

**Written Comments on Index Cards from Public Meeting  
Camp Allegheny, January 22, 2007**

**1. What would you like to stay the same in the corridor?**

<b>Written Response</b>	<b># of Similar Responses</b>
The ability to do what we want, when we want, with our own property without government intervention; the right to develop our property as we see fit; government can't dictate type and size of residential structure; no regulation	18
Views of attractive countryside; rural character of corridor; scenic views; remote feeling of the area	16
No windmills	6
Farming areas; keep as many barns as possible	4
Hunting; hunting areas next to the park	4
Everything; nothing should change	4
Good neighbors; small town life; hometown hospitality	3
Timber along road	2
Buckstown	2
Old buildings	1
Zoning at intersections	1
Least amount of impact from increased traffic	1
Rosetree Acres; Mountain Valley Farm	1
Farmhouse and pond on Stonebridge Hill	1
No businesses along Route 30 required to close	1
Stoystown Auto Wreckers	1

**2.What would you like to see improved in the corridor?**

Written Response	# of Similar Responses
Safer and cleaner roads; lighting, speed limits, visibility, maintenance, resurfacing, cleanliness, turning lanes	17
Cleaned up/screened properties (Reels Corner, adult book store, Buckstown); blighted properties; junk and trash cleaned up	10
Better signage; directions giving distances; fewer/no new billboards	9
Less coal truck traffic; better regulated coal trucks	7
Landscaping; vegetation (more wildflowers in median strips; flowers and plants; trees hiding the porno place; trees or ivy on Stoystown Junkyard fence)	4
Safe entrance to Memorial	4
Eliminate the adult bookstore	3
Water and sewer infrastructure; power to businesses	3
Intersections along the route (Reels Corner, intersection coming up from Hooversville)	2
Tax base (e.g., Stonycreek Twp., Shanksville School)	2
Lower speed limit in Stoystown area	2
4-lane Route 30	1
Lower property taxes	1
More hunting areas	1
281 drainage off the highway	1
Clean up our waterways	1
Nothing; leave everything the same	1

**3.What services would you like to see in the corridor?**

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Gas stations	15
Good restaurants	10
Rest stops with restrooms and information	10
Motels/hotels	5
Keep them (services) out	4
Convenience stores	3
Water/sewer to residences	3
Small businesses; no large retail chains	3
Bed and breakfast inn	2
Informational and directional signs	2
High end campground	3
Fine dining	2
Park with walking trail	2
Sheetz and Burger King at Reels Corner/McDonalds at Reels Corner	2
Burger King on Foy Hill	1
Store, gas station near 219 and 30 intersection	1
Services in already developed areas like Stoystown	1
More flower shops	1
Pull-off to take in view of 7-mile stretch	1
Recreational facilities, e.g., a water park	1
Facilities at the park	1

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Bigger flea market	1
Big business/jobs	1
Golf course	1
Access to memorial site by rail	1
Historically restored fueling station (Stonebridge hill)	1
DSL Internet	1

**4. What is your vision for the corridor in 10 or 20 years?**

<b>Written Responses</b>
<p>Quality planned development preserving rural character and limiting auto traffic on existing rural roadways;</p> <p>A lovely drive through the countryside with a buffer zone so that the commercial areas do not detract from the natural beauty – country stores, motels, recreational areas, eating and dining facilities;</p> <p>A travel route pleasing to the eye, without run down properties and flea markets, and most of all as safe a route as possible;</p> <p>Rural character is maintained, commercial establishments are limited in number and built with architecturally appropriate (for rural area) buildings; scenic ridges, viewshed, and natural heritage will not be ruined by wind turbines;</p> <p>Clean and uncluttered with controlled manufacturing that promotes farming, maple sugaring; clean small towns;</p> <p>Corridor is eco-land bridge that connects national parks;</p> <p>Peaceful, moderate interest, low commercialization;</p> <p>A scenic drive, well marked with adequate right of way for foot and bike traffic; a great place to go and visit and wonderful, friendly people;</p>
<p>All roads widened to handle large trucks and buses;</p> <p>Roads widened; intersections clearly marked;</p> <p>New pavement;</p>

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Clean, smooth, wide, inviting to others
Too many signs if we don't regulate; less trees because of residential and commercial growth if we don't control/regulate; growth at 281-219 area;
Too many little stands selling souvenirs if they are not regulated
Wildflowers, trees, shrubbery planted and taken care of; All roads have Somerset County maple trees along area being traveled; Keep areas green; commercial areas should not have a large visual impact
No big businesses beyond Somerset Borough, but several small businesses in good taste, perhaps all with a regulated theme (appearance, Swiss chalet, etc.), a few gas stations, gift shops, convenience stores would be good for the area
All buildings and businesses not up to beauty standards are to be purchased at a fair price; land to be owned by Flight 93 and leased to people who want to set up business (cost = get Bush to get out of Iraq and give the billion \$\$ to we mountaineers of Somerset County)
Public water and sewer
My name still on the mailbox
Little signage or billboards!
Small family-style shops, hotels, and restaurants
People say, "What a nice community!" when they drive to the Memorial; local people say, "They really did a good job of planning for this Memorial"
Recommendations will be provided but won't and/or can't they become an ordinance if accepted by the council even if the landowner disagrees?
I cannot see a lot of changes unless 219 expands N-S within 10 years! Most changes will be done at interchanges
No commercial or truck traffic
In 10 to 20 years the traffic will taper off and the corridor will not change that much
Government land grab and control
Nightmare

**Miscellaneous Comments/Suggestions**

Corridor should go to county line to the east. These properties could be utilized as an industrial park, introduce people to the county and what it has to offer.
Bring corridor down 985 from Somerset, past miners' memorial. More services and shops are available.
Include Shanksville in the corridor.
Leave the crash site as it is.
I like things the way they were, before this dumb idea.
Improve communication with Planning Committee, without colored note cards and biased categories.
Houses shouldn't have to be hidden in the corridor.
Turn off the chimes at night in the 93 tower.
Continuity in existing zoning and more in-depth research into future zoning, guided by a few major developers who know more than you do.
Your fear of unwanted t-shirt stands is unwarranted. They would've already been opened if there were demand for such a thing.
Make the whole corridor a toll road because of the sightlines' beauty.
The entrance has been ill conceived and will be dangerous. The road into the park should be changed or drastically improved without eminent domain.
Some places/houses in my location (Rt 1010, 1 mile from Stony Creek/Rt 403) are not on the ridgeline and have a hill about 80 feet blocking the view to Rt. 30.
Corridor projects are just another name for greenways. The greenways and corridors have 3 common elements that undermine fundamental private property rights, disrupt people's lives, and leave them personally insecure and poorer.

**Questions**

You all seem to think that everyone coming to the site will use the Turnpike. What about the north, south, and east?
Why are you ignoring those coming from the east on Route 30 from Phila, D.C., Baltimore and NYC? They currently use Route 30 from Bedford. MapQuest

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directs those from the east to exit the Turnpike at Bedford.
Are you truly expecting us to believe that this will not develop into zoning at a later date?
Will this study lead to zoning?
When it is all said and done, will property owners have final say as to what we can do with our property?
What changes are planned for existing businesses already using Route 30? Would there be time limits or constraints imposed?
Does the corridor have the potential to raise property taxes?
Why does this corridor include Turkeyfoot Hill and Kontztown Rd?
Where would funding come from to help private individuals improve their properties?
If the voluntary expansion along the corridor does not go as hoped for, how will the wishes of the so-called officials be achieved?
Are there going to be new businesses allowed to come here near Buckstown?
Why do we have to make changes when we didn't ask for change?

## Summary

An analysis of the comments received at the public meeting on January 22, 2007, reveals several strong sentiments:

- Concern for the rights of individuals to manage their own property and not have those rights involuntarily restricted through zoning or other regulation
- Desire for the corridor to remain rural, scenic, and unique
- Need for the road corridor to be safer (wider, with more controlled speed, better maintained, resurfaced, with fewer coal trucks) and cleaner
- Concern that blighted properties be cleaned up
- Desire for more and better signage
- Wish for additional services, particularly gas stations, restaurants, rest stops, and businesses, mostly designed to fit in with the rural character of the area.

These are not inconsistent sentiments. The Flight 93 corridor can be improved—made safer, with new services and better signage—without losing its rural character and without usurping individual property rights. That is what the Flight 93 Memorial Corridor Plan will address.