

# Town of Blenheim General Survey 2011

## 1. Please rate Blenheim with regard to the following: (190 surveys tallied)

	Good	Adequate	Poor	COMMENTS
Affordable housing	59	69	21	41 – no answer
Air quality	161	13	2	14 – no answer
Animal control	59	74	20	37 – no answer
Cable service	18	40	89	43 – no answer
Cemeteries	44	95	5	46 – no answer
Electric services	64	85	24	17 – no answer
Emergency response - Ambulance	52	76	27	35 – no answer
Emergency response - Fire	72	71	12	35 – no answer
Emergency response - Police	32	83	40	35 – no answer
Enforcement of junk law	14	52	89	35 – no answer
Enforcement of noise ordinance	40	77	19	54 – no answer
High speed internet services	23	42	86	39 – no answer
Notification of town events	22	77	64	27 – no answer
Preservation of environmental resources (i.e. timber, waterways, scenic view, etc.)	54	80	28	28 – no answer
Preservation of historical landmarks	53	81	30	26 – no answer
Proximity to employment	5	50	96	39 – no answer
Proximity to health services	7	73	80	30 – no answer
Proximity to social services	10	84	60	36 – no answer
Recycling program	61	86	14	29 – no answer
Regulation/oversight of gas pipeline	11	76	48	55 – no answer
Road conditions	44	96	31	19 – no answer
Telephone service – cellular	7	27	136	20 – no answer
Telephone service – landline	66	78	21	25 – no answer
Town road maintenance	73	75	26	16 – no answer
Town road snow removal	94	70	10	16 – no answer
Trash disposal service	64	84	13	29 – no answer
Water quality	93	52	16	29 – no answer
Other (specify)				

Additional Comments:

## 2. Would you generally favor adding or improving any of the following public services or facilities?

	YES	NO	If YES, please check here if you would be in favor of spending tax money to make this improvement
Ambulance service	96	63	<input type="checkbox"/> 62
Animal control	34	121	<input type="checkbox"/> 15
Curbside garbage pickup	30	131	<input type="checkbox"/> 16
Development Planning/Site Plan Review	85	71	<input type="checkbox"/> 29

<b>Question 2 Continued:</b> Would you generally favor adding, expanding, or improving any of the following public services or facilities?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>If YES, please check here if you would be in favor of spending tax money to make this improvement</b>
Fire protection	87	74	<input type="checkbox"/> 49
Health care services (i.e. Clinic)	85	75	<input type="checkbox"/> 28
High speed internet service	92	65	<input type="checkbox"/> 23
Historical Society/rebuilding of museum/Blenheim Bridge	114	53	<input type="checkbox"/> 43
Law enforcement	60	102	<input type="checkbox"/> 24
Public transportation	44	115	<input type="checkbox"/> 14
Public water & sewer	25	137	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
Recreational facilities	68	89	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
Seasonal town decorations (i.e. holiday greenery, flags, etc.)	87	77	<input type="checkbox"/> 26
Senior services (i.e. group activities, outreach, etc.)	97	61	<input type="checkbox"/> 32
Sidewalks	23	140	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Special property cleanup days (i.e. tire day, hazardous waste disposal, etc.)	131	38	<input type="checkbox"/> 44
Town garage	68	94	<input type="checkbox"/> 31
Town hall	54	108	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
Town park	69	89	<input type="checkbox"/> 23
Youth services (activities, community service, etc.)	82	71	<input type="checkbox"/> 29
Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments:

### 3. Please indicate if Blenheim should encourage the following land use, development, or business:

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Please check here if you feel comfortable having this near your home</b>	<b>Suggested Location</b>
Agriculture & farming	167	10	<input type="checkbox"/> 113	
Assisted living facility	102	56	<input type="checkbox"/> 54	
Cell towers	145	31	<input type="checkbox"/> 82	
Child care center	99	57	<input type="checkbox"/> 49	
Heavy industry (i.e. chemical plant)	22	145	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	
Home-based business	155	15	<input type="checkbox"/> 81	
Light industry (i.e. assembly work)	134	35	<input type="checkbox"/> 62	
Logging	102	66	<input type="checkbox"/> 42	
Mining	36	132	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	
Natural gas drilling/hydrofracking	42	127	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	
Outdoor sports (i.e. hunting, fishing, etc.)	149	24	<input type="checkbox"/> 80	
Overnight accommodations (i.e. bed & breakfast, hotel, campgrounds, etc.)	150	21	<input type="checkbox"/> 77	
Niche farming and agri-tourism	141	21	<input type="checkbox"/> 75	

<b>Question 3 Continued:</b> Please indicate if Blenheim should encourage the following land use, development, or business:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Please check here if you feel comfortable having this near your home	<b>Suggested Location</b>
Professional services (i.e. dentist, attorney, etc.)	132	29	<input type="checkbox"/> 77	
Recreation areas	133	29	<input type="checkbox"/> 67	
Retail businesses (i.e. restaurants, grocery, hardware, etc.)	157	13	<input type="checkbox"/> 73	
Tourism	139	26	<input type="checkbox"/> 57	
Wind turbines (commercial)	88	76	<input type="checkbox"/> 49	
Wind turbines (residential)	125	44	<input type="checkbox"/> 73	
Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional Comments:

#### 4. Is it important for the Town of Blenheim to regulate the following:

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Adult bookstores and/or shops	121	49	
ATV/snowmobile use	111	58	
Business signs	100	64	
Department of Environmental Protection purchase of land for the New York City water shed	136	38	
Development (i.e. housing, business, etc.)	134	35	
Good management practices for farming and logging	146	30	
Historic character	144	25	
Industrial facilities	139	34	
Junk vehicle storage	138	37	
Land use that adversely impacts the environment	152	23	
Land use that significantly lowers surrounding land values	148	29	
Lighting for commercial use	101	67	
Lighting for residential use	67	98	
Livestock	72	92	
Location of cell/telecommunication towers	130	46	
Location of wind turbines - commercial	127	45	
Location of wind turbines - residential	104	68	
Mining	132	41	
Mobile homes and mobile home parks	125	48	
Natural gas drilling/hydrofracking	145	31	
Noise	125	44	
Scenic impact of structures	119	50	
Subdivisions	125	38	
Threats to agriculture	144	26	
Upkeep of vacant parcels and dilapidated buildings	135	39	
Other (specify)			

Additional Comments:

**5. Are you in favor of the following:**

	YES	NO	Using Tax Funds	Using Other Funds (i.e. grants, donations, etc.)
Art programs	111	53	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 98
Creating a bike path	103	65	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 82
Creating a hiking trail	112	54	<input type="checkbox"/> 15	<input type="checkbox"/> 84
Creating ATV/snowmobile trails	95	73	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 70
Creating equestrian trails	93	66	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 71
Creation of a registry/publication of historic sites in Blenheim	129	35	<input type="checkbox"/> 35	<input type="checkbox"/> 74
Increased ambulance service	119	39	<input type="checkbox"/> 55	<input type="checkbox"/> 53
Increased fire protection	111	47	<input type="checkbox"/> 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 50
Land acquisition for conservation	80	74	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 56
Land acquisition for future town recreational areas	84	68	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 52
Land acquisition for siting town facilities removed from flood plain	113	42	<input type="checkbox"/> 49	<input type="checkbox"/> 53
Music programs	84	74	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 65
Outdoor athletic fields	82	76	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 55
Paving private roads	27	136	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
Paving town roads	146	21	<input type="checkbox"/> 74	<input type="checkbox"/> 42
Police protection	104	55	<input type="checkbox"/> 39	<input type="checkbox"/> 39
Senior programs	112	44	<input type="checkbox"/> 27	<input type="checkbox"/> 60
Sharing/combining services with nearby towns (i.e. road maintenance, snow removal)	131	29	<input type="checkbox"/> 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 33
Sidewalks	29	127	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
Street lighting	43	112	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
Tax incentives for preservation of open space	103	53	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 38
Tax incentives to bring in businesses	117	46	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 44
Town events for residents (i.e. fireworks, parades, picnics, etc.)	119	39	<input type="checkbox"/> 27	<input type="checkbox"/> 64
Town events for tourism	123	35	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 72
Town park	104	55	<input type="checkbox"/> 27	<input type="checkbox"/> 52
Town playground	97	61	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 56
Utilization of current natural resources/areas to bring in tourism	128	34	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 67
Youth programs	110	48	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 63
Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments:

**6. How concerned are you about the following:**

	Concerned	Not Concerned	No Opinion
Dam safety – Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project	118	32	4
Dam safety – Gilboa Reservoir	132	37	4
Existing propane gas pipeline	132	34	6
Heavy commercial truck traffic (specify road _____)	85	54	20
Increased traffic (specify road _____)	55	70	19
Loss of farmland	131	31	7
Loss of natural areas (i.e. forest land, meadows, streams, etc.)	128	36	3
Stream bank stabilization/creek erosion control	147	16	7
Lack of cell coverage	129	37	6
Natural gas drilling/hydrofracking	139	33	1
Personal well water quality	132	30	8
Schoharie Creek & stream flooding	156	11	4
Schoharie Creek water quality	127	39	3
Speeding	95	65	11
Wind turbines - commercial	79	84	9
Wind turbines – residential	44	114	14
Other (specify)			

Additional Comments:

**7. Please rate the FUTURE importance of the following town characteristics:**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Affordable housing	79	65	25
Clean and green environment (i.e. air & water quality)	144	23	4
Farming and agriculture business opportunities	138	29	8
Historical richness of area	111	52	10
Improved town buildings	71	76	26
Local job opportunities	115	45	11
Local shopping opportunities	72	70	27
More recreation for residents	43	77	46
More second home development	38	61	68
Outdoor sports and recreational opportunities	58	78	35
Preservation of current farms	134	34	5
Quality – school district	121	42	8
Quality – community services	100	57	15
Rural character	139	35	1
Scenic quality	137	34	3
Vibrant tourism industry	64	75	29
Other (specify)			

Additional Comments:

**8. Please take a moment to tell us a bit about yourself (Please circle answer):**

a) Your age group	18-35 (8)	36-55 (66)	Over 55 (109)
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b) Length of Residency/Land Ownership in Blenheim:	0-10 (34)	10-20 (55)	20+ (91)
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c) Your Association with Blenheim (circle all that apply):	Own land (147)	Own home (151)	Commercial business (3)
	Rent land (3)	Rent home (2)	Home-based business (14)
	Artist (13)	Farm full time (2)	Farm part time (14)

d) Please specify your residency status in Blenheim:	Full time (104)	Part time (70)
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e) Where in Blenheim do you live (circle all that apply):	In the hamlet/village (19)	On a private road (35)	On a town road (76)
	On a county or state road (61)	On a farm (15)	Other: _____

f) Why do you live/own property in Blenheim (circle all that apply):	Cost of living (36)	Employment (9)	Rural environment (126)
	Family/friends (68)	Hometown (17)	Housing (10)
	Location (73)	Recreation (49)	Rural character (116)
	Schools (19)	Affordable land (57)	Farmland (33)
	Historic character (42)	Second home (48)	Low crime rate (68)
	Property taxes (50)	Other _____	

**5. Please include any additional comments that you may have:**