year.	14%	20%	14%	26%	16%	3%
	Never	3%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%
46	What are your primary reasons for visiting DT Butler - ck all that apply. (Percentages for most popular responses shown)						
	Post Office	44%	0%	31%	39%	37%	66%
	Banking/Financial	43%	40%	62%	36%	31%	63%
	Restaurants/Bars	43%	60%	31%	31%	46%	43%
	Doctors/Dentists/Opticians	37%	20%	45%	23%	37%	41%
	Library	33%	0%	31%	13%	31%	46%
	Events/Festivals	31%	80%	17%	23%	30%	40%
	Retail	25%	0%	28%	23%	18%	40%
	Church/Day Care	25%	60%	28%	15%	20%	36%
	Government Services	21%	0%	31%	21%	19%	24%
	Grocery	20%	0%	17%	13%	8%	51%
	Gas/Auto Repair	18%	20%	28%	8%	10%	35%
	Flowers/Gifts	17%	60%	7%	8%	16%	23%
	Shoes	17%	20%	21%	21%	16%	18%
47	What is the average amount you spend per visit to DT Butler?						
	Percent answering \$50 or less.	89%	80%	89%	86%	90%	88%

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48 Is parking a problem in the DT?  
Percent answering Yes. 57% 40% 57% 54% 56% 62%

Most frequent comments regarding DT Parking - (187 total responses). # of Mentions

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|---|---|----|
| 1 | Insufficient, need more on-street and/or parking lots, especially for special events.   | 43 |
| 2 | Not easy to find, not convenient to shopping, esp. certain times of the day.            | 21 |
| 3 | Issues with meters - including different time limits, time too short, too expensive     | 21 |
| 4 | Too costly - meters only take quarters, etc,  | 15 |
| 5 | Issues with parking tickets - still time on meters, time too short on many meters, etc. | 12 |
| 6 | Not enough free parking spaces  | 12 |
| 7 | Hard/scary to parallel park on busy Main Street.  | 10 |
| 8 | DT workers use up free spaces on side streets.  | 10 |
| 9 | Safety - long walks to destinations, no police presence, etc.                           | 8  |

49 Where do you typically shop for goods and services? (Check all that apply.) (Leading BAMM-wide responses shown in descending order.)

Moraine Pointe Plaza	79%	80%	83%	74%	80%	79%
Butler Commons	75%	100%	62%	72%	76%	76%
Clearview Mall	69%	80%	72%	51%	68%	78%
Greater Butler Mart	46%	40%	38%	77%	44%	42%
Downtown Butler	30%	0%	28%	23%	19%	57%
Cranberry Township	29%	60%	14%	46%	31%	22%

50 How important are the following to you regarding shopping in DT Butler? (Rank 1-5, 5=Very Important, 1=Not at all important) All issues with an average rating of 4.0 (Important) or better shown in BAMM-wide descending order)

Safe environment.	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5
Clean, attractive stores.	4.4	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4
Competitive pricing.	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.2
General clean-up of DT.	4.3	4	4	4.3	4.3	4.5
More stores and services.	4.2	4.8	4	4	4.2	4.4
Variety of goods.	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3
Pleasant atmosphere.	4.1	4.4	3.5	4.1	4.2	4.3
Support local businesses.	4.1	4.6	3.5	4	4.1	4.4
Improved traffic flow.	4.1	4.2	4.1	4	4.1	4.1
Additional convenient parking.	4	4.4	3.9	3.7	4.1	4
Personal service.	4	4.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.2
Sales and/or specials.	4	4.8	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.1

(Also rated highly - More restaurants, Location, Common business hours, and inviting entrances and exteriors.)

51 What kinds of stores/services would you like to see (or have more of) in DT? (Top 10 listed in descending order)

Family restaurant	4.0	5.0	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2
Theater - current movies	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.1
Clothing store	3.8	4.4	3.7	3.3	3.8	4.0
Upscale restaurant	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6
Coffee Shop	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.8
Event Center	3.5	4.6	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.8
Bakery	3.4	4.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.7
Ice Cream Shop	3.4	3.8	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.7
Restaurant/Bar	3.4	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5
Take-home food service	3.4	4.2	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.6

(Also rated highly - Hardware store, Hotel, Shoe store, Sports Bar/Restaurant and Specialty gift shop.)



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52 In the next 5-10 years, how would you like to see DT Butler develop. (Ck all that apply.) (Top 5 answers shown)

Maintain small city charm and character.	70.1%	60.0%	67.9%	65.8%	69.7%	73.7%
Improve/maintain the historic district.	61.3%	40.0%	35.7%	57.9%	61.7%	70.5%
More restaurants and food service.	60.2%	20.0%	50.0%	55.3%	61.2%	65.3%
Streetscaping - trees, planters, benches...	58.2%	60.0%	42.9%	47.4%	61.2%	61.1%
Add specialty or niche retail.	52.0%	100.0%	39.3%	39.5%	50.5%	61.1%
Top four age groups responding:						
56-65	26.8%	20.0%	20.7%	26.3%	30.2%	22.4%
46-55	20.7%	60.0%	31.0%	10.5%	20.3%	20.4%
36-45	17.7%	20.0%	6.9%	28.9%	18.2%	15.3%
66-75	14.1%	0.0%	20.7%	21.1%	12.5%	13.3%
(Total 36-75)	79.3%	100.0%	79.3%	86.8%	81.2%	71.4%

Home ownership percentage of those responding:

	87.0%	100.0%	93.0%	97.0%	90.0%	71.0%
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Highest achieved education level of those responding:

High School graduate/GED	19.0%	20.0%	17.9%	15.4%	16.8%	25.3%
Some college/Associate Degree	27.7%	40.0%	35.7%	28.2%	27.2%	25.3%
Technical School graduate	4.7%	0.0%	7.1%	2.6%	4.7%	5.3%
College Degree	30.4%	20.0%	28.6%	46.1%	31.9%	22.1%
Graduate Degree	17.6%	20.0%	10.7%	7.7%	19.4%	20.0%
High School degree or higher:	99.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.0%
College degree or higher:	48.0%	40.0%	39.3%	53.8%	51.3%	42.1%

Length of residence in Butler area. (All responses - total of 472 answered this question.)

	# of	%
Life-long and/or 40+ years	254	53.8%
26-39 years	111	23.5%
10-25 years	65	13.8%
<10 years	42	8.9%

54 Most common general comments - 119 total responses to this question. Mentions

1	Safety issues - drugs, Main St, neighborhood crime, speeding, police presence, etc.	15
2	The condition of the streets and roads and the need to clean them up.	7
3	More activities for youth and adults needed.	5
4	Enforce laws for landlords and property maintenance.	5
5	Need for "new blood" in positions in government.	4

(Numerous positive and negative comments about life in Butler, traffic, taxes, etc.)