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Village of Whitesboro – Planning Questionnaire

The Village of Whitesboro is writing a new Comprehensive Plan (the Village last updated its comprehensive plan in 1979). When completed, the plan will present a snapshot or profile of the community, identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, identify grant and funding opportunities for infrastructure and other improvement projects, and help guide growth and development. ***Your input is very important so that the goals and objectives of the plan represent the desires of the community.*** During the next year, there will be additional opportunities for your input on the plan through public meetings, workshops, and draft plan review. However, this survey will serve as the foundation for identifying the Village's major issues and goals.

Please take a few moments to complete this survey. Please use a pen or marker (no pencil). **Place your choice for an answer on the appropriate line for each question.** Please be brief in your answers for the "fill in the blank" question. Please answer as many questions as you have information or opinions on. If you have no opinion, you may leave it blank. We ask that only one person per household fill out the questionnaire, but feel free to consult with all members of your household in forming your opinions. Please be assured of complete confidentiality and your name should not be placed on the questionnaire. **It is very important that we receive this survey back from you by December 6, 2002. Please fold and mail or drop off the survey to the Whitesboro Village Planning Board at 10 Moseley St., Whitesboro, NY 13492.** If you have any questions about this survey please call me at (315) 768-7282.

Also, you are invited to a planning workshop to be held at the Whitesboro Middle School Cafeteria on Monday, November 18th at 7pm. This informal workshop will be an important opportunity for you to offer additional input into the plan. We will be identifying strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities the Village faces as well as drafting a vision statement for the plan. We look forward to your participation at the upcoming public workshop.

Sincerely,

Steve Cox
Planning Board Chair

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Question:

Write your answer here

Question 1: What do you like the MOST about the Village of Whitesboro?
(Please select no more than three items)

1. _____

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| (a) Close to work | (h) Low crime rate |
| (b) Close to friends and relatives | (i) Sense of community, small town atmosphere and community pride (including parades and other community events) |
| (c) Affordable housing | (j) Other (please describe) _____ |
| (d) Tax rates (low taxes) | _____ |
| (e) Quality of Village services | _____ |
| (f) Quality of Schools | _____ |
| (g) Historic buildings | _____ |

Question 2: What do you like the LEAST about the Village of Whitesboro?
Please list items below

- 2a. _____
- 2b. _____
- 2c. _____

Question 3: Which BEST describes how Whitesboro has changed since you moved here?
(please select one)

3. _____

- (a) The Village of Whitesboro has become a more desirable place to live.
- (b) The Village of Whitesboro has become a less desirable place to live.
- (c) The Village has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live
- (d) I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.
- (e) Other: _____

Question 3a: Based on your answer to the previous question, please describe why you feel (or in what ways) Whitesboro has changed in its desirability as a place to live.

Question 4: How would you rate the quality of the following public services?
(Please rate each service using the following scale and write your answer in the space provided to the right)

- High Quality (H) = excellent level of service, no issues, no problems or concerns*
- Fair Quality (F) = adequate level of service, with occasional problems; service is acceptable*
- Poor Quality (P) = inadequate service, some aspects are acceptable, total service needs improvement*
- Failing Quality (FL) = completely inadequate or nonexistent service. Not functioning properly*
- Neutral/Undecided (N) = no opinion, not familiar with the service, or not sure*

- (a) Village hall facility 4a. _____
- (b) Emergency services (fire, ambulance) 4b. _____
- (c) Road maintenance 4c. _____
- (d) Sidewalk maintenance 4d. _____
- (e) Utilities (sewer, water, electric) 4e. _____
- (f) Trash pick-up and disposal 4f. _____
- (g) Recreation (condition and availability of parks and playgrounds) 4g. _____
- (h) Youth programs 4h. _____
- (i) Senior citizen programs 4i. _____
- (j) Building code enforcement 4j. _____
- (k) Library 4k. _____
- (l) Schools 4l. _____
- (m) Zoning and land use regulations 4m. _____
- (n) Enforcement of zoning, building codes 4n. _____
- (o) Telecommunications (telephone, cable) 4o. _____
- (p) Snow removal 4p. _____
- (q) Police protection 4q. _____
- (r) Public transportation 4r. _____

Question 5: If you rated any of the services *Poor (P)* or *Failing (FL)*, please describe the service inadequacies or explain why you gave such a low rating (please discuss three services only).

- (5.1). _____
- (5.2). _____
- (5.3). _____

Question 6: Do you feel the village should pursue sharing community services with adjacent municipalities for the following public services? 6. _____

- (a) Police
- (b) Fire / EMS
- (c) Unified codes office
- (d) Department of Public Works (DPW)
- (e) Other: _____

Question 7: please indicate the importance of the following aspects of the Village's environment: Please rate each aspect of the environment using the following scale and place your answer to the right.

- | Very important (VN)
Important (I) | (NI) | Somewhat important (SI) | Not important |
|---|------|-------------------------|---------------|
| | | No opinion (NO) | |
| (a) Parks and open space | | | 7a. _____ |
| (b) Historic character (buildings and areas) | | | 7b. _____ |
| (c) Street trees | | | 7c. _____ |
| (d) Overall visual aesthetic (how the village "looks") | | | 7d. _____ |
| (e) Signs (business signs) | | | 7e. _____ |
| (f) Site design and layout of new developments/structures | | | 7f. _____ |
| (g) Noise pollution | | | 7g. _____ |

Question 8: Do you feel the village should encourage more or less of the following land uses?
Please select one letter for each land use and write the response to the right in the space provided

- (8.1) (a) more residential (b) less residential (c) remain the same 8.1 _____
- (8.2) (a) more commercial (b) less commercial (c) remain the same 8.2 _____
- (8.3) (a) more industry (b) less industry (c) remain the same 8.3 _____

Question 9: How often do you patronize Village retail businesses? 9. _____

- (a) Daily (e) Once every two weeks
(b) Several times a week (but not daily) (f) Once a month
(c) Twice a week (g) Once a year or less
(d) Once a week

Question 10: How important is it to preserve the historic character of the Village? 10. _____

- (a) Very important (d) Not important
(b) Important (e) No opinion
(c) Somewhat important

Question 10a: If the opportunity arises, would you support burying of the overhead utility wires in the village core? 10a. _____

- (a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion

Question 11: Would you support an expansion of the commercial zone in the downtown core (The downtown core is generally considered along Main St. from the Plaza to West Moreland St.). This would involve extending the existing commercial district to include surrounding residential properties for eventual conversion to commercial uses).

- (a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion 11. _____

Question 12: Would you support a streetscape program for improved aesthetics in the village core (along Main St. around the village green)? Such a program might include more street trees, benches, flowers, crosswalks, and improved sidewalks.

- (a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion 12. _____

Question 13: What new uses would you support in the Village center (Main St. area around the Village Green)?(Please select three and list them to the right)

13. _____

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| (a) Restaurants and cafes | (g) Retail |
| (b) Deli or small grocery | (h) Industrial |
| (c) Professional offices (banks, law offices,,,,,) | (i) Motel/hotel |
| (d) Single-family residential | (j) Warehousing/distribution center |
| (e) Multi-family residential units (2 family) | (k) Movie theater |
| (f) Apartment buildings (3 or more family units) | (l) Other _____ |

Question 14: Do you feel that there is adequate parking in Whitesboro?

14. _____

- (a) Yes, there is adequate parking in the village
- (b) No, there is not adequate parking in the village
- (c) No opinion

Question 14a: If you answered "No, there is not adequate parking in the village," please describe when and where the shortage typically occurs or why you feel the parking is inadequate:

14.a _____

Question 15: In order to attract more commercial entities for jobs and tax base purposes, the village is considering expansion of the commercial zone surrounding the area of Whitestown Plaza to include contiguous residential parcels up to Sauquoit Creek (the village corporate line). Would you support this expansion and the eventual conversion of all uses in this area to commercial properties?

- (a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion

15. _____

Question 16: If you answered yes to question 15, what type of commercial uses would you like to see?

16. _____

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| (a) Restaurants and cafes | (g) Retail |
| (b) Deli or small grocery | (h) Industrial |
| (c) Professional offices (banks, law offices,,,,,) | (i) Motel/hotel |
| (d) Single-family residential | (j) Warehousing/distribution center |
| (e) Multi-family residential units (2 family) | (k) Movie theater |
| (f) Apartment buildings (3 or more family units) | (l) Other: _____ |

Question 17: Do you or members of your household find it difficult to walk across Oriskany Boulevard?

- (a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion

17. _____

Please describe the most difficult location and time of day: _____

Question 17a: If you answered yes, it is difficult to cross Oriskany Boulevard, what steps would you recommend to facilitate easier crossing of Oriskany Boulevard? (list all that apply)

17a. _____

- (a) More crosswalks
- (b) Better marked crosswalks
- (c) More sidewalks
- (d) Longer intervals between lights for crossing
- (e) Slower traffic
- (f) Other: _____

Question 18: What new uses would you support along Oriskany Boulevard?

18. _____

- (a) Restaurants and cafes
- (b) Deli or small grocery
- (c) Professional offices (banks, law offices, , , ,)
- (d) Single-family residential
- (e) Multi-family residential units (2 family)
- (f) Apartment buildings (3 or more family units)
- (g) Retail
- (h) Industrial
- (i) Motel/hotel
- (j) Warehousing/distribution center
- (k) Movie theater
- (l) Other _____

Question 19: Would you support a streetscape program for improved aesthetics along Oriskany Boulevard? Such a program might include more street trees, benches, flowers, crosswalks, and improved sidewalks.

(a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion 19. _____

Question 20: Do you feel that there is there a need for a community center for youth and senior programs in Whitesboro?

(a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion 20. _____

Question 21: Is you answered "yes, there is a need for a community center" in the previous question, would you support the conversion of older existing structure in the village core for a community center.

(a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion 21. _____

Question 22: Please rate the overall quality of the housing stock in Whitesboro (select the letter for the phrase that best matches your opinion and place it to the right.

- (a) excellent
 - (b) fair
 - (c) poor
 - (d) failing
22. _____

Question 23: please choose which best describes or applies to your residency status in Whitesboro

(1) Village resident (2) Landowner (but live outside village) 23. _____

Question 24: What is your age group? 24. _____

- (1) 18-24 (2) 25-34 (3) 35-44 (4) 45-54 (5) 55-64 (6) 65 +

Question 25: What is the size of your household? 25. _____

- (1) One person (2) Two people (3) Three or four (4) Five or more

Question 26: Does anyone under the age of 18 years of age
currently live in your home?

- (1) yes (2) no 26. _____

Question 27: Typical of many upstate New York communities, the median age in Whitesboro continues to climb (from 34 years in 1980 to 37 years of age in 2000). In your opinion, what would make Whitesboro more attractive to young people?

Question 28: How many years have you lived in the Village of Whitesboro? 28. _____

- (1) less than 5 years (2) 5-9 (3) 10-14 (4) 15-19 (5) 20-24 (6) 25 +

Question 29: Do you own or rent your home? 29. _____

- (1) own (2) rent

**Please Come to a Planning Workshop to Help Plan Our Village's
Future.**

When? November 18, 2002

Time? 7:00 p.m.

Where? Whitesboro Middle School Cafeteria

**Who? All residents, landowners, business owners and managers in
Whitesboro.**

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