

# TOWNS OF FAYETTE AND VARICK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

Survey conducted September- October 2004.

1. What do you like about residing in the Towns of Fayette and Varick (hereinafter "Towns")?

A	The rural, agricultural character of the community	643	61.2
B	The small-town atmosphere	577	55.0
C	Reasonable cost of housing	327	31.1
D	Close to Seneca and Cayuga Lakes	657	62.6
E	Family and/or friends reside close by	401	38.2
F	The quality of schools	245	23.3
G	It is a safe place to raise a family	449	42.8
H	Other (use comment sheet)	26	2.5
Total Number of Responses		1050	100.0

2. Which of the following are important to the quality of life in your neighborhood?

A	Well maintained houses and yards	599	57.0
B	Open green spaces/ rural environment / Nearby farms and vineyards	706	67.2
C	Country roads with low volumes of vehicular traffic	512	48.8
D	Intimate neighborhood/ friendly neighbors you personally know	450	42.9
E	Low crime rates / feeling of being safe	629	59.9
F	Quiet, peaceful neighborhood	689	65.6
G	Easy access to Seneca and/or Cayuga Lakes	543	51.7
H	High quality water in Seneca and/or Cayuga Lakes	415	39.5
I	Other (use comment sheet)	20	1.9
Total Number of Responses		1050	100.0

3. How concerned are you about farmland, and large undeveloped lots in and around your neighborhood, being subdivided into small lots and developed?

A	Very concerned	436	42.2
B	Somewhat concerned	358	34.7
C	Not concerned	172	16.7
D	No opinion/Neutral	67	6.5
Total Number of Responses		1033	100.0

4. Please respond to the following statement. "The Towns should preserve and protect farms and farmland from non-agricultural development."

A	Strongly agree	394	38.3
B	Somewhat agree	367	35.6
C	Somewhat disagree	103	10.0
D	Strongly disagree	79	7.7
E	No opinion/Neutral	87	8.4
Total Number of Responses		1030	100.0

5. Please respond to the following statement. "The Towns should work to reduce or prevent issues from arising between residential developments and agricultural landowners."

A	Strongly agree	546	53.0
B	Somewhat agree	324	31.4
C	Somewhat disagree	44	4.3
D	Strongly disagree	37	3.6
E	No opinion/Neutral	80	7.8
Total Number of Responses		1031	100.0

6. Please respond to the following statement. "The Towns should make an effort to reduce such conflicts in these mixed-use neighborhoods."

A	Strongly agree	697	67.6
B	Somewhat agree	222	21.5
C	Somewhat disagree	45	4.4
D	Somewhat disagree	29	2.8
E	No opinion/Neutral	38	3.7
Total Number of Responses		1031	100.0

7. Do you support future residential development in our community?

A	Strongly support	200	19.4
B	Somewhat support	456	44.3
C	Somewhat oppose	160	15.5
D	Strongly oppose	160	15.5
E	No opinion/Neutral	54	5.2
Total Number of Responses		1030	100.0

8. If you support residential development, which of the following types of dwellings do you think should be constructed in our community? (Select all that apply.)

A	Single-family dwellings	797	75.9
B	Two-family dwellings (duplexes)	115	11.0
C	Multiple-family dwellings (apartment buildings)	60	5.7
D	No opinion/Neutral	142	13.5
Total Number of Responses		1050	100.0

9. Which of the following types of residential development do you think are appropriate in our community? (Select all that apply.)

A	Houses on large lots with large open, green spaces separating the houses	748	71.2
B	Houses on smaller lots with smaller open green spaces separating the houses	207	19.7
C	Houses clustered on small lots, surrounded by large areas of open, green space	96	9.1
D	No opinion/Neutral	123	11.7
Total Number of Responses		1050	100.0

10. Please respond to the following statement. "The Towns should establish minimum lot sizes for development along Seneca and Cayuga Lakes."

A	Strongly agree	529	51.6
B	Somewhat agree	259	25.2
C	Somewhat disagree	65	6.3
D	Somewhat disagree	72	7.0
E	No opinion/Neutral	101	9.8
Total Number of Responses		1026	100.0

11. Overall, how satisfied are you with the maintenance and appearance of properties in our community?

A	Very satisfied	227	22.0
B	Somewhat satisfied	486	47.0
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	200	19.4
D	Very dissatisfied	77	7.5
E	No opinion/Neutral	43	4.2
Total Number of Responses		1033	100.0

12. From the following, please identify those concerns that contribute most to the poor appearance of properties in our community. (Select all that apply.)

A	Accumulations of junk in yards and fields	815	77.6
B	Poorly maintained residences	616	58.7
C	Poorly groomed yards	545	51.9
D	Other (Please use comment sheet.)	67	6.4
E	No opinion/Neutral	111	10.6
Total Number of Responses		1050	100.0

13. Should the Towns do more to encourage homeowners to better maintain their residences and properties?

A	Yes	697	67.8
B	No	164	16.0
C	No opinion/Neutral	167	16.2
Total Number of Responses		1028	100.0

14. Which of the following measures would you like the Towns to take to encourage homeowners to better maintain their residences and properties? (Select all that apply.)

A	Increase the level of inspections and communications with property owners	323	30.8
B	Establish town-wide property maintenance standards	476	45.3
C	Impose penalties including fines	317	30.2
D	Other (Please use comment sheet.)	65	6.2
E	Nothing; I am satisfied with the way properties are maintained	225	21.4
F	No opinion/Neutral	117	11.1
Total Number of Responses		1050	100.0

15. What types of commercial and/or industrial development, if any, should be encouraged to locate in our community? (Select all that apply.)

A	Retail stores and personal service businesses	439	41.8
B	Agricultural support businesses	496	47.2
C	Light industrial	382	36.4
D	Casinos and other businesses owned and operated by a sovereign nation	41	3.9
E	Tourist-related and outdoor recreation businesses	658	62.7
F	Home office businesses	402	38.3
G	Other (Please use comment sheet)	21	2.0
H	None - only farming and residential uses should be encouraged in the Towns	171	16.3
I	No opinion/Neutral	46	4.4
Total Number of Responses		1050	100.0

16. Please respond to the following statement. "The Towns should provide incentives to agricultural support businesses as a means of encouraging the continuation of agriculture in our community."

A	Strongly support	310	30.0
B	Somewhat support	355	34.4
C	Somewhat oppose	119	11.5
D	Strongly oppose	119	11.5
E	No opinion/Neutral	130	12.6
Total Number of Responses		1033	100.0

17. If you support industrial and commercial development in our community, where should commercial and industrial development occur?

A	Commercial and industrial development interspersed along roads and highways throughout the Towns	80	7.9
B	Commercial and industrial development concentrated in designated areas of our community	520	51.1
C	I have no preference where commercial and industrial development occurs	131	12.9
D	I do NOT support industrial and commercial development in our community	286	28.1
Total Number of Responses		1017	100.0

18. Please respond to the following statement. "The Towns should regulate business development in our community."

A	Strongly agree	390	38.2
B	Somewhat agree	425	41.6
C	Somewhat disagree	76	7.4
D	Strongly disagree	72	7.0
E	No opinion/Neutral	59	5.8
Total Number of Responses		1022	100.0

19.	Please respond to the following statement. "The Towns should use techniques to ensure that compatible land uses are grouped together and that incompatible land uses are separated."		
A	Strongly support	411	39.9
B	Somewhat support	345	33.5
C	Somewhat oppose	75	7.3
D	Strongly oppose	50	4.8
E	No opinion/Neutral	150	14.5
	Total Number of Responses	1031	100.0
20.	Do you support regulations to protect the environment, i.e., air quality, stream and lake water quality, groundwater quality, etc.?		
A	Strongly support	815	79.0
B	Somewhat support	167	16.2
C	Somewhat oppose	16	1.6
D	Strongly oppose	17	1.6
E	No opinion/Neutral	17	1.6
	Total Number of Responses	1032	100.0
21.	Do you support the use of zoning as one technique for influencing the types and location of development?		
A	Strongly support	534	51.8
B	Somewhat support	351	34.0
C	Somewhat oppose	61	5.9
D	Strongly oppose	42	4.1
E	No opinion/Neutral	43	4.2
	Total Number of Responses	1031	100.0
22.	Please respond to the following statement: "The Towns should provide additional recreational opportunities for the residents of our community."		
A	Strongly agree	295	28.9
B	Somewhat agree	318	31.1
C	Somewhat disagree	136	13.3
D	Strongly disagree	152	14.9
E	No opinion/Neutral	120	11.8
	Total Number of Responses	1021	100.0
23.	Do you support the development of paved bicycle lanes along the shoulders of roadways?		
A	Strongly support	461	45.2
B	Somewhat support	250	24.5
C	Somewhat oppose	106	10.4
D	Strongly oppose	141	13.8
E	No opinion/Neutral	61	6.0
	Total Number of Responses	1019	100.0

24. Do you support the development of off-road hiking and bicycle trails?

A	Strongly support	439	43.0
B	Somewhat support	309	30.3
C	Somewhat oppose	85	8.3
D	Strongly oppose	120	11.8
E	No opinion/Neutral	68	6.7
Total Number of Responses		1021	100.0

25. Do you support the development of equestrian trails?

A	Strongly support	222	21.9
B	Somewhat support	290	28.6
C	Somewhat oppose	130	12.8
D	Strongly oppose	148	14.6
E	No opinion/Neutral	224	22.1
Total Number of Responses		1014	100.0

26. Do you support the development of snowmobile trails?

A	Strongly support	182	18.0
B	Somewhat support	258	25.5
C	Somewhat oppose	151	14.9
D	Strongly oppose	313	30.9
E	No opinion/Neutral	109	10.8
Total Number of Responses		1013	100.0

27. Do you support the development of motorcycle / all-terrain-vehicle trails?

A	Strongly support	153	15.1
B	Somewhat support	177	17.5
C	Somewhat oppose	141	13.9
D	Strongly oppose	417	41.2
E	No opinion/Neutral	123	12.2
Total Number of Responses		1011	100.0

28. Do you support the development of cross-country ski trails?

A	Strongly support	367	36.2
B	Somewhat support	317	31.3
C	Somewhat oppose	86	8.5
D	Strongly oppose	119	11.7
E	No opinion/Neutral	125	12.3
Total Number of Responses		1014	100.0

29.	What should the Towns do to encourage the owners of historically significant properties and buildings to preserve their historical character?		
A	Provide property owners with information explaining how to preserve historic properties	297	32.8
B	Publicly recognize property owners who maintain the historical character of their properties	237	26.2
C	Form a historic preservation district with historical preservation standards	78	8.6
D	Other (Please use comment sheet.)	22	2.4
E	None of the above	137	15.1
F	No opinion/Neutral	134	14.8
	Total Number of Responses	905	100.0
30.	How satisfied are you with the quality of the fire protection?		
A	Very satisfied	621	60.6
B	Somewhat satisfied	275	26.8
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	32	3.1
D	Very dissatisfied	12	1.2
E	No opinion/Neutral	79	7.7
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	3	.3
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	3	.3
	Total Number of Responses	1025	100.0
31.	How satisfied are you with the quality of the ambulance service?		
A	Very satisfied	353	34.7
B	Somewhat satisfied	361	35.5
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	86	8.4
D	Very dissatisfied	45	4.4
E	No opinion/Neutral	152	14.9
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	19	1.9
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	2	.2
	Total Number of Responses	1018	100.0
32.	How satisfied are you with the enforcement of building and zoning regulations?		
A	Very satisfied	158	15.7
B	Somewhat satisfied	369	36.6
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	157	15.6
D	Very dissatisfied	118	11.7
E	No opinion/Neutral	188	18.7
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	11	1.1
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	7	.7
	Total Number of Responses	1008	100.0

33. How satisfied are you with the quality of the street/road maintenance and repair?

A	Very satisfied	146	14.3
B	Somewhat satisfied	317	31.0
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	252	24.6
D	Very dissatisfied	278	27.2
E	No opinion/Neutral	24	2.3
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	4	.4
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	2	.2

Total Number of Responses 1023 100.0

34. How satisfied are you with the quality of the snow plowing and removal service?

A	Very satisfied	309	30.4
B	Somewhat satisfied	410	40.3
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	127	12.5
D	Very dissatisfied	82	8.1
E	No opinion/Neutral	68	6.7
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	11	1.1
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	11	1.1

Total Number of Responses 1018 100.0

35. How satisfied are you with the quality of the stormwater drainage?

A	Very satisfied	135	13.3
B	Somewhat satisfied	287	28.3
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	200	19.7
D	Very dissatisfied	146	14.4
E	No opinion/Neutral	167	16.5
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	37	3.6
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	42	4.1

Total Number of Responses 1014 100.0

36. How satisfied are you with the quality of the municipal water service service?

A	Very satisfied	323	32.2
B	Somewhat satisfied	157	15.7
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	25	2.5
D	Very dissatisfied	40	4.0
E	No opinion/Neutral	68	6.8
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	241	24.0
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	149	14.9

Total Number of Responses 1003 100.0

37. How satisfied are you with the quality of the municipal sanitary sewer service?

A	Very satisfied	90	9.0
B	Somewhat satisfied	78	7.8
C	Somewhat dissatisfied	23	2.3
D	Very dissatisfied	68	6.8
E	No opinion/Neutral	103	10.3
F	Does not apply, but I would like the service provided	335	33.5
G	Does not apply and I do NOT want the service provided	302	30.2

Total Number of Responses 999 100.0



38.	If you do NOT have municipal water service but would like it provided, would you be willing to pay \$300 per year in order to receive municipal water service?			
A	Yes		358	54.4
B	No		300	45.6
	Total Number of Responses		658	100.0
39.	If you do NOT have municipal sanitary sewer service but would like it provided, would you be willing to pay \$800 per year in order to receive municipal sanitary sewer service?			
A	Yes		263	31.4
B	No		575	68.6
	Total Number of Responses		838	100.0
40.	If you rely on a private well for your supply of water, which of the following BEST describes the adequacy of your well?			
A	My well produces abundant amounts of good quality water		268	31.7
B	My well produces inadequate amounts of good quality water		44	5.2
C	My well produces abundant amounts of water, but the quality is poor		138	16.3
D	My well produces inadequate amounts of water and the quality is poor		59	7.0
E	Not applicable - I have municipal water service		336	39.8
	Total Number of Responses		845	100.0
43.	What is your age and gender?			
A	Male under 30		10	1.0
B	Male 30-44		73	7.2
C	Male 45-61		257	25.4
D	Male 62 or older		200	19.8
E	Female under 30		14	1.4
F	Female 30-44		72	7.1
G	Female 45-61		204	20.2
H	Female 62 or older		180	17.8
	Total Number of Responses		1010	100.0
44.	If you reside in Fayette or Varick, which one of the following BEST describes the housing unit in which you reside?			
A	Single-family residence		831	83.0
B	Two-family residence		19	1.9
C	Multiple-family residence or apartment building (3 or more dwelling units)		5	.5
D	Manufactured (mobile) home		56	5.6
E	Seasonal residence		90	9.0
	Total Number of Responses		1001	100.0
45.	If you reside in Fayette or Varick, do you own or rent your residence?			
A	Own		974	97.3
B	Rent		27	2.7
	Total Number of Responses		1001	100.0

46. If you are employed or operate a business, where is your place of employment located?

A	I work at home	68	6.8
B	I work in the Town of Fayette or Varick outside my home	27	2.7
C	I work in Seneca County outside the Towns of Fayette and Varick	188	18.9
D	I work in an adjoining county	171	17.2
E	I work elsewhere	122	12.3
F	I am not employed nor do I operate a business	44	4.4
G	I am retired	375	37.7
Total Number of Responses		995	100.0

47. If you reside in Fayette or Varick, how long have you resided here?

A	Less than 2 years	43	4.3
B	2-5 years	117	11.7
C	6-10 years	155	15.5
D	11-20 years	200	20.0
E	21-30 years	171	17.1
F	More than 30 years	312	31.3
Total Number of Responses		998	100.0

48. Which one of the following BEST describes your household?

A	Single person living alone	109	10.8
B	Single person with a child or children under 18 living at home	20	2.0
C	Couple without children under 18 living at home	587	58.2
D	Couple with a child or children under 18 living at home	183	18.1
E	Other family arrangement	78	7.7
F	Unrelated persons living together	32	3.2
Total Number of Responses		1009	100.0

49. Which one of the following BEST describes where you reside?

A	I reside in the Town of Fayette along the Seneca lakeshore	101	9.9
B	I reside in the Town of Fayette along the Cayuga lakeshore	103	10.1
C	I reside elsewhere in the Town of Fayette	468	45.8
D	I reside in the Town of Varick along the Seneca lakeshore	105	10.3
E	I reside in the Town of Varick along the Cayuga lakeshore	76	7.4
F	I reside elsewhere in the Town of Varick	111	10.9
G	I own property in Fayette and/or Varick, but I do NOT reside in either Town	58	5.7
Total Number of Responses		1022	100.0

50. Which one of the following BEST describes your residential situation?		
A	I have a permanent residence in the Town of Fayette or Varick	853 84.7
B	I have a seasonal residence in the Town of Fayette or Varick	128 12.7
C	I have both a permanent and seasonal residence in the Town Fayette or Varick	26 2.6
Total Number of Responses		1007 100.0

51. Which of the following BEST describes your situation?		
A	I own and operate a farm/agricultural operation and earn all or most of my living from farming	32 3.2
B	I am employed on a farm or in an agricultural-support business	17 1.7
C	I am a retired farmer	26 2.6
D	I rent land to a farmer or I own and operate a farm, but do NOT earn most of my living from farming	75 7.5
E	I am NOT employed in any business that is directly related to agriculture	849 85.0
Total Number of Responses		999 100.0
Total Number of Completed Surveys		1050

In a separate analysis, the two towns did not differ much in their responses. There was more satisfaction with road maintenance in Varick.

Many sub-analyses are conducted on the data collected. This survey shows the overall response.