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)
   - Area 1
   - Area 3
   - Area 5
   - Area 7
   - Area 2
   - Area 4
   - Area 6

2. What is your residence category? (please check only one)
   - Home owner permanent
   - Home owner seasonal
   - Renter
   - Other ______________________

3. Do you own a business in Town?
   - Yes
   - No

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

4. What were your reasons for choosing to live in the Town of Constantia (please check all that apply)
   - rural atmosphere
   - family and friends
   - tax rate
   - low crime rate
   - access to Oneida Lake
   - cost of living
   - small town character
   - good schools
   - housing/land costs
   - rec opportunities
   - quality of life
   - sense of community
   - other ______________________

5. Which types of development would be compatible with our community? (please check all that apply)
   - single family homes
   - multi family homes
   - mobile homes on single lots
   - tract or development housing
   - mobile home park
   - apartments/condos
   - seasonal residences
   - shopping plazas
   - agricultural uses
   - entertainment
   - light industry
   - high tech industry
   - forest products business
   - parks and recreational facilities
   - tourism and recreational business
   - businesses in business districts
   - strip commercial development along NYS Rte 49
   - Other ______________________
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)

☐ Area 1  ☐ Area 3  ☐ Area 5  ☐ Area 7
☐ Area 2  ☐ Area 4  ☐ Area 6

7. Should open space (undeveloped fields, woodlots, and wetlands) be protected? (please check all that apply)

☐ to protect scenic vistas
☐ to preserve important agricultural lands
☐ to help maintain rural character
☐ to protect important natural areas
☐ 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)?

☐ Yes  COMMENT
☐ 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:

☐ Watersheds free from silt, debris and contaminants?
☐ Attractive appearance of woodlots?
☐ The number and variety of plant and animal species?
☐ Damage from soil erosion?
☐ Sustainable production levels?
☐ Large, unfragmented tracts of forest?

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

☐ clear land?
☐ develop on the banks of streams and lakes?
☐ locate roads and culverts?
☐ change water levels?

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

☐ quality of our wildlife habitat
☐ diversity and abundance of our wildlife populations
☐ opportunities for fishing and hunting
☐ opportunities for wildlife viewing and nature walks
☐ other__

☐ Yes  ☐ No
12. Is public access to Oneida Lake adequate for:

- boating?
- fishing?
- sightseeing?
- swimming?
- other

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

- Yes
- No

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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

- Area 1
- Area 2
- Area 3
- Area 4
- Area 5
- Area 6
- Area 7
- Any where in the Town
- No where in the Town
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)*

- [ ] Area 1
- [ ] Area
- [ ] Area 3
- [ ] Area 4
- [ ] Area 5
- [ ] Area 6
- [ ] Area 7
- [ ] Any where in the Town
- [ ] No where in Town

PUBLIC SERVICES

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

- Improvements to existing sidewalks in Town
- Public access for boating and or docking at Taft Bay Park
- Studies and proposed public sewer project along the Rte 49 corridor and the Towns entire Lake frontage
- Continue in the Towns effort to try and bring Natural Gas to the Town’s residents
- Mill street project, public access for pedestrian fishing, pedestrian canoe/kayak launching, pedestrian ice fishing access and scenic viewing

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? A=Agree, N=Neutral, D=Disagree.

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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.