

VILLAGE OF CAMDEN
14 Church Street
Camden, New York 13316

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Dear Resident:

One thing that we might all agree on is the fact that nothing in life is constant. Everything is changing. Most of the time this change is good, such as the growth of our children or the changing of the seasons. We enjoy the change, and even need change to stay healthy and happy.

But we also have to plan for change if we want to make the most of it and not find ourselves unprepared. (All the wood splitting of the past months makes pretty good sense now that the snow is in the air!) Good planning makes for pleasant change and helps us to reach our goals.

Currently, the Planning Board is in the process of updating the master plan for the Village. We feel that a current, up-to-date plan is the best tool we have for guiding growth in our village and protecting the character of life that we all share.

In order to create a plan that is responsive to our residents, we need your input! We need to know how you feel about change and growth in the Village. Attached you will find a survey with questions about village growth, character, and services. Would you please take a moment to answer the questions? Your responses are most important! When complete, please return the survey using the stamped envelope provided and mail by Wednesday, December 14.

If you have any questions or want more than one survey for your household, please contact the Village Office. The results of this survey will be made public and will be available at upcoming public meetings.

Thank you for your time.

The Village Planning Board

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VILLAGE SERVICES

5. How would you rate the following Village services?

	Good	Average	Poor
a. schools	_____	_____	_____
b. fire protection	_____	_____	_____
c. road maintenance	_____	_____	_____
d. snow removal	_____	_____	_____
e. emergency services	_____	_____	_____
f. garbage collection	_____	_____	_____
g. police protection	_____	_____	_____
h. library	_____	_____	_____
i. health care facilities	_____	_____	_____
j. dog control	_____	_____	_____
k. water	_____	_____	_____
l. sanitary system	_____	_____	_____
m. municipal parking	_____	_____	_____
n. _____	_____	_____	_____

6. Realizing that additional or improved services may carry a cost, would you be willing, if necessary, to have taxes increased to improve certain services? Write below the letter from the list above for three services in order of priority:

___ 1st ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___ Unwilling to see taxes raised.

7. Would you say that Village land-use regulations are being adequately enforced?

YES ___ NO ___ NO OPINION ___

VILLAGE BUSINESS DISTRICT

8. What kinds of changes, if any, would make this area a more appealing place to come to?

- a. prettier, cleaner, more trees and flowers, etc. _____
- b. renovate building fronts, store renewal, etc. _____
- c. benches, a place to sit and relax, a park, etc. _____
- d. better traffic flow, less traffic, use lights at intersection, etc. _____
- e. better or more parking _____
- f. nothing, like it as is _____
- g. more shopping stores, a greater variety of stores, etc. _____
- h. business signage _____
- i. curb cuts and other accessibility-to-handicapped needs _____
- j. _____

9. What types of stores or services would you like to see come to the Village Business District? (check all that apply)

- a. clothing stores _____
- b. discount department store _____
- c. hair stylist _____
- d. office supply _____
- e. restaurant _____
- f. medical office _____
- g. book store _____
- h. sport & athletic shop _____
- i. bakery _____
- j. _____ _____

10. Is there adequate parking in the business district?

___ YES ___ NO

11. Thinking about the future of Camden's business district, what kinds of changes, if any, would make it a more appealing place to go?

VILLAGE RECREATION FACILITIES

12. The following is a list of items that contribute to the recreation potential of the Village. Would you please check whether the items are currently in good shape (G); in bad shape or non-existent (B); or the item is not important (NI). Place an "X" in the space that applies.

	(G)	(B)	(NI)
a. youth recreation area	_____	_____	_____
b. senior's recreation center	_____	_____	_____
c. community swimming pool	_____	_____	_____
d. active recreation area (ball fields, soccer field etc.)	_____	_____	_____
e. passive recreation area (picnic, walking, x-country skiing)	_____	_____	_____
f. access to the rivers and creeks	_____	_____	_____
g. indoor recreation, bowling etc.	_____	_____	_____
h. snowmobile trails	_____	_____	_____
i. skating rink	_____	_____	_____
j. _____	_____	_____	_____

13. If financial aid were available to develop just one recreational item, what item would you select?

(write the letter of item from the list above) _____

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

14. The following is a list of items that contribute to a pleasant neighborhood setting. Would you please check each item as to whether it currently has a good effect, (G); bad effect, (B); or is not important, (NI) in your neighborhood. Place a "X" in the space that applies.

	(G)	(B)	(NI)
a. off street parking	_____	_____	_____
b. curbs and sidewalks	_____	_____	_____
c. street trees	_____	_____	_____
d. street lighting	_____	_____	_____
e. harmonious building styles	_____	_____	_____
f. traffic volume and speed	_____	_____	_____
g. trash storage and collection	_____	_____	_____
h. sewage disposal and related odors	_____	_____	_____
i. access to parks	_____	_____	_____
j. convenient to stores	_____	_____	_____
k. _____	_____	_____	_____

15. Where would you like to see new residential areas developed?

VILLAGE GROWTH

16. What types of development would you like to see the village encourage? (check the appropriate answer).

	EN- COUR- AGE	DIS- COUR- AGE	LEAVE ALONE
a. single family homes	_____	_____	_____
b. multi-family homes	_____	_____	_____
c. mobile homes	_____	_____	_____
d. mobile home parks	_____	_____	_____
e. adding an apartment in a single family home	_____	_____	_____
f. home occupations	_____	_____	_____
g. improved village business district	_____	_____	_____
h. new shopping plaza	_____	_____	_____
i. neighborhood businesses	_____	_____	_____
j. light industry	_____	_____	_____
k. high-tech industry	_____	_____	_____
l. professional offices	_____	_____	_____
m. entertainment, i.e., theater, movies	_____	_____	_____
n. government supported facilities (housing)	_____	_____	_____
o. _____	_____	_____	_____

Write the letter of the development type that you feel is most important. _____

8. The following is a list of land-use issues that will play a role in shaping Village growth and appearance over the next several years. Would you please rate these issues as to whether they will have a good effect (G); a bad effect (B); or is not important (NI), to the future of the Village? Place an "X" in the column that applies.

	(G)	(B)	(NI)
a. homes along state highways	_____	_____	_____
b. apartments	_____	_____	_____
c. remodel single family home to apartments	_____	_____	_____
d. subdivision of farmland for homes	_____	_____	_____
e. subdivision of farmland for stores & plazas	_____	_____	_____
f. development in woodland areas	_____	_____	_____
g. commercial areas along highways	_____	_____	_____
h. vacant lots	_____	_____	_____
i. _____	_____	_____	_____

Is there any place in the Village that you feel there is a problem in how the land is being used, such as ugly areas, vacant land, or conflicts between neighboring land uses?

If you have any general comments, feel free to use the space below, the backs of pages, or attach a letter. Please return this survey in the enclosed envelope by December 14.

THANK YOU!