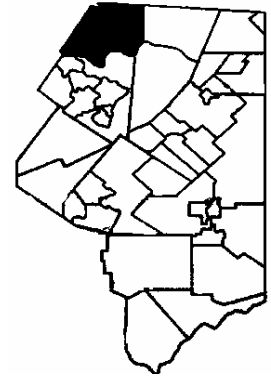


Benton Township, Lackawanna County

LAND CHARACTERISTICS

- Land area: 25.1 square miles, .55 square miles water,
- Villages and Neighborhoods: Fleetville, Wallsville, Amasa, Marshbrook, East Benton, Kochners Corners, Smith Corners, Worth Church, Baylors Lake, Lake Kewanee, Lake Sheridan, Bassett Pond, Deer Lake, Benton Hills MHP
- Agricultural Easements: 670 acres
- Acreage enrolled in Ag Security Program: 5,959 acres
- Ordinances and Plans: 1974 Zoning, 2/73 Subdivision



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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

- 2000 Population: 1881
- Population trend: 1,141(1970) 1,670 (1980) 1,837(1990)
- Population density: 76.6 People Per Square Mile
- Median age: 39.6
- Residents 18 years and older: 75.1%
- Residents 65 years and older: 11.9%
- Living alone: 21.9%
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- Percent of residents who commute to work: 81% drive alone to work, 10.1% carpool
- Average commute: 27 minutes
- People with disabilities: 296

ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Per capita income: \$21,463
- Education of population age 25 and older: 89.6% hold at least high school diploma; 23.4% hold at least a Bachelor's degree

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

- Total housing units: 1035
- Rentals: 11.8%
- Seasonal homes: 25.3%

SPECIAL PLACES

- High quality natural areas in the township as listed in the 1997 Lackawanna County Natural Areas Inventory: Brzostek Swamp (medium-sized, mature Broadleaf Conifer Swamp) Bassett Pond (rare aquatic plant species)
- Recreational areas: Lackawanna State Park, Benton Township Municipal Building, Benton Township Rt. 106 site, Benton Fire Company site, Lakeland Golf Course, Rt 407 baseball fields, Lake Manataka, Camp Kewanee, Keystone Observatory

- Scenic areas: Nicholson/Fleetville bog and hemlock grove, Seaman's Airport, Fire Company Grounds, Baylor's Lake, Gracie Farms, Seymour Bog, Rt 438 West, Pine Hill, Marshbrook wetlands
- Historic areas: Old Universalist Church on Rt 407,
- Conserved lands: Fordham wetlands (Countryside Conservancy)