

**Upper Dublin Environmental Protection Advisory Board  
Community Day Survey, September 2006  
Executive Summary**

Americans in growing suburban communities across the country are troubled by a host of quality-of-life and environmental issues. A new survey reveals that residents of Upper Dublin are no different.

More than 125 adults who attended last month's Upper Dublin Township Community Day filled out a one-page survey, gauging their thoughts about local environmental issues. Their No. 1 concern: land development and the loss of open space. Second on the worry list: flooding and the detrimental effects of stormwater run-off. Respondents also registered their concerns over traffic; water and air quality; energy use; and litter. A few noted interest in addressing other issues, such as light pollution and chemical-based lawn treatments.

The survey was conducted by Upper Dublin's Environmental Protection Advisory Board in order to take the pulse of community members with regard to the critical issues the board monitors. The poll was intended to determine what Upper Dublin residents care about; what they would like to learn more about; and how they would like to engage in local efforts to address environmental concerns.

The survey's results also offer a sneak peek at a hot political question that is expected to appear on voters' ballots next month: Would residents be in favor of the township borrowing funds to protect open space. Nearly nine out of ten respondents answered Yes.

Respondents also overwhelmingly supported the idea of giving Upper Dublin residents the option of donating all or part of their local-tax refund to efforts to improve the environment – a strategy that may soon be more widely introduced.

For more information on the survey or details of its results along with graphic illustrations, please contact Stan Ropski, EPAB chair, or Andrea Barol, EPAB member.

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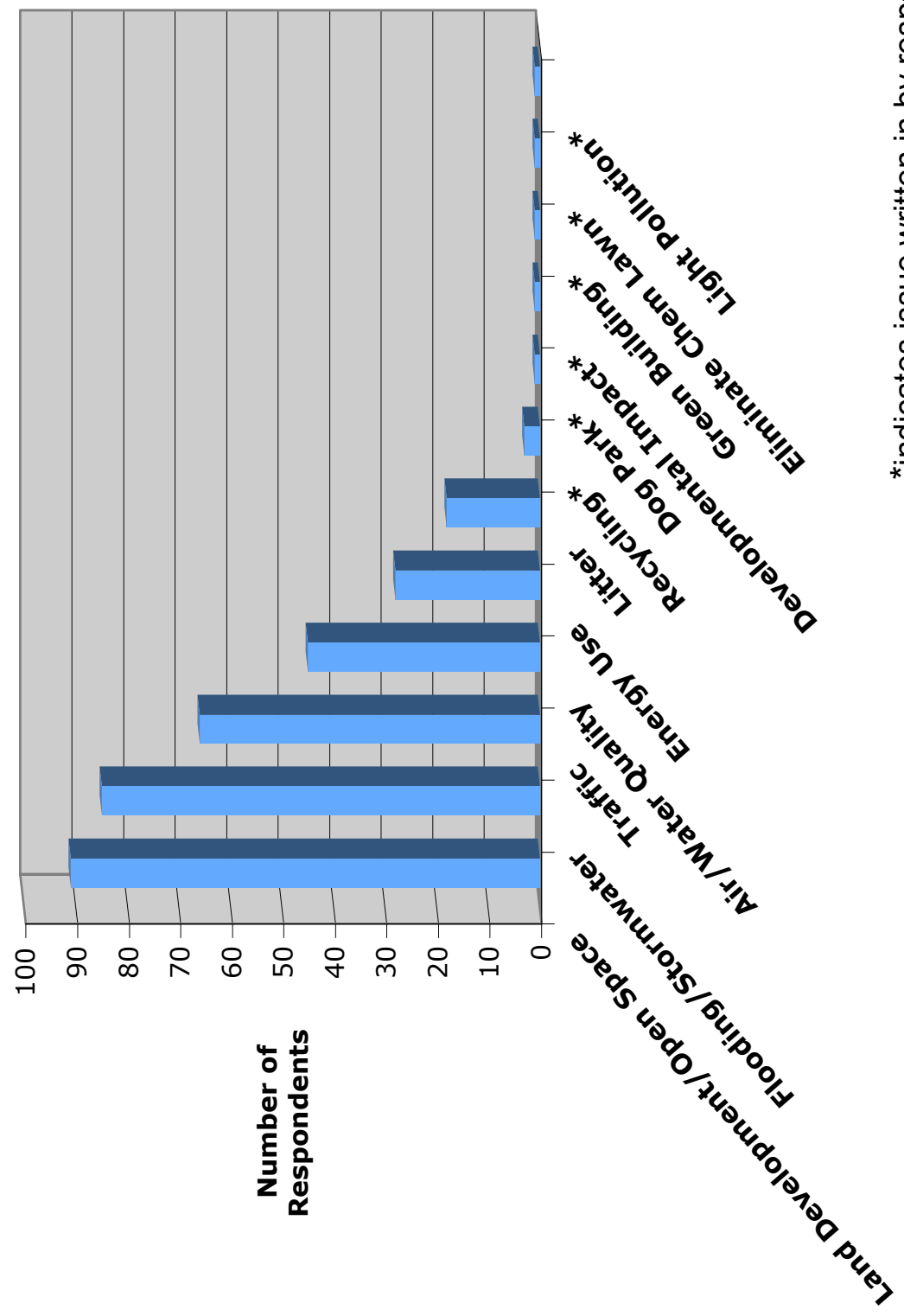
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**Upper Dublin  
Environmental Protection Advisory Board  
Presents  
Questionnaire Results September 17, 2006  
Community Day**

# What Environmental Issues in Upper Dublin Township Concern You The Most?

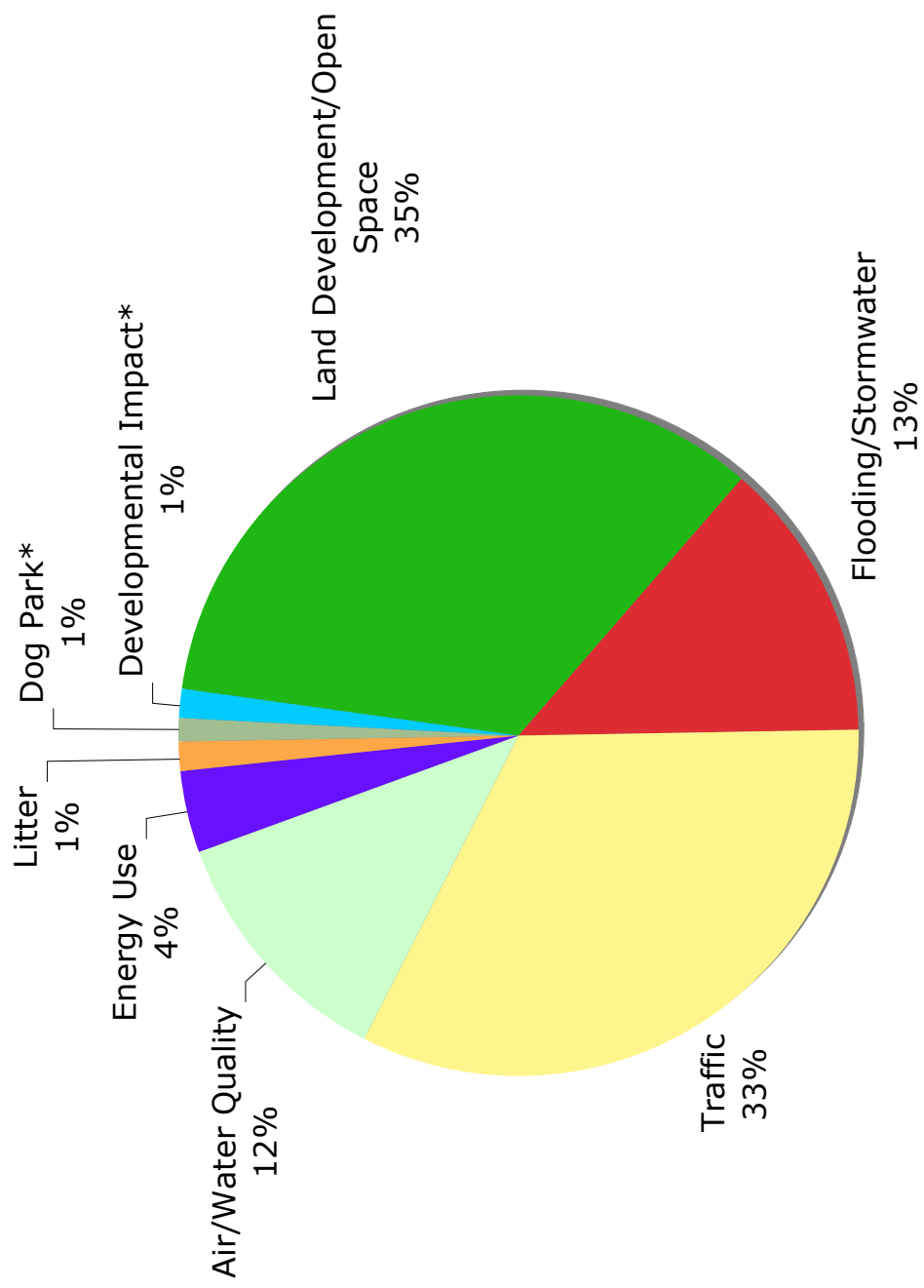
ISSUE	# of Respondents by How They Ranked Issues By Importance				Total Number Of Respondents
	# 1	# 2	# 3	No # Designated	
Land development/Open Space	26	19	18	28	91
Traffic	25	16	14	11	66
Flooding/Storm water	10	25	19	31	85
Air/water quality	9	14	8	14	45
Energy use	3	1	15	9	28
Litter	1	5	5	7	18
Other (Write-ins)					
Dog Park	1				1
Recycling		1	1	1	3
Dev. Impact	1				1
Green Building				1	1
Eliminate Chemical Lawn				1	1
Light Pollution				1	1

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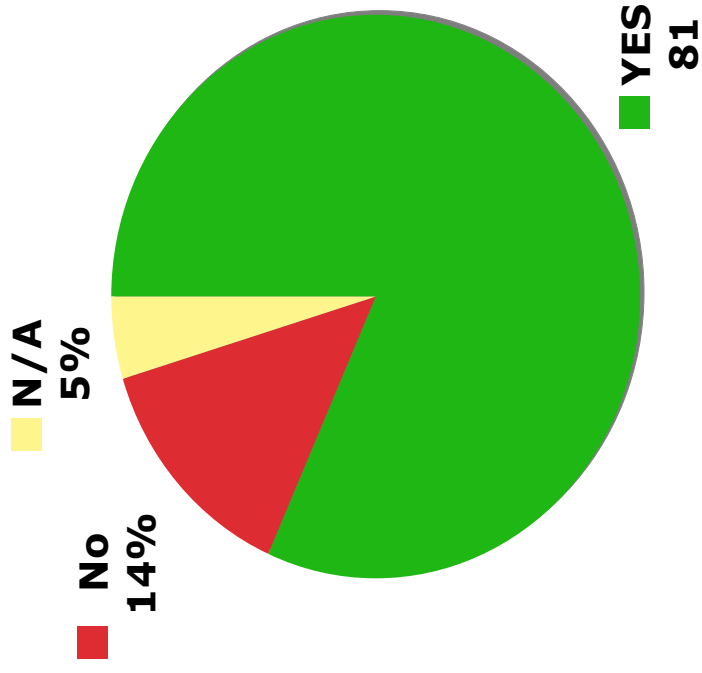


\*indicates issue written in by respondents.

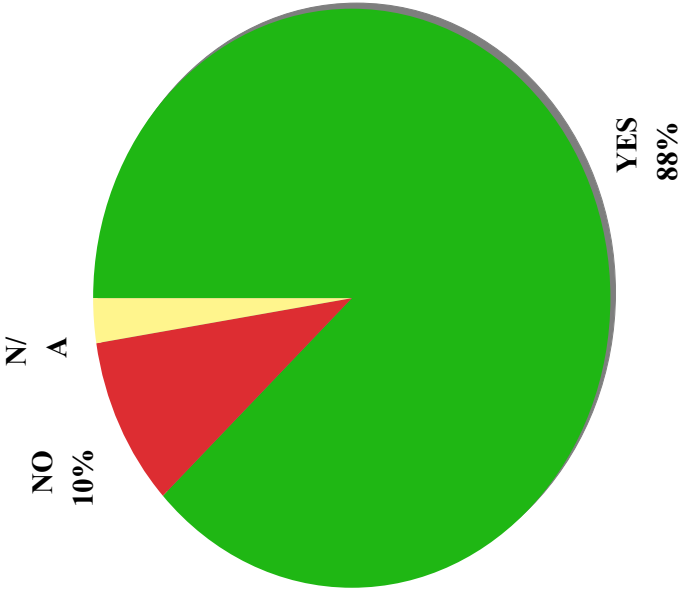
# What Environmental Issue in Upper Dublin Township Ranks as the Highest Concern?



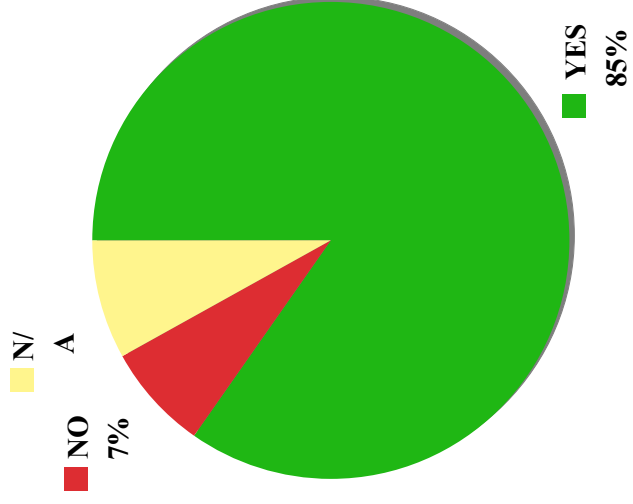
# Are you in Favor of the Township Borrowing Funds to Help Preserve Open Space?



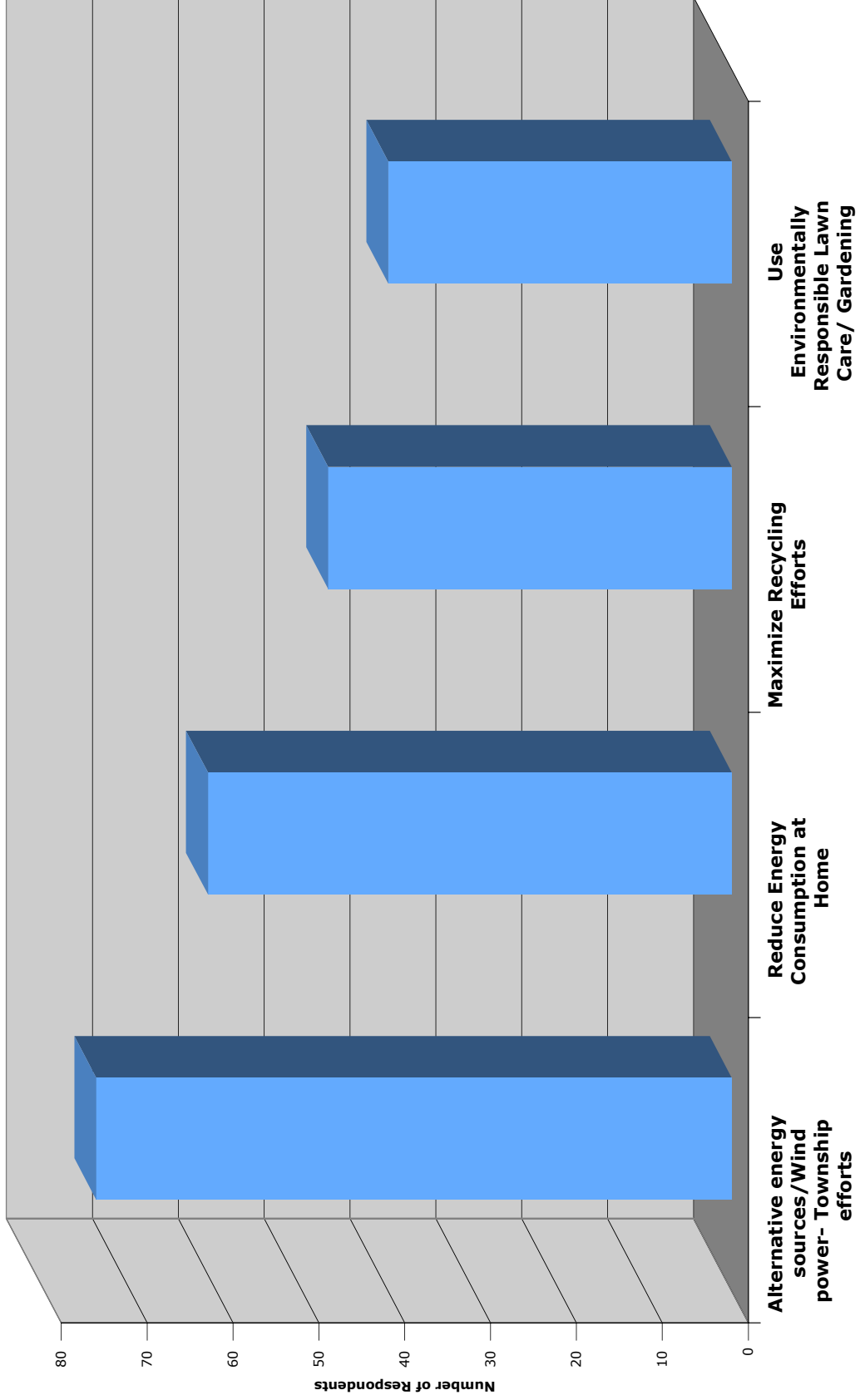
# Should Upper Dublin Township Residents Be Able to Donate Their EIT Refund to Local Efforts to Improve the Environment?



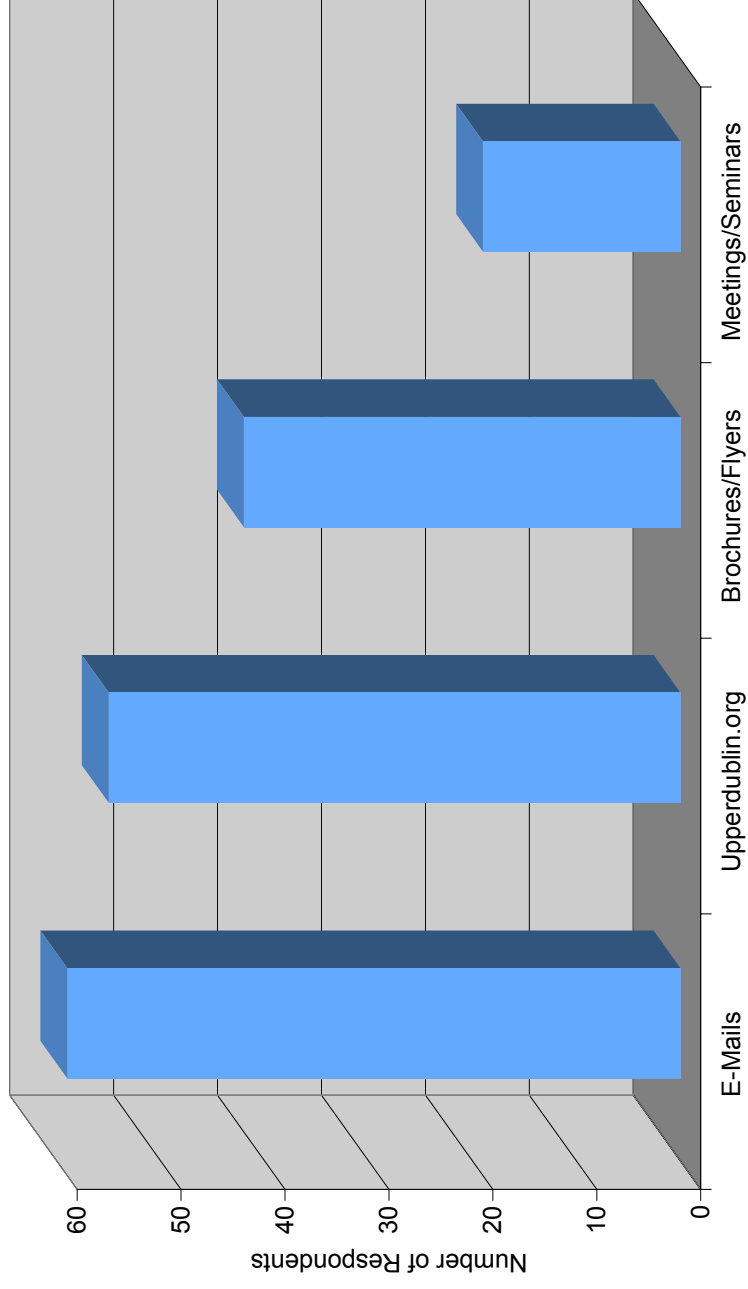
# Would You Support a Township-Wide Adopt-a-Stream/Trail Program?



# What Do You Want to Learn More About?



# What's the Best Way To Get Residents More Information?



# EPAB SURVEY

## Upper Dublin Community Day 2006 Environmental Protection Advisory Board Questionnaire

What we want to know.

- 1.) What environmental issues in Upper Dublin Township concern you the most? (Please check all those that apply.) \*Traffic\_\_ \*Flooding/stormwater\_\_ \*Air/water quality\_\_ \*Land development/open space\_\_ \*Energy use\_\_ \*Litter\_\_ \*Other\_\_ Please state:-----
- 2.) Would you be in favor of the township borrowing funds to help preserve open space in our community? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- 3.) Would you like to give residents the opportunity to donate part or all of their Earned Income Tax refunds directly to local efforts to improve the environment? (The average EIT refund is approximately \$XX.) Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- 4.) Would you support a township-wide Adopt-a-Stream/Trail program? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

What do you want to know?

- 5.) Check the subjects you would like to learn more about.  
\_\_\_ How to reduce energy consumption in your home.  
\_\_\_ How to implement environmentally responsible lawn care/gardening practices.  
\_\_\_ How to maximize your recycling efforts.  
\_\_\_ How to support township efforts to use alternative energy sources, such as wind power.  
\_\_\_ Other. Please state:-----
- 6.) What's the best way for you to get more information?  
\_\_\_ Brochures/flyers available at the township building  
\_\_\_ Documents available on the township's web site  
\_\_\_ E-mails  
\_\_\_ Community meetings/seminars

What do you want to do?

- 7.) Would you like to join the EPAB's annual stream clean-up efforts? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
Would you like to be contacted about other volunteer opportunities? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
Would you like to be on an EPAB email list to receive monthly meeting reports and information on relevant environmental issues? Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
If you answered Yes to any of the above, please provide your email address:-----

Results of this survey (Questions No. 1-6 only) will be posted on Upper Dublin Township's web site.  
Thank you for your time.  
The EPAB, Stan Ropski, Chair