

KEEP MEDIA GREEN

DEFENDING OPEN SPACE & THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

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Question #1 from Brooke Forry & 2-Minute Candidate Responses 18:44

The nearly 800 respondents to Media’s online public opinion poll on Open Space, Parks, and Recreation selected “acquiring and protecting open space” as their top priority. The consultants for Media’s Open Space Plan recommended dedicating 3 to 10 million dollars for acquiring and protecting open space over the next three years.

Do you favor budgeting for a significant amount of dedicated funding for the acquisition and protection of the remaining 23 acres of open, green space in Media? If no, please explain why. If yes, approximately how much money would you allocate on an annual basis and how would you plan to pay for saving open space?

Question #2 from Tamara Graham & 2-Minute Candidate Responses 35:49

Recently, Keep Media Green helped launch a new Media nonprofit organization called At Home in Media Community Development Corporation. The new group plans to raise funds from private and public sources to help seniors and other low- and moderate-income residents fix up their houses so they can stay in Media. Eventually, At Home in Media CDC plans to also purchase houses to rent or sell to low- and moderate-income residents.

Would you favor Media Borough Council investing a significant amount of money in this effort to advance housing affordability in Media? If no, explain why. If yes, how would you plan to pay for investing in affordable housing?

Question #3 from Barry Halkin & 2-Minute Candidate Responses 56:48

The Borough’s green infrastructure, comprised of its parks, publicly owned green spaces, and street trees are a multi-million-dollar asset that provides economic, social, and ecological value to the community. Currently, there is no Borough staff person whose primary role is to steward these resources in the most ecological way possible. Under the current staff model, the green

infrastructure is subsumed under the Public Works department, which is primarily responsible for the built infrastructure and for public services, such as snow and trash removal.

Would you favor the creation of a new full-time position in Borough government – an Environmental Arborist – who would be charged with expanding our shade canopy and turning our public lands into models of ecological land management? If no, please explain why. If yes, talk about the value of such an investment.

Question #4 from Brooke Forry & 1-Minute Candidate Responses 1:16:07

Delaware County Council recently made history when it used its governmental power of eminent domain to take the 213-acre Don Guanella tract in Marple Township from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and a private developer. Delaware County, which plans to create a new park, is obligated to pay fair market value to the former owners.

Would you favor Media Borough Council using its municipal power of eminent domain to save large tracts of open space in Media that are threatened by commercial or housing development? If no, explain why. If yes, under what circumstances?

Question #5 from Tamara Graham & 1-Minute Candidate Responses 1:27:54

Over the last five years, there has been a boom in construction of expensive, luxury homes and apartments in Media. Please share what you think are the benefits and/or the downsides of this trend.

Question #6 from Barry Halkin & 1-Minute Candidate Responses 1:39:23

Recent action taken by Delaware County Council could mean that the dam on Third Street, adjacent to Glen Providence Park, will never be reconstructed. That means there would not be a road on top of a dam to reconnect Media and Upper Providence.

If the dam is not built, would you favor Media Borough building a bridge to reconnect Media & Upper Providence? If no, explain why. If yes, please tell us if you prefer:

1. A greenway for pedestrians and bicycles only
 2. A greenway primarily for pedestrians and bicycles but with access for emergency automotive vehicles (*ie.* ambulances and fire trucks)
 3. A traditional bridge for automobiles with access for pedestrians and bicycles.
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