

# White Township Supervisors

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Dear White Township Voter,

The White Township Board of Supervisors is asking for your assistance by completing the attached survey and returning it to the Township Office in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. This survey is being sent to all registered voters in White Township. The results will be used to assist the Board of Supervisors in preparing a Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan for White's Woods and in determining the level of any future development that could occur in that area.

A key question involves the cutting of timber in the park area. Please keep in mind that any timbering done would be on a selective cutting basis, and would not involve clear cutting the White's Woods area. Funds received from any timbering of White's Woods would be set aside for improving or developing additional recreation facilities in the Township.

As a brief history, the White's Wood property, consisting of 250 acres located adjacent to the northwest corner of Indiana Borough, was purchased in 1968 using funds from a State Grant (50%) and funds borrowed by the Township (50%). Since its purchase, the land has remained relatively undeveloped except for a hiking trail system, and gas well and utility line construction. The area is maintained by the Indiana Area Recreation and Parks Commission on behalf of the Township.

Your opinions are important to the planning process and the future of the area, and we ask you to respond no later than June 30th, 1995.

Thank you,  
White Township Board of Supervisors

1. In the past year, how often have you visited or used White's Woods? (please check one)

- 213 a. Frequent visitor (average once a week or more)
- 360 b. Periodic visitor (average once a month)
- 443 c. Infrequent visitor (average less than 6 times per year)
- 426 d. None (have not been to White's Woods)

2. In your opinion, the Recreation Master Plan for White's Woods should: (please check one)

- 6%: 143 a. provide for active recreational activities similar to those provided at other parks in the Township (examples of other parks are Getty Heights Park or Kennedy-King Park, which include playground apparatus, ballfields, etc.).
- 40%: 942 b. provide for passive recreational activities that are compatible with the wooded, natural setting of White's Woods (examples could be hiking trails, picnic shelter, nature study exhibits, groomed cross-country ski trails, rest room facilities, etc.)
- 30%: 303 c. provide only for basic facilities such as parking, rest room facilities, and handicapped accessibility.
- 40%: 934 d. provide no changes to the existing setting in White's Woods.

3. Should the Township selectively timber White's Woods in order to obtain funds to provide additional recreational opportunities for this or other park sites in the Township? (please check one)

- 773 a. yes 31%
- 1027 b. no 62%
- 163 c. no opinion 7%

(continue on opposite side)

4. Please list below the types of recreational facilities or activities that you would like to have included in the White's Woods area.

- 1st preference Hiking 767
- 2nd preference 383
- 3rd preference 271

(The following question refers to general recreational needs in White Township, not specifically to White's Woods.)

5. Please list below any recreational facilities or activities that you feel need to be developed in White Township in order to better serve our residents.

- 1st preference \_\_\_\_\_
- 2nd preference \_\_\_\_\_
- 3rd preference \_\_\_\_\_

.....END OF SURVEY.....  
Thank you for your assistance on this matter and please return the survey to the White Township office by June 30th, 1995.

7 1/2 % returned  
135 voided  
2478 total