

VENANGO TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Act 247 of 1968, as reenacted and amended is the Legislation that conveys Planning Authority and sets ground rules that a Municipality must follow. The cities of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have their own enabling Legislation to set rules or procedures governing land use, planning and zoning matters and are exempt from Act 247.

Under the Act a local Municipality is authorized and directed to form a Planning Commission or Planning Department or both, to advise it in matters pertaining to subdivision and land use.

The following Powers and Duties of a Planning Commission and “Common Roles and Functions of a Planning Commission” are direct reprints of the January 1999 Sixth Edition of “THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN PENNSYLVANIA” by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Generally, the governing body does not conduct the planning functions within the municipality but, rather, appoints a planning commission to do community planning activities and coordinate municipal planning programs. A governing body creates a planning commission, specifies powers, duties and functions of the planning commission, adopts or amends comprehensive plans and adopts or amends implementing ordinances. Once a planning effort is in motion a governing body ought to remain actively involved in the process. Likewise, a planning commission must also exchange information regarding its activities with the governing body.

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Elements of a Comprehensive Plan

The MPC as reenacted and amended mandates that the comprehensive plans contain certain basic elements. A summary of these elements, derived from MPC Section 301 (a) follows:

A statement of community development goals and objectives that chart the location, character and timing of future developments;

A plan for land use identifying the amount, intensity, character and timing of land use;

A plan to meet housing needs of present residents and those families anticipated to live in the municipality as well as accommodating new housing in different dwelling types and at appropriate densities for households of all income levels;

A transportation plan;

A community facilities plan;

A statement of the interrelationships among the various plan components which estimates the environmental, energy conservation, fiscal, economic development and social consequences on the municipality;

A discussion of short- and long-range plans implementation strategies;

A statement of the relationship existing and proposed development of the municipality to the existing and proposed development and plans in contiguous municipalities, to the objectives and plans for development in the county of which it is a part, and the regional trends.

The comprehensive plan is by no means limited to these elements, nor should it be. Each municipality is different from the next. One might have abandoned deep mines, strip mining activity or lack of affordable housing. Another community may not have these elements at all and have different sets of problems or resources.

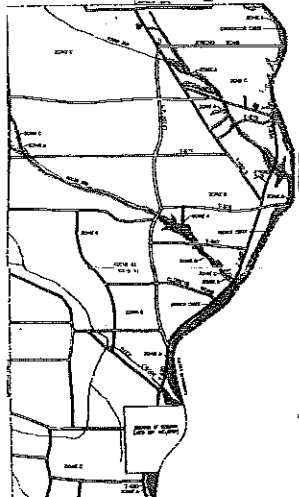
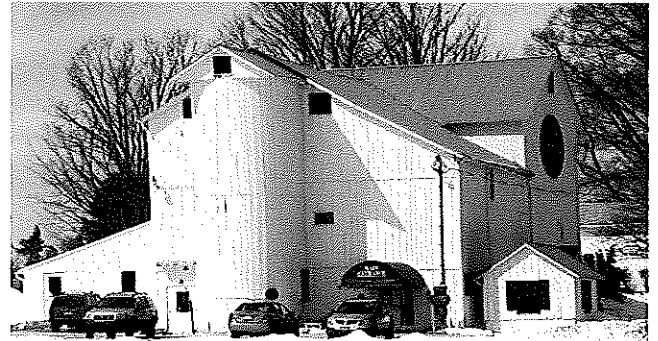
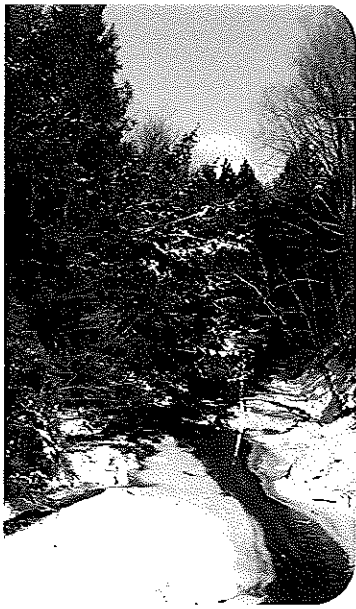
The planning commission will study and document the required elements of a comprehensive plan and at the direction of the Supervisors will undertake other studies/ activities that they may require.

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I. INTRODUCTION

By ordinance 9-19-01A of the Venango Township Board of Supervisors a planning commission was established. (appendix A) On November 11, 2001 the planning commission organized as the Venango Township Planning Commission of Crawford County, adopted bylaws, (appendix B) elected officers and began work on this initial comprehensive plan of Venango Township.

Venango Township is located in northwestern Pennsylvania in the north-central portion of Crawford County. It is situated approximately 12 miles north of Meadville, the County seat and 25 miles south of Erie. It is bounded by Erie County to the north, Cambridge Township and the borough of Venango to the east, Hayfield Township to the south and Cussewago Township to the west. It touches Woodcock Township at the south east point. The eastern boundary is also defined by the concourse of French Creek and it's tributary Conneauttee Creek.

Being small and rural in nature, township property consists of a township equipment storage building and lot, a gravel pit and 28 miles of gravel roads. The township has no public recreation facilities, public parks or other public lands, buildings or community facilities. There are no significant historic structures or cultural resources. The township is not served by scheduled public transportation.

II. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

TOPOGRAPHY

Venango Township is bounded primarily by French Creek to the east. The entire township lies in the western watershed of French Creek and rises continually to higher elevation to the west and is cut by several minor feeder streams to French Creek. The highest point is elevation 1498 feet above sea level which is located at the western boundary of Venango Township at Gospel Hill Road. The low point is the southeast corner where French Creek divides Hayfield and Woodcock Townships.

III ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Being empowered to prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality an environmental study the Planning Commission makes several observations and remarks.

The township from time to time applies salt brine to the roads for the purpose of dust control. Though this may vary from year to year as circumstances dictate, 81,000 gallons were applied during the year of 2003.

There are no identified industries or other major entities in need of monitoring for pollutants in the township. Each property owner is responsible for the monitoring and disposal of on site waste which is handled exclusively with on site septic systems and transport of other waste to approved disposal sites.

The township has numerous wetlands and flood plain areas which are identified by maps in Appendix (b).

Township protection of the environment is addressed through annual township clean-up day. The French Creek Conservancy also provides yearly clean-up of French Creek which defines the eastern border of the township.

Defoliant, weed killers and pesticides used by golf courses, farmers, utility companies and others are not monitored other than through state certification of applicators. There are no known environmental problems.

IV. SOIL TYPES

Venango Township has predominant soil associations of two main types. The Venango-Frenchtown-Cambridge association predominates to the higher ground to the west and a Holly-Red Hook-Chenango association predominates to the east following the line of the French Creek and Conneauttee Creek valleys which form the eastern Boundary.

Both associations are comprised of many smaller identified soil types which occur in irregular patches and bands running in an approximate northwest to southeast orientation in the northern 3/4 of the township. The orientation in the southern 1/4 is southwest to northeast which aligns with the flow of the watershed in this area.

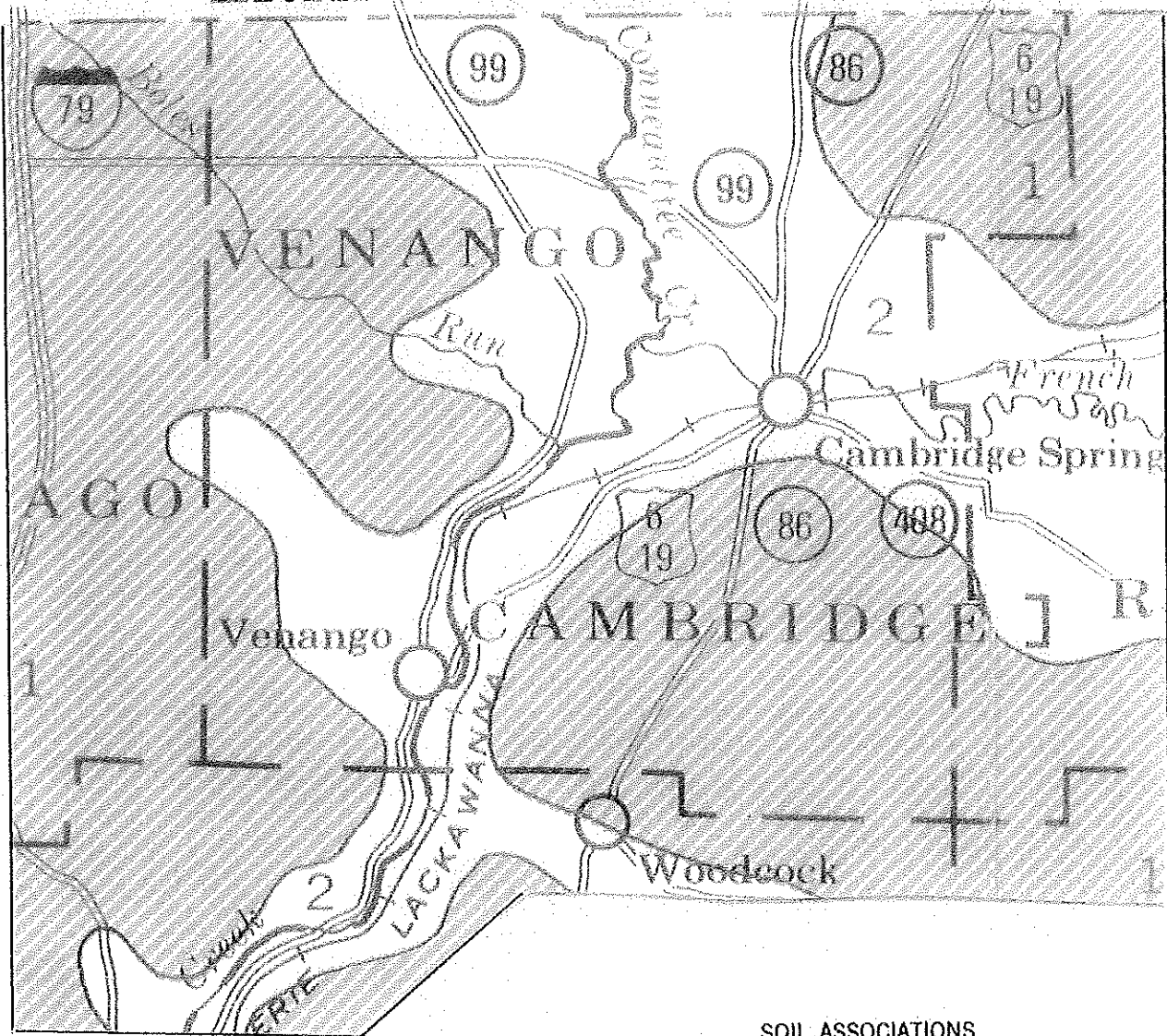
Drainage in all areas varies from well to poorly drained with no prevailing pattern. Soils appropriate for farming, building or residential are interspersed and intermittent so the suitability of any location for a specific use due to soil type can only be determined by site specific location and not by general area within the township.

Source: Soil Survey of Crawford County Pa. U.S.D.A. Soil
Conservation Service Penn State Univ.
Pa. Dept of Environmental Resources 1979

80° 10'

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SOIL ASSOCIATIONS

- | | |
|----------|---|
| 1 | Venango-Frenchtown-Cambridge association: Deep, moderately well drained to poorly drained, nearly level to moderately steep soils that formed in materials weathered from glacial till; on uplands |
| 2 | Holly-Red Hook-Chenango association: Deep, very poorly drained to somewhat excessively drained, nearly level to sloping soils that formed in materials weathered from stream deposits and glacial outwash; on flood plains and terraces |

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

GENERAL SOIL MAP

CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

VENANGO TOWNSHIP

Compiled 1976

Each area outlined on this map consists of more than one kind of soil. The map is thus meant for general planning rather than a basis for decisions on the use of specific tracts.

V. VENANGO TOWNSHIP LAND USE

A Land Use visual study was completed in the Fall of 2004 by teams of two Planning Commission members using Crawford County Tax maps and Real Estate listing information. Number of properties listed for the Township totals 593 and equals approximately 10,485 acres. The Land Use Survey key is included in this Report.

Land use was noted on each individual plot surveyed to be later compiled as to use and acres on a chart developed and used for each map. (Maps No. 6301 through 6307) totals in acres and for each use were then compiled as well as total acres in plot sizes. Criteria used in the survey and results are as follows:

Total Township:	10,485 acres	100%
Residential	1,381 acres	13.17%
Commercial	442.3 acres	4.218%
Farm Land	1,954 acres	18.66%
Agricultural	3,867 acres	36.88%
Wood lots	1,983 acres	18.9%
Vacant land	250 acres	2.38%
Scrub land	579 acres	5.5%
Park land	11 acres	.105%
(Golf Courses (included in Commercial use)	299 acres)	2.85%)
Mining (Gravel)	10.7 acres	.102%

Land listed as vacant or scrub land may be comprised of large areas of Wetland as is the North East corner of the Township.

Total Agricultural use is comprised of the total noted acres of farm use, agricultural land use and woodlot use and equals 7804 acres or 74.43% of all Township land.

The Land Use Survey defined the rural nature of Venango Township.

LAND USE SURVEY KEY

KEY

- R Residential, includes Vacation homes, trailer parks
- C Commercial
- F Farms, with buildings
- A Agriculture Land. With crop (no visible farmstead)
- V Cleared vacant plots, any size
- WL Woodlot mature and near mature trees
- S Scrub land, bushes and some small trees
- PA Park
- G Golf Course
- M Mining, Gravel

NOTE: Key each surveyed plot according to use using the Key letters. Mark as required for multiple uses.

VENANGO TOWNSHIP FLOOD PLAIN INFORMATION

A reduced size copy of the original map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is included in this report. This map, first issued May 31, 1974, was intended to assist property owners determine their possible need for Property flood insurance. A full size map title block was included as an aid to understanding the "explanation of zone designations: and the following noted disclaimers.

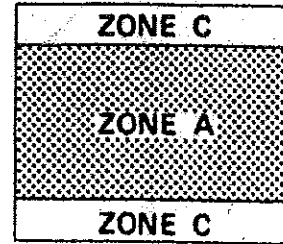
1. ZONE A "Areas of 100 year flood base elevations and flood hazard factors not determined.
2. See "notes to User," first two sentences "Certain areas not in the Special Flood Hazard areas (Zones A and V) may be protected by Flood Control Structures (Union City Flood Control Impoundment Dam was completed in 1971 to help control French Creek Flood Waters)
3. "This map is for flood insurance purposes only: It does not necessarily show all areas subject to flooding."

The shaded flood plain area, Zone A, encompasses approximately 650 acres according to the FEMA furnished map.

Based on the information furnished by the Maps Title Block it may be seen that this report is for general information only. Should specific information be required contact the "National Flood Insurance Program" at 800-427-2354.



ZONE DESIGNATIONS*



Base Flood Elevation Line with elevation in feet ~ 513 ~
 Base Flood Elevation where uniform within zone (EL 987)
 Elevation Reference Mark RM7_x
 River Mile • M1.5

***EXPLANATION OF ZONE DESIGNATIONS**

A flood insurance map displays the zone designations for a community according to areas of designated flood hazards. The zone designations used by FEMA are:

Zone	Explanation
A	Areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors not determined.
A0	Areas of 100-year shallow flooding; flood depth 1 to 3 feet; product of flood depth (feet) and velocity (feet per second) less than 15.
AH	Areas of 100-year shallow flooding where depths are between one (1) and three (3) feet; base flood elevations are shown, but no flood hazard factors are determined.
A1-A30	Areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined.
A99	Areas of 100-year flood to be protected by a flood protection system under construction; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors not determined.
B	Area between limits of 100-year flood and 500-year flood, areas of 100-year shallow flooding where depths less than 1 foot.
C	Areas outside 500-year flood.
D	Areas of undetermined, but possible, flood hazards.
V	Areas of 100-year coastal flood with velocity (wave action); base flood elevations and flood hazard factors not determined.
V1-V30	Areas of 100-year coastal flood with velocity (wave action); base flood elevations and flood hazard factor determined.

NOTES TO USER

Certain areas not in the special flood hazard areas (zones A and V) may be protected by flood control structures.
 This map is for flood insurance purposes only; it does not necessarily show all areas subject to flooding in the community or all planimetric features outside special flood hazard areas.
 Refer to the FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP EFFECTIVE date shown on this map to determine when actuarial rates apply to structures in the zones where elevations or depths have been established.
 To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent, or call the National Flood Insurance Program, at (800) 638-6620.

INITIAL IDENTIFICATION: MAY 31, 1974
 FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP REVISIONS: JUNE 11, 1976
 FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP EFFECTIVE: FEBRUARY 1, 1985
 FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP REVISIONS:

F.E.M.A. MAP

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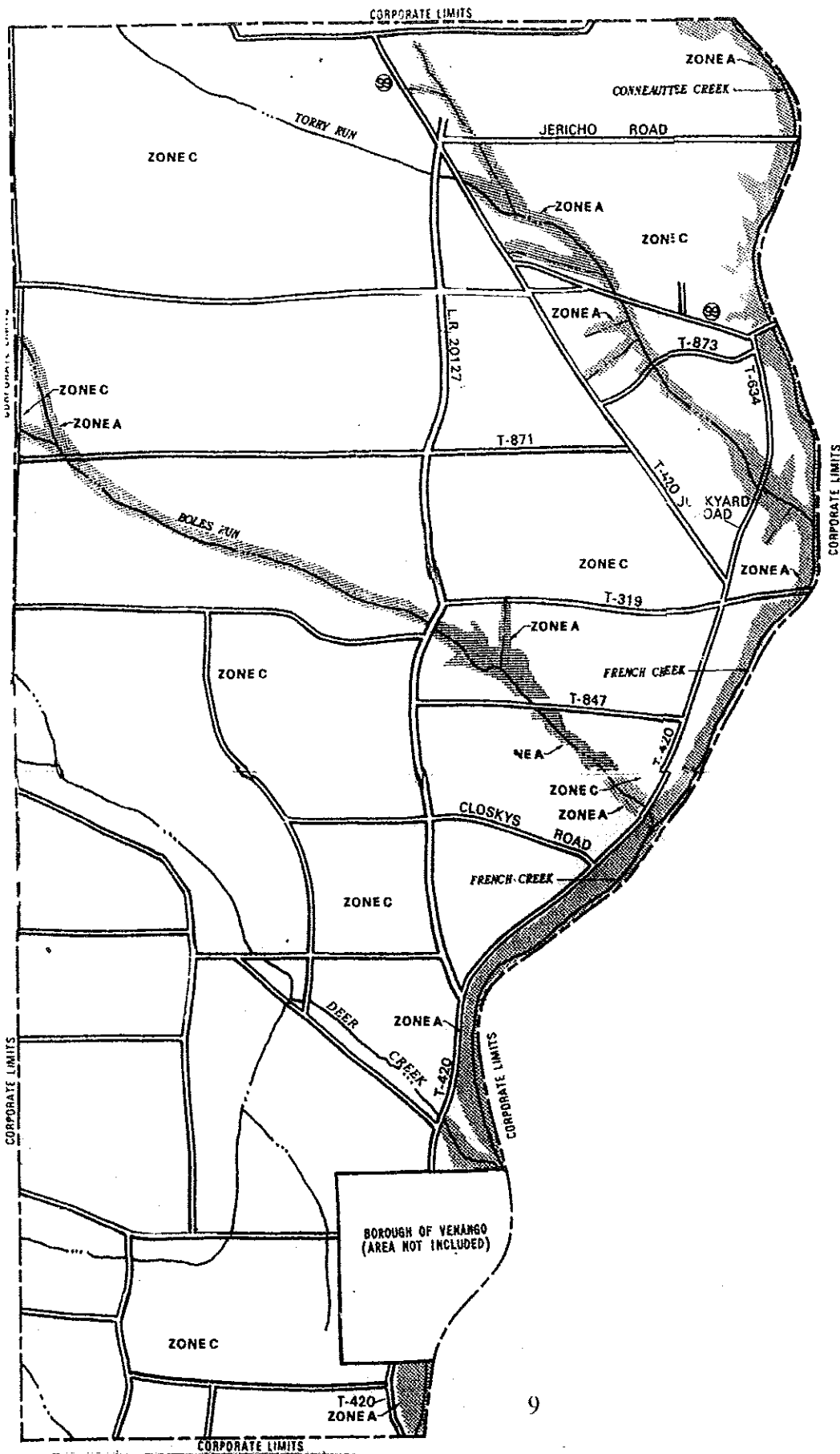
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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP 01-02
MAP INDEX

TOWNSHIP OF VENANGO, PA
CRAWFORD COUNTY

COMMUNITY NUMBER 421574 B



<p>federal emergency management agency</p> <p>TOWNSHIP OF VENANGO, PA</p> <p>CRAWFORD COUNTY</p>	<p>FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP</p> <p>COMMUNITY NUMBER 421674 B</p>	<p>EFFECTIVE DATE</p> <p>FEBRUARY 1, 1985</p>
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VENANGO TOWNSHIP WETLAND REPORT

The United States Department of the Interior did a **National Wetland Survey** and issued maps in 1976. The map was based on aerial photographs taken in 1964 and 1965 by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Wetland survey portion of the maps issued reflecting Venango Township is presented in this report. The information is 29 years old and does not show all **"Regulated Wetlands,"** per the Department of the Interior. The following admonishment is included on the title plate of the original map. The map included in this report is reduced to 60% size to show Wetland areas identified in 1976 not permitting the full Title Block information to be shown on the map itself.

"The sole use of the Wetland Inventory Maps for wetland identification is not recommended! Although, the maps do indicate many of the wetland areas in Crawford County, they do not show all regulated wetlands. It is always suggested that an on-site wetland investigation be performed by a certified delineator, to determine if wetlands exist on a particular parcel."

U.S. Dept of the Interior

On the map provided in this report may be observed wetland areas, irregular and black colored, with a series or combination of letters/numbers which were taken from a very involved descriptive key which was not included in this report.

Keyed Descriptions of a majority of Venango Township's Wetlands are as follows:

POWZ	Open water (OW), intermittently or permanently exposed (Z)
P ^{SS} _{EM} E	Wetland, shrub/scrub areas (SS), emergent vegetation (EM) seasonal saturated (E)
P ^{SS} _{EM} Y	Same as above less (E) but with (Y) saturated/semi-permanent/seasonal
R2OWH	River source (R), Sandy bottom (2), Open Water (OW) and Permanent (H)
PFOIC	Forested (FO), Alkaline water (I) , Seasonal (C)
POWFb	Open water (OW), Semi-permanent (F), Beaver pond (b)

P^{F05}_{EM} Fb

Forested (FO), Dead Trees (S), Emergent vegetation (EM), semi-permanent (F), Beaver pond (b).

PEMB

Emergent Vegetation (EM), Water saturated soil (B)

Prior to changing any wetland area, beaver pond or stream contact:

**Department of Environmental Protection
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville PA 16335**

814-332-6942

Various Wetland fact sheets are available at the D.E. P. office located in Meadville.

VI. TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following financial report is presented to show the limitations imposed by State laws. Under such laws a Second Class township cannot levy any taxes with the exception of the real estate limited transfer tax. This tax is authorized and enabled under Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law and subsequently Venango Township ordinance No. 1-74 HMD, 1987.

In the revenues chart, years 1980 through year 2003 the portions of various State fund Township grants may be found as follows:

Real Estate Taxes	(2% of total taxes)
Per Capita Tax	(\$5.00 per person)
Real Estate Transfer Tax	(98% of taxes)
Earned Income Wage Tax	(1% of tax)
Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax	(A formula based on 956 population & 21.74 miles of roads in township)
Alcoholic beverage tax	(Computation unknown)

Note that the Wage and Motor Vehicle Fuel taxes are the largest individual sources of Township revenue.

Venango Twp Revenues Chart

Revenue Source	1980	1990	1995	2000	2002	2004
General Fund from previous year	20339	135184	242066	450972	477734	536887
Special Fund from previous year	18202	100910	106556	110762	104309	121740
Total Assets from previous year	38541	236094	348622	561734	562043	658627
Real Estate Taxes(about 2% of real estate tax)	9191	8506	10511	13380	12874	13994
Per Capita Taxes (\$5 per person to twp.)	1991	2245	2360	2434	2245	2435
Real Estate Transfer Taxes	1176	2104	2090	7861	4747	10376
Earned Income Taxes (1% of earned wages)	14287	24901	40207	59752	53250	66212
Total Taxes	26644	37756	55168	83427	73116	93017
Fines & Forfeits	1734	3787	5356	1469	4328	2680
Interest Earnings-General Fund	20260	7773	8168	19543	7713	3296
Interest Earnings-Special incl. Liquid Fuel	5763	6295	4408	6240	1810	958
Total Interest, Rents & Royalties	26023	14068	12576	25783	9523	4254
Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax		32612	38396	49253	61269	54484
Alcoholic Beverage Tax		600	450	450	150	300
Total State Tax		332121	38846	49703	61419	54784
Public Safety Service		585	1663	6085	4960	3309
Misc. Revenue	4332	3095	3913	4128	5470	9849
Revenue to General Fund	52183	53596	74718	115102	95737	111796
Revenue to Special Fund		38907	42804	55439	63069	56097
Total Revenues		92503	117522	170595	158816	167893
Millage	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

Venango Twp Expenditures Chart

Expenditure Source	1980	1990	1995	2000	2002	2004
Legislative/Governing Body	4089	3328	3959	2479	1743	1192
Auditing/Bookkeeping Services		226	203	200	221	142
Tax Collection	537	565	891	1217	1444	1608
Solicitor/Legal Services				775	2344	7610
Secretary/Clerk		3337	3962	4835	5519	8815
Other General Government Administration		582		9511	0	
General Government Buildings	1705	1573	5638	3854	6633	12933
Total General Government	6331	9029	14550	22871	17924	32300
Fire	339	2562	4351	4955	6216	5209
Planning & Zoning		555	1577	4113	3283	3125
Emergency Management		1460	1100	1500	1500	3000
Total Public Safety		4517	7028	10568	10999	11334
Total Public Works Sanitation			0	0	540	
Highway General Services G.F.	4866	1210	12041	0	43304	1169
Highway General Services S.F.		26117	35418	5390	33000	18879
Winter Maintenance G.F.	686		4155	1600	700	1667
Winter Maintenance S.F.		2231		6034	4235	5873
Traffic Control Devices Total			424	82	230	1168
Repair of Tools & Machinery G.F.	60	1411		2134	1846	5010
Repair of Tools & Machinery S.F.	517		5837	4641	4109	4824
Road & Bridge Maintenance G.F.	1525	11665	501	15706	16922	19266
Road & Bridge Maintenance S.F.	21143			48319	30949	24672
Total Highway Works G.F.	8513	16517	12041	19489	62925	27112
Total Highway Works S.F.	21143	26117		64417	72388	55416
Capital Projects	8513	42634		83906	135313	
Recreation						
Misc. Intergovernmental				0	6947	8189
Misc. Insurance Premiums		7132	8089	6798	7957	10302
Total Miscellaneous Expenditures	790	7132	8089	6798	14904	18491
Total Expenditures G.F.		7088	41708	59726	107292	89237
Total Expenditures S.F.		30107	35418	64417	72388	55415
Total Expenditures	15973	63312	77126	124143	135313	144652
Capital Purchases				0	62254	
Assessed Value of Real Estate *75% of 1985 base value		7366850	8848100	10005250	10933100	11411550
Employee Compensation				34207	27688	32998

VII. ROADS, BRIDGES AND TRANSPORTATION

ROADS

The primary responsibility of the township Supervisors is the maintenance of the township system. This includes all aspects of road work; ditching, drains, bridges, grading, brine application, snow removal and anti-skid, as required. Equipment maintenance is a major factor in accomplishing the task.

The road network, which provides access to all areas of the township is composed of State highways, State Secondary roads and Township roads. These roads, classified as to ownership and use, are defined as follows:

MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADS:

MAP KEY 1, "RED"

State Routes 6/19 and 99 which serve inter-county and interstate highway access and access all following classifications.

MINOR ARTERIAL ROADS:

MAP KEY 2, "GREEN"

Roads connecting to or connecting State roads and accessing local roads. Gospel Hill, Plank Road and Irish Road are in this Classification

MINOR COLLECTOR ROADS:

MAP KEY 3, "BLUE"

Roads connecting to minor arterial roads and accessing all other classifications. Blystone and Skelontown Roads are two of these roads.

TOWNSHIP ROADS:

MAP KEY 4, "BLACK"

Unpaved local roads which may integrate with some or all other road classifications.

Referring to the Township Road Map shows MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADS, 1, State Route 99 is a North- South Highway at the Northeast corner of the twp. providing access to Erie County and it's various municipalities, as well as Cambridge Township and Cambridge Springs to the East. I-79 and I-90 may also be accessed to the North through Erie County. State Routes 6 and 19 are also North-South roads, located entering and exiting at the Township's South-East corner and providing access to Cambridge Springs and municipalities to the South as well as I-79 at Saegertown.

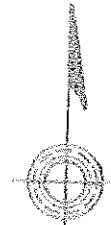
MINOR ARTERIAL ROADS, 2, are roads connecting to **MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADS**. Plank Road, located wholly within the township provides a North-South connection between State Route 99 at the North Boundary and State Routes 6 and 19 at the Township's Southern boundary.

Irish Road, as a **MINOR ARTERIAL ROAD**, provides East-West connection between State Route 99 and State Route 98 to the West as well as other township roads. Gospel Hill Road, another East-West road, provides access between State Routes 6 and 19 and many secondary roads to the West of the Township.

MINOR COLLECTOR ROADS, 3, Blystone and Skeltontown roads, connect to **MINOR ARTERIAL ROADS**, as well as to each other, and provide paved transit within the Township.

All of these specific classifications of Roadways also connect to **TOWNSHIP ROADS, 4**, all of which are unpaved.

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TOTAL MILES

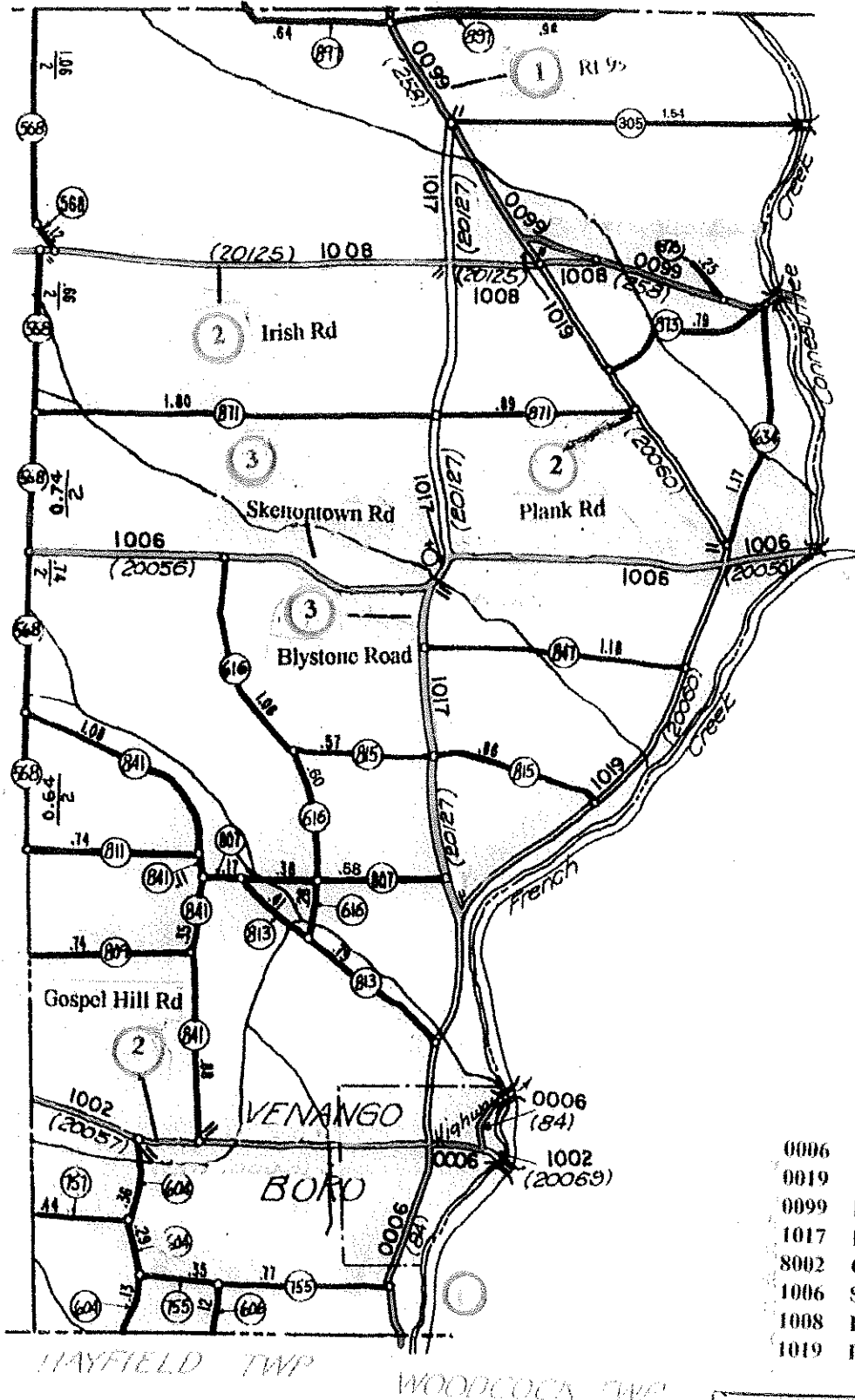
TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM	23.28
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM	18.73
TOTAL	42.01

TOWNSHIP ROADS

- 305 Jericho Road
- 568 Capp Road
- 604 Lewandowski Road
- 606 Hill Road
- 616 W. Sherred Road
- 634 Drakes Mill Rd
- 755 Bechtold Road
- 757 Merritt Road
- 807 Kightlinger Road
- 809 Bear Road
- 811 Fox Road
- 813 Cemetery Road
- 815 Zimmerman Road
- 841 Center Road
- 847 Tobin Road
- 871 Hecker Road
- 873 Racop Road
- 875 Closky Farm Road
- 897 Florek Road

STATE ROADS

- 0006 Rt 6
- 0019 Rt 19
- 0099 Rt 99
- 1017 Blystone Road (20127)
- 8002 Gospel Hill Rd (20057)
- 1006 Skeltontown Rd (20056)
- 1008 Irish Rd (20125)
- 1019 Plank Rd (20060)



CUSEWAGO TWP

HAYFIELD TWP

WOODCOCK TWP

TOWNSHIP ROAD MAP
VENANGO TOWNSHIP
CRAWFORD COUNTY

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VENANGO TOWNSHIP BRIDGES

The following is a compilation of bridge reports; dated June 6, 2002, required by the Federal Surface Transportation Act establishing biannual inspections for all publicly used bridges over twenty feet in length. Also included are the Recommendations for repairs and improvements.

An itemized list of suggested immediate improvements is available in the bridge reports published in July 2002. It is noted that 65% of deficiencies of previous reports were not addressed from previous reports.

Venango Township- Bridge No.1 T-634, Drakes Mill Road over Torry Run

This is a one lane bridge built about in 1920. Drakes Mill Road services less than half dozen structures. It is mainly used is as a short cut to State Route 99.

In August of 2004 we had a deluge of 10 inches of rain over night. Part of the road and dirt around the substructure was washed away. The Township Supervisors asked the engineer of The EADS Group look it over as to its road worthiness. Due to the condition of the bridge and the liability for any consequences it was close on September 7, 2004. It will be closed until it is temporarily fixed or replaced. At this time it is not known whether it can be fixed for the short term, however with permits needed for environmental concerns, Penn. DOT design, and contract approval, it may take over two years before the bridge is opened again.

Prior to this the last official inspection dated June 6, 2002 , recommended that replaced and would cost estimated about \$231,000. This bridge has been given priority by the Township Supervisors for replacement. Steps have been taken to put it on the T.I.P. program. This would replace it with a two lane bridge costing approximately \$400,000, but costing the Township only \$20,000

Venango Township Bridge No.2 T-873, Racop Road over Torry Run

This is a two lane built in 1915. Immediate Improvement needs would cost approximately \$17,972. Estimated replacement cost is about \$236,000. This bridge has had some major reinforcement in September of 1990. It is being discussed by the Township Supervisors for future replacement.

Venango Township Bridge No. 3
T-616 West Sherred Road over Coulter Run

This is a one lane bridge built after the last inspection period and has no documented report as yet. It must be noted that some minor damage has occurred to the guard rail due to flooding; also some of the riprap gravel has washed out of the down stream southern bank. The supervisors are in the process of getting the required environmental permits and quotes on the gravel for replacement. The guard rail does not need repair or replacement at this time.

Venango Township Bridge No.4
T-811 Kightlinger Road over Coulter Run

Bridge #4 is a one lane built in 1930. Immediate Improvement needs would cost approximately \$59,200. Estimated replacement cost is about \$270,000. The future replacement is being considered by the Township Supervisors. Also being considered is closing the road since there is only one household on either side and would only require .3 of mile further distance due to lack of a bridge.

Venango Township Bridge No.5
T-568 Capp Road over Coulter Run

This one lane bridge had major rehabilitation in 1986. When it was built is unknown. Immediate Improvement needs would cost approximately \$32,280. Estimated replacement cost is about \$236,390. At the present there has been no discussion as to the replacement of this bridge at this time.

Venango Township- Bridge #1 Recommendations- Repairs and /or Improvements

Immediate Improvement Needs:

THE FAR ABUTMENT IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. UNLESS CLOSELY MONITORED, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE BRIDGE UNTIL CORRECTIVE ACTION IS TAKEN. THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD MONITOR THE CONDITION OF THE FAR ABUTMENT AND BEARING AT MONTHLY INTERVALS.

1. *Install approach guiderail in accordance with current PennDOT Roadway Construction (RC) Standards. Radially install an alternate end treatment to provide access to the private driveway at the far downstream corner. Estimate Cost \$4,000.
2. *Patch all the spalled areas on each abutment including the beam seats. Estimated Cost \$1,000.
3. *Place rip-rap along the base of each abutment, upstream and downstream to prevent scour. Estimated Cost \$900.
4. *Replace the bridge railing with an approved bridge railing system in accordance with current PennDOT Roadway Construction (RC) Standards. Estimated Cost \$5,208.
5. *Epoxy the cracks on top of the deck and patch the spalls underneath the deck. Also, reconstruct the deck so that the fascia beams support the deck. Estimated Cost \$8,320.
6. *Install horizontal clearance warning markers at the each corner of the bridge. In addition, provide "NARROW BRIDGE" signs at each approach and replace the ben "WEIGHT LIMIT" sign at the far side and "BRIDGE" plaque at the near and far sides. Estimated Cost \$1,200
7. *Improve visibility of bridge signing by clearing brush at bridge site. Estimated Cost \$300.
8. *Reconstruct the near and far abutment bearing areas. Reset the left fascia beam Estimated Cost \$16,000.
9. *Regrade approach roadways to remove potholes, rutting and misalignment and to reestablish positive drainage. Estimated Cost \$8,000.
10. *Clear flood debris from both bridge seats and dirt and gravel from the deck. Estimated Cost \$600.
11. *Sandblast and paint entire superstructure. Obtain required permits and approvals prior to starting work and replace interior Beam No. 1. Estimated Cost \$17,000.
12. *Remove vegetation and debris from channel and stream banks for a distance of 50 feet upstream and downstream of structure. Obtain all required permits and approvals before starting work. Estimated Cost \$1,050.
13. *Reconstruct near right wingwall and far abutment steam and wingwall. Estimated Cost \$12,000.
14. Patch the spalls, honeycombing and any voids in all the backwalls of both abutments. Estimated Cost \$500
15. Replace the rusted and sheared steel rod diaphragms. Estimated Cost \$1,000.

Venango Township- Bridge #1 Recommendations- Repairs and /or Improvements continued

Short Term Improvement Needs:

1. None

Long Term Improvement Needs:

1. Replace the entire structure. Estimated Cost \$231,000

All items marked (*) are uncorrected deficiencies/recommendations brought forward from previous inspection reports.

COMPLETED REPAIRS AND / OR IMPROVEMENTS SINCE THE PREVIOUS INSPECTION

1. None

Venango Township- Bridge #2 Recommendations- Repairs and /or Improvements

Immediate Improvement Needs:

1. *Install approach guiderail at each corner of the structure in accordance with current PennDOT Roadway Construction (RC) Standards. Estimated Cost \$4,000.
2. *Replace the existing bridge railing with a system meeting current PennDOT Roadway Construction (RC) Standards. Estimated Cost \$4092.
3. *Schedule an underwater inspection at the earliest convenience.
4. *Place rock rip-rap along the full length of the near and far abutments and upstream and downstream of the structure. Estimate Cost \$1,500.
5. *Remove the dirt and gravel from across the bridge deck. Estimated Cost \$400
6. *Post the structure as a "NARROW BRIDGE" at each approach and install hazard clearance markers at each corner. Estimated Cost \$1,200.
7. *Clean and paint exposed areas of steel I-Beams. Estimated Cost \$3,500
8. *Perform miscellaneous concrete repairs to the stem, backwalls, wingwalls and underside of deck and concrete curbs. Estimated Cost \$1,500
9. *Clear the brush along the channel banks for a distance of 50 feet upstream and downstream of the structure. Estimated Cost \$780.
10. Re-grade both approaches and all shoulders to improve drainage. Estimated Cost \$1,000.

Short Term Improvement Needs:

1. None

Long Term Improvement Needs.

1. Replace the entire structure. Estimated Cost \$236,390 (Based on current costs.)

Venango Township- Bridge #2 Recommendations- Repairs and /or Improvements continued

All items marked (*) are uncorrected deficiencies/recommendations brought forward from previous inspection reports.

COMPLETED REPAIRS AND / OR IMPROVEMENTS SINCE THE PREVIOUS INSPECTION

1. None

Venango Township- Bridge #4 Recommendations- Repairs and /or Improvements

1. *Replace the existing bridge railing with a system meeting current PennDOT Roadway Construction (RC) Standards. Estimated Cost \$5,000.
2. *Install approach guiderail in accordance with current PennDOT Roadway Construction (RC) Standards at each corner of the structure. Estimated Cost \$5,000
3. Install "ONE LANE BRIDGE" signs and horizontal clearance warning markers at each approach. Estimated Cost \$600.
4. Repair/reconstruct concrete curbs. Estimated Cost \$2,000
5. Replace/repair the abutment backwalls. Estimated Cost \$5,000
6. Fill void behind abutments high slump concrete. Estimated Cost \$2,000
7. Reconstruct the abutments and wingwalls. Estimated cost \$15,000.
8. Wirebrush and paint the exposed portions of all beams. Obtain required permits and approvals before commencing with work. Estimated cost \$13,500.
9. Clear debris from top of deck and bridge seats. Estimated Cost \$500
10. Clear the heavy vegetation from channel banks for a distance of 50 feet upstream and downstream from structure. Obtain required permits and approvals. Estimated Cost \$4,000.
11. Place rock rip-rap at the base of each abutment and wingwall to prevent scour. Estimated Cost \$600
12. Patch the deteriorated areas on the deck with an approved patching compound. Estimated Cost \$1,000.
13. Remove the stream deposition under and downstream of the structure. Obtain all necessary permits or approvals prior to the commencement of the work. Estimated Cost \$5,500.
14. Re-grade shoulders to reestablish positive drainage from roadway. Estimated Cost \$1,500.

Long Term Improvement Needs:

1. Replace the entire structure. Estimated Cost \$270,000.

Venango Township- Bridge #5 Recommendations- Repairs and /or Improvements

Immediate Improvement Needs:

1. *Install approach guiderail at each corner of the bridge in accordance with PennDOT Roadway Construction (RC) Standards. Estimated Cost \$5,000.
2. *Install a new PennDOT approved structure mounted bridge railing system across each side of the bridge. Estimated Cost \$4,430
3. *Patch the potholes at the near approach. Estimated Cost \$750
4. *Re-grade the shoulder areas on the right side to re-establish positive drainage from the roadway surface. Estimated Cost \$1,500
5. *Sandblast and paint the entire superstructure. Obtain all required permits and approvals before starting work. Estimated Cost \$16,400.
6. *Patch the cracks and spalled areas on the substructure units with a epoxy-patching compound. Estimated Cost \$500.
7. *Clear the brush from the channel banks and remove the deposition from the channel for a distance of 50 feet upstream and downstream from the structure. Remove the fence at the upstream side of the structure to prevent trapping and build-up of debris, which will restrict the flow of water through the channel. Obtain all required permits and approvals before starting work. Estimated Cost \$3,000.
8. *Clean debris from deck surface and bridge seats. Estimated Cost \$400.
9. *Install "EXCEPT COMBINATIONS 31 TONS" sign at the near advance intersection location. Estimated Cost \$100.
10. *Replace damaged weight limit signs at the bridge site. Estimated Cost \$200.

Long Term Improvement Needs:

1. Replace entire structure. Estimated Cost \$236,390 (Based on Current Costs)

All items marked (*) are uncorrected deficiencies/recommendations brought forward from previous inspections.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for Township residents is generally by private automobile. Although no fixed schedule Bus service is available. The Crawford Area Transportation Authority does provide 24 hour service with a fleet of seven (7), fifteen to eighteen passenger, buses. Service is provided within Northwest Crawford County with additional service to the City of Erie on the Second and Third Monday of the Month. The office is located in Meadville Pa. (Phone number 814 336-5600)

“Commuting to Work “ data, as provided by the Year 2000 Census is as follows:

Workers 16 years and over	441	100%
Car, truck or van-- drove alone	379	85.9%
Car, truck or van -- carpoled	30	6.8%
Public transportation (including taxi)	--	--
Walked	6	1.4%
Other means	4	.9%
Worked at home	22	5.0%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.2	

Although the Census data is incomplete as to the work locations commuted to, it is understood that destinations are found within the Township and beyond the Township boundaries. Residents traveling for work, shopping, medical necessity and many other personal reasons require a planned upgrading to hard surfacing for better traveling and also more easily maintained roads within the Township.

VIII. MUNICIPAL TO MUNICIPAL COOPERATION

For many years Venango Township has had a verbal joint aid agreement with Venango Borough, surrounding Townships, Venango Volunteer Fire Department and Penncrest School District relative to school bus problems during the Winter snow season. This includes sharing snow plowing duties on a common held roads such as Capp Road and Florek and the swapping of equipment for short periods for a specific project when extra equipment is required or equipment is down for repair and the work must be completed for safety reasons.

Over the years this approach has proven to work quite well and has fostered a strong sense of intercommunity cooperation.

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POPULATION DATA AND FORECAST

Population analyses and projections are an important component to any comprehensive planning process. The consequences of population change greatly affect many municipal and regional issues ranging from the supply of housing, sewer and water systems, fire and police protection, and recreation facilities.

POPULATION DATA

The following statistics, tables, and charts indicate that given Venango Borough's absence of vacant land for residential expansion and its aging housing stock, any new residential growth that is to occur in the Venango Area is most likely going to occur in Venango Township.

The following charts, maps, and statistics describe the population demographics of Venango Township as related to statewide and countywide trends. The source of this information is the US Bureau of Census and the Pennsylvania State Data Center. These have important planning considerations when taking into account future expansions in municipal services.

All charts provided are self-explanatory and may show years 1990 and 2000 to facilitate comparison by the reader. Additional information, if required, may be found on the Internet from the U.S. Census Bureau at [HTTP://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/stats/42142039.html](http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/stats/42142039.html).

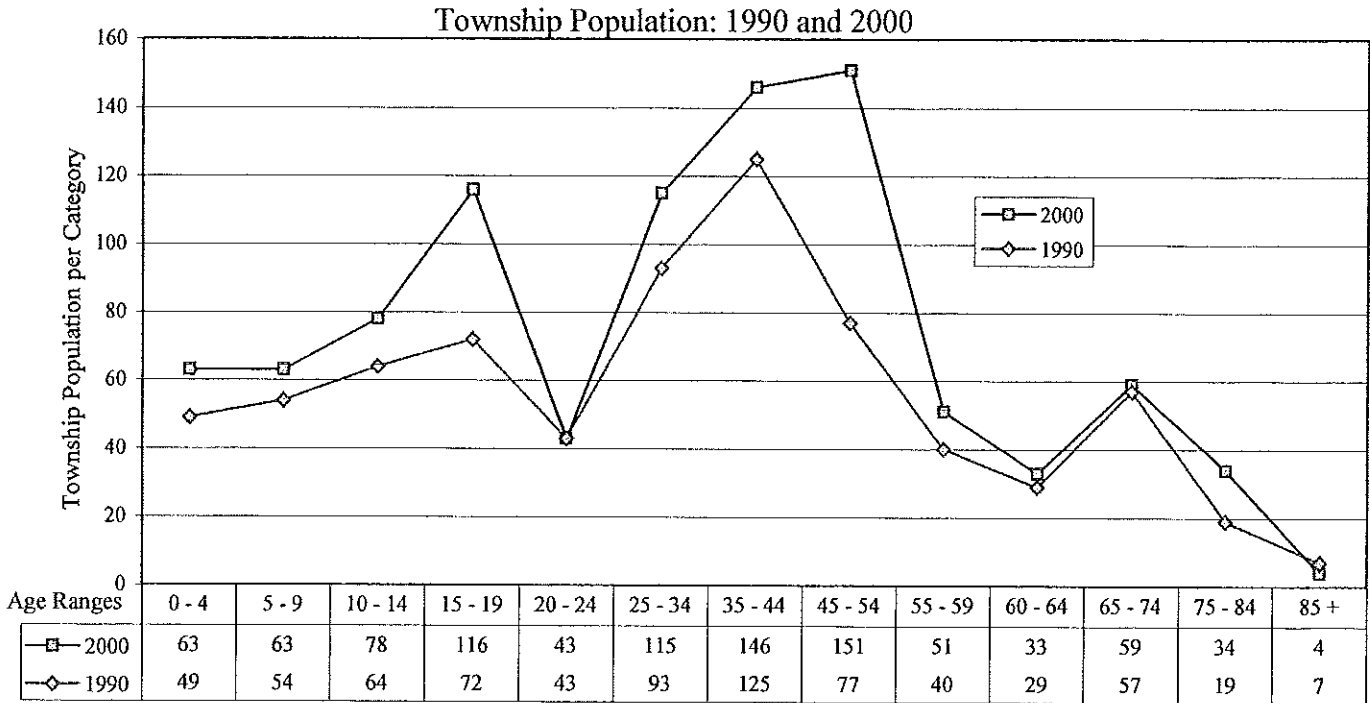
TABLE 1

POPULATION DATA 1990 CENSUS	POPULATION DATA 2000 CENSUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Population: 729 ▪ Sex of Persons: 394 males, 335 females ▪ Persons 65 or Older: 83 ▪ Number of Households: 256 (2.84 persons per household) ▪ Number of Families: 191 (3.82 persons per family) ▪ Persons per Square Mile: 45 (16.3 square miles) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Population: 956 ▪ Sex of Persons: 484 males, 472 females ▪ Persons 65 or Older: 97 ▪ Number of Households: 340 (2.67 persons per household) ▪ Number of Families: 248 (3.15 persons per family) ▪ Persons per Square Mile: 59 (16.3 square miles) <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(US Census Bureau)</p>

The population of Venango Township as counted in the 2000 Census is 956. This was a 23.74% increase over the 1990 figure of 729. One characteristic that stands out is that Venango Township's population is younger than Crawford County's on the average. Approximately 10.1 % of Venango Township's residents are 65 or older compared to 15.6% in Crawford County and 15.6 % in Pennsylvania.

Over the years, Venango Township has increased its population, particularly in the mid-age range. One will notice, however, that the 20 - 24 year bracket has remained constant over the past census. This may be attributed to college enrollment, leaving the area to secure employment, or serving in the Military services.

DIAGRAM 1



(US Census Bureau)

Venango Township's demographic characteristics reflect statewide and countywide trends. Crawford County is no exception to the statewide trend shown in Table 2. Crawford County's Boroughs and Cities have been experiencing a net population loss while the County's Townships are experiencing gains. Between 1950 and 2000 Crawford County's Boroughs lost 2.42% and Cities lost 33.19% of their populations while the Townships grew by 24.53%. This trend is illustrated in Diagram 2. Also, Boroughs (16.56%) and Cities (19.14%) have more residents over the age of 65 compared to the Townships (12.75%). As a result, while Cities and Boroughs are experiencing a gradual decline in their housing stock and tax base, Townships like Venango must deal with residential growth and its effect on agriculture, quality of life, and infrastructure.

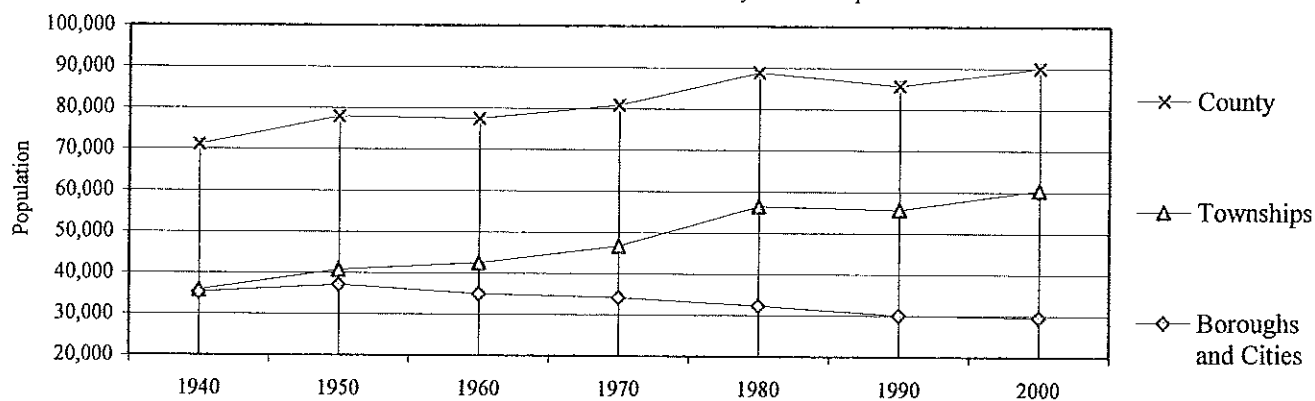
TABLE 2

Trends in Pennsylvania					
	Unit Count	2000 Population	1990 Population	Difference	Percentage
Counties	67	12,281,054	11,881,643	399,411	3.4%
Boroughs	974	2,546,662	2,577,797	-31,135	-1.2%
Cities	58	3,127,256	3,284,205	-156,949	-4.8%
Total Townships	1,547	6,607,136	6,019,881	587,255	9.8%
<i>1st Class Townships</i>	89	1,482,048	1,435,038	47,010	3.3%
<i>2nd Class Townships</i>	1,458	5,125,088	4,584,843	540,245	11.8%

(PA State Data Center)

Diagram #2

Population 1940-2000
Crawford County and Municipalities



(US Census Bureau)

The shift in population for the entire Commonwealth becomes very apparent as documented in the color map titled "Population Percent Change," Pa. Counties, which follows Diagram 3. Eastern counties experienced the greatest increase in population, while the western section had a little overall change. The percentage change in population for each municipality in Crawford County is shown in Table 3. Venango Township experienced one of the largest "growth spurts" in the County with an increase of 31.1% while Venango Borough has a slight decrease of -0.3%.

TABLE 3

**Crawford County Municipal Population
Percentage Change: 1990 - 2000**

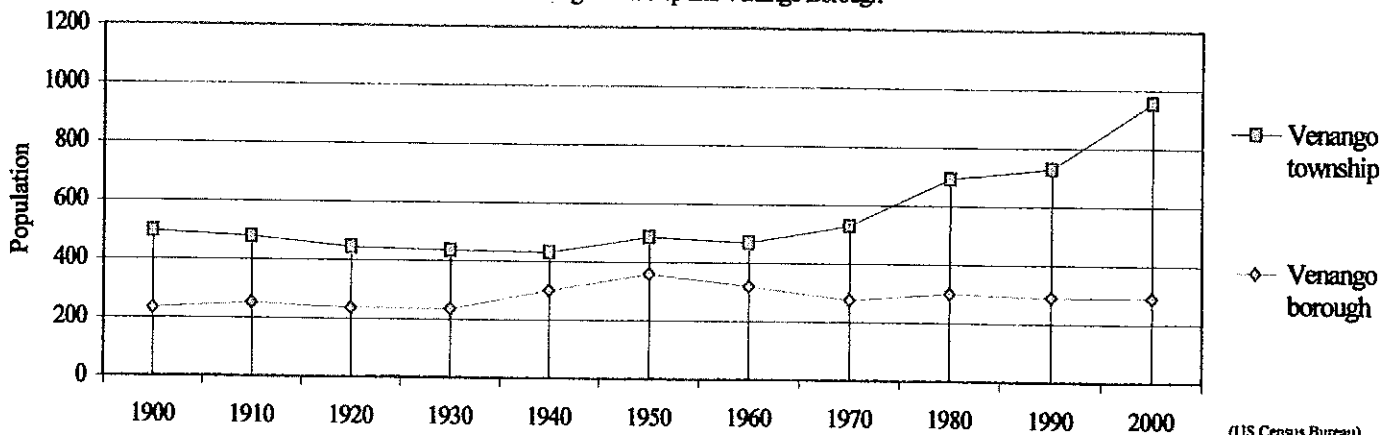
Area Name	1990	2000	Percent Change
Crawford County	86,169	90,366	4.9%
Athens Township	699	775	10.9%
Beaver Township	831	903	8.7%
Bloomfield Township	1839	2051	11.5%
Blooming Valley Borough	391	378	-3.3%
Cambridge Township	1496	1486	-0.7%
Cambridge Springs Borough	1837	2363	28.6%
Centerville Borough	249	247	-0.8%
Cochranton Borough	1174	1148	-2.2%
Conneaut Township	1399	1550	10.8%
Conneaut Lake Borough	699	708	1.3%
Conneautville Borough	822	848	3.2%
Cussewago Township	1409	1597	13.3%
East Fairfield Township	890	848	-4.7%
East Fallowfield Township	1280	1434	12.0%
East Mead Township	1441	1485	3.1%
Fairfield Township	997	1104	10.7%
Greenwood Township	1361	1487	9.3%
Hayfield Township	2937	3092	5.3%
Hydetown Borough	681	605	-11.2%
Linesville Borough	1166	1155	-0.9%
Meadville City	14318	13685	-4.4%
North Shenango Township	902	1387	53.8%
Oil Creek Township	2069	1880	-9.1%
Pine Township	455	531	16.7%

Area Name	1990	2000	Percent Change
Randolph Township	1661	1838	10.7%
Richmond Township	1370	1379	0.7%
Rockdale Township	1045	1343	28.5%
Rome Township	1491	1745	17.0%
Sadsbury Township	2575	2941	14.2%
Saegertown Borough	1066	1071	0.5%
South Shenango Township	1560	2047	31.2%
Sparta Township	1554	1740	12.0%
Spartansburg Borough	403	333	-17.4%
Spring Township	1561	1571	0.6%
Springboro Borough	471	491	4.2%
Steuben Township	820	908	10.7%
Summerhill Township	1264	1350	6.8%
Summit Township	1890	2172	14.9%
Titusville City	6434	6146	-4.5%
Townville Borough	358	306	-14.5%
Troy Township	1235	1339	8.4%
Union Township	895	1049	17.2%
Venango Borough	289	288	-0.3%
Venango Township	729	956	31.1%
Vernon Township	5605	5499	-1.9%
Wayne Township	1401	1558	11.2%
West Fallowfield Township	693	659	-4.9%
West Mead Township	5401	5227	-3.2%
West Shenango Township	496	541	9.1%
Woodcock Borough	148	146	-1.4%
Woodcock Township	2412	2976	23.4%

(US Census Bureau)

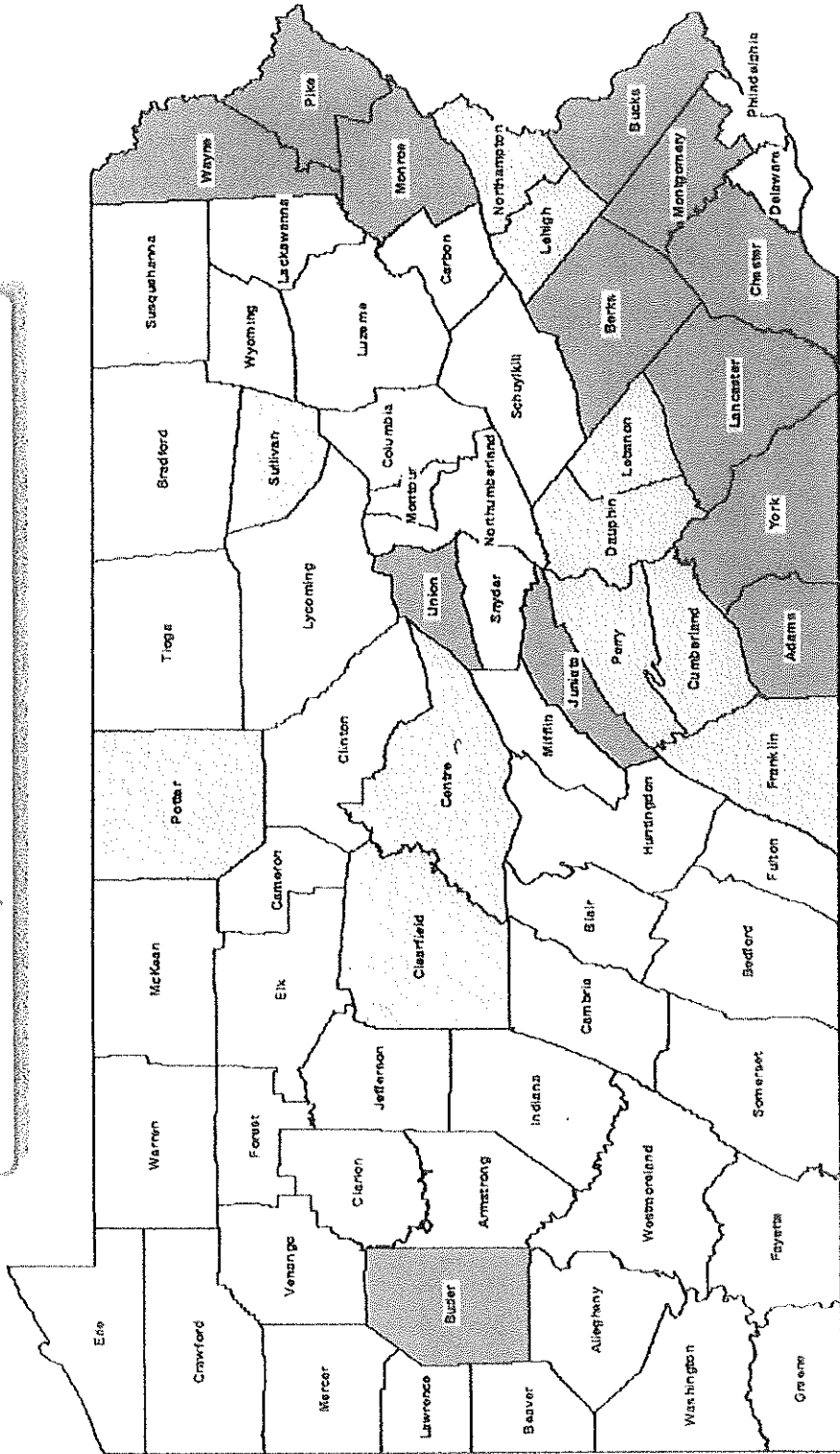
DIAGRAM 3

**Comparative Growth: 1900 - 2000
Venango Township and Venango Borough**



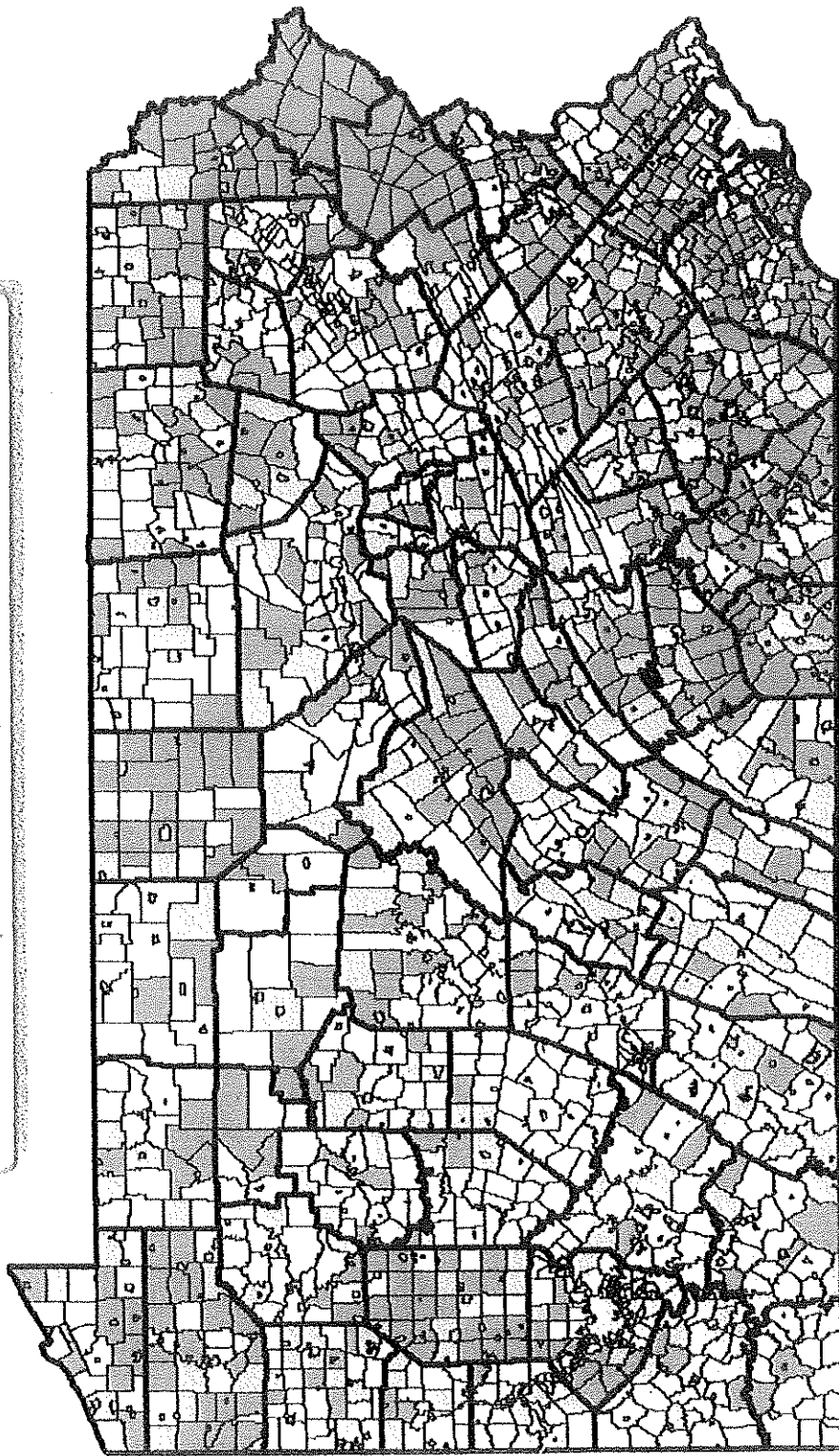
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Population Percent Change Pennsylvania Counties 1990 - 2000



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The Pennsylvania State Data Center

Population Percent Change
Pennsylvania Municipalities 1990 - 2000



- Population Loss 0.0 to 5.0% 5.0 to 10.0% Greater than 10.0%

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TABLE 4
CENSUS 2000 AGE COHORT ANALYSIS

Venango Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Age	Number			Percent			Males per 100 Females
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	
Total population	956	484	472	100	100	100	102.5
Under 5 years	63	37	26	6.6	7.6	5.5	142.3
5 to 9 years	63	29	34	6.6	6	7.2	85.3
10 to 14 years	78	40	38	8.2	8.3	8.1	105.3
15 to 19 years	116	62	54	12.1	12.8	11.4	114.8
20 to 24 years	43	24	19	4.5	5	4	126.3
25 to 29 years	50	27	23	5.2	5.6	4.9	117.4
30 to 34 years	65	27	38	6.8	5.6	8.1	71.1
35 to 39 years	71	35	36	7.4	7.2	7.6	97.2
40 to 44 years	75	37	38	7.8	7.6	8.1	97.4
45 to 49 years	90	46	44	9.4	9.5	9.3	104.5
50 to 54 years	61	34	27	6.4	7	5.7	125.9
55 to 59 years	51	26	25	5.3	5.4	5.3	104
60 to 64 years	33	17	16	3.5	3.5	3.4	106.3
65 to 69 years	40	16	24	4.2	3.3	5.1	66.7
70 to 74 years	19	13	6	2	2.7	1.3	216.7
75 to 79 years	20	8	12	2.1	1.7	2.5	66.7
80 to 84 years	14	3	11	1.5	0.6	2.3	27.3
85 to 89 years	4	3	1	0.4	0.6	0.2	300
90 years and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	(X)
Under 18 years	282	147	135	29.5	30.4	28.6	108.9
18 to 64 years	577	294	283	60.4	60.7	60	103.9
18 to 24 years	81	45	36	8.5	9.3	7.6	125
25 to 44 years	261	126	135	27.3	26	28.6	93.3
25 to 34 years	115	54	61	12	11.2	12.9	88.5
35 to 44 years	146	72	74	15.3	14.9	15.7	97.3
45 to 64 years	235	123	112	24.6	25.4	23.7	109.8
45 to 54 years	151	80	71	15.8	16.5	15	112.7
55 to 64 years	84	43	41	8.8	8.9	8.7	104.9
65 years and over	97	43	54	10.1	8.9	11.4	79.6
65 to 74 years	59	29	30	6.2	6	6.4	96.7
75 to 84 years	34	11	23	3.6	2.3	4.9	47.8
85 years and over	4	3	1	0.4	0.6	0.2	300
16 years and over	736	369	367	76.8	76	77.5	100.5
18 years and over	674	337	337	70.5	69.6	71.4	100
21 years and over	626	309	317	65.5	63.8	67.2	97.5
60 years and over	130	60	70	13.6	12.4	14.8	85.7
62 years and over	116	55	61	12.1	11.4	12.9	90.2
67 years and over	79	36	43	8.3	7.4	9.1	83.7
75 years and over	38	14	24	4	2.9	5.1	58.3
Median age (years)	35	34.2	35.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

(US Census Bureau)

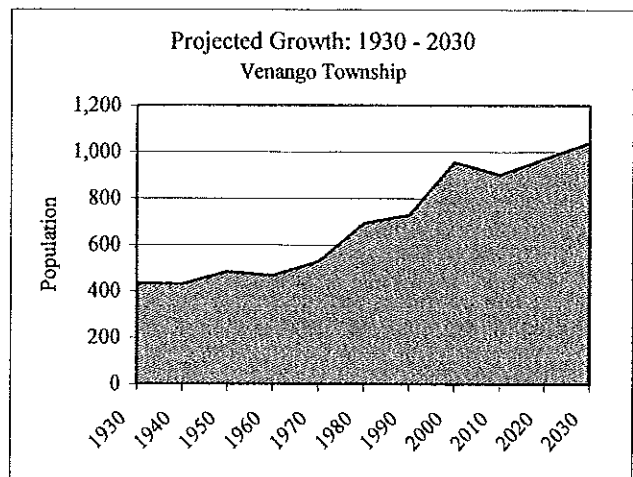
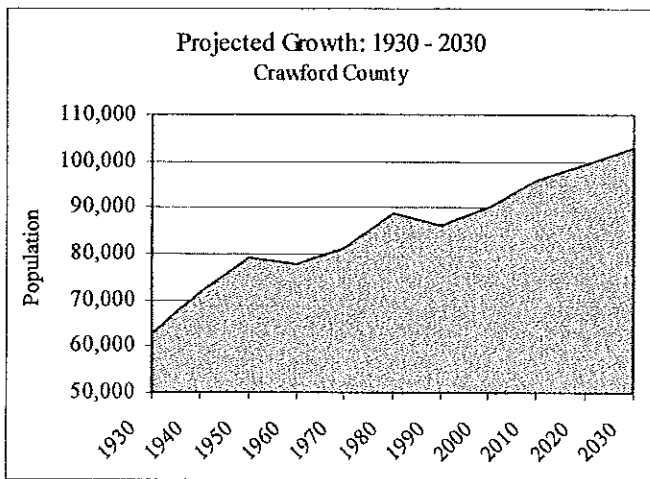
POPULATION FORECAST

For the last 70 years, the population of Venango Township has fluctuated widely with an overall gradual increase. An effective population forecasting technique is to "average out" historical population data. In more technical terms this is done by fitting a trend line to past census counts. This trend line is developed mathematically through a linear regression analysis. In the following table historical population data are provided for the Township and all of Crawford County and the results of the linear regression are shown in Diagrams 4 and 5.

DIAGRAMS 4 AND 5

POPULATION FORECAST (LINEAR REGRESSION)

Based on 2000 U.S. Census data, the number of persons per occupied household unit in Venango Township is 2.67. Assuming that this figure is typical for future households, in the year 2030 based on the above forecast there will be 32 households added to the Township between 2000 and 2030.



(US Census Bureau)

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Table 5 illustrates that the number of township residents with a high school diploma or greater educational attainment has increased from 48% in this 1990 census data to 56.6% in the 2000 census data. Table 6 reflects the school enrollment in 1990 and 2000 as reported in census data.

TABLE 5

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <i>AGE 25 AND UP</i> 1990 CENSUS	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <i>AGE 25 AND UP</i> 2000 CENSUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage with High School Diploma or Higher: 48% ▪ Less than 9th Grade: 33 ▪ 9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma: 53 ▪ High School Graduate: 192 ▪ Some College: 62 ▪ Associate Degree: 22 ▪ Bachelor Degree: 40 ▪ Graduate/Professional Degree: 34 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage with High School Diploma or Higher: 56.6% ▪ Less than 9th Grade: 23 ▪ 9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma: 40 ▪ High School Graduate: 276 ▪ Some College: 77 ▪ Associate Degree: 47 ▪ Bachelor Degree: 100 ▪ Graduate/Professional Degree: 42

(US Census Bureau)

TABLE 6

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 1990 CENSUS	SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2000 CENSUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Population 3 Years and Over Enrolled in School: 211 ▪ Percentage of Township Population in School: 29% ▪ Preschool: 10 ▪ Elementary and High School: 170 ▪ College or Graduate School: 31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Population 3 Years and Over Enrolled in School: 275 ▪ Percentage of Township Population in School: 29% ▪ Preschool: 11 ▪ Kindergarten: 9 ▪ Elementary School: 128 (grades 1-8) ▪ High School: 104 (grades 9-12) ▪ College or Graduate School: 23

(US Census Bureau)

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

This section of the plan is devoted to an examination of the social and economic characteristics of Venango Township. These characteristics are determined mainly from the information provided in the 2000 U.S. Census. This is the most current source available that provides such comprehensive data. Where relevant, comparisons were made between Venango Township, Venango Borough, and Crawford County to bring to light the relationship between the Township, Borough, and to the surrounding region.

THE LABOR FORCE AND ITS CHARACTERISTICS

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Venango Township has 736 persons 16 years of age or older. Of these, 236 are not in the labor force. This is very natural considering that many younger persons are still attending school and many older persons are retired; therefore, no longer actively participating in the work force. The unemployment rate calculated using the following statistics is 7.1%. These figures date from the spring of 2000.

TABLE 7

LABOR STATUS 1990 CENSUS	LABOR STATUS 2000 CENSUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Labor Force: 378 (age 16 and over) ▪ Civilian Force: 378 ▪ Civilian Force Employed: 364 ▪ Civilian Force Unemployed: 24 ▪ Armed Forces: 0 ▪ Not in Labor Force: 163 (age 16 and over) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Labor Force: 500 (age 16 and over) ▪ Civilian Force: 500 ▪ Civilian Force Employed: 448 ▪ Civilian Force Unemployed: 52 ▪ Armed Forces: 0 ▪ Not in Labor Force: 236 (age 16 and over)

(US Census Bureau)

Table 8 illustrates the class of worker in Venango Township. Of particular interest is the increase in those who work in the private wage and salaried classification verses the decline in self-employment. This may be attributed to the decrease in agrarian activities as shown in Table 9.

TABLE 8

CLASS OF WORKER

Class	1990	2000	Percentage Change
Private Wage and Salaried	229	348	52.0%
Government	66	56	-15.2%
Self-Employed	63	40	-36.5%
Unpaid Family Workers	6	4	-33.3%
Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Up	364	448	23.1%

Table 9 classifies the particular industries that employ Venango Township residents and the change in percentage of the particular occupation between the 1990 and 2000 census. Of particular note is the decrease in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and mining category, while the other classifications gained increases with the exception of other services and retail trade.

TABLE 9

OCCUPATIONS OF EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS IN VENANGO TOWNSHIP

Occupation	1990	2000	Percentage Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Mining	34	22	-35.3%
Construction	30	34	13.3%
Manufacturing	65	111	70.8%
Transportation, Warehousing	8	16	100.0%
Wholesale Trade	11	13	18.2%
Retail Trade	57	47	-17.5%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	2	8	300.0%
Information, Utilities	3	3	0.0%
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, Waste Management	23	24	4.3%
Educational, Health, Social Services	80	97	21.3%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, Food Services	10	28	180.0%
Other Services	27	21	-22.2%
Public Administration	14	24	71.4%
Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Up	364	448	23.1%

(US Census Bureau)

INCOME INFORMATION

U.S. Census data shows that household income is 21.4% higher in Venango Township than the countywide median income. However, it is more interesting and relevant to compare income levels in Venango Township to Venango Borough. The median income in the Township is 17.4% higher than that of the Borough. The following measures of income compare the Township to all of Crawford County (they report 2000 incomes). Diagram 6 and the following tables (Table 10 and Table 11) help to illustrate the socio-economic dynamic that exists in the Venango area. Like many larger cities, incomes in the central area (city or borough) are significantly lower than the surrounding suburbs. Although much of Venango Township is rural, the Township is currently experiencing residential growth in the northern tier. Much of this growth is taking advantage of the availability of land in the Township near the Edinboro University area south of the Erie County line.

TABLE 10

AREA INCOME				
		Venango Township	Venango Borough	Crawford County
Median Household Income		\$42,679	\$35,250	\$33,560
Per Capita Income		\$17,891	\$15,978	\$16,870

(US Census Bureau)

DIAGRAM 6

Area Household Income

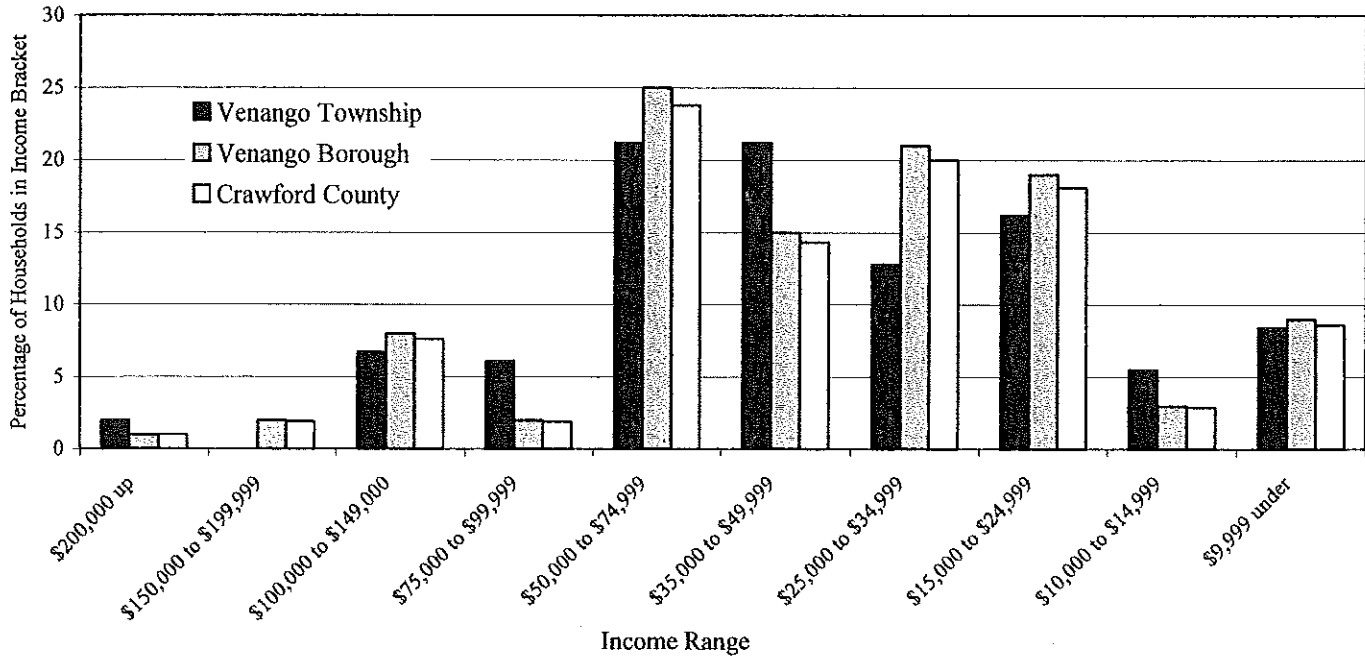


TABLE 11

INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS

Income Range	1990	2000	Percentage Change
Average Household Income	\$28,403	\$42,679	50.3%
Less than \$10,000	27	29	-
\$10,000 to \$14,999	29	19	-
\$15,000 to \$24,999	45	56	-
\$25,000 to \$34,999	50	44	-
\$35,000 to \$49,999	40	73	-
\$50,000 to \$74,999	34	73	-
\$75,000 to \$99,999	6	21	-
\$100,000 to \$149,999	0	23	-
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0	0	-
\$200,000 and up	0	7	-
Total Households	231	345	49.4%

(US Census Bureau)

Diagram 6 illustrates that reflecting comparisons in income level in each category that Venango Township is slightly higher than the county-wide average in most categories and somewhat higher than the Borough statistics for the overall poverty status. However, levels vary greatly between the individual classifications as seen in Table 12. In the "Under 18 Related Children" classification, the countywide poverty level (39.4%) is significantly higher than the Township (16.5%). This comparison may be made in Table 12.

SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

78 Persons (22.6% of Pop.) Mean \$10,230

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

18 Persons (5.2% of Pop.) Mean \$ 4,961

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INCOME

4 Persons (1.2% of Pop.) Mean \$ 2,400

RETIREMENT INCOME

33 Persons (9.6% of Pop.) Mean \$18,442

POVERTY DATA

Poverty thresholds are established by the federal government and they are made sensitive to family size. They are done on a national basis; therefore, no attempt is made to adjust these thresholds for local or regional variations in the cost of living. The poverty line or threshold was established based on U.S. Department of Agriculture study that reflected family size and composition that determined that families of three or more persons spend approximately one-third of their income on food; the poverty level for these families was set at three times the cost of an economic food plan. The more persons in the family, the higher the poverty threshold is. For smaller families (less than three) the cost of the economy food plan was multiplied by factors that were slightly higher in order to compensate for the relatively larger fixed expenses of these smaller households. The poverty thresholds are updated every year to reflect inflation.

TABLE 12
POVERTY STATISTICS

	Venango Township	Venango Borough	Crawford County
All Persons	14.2%	7.6%	12.8%
Over 64	15.6%	7.7%	8.6%
Under 18 (related children)	16.5%	25.0%	39.4%
Unrelated Individuals (over age 14)	35.6%	38.2%	26.4%
All Families	9.2%	3.5%	8.7%
Female Head of House	21.7%	18.2%	28.2%

FEDERAL PROVERTY INCOME THRESHOLD, YEAR 2004

PERSONS	100% of FPIG		PERSONS	100% of FPIG	
	Month	Annual		Month	Annual
1	\$ 776	\$ 9,310	5	\$1,836	\$22,030
2	\$1,041	\$12,490	6	\$2,101	\$25,210
3	\$1,306	\$15,670	7	\$2,366	\$28,390
4	\$1,571	\$18,850	8	\$2,631	\$31,570
Each Add'l Person				\$ 265	\$ 3,180

HOUSING INFORMATION

A visual housing appraisal survey was completed in 2003 by (2) person teams of the Planning Commission. This approach utilized a "drive by" objective type survey based on a broad criteria of visual specifications developed by the group's members.

The criteria list is included so that the mechanics of the survey, and results, may be better understood. Based on prior experience we realized that the exterior of a house generally reflected the interior conditions and so appraised by noting exterior visual conditions.

The housing units were defined as to type; IE, Houses, Modular Homes, Trailers, Farms and Seasonal/Vacation homes. These were appraised as "GOOD," "FAIR," "POOR," and "DILAPIDATED," unfit for habitation. As noted last on the criteria list other facts or conditions were included; IE, visual junk, unlicensed vehicles, trash, storage buildings, etc.

The results of this survey are included as compiled. With the exception of the Park, Churches and Businesses no homes, or other buildings are recorded by specific address or location.

The homes in Venango Township were found to be well maintained and exhibit pride of ownership. Of the total of 385 appraised homes, 332 are "GOOD," (86.2%), 39 ARE "FAIR," (10.1%) and 14 ARE "POOR" (3.6%). Again, a reminder that seasonal /vacation homes are not included in the percentages above.

Total assessed value of Township real estate for the year 2004, based on 75% of 1985 value is \$11,411,550.

Please refer to **Appendix d** for BUILDING PERMIT data for years 1995 through 2004.

Please refer to **Appendix e** for HOUSING UNITS PER ROAD, PER MILE through 12-31-2004

VISUAL HOUSING APPRAISAL

Note: Do not over analyze. Two opinions are sufficient when they relate to the broad criteria given by this Housing appraisal specification.

- GOOD:** New, newer house. No roofing damage, good siding, windows, decks and/or porches. Same specs on garage and/or outbuildings. Neatly maintained grounds, no junk storage on grounds
MAP KEY: "G"
- FAIR:** Older house. Needs minor maintenance and painting. Same specs for garage and/or outbuildings. Neatly maintained grounds, no junk storage on grounds
MAP KEY: "F"
- POOR:** House needs major repairs. Roofing damaged, siding damaged or needs painting badly on various exterior areas. Window damage. Porches, garage and/or outbuildings need major repair
MAP KEY: "P"
- DELAPIDATED:** Unfit for habitation. Should be razed. (Does not include buildings that have collapsed or started to collapse.)
MAP KEY: "D"
- MODULAR HOUSING:** Generally newer buildings
A. "GOOD" Same specs as "Good Housing."
MAP KEY: "MG"
B. "FAIR" Same specs as "Fair Housing."
MAP KEY: "MF"
- TRAILER HOME** "GOOD," "FAIR," "POOR." Same specs as listed for standard houses
MAP KEY: "TG"
MAP KEY: "TF"
MAP KEY: "TP"
MAP KEY: "TD" Unfit for housing
MAP KEY: "F" Foundation
- FARM:** A working farm. Grade housing per standard housing specs. IE: "GOOD," "FAIR," etc., does not include condition of outbuildings as standard housing does.
MAP KEY: "FG"
MAP KEY: "FF"
MAP KEY: "FP"
MAP KEY: "TRF" Tree Farm
- LAND or LOT** Land only, no housing may have small outbuildings
MAP KEY: "L"
- VACATION/ SEASONAL HOUSING:** Noted to use, not condition
MAP KEY: "VS"

NOTE: ADD "C" for stored, unlicensed or junk cars/trucks
 ADD "J" for old machinery and/or trash. Does not apply to farms listed
 ADD "U" for unoccupied
 ADD "S" for storage buildings, not small pre-fab type
 ADD "A" for Garage, attached
 ADD "B" for Business- maintain log of particulars
 ADD "UC" for Under construction
 ADD "BN" for Barn
 ADD "Church" (# plus note info)
 ADD "GR" for Garage, unattached

HOUSING SURVEY RESULTS

HOMES WITHOUT ATTACHED GARAGES:	
"GOOD" CONDITION	165
"FAIR" CONDITION	16
"POOR" CONDITION	<u>8</u>
	189
HOUSES NOTED ABOVE WITH UNATTACHED GARAGES	(86)
HOMES WITH ATTCHED GARAGES:	
"GOOD" CONDITION	81
HOMES NOTED ABOVE ALSO HAVING UNATTACHED GARAGES	(15)
MODULAR HOMES:	
"GOOD" CONDITION	17
"GOOD" CONDITION WITH GARAGE	<u>7</u>
	24
FARMS, WORKING"	
"GOOD" CONDITION (HOUSE)	20
"FAIR" CONDITION (HOUSE)	6
"POOR" CONDITION (HOUSE)	<u>1</u>
	27
TRAILER HOMES:	
<u>WITH GARAGES</u>	
"GOOD" CONDITION	12
"FAIR" CONDITION	1
<u>WITHOUT GARAGES</u>	
"GOOD" CONDITION	30
"FAIR" CONDITION	16
"POOR" CONDITION	<u>5</u>
	64
<u>TOTAL HOUSING UNITS</u>	385
GARAGES, UNATTACHED	102
STORAGE BUILDING (NOT PRE-FAB TYPE)	84
CHURCHES	2
BARNs, FROM PRIOR FARMS	5
UNLICENCED VEHICLES AND/OR JUNK ON PROPERTY (NO. OF PROPERTIES)	12
VACATION/SEASONAL HOUSING	42
BUSINESSES	43
HOUSES UNFIT FOR HABITATION	1

BUSINESS & PARK LISTING

MAP KEY

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| 1. | GEORGES PORTABLE WELDING | RT 6 & 19
SAEGERTOWN PA 16433
398-8319 |
| 2. | ICE CREAM COTTAGE | 21086 RT 6 & 19
SAEGERTOWN PA 16433
398-8989 |
| 3. | MIKE LEWANDOWSKI CONST. | 21424 LEWANDOWSKI RD
SAEGERTOWN PA 16433
398-8189 |
| 4. | STAFFORD CONSTRUCTION | 20295 GOSPEL HILL RD
SAEGERTOWN PA 16433
398-8427 |
| 5. | VFW POST 169 | 20628 GOSPEL HILL RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-8214 |
| 6. | OPEN DOOR BAPTIST CHURCH | 22062 CENTER RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-8802 |
| 7. | PENELEC SUB-STATION | GOSPEL HILL RD
VENANGO PA 16440
1-800-545-7738 |
| 8. | ACKERS TRANSPORTING
(MOBILE HOMES) | FOX RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-8738 |
| 9. | BROOKSIDE FARMS
GRAIN ROASTING | 20713 KIGHTLINGER RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-8807 |
| 10. | SWEATMAN'S GRAVEL PIT | WEST SHERRED RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-8325 |
| 11. | VENANGO TWP BUILDING | CEMETARY RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-8456
SUPERVISOR |

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| 12. | VENANGO CEMETARY ASSOC | VENANGO PA 16440
398-9021 |
| 13. | COUNTRY MEADOW GOLF COURSE | 21957 PLANK RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-2881 |
| 14. | BRYAN KERR AUTOMOTIVE SERV. | 24008 PLANK RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
398-8437 |
| 15. | FRANK GALLANTS AUTO &
TRUCK REPAIR | 23099 MCCLELLAN ST EXT
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
398-2635 |
| 16. | OBSERVATORY, PRIVATE | SKELTONTOWN RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403 |
| 17. | SKELTONTOWN BIBLE CHURCH | SKELTONTOWN RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
796-6372 JACK ELLIS PASTOR
796-6373 |
| 18. | CIDER MILL SHOP | SKELTONTOWN RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403 |
| 19. | FRENCH CREEK VALLEY
BOARDING KENNEL | PLANK RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
398-9927 |
| 20. | COUNTRY CREAM | PLANK RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403 |
| 21. | CUSTOM LAMINATED PRODUCTS | 25252 PLANK RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
734-7272 |
| 22. | MARAFINE TREE FARM | 25330 PLANK RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
734-4591 |
| 23. | CAMPBELL'S POTTERY | 25579 PLANK RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
734-8800 |
| 24. | SCOUTEN'S ANTIQUES | 25579 ST HWY 99
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
734-7742 |

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| 25. | HERMITAGE HOUSE | 25495 ST HWY 99
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
734-4951 |
| 26. | GALLANT FARM, THE ROBINS NEST | 26404 ST HWY 99
EDINBORO PA 16412
734-7117 |
| 27. | VERIZON BUILDING | ST HWY 99
EDINBORO PA 16412 |
| 28. | EDINBORO REDI-MIX CONCRETE | ST HWY 99
EDINBORO PA 16412
734-1644 |
| 29. | FRANK TUCCI INC., TRUCKING | ST HWY 99
EDINBORO PA 16412 |
| 30. | HOTEL EVERGREEN
OLD THYME PIZZA | ST HWY 99
EDINBORO PA 16412
734-7300 |
| 31. | PENELEC SUB-STATION | FLOREK RD
EDINBORO PA 16412
1-800-545-7738 EMERGENCY |
| 32. | TOBIN'S FARM MARKET | JIM TOBIN LANE
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
398-2607 |
| 33. | HAIR CREATIONS
JULIE PETRIK | FLOREK RD
EDINBORO PA 16412 |
| 34. | GEORGES AUTO REPAIR | ST HWY 99
(DRAKES MILLS)
398-8522 |
| 35. | GOODBAN'S TOWING | ST HWY 99
(DRAKES MILLS)
734-9195 |
| 36. | BRIGHTER HORIZON BEHAVORAL HEALTH
(RESIDENCE TREATMENT FACILITY) | 23062 JERICO RD
EDINBORO PA 16412
398-1805 |

37. CAMBRIDGE MOTORS
PLANK RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
398-4486
38. DOUG SINSABAUGH CONTRACTOR
23301 PLANK RD
VENANGO PA 164403
398-8326
39. HERMITAGE HOUSE (SOUTH CAMPUS)
24994 DRAKES MILL RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
734-4951
40. STEEL CITY SPORTSMAN CLUB
DRAKES MILLS RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
41. DON MERRITT GRAVEL PIT
22849 PLANK RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-9184
42. HERBERT THOMAS
GLASS BLOWING
22453 SKELTONTOWN RD
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
398-2192
43. HERMITAGE COMMUNITY PARK
ST HWY 99
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS PA 16403
44. SUE ROACH HAIR STYLING
20178 CENTER RD
VENANGO PA 16440
398-8456

Table DP-4. "Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics, 2000," was included as "raw" census data without further graphing, charting or listing to illustrate the type and source of all the other similar census information modified for use in this comprehensive plan.

Please observe the Census Bureau note that the Date presented is based on a sample. (Size unspecified.)

Starting at the top of the left column, of the (404) Housing units only (9) are double dwellings with none exceeding this. (No apartments and not including Hermitage House facilities.)

The next listing is a "year structure built," showing that 26% of all housing was built prior to 1939, followed by the number and percent of houses related to the number of rooms from (1) to (9) or more. The median shown is 5.6 rooms.

The next data of interest is found in the right column, 2nd entry titled "value" and relate to housing/property value of (138) owner occupied units. The largest percentage of homes are in the \$50,000 to \$99,999 range (53.6%) with 21 units (15.2%) in the \$100,000 to \$149,999 range and 22 units (15.9%) in the \$150,00 to \$199,999 range. Also listed are (2) units in the \$200,000- \$299,999 range (1.4%)

The following breakdown of owner costs listed on the Census sheet defines number of owners with a mortgage and includes as part of the monthly cost real estate taxes and property insurance. The cost range varies from \$300.00 to \$2000.00 or more with the median of \$861.00. The (49) owners without a mortgage have a median cost of \$252.00 per month of taxes and insurance. The next Census listing defines owner costs, tax and insurance, as a percent of household income in 1999.

The last Census data of interest shows gross rent for (40) units ranging from "no cash rent" to the \$750.00 to \$999.00 bracket. This is followed by "gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999."

There is much more Census information available but what we have chosen to present in the Comprehensive Plan is most applicable to the Demographics Study of Venango Township.

Table DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics: 2000
 Geographic area: Venango township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total housing units	404	100.0	OCCUPANTS PER ROOM		
UNITS IN STRUCTURE			Occupied housing units	340	100.0
1-unit, detached	304	75.2	1.00 or less	338	99.4
1-unit, attached	2	0.5	1.01 to 1.50	2	0.6
2 units	9	2.2	1.51 or more		
3 or 4 units	-	-			
5 to 9 units	-	-	Specified owner-occupied units	138	100.0
10 to 19 units	-	-	VALUE		
20 or more units	-	-	Less than \$50,000	19	13.8
Mobile home	89	22.0	\$50,000 to \$99,999	74	53.6
Boat, RV, van, etc	-	-	\$100,000 to \$149,999	21	15.2
			\$150,000 to \$199,999	22	15.9
			\$200,000 to \$299,999	2	1.4
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT			\$300,000 to \$499,999	-	-
1999 to March 2000	20	5.0	\$500,000 to \$999,999	-	-
1995 to 1998	43	10.6	\$1,000,000 or more	-	-
1990 to 1994	32	7.9	Median (dollars)	80,400	(X)
1980 to 1989	32	7.9			
1970 to 1979	73	18.1	MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED		
1960 to 1969	35	8.7	MONTHLY OWNER COSTS		
1940 to 1959	64	15.8	With a mortgage	89	64.5
1939 or earlier	105	26.0	Less than \$300	-	-
			\$300 to \$499	5	3.6
ROOMS			\$500 to \$699	14	10.1
1 room	2	0.5	\$700 to \$999	41	29.7
2 rooms	6	1.5	\$1,000 to \$1,499	23	16.7
3 rooms	30	7.4	\$1,500 to \$1,999	4	2.9
4 rooms	71	17.6	\$2,000 or more	2	1.4
5 rooms	88	21.8	Median (dollars)	861	(X)
6 rooms	77	19.1	Not mortgaged	49	35.5
7 rooms	62	15.3	Median (dollars)	252	(X)
8 rooms	31	7.7			
9 or more rooms	37	9.2	SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS		
Median (rooms)	5.6	(X)	AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD		
			INCOME IN 1999		
Occupied housing units	340	100.0	Less than 15.0 percent	59	42.8
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT			15.0 to 19.9 percent	19	13.6
1999 to March 2000	57	16.8	20.0 to 24.9 percent	12	8.7
1995 to 1998	77	22.6	25.0 to 29.9 percent	16	11.6
1990 to 1994	66	19.4	30.0 to 34.9 percent	8	5.8
1980 to 1989	50	14.7	35.0 percent or more	22	15.9
1970 to 1979	46	13.5	Not computed	2	1.4
1969 or earlier	44	12.9			
			Specified renter-occupied units	40	100.0
VEHICLES AVAILABLE			GROSS RENT		
None	7	2.1	Less than \$200	-	-
1	99	29.1	\$200 to \$299	2	5.0
2	150	44.1	\$300 to \$499	10	25.0
3 or more	84	24.7	\$500 to \$749	14	35.0
			\$750 to \$999	2	5.0
HOUSE HEATING FUEL			\$1,000 to \$1,499	-	-
Utility gas	81	23.8	\$1,500 or more	-	-
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	87	25.6	No cash rent	12	30.0
Electricity	36	10.6	Median (dollars)	511	(X)
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	101	29.7			
Coal or coke	-	-	GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF		
Wood	31	9.1	HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999		
Solar energy	-	-	Less than 15.0 percent	2	5.0
Other fuel	4	1.2	15.0 to 19.9 percent	3	7.5
No fuel used	-	-	20.0 to 24.9 percent	9	22.5
			25.0 to 29.9 percent	2	5.0
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS			30.0 to 34.9 percent	-	-
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	2	0.6	35.0 percent or more	12	30.0
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	-	-	Not computed	12	30.0
No telephone service	7	2.1			

Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

X. TOWNSHIP RESOURCES AND PROVIDERS

Venango Township depends on outside providers for most community services.

Venango Township does provide cleanup day in the Spring where dumpsters are made available at the township building on Cemetery Road to receive scrap metal and other large items not disposable by other providers. Venango township does have access to a township gravel pit which provides the bulk of gravel for repair and maintenance of township road assets. Venango Township has a municipal building and storage garage on Cemetery Road which serves to store township equipment as well as provide a public meeting place for the conduct of township business.

Other services are supplied to the township by outside providers to include:

- Police protection by Pennsylvania State Police
- Monthly recycling in Venango Borough through West Mead Recycling
- Garbage Service by Waster Management of Western Pennsylvania
- Electric Service by R.E.C.A. and Penelec
- Fire Department Service by Venango V.F.D
- Ambulance Service by C.A.V.A.S. Cambridge Area Volunteer Ambulance Service
- Coaxial Cable Service by Coaxial Cable TV Corp of Edinboro Pa
- Land Line Telephone Service by Verizon to the North and Central and Alltel to the South
- Natural Gas Service by National Fuel Gas in selected areas.

XI. COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A Community Survey was conducted by the commission. 476 surveys were distributed by mail to every resident and/or property owner as determined by Venango township property and tax rolls. 170 were returned (36%). Responses to individual questions were transferred to an excel spread sheet and selected responses were tabulated. For survey sample See Appendix (e).

Community Facilities Highlights:

87% of those indicating residency were residents with an average length of residency of 20.2 years. 91% of responders were property owners with 36% owning for less than 10 years and the average years of ownership being 20 years. 82% of responders to property ownership were single property owners and 60% owned less than 10 acres.

Responders were asked to rate 12 community services which were scaled as follows: Very poor (1), Unsatisfactory (2), Satisfactory (3), Good (4), Excellent (5). All services fell within the satisfactory range with road quality being the lowest and water quality being the highest.

4 of the services are specific township responsibilities and scored as follows:

Road quality	2.99
Summer road maintenance	3.17
Winter road maintenance	3.36
Clean-up day	3.8

3 of the services are property owner responsibility and scored as follows:

Recreation	3.1
Water supply	3.99
Septic	3.81

4 of the services are provided by volunteers (fire) or other outside private sector providers and they scored as follows:

Fire	3.76
Ambulance	3.73
Electric	3.84
Garbage	3.72

1 service (police) is provided by Pennsylvania State Police and scored 3.12

97 surveys responded to the question concerning support of taxes for improvement. 3 indicated no increases. 94 supported increases for improvements in specific areas as follows:

Road surfacing	51
Road maintenance	35
Police protection	18
Fire protection	10
Recreation	7
Water	1

Current Policy on Development:

The survey asked 4 questions concerning planning and development after providing the following information, "Presently, Venango Twp. Is not zoned and has a three-acre minimum requirement for residential building. The minimum frontage is 200 feet. According to the last census, we increased our population by nearly 30% since 1990. Also, within the last decade a total of 138 new property lines have been established in our twp."

The questions were tabulated with some multiple responses as follows:

1. Should the development within our township be planned?
 116 yes
 36 no

2. If so, who should have development authority?
 76 Township Supervisors
 72 Individual Owners
 18 Other (7-planning commission/board)
 9 County Commissioners
 0 State Legislature

3. Who should determine appropriate use of private property in Venango Twp.?
 107 Individual Property Owner
 61 Township Supervisors
 11 County Commissioners
 11 Other (planning board 2)
 0 State Legislature

4. Small communities like Venango Twp. Are being encouraged to broaden their approach to land management. Should we:
 59 Maintain the current policy on land use and development?
 34 Develop land use controls in conjunction with adjacent municipalities (regional approach)?
 33 Develop more land use controls by township ordinances?
 31 Recommend zoning?

Addendum to Survey....Written Comments:

Of the 170 surveys returned many had written comments in the section provided for that purpose. There were 177 issues addressed by written comment. The summary is as follows:

Communication

Ninety-six people commented on improving communications concerning township meetings and township matters with 49 specifically suggesting a newsletter.

Land Use Concerns

Twenty-seven people commented on land use concerns with 8 preferring to maintain a rural atmosphere.

Road Issues

Twenty-five written comments dealt with concern about road conditions. Of those, 19 referred to road maintenance issues.

Miscellaneous Issues

Eighteen comments were received on miscellaneous subjects. Environmental issues and tax fears tied with three comments each.

Supervisors

Fourteen comments concerned supervisors. The most common with 4 each were a need to have supervisors with knowledge about road maintenance and supervisors that are more responsive to the public.

XII PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations also reflect Community Survey results as found in Section XI.

1. The Township bridges are critical to the everyday transportation and safety needs of the Township residents. They are also the largest capital expenditure faced by the Township.

A bridge plan must be formulated to initially provide repair/restoration activity with the long range goal to replace all bridges. Using traffic flow studies, criticality of repair needs and impact of alternate routing due to possible closing, a priority list must be generated utilizing the noted factors, and with the assistance of the Engineering Inspection firm. Application for State Grant monies should then be made for any assistance that is available. Yearly Grant applications should be made so each bridge will be replaced in the shortest possible time.

In brief, the following status summary is presented to illustrate the bridge problem that has accumulated over the years.

No. Bridge Location	Year Built Built	Est'd Repair Cost	Est'd Replacement Cost	Engnr's Recommendation <u>Long Term</u>
#1 Drakes Mill Rd Torry Run	1920	----	2 Lane \$400,000 Twp Cost \$ 20.000(TIP)	Replace (Washed out)
#2 Racop Rd Torry Run	1915	\$18,000	\$236,000	Replace
#3 W. Sherred Rd Coulter Run	New	Previously washed out in 2002		
#4 Kightlinger Rd Coulter Run	1930	\$60,000	\$270,000	Replace (or close)
#5 Capp Rd Coulter Run	Unknown	\$33,000	\$236,000	Replace
	Note: Major Rehab. In 1986			

2. Township supervisors should keep and maintain work records so that labor costs can be allocated between township assets.
3. Individual records should be kept for each township asset or piece of equipment in excess of \$500.00 purchase cost to include maintenance expenses (materials and labor).
4. Unused or antiquated equipment should be retired with accompanying scrap recovery in a timely manner.
5. An inventory should be kept of township road assets to include an accounting for undocumented bridges not state inspected, sluice pipes, culverts and guard rails. Locations of same should be noted on the township map with dates of installation if known and an accounting made of upgrades or maintenance performed.
6. A periodic inspection of township assets should take place not to exceed 2 years with problem areas noted on inventory lists.
7. Some roads will require future paving. Paving decision should be based on housing density and traffic. Available state grant monies should be pursued for this purpose. Publication 70M, Penndot, guidelines must be used for design and maintenance of township roads.
8. All township road base and drainage should be brought up to a standard equivalent to that required for paving regardless of the timing of the paving decision.
9. Supervisors should adopt a comprehensive ordinance for Housing Development to include:
 - Location of units
 - Minimum acreage
 - Number of units proposed
 - Road standard requirements to be met by the developer that are at least as stringent as township standards for roads ready for paving.
 - Road construction inspection at critical stages of completion by an independent certified inspector or engineer.
10. Improvements in communications with township government are desired by the residents. The township should consider a website with a listing of township activities (clean-up day, meeting schedules, copies of approved minutes, etc.)
11. The township should also consider a newsletter available at designated pick-up sites or distribution areas such as the township building, post office or the corner store.

12. The township should adopt a junk ordinance not to include farm equipment.
13. The township should adopt a dilapidated building ordinance. (See Boro of Venango ordinance)
14. Use of defoliant or herbicides by utilities or other non-farm users should require a township permit. The permit should specify limited area(s) and specific dates of use. Maximum wind velocity should be specified to protect adjacent land areas. Golf Courses will also be exempt from the Permit Requirement.
15. Township should have a "driveway" ordinance to regulate uniformity of driveway entrances.
16. Archival records should be maintained in a secure fireproof, moisture proof environment.

APPENDIX

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TOWNSHIP OF VENANGO
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE SIGNIFYING THE INTENTION AND DESIRE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VENANGO, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE, ACT 247 OF JULY 31, 1968, REENACTED AND AMENDED BY ACT 170 OF DECEMBER 21, 1988, P.L. 1329, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING AND MAINTAINING A PLAN FOR THE COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT OF VENANGO TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BASED ON PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, GOVERNMENTAL CONDITIONS AND TRENDS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AND PROTECT THE GENERAL WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF ITS RESIDENTS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Venango, as follows:

Section 1: Organization

That the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Venango, hereby signifies its intention and desire to organize a Planning Commission under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 of July 31, 1968, reenacted and amended by Act 170 of December 21, 1988, P.L. 1329.

Section 2: Term of Office

The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be citizens of the Township of Venango. The term of office shall be for four (4) years and shall expire on December 31 or until a successor is appointed EXCEPTING HOWEVER, the members first

appointed shall be appointed so that no more than two (2) shall be replaced during any future calendar year.

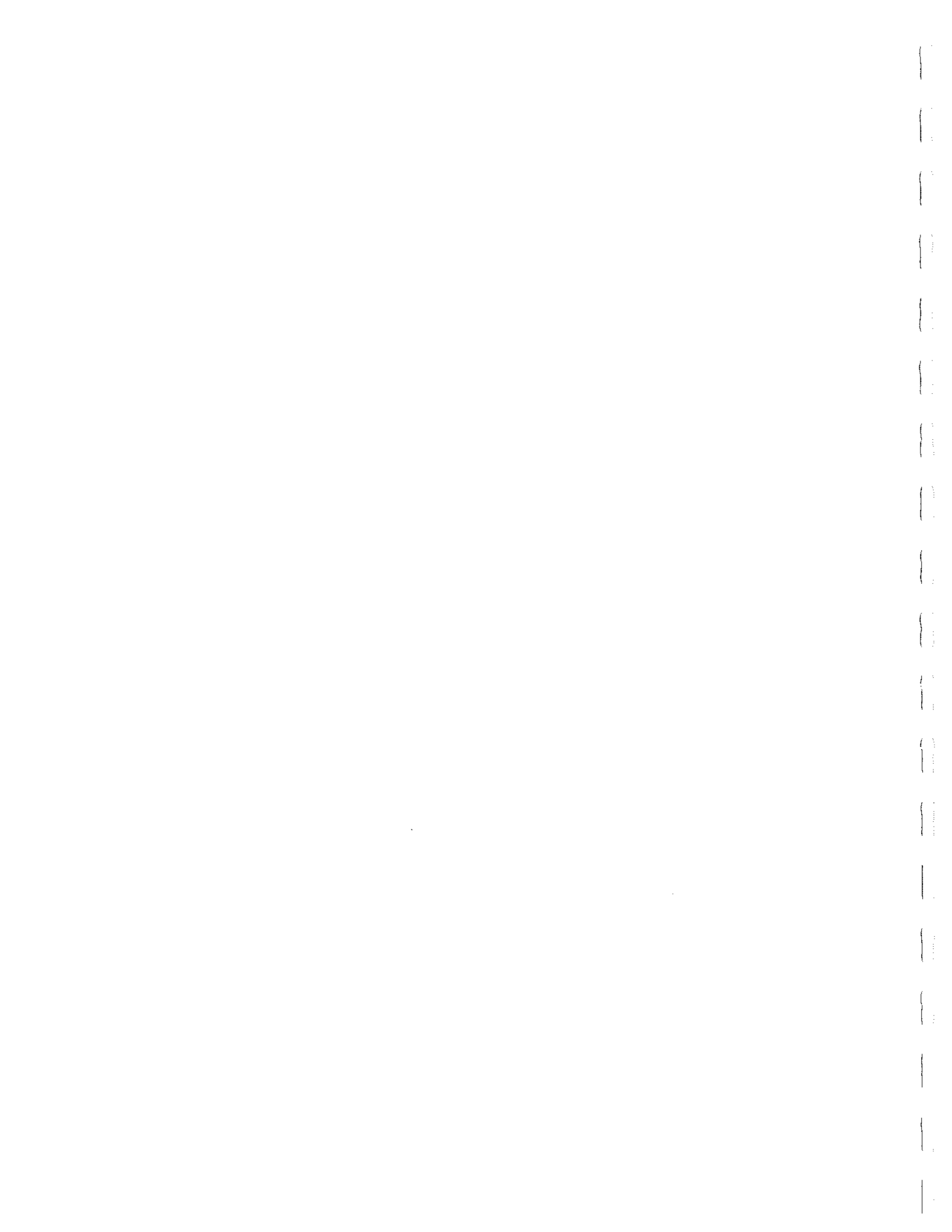
Section 3: Members

The names, addresses and terms of office of the initial members of the Planning Commission are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Joanne Bortner	20078 Merritt Rd., Saegertown, PA 16433	12/31/2002
Dan Bortner	20078 Merritt Rd., Saegertown, PA 16433	12/31/2002
James Styborski	22582 Jericho Rd., Edinboro, PA 16412	12/31/2003
Vicki Firth	P.O. Box 187, Venango, PA 16440	12/31/2003
John Shaffer	20925 Center Rd., Venango, PA 16440	12/31/2004
William Flynn	R.R. 1, Box 169, Venango, PA 16440	12/31/2004
Bill Sleptzoff	21219 Bechtold Rd., Saegertown, PA 16433	12/31/2005

Section 4: Powers and Duties

- A. The Planning Commission shall, at the request of the township supervisors, have the power and shall be required to:
1. Prepare the Comprehensive Plan for the development of the township as set forth in the Municipalities Planning Code and present it for the consideration of the township supervisors.
 2. Maintain and keep on file records of its actions. All records and files of the Planning Commission shall be in the possession of the township supervisors.
- B. The Planning Commission, at the request of the township supervisors, may:



1. Make recommendations to the township supervisors concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
2. Prepare and present to the township supervisors of the municipality a zoning ordinance and make recommendations to the supervisors on proposed amendments to it.
3. Prepare, recommend, and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations.
4. Prepare and present to the township supervisors of the municipality a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
5. Do such other acts or make studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the Municipalities Planning Code.
6. Prepare and present to the township supervisors of the municipality an environmental study.
7. Submit to the governing body of a municipality a recommended capital improvements program.
8. Prepare and present to the township supervisors of the municipality a water survey, which shall be consistent with the State Water Plan and any other applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.
9. Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the Comprehensive Plan and

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planning.

10. Make recommendations to governmental, civic, and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
11. Hold public hearings and meetings.
12. Present testimony before any board.
13. Require from other departments and agencies of the township such available information as relates to the work of the planning agency
14. In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and land surveys with the consent of the owner.
15. Prepare and present to the township supervisors a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the township.
16. Review the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential development and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no less frequently than it reviews the Comprehensive Plan.

Section 5: Funding Sources

The Planning Commission may, with the consent of the township supervisors, accept and utilize any funds, personnel or other assistance made available by Crawford County, the Commonwealth, or the Federal Government, or any of their agencies, or from private sources. The governing body may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance of utilization of the

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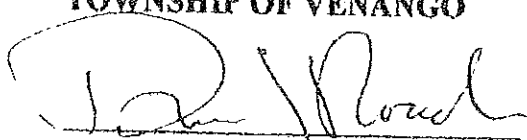
funds or assistance in accordance with the governmental procedures of the township.

Section 6: Repealer

All other resolutions and ordinances or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 1st day of September, 2001.

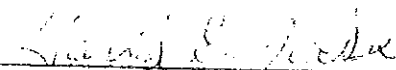
TOWNSHIP OF VENANGO



David J. Roach, Chairman



William R. Smith, Supervisor



David G. Locke, Supervisor

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Rebecca Clark, Secretary

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TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES; SUMMARY
(to date)

Ordinance 1-1975 **August 3, 1975** **Repealed Oct. 5, 1993**

Summary: Requires a building permit for construction or reconstruction of buildings. Also provides penalties for non-compliance.

Ordinance 6-82-1 **June 7, 1982** **Repealed Oct 5, 1993**

Summary: Amends Ordinance #1-1975 to address flooding and flood zone issues. Prohibits construction in identified flood-prone areas to 50% of market value.

Ordinance 1-1974 **Aug 5, 1974** **Amended July 6, 1987**

Summary: Assesses a tax of 1% on real estate transfers in the township.

Ordinance 6-82-1AMD **Oct 4, 1982** **Amended**

Summary: Amends Ordinance 6-81-1 to require sewage permit and compliance with land subdivision regulations of Crawford County. Also established provision for variances.

Ordinance 1-1984 **Sept 16, 1984**

Summary: Ordinance establishing "STOP" intersections on specified township roads.

Act 68 of 1985 **Dec 30, 1985** **Amended Feb 3, 1986**

Summary: Establishes compensation of \$25 per meeting for up to 16 meetings for Venango Township Supervisors.

Ordinance 10-6-86 **Oct 6, 1986**

Summary: Establishes weight restrictions on two township bridges with penalties for violations.

Ordinance 1-74 AMD1987 **July 6, 1987**

Summary: Amends Ordinance 1-1974 to levy real estate transfer tax on properties sold a nominal or less-than-actual monetary worth. Establishes exclusions and exemptions to the tax.

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Ordinance 10-5-93

Oct 5, 1993

Amended July 7, 1998

Summary: Repeals all previous building permit ordinances. Establishes a 3-acre minimum lot size and set-back requirements.

Ordinance 7-7-98

July 7, 1998

Amends Ord. 10-5-93

Summary: Establishes a 200-foot minimum frontage on building lot width, and prohibits use of plastic pipe for driveway drainage.

Ordinance 12-1-1998

Dec 1, 1998

Summary: Establishes design standards for road and driveway construction by developers.

Ordinance 6-3-99

June 3, 1999

Summary: Regulates the commercial use of sewage holding tanks.

Ordinance 9-19-01

Sept 19, 2001

Summary: Defines and prohibits certain acts of public indecency.

Ordinance 9-19-01 (c)?

Sept 19, 2001

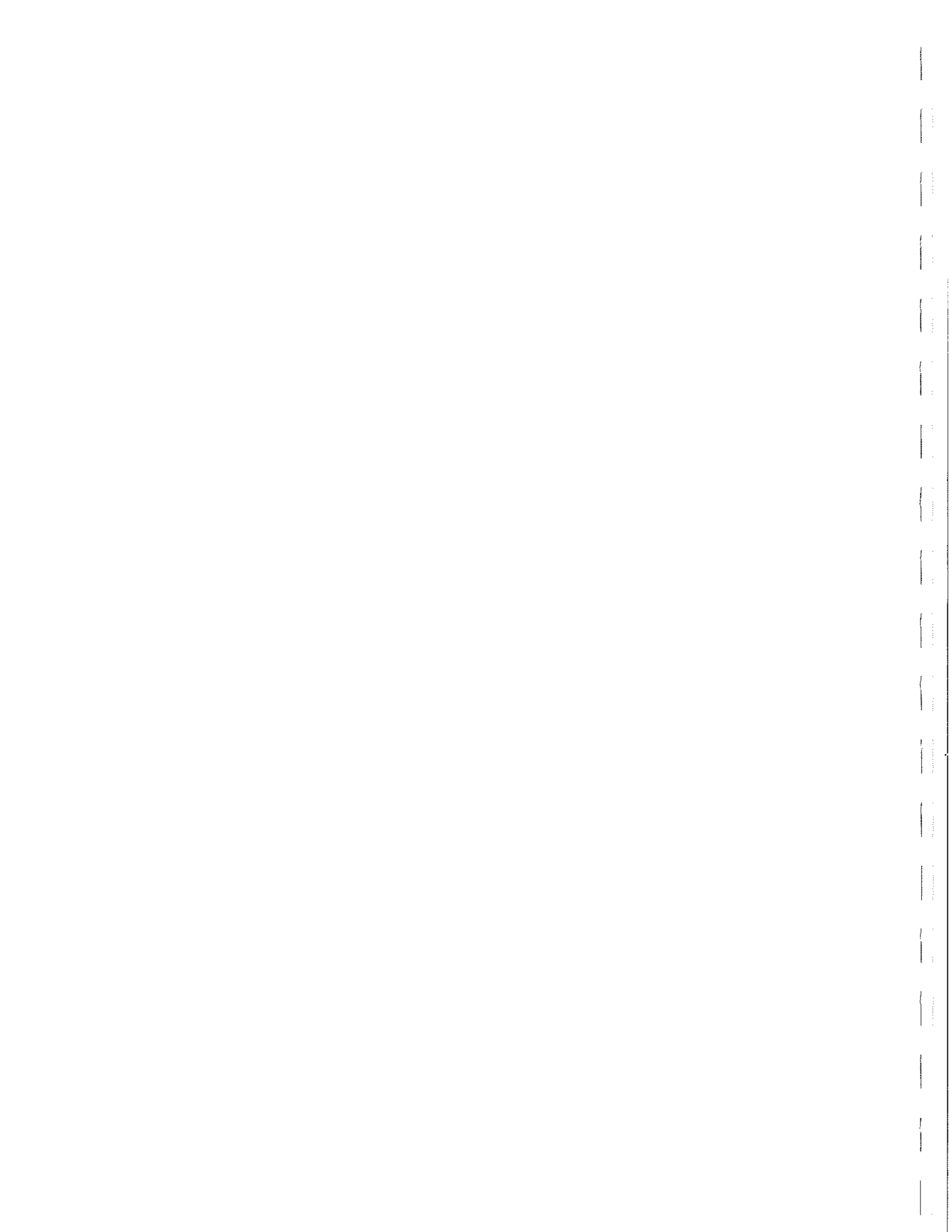
Summary: Establishes Venango Township Planning Commission. Dictates the duties required of the board.

Ordinance 3-30-04

March 30, 2004

Summary: Provides for the administration and enforcement of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.

Ordinance copies can be obtained or viewed at the Venango Township building.



Venango Township Community Survey

Venango Township is in the process of preparing our first comprehensive plan. In order to best reflect the state of our community and its needs, it is vital to the committee to have your cooperation in completing this survey. The comprehensive plan will be one of the resources used by the township supervisors for future decisions about the development of Venango Township and land use. We request that at least one adult per household responds, but if more than one want their opinion added please use a different colored marker.

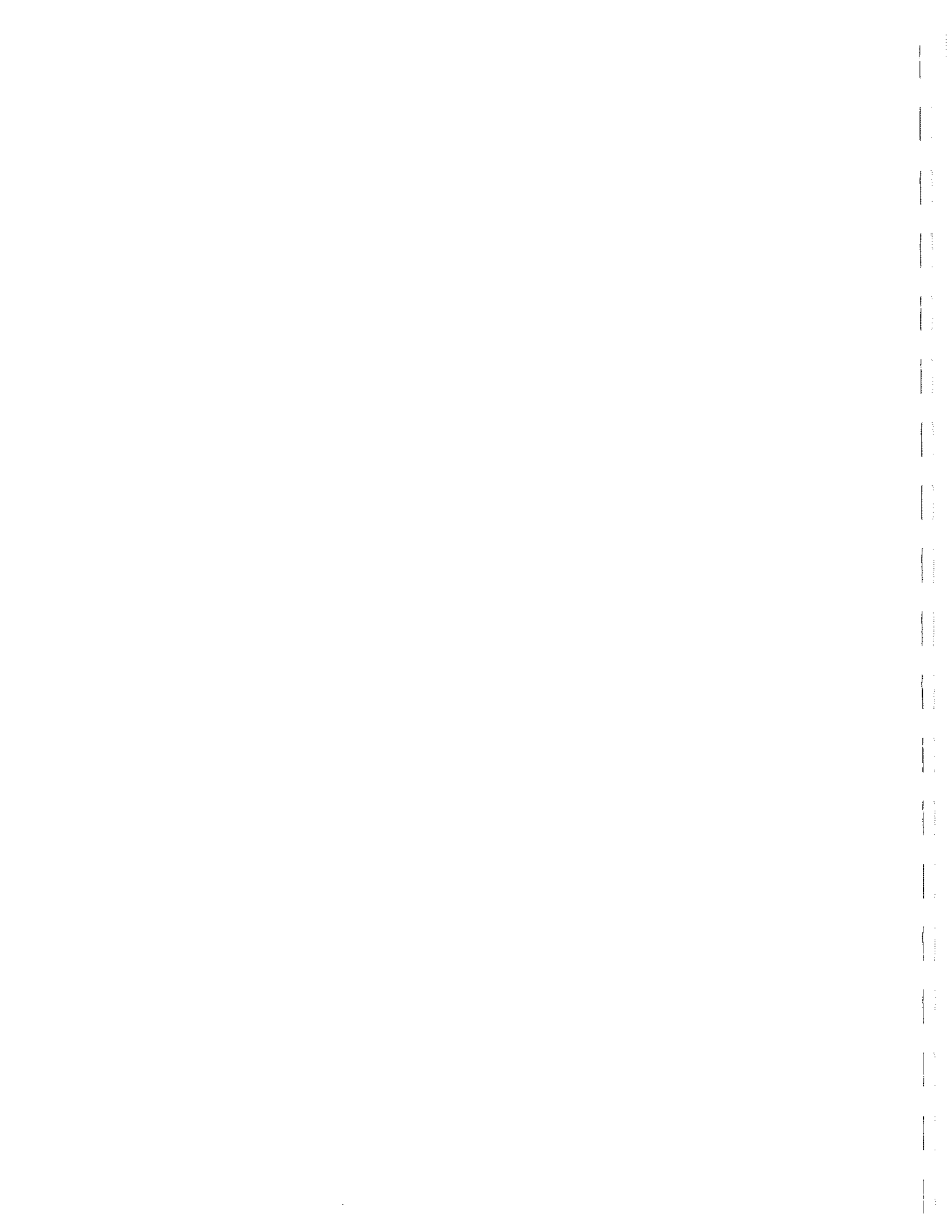
The committee would like to establish a plan that reflects community opinion on township development. You don't have to sign your survey. Your anonymous voice can still be heard by completion of the survey. We would appreciate your completing this survey in its entirety but you may skip any question that you do not wish to answer.

When finished, please return with the self-addressed envelope provided. After collating the data, the committee will hold further public meetings to discuss your collective ideas.

Thank you for your cooperation!

The Planning Committee

Bill Sleptzoff, Pres.
John Shaffer, Vice Pres.
Joanne Bortner, Sec.
Dan Bortner
Bill Flynn
Jim Styborski
Vicki Firth



Venango Township Community Survey

Demographics

Are you a Venango Twp. resident or property owner?

I am a resident. _____

How many years? _____

I own property in Venango Twp. _____

How many years? _____

Number of properties _____

Number of acres _____

How many people live in your household? 18 and over _____

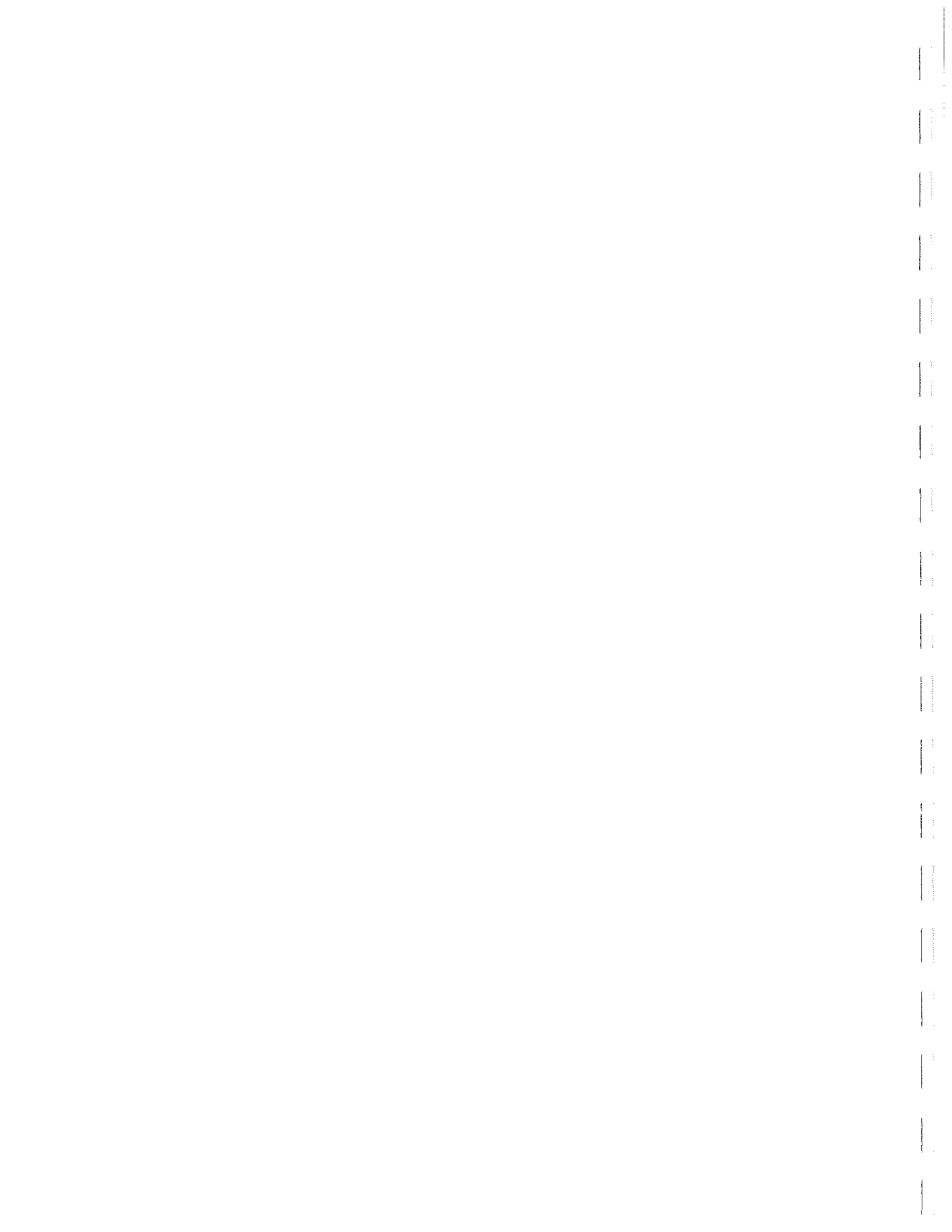
Under 18 _____

Please fill in table below for each adult household member.

Gender M/F	Age	Number of Years a resident	Occupation	Distance in miles to work	Highest level of Education completed

Where do you go for the majority of the following?

	Edinboro	Camb. Springs	Meadville	Erie	Other
Groceries					
Clothing					
Medical					
Banking					
Entertainment					



Community Facilities

Please rate the level of your satisfaction with the community services in Venango Twp. on the chart shown. Please add any additional comments on the back page.

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Very Poor
Road quality					
Summer road maintenance					
Winter road maintenance					
Recreation					
Fire protection					
Police protection					
Ambulance service					
Electric service					
Garbage collection					
Clean-up Day					
Septic quality					
Water supply					
Other (Specify)					

Please indicate which of the following services you would support a change in mill levy rate (taxes) for improvement.

Road surfacing	Road maintenance	Recreation	Fire Protection	Police Protection	Other Please state

Current Policy on Development

Presently, Venango Twp. is not zoned and has a three-acre minimum requirement for residential building. The minimum frontage is 200 feet. According to the last census, we increased our population by nearly 30% since 1990. Also within the last decade a total of 138 new property lines have been established in our twp. Please offer your opinion of the following questions. Circle your choice.

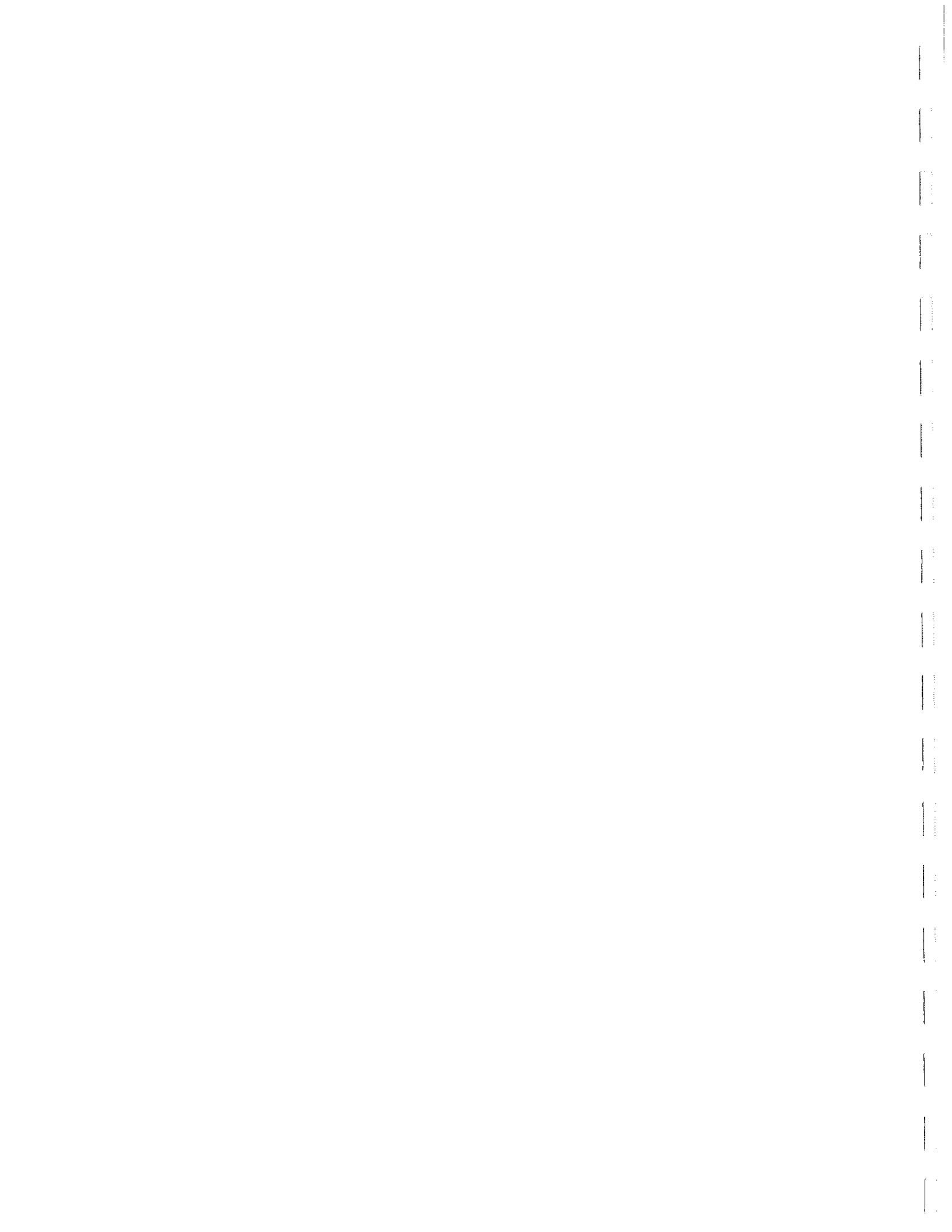
1. Should the development within our township be planned? Yes No

2. If so, who should have developmental authority?

Individual Property Owner Twp. Supervisors County Commissioners State Legislatures Other

3. Who should determine the appropriate use of private property in Venango Twp.?

Individual Property Owner Twp. Supervisors County Commissioners State Legislatures Other



4. Small communities like Venango Twp. are being encouraged to broaden their approach to land management. Should we:

- a) Maintain the current policy on land use and development?
- b) Develop more land use controls by township ordinances?
- c) Develop land use controls in conjunction with our adjacent townships or municipalities (regional approach)?
- d) Recommend zoning?
- e) Other

Township Communication

1. Do you attend township meetings? Yes _____ No _____

2. If not, how do you stay informed about the issues involving our twp.?

3. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve awareness within the twp.?

Please write any comments or special concerns below or on a separate sheet of paper.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. With your cooperation we can best present a plan to the supervisors reflecting your collective opinions. If you need another survey or know of any Venango Twp. resident that did not receive one, please contact either Bill Sleptzoff at 814-398-4479 or Joanne Bortner at 814-763-2959.

The Planning Committee



Venango Township
Building Permit Records – 1995-2004
Estimated Construction costs

Year	New Housing	Addition	Industrial/ Comercial	Barn/ Shed/ Garage	Total Individual Year
1995	#11 \$ 439,000	#6 \$ 83,800	#1- Church \$ 48,000	#9 \$ 38,900	#27 \$ 609,700
1996	11 466,700	2 14,000	0	12 133,300	25 614,000
1997	10 391,255	4 9,000	1 Observatory 25,000	10 47,700	25 472,955
1998	17 770,303	3 58,000	[2] VFW K RT99Icecream 45,000	5 22,400	27 895,703
1999	18 1,087,850	7 66,500	0	15 192,130	40 1,346,480
2000	8 573,250	4 269,000	1- Flower Shop 53,750	17 127,584	30 1,023,584
2001	11 721,880	3 3,500	1- Rt.19 Ice Cream 28,000	10 89,675	25 843,055
2002	14 1,022,225	6 144,950	1 Dog Grooming 15,000	4 15,700	25 1,197,875
2003	6 484,838	3 21,000	0	6 26,820	15 1,017,496
2004	9 564,700	9 1,702	0	9 71,500	27 637,902
TOTAL	115 6,522,001	47 671,452	7 214,750	97 1,965,709	266 8,658,750



HOUSING UNITS PER ROAD, PER MILE

TOWNSHIP ROAD	ROAD LENGTH, MI	HOUSING UNITS	HOUSING UNITS PER MI
305 JERICHO	1.54	24	16
568 CAPP	3.96	13 E. side	3.3
604 LEWANDOWSKI	0.78	3 total	
606 HILL	0.12	1 total	
616 W. SHERRED	1.92	9	4.7
634 DRAKES MILL	1.17	8	7
755 BECHTOLD	1.12	6	5
757 MERRITT	.44	5 total	
807 KIGHTLINGER	1.11	4	3.6
809 BEAR	0.74	2 total	
811 FOX	0.74	7 total	
813 CEMETERY	1.2	8	7
815 ZIMMERMAN	1.43	6	4
841 CENTER	2.31	17	7.4
847 TOBIN	1.18	9	8
871 HECKER	2.69	20	7.4
873 RACOP	0.79	10 total	
875 CLOSKY FARM	0.25	6 total	
897 FLOREK	0.96	6 total	

STATE ROADS	ROAD LENGTH, MI	HOUSING UNITS	HOUSING UNITS PER MI
0106 RT 6 }			
0019 RT 19 }	0.28	4 total	
0099 RT99	2.3	21	9
1017 BLYSTONE	3.66	36	9.8
8008 GOSPEL HILL	1.57	23	14.6
1006 SKELTONTOWN	3.6	39	10.8
1008 IRISH	2.2	22	10
1019 PLANK	4.5	76	16.8

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Public Meeting Comments

A public meeting was held on May 31, 2005 as advertised in the Meadville Tribune for the purpose of public presentation of the Comprehensive Plan. 5 Commission members were in attendance as well as 5 other community members which included all 3 township supervisors.

After a review with commentary by commission members of all parts of the plan by use of a projector and screen the floor was opened for comments from all present.

David Roach, Venango Township Supervisor expressed appreciation for the time and effort on the part of the Planning Commission. He also made comments concerning an increase in hourly wages expense this year in the township, the possibility of elimination of one bridge and a planned increase in township record keeping.

A general discussion took place concerning road condition. The need for more coarse gravel than that approved by the state was mentioned as well as the economic benefit of using gravel from the township pit as long as possible rather than buying state standard gravel from an outside source.

Ron Dunlap stated that weekend road work resulted in more communication with township residents who took time to talk with supervisors and crew about specific road problems while crews were in their areas.

Rick Edwards asked about an existing junk ordinance and Supervisor Roach explained that a resolution was in place rather than an ordinance but that enforcement was problematic.

A goal was discussed to maintain a rural atmosphere while at the same time making allowance for development. Minimum acreage requirements for development were recognized as a controlling factor to determine quality and value as well as quantity of new construction. Bill Flynn commented on the 3 acre minimum lot size and recommended an increase to 10 acres minimum.

Bill Sleptzoff noted the dichotomy of local opinion on land use controls. People favor land use controls over the property of others yet they want to maintain autonomy to use their own property as they see fit.

When asked, the Supervisors did not specify any part of the plan which they felt would preclude its adoption. The Committee will formally present the plan to the supervisors at their next scheduled meeting after addition of the last appendix, Public Meeting.

John Shaffer, Secretary

APPENDIX **f**

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial data and for providing a clear audit trail.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These methods include direct observation, interviews, and the use of specialized software tools.

3. The third part of the document describes the results of the data collection and analysis. It shows that there is a significant correlation between the variables being studied, which supports the hypothesis.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the implications of the findings. It suggests that the results could be used to inform policy decisions and to improve the efficiency of the system being studied.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes the study and provides a summary of the key findings. It also identifies areas for further research and suggests potential future directions.

6. The final part of the document contains the references and a list of the authors. It also includes a brief statement of the funding sources for the research.



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