

COMMUNITY PLANNING SURVEY

VILLAGE OF CAMDEN 2012

A. PERSONAL DATA

Planning for the future of Camden is very important. In order to improve the effectiveness of this survey, please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. Your answers will help us understand how different groups of citizens feel about the directions the Village of Camden might take. As with all the questions in this survey, your answers are confidential and cannot be traced back to you.

1. Please choose which best describes or applies to your residency status in Camden. (Please check (v) only one.)

Village Resident

Landowner (but live outside the village)

2. What is your age group? (Please check (v) only one.)

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

3. What is the size of your household? (Please check (v) only one.)

One person

Two people

Three or four

Five or more

4. Does anyone under the age of 18 currently live in your home? (Please check (v) Yes or No.)

Yes

No

5. How many years have you lived in or owned land in the Village of Camden? (Please check (v) only one.)

Less than 5 years

5-9

10-14

15-19

20-24

25+

6. Do you own or rent your home? (Please check (v) only one.)

Own

Rent

7. Where do you work? (Please check (v) only one.)

In the Village of Camden

In the Town of Camden

Outside the Town of Camden

Retired

Unemployed

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B. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

8. What are your reasons for choosing to live and/or work in Camden? (Please check (v) all that apply.)

- Distance to work
- Distance to friends and relatives
- Affordable housing
- Tax rates
- Quality of village services
- Quality of schools
- Historic Buildings
- Crime rate
- Sense of community, small town atmosphere and community pride
- Proximity to nature and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Other _____

9. What aspects DISCOURAGE you from staying in Camden? (Please check (v) all that apply.)

- Distance to work
- Distance to friends and relatives
- Affordable housing
- Tax rates
- Quality of village services
- Quality of schools
- Historic buildings
- Crime rate
- Sense of community, small town atmosphere and community pride
- Proximity to nature and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Other _____

10. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in Camden? (Please check (v) only one.)

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

11. How important are the following factors to the future of Camden? (Please check (v) the column that best describes your opinion.)

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Preserve open space for future public use | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make the Village of Camden a walkable community | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Retain and expand viable commercial activity in the village downtown | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Encourage a sustainable mix of development and open space in the village and town..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments on Section B:

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C. GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

12. Over the next 5 years, Camden should: (Please check (v) the column that best describes your opinion)

| | <i>Strongly Agree</i> | <i>Agree</i> | <i>Disagree</i> | <i>Strongly Disagree</i> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Increase residential construction | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attract new business/commercial development..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Control the type of development | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protect environmental quality..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protect historic structures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Maintain/improve open space | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Slow traffic down on Main Street | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improve traffic flow in the village..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improve pedestrian flow in the village..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increase support and services to attract nature recreation and tourism business | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attract non-polluting manufacturing (assembly plants, small industries, etc.)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

13. Should the Village of Camden enact laws and/or be more aggressive in enforcing existing laws pertaining to the following? (Please check (v) Yes or No for each.)

| | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Unsightly trash and junk accumulation..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Junk car and machinery storage | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural style | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Abandoned and dilapidated buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Operation of home businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Absentee landlord properties | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Snowmobiles and ATV usage | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Regulation of signs..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Regulation of skateboarders | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Animal control..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

14. What kinds of commercial development would you like to see the Village of Camden attract? (Please check (v) all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Car repair shops</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Convenient stores</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Supermarkets</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gift shops</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Specialty stores</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Drug stores</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sporting goods</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hardware & lumber</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hotels or motels</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Personal services (e.g. salons)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Fast food restaurants</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Book, records, & video stores</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Restaurants other than fast food</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>None</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Banks & financial institutions</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other _____</i> |

Comments on Section C:

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D. COMMUNITY SERVICES

15. How satisfied are you with the quality of the following services? (Please check (v) the column that best describes your opinion)

| | <i>Very Satisfied</i> | <i>Satisfied</i> | <i>Dissatisfied</i> | <i>Very Dissatisfied</i> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Village Hall Facility..... | <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"/> |
| Ambulance services..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recreational facilities for youth..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recreational facilities for adults..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parks/open space..... | <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"/> |
| Zoning code enforcement..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Street/road maintenance..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Library services..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schools/educational facilities..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trash pickup and removal..... | <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"/> |
| Child care services..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public transportation..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health services..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

16. How satisfied are you with the condition of the following in the village? (Please check (v) the column that best describes your opinion)

| | <i>Very Satisfied</i> | <i>Satisfied</i> | <i>Dissatisfied</i> | <i>Very Dissatisfied</i> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Streets..... | <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"/> |
| Curbs..... | <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"/> |
| Residential properties..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial properties..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Industrial properties..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Storm water drainage..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17. How do you feel about zoning regulations in the Village of Camden (Please check (v) the column that best describes your opinion)

| | <i>Strongly Agree</i> | <i>Agree</i> | <i>Disagree</i> | <i>Strongly Disagree</i> |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Zoning regulations are too restrictive in the village..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Zoning regulations improve the quality of the village..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Zoning regulations are sufficient to protect the interests of the village..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Zoning regulations are insufficient, thereby allowing undesirable uses in the village..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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18. How often do you patronize retail businesses in the village? (Please check (v) only one.)

- Daily
- Twice a week
- Once a week
- Once every two weeks
- Once a month
- Once a year or less

19. How important is it to preserve the historic character of the village? (Please check (v) only one.)

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

20. If the opportunity arises, would you support burying of the overhead utility wires in the village core? (Please check (v) Yes or No.)

- Yes
- No

21. Would you support a streetscape program for improved aesthetics in the village core (along Main Street around the village park)? Such a program might include more street trees, benches, flowers, crosswalks, and improved sidewalks. (Please check (v) Yes or No.)

- Yes
- No

22. If you are the owner of a commercial building, would you be interested in using grant money to help improve your building?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Comments on Section D:

E. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

23. Do you feel there is a shortage of affordable housing in Camden? (Please check (v) Yes or No.)

- Yes
- No

If Yes, what segments of the population do you feel are affected? (Please check (v) all that apply.)

- Senior citizens
- Assisted living
- Low/moderate individuals and families
- Other _____

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24. Which type of housing development should be encouraged in the village? (Please check (v) all that apply.)

- Single family homes
- Multi-family homes
- Condominiums/town houses
- Senior housing
- Apartments
- Single family dwellings converted to apartments
- Tract or development housing
- None
- Other _____

25. Do you feel that there is adequate parking in Camden? (Please check (v) Yes or No.)

- Yes
- No

If No, please describe when and where the shortage typically occurs or why you feel the parking is inadequate.

26. Do you or members of your household find it difficult to walk across Main Street? (Please check (v) Yes or No.)

- Yes
- No

Comments on Section E:

F. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

27. How important are the following aspects of the village's environment? (Please check (v) the column that best describes your opinion.)

| | <i>Very Important</i> | <i>Important</i> | <i>Somewhat Important</i> | <i>Not Important</i> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Parks and open space..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic character (buildings and areas)..... | <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"/> |
| Overall visual aesthetic (how the village looks)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Signs (business signs)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Site design and layout of new developments/structures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Noise pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Air quality | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Light pollution..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Traffic..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Overall ecosystem health, integrity, and balance..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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