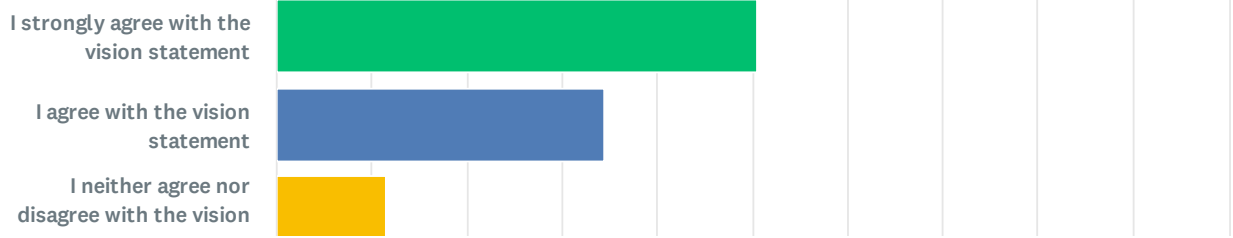


Q1 DRAFT COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT Lower Gwynedd is a thriving suburban community that blends the preservation of neighborhoods and green open space with an embrace for innovation and responsible growth. While much of the landscape has changed over the years since its rural agricultural past, Lower Gwynedd has become home to multiple educational institutions and medical research campuses that bring jobs, creativity, and vitality to the Township. Lower Gwynedd respects the natural resources and character of the residential neighborhoods, and understands that land use, the environment, and residents' quality of life are interconnected. Lower Gwynedd strives to unlock the potential to create redevelopment opportunities for the Bethlehem Pike corridor as an extension of Spring House, the commercial anchor of the Township, and strengthen the connections to its neighbor, Ambler Borough. The Township is fortunate to have two train stations located within its boundaries, providing residents with connections to Center City, Philadelphia and to Doylestown. Lower Gwynedd prioritizes actions that strengthen connections between the township, residents, community organizations, institutions, and the business community. Lower Gwynedd's priorities are to preserve the peaceful neighborhoods while strengthening the existing commercial areas, promoting the continued growth of research and development at institutions and businesses, encouraging sustainable development practices, and protecting the valuable natural resources in the Township. In 2045, Lower Gwynedd will be... a bucolic residential community, nestled in a green, natural landscape; an innovative, energetic, and engaged community that supports the lively mixed-use commercial corridors and the centers of learning and innovation; and a socially and environmentally diverse community that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds. Do you agree with the principles outlined in the draft vision statement?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 0

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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● I strongly agree with the vision statement	50.57%	44
● I agree with the vision statement	34.48%	30
● I neither agree nor disagree with the vision statement	11.49%	10
● I disagree with the vision statement	1.15%	1
● I strongly disagree with the vision statement	2.30%	2
Total		87

Q2 What is your vision for the future of Lower Gwynedd Township (comment in the box below)?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 45

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Continued preservation of existing open space, more middle class housing, revitalizing vacant or unused structures with new business or township buildings, helping existing business thrive, more equitable opportunities in the parks program	10/28/2024 5:17 AM
2	To be honest, never really thought about it, although I appreciate what the Township has done to date with such things as the walking paths that attempt to link the various neighborhoods together. I just ask that the Township be fithe Township be fiscally responsible while striving for these long term goals.	10/25/2024 5:56 PM
3	maximize open space. Maximize open space. Provide bike lanes on Penllyn Pike, Bethlehem Pike, and Norristown Road. Need traffic study on Penllyn Pike to reduce congestion at rush hour. Consider impact on traffic congestion when approving high density housing projects.	10/25/2024 11:48 AM
4	I would like to see our township avoid overly populating. continuing to add more townhomes and homes to properties that once had just 1 home. It is ruining our "bucolic" landscape you boast about. There was a time where the township required a certain amount of land space/acres of land for new homes in the township. Clearly this is no longer the case. We do not have resources, particularly schools, to accommodate an overpopulation. Nor would I want to see larger schools in our district. I think our district has performed well above average because of the smaller size compared to other districts . Bigger towns bring bigger problems. We should be focusing on enhancing what we have.. bigger is not always better. Keeping our town safe for all, creating a vibrant "Main Street" with Bethlehem pike and making our township more walkable. All over but particularly Evans and meetinghouse roads. Drivers go well over 50 mph and use these roads as a cut through to 309 and 202. Bethlehem pike can benefit from more sidewalks too. I've see students walk to Wawa after school. There's no shoulder and/or sidewalks and it's dangerous. We also have a deer problem. Very cute but we just have way too many. It's another hazard on the roads at night.	10/20/2024 10:20 AM
5	To be a close-knit, friendly, walkable community with good schools, responsible businesses, strong property values and well kept open spaces and nearby commercial areas that are easily accessible.	8/29/2024 4:06 PM
6	The draft is fine. But to be effective, the goal of creating redevelopment opportunities along Bethlehem Pike probably needs some attention to the zoning code affecting those areas and a recognition of what types of businesses might want to locate there—outside of a traditional shopping area and still pretty vehicle oriented, despite efforts to make it walkable.	8/18/2024 7:43 AM
7	I am not a life long resident of Lower Gwynedd twp., in the twenty years we have resided in the twp., we have seen a lot of change. Both bad and good. The one thing that the twp. lacks is the town feel. The Bethlehem Pike corridor is under utilized and it is unfortunate how the improvements of Norristown Road/Bethlehem Pike have added to this by speeding traffic out of the township. The household income of this area should be able to support vibrant Main Street feel area, yet it doesn't. Not to the fault of the people who call this township home but of the vision of the people in charge. You would much rather have a 9-5 service business on the main strip then a business for the people. So much wasted potential. I can only hope greater minds figure it out. The statement is a bunch of words, where are the actions to support the words. You should feel very fortunate we have some strong corporate neighbors but also realize that they are targets for other communities.	8/14/2024 8:38 PM
8	Furthering small business development while controlling rampant residential growth to let LGT maintain its current character	8/12/2024 2:57 PM
9	In addition to the points described in the LGT Mission Statement, I would add a commitment to strengthen the community by physically connecting individual community members through increased access to walkable corridors (most of them green space) from all Lower Gwynedd	8/12/2024 11:46 AM

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residences. In my opinion, the lack of foot traffic between neighborhoods in LGT is a huge hurdle to creating a strong community.

10	I understand the desire to be succinct, but I would want to add promoting pedestrian and bicyclist accessibility and safety.	8/12/2024 11:00 AM
11	Maintaining bucolic charm, while facilitating a walkable community (e.g. sidewalks, safer roadways)	7/28/2024 10:41 PM
12	I feel the principles outlined in the above vision are very noble and consistent with my perception of what LGT is and should continue to be. I would however like to see some mention of more affordable housing within the township by 2045 thereby allowing a broader spectrum of people the opportunity to enjoy living here.	7/25/2024 9:08 PM
13	I agree with most statements made above. I especially like the vision of a green and open community, with a focus on "responsible growth." I urge those that hold this responsibility to insist on putting citizens and the community before monetary gain. A promising vision for the future would also include the promotion of other forms of transport, such as bike infrastructure and increased transit. Having train stations is vital to many individuals' lives, and this asset should be fostered and supported, not ignored. Finally, after looking at the Lower Gwynedd zoning map, I noticed much of the space is taken up by single-family housing. By changing this zoning plan to accommodate for more multi-family residential buildings, our community can be more inclusive and affordable, in an age where housing prices continue to outpace salaries. (Also if you have any internship opportunities available, I would love to participate. My email is michaelce0417@gmail.com)	7/25/2024 1:06 PM
14	I want LGT to be a safe place, a place where families thrive, a place where the environment and landscape is protected and respected.	7/25/2024 12:44 AM
15	Make it simpler and less flowery buzz words	7/24/2024 2:17 PM
16	No path along Georgetown community, as it will not follow the above statement seeing it will be taking down a lot of mature trees	7/24/2024 1:49 PM
17	I would love to improve the Bethlehem Pike commercial corridor to make it a walkable area with shops and restaurants similar to downtown Ambler.	7/24/2024 10:31 AM
18	A vibrant community full of multimodal paths for bikers and pedestrians rather than promoting cars and traffic, one with roundabout that foster safer roadways, and lawns full of trees and gardens to combat the heat map and invasive species; a town built up around the Bethlehem Pike Corridor full of mixed-use development that encourages community over cars, but this also should spread to other areas like the Gwynedd Valley and Penllyn stations that are ripe for mixed use transit oriented development. All of this will make Lower Gwynedd a role model of modern urbanism and sustainability.	7/23/2024 10:34 PM
19	To be clean, safe, quiet, resourceful, community	7/23/2024 7:26 PM
20	The hometown feel is being completely obliterated..The quaintness is slowly fading..The warmth is no longer there. You can't achieve both. It's becoming over developed..more of a city feel which is what I left behind.	7/23/2024 6:52 PM
21	Sustainable growth that does not place development over the need for open space for the benefit of all who live here.	7/23/2024 6:49 PM
22	Enhanced walkability across Bethlahem Pike to connect residential streets to other parts of the community via crosswalks, lights, etc.	7/23/2024 5:25 PM
23	The township is a pristine community that would benefit greatly with improvement and connections of the walking trails, intertwined with wider sidewalks to allow residents to more easily "walk" to all areas in the township safely. Facilitation of access to Ambler, North Wales & Blue Bell. The development of the "Community Center" at SHIP, will allow the Community to further utilize the space for people to gather. A restaurant on this campus would be a great addition to the community as it is already within walking distance to a number of LG communities. The park-like setting is fabulous. The township should continue to be great stewards of the taxpayers dollars. Limits should be in place to create checks & balances between the taxpayers and the services we require from the Township with whom we have placed our votes and trust in to work on our behalf - nothing more.	7/23/2024 10:30 AM
24	Vision statement needs to emphasize importance of a strong public school	7/23/2024 10:27 AM

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system(Wissahickon school district) as an important component to living in Lower Gwynedd Township. Also a continued emphasis on attracting and supporting light industry to help with the tax base. The Bethlehem business district needs enhancement and modernization.

25	Continued work on the walkability of our community. Adhering to our tree replacement ordinance.	7/23/2024 10:24 AM
26	I hope the township will evolve with the requests to allow home owners to enhance their properties to beautify and allow more functionality to their homes and not be so stringent on the placement of outdoor structures	7/23/2024 10:10 AM
27	Stop worrying about diversity and improve the community.	7/23/2024 9:52 AM
28	Prioritizing the safety and equity of the community, with the knowledge that the township is only as rich as its poorest residents.	7/23/2024 9:22 AM
29	To continue being a peaceful, diverse beautiful community which prizes gree spaces and quiet small town values while embracing meaningful change.	7/23/2024 9:21 AM
30	We should foster a sense of community, providing means for residents to meet and grow with their neighbors	7/23/2024 8:43 AM
31	Just what is wrtitten so well in the vision statement.	7/23/2024 8:35 AM
32	The vision as outlined, aligns with my idea of what the Township should look like twenty years from now.	7/23/2024 8:24 AM
33	I would like to se a commitment to environmental sustainability included as well, not just environmental diversity. Otherwise the vision is aligned with mine.	7/23/2024 8:08 AM
34	Provides places for enjoyment of nature and recreational activities (ie public garden, tennis, pickleball courts etc..)	7/23/2024 8:03 AM
35	The vision statement is fine but what will be done to maintain the bucolic environment? Can we look to preserve open space wherever possible by purchasing open land or offering incentives through reduced property taxes for preserved land? My only other comment is that something must be done to reduce the deer population to a healthy level for deer. The deer population has grown to the point that they are a hazard to drivers in our community.	7/22/2024 9:33 PM
36	Continue to increase the ability of pedestrians to walk safely throughout the township. I appreciate the sidewalks added on Bethlehem Pike but I dream of sidewalks extending further toward Butler Pike and sidewalks anywhere else in our township since this encourages our community to walk. I believe it is both good for our health, the sense of community in our neighborhoods, and perhaps even safety in our community.	7/20/2024 1:50 PM
37	Wokeness has no place in our vision statement. Instead, I'd like to hear about how you'll make to community more walkable	7/20/2024 9:50 AM
38	I envision a sustainable Lower Gwynedd where communities are self-sustaining and focused on building circularity.	7/19/2024 10:19 PM
39	There is a desperate need for more available outdoor basketball courts. Maybe consider outdoor courts at the YMCA?	7/19/2024 1:00 PM
40	Including more affordable housing options for first time homebuyers and young families such as townhomes or other reasonable housing opportunities.	7/19/2024 12:56 PM
41	there should be some mentions of schools as that is probably (?) a top reason people seek residency in LG. I feel the word "Bucolic" is too cute by half. simple, clear language will provide more connection and clarity for future potential residents. also, i would humbly suggest Vision statements are 1 clear aspirational sentence. the succeed paragraphs support the vision statement but we should need a supporting sentence in the same para.	7/19/2024 12:47 PM
42	A financially realistic place to live	7/19/2024 12:21 PM