TOWN OF FORESTPORT
P.O. Box 316
Forestport, NY 13338

July, 1996

Dear Forestport Resident,

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

The Town of Forestport has recently started to prepare a masterplan. The Town Planning Board is aware that the existing town Site Review Law is getting out of date, and has recently decided to study the town, draft a proposal, and report back to the Town Board.

One fact is fundamental: both the Town Board and the Planning Board have decided that it is essential that the public be asked about concerns for the future of the Town. For any planning effort to be successful, it must reflect the views of a broad variety of the residents.

We need your opinion on several important issues which we have identified. We feel that a survey of this type is the easiest and most convenient method for you, the citizen, to make your thoughts known to us. The response of every resident is important.

Please take some time to fill out this survey, and feel free to place extra thoughts and comments in the margins. If there are issues which you are concerned with, but have not been addressed in the survey, please let us know. The last page has been reserved to give you some space for additional comments.

The results of this survey will be made public, and will be the subject of public meetings in the months ahead.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Town of Forestport Planning Board

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James Reynolds
Harold C. Siver Jr.
Robert Seager
Lawrence R. Ritter
PART I CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOWN

There are many reasons why people live where they do. The Township of Forestport has many good things to offer its residents, and the planning committee would like to know how you feel about the community.

Q-1 From the following list, what characteristics of the Town of Forestport do you like or dislike? (Please check [☑] the response that best describes your feelings towards each characteristic.)

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Q-2 Are there any other things about the town that you really like?
☐ NO    ☐ YES: What are they? __________________________

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Q-3 Are there any other things about the town that you really dislike?
[ ] NO [ ] YES: What are they?
___________________________________________________________

Q-4 Are you seriously concerned with potential danger from:
___________________________________________________________

1. pollution of our water supplies and streams?
   [ ] Yes [ ] No
2. Disappearance of open/wooded space?
   [ ] Yes [ ] No
3. Dangerous intersections / highway conditions?
   [ ] Yes [ ] No
4. Lack of zoning and/or land use regulations
   [ ] Yes [ ] No

Comments (by number):
___________________________________________________________

Q-5 Is the placement of mobile homes on scattered sites mixed with other types of residences in the town a problem?
[ ] NO [ ] YES

Q-6 Are unsafe, unsightly abandoned buildings a problem?
[ ] NO [ ] YES

Q-7 Is the open storage of discarded machinery and junk cars around the town a problem?
[ ] NO [ ] YES

Q-8 Is the open disposal of trash and other waste material around the town a problem?
[ ] NO [ ] YES

Q-9 Is the Town of Forestport vulnerable to an influx of undesirable uses because of tighter land use controls in the surrounding towns? (Circle number.)
[ ] NO [ ] YES: What are they?
___________________________________________________________

Q-10 Outside of the hamlets, should there be a minimum lot size for new residential construction? [ ] YES [ ] NO

If yes, what size?
[ ] 1 acre minimum
[ ] 1.5 acres
[ ] 2 acres
[ ] 3 acres
[ ] 5 or more acres

Comment:
___________________________________________________________

Q-11 What are your views concerning the expansion of the Adirondack Railroad?
___________________________________________________________

Q-12 Should the Town be concerned about protecting open space?
[ ] YES [ ] NO

Q-12A If you answered "yes" to Q-12, why should open space be protected? (Check all that apply)

[ ] to protect scenic vistas
[ ] to preserve remaining agricultural lands
[ ] to preserve forested lands
[ ] to help maintain rural character
[ ] to protect wetlands and sensitive areas

other: ______________________________________________________

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Q-13 Should the town require the clustering of larger scale developments into only one portion of a tract of land and reserve the remainder for open space, in certain circumstances?

- YES
- NO

Q-14 Should developers be encouraged or required to preserve as many trees as possible?

a) Encouraged  - YES
- NO

b) Required  - YES
- NO

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

The following questions relate to residential housing in the town. Decisions on what types of housing to encourage and where it should be located is important in planning the town’s future.

Q-15 Where should future mobile homes be allowed to locate?

- anywhere in town
- on single lots or mobile home parks, but only in certain designated areas of town
- only in planned mobile home parks

Q-16 Do you feel there is a shortage of affordable housing in the town?

- YES
- NO

Q-16A If you answered “yes” to Q-16, what segments of the town’s population do you feel are affected? (check all that apply)

- senior citizens
- low income individuals and families
- other: _______________________

Q-17 When the following public improvements are necessary for a large scale residential subdivision development, who should provide them?

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Q-18 Should the town actively work toward promoting subsidized senior housing developments? (check one)

- yes, in the hamlet areas
- yes, where there is public water and sewer
- yes, anywhere in town
- no

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Q-19 Where should new commercial developments be located in the town? (Please check the one statement which you AGREE with.)

- small commercial development should be spread out 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 highways
- all commercial development, regardless of size, should be spread out throughout the community
Q-20 Which of the following things should be done to help small commercial developments fit the character of the town better? (Check all the statements which you AGREE with.)

☐ 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

☐ sign size, location and lighting should be controlled

☐ additional comments:_________________________________________________________

Q-21 Where in the Town of Forestport should commercial development be encouraged?

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PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE TOWN

Q-22 Please rate the following services:

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Comments (by number): ______________________________________________________

Q-23 Which of the following projects would you support?

☐ development of a town park
☐ development of a new community center/town hall
☐ extension of town water districts
☐ extension of the town sewer district
☐ development of new lighting districts. Where?

__________________________________________________________________________

Q-24 If you support development of a new community center/town hall, what groups should it be available to?

__________________________________________________________________________

Q-25 If you support development of a town park, what new facilities would you like to see?

__________________________________________________________________________

RESIDENT PROFILE

Q-26 Are you a: ☐ seasonal ☐ year round ☐ resident of the town?
☐ neither, but I own property in the town

How long have you lived (or owned property) here?

☐ Less than 1 year
☐ 1-5 years
☐ 6-10 years
☐ 11+ years

☐ male ☐ female

Age: ☐ 15-24 ☐ 45-54
☐ 25-34 ☐ 55-64
☐ 35-44 ☐ 65+ over

Q-27 If you live in the Town of Forestport, is your residence:

☐ single family dwelling
☐ two-family dwelling
☐ apartment
☐ mobile home
☐ other:
☐ live elsewhere
Q-28  Where do you work?
☐ within the Town of Forestport
☐ outside, within 10 miles
☐ outside, 10-30 miles
☐ outside, 30+ miles
☐ do not presently work
☐ live elsewhere

Q-29  Would you attend a public information meeting about the results of this survey and general development of the town?
☐ YES  ☐ NO

Please use the remaining space for anything else you would like to say about the type of development you would like to see in the Town of Forestport. Please identify the question(s) you are responding to. Also, any comments you wish to make that you think may help us in future efforts to understand what Forestport residents want from and for their community will be appreciated either here or in a separate letter. Enclose your name and phone number if you wish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
(Please detach outside page and mail back to the town by September 10, 1996.)