

Organizations Represented:

Bethel Life Loving HANDS Prime Ministry
Children's Aid Society of Mercer County
Code Appeals Board
Greenville Community Court
Crossroads Christian Fellowship
Downtown Ministries
Downtown Task Force
Friends of the Library
Good Shepherd Center
Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce
Greenville Area Christian Ministerial Association
Greenville Area Community Theater
Greenville Area Public Library
Greenville Band Boosters
Greenville Baseball Boosters
Greenville Borough Council
Greenville Lions Club
Greenville Missionary Alliance Church
Greenville Museum Alliance
Greenville Planning Commission
Greenville Symphony Society
Heritage Days
His Work His Way
Mercer County Juvenile Advisory Council
Mercer County Regional Planning Commission
Neighbor to Neighbor
Neighborhood Watch
Penn Northwest
Reaching Up & Reaching Out
Riverside Revitalization Fund
Rotary Club
Sanitary Board
Spring Into Action
St. Clement's
Thiel College
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Zoning Board

Greenville Described:

Greenville is not as inviting as some want to think. I would say Greenville is divided but trying to figure it out.

To me Greenville is a small "All American" small town in the middle of nowhere. It's Quaint, Quiet and Overall I feel safe. I have lived in Greenville for 11 years now, and have been able to succeed financially, grow spiritually and personally. However, I have seen a steady decline in the quality of my neighborhood and in the town. I've seen an increase in the drug usage and a decline in the appearance of the homes in my neighborhood.

The perfect place to raise a family.

Greenville is a community still struggling to redefine itself as it transitions from being a manufacturing town to the all-American small town of the 21st Century. The scars and remnants of the past way of life are clearly

visible; we are now an entire generation removed from what the town was, yet the rising generation is not bound by the past they never experienced. Rather, they are free to imagine the future as it could be. New leaders are emerging that are focused on the resources and potential we do have rather than the industries that have since fallen away.

A decaying community that has lost any vision for the future.

Beautiful setting with a good mix of old & new. Has serious issues that need attention.

Greenville is a town that in the last 30 years has never been too high or too low. I would say it is on the upswing overall with many great businesses and much opportunity for those willing to seek it out.

My hometown, small, relatively safe, not much activity for folks. Beautiful east side and downtown, not enough commerce, walkable.

Friendly, but depressed economically.

Greenville is home. It is where I grew up and where I will raise my children. We have a great group of young people in Greenville that are invested in making our town better. Greenville has small town charm and lots of local pride.

Two distinct towns. There is a portion of the community that by all appearances is active and involved, caring, concerned, and hopeful. The other portion appears to be lost and struggling with huge issues ie. employment, substance abuse, disintegrated families, etc.

Greenville is a town with lots of potential, if it can reconcile its admiration of its past and make the changes necessary to become viable in a changing quickly changing world. Greenville has to find its definition and carve out its own identity.

The community is misunderstood. Unfortunately, a portion of the community is frustrated with a lack of viable information regarding the town itself. Some of the community has been misguided by information, which makes for an aggressive opinion. On the other hand, a different portion of the community loves the community and wants to keep it positive. Our downtown businesses work together well and support one another, which creates a great atmosphere to volunteer and work in.

Greenville is a town that has suffered the same fate of many other towns in Western PA and other states with the loss of industrial jobs. But we are fighting for , not giving up as many towns are doing. We are a very safe, quiet, quaint town with many positive things going for it. And the people willing to work to make good things happen.

I feel that Greenville is a mix of many things. There's a community togetherness aspect to it that is hard to find anywhere else. There is also a part that I have seen, especially lately, that never seems to be happy with anything that is happening. There is always someone complaining there is nothing to do here but only a select few take the initiative to step up and help make a difference. However, recently I have noticed a lot more people showing the desire or interest in wanting to step in and help.

Traditional lifestyle, high school or college educated, aging, manufacturing, latest technology not our forte but used when necessary. We seek face-to-face contact in routine activities, but due to our rural setting we rely heavily on our cars. Home ownership is affordable, less than market value. Less than half of us have children at home. About two thirds of households have married couples. Average income at or just below the national average. Spending time with family is a top priority. Cost-conscious consumers, loyal to local brands and American made products. Enjoy outdoor sports and activities such as hunting, boating, camping and fishing. We enjoy well-maintained lawns and vegetable gardens. Prefer to conduct business in person rather than online.

Greenville is a small community that has been trying to reidentify itself for quite some time. The town has been divided between those that want to move forward and those that want what it used to be. The town is moving forward, small businesses continue to pop up, businesses are improving their facades (Sheetz, Arby's, Walmart), the high school is improving its courses of study and gearing itself up to make the standards instead

of trying to meet them, and a nationally recognized hotel has built here. There is obviously potential! Greenville is severely lacking in activities for kids of all ages, from small children to the college kids that come in new every year. Greenville has a large lower income-based population, a lot of homes, businesses, and roads are in need of maintenance and repair.

An intimate community with caring, supportive people despite a challenging economy. The history of our town is a lost story that if more people knew what was once here, they would value our community more. A diamond in the rough.

Greenville is a small but not provincial town. The presence of Thiel College, small and liberal arts helps to encourage our community to be inclusive and outward looking. Christian based--large number of diversified Christian churches, moderate but full-four season climate, lots of outdoor recreation opportunities, close to bigger communities, good schools and health facilities, growing small diversified industry.

Greenville Adjectives:

Aging	Good Schools	Quiet
Angry	Green	Ragged
Beautiful	Hardworking	Rainy
Blighted	Historical	Recreational
Boring	Home	Resilient
Brainstorming	Hopeful	Run Down
Challenged	Inclusive	Rural
Challenging	Inexpensive	Rustic
Churches who work with other churches	Kind	Safe
Comfortable	Lacking Trustworthy	Serene
Community Service-Oriented	advisement and information	Shrinking
Conservative	Nice	Struggling
Creative	Northern Climate	Small
Decent	Made up of good people	Small Town
Depressed	Misguided	Supportive
Determined	Modest	Talented
Devoted	On the rebound	Tired
Discouraged	Optimistic	Traditional
Divided	Overcast	Ugly
Empty	Overcoming	Very Safe
Familiar	Passionate	Viable
Family Oriented	Peaceful	Walkable
Fighter	Picturesque	Welcoming
Friendly	Poor	Willing to work with generational and socio-economic diversity
Frugal	Positive	Worn Down
Frustrated	Promising	Xenophobic
Fun	Proud	
Good	Provincial	
	Quaint	

Why are you in Greenville:

Born here, went to Thiel, left for work, came back to take care of my mom and never left.

I moved to Greenville by chance.

We want to be able to raise our kids in an area that is close knit. A place that is safe with good schools.

In a word: potential. Greenville is a place that has the potential to be so much more than it currently is. Everywhere you look, there's work to be done, and for someone who likes to problem-solve and dream for the future, this is a place where you will always have something to do if you choose to be involved.

I came here for a job. I stay because God has not released me to go elsewhere.

Friends, connections, a calling.

Has been home for most of my life. Our business was founded and continues to grow here. Decent schools and the opportunity for kids to grow up in a mostly conservative culture.

It is where my family lives. I want my grandchildren to know the town where their father grew up and their other family members live.

My wife, Stephanie, and I chose to live in Greenville for several reasons. Both of us lived elsewhere but came home because we were close to our families and our home towns. I decided to get into the family business and Steph was working for Thiel College and later Kennedy Catholic. We wanted our kids to enjoy the same upbringing that we had. We also have lots of friends and family in the area.

Our business, friends, family, and church are in this area.

It's home for me. I was born and raised in Greenville. It was important to me to raise my family here. I have so many ideas for our community, everything from new local attractions to transportation needs.

I relocated to Greenville when my husband took a position at Thiel in 2014.

I originally lived in Greenville because of a sick relative that needed my care. I chose to stay in Greenville because I found a company to give my time and dedication to. After that, I found that my company was very community-based, and I loved working with my neighbors and my community. I choose to stay in Greenville now because I want to work with the positive residents of the area to rise above the negative ones and create the best place to live with the best relationships between local government, businesses, residents, and everything in between.

Initially we moved here for a job opportunity for my husband and myself. We have stayed here because it is a wonderful place with good people who have a smile on their face, think about others, and try to do their best.

I feel at home when I am in Greenville. I love going down town and heading to the coffee shop, favorite place to eat or to the park and seeing many people that I know. That sense of community is very important and something I need. My neighbors in my area have always been there to lend a hand to myself or each other. Most of the community is determined to shop small and build up local businesses. I love that about our town.

College, lakes, rural, small town, northern climate.

Honestly, my children. Second, I own property and businesses here. Third, the cost of living.

Primarily this is our home town and where our family remains, however, we choose to raise our family in a small town and what a better town than the one we came from. Culture, activity, experiences found in other areas are all replaceable, but people are not and the people of Greenville are truly special.

We researched and visited over 50 small towns in northeastern Ohio and northwestern pa. when looking for my husband to open a general practice dental office. Greenville had most of our lifestyle points our list.

What makes Greenville unique:

Greenville has many challenges, but we also have a great core of volunteers dedicated to making changes. It's easy to complain about a problem, but those who devote an hour a month, a week or even a day to researching, coming up with solutions, and putting plans into action are the core of our community. They often go unnoticed.... just the way they want it.

The sense of community. People have a commitment to their neighborhoods and a pride in their town. Where I'm from (Long Island New York) you don't see that. The residents in this town do genuinely care, and I have truly felt that.

It's just home for me, but I think the small shops are great!

It's an hour from three major cities, and a day's drive from half the country. Most of the population is remarkably down-to-earth, willing to lend a hand when asked, and the sort of people that make up the backbone of our country. Most of the people I have met here are both genuine and good-natured. They value small town relationships, high school sports, and having fun after a long-day's work.

In spite of the present conditions, Greenville has tremendous potential. I know of no place else where a home can be purchased for less than a good used car.

I don't know that it is... It's just home.

Significant culture for a small community.

Most people know each other. You can go almost anywhere in town and not feel like a stranger. My neighbors are terrific.

Growing up here and running a business here gives me a unique perspective on Greenville.

It's home, but more than that it's where I choose to make my home. I love the community, the packed high school football games, concerts and theater. I love the local, hometown, restaurants. I love that people walk their dogs and wave at each other. Greenville is very friendly, we have areas we need to work on, but it is a safe, friendly and affordable place to raise a family.

Having lived in larger cities, I love that my kids can ride their bikes to a friends house. I loved that they can walk to school. I always walk/drive through town and see a place that has massive amounts of potential. In a lot of ways Greenville is seeking a definition for itself and once she finds it, she will thrive- this is doesn't happen other small towns. Greenville lacks the sense of underlying decay you find in places that have given up.

Greenville is unique to me because I've never lived somewhere that has so many businesses and people wanting to work together to create good things. Local businesses are so supportive and willing to help one another out, and that's hard to find. Unfortunately, the lack of trust for some of our local officials has created frustrations for people and businesses alike, which has resulted in an off-relationship throughout the community.

The willingness of all kinds of people to work together for the common good and not let their town die.

Greenville is a place where most people visit and say " I love it here." In my opinion it is a hidden gem that people that do not live here will not understand until they spend some time.

Shenango River quality, it's parks riverfront and green infrastructure are unique.

It provides me with an opportunity to help improve the area I live in, through donations at the restaurant, volunteering in organizations my children are in, challenging me to overcome my own doubts. It provides me with an opportunity for growth!

History of the town, people who have known my family my whole life, arts, music and culture that exists for such a small community in a recession.

Greenville maintains an individual identity even though it is close to other small towns and larger populations