

20. How can we enhance the first impression of our township?

Answers: 598

Top 5 themes for improving the first impression of the township:

1. Fix and maintain the roads, including the removal of trash, debris, and fallen trees from roadsides.
2. Bring in more businesses. Small businesses and restaurants were preferred, but some would like to see big or chain stores.
3. Tear down or rehabilitate abandoned and dilapidated properties. Clean up properties.
4. Limits signage and billboards. Add gateway signage.
5. Improve Route 209- beautify, clean up, and bring in new businesses to fill the vacancies.

21. Complete the following statement: "in the future, Middle Smithfield should seek to...."

Answers: 586

In this section, the answers are more nuanced, but still lend themselves to a series of themes:

1. Keep Middle Smithfield green- protect the environment, keep it natural, maintain open space and limit development.
2. Bring in new, high quality job opportunities that will keep taxes low and improve the diversity of tax base.
3. Attract new employment and businesses along Route 209. Locate them in currently abandoned structures and properties.
4. Fix and maintain the roads, including litter removal. (See question 19)
5. Improve public safety and policing.
6. Create more community activities and outdoor opportunities – bike paths, parks, advertise trails, etc.