

**TOWN OF STEUBEN**  
**Town Hall, 9458 Soule Road, Remsen, NY 13438**

April, 1994

Dear Town of Steuben Landowner:

"There is nothing permanent except change." The Town of Steuben Planning Board designed and conducted a survey of residents' opinion in 1976, and again in 1986. It is the desire of the 1994 Planning Board to conduct a new survey.

The Planning Board of the Town of Steuben is earnestly seeking the opinion of all town residents regarding the present and future character of our town. The Planning Board is a group of volunteer town residents appointed the task of determining your views and investigating methods to accomplish the objectives you desire.

Community planning can help prevent uncontrolled land usage without regard for the eventual effects on neighbors and the town as a whole. An effective policy on land use management allows the town government to develop minimum property standards consistent with the objectives of the town's residents. The overall purpose is to help keep Steuben a desirable place to live.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached questionnaire and drop it in the mail. Your input is valued.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Robinson, *Supervisor*  
for the Town Board

John Siegenthaler, *Chairman*  
for the Planning Board

*(Please detach this page to mail back to the town. Thank you!)*

**PART I CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOWN**

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

	LIKE	DISLIKE	NO OPINION
1. Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Small population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Farm land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Lack of public water and sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Recreational areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Lack of stores and businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Lack of industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q-2 Are there any other things about the town that you really *like*? (Circle number.)

- 1 NO
- 2 YES: What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q-3 Are there any other things about the town that you really *dislike*? (Circle number.)

- 1 NO
- 2 YES: What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q-4 Is the unrestricted placement of mobile homes on scattered sites mixed with other types of residences in the town a problem? (Circle number.)

- | <u>SINGLE WIDE</u> | <u>DOUBLE WIDE</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 NO               | 3 NO               |
| 2 YES              | 4 YES              |

Q-5 Are unsafe, unsightly abandoned buildings or mobile homes a problem? (Circle number.)

1 NO

2 YES

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q-6 Is the open storage of discarded machinery and junk cars around the town a problem? (Circle number.)

1 NO

2 YES

Q-7 Is the open disposal of trash and other waste material around the town a problem? (Circle number.)

1 NO

2 YES

Q-8 Did you know that current waste haulers in the Town of Steuben are obligated to take bulk trash items for a fee if you call them in advance?

1 NO

2 YES

Q-9 Is the Town of Steuben vulnerable to an influx of undesirable uses because of tight land use controls in the surrounding towns? (Circle number.)

1 NO

2 YES: What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PART II PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE TOWN**

Q-10 How do you rate the service or quality of the following in Steuben? (Please check [ ] the response that best describes the rating you would give each service or quality.)

	SATISFAC-			NO OPINION
	GOOD	TORY	POOR	
1. Dog control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. General road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Enforcement of town ordinances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Real property assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Town government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Planning board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Town hall facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q-11 Are there any other services or qualities you would like to see in the town? (Circle answer.)

1. NO

2. YES: What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PART III DIRECTION FOR OUR TOWN**

Different types of development are appropriate in different areas of the town. What do you think the character of Steuben should be?

Q-12 Which types of development do you think Steuben should encourage?

	YES	NO
<i>Housing:</i>		
1. Individual homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Individual mobile homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Mobile home park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Tract or development housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Campgrounds/Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other Development:</i>		
6. Restaurants and small stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Shopping center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Light industry/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Junkyards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Sawmills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Gravel pits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Cable TV/telephone Co. TV programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q-13 Should the Town have an opportunity to review proposed development? (Circle number.)

1. NO
2. YES If YES, in what way should we have that say? (Circle number.)
  1. *We should have a say as to where the new development goes.*
  2. *We should have a say as to what kind of new development it is.*
  3. *Both 1 and 2.*

Q-14 Towns can use a number of different laws to have a say in how and where their community develops. Would you want to see any of the following laws or regulations put into effect that would manage development? [Please check [ ] the response which best expresses your feelings towards each type of regulation.]

	YES	NO	NO OPINION
1. Land subdivision regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Farmland protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Review of housing developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Review of commercial developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Sign control laws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Noise control law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q-15 Would you attend a public information meeting about the results of this survey and general development of the town? (Circle number.)

1. NO
2. YES

Q-16 What type of dwelling do you live in? (Circle number.)

1. MOBILE HOME IN PARK
2. MOBILE HOME ON LOT
3. SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE
4. MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING

Q-17 The cost of electric power is escalating under the Public Service Commission. Would you favor creating a municipal power commission such as Boonville's?

1. YES
2. NO

Q-18 Did you know that the Towns of Boonville, Trenton, Floyd, Western, and Marcy have zoning laws?

1. YES
2. NO

Q-19 Should there be a minimum lot size?

1 N

2 YES: What size? \_\_\_\_\_

Q-20 Should larger lot sizes be required in the more rural areas of the town?

- 1 1 acre minimum
- 2 1.5 acres minimum
- 3 2 acres minimum
- 4 3 acres minimum
- 5 5 acres minimum
- 6 More than five acres

COMMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q-21 If zoning is adopted, would you be willing to serve on the Zoning Board?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

Q-22 Did you know that there is a Town of Steuben Social Committee?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

Q-23 Did you know that the Town of Steuben has a Senior Citizen group?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

Q-24 How long have you been a resident of the town? (Circle number.)

- 1. 0-5 years
- 2. 5-10 years
- 3. 10-15 years
- 4. 15-20 years
- 5. Over 20 years

Please use the space below, or attach a sheet, for anything else you would like to say about the type of development you would like to see in the Town of Steuben. Also any comments you wish to make that you think may help us in future efforts to understand what Steuben residents want from their community will be appreciated either here or in a separate letter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.  
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