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.)  
   - [ ] Distance to work  
   - [ ] Distance to friends and relatives  
   - [ ] Quality of schools  
   - [ ] Tax rates  
   - [ ] Cost of land  
   - [ ] Small population  
   - [ ] Recreational opportunities  
   - [ ] Crime rate  
   - [ ] Family homestead  
   - [ ] Rural atmosphere  
   - [ ] 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.)  

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

- No change
- More farming
- More people
- Less logging
- Recreational development
- New businesses
- More logging
- Abandoned structures
- Improved roads
- More junk
- More trailers
- New camps
- Less farming
- More people on weekends
- More crime

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

- Property taxes
- Stream and water quality
- Hunting and fishing
- Jobs
- Minimum lot size
- Road maintenance
- Tourist business
- Snowmobiles
- ATV's
- Wind farm development
- 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.)

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

12. What types of development do you feel would be compatible for our community? (Please check (/) all that apply.)

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

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

- Single family homes
- Multi-family homes
- Condominiums/town houses
- Senior housing
- Apartments
- Single family dwellings
- Tract or development housing
- Affordable housing
- Converted to apartments

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

- Tourist attractions
- Roads
- State-owned land
- ATV trails
- Small industry
- Hunting and fishing
- Hiking and skiing trails
- Commercial development
- Home occupations
- Town parks
- Mountain bike trails
- Agriculture
- Snowmobile trails

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

- Streams
- Open space
- Forests
- Historic buildings/sites
- Cemeteries
- Wetlands
- Farm land
- 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.)

- Land subdivision ................................................................. Yes ☐ No ☐  
- Farmland protection ............................................................... Yes ☐ No ☐  
- Review of housing developments ........................................ Yes ☐ No ☐  
- Review of commercial developments .................................. Yes ☐ No ☐  
- Sign control laws .................................................................. Yes ☐ No ☐  
- Noise control laws ............................................................... Yes ☐ No ☐  
- Other, please specify. ............................................................. Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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.