

TOWN OF HARRISBURG

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Dear Resident,

People in our town have expressed concern over the Fort Drum expansion which is soon to be upon us. Growth will mean new buildings and development where there was none before. As a town, we have a say in how our community looks, and can do this through the planning process. Long range planning determines whether a community will be a fine place to live thirty years from now, or whether it will be plagued by expensive water, sewer and drainage problems as well as unwanted development which detracts from the general character of the community. Land use controls offer a town government an opportunity to direct location, type and quality of development, if it chooses to do so. At this point in time, it is very important to set goals for our community and decide what we want to do about reaching those goals. These planning objectives must come from you, the residents of the town.

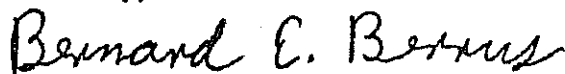
As an important member of this community, you are being asked to give your opinions on our town's resources, their development and local land use controls. Your contribution is very crucial in obtaining a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the feelings that exist in the town toward development. This questionnaire is our effort to get your thoughts.

If you have any questions that need to be answered, please feel free to contact any one of the board members. The results of this study will be published and available to the public at the Town Hall.

Please fill out your questionnaire and return it today. Your cooperation will help us better serve you, the residents of the Town of Harrisburg.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Bernard Berrus, Supervisor

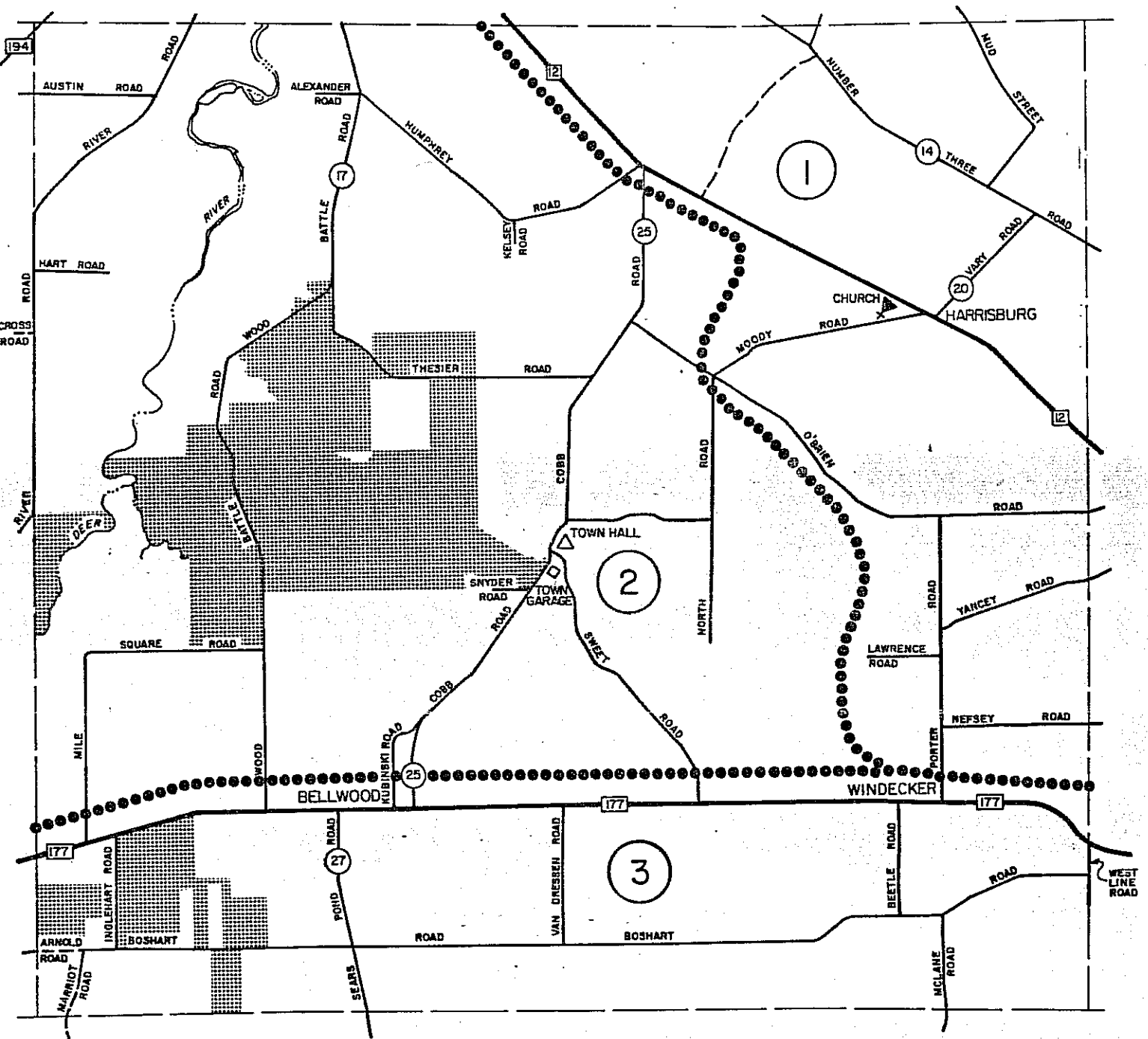
Sincerely,



Daniel Murdie, Chairman
(for the Planning Board)

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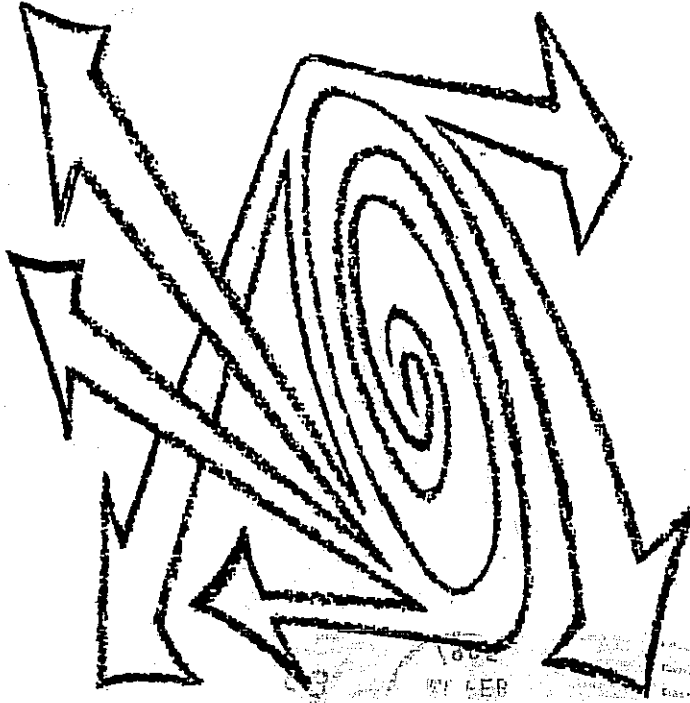
- STATE ROADS —
- COUNTY ROADS —
- STATE LAND

AREAS OF THE TOWN:

- ① NYS ROUTE 12 AREA
- ② WOOD BATTLE, COBB CREEK, RIVER ROAD AREA
- ③ NYS ROUTE 177 AREA



**DIRECTION
FOR THE FUTURE
Town of Harrisburg**

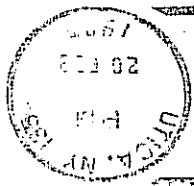


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DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE Town of Harrisburg

The Fort Drum expansion will mean many more people moving into the North Country over the next few years. Some communities will experience a big impact while others will experience a much smaller impact. But when all is said and done, everyone will have experienced some type of impact.

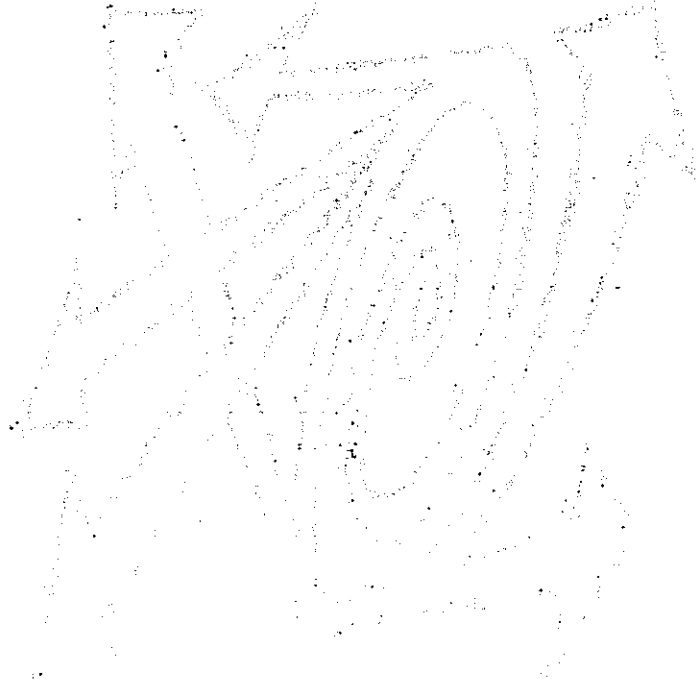
As residents of a community, we have two choices. We can leave the future of our town in the hands of new development, or we can control it through local laws and regulations. Action or inaction are our two choices.

The Town Planning Board Members would like to know what you think. Your response to this survey is important to help us determine this. Please take a few minutes now to fill out and return this questionnaire.

When completed, drop this questionnaire into a mailbox. It has a first-class stamp already attached. The return address is on the back cover.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

1970-1971
1972-1973
1974-1975



1976-1977
1978-1979
1980-1981

PART I Characteristics of the town

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

	LIKE	DISLIKE	OPINION	NO
1 rural atmosphere	[X]	[]	[]	[]
2 small population	[X]	[]	[]	[]
3 farm land	[X]	[]	[]	[]
4 small town government	[X]	[]	[]	[]
5 lack of public water & sewer	[]	[X]	[]	[]
6 recreational areas	[X]	[]	[]	[]
7 lack of stores & businesses	[X]	[]	[]	[]

Q-2 Are there any other things about the town that you really like? (Circle number.)

- 1 NO
- 2 YES, What are they? _____

Q-3 Are there any other things about the town that you really dislike? (Circle number.)

- 1 NO
- 2 YES, What are they? Hard to keep
the 12 plowed & open the areas
of town etc

PART II Natural areas in the town

Q-4 Do you think these natural areas need special protection for the future? (Please check [] the response that best describes your feelings towards the protection of each type of natural area.)

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	DON'T CARE
1 streams	[X]	[]	[]	[]
2 wetlands	[X]	[]	[]	[]
3 gorges	[X]	[]	[]	[]
4 farmland	[X]	[]	[]	[]
5 forests	[X]	[]	[]	[]

Q-5 Are there any other types of natural areas in our town that you feel need special protection? (Circle number)

- 1 NO
- 2 YES, What are they? _____

PART IV Direction for our town

Generally, any type of new development in a town increases the value of the town. The increased value of the town means that the town will collect taxes from more people/sources and the town will have more tax money to work with.

This is not to say that taxes will go down with new development. New development and more people demand more services from the town. More services, in turn, might mean a need for increased taxes.

Q-8 As a taxpaying resident in the Town of Harrisburg, you can look at development in several ways. From the list below, which statement best describes your feelings towards new development?.. (Circle number.)

- 1 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TAX BASE OF THE TOWN INCREASED AS LONG AS THE CHANGE IS NOT NEAR MY HOME.
- 2 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TAX BASE OF THE TOWN INCREASED AS LONG AS THE CHANGE IS NOT NEAR MY HOME.
- 3 I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE ENTIRE TOWN THE WAY IT IS NOW, EVEN THOUGH THIS WILL NOT IMPROVE THE TAX BASE.

PART III Public Services in the town

Q-6 How do you rate the service or quality of the following in Harrisburg? (Please check [] the response that best describes the rating you would give each service or quality.)

	GOOD	SATIS- FAC- TORY	POOR	NO OPIN- ION
1 Dog control	[]	[]	[X]	[]
2 Meeting places	[]	[X]	[]	[]
3 General road maintenance	[X]	[]	[]	[]
4 Snow removal	[]	[X]	[]	[]
5 Enforcement of mobile home ordinance	[]	[X]	[]	[]
6 Real Property Assessment	[]	[]	[X]	[]

Q-7 Are there other services or qualities you would like to see in the town? (Circle answer.)

- 1 NO
 - 2 YES
- What are they? _____

Q-10 Should we, the people who live in the town now, have a say in how and where Harrisburg grows? (Circle number.)

- 1 NO
 2 YES
 If YES, in what way should we have that say? (Circle number.)

- 1 WE SHOULD HAVE A SAY AS TO WHERE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT GOES.
 2 WE SHOULD HAVE A SAY AS TO WHAT KIND OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IT IS.
 3 BOTH 1 AND 2.

Q-11 Towns can use a number of different laws to have a say in how and where their community develops. Thinking about the Fort Drum expansion, would you want to see any of the following laws or regulations put into effect that would control development? (Please check [] the response which best expresses your feelings towards each type of regulation.)

	WANT	DON'T WANT	NO OPINION
1. Junkyard regulations	[X]	[]	[]
2. Mobile home regulation	[X]	[]	[]
3. Controls over where different kinds of development locate	[X]	[]	[]
4. Farmland protection	[X]	[]	[]
5. Review of large housing developments	[X]	[]	[]
6. Review of commercial developments	[X]	[]	[]
7. Sign control laws	[X]	[]	[]
8. No regulations or restrictions on development	[]	[X]	[]

Different types of development are appropriate in different areas of the town. For example, one or two single-family homes along a country road might be nice but a string of mobile homes might not. Now, think about the character of the Town of Harrisburg.

Q-9 What types of development do you think Harrisburg should encourage and where should it go? (Please check [] the area or areas where you think each kind of development should go. Use the enclosed map to help you answer the question. Each area described below has been outlined on the map.)

Areas of the Town
 RT 12 means NYS Route 12 area
 W/C/R means Wood Battle/Cobb Creek/River Rd area
 RT 177 means NYS Route 177 area
 NO means Nowhere in town is it appropriate

Types of Development	Areas of the town	
	RT 12	W/C/R 177 NO
Housing		
1 Individual homes	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] []
2 Individual mobile homes	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] []
3 Mobile home park	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] []
4 Low density housing	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] []
5 Medium density housing*	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] []
6 High density housing†	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] []
Other development		
7 Small scale commercial	[] [] [] [] []	[X] [] [] [] []
8 Large scale commercial	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] [X]
9 Junkyards	[] [] [] [] []	[] [] [] [] [X]

* Medium density housing is 10-50 apartments or houses.
 † High density housing is more than 50 apartments or houses.

Q-12 Would you attend a public meeting about Fort Drum expansion and the effect it will have on our town? (Circle number.)

1 NO

2 YES

Q-13 What part of the town do you reside? (Circle number which corresponds best with the general area in which you live. Use the map to help you answer this question.)

1 NYS ROUTE 12 AREA

2 WOOD BATTLE, COBB CREEK, RIVER ROAD AREA

3 NYS ROUTE 177

Please use the space below for anything else you would like to say about the type of development you would like to see in the Town of Harrisburg or the impact you think Fort Drum will have on our community.

Also any comments you wish to make that you think may help us in future efforts to understand what Harrisburg residents want from their community will be appreciated either here or in a separate letter.

*Wrote to think of this really. Could
be a beautiful rural farm community
into something very desirable - unkegmpb,
and nice farmland etc*

Please use this space for any additional comments you wish to make about development or the Fort Drum expansion.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION