

## **Nicholson Township, Wyoming County**

### **LAND CHARACTERISTICS**

- Land area: 22.8 square miles, .26 square miles water, Agricultural easements – 390.24 acres
- Ordinances and plans: 11/02 planning is in process; Township included in Wyoming County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, adopted January 21, 1999.
- Agricultural preservation acreage: 435.43 acres as of 9/02

### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

- Population: 1361 male: 671 females: 690
- Population density: 60.4 people per square mile
- Median age: 38 years
- Residents 18 years and older: 74.6%
- Residents 65 years and older: 10.8%
- Living alone: 21.2%
- Percent of residents who commute to work: 79.7% drive alone, 9.6% carpool, 1.7% walk
- Average commuting time: 28.3 minutes
- People with disabilities: 228

### **ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

- Per capita income: \$17,330
- Education of population age 25 years and older: 80.8% hold at least a high school diploma; 11.7% hold at least a Bachelor's degree

### **HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS**

- Total housing units: 644
- Rentals: 16.1%
- Seasonal homes: 10.7%

### **SPECIAL PLACES**

- High quality natural areas in the township as listed in the 1995 Wyoming County Natural Areas Inventory: Phelps Swamp (rare species and breeding and migrating birds), Casterline Hill Swamp (large broadleaf-conifer swamp)
- Recreational areas: Nicholson Baseball Park, kayaking along Route 92, State Game Land, State-owned 2 acre parcel along Route 11, Sunrise Lake Family Campground, abandoned rail bed extending to Hop Bottom
- Scenic areas: Jackson to Nicholson along Route 92, Galusha Grow
- Historic sites: Nicholson Trolley House

**SOURCE:**

- Land Characteristics Source: Penn State School of Forest Resources,
- Population, Economic and Housing Characteristics Source: Profile of General Demographic Characteristics, 2000 U.S. Census
- Special Places Source: 1995 Wyoming County Natural Areas Inventory, places mentioned at Tunkhannock Creek Watershed public meetings, and Countryside Conservancy records