

2008 Steuben Town Survey

Thank you for participating in the Steuben Town Community Survey. Your answers will help the town planning board and the town board understand how citizens feel about the direction the town of Steuben might take as we plan for our future. The current town plan was drafted in 1988. We believe it may be time to update or re-draft that comprehensive plan. We look forward to, and value your responses to this survey. Please know that your responses to the questions in this survey are confidential and cannot be traced back to you.

1. Did you know the town of Steuben has a web page at www.town.steuben.ny.us/content/? Yes No

2. What is your residency status? (Please check (✓) only one.) Town resident Landowner

3. How many years have you resided, or owned land in the town? (Please check (✓) only one.)
 1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 21-25 more than 25

4. What is your age group? (Please check (✓) only one.)
 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

5. Which of the following best describes your employment status? (Please check (✓) only one.)
 Employed full time Employed part time Unemployed Retired

6. What are your reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in this town? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Distance to work	<input type="checkbox"/> Distance to friends and relatives	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of schools
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax rates	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost of land	<input type="checkbox"/> Small population
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Crime rate	<input type="checkbox"/> Family homestead
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing	

Please indicate other reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in the town.

7. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in this town? (Please check (✓) only one.)
 Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

8. How satisfied are you with the following town services? (Please check (✓) the column that best describes your opinion for each.)

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
Town Hall facility.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational and park facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building code enforcement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid waste/garbage disposal services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash/recycle days.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public parking facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow removal.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. How do you feel your community has CHANGED in the past two years? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No change | <input type="checkbox"/> More farming | <input type="checkbox"/> More people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less logging | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational development | <input type="checkbox"/> New businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More logging | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More junk | <input type="checkbox"/> More trailers | <input type="checkbox"/> New camps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less farming | <input type="checkbox"/> More people on weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> More crime |

10. Which of the following issues are you concerned about? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Road maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and police service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream and water quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist business | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting and fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV's | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind farm development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiles | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum lot size | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog/animal control | |

Please indicate other issues you are concerned about.

11. How important is it to preserve the character of this town? (Please check (✓) only one.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very important | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important |
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12. What types of development do you feel would be compatible for our community? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile homes on single lots | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds/RV parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farms/agricultural uses | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism/recreational businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Junkyards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wind turbine development | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas development | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile trails | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Home occupations |

13. Which type of housing development should be encouraged in this town? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums/town houses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Single family dwellings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tract or development housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Converted to apartments |

14. Which of the following areas would you like to see growth in? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist attractions | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads | <input type="checkbox"/> State-owned land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Small industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting and fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking and skiing trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial development | <input type="checkbox"/> Home occupations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike trails | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile trails | |

15. Which areas of the town do you think are worthy of special protection for the future? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Open space | <input type="checkbox"/> Forests | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic buildings/sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemeteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm land | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic views |

Please indicate other areas of the town you think are worthy of special protection for the future

16. Would you be willing to serve on a committee to assist the planning board and town board review these results, and help draft a new comprehensive plan for the town? Yes No

17. 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 at the town level? (Please check (✓) the response that best expresses your feelings towards each type of regulation.)

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Land subdivision.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmland protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review of housing developments.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review of commercial developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sign control laws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise control laws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify.			

18. There is a concern that if development occurs on small lots, demand for publicly funded water and sewer facility will be required. Do you think setting minimum lot size for residential development is a good idea?

Yes No

If YES, what MINIMUM lot size do you feel is appropriate for the town? (Please check (✓) only one.)

1.5 acres 2 acres 3 acres 4 acres 5 acres

19. In the event of a disaster, which of the following does your household have? (Please check (✓) all that apply.)

- Generator for backup power
- Alternative heat source such as wood stove
- Supply of potable water
- Supply of non-perishable food
- Medical condition that needs special attention

20. The town board is contemplating making the town hall a Red Cross Certified Emergency Service Center. It is the town's intent to pursue this action through grants and other funding sources. How important is this to you? (Please check (✓) only one.)

Very important Important Somewhat important Not important

21. The town highway department garage is aging, inefficient and cannot accommodate modern equipment for maintenance, repair and inside storage during winter months. The town board is discussing improvements to or replacement of this facility. Funding for this potential project would come from a combination of town funds, grants or other available funding. How important do you consider adequate facilities for town highway department employees and equipment? (Please check (✓) only one.)

Very important Important Somewhat important Not important

22. Please use the following space for any additional comments you would like to make.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
Please return your completed survey in the envelope provided.