

Town of Watertown Community Survey 2012

Dear Watertown Resident,

The Town Board and Planning Board of the Town of Watertown have recently started to update the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. The current plan was adopted in the 1970's and is in need of updating in order to reflect the vision for the Town as we proceed further into the century. The Plan should reflect the vision for the Town today and for the foreseeable future.

The Comp Plan provides the legal foundation for local laws and land use regulations and can act as a tool to promote the desired image of the Town to residents and developers alike, as well as providing strategies for implementation of the master view of the Town for future growth.

This questionnaire is an important tool to help provide YOUR input and guidance in this process. **Please complete and return it to the Town of Watertown Municipal Office in person or by mail by August 15, 2012.**

We appreciate your assistance with this project. If you would like to be a part of the committee to work on this important job, please submit your name at the end of this survey and we will contact you. We expect the time required will be one or two meetings a month for the next one and a half to two years.

Sincerely,

*Jim Smith, Tom Boxberger, Pam Desorme,
Randy Vaas, Terry MacAdam*

Watertown Planning Board

Community Characteristics

1. What are your reasons for choosing to live in the Town of Watertown? (mark with 'X' all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> rural atmosphere | <input type="checkbox"/> affordable housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> distance to loved ones | <input type="checkbox"/> affordable land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> distance to work | <input type="checkbox"/> quality of life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tax rate | <input type="checkbox"/> recreational opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> low crime rate | <input type="checkbox"/> sense of community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grew up in the town | <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> schools | |

2. Are you a: (mark with 'X' only one response)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> not a resident, but own property in town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> business owner | <input type="checkbox"/> not a resident, but a business owner in town |

Town Character

3. Should the Town be concerned with protecting open space?

- yes no

3.a. If you answered 'yes' to question 3, why should open space be protected? (mark with 'X' all that apply)

- to protect scenic views
 to protect agricultural lands
 to help maintain rural character
 to protect environmentally sensitive areas

4. From the following list, what characteristics do you like or dislike about the Town of Watertown? (mark 'X' next to the response that best describes your feeling)

| | Like | Dislike | No Opinion |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| rural atmosphere | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| small population | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| farmland | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| town tax rate | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| absence of public water | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| absence of public sewer | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| presence of businesses in town | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| presence of light industry in town | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Residential Development

5. The Town of Watertown is unique in that it surrounds the City of Watertown on three sides creating pressure for development. What type of future development is the most important to encourage in this area? (mark with 'X' all that apply)

- rural residential - large lots
 rural residential - subdivisions of 1/2 acre or smaller lots
 mixed residential/business
 business
 light manufacturing
 large commercial/retail

6. Which type of housing development should be ENCOURAGED in the Town? (mark with 'X' all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> single family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> modular homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> multi-family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> tract or housing developments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mobile homes | <input type="checkbox"/> single family homes converted to apartments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> townhouses/condominiums | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> apartments | |

7. Which type of housing development should be DISCOURAGED in the Town? (mark with 'X' all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>single family homes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>modular homes</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>multi-family homes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>tract or housing developments</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>mobile homes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>single family homes converted to apartments</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>townhouses/condominiums</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>apartments</i> | |

Commercial Development

8. Which types of commercial development should be ENCOURAGED in the Town? (mark with 'X' all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>supercenter</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>family style restaurant</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>strip mall</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>car wash</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>casino</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>professional office</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>bar</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>grocery store</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>gas station/garage</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>home based business</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>garden center</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>agriculture</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>movie theater</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>light manufacturing</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>fast food restaurant</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>large business</i> |

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10. Where should new commercial development be located in the Town? (mark 'X' next to the response that best describes how you feel)

- Small commercial development should be spread throughout the community while larger commercial development should be concentrated in few areas.*
- All commercial development should be concentrated in a few areas along major highways.*
- All commercial development, regardless of size, should be spread throughout the community.*

Public Services

11. How would you rate the following in the Town of Watertown? (mark 'X' next to the response that best describes your rating)

| | <i>Good</i> | <i>Satisfactory</i> | <i>Poor</i> | <i>No Opinion</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| schools | <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"/> |
| road maintenance | <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"/> |
| ambulance service | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| dog control | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| municipal buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| code enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| government administration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Further Comments

12. Please use the following space to make any further comments you may have on the future of Watertown

13. If you are interested in helping with the Comprehensive Plan and being on the Comp Plan Committee, please contact the town at 782-8248 or submit your name here: