

TOWN OF FORESTPORT
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July, 1996

Dear Forestport Resident,

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

The Town of Forestport has recently started to prepare a masterplan. The Town Planning Board is aware that the existing town Site Review Law is getting out of date, and has recently decided to study the town, draft a proposal, and report back to the Town Board.

One fact is fundamental: both the Town Board and the Planning Board have decided that it is essential that the public be asked about concerns for the future of the Town. For any planning effort to be successful, it must reflect the views of a broad variety of the residents.

We need your opinion on several important issues which we have identified. We feel that a survey of this type is the easiest and most convenient method for you, the citizen, to make your thoughts known to us. The response of every resident is important.

Please take some time to fill out this survey, and feel free to place extra thoughts and comments in the margins. If there are issues which you are concerned with, but have not been addressed in the survey, please let us know. The last page has been reserved to give you some space for additional comments.

The results of this survey will be made public, and will be the subject of public meetings in the months ahead.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Town of Forestport Planning Board

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PART I CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOWN

There are many reasons why people live where they do. The Township of Forestport has many good things to offer its residents, and the planning committee would like to know how you feel about the community.

Q-1 From the following list, what characteristics of the Town of Forestport do you like or dislike? (Please check [] the response that best describes your feelings towards each characteristic.)

	LIKE	DISLIKE	NO OPINION
1. Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Low population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Recreational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Family roots/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Low crime rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Housing/land costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Tax rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Performance of local gov't.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Job opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Shopping opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Lack of rural water/sewer systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Lack of industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Other: _____			

Q-2 Are there any other things about the town that you really *like*?

NO YES: What are they? _____

Q-3 Are there any other things about the town that you really *dislike*?
 NO YES: What are they? _____

Q-4 Are you seriously concerned with potential danger from:

	Yes	No
1. pollution of our water supplies and streams?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Disappearance of open/wooded space?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Dangerous intersections / highway conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Lack of zoning and/or land use regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments (by number):

Q-5 Is the placement of mobile homes on scattered sites mixed with other types of residences in the town a problem?

<u>Single-wide</u>	<u>Double-wide</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES

Q-6 Are unsafe, unsightly abandoned buildings a problem?
 NO YES

Q-7 Is the open storage of discarded machinery and junk cars around the town a problem?
 NO YES

Q-8 Is the open disposal of trash and other waste material around the town a problem?
 NO YES

Q-9 Is the Town of Forestport vulnerable to an influx of undesirable uses because of tighter land use controls in the surrounding towns? (Circle number.)
 NO YES: What are they? _____

Q-10 Outside of the hamlets, should there be a minimum lot size for new residential construction? YES NO
If yes, what size?
 1 acre minimum
 1.5 acres
 2 acres
 3 acres
 5 or more acres
Comment: _____

Q-11 What are your views concerning the expansion of the Adirondack Railroad?

Q-12 Should the Town be concerned about protecting open space?
 YES NO

Q-12A If you answered "yes" to Q-12, why should open space be protected? (Check all that apply)
 to protect scenic vistas
 to preserve remaining agricultural lands
 to preserve forested lands
 to help maintain rural character
 to protect wetlands and sensitive areas
other: _____

Q-13 Should the town require the clustering of larger scale developments into only one portion of a tract of land and reserve the remainder for open space, in certain circumstances?

- YES NO

Q-14 Should developers be encouraged or required to preserve as many trees as possible?

- a) Encouraged YES NO
 b) Required YES NO

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

The following questions relate to residential housing in the town. Decisions on what types of housing to encourage and where it should be located is important in planning the town's future.

Q-15 Where should future mobile homes be allowed to locate?

- anywhere in town
- on single lots or mobile home parks, but only in certain designated areas of town
- only in planned mobile home parks

Q-16 Do you feel there is a shortage of affordable housing in the town?

- YES NO

Q-16A If you answered "yes" to Q-16, what segments of the town's population do you feel are affected? (check all that apply)

- senior citizens
- low income individuals and families
- other: _____

Q-17 When the following public improvements are necessary for a large scale residential subdivision development, who should provide them?

	Town provide	Developer provide
sewer lines/treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
water lines/supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
) curbs and gutters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
) street trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q-18 Should the town actively work toward promoting subsidized senior housing developments? (check one)

- yes, in the hamlet areas
- yes, where there is public water and sewer
- yes, anywhere in town
- no

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Q-19 Where should new commercial developments be located in the town? (Please check the one statement which you AGREE with.)

- small commercial development should be spread out throughout the community while larger commercial development should be concentrated in a few intensive commercial areas
- all commercial development should be concentrated in a few commercial areas along highways
- all commercial development, regardless of size, should be spread out throughout the community

Q-20 Which of the following things should be done to help small commercial developments fit the character of the town better? (Check all the statements which you AGREE with.)

- commercial developments should be buffered and screened from residential areas with fences or vegetative materials
- new parking areas should be located to the side or rear of buildings where they will be out of view
- the heights of structures should be limited
- sign size, location and lighting should be controlled
- additional comments: _____

Q-21 Where in the Town of Forestport should commercial development be encouraged? _____

PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE TOWN

Q-22 Please rate the following services:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No opinion
1. Government admin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Development approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Dog control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Senior services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Ambulance service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments (by number): _____

Q-23 Which of the following projects would you support?

- development of a town park
- development of a new community center/town hall
- extension of town water districts
- extension of the town sewer district
- development of new lighting districts. Where? _____

Q-24 If you support development of a new community center/town hall, what groups should it be available to? _____

Q-25 If you support development of a town park, what new facilities would you like to see? _____

RESIDENT PROFILE

Q-26 Are you a: seasonal year round resident of the town? neither, but I own property in the town

How long have you lived (or owned property) here?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11+ years

male female

Age: 15-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-over

Q-27 If you live in the Town of Forestport, is your residence:

- single family dwelling
- two-family dwelling
- apartment
- mobile home
- other: _____
- live elsewhere

- Q-28 Where do you work?
- within the Town of Forestport
 - outside, within 10 miles
 - outside, 10-30 miles
 - outside, 30+ miles
 - do not presently work
 - live elsewhere

Q-29 Would you attend a public information meeting about the results of this survey and general development of the town?

- YES NO

Please use the remaining space for anything else you would like to say about the type of development you would like to see in the Town of Forestport. Please identify the question(s) you are responding to. Also, any comments you wish to make that you think may help us in future efforts to understand what Forestport residents want from and for their community will be appreciated either here or in a separate letter. Enclose your name and phone number if you wish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
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