

Tunkhannock Township, Wyoming County

LAND CHARACTERISTICS

- Land area: 31.99 square miles, .88 square miles water
- Ordinances and plans: Township is included in Wyoming County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, adopted January 21, 1999.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

- Population: 4298
- Population density: 138.2 people per square mile
- Median age: 40.1 years
- Residents 18 years and older: 75.4%
- Residents 65 years and older: 14.1%
- Living alone: 20.7%
- Percent of residents who commute to work: 81.5%
- Average commute: 23.5 minutes
- People with disabilities: 625

ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Per capita income: \$18,384
- Education of population age 25 and over: 82.7% hold at least a high school diploma; 19.2% hold at least a Bachelor's degree

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

- Total housing units: 1822
- Rentals: 16%
- Seasonal homes: 6.7%

SPECIAL PLACES

- High quality natural areas in the township as listed in the 1995 Wyoming County Natural Areas Inventory: Dixon Floodplain Forest (nesting and migratory birds), Helman Swamp (rare plants), Lake Carey
- Recreational areas: Lake Carey (shore fishing and privately-owned boat access), Art Keefer and Lee Baumgartner Baseball Fields, Lazybrook Park, Shadowbrook Resort, Bardwell junction of two branches of the creek), Stone Hedge Golf Club, abandoned railbed extending from Tunkhannock to Montrose, Saddle Lake
- Scenic areas: "The Brick Yard" swimming area,

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

CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP:

- Creek cleanup from confluence to Rt 92 and Rt 6 East of the bypass (02, planning stages by the township)
- Tunkhannock Creek stream bank stabilization at bridge near Deer Park Lumber (proposed for 04-06 by the township)
- Rail-Trail from Tunkhannock to Montrose (proposed for 05-07 by the township)
- Lake Carey and Watershed Assessment (grant acquired for 02+ by Lake Carey Cottager's Association)
- Lake Carey Dirt Road Mitigation of Erosion (proposed for 03 by Lake Carey Cottager's Association)
- Lake Carey Well water testing (proposed for 03-08 by Lake Carey Cottager's Association)
- Lake Carey Phosphorous reduction and erosion control (proposed for 04-06 by Lake Carey Cottager's Association)
- Lake Carey septic repair low interest loan program (proposed for 03-08 by Lake Carey Cottager's Association)