

Community Survey

Dear Citizen,

The Town of Amboy Planning Board has recently completed a Comprehensive Plan for the Town. The next step in the planning process is to develop specific guidelines that can be used to create ordinances to help preserve the quality of life in our community. Your input and ideas about community issues will help in the development of guidelines that can then be presented to the Town Board.

Please answer the following questions as best you can. This is an anonymous survey. There is no need to identify yourself unless you wish to. The survey is also available on the Town's web site: www.townofamboy-ny.us

If you have any questions you may contact any of the planning board members:

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Please complete the survey by **November 18th 2005**. The completed survey may be placed in the survey box located behind the Town Hall. Or mailed to:

Amboy Planning Board
822 State Route 69
Williamstown, NY 13493

Please feel free to attend the next scheduled Planning Board meeting Wednesday, November 30th at 7pm.

Thank you for your help with this important community project.

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

(please mark 'X' all that apply)

1. What are your reasons for choosing to live in the town of Amboy? (please mark 'X' all that apply)

- ☐ rural atmosphere
- ☐ family & friends
- ☐ tax rate
- ☐ low crime rate
- ☐ grew up in the town
- ☐ schools
- ☐ housing/ land costs
- ☐ quality of life
- ☐ recreational opportunities
- ☐ sense of community
- ☐ other _____

2. What is your residence in the Town?

- ☐ home owner permanent
- ☐ home owner seasonal
- ☐ renter
- ☐ not a resident, but I own property in the town
- ☐ not a resident, but a business owner in the town

2a. How long have you owned property in the town? _____

TOWN CHARACTER

4. Should the Town be concerned with protecting open space?
☐ yes ☐ no

4a. If you answered 'yes' to question 4, why should open space be protected? (mark 'X' all that apply)

- ☐ to protect scenic views
- ☐ to preserve agricultural lands
- ☐ to help maintain rural character
- ☐ to protect environmentally sensitive areas
- ☐ other _____

5. In certain circumstances, should the Town require a clustering of larger scale developments into only one tract of land and reserve the remainder for open space?
☐ yes ☐ no

6. From the following list, what characteristics of the Town do you like or dislike?

	Like	Dislike	No opinion
Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small town government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of public water/ and sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

-What other things about the Town do you really LIKE:

-What other things about the Town do you really DISLIKE:

7. The Route 69 corridor through the town should be planned in manner that will.....(please mark 'X' all that apply).

- ☐ promote, safe, fast and efficient traffic flow
- ☐ maximize scenic views
- ☐ preserve open space
- ☐ attract commercial business
- ☐ attract new residents
- ☐ keep it the same

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

8. Is there a type of housing you see as undesirable in the Town?

- ☐ single family homes
- ☐ multi-family homes
- ☐ mobile homes
- ☐ townhouses/condominiums
- ☐ apartments
- ☐ modular homes
- ☐ tract or housing developments
- ☐ seasonal residences
- ☐ single family homes converted to apartments

9. Which type of housing development should be encouraged in the Town?

- ☐ single family homes
- ☐ multi-family homes
- ☐ mobile homes
- ☐ townhouses/condominiums
- ☐ apartments
- ☐ modular homes
- ☐ tract or housing developments
- ☐ seasonal residences
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10. If a large housing development is proposed for the Town. Should the town have input on... (mark 'X' all that apply)

- ☐ design style of the housing units
- ☐ number of housing units
- ☐ placement of the houses in relationship to the view from the road
- ☐ how much vegetation can be removed from the site
- ☐ amount of soil or fill that can be removed or added to the site
- ☐ landscaping to minimize visual and environmental impacts

11. Should commercial, industrial, and residential buildings be allowed to develop in the same areas?

- ☐ yes, in certain areas of the Town
- ☐ yes, in all areas of the Town
- ☐ no

If yes, should building and site design controls be applied to commercial and industrial buildings?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

12. Abandoned and uninhabited structures can pose a variety of problems. Do you favor the Town taking action to address this problem?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commercial Development is described as containing buildings and supporting infrastructure components that provide direct sales and services to customers. Commercial development can support a community in many ways, including providing jobs, food, entertainment and provide additional tax revenues.

13. Which of the following types of commercial development should NOT be allowed in the Town?

- ☐ supercenter
- ☐ stripmall
- ☐ casino
- ☐ bar
- ☐ gas station/ mechanic garage
- ☐ garden center
- ☐ movie theatre
- ☐ fast food restaurant
- ☐ family style restaurant
- ☐ car wash
- ☐ law office
- ☐ grocery store
- ☐ home based business
- ☐ other _____

Comment:

14. Should the Town have input as to the design and location of new commercial development? ☐Yes ☐No

15. Where should new commercial development be located in the Town?

- ☐ small commercial development should be spread throughout the community while larger commercial development should be concentrated in few areas.
- ☐ all commercial development should be concentrated in a few areas along the state highway
- ☐ all commercial development, regardless of size, should be spread throughout the community.

16. Looking at the **Map** on the last page, circle areas where commercial development should be encouraged in the Town. (circle up to three areas).

17. Which of the following problems occur in the Town as a result of existing home-based businesses?

- ☐ extra traffic- deliveries/ customers
- ☐ parking
- ☐ noise
- ☐ other _____

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

18. Should new light industrial development be encouraged if it is environmentally sound and carefully located?

☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Should the Town restrict the building of large scale industrial development within the town?

☐ Yes ☐ No

20. Which of the following statements characterize your feelings about industrial development in the Town (i.e. manufacturing, wholesale trade, construction, utility, transportation, communication businesses)?
(mark one 'X' for the one you MOST AGREE with)

☐ Amboy 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.

☐ Amboy needs as much new industrial development as can be attracted.

PUBLIC SERVICES

23. How would you rate the service or quality of the following in the Town of Amboy? (mark 'X' next to that response best describes your rating).

	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ambulance service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Municipal buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. What kinds of activities would you like to see occur at the Town Park?

22. What kinds of new equipment or features would you like to see installed in the Town Park?

FURTHER COMMENT

24. Please use the following space to make any further comments you may have on the future of Amboy.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME !

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