

**Town of**

**Hastings**

**CITIZEN SURVEY**



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**January 31, 1992**

**Town of Hastings Town Board  
and Master Plan Committee**

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# TOWN OF HASTINGS

Oswego County  
Central Square, N. Y. 13036

## DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TOWN OF HASTINGS: A COMMUNITY SURVEY

### Survey Instructions:

There are two columns for answers ( [ ] [ ] ) so that you may answer the survey with a friend or spouse. One person may use the left hand column while the other person may use the right.

Please place an "X" between the brackets ([X]) for your answer.

If you have no opinion about a question, please leave it BLANK.

Please feel free to write additional comments or suggestions in the margins.

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Dear Hastings Resident,

## WE NEED YOUR HELP.

The Town of Hastings has recently started to make a new master plan. The Town Board is aware that the existing Town Master Plan is getting out of date, and has recently appointed a Master Plan Committee to study the town, draft a new plan, and report back to the Town Board.

One fact is fundamental. Both the Town Board and the Master Plan Committee have decided that it is essential that the public be heard about 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.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Town Board or the Master Plan Committee. The results of this survey will be made public, and will be the subject of public meetings to be held by the Master Plan Committee in the months ahead.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Fred Beardsley  
Town Supervisor  
Town of Hastings

**COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS**

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

1. What were your reasons for choosing the Syracuse/Oswego County area to live? (Please check [X] all that apply.)

- recreational opportunities
- family roots
- job opportunities
- cost of living
- quality of life
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What were your reasons for choosing to live in the TOWN OF HASTINGS? (Please check [X] all that apply.)

- rural atmosphere
- sense of community
- family and friends
- good schools
- tax rate
- good government
- housing/land costs
- low crime rate
- recreation opportunities
- quality of life
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN CHARACTER**

The following questions are to find out how you feel about the character and appearance of the Town.

3. Where are the areas of the town which are most scenic or attractive? (Please circle the areas on the map on pages 6 and 7.)

4. Should the Town be concerned about protecting open space?

- yes
- no

4A. If you answered "yes" to question 4, why should open space be protected? (Please check [X] all that apply.)

- to protect scenic vistas
- to preserve important agricultural lands
- to help maintain rural character
- to protect wetlands and sensitive areas
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. 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

6. Should developers be required to preserve as many existing trees as possible?

- 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 are very important.

7. Where should mobile homes be allowed to locate? (Please check [X] one.)

- anywhere in town
- on single lots or in parks, but only in certain areas of the town zoned for them
- only in parks which are carefully located

8. Should newly placed mobile homes which are located outside of mobile home parks be required to have design improvements to make them look more like conventional housing?

- yes
- no

8A. If you answered "yes" to question 8, which of the following design improvements would you recommend? (Please check [X] all that apply.)

- pitched roof with shingles
- non-metal siding
- permanent foundations
- double-wide construction

9. Do you feel that there is a shortage of affordable housing in town?

- yes
- no

9A. If you answered "yes" to question 9, what segments of the town's population do you feel are affected? (Please check [X] all that apply.)

- senior citizens/elderly
- low income individuals and families
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Should the town actively work toward promoting subsidized senior citizen housing developments?

- yes
- no

11. When the following public improvements are necessary for a large scale residential subdivision development, which should the developer be required to provide, and which should the town be required to provide? (Please check [X] who should provide.)

	Town Provide	Developer Provide
sewer lines	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
water lines	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
roads	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
curbs and gutters	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
street trees	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
parks	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

12. Should the town encourage apartment and townhouse development? (Please check [X] one.)

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

### COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

By commercial development, we mean retail sales and service facilities which provide direct sales and services to customers. Commercial development is often at the center of a community and supports the community in many ways including providing jobs, food, supplies, and entertainment.

13. Where should new commercial developments be located in town? (Please check [X] 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 the state highways
- all commercial development, regardless of size, should be spread out throughout the community

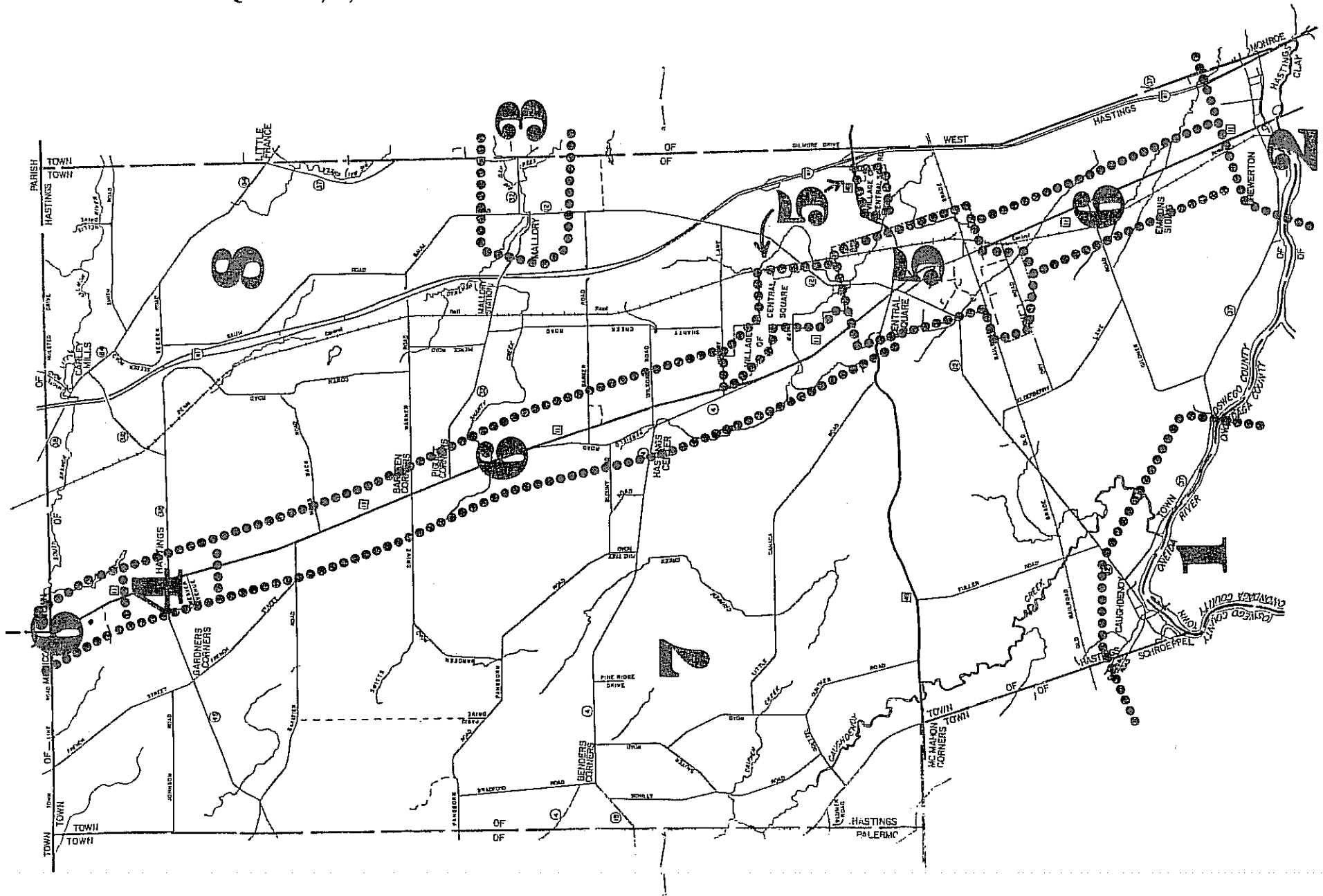
14. Which of the following things should be done to help small commercial developments fit the character of the town better? (Please check [X] all the statements which you AGREE with.)

- 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
- small commercial developments should be located in the hamlet areas and provided with sidewalks for pedestrian access
- sign size, location and lighting should be controlled

15. Looking at the enclosed map of the town on pages 6 and 7, where should commercial development be encouraged? (Please check [X] all appropriate areas.)

- area #1
- area #2
- area #3
- area #4
- area #5
- area #6
- area #7
- area #8

Please use the map below in connection with Questions 3, 15, and 28.



**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

By industrial development we mean 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.

16. Which of the following statements characterize your feelings about industrial development in town? (Please check [X] the one statement that you AGREE with.)

- Hastings is primarily a commuter town and needs little or no increased industrial development.
- Some new light industrial development should be encouraged as long as 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.
- Hastings needs as much new industrial development of any kind as can be attracted.

17. Should the town use conservative incentives such as assistance with water and sewer expenses, or tax reductions to attract industry to locate here?

- yes
- no

18. Where should industrial development be encouraged? (Please check [X] all appropriate areas.)

- only in the Route 11 and I-81 corridor
- only in the existing industrial park
- anywhere in town
- nowhere in town
- other area: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Should industry be located only in pre-approved, planned industrial parks?

- yes
- no

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

20. Which of the following projects would you support? (Please check [X] all that you AGREE with.)

- development of a sewage treatment facility
- development of new lighting districts
- development of a new community center
- extension of town water districts
- further development of Van Liew Park (town park)

21. If you support the development of a new community center, what groups should it be available to? (Please fill in the blank.)

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22. If you support further development of Van Liew Park (town park), what new facilities would you most like to see? (Please fill in the blank.)

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23. How would you rate the service or quality of the following in the Town of Hastings? (Please check [X] the response that best describes the rating you would give each service or quality.)

		SATIS-		
		GOOD	FACTORY	POOR
a.	schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.	fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d.	snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e.	ambulance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f.	library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g.	dog control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h.	municipal buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i.	zoning enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j.	park maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k.	code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l.	development approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m.	government administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**RESIDENT PROFILE (OPTIONAL)**

It is important to know certain characteristics about who has answered this survey, but if you feel that any of this information is too personal, feel free to skip any or all of the following questions.

24. How many years have you been a resident of the Town of Hastings? (Please check [X] one.)

- 0 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- over 10 years
- I am not a resident, but I own property in the town.

25. Where do you work? (Please check [X] all that apply.)
- in the Town of Hastings
  - in the Village of Central Square
  - in the Greater Syracuse area
  - in the Oswego/Fulton area
  - other area: \_\_\_\_\_ or
  - do not presently work

26. If you live in the Town of Hastings, what type of dwelling do you live in? (Please check [X] one.)

- single-family dwelling
- two-family dwelling
- apartment
- mobile home on individual lot
- mobile home in mobile home park
- modular home
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

27. If you own property in the Town of Hastings, which of the following would best describe your property? (Please check [X] all that apply.)

- single-family residence owner
- own residential rental properties
- own commercial property
- own farm or other agricultural lands
- tenant in an apartment
- industrial
- recreational
- vacant land

28. Looking at the enclosed map of the town on pages 6 and 7, where in the town do you live? (Please check [X] the appropriate area.)

- area #1
- area #2
- area #3
- area #4
- area #5
- area #6
- area #7
- area #8

29. If you work, what type of work do you do? (Please fill in the blank.)

Person #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Person #2: \_\_\_\_\_

30. OPTIONAL: What is your name? (Please fill in the blank.)

Person #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Person #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the following space to make any further comments you may have about the future of Hastings.

After completing the survey, please discard this sheet,  
and drop the remaining survey into the mail.

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