

# Landscapes2

Bringing growth and preservation together for Chester County.

Chester County's award-winning Landscapes plan brings growth and preservation together. It guides municipalities, developers, preservationists, and many others in setting priorities for where and how our

County will grow—including both how to revitalize our urban centers and small towns and protect the best of our natural, rural, and historic heritage. **Adopted 10 years ago**, Landscapes won seven national and four state awards and has been adopted as a model by dozens of municipalities across America. Landscapes is being carefully rewritten now to reflect the changing needs of our County. Chester County's Planning Commission is asking for your opinion about future growth and preservation priorities through this survey—or online at [www.Landscapes2.org](http://www.Landscapes2.org) between January and March, 2007.

# Invest 6 minutes in your future.

## Help shape Chester County's growth and preservation priorities.

You are encouraged to participate in the survey by these County and community leaders.

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Brandywine Valley Association

**Dick and Carol Vermeil**

List incomplete—dozens more leaders have signed on since press time.

All answers are strictly confidential.

Do you live, work, or own a business in Chester County? (check all that apply)

- Resident of County
- Work in County
- Own a business in County
- None of the above

If you are a resident:

Do you live in a borough, the City of Coatesville, or a township? (select one)

- A borough
- City of Coatesville
- A township

How many years have you lived in Chester County?

- 0-4
- 5-9
- 10-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50 or more

Your zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your:  Home?  Work?

1. What do you like most about Chester County? (check up to four)

- Farmland, rural character, and natural beauty
- Ease of travel by automobile
- Public transportation (bus and rail)
- Variety of housing types
- Cost of housing
- Shopping and entertainment opportunities
- Jobs/business opportunities
- Quality of schools
- Property tax rates
- Crime rate/safety and security
- Cultural and historic sites
- Public parks and recreational amenities
- Clean air and water
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you like least about Chester County? (check up to four)

- Loss of farmland, rural character, and natural beauty
- Traffic congestion
- Physical condition of roads (road surface, maintenance)
- Limited public transportation (bus and rail)
- Limited variety of housing types
- High cost of housing
- Limited shopping and entertainment opportunities
- Limited job or business opportunities
- Quality of schools
- Property tax rates
- Crime rate/lack of safety and security
- Limited cultural and historic sites
- Limited public parks and recreational facilities
- Problems with water or air quality
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. What issues do you believe are the most important facing Chester County today? (check up to four)

- Open space/farmland preservation
- Managing new growth and development
- Revitalizing urban centers (i.e., boroughs, City of Coatesville)
- Housing needs and affordability
- Employment opportunities
- Natural resource protection (water/air/woodlands)
- Traffic congestion and road conditions
- Providing more transportation choices (public transit/bike paths/walking paths)
- Controlling taxes
- Providing parks and recreational opportunities
- Historic resources protection
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where in the County should future development be encouraged? (check up to two)

- In existing urban centers (i.e., boroughs, City of Coatesville)
- In existing suburban areas
- In existing villages
- In new villages or towns
- In undeveloped rural areas
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. What would you prefer to see more of in Chester County? (check up to four)

- Farmland retention and open space conservation
- Clustered residential development with preserved open space
- Housing in rural areas
- Greater variety of housing types (smaller houses/townhouses/apartments)
- Affordable housing
- Retirement housing opportunities
- Downtown revitalization
- Office buildings/business parks
- Retail stores/shopping centers
- Job opportunities
- Opportunities to walk or bike to places
- Shorter trips between work, home, shopping
- Public transportation options
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Healthcare facilities
- Cooperative planning between local governments
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. What would you prefer to see less of in Chester County? (check up to four)

- Farmland retention and open space conservation
- Clustered residential development with preserved open space
- Housing in rural areas
- Residential development in any location
- Vacant buildings in downtowns/commercial areas
- Office buildings/business parks
- Retail stores/shopping centers
- Traffic congestion
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have any other comments or concerns about the future of Chester County?

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To help us better understand the results, please tell us a few facts about yourself.

Your age:

- Under 12
- 12-17
- 18-20
- 21-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-64
- 65-84
- 85 and over

Are you a municipal elected official, planning commission member, or other appointed municipal official? (check all that apply)

- Elected official
- Planning commission
- Other appointed official
- None of these

Where did you learn about this survey?

- Newspaper
- Web site
- Library
- Municipal building
- Other

If you received a 3-digit code from your municipality or organization, please enter it here:

Group Code \_\_\_\_\_

How to return this survey:

Web site

Visit [www.Landscapes2.org](http://www.Landscapes2.org) and fill out the electronic survey.

Mail

• Instructions for self-mailer on other side.

Drop it off

- Any Chester County library
- Chester County Courthouse  
2 N. High St., West Chester, PA
- Government Services Center  
601 Westtown Rd., West Chester, PA

Don't wait—survey ends soon!

Want to help?

Ask four or more friends to take this survey online at [www.Landscapes2.org](http://www.Landscapes2.org).