

# SWOT Analysis Notes

Lycoming County 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update

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## Strengths: 26 votes total

- 7 – Recreational opportunities and access to them
  - Ex) Bike trail
- 5 – Scenic and natural resources
- 3 – Rural lands
  - Pristine
  - Not developed
- 2 – High air quality
- 2 – Water quality and quantity
- 2 – Pine Creek Rail Trail
- 2 – Low Taxes
- 1 – Close proximity to town/city
- 1 – Susquehanna – unique, bedroom community
- 1 – Unique landscape
- 0 – Low noise – peaceful and quiet
- 0 – Low traffic
- 0 – Public access to water
- 0 – Little Pine State Park and TD forest
- 0 – Gas industry assistance with community facilities and infrastructure
- 0 – Road system on West End
  - Access
- 0 – Pine Creek COG
- 0 – Regional cooperation -- EMS

## Weaknesses: 29 votes total

- 9 – EMS/Fire capacity
  - Low volunteerism
- 7 – Lack of communication
  - Cell towers
  - Broadband
- 3 – Lack of public water/sewer at village centers
- 3 – Large portions of townships untaxable
- 2 – Farming not providing a sustainable HH living

- 2 – Police coverage is lacking
- 1 – Lack of political clout – forgotten area
- 1 – Rural municipalities feel undervalued
  - County, state
- 1 – Aging population
  - Less replacement options for municipal rates/positions
- 0 – County inattentive to township desires
  - Ex) Mifflin
- 0 – Loss of working farms
- 0 – Loss of economic diversity
- 0 – Speeding on local streets
- 0 – Availability and affordable housing in Pine Creek Valley

## Opportunities: 25 votes total

- 7 – Recreation tourism
- 6 – Leverage Act 13 funds to implement projects of regional significance
- 3 – Increase parking and restroom facilities for rail-trail
- 3 – Use zoning to identify what’s special and unique and needs to be preserved
- 3 – Open state forest trails for snow mobiles
- 2 – Potential for state and other grants due to significant assets
- 1 – NG-related economic development
- 0 – Mixed-use pockets of development at village centers and crossroads
- 0 – Small-scale water/sewer systems to offer diversified economy and housing options
  - Cluster development

## Threats: 28 votes total

- 8 – State not respecting local visions and desires (state park and forest land)
- 7 – Road maintenance and repair in the future

- 3 – Aging infrastructure
- 2 – Loss of local control of property
  - Out-of-towners buying up land
  - Amish
- 2 – Environmental risk of old infrastructure
- 1 – Chesapeake Bay mandates
- 1 – Sprawl development
- 1 – Forest fragmentation
- 1 – Loss of scenic viewsheds due to pipeline development and lumbering
- 1 – Increased gas activity returning and worsening
- 1 – Creek flooding – ice melt, storms
- 0 – Future of farming and agriculture
  - Government policies
  - Unsustainable living
  - What’s next?
- 0 – Gas infrastructure investments built by others including foreigners/Global visibility due to MS
- 0 – Large floodplain – Susquehanna Township