

# Resident Survey 2013

As we review the data from this survey it will be important for us to compare the views of people in the various parts of the Town.

1. Referring to the map on the back of your survey, please check the numbered area your primary property is located. *(please check only one)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Area 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Area 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 6	

2. What is your residence category? *(please check only one)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Home owner permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> Home owner seasonal
<input type="checkbox"/> Renter
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

3. Do you own a business in Town?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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## COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

4. What were your reasons for choosing to live in the Town of Constantia *(please check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> rural atmosphere
<input type="checkbox"/> family and friends
<input type="checkbox"/> tax rate
<input type="checkbox"/> low crime rate
<input type="checkbox"/> access to Oneida Lake
<input type="checkbox"/> cost of living
<input type="checkbox"/> small town character
<input type="checkbox"/> good schools
<input type="checkbox"/> housing/land costs
<input type="checkbox"/> rec opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> quality of life
<input type="checkbox"/> sense of community
<input type="checkbox"/> other _____

5. Which types of development would be compatible with our community? *(please check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> single family homes
<input type="checkbox"/> multi family homes
<input type="checkbox"/> mobile homes on single lots
<input type="checkbox"/> tract or development housing
<input type="checkbox"/> mobile home park
<input type="checkbox"/> apartments/condos
<input type="checkbox"/> seasonal residences
<input type="checkbox"/> shopping plazas
<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural uses
<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> light industry
<input type="checkbox"/> high tech industry
<input type="checkbox"/> forest products business
<input type="checkbox"/> parks and recreational facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> tourism and recreational business
<input type="checkbox"/> businesses in business districts
<input type="checkbox"/> strip commercial development along NYS Rte 49
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

## TOWN CHARACTER

6. What area(s) of the Town are most scenic? Refer to the map on the back of your survey. *(please check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Area 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Area 7
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7. Should open space (undeveloped fields, woodlots, and wetlands) be protected? *(please check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/>	to protect scenic vistas
<input type="checkbox"/>	to preserve important agricultural lands
<input type="checkbox"/>	to help maintain rural character
<input type="checkbox"/>	to protect important natural areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	it is not important to protect open space

8. Should the Town plan the concentration of commercial, civic and institutional activities in well-defined community centers (hamlets)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	COMMENT _____
<input type="checkbox"/> No	COMMENT _____

## ENVIRONMENTAL/NATURAL RESOURCES

Because of the variety of aquatic and terrestrial habitats with which we are blessed, the Town of Constantia enjoys a high diversity of wildlife species. We also have healthy and abundant populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, and fish. These qualities are indicators of an intact, well-functioning natural ecosystem. Spread out and unplanned development can quickly degrade these very factors that are one of our major attractions.

9. Do you feel that existing controls on logging procedures are effective for protecting and maintaining:

	Yes	No
Watersheds free from silt, debris and contaminants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attractive appearance of woodlots?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The number and variety of plant and animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Damage from soil erosion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable production levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large, unfragmented tracts of forest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Should consideration be given to wildlife habitat needs when reviewing proposals to:

	Yes	No
clear land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
develop on the banks of streams and lakes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
locate roads and culverts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
change water levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Do you feel the existing laws are effective at protecting important natural areas identified by specialists?

	Yes	No
quality of our wildlife habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
diversity and abundance of our wildlife populations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
opportunities for fishing and hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
opportunities for wildlife viewing and nature walks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Is public access to Oneida Lake adequate for:

Yes

No

☐
☐

boating?

☐
☐

fishing?

☐
☐

sightseeing?

☐
☐

swimming?

☐
☐

other \_\_\_\_\_

## RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

13. Do you feel there is a shortage of affordable housing in the Town of Constantia

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, what segments of the population do you feel are affected most? *(please check all that apply)*

☐

senior citizens

☐

assisted living

☐

low/moderate income individuals and families

☐

other \_\_\_\_\_

14. Which type of housing development should be encouraged in the Town? *(please check all that apply)*

☐

single family stick build/modular homes

☐

mobile homes/manufactured homes

☐

multi-family homes

☐

condominiums/townhouses

☐

senior housing

☐

apartments

☐

single family dwellings converted to apartments

☐

tract or development housing

☐

none

☐

other \_\_\_\_\_

15. Where should mobile/manufactured homes be allowed to locate in the Town? *(please check all that apply)*

☐

anywhere in Town without restrictions

☐

on single lots or in parks, but only in certain areas of Town

☐

only in parks which are carefully located

☐

should not be allowed

16. Should commercial, industrial, and residential buildings be allowed to develop in the same area(s)?

☐

yes, with no controls

☐

yes, with design controls

☐

no

## COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

17. Where should new commercial developments be located in Town? *(please check one statement with which you agree)*

☐

Small commercial development should be spread throughout the community while larger commercial development should be concentrated in a few intensive commercial areas.

☐

All commercial developments should be concentrated in a few commercial areas along state highways.

☐

All commercial development, regardless of size should be spread throughout the community.

☐

The Town should enact Zoning regulations to assist in the location and planning of commercial development to protect property values and to maintain the Town's vision and Comprehensive plan for the future.

18. Referring to the map, where should commercial development occur? *(please check all that apply)*

☐

Area 1

☐

Area 5

☐

Any where in the Town

☐

Area 2

☐

Area 6

☐

No where in the Town

☐

Area 3

☐

Area 7

☐

Area 4

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Industrial development means manufacturing, wholesale trade, construction, utility, transportation and communications businesses. Industry is another important element in a community. It provides jobs, and is usually a major contributor to the local tax base.

19. Which of the following statements characterize your feelings about industrial development in Town.  
(please check one statement with which you agree)

- ☐ Constantia is primarily a commuter town and needs little or no increased industrial development.
- ☐ some new light industrial development should be encouraged, providing it is environmentally sound and carefully located.
- ☐ both light and heavy industrial development should be encouraged as long as it is environmentally sound and carefully located.
- ☐ need as much new industrial development of any kind as can be attracted.

20. Referring to the map, where should industrial development occur? (please check all that apply)

- |                                 |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Area 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Any where in the Town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Area 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> No where in Town      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Area 7 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area 4 |                                 |  |

## PUBLIC SERVICES

21. Which of the following projects would you support?  
A=Agree, N=Neutral, D=Disagree

	A	N	D
Improvements to existing sidewalks in Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public access for boating and or docking at Taft Bay Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Studies and proposed public sewer project along the Rte 49 corridor and the Towns entire Lake frontage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue in the Towns effort to try and bring Natural Gas to the Town's residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mill street project, public access for pedestrian fishing, pedestrian canoe/kayak launching, pedestrian ice fishing access and scenic viewing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. With the completion of public water through the main arteries of the town, and the likelihood of sewers and natural gas in the near future, the prospects for increased residential and commercial growth are likely to change the face of our town. This being said, would you be in favor of some form of zoning, to protect your property values? Zoning would regulate where the new commercial and industrial growth would take place, and allow for different applications of our Land Development Law in different zones of our town.

☐ A    ☐ N    ☐ D

23. The Hamlet of Constantia is located on the shores of Oneida Lake, one of the most beautiful lakes in New York State. As a community, Constantia could have the economic prosperity of the Towns of Skaneateles, Lake George, or other Communities in New York. Which of the below, if any, do you view as obstacles to economic progress in Constantia? al, **A**=Agree, **N**=Neutral, **D**=Disagree.

	A	N	D
Lack of utilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No zoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality /character of current residences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality/character of current businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of infrastructure such as sidewalks ,road quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of health care providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current public sentiment/attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. Natural gas service extension is under consideration in the more developed areas of Constantia. If natural gas lines were installed on your road or street would you be interested in hooking up and using it at your location?

Yes ☐ No ☐

*Thanks for helping us with this important Project. Your input will go a long way in the process of reviewing and updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan.*

