

## Example Survey Questions

### Landowner Information

What is the size of your current house lot?

Less than ½ acre \_\_\_\_\_

5 acres to 10 acres \_\_\_\_\_

½ acre to 1-acre \_\_\_\_\_

10 acres to 20 acres \_\_\_\_\_

1 acre to 2 acres \_\_\_\_\_

20 acres to 40 acres \_\_\_\_\_

2 acres to 5 acres \_\_\_\_\_

40 acres or more \_\_\_\_\_

Is this house your primary dwelling or secondary dwelling?

\_\_\_\_\_ Primary dwelling \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary dwelling

How many months a year do you live in this house?

Answer:

Do you own a lot on one of the water bodies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How long have you lived in town?

What best describes your age range? (optional)

Under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 36-45 \_\_\_\_\_ 66-75 \_\_\_\_\_

18-25 \_\_\_\_\_ 46-55 \_\_\_\_\_ 75+ \_\_\_\_\_

26-35 \_\_\_\_\_ 56-65 \_\_\_\_\_

What positive changes have you noticed in town in the past 10 years? If you have not lived in town for 10 years, share any positive changes you have noticed since moving to town.

Answer:

What negative changes have you noticed in town over the last 10 years?

Answer:

Do you rent out any property in town?

Answer:

What changes to town are most important to you?

*Check up to 6 options*

Increased Recreational Opportunities \_\_\_\_\_ Increased Access to Public Services \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Trail Systems \_\_\_\_\_ Increased Access to Public Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Sidewalks \_\_\_\_\_ Increased Access to Healthcare \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Bike Routes \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Restaurants, Local Shops, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Job Opportunities \_\_\_\_\_ Increase in Town Events & Gatherings \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite feature or part town? (ex: scenic view, structure, park, character, society, etc.)

Answer:

What do you hope to see in town over the next 10 years?

Answer:

### **Land Use**

Do you think development should be limited in certain areas of town? Is there a specific location or reason for this?

Answer:

Do you feel that residential and commercial uses should be separated? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Why?

Where is an appropriate location for commercial development?

Answer:

Do you feel commercial development should be centered in several locations or within one area?

\_\_\_\_\_ Several Locations \_\_\_\_\_ One Area

Should the current ordinances be adjusted to encourage commercial development?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Should the current ordinances be adjusted to encourage residential development?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

What is your opinion on Large-scale Solar development? Should these types of developments be encouraged? If so, where?

What types of commercial/industrial uses do you feel are appropriate for the character of town?

*Circle all that apply*

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Retail                        | 9. Medical Offices        |
| 2. Professional Offices          | 10. Restaurants           |
| 3. Banks/Financial               | 11. Recreational Business |
| 4. Shopping Centers              | 12. DayCare               |
| 5. Auto Sales                    | 13. Light Manufacturing   |
| 6. Pharmacies/Drug Stores        | 14. Heavy Manufacturing   |
| 7. Convenience Stores            | 15. Warehousing           |
| 8. Gas Stations or Auto Services | 16. Industrial Parks      |

Should the above uses be allowed in village areas? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Should ordinances be revised to allow a mixed of uses in village areas? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Which use(s)?

Do you feel that agricultural uses conflict with any of the following?

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Residential uses  | _____ Yes _____ No |
| 2. School uses       | _____ Yes _____ No |
| 3. Commercial uses   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| 4. Industrial uses   | _____ Yes _____ No |
| 5. Governmental uses | _____ Yes _____ No |

What would you like to see vacant buildings used for? (rate items 1-7 in order of importance)

Housing \_\_\_\_ Community Centers \_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_ Library or  
Workspace \_\_\_\_  
Retail Space \_\_\_\_ Senior Assisted Living \_\_\_\_ Restaurants \_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1-10, how concerned are you about the quality and protection of environmental and natural resources?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Transportation**

How do you get around town?

Answer:

If employed, where do you travel to work? How long does your commute take?

Answer:

What is the most dangerous road to travel? Are there any places where you have obstructed visibility?

Answer:

How would you rate the quality and condition of the roads in town?

1 2 3 4 5

Should the speed limit be reduced anywhere in town? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Where?

Should sidewalks be added anywhere in town? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Where?

On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being the most important) how important is it that the Comprehensive Plan address the following issues:

Expand the system of pedestrian and bicycle facilities:

1 2 3 4 5

Expand public transit:

1 2 3 4 5

Improve the visual character of key transportation corridors

1      2      3      4      5

Improve the safety of the transportation System:

1      2      3      4      5

### **Economic Development**

Should the town provide zoning districts which separate commercial/industrial uses from residential uses?      Yes      No

Should the town provide tax incentives to promote commercial/industrial development?

Answer:

Should the Town pursue the purchase of development rights or conservation easements on existing farmland to preserve open space and the Town's rural character, even if it requires an increase in the local property tax rate to accomplish this goal?      Yes      No

Should the Town seek to purchase and preserve, as open space, some existing open fields or scenic vistas, even if it requires increasing local property taxes to accomplish this goal?      Yes      No

What is the biggest barrier to starting a business in town?

Answer:

On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being the most important) how important is it to have the following types of business within your community?

Neighborhood-based convenience stores

1      2      3      4      5

Food and drug shopping centers

1      2      3      4      5

Major shopping center

1      2      3      4      5

Specialty stores and boutiques

1      2      3      4      5

Restaurants and lodging

1      2      3      4      5

Commercial offices

1      2      3      4      5

## Housing

How has the quality of housing changed over the past 5 to 10 years?

Answer:

What types of housing would you like to see in the future? (Rank 1-6)

Single-family housing \_\_\_\_ 4-6 Unit Apartments \_\_\_\_

Garage apartments/accessory dwelling units \_\_\_\_ Senior Housing \_\_\_\_

Multi-family housing \_\_\_\_ Affordable Housing \_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being the most important) how important is it that the Comprehensive Plan addresses the following housing & land use objectives?

Promote a variety of housing choices

1      2      3      4      5

Ensure new residential development meets high standards of quality

1      2      3      4      5

Plan for walkable/bikeable communities

1      2      3      4      5

Ensure that residential neighborhoods have amenities

1      2      3      4      5

Facilitate the improvement of existing housing stock

1      2      3      4      5

Promote affordable / workforce housing opportunities, particularly for low-income residents and families

1      2      3      4      5

Encourage more senior and assisted living Opportunities

1      2      3      4      5

Plan for mixed-use communities that offer diverse housing types and essential services, i.e., commercial / retail, offices, etc.

1      2      3      4      5

### **Quality of Life**

On a scale of 1-5, how accessible are community and town services? (circle option below)

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

What outdoor recreational activities are important to you? (check all that apply)

Biking _____	Hiking _____	Skiing/Snowboarding _____
Boating _____	Hunting _____	Running _____
Fishing _____	Snowmobiling _____	Other (List) _____

Are you satisfied with the following services from Town government? (check all that apply)

Hours of operation for Town offices	Yes	No	No opinion
Access to Town information	Yes	No	No opinion
Building Permit process	Yes	No	No opinion
Town website	Yes	No	No opinion

How do you find out what's going on in town? Is there a specific news source or webpage?

Answer: