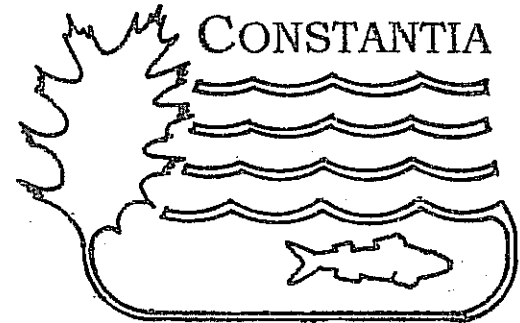


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**Resident Survey**

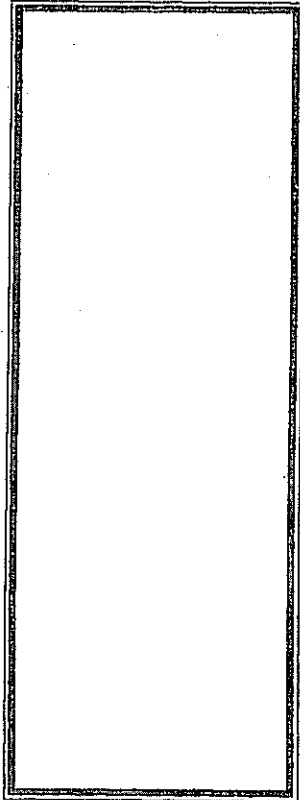


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Town of Constantia Planning Committee  
Frederick Street  
Constantia, NY 13044



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# Town of Constantia Planning Committee

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Dear Constantia Resident,

## We Need Your Help to Guide the Future of Our Community

Development of the North Shore area is expanding. The character of our community is being affected. We must plan for growth in order to maintain the community values that we hold dear. Growth has already changed our neighboring communities. In response, many of them have adopted comprehensive plans. Now is the time for Constantia to plan its future.

The first step in developing a plan is to survey the residents to determine their visions, goals, and concerns for the community. Input from you is crucial to develop a plan that is realistic and practical for the our lifestyles. Participation by a large number of people provides the data we need to make sure the plans fits our needs.

The plan will represent the vision of our community for the future character of the town. A plan forms the framework for decisions on proposals for new developments, allowing growth to be guided in a way that will;

- Protect the quality of our environment
- Protect the investment we have in our homes
- Enhance the sense of pride we have in our community
- Improve our tax base by providing for planned commercial growth
- Minimize the cost of public utilities

Please join your friends and neighbors in completing and returning the attached survey as soon as possible. Help us make our community what you would like it be. Finally, we invite you to share specific comments or suggestions that you think may be of value to our work.

Sincerely,  
The Planning Committee

Town of Constantia Planning Committee  
Frederick Street  
Constantia, NY 13044

## Resident Survey

### IN WHAT AREA OF THE TOWN DO YOU LIVE?

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. Refer to the map on the back of your survey. Select one of the numbered areas and enter the number in the box.

2. What is your residence category?

- ( ) Home owner permanent  
( ) Home owner seasonal  
( ) Renter  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. ( ) Check if you own a business in Town.

### COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

There are many reasons why people live where they do. The Town of Constantia has many good things to offer its residents. The Planning Committee would like to know what influenced your decision to live here.

4. What were your reasons for choosing to live in the Town of Constantia?  
(Please enter an X for all that apply)

- ( ) Rural atmosphere  
( ) Small town character  
( ) Family and friends  
( ) Tax rate  
( ) Housing/land costs  
( ) Access to Oneida Lake  
( ) Recreation opportunities  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which types of development would be compatible with our community?  
(Please enter an X for all that apply)
- Single family homes
  - Multi-family homes
  - Mobile homes on single lots
  - Tract or development housing
  - Mobile home parks
  - Apartments/Condominiums
  - Seasonal residences
  - Businesses in Business districts
  - Strip commercial development along NYS Route 49
  - Shopping plazas
  - Agricultural uses
  - Parks and recreation facilities
  - Tourism and recreational businesses
  - Entertainment
  - Light industry
  - Forest products businesses
  - High tech industry
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

## TOWN CHARACTER

The following questions refer to your opinion about the appearance of the Town.

6. What area(s) of the town are most scenic?  
Refer to the map on the back of your survey.  
Enter the number(s) in the box(es).
- |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     |     |     |     |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
7. Should open space (undeveloped fields, woodlots and wetlands) be protected? (Please enter an X for 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 Route 49 corridor (lands along the highway) be planned in a manner that will: (Please enter an X for each appropriate item)
- Promote safe, fast and efficient traffic flow
  - Allow use by trucks importing goods and exporting products to and from the Town
  - Maximize scenic views
  - Allow fewer driveway penetrations than on secondary roads
  - They should not be planned

9. Should the Town plan the concentration of commercial, civic, and institutional activities in well-defined community centers (hamlets)?
- Yes      Comment \_\_\_\_\_
- No
10. Should height restrictions and building separations be used as tools to preserve views of Oneida Lake from public roads and spaces?
- Yes      Comment \_\_\_\_\_
- No

## ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES

Because of the variety of aquatic and terrestrial habitats with which we're 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.

11. Do you feel that existing controls on logging procedures are effective for protecting and maintaining:?  
(Please enter an X for each item in the appropriate column)
- | Yes                      | No                       |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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               |
12. Should consideration be given to wildlife habitat needs when reviewing proposals to:
- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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                       |

13. Do you feel that existing laws are effective at protecting important natural areas identified by specialists? (Please enter an X for each item in the appropriate column)

Yes	No	
( )	( )	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 _____

14. Is public access to Oneida Lake within the Town adequate for: (Please enter an X for each item in the appropriate column)

Yes	No	
( )	( )	Boating
( )	( )	Fishing
( )	( )	Sightseeing
( )	( )	Swimming
( )	( )	Other _____

15. Should a network of pedestrian/bicycle pathways be developed connecting the railroad right-of-way to public parks, hamlets and other destinations?

( )	Yes	Comment _____
( )	No	

16. Should the Town construct and maintain a system of pedestrian walkways within the hamlets of Constantia and Bernhards Bay?

( )	Yes	Comment _____
( )	No	

17. Should permanent structures be prohibited within the floodplain of Oneida Lake?

( )	Yes	Comment _____
( )	No	

18. Should the Town of Constantia enact and enforce laws pertaining to the following: (Please enter an X for each item in the appropriate column)

Yes	No	
( )	( )	Unsightly trash and junk accumulation
( )	( )	Junk car and machinery storage
( )	( )	Architectural style
( )	( )	Abandoned and dilapidated buildings
( )	( )	Snowmobiles and ATV usage
( )	( )	Campgrounds
( )	( )	Landfills, dumps, and disposal sites
( )	( )	Other _____

## RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

The following questions relate to residential housing in the Town. Decisions on what types of housing to encourage and where they should be located with a standard of quality established.

19. Where should mobile homes be allowed to locate? (Please X one)

( )	Anywhere in Town without restrictions
( )	On single lots or in parks, but only in certain areas of the Town
( )	Only in parks which are carefully located
( )	Should not be allowed

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

( )	Yes, with no controls
( )	Yes, with design controls
( )	No

21. When the following public improvements are necessary for a large scale residential sub-division development, which should the developer be required to provide and which should the Town be required to provide? (Please enter an X for who should provide)

Town	Developer	
( )	( )	Sewer lines
( )	( )	Water lines
( )	( )	Roads
( )	( )	Curbs, gutters, and storm drains
( )	( )	Street trees
( )	( )	Sidewalks
( )	( )	Parks and playgrounds
( )	( )	Landscaping
( )	( )	Street lights

## COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commercial development means retail sales and service facilities which provide direct sales and services to customers. Commercial development is the core of a vital community and supports the community in many ways, providing jobs, food, supplies, entertainment and contributes to the local tax base.

22. Where should new commercial developments be located in town? (Please enter an **X** by 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 development should be concentrated in a few commercial areas along the state highways.
- All commercial development, regardless of size, should be spread throughout the community.

23. Which of the following things should be done to help small commercial developments fit the character of the town better? (Please enter an **X** by all the statements with which you **AGREE** )

- Commercial developments should be buffered and screened from residential areas with fences or vegetative materials.
- New parking areas should be located to the side or rear of buildings where they will be out of view.
- The heights of structures should be limited.
- When small commercial developments are located in the hamlet areas, should sidewalks be provided for pedestrian access.
- Sign size, location and lighting should be controlled.

24. Which of the following statements reflect your concerns about the development of cottage/home businesses? (Please enter an **X** by all the statements with which you **AGREE** )

- New cottage/home businesses should be subject to no restrictions.
- New cottage/home businesses should cause only minor external alterations to the existing buildings and no new structures and/or enlarged parking areas.
- Existing businesses should continue without future expansion.
- Existing businesses should only continue under current ownership.
- Cottage/ home businesses should not be allowed in residential areas.

25. Referring to the map, where should commercial development occur?

Area #

Area #

Area #

Area #

- 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.

26. Which of the following statements characterize your feelings about industrial development in Town? (Please enter an **X** by the 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.
- Needs as much new industrial development of any kind as can be attracted.

27. Referring to the map, where should industrial development occur:

Area #

Area #

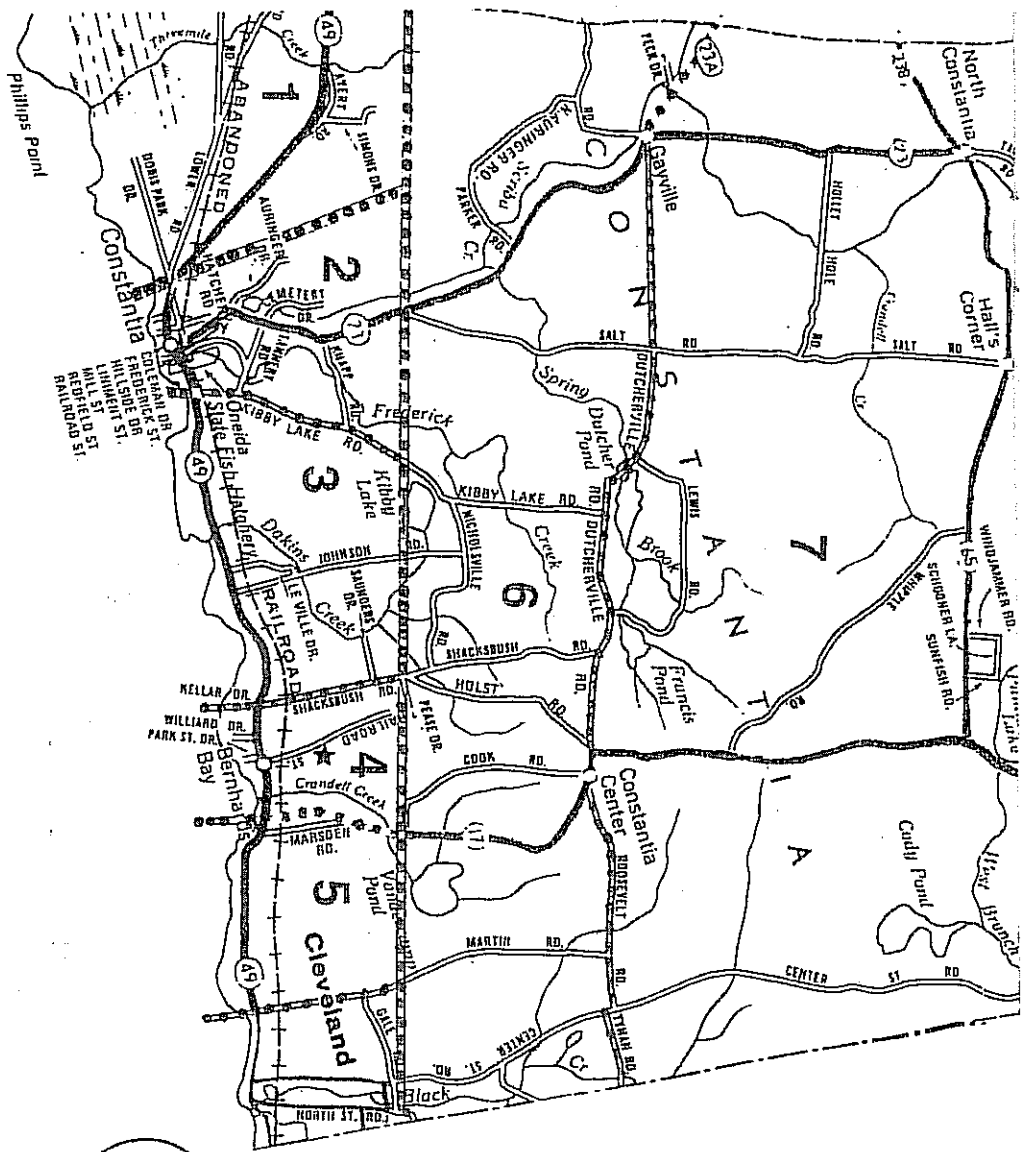
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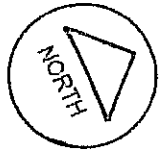
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- No where in the Town

Thanks for Helping us with this Important Project

Additional Remarks:



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the Remaining Pages Together  
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