

COMMUNITY PLANNING SURVEY

Village of Holland Patent 2005

If you wish to comment on these questions, please do so at the end of each section.

A. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

1. What are your reasons for choosing to live and/or work in Holland Patent? (Please check (√) all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to work | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to friends and relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rates | <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community, small town atmosphere and community pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of village services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. What aspects discourage you from staying in Holland Patent? (Please check (√) all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to friends and relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rates | <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community, small town atmosphere and community pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of village services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

3. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in Holland Patent? (Please check (√) only one.)

- Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

4. How important are the following factors to the future of Holland Patent? (Please check (√) the column that best describes your opinion.)

- | Strongly
Agree | Agree | Dis-
Agree | Strongly
Disagree | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Allow open space for future public use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Make the Village of Holland Patent a walkable community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retain and expand viable commercial activity in the village downtown |

Comments: _____

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

5. How satisfied are you with the quality of the following services? (Please check (√) the column that best describes your opinion)

- | Very
Satisfied | Satisfied | Dis-
Satisfied | Very
Dissatisfied | | Very
Satisfied | Satisfied | Dis-
Satisfied | Very
Dissatisfied | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Village Hall Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Zoning code enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire protection | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Street/road maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ambulance services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Library services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreational facilities for youth | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Schools/educational facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreational facilities for adults | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trash pickup and removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parks/open space | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Snow removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Building code enforcement | | | | | |

6. How satisfied are you with the condition of the following in the village? (Please check (√) the column that best describes your opinion)

- | Very
Satisfied | Satisfied | Dis-
Satisfied | Very
Dissatisfied | | Very
Satisfied | Satisfied | Dis-
Satisfied | Very
Dissatisfied | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Streets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Residential properties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sidewalks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commercial properties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Curbs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Industrial properties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Storm water drainage |

7. How do you feel about zoning regulations in the Village of Holland Patent (Please check (√) the column that best describes your opinion)

- | Strongly
Agree | Agree | Dis-
Agree | Strongly
Disagree | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Zoning regulations are too restrictive in the village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Zoning regulations improve the quality of the village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Zoning regulations are sufficient to protect the interests of the Holland Patent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Zoning regulations are insufficient, thereby allowing undesirable uses to be located in Holland Patent |

8. How often do you patronize retail businesses in the village? (Please check (√) only one.)

- Daily Twice a week Once a week Once every two weeks Once a month Once a year or less

9. How important is it to preserve the historic character of the village? (Please check (√) only one.)

Very important Important Somewhat important Not important No opinion

10. If the opportunity arises, would you support burying of the overhead utility wires in the village core? (Please check (√) Yes or No.)

Yes No

11. Would you support a streetscape program for improved aesthetics in the village core (along Main St around the village green)? Such a program might include more street trees, benches, flowers, crosswalks, and improved sidewalks.

(Please check (√) Yes or No.)

Yes No

Comments: _____

C. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

12. Do you feel there is a shortage of affordable housing in Holland Patent? (Please check (√) Yes or No.)

Yes No

If Yes, what segments of the population do you feel are affected? (Please check (√) all that apply.)

Senior citizens

Assisted living

Low/moderate individuals and families

Other _____

13. Which type of housing development should be encouraged in the village? (Please check (√) all that apply.)

Single family homes

Apartments

Multi-family homes

Single family dwellings converted to apartments

Condominiums/town houses

Tract or development housing

Senior housing

None

Other _____

14. Do you feel that there is adequate parking in Holland Patent? (Please check (√) Yes or No.)

Yes No

If No, please describe when and where the shortage typically occurs or why you feel the parking is inadequate.

15. Do you or members of your household find it difficult to walk across Main Street? (Please check (√) Yes or No.)

Yes No

Comments: _____

D. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

16. What kinds of commercial development would you like to see the Village of Holland Patent attract? (Please check (√) all that apply.)

Car repair shops

Fast food restaurants

Drug stores

Supermarkets

Banks & financial institutions

Hardware & lumber

Specialty stores

Restaurants other than fast food

Personal services (e.g. salons)

Sporting goods

Convenient stores

Book, records, & video stores

Hotels or motels

Gift shops

None

Other _____

Comments: _____

E. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

17. How important are the following aspects of the village's environment? (Please check (√) the column that best describes your opinion.)

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important		Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks and open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise pollution
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic character (buildings and areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air quality
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Street trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Light pollution
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overall visual aesthetic (how the village "looks")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signs (business signs)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site design and layout of new developments/structures					

Comments: _____

F. GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

18. Over the next 5 years, Holland Patent should: (Please check (√) the column that best describes your opinion)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Dis- Agree	Strongly Disagree	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase residential construction
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attract new business/commercial development
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Control the type of development
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protect environmental quality
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protect historic structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain/improve open space
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slow traffic down on Route 365/Main Street
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve traffic flow in the Village
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve pedestrian flow in the Village

19. Should the Village of Holland Patent enact and/or be more aggressive in enforcing existing laws pertaining to the following? (Please check (√) Yes or No for each.)

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsightly trash and junk accumulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snowmobiles and ATV usage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junk car and machinery storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absentee Landlord Properties
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architectural style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulation of signs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abandoned and dilapidated buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulation of skateboarders
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operation of home businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Comments: _____

G. PERSONAL DATA

Please tell us a little about yourself. Your answers will help us understand how different groups of citizens feel about the directions the Town/Village of Holland Patent might take. As with all the questions in this survey, your answers are confidential and cannot be traced back to you.

20. Please choose which best describes or applies to your residency status in Holland Patent. (Please check (√) only one.)

- Village resident Landowner (but live outside the village)

21. What is your age group? (Please check (√) only one.)

- 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

22. What is the size of your household? (Please check (√) only one.)

- One person Two people Three or four Five or more

23. Does anyone under the age of 18 years of age currently live in your home? (Please check (√) Yes or No.)

- Yes No

24. How many years have you lived in the Village of Holland Patent? (Please check (√) only one.)

- Less than 5 years 5-9 10-14 15-19 20-24 25+

25. Do you own or rent your home? (Please check (√) only one.)

- Own Rent

26. Where do you work? (Please check (√) only one.)

- In the Village of Holland Patent Retired Outside the Town of Trenton
 In the Town of Trenton Unemployed

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
Please return your completed survey in the envelope provided.**