

Town/Village of Richmondville Resident/Landowner Survey
Winter 2004

1293 Surveys sent out 475 Returned 37% return rate

Town/Village of Richmondville residents/landowners please answer the following questions:

1a.) Do you own land in the Town/Village of Richmondville? 424 Yes 42 No 9 No Ans.

1b.) I am presently: 363 a full-time, property owning resident
 7 a part-time or seasonal, property owning resident (more than 6 months/yr & vote here)
 15 an occasional, property owning resident (less than 6 months/yr and/or do not vote here)
 41 non-resident landowner
 6 non-resident business owner
 35 renting resident
 9 No Answer

2.) I have owned land/lived/operated business in Richmondville for:

66 0-3 years 68 4-8 years 42 9-12 years
68 13-20 years 78 21-30 years 146 over 30 years 7 No Answer

3.) In which general area is your land/residence/business?

158 Village of Richmondville
99 Warnerville/Route 7 Corridor (See map on back of cover letter)
217 Remainder of Town
12 No Answer

4.) I presently own the following property in Richmondville:(indicate number of parcels you own on each line)

1 survey-8 parcels/2 surveys-3 parcels/9 surveys-2 parcels/193 surveys-1 parcel 2 acres or less
1 survey-4 parcels/1 survey-2 parcels/57 surveys-1 parcel 2.1-5 acres
1 survey-4 parcels/77 surveys-1 parcel 5.1-10 acres
1 survey-3 parcels/4 surveys-2 parcels/41 surveys-1 parcel 10.1-25 acres
31 surveys-1 parcel 25.1-50 acres
1 survey-3 parcels/33 surveys-1 parcel 50.1 acres or more
24 I rent my residence 0 I rent my business 23 No Answer

5.) Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address?

106 Elsewhere in Richmondville 48 New York City/Westchester/Rockland/Long Island
156 Elsewhere in Schoharie County 74 Elsewhere in Upstate New York
19 New England (CT, MA, VT, ME, NH, RI) 16 Always lived where I do now
19 Mid-Atlantic (NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA) 21 Elsewhere: _____
20 No Answer

6.) How far do you commute (one-way) to work?

74 Work at home or on my own property 141 less than 10 miles 59 11 – 30 miles
58 31 – 60 miles 17 61 miles or greater
131 No Answer

7.) My property in Richmondville would be considered in the following category: (check all that apply)

386 Residential 22 Commercial
58 Hobby farm or active farm 49 Non-farm, vacant land
19 No Answer

8.) My residence in Richmondville would be classified as:

389 Single family 28 Two-family 19 Multi-family 32 No residence (land or business only)
15 No Answer

9a.) My residence in Richmondville would be classified as: (indicate number on all that apply)

342 Wood frame 47 Mobile home (single or double)
39 Manufactured home (modular) 9 Masonry 6 Other 28 Not applicable

9b.) My business in Richmondville would be classified as: (indicate number on all that apply)

 Wood frame Mobile/Manufactured
 Steel frame Pole building Masonry Other Not applicable

10.) Since buying property/establishing my residence or business in Richmondville, the area:

167 has become more desirable to live in. 171 has become less desirable to live in.

Why? _____

11.) A majority of the land in the *Town* has a required minimum lot size between 1 and 2 acres. Would you consider this size to be:

92 too small 329 adequate 29 too large 25 No Answer

A majority of the land in the *Village* has a required minimum lot size between ½ and 1 acre. Would you consider this size to be:

67 too small 338 adequate 22 too large 49 No Answer

12.) There are plans for a recreation path (using grant/private funds and no eminent domain) along Cobleskill Creek from the Village of Cobleskill to the high school to the Village of Richmondville. Do you support a recreation path?

299 Yes 46 No 130 Need more information 15 No Answer

13.) Are there historic sites, natural or unique environmental areas which should be conserved in Richmondville?

185 Yes 105 No 185 No Answer

If #13 is yes, please list and state the location of any sites or areas:

14.) Are environmentally sensitive areas (wetlands, steep slopes, agricultural districts, etc...) presently protected enough in Richmondville?

219 Yes 81 No **If no, what do you think should be more protected?**
177 No answer

15.) Do you support measures to protect scenic views or establishment of visually sensitive districts?

296 Yes 93 No 86 No Answer

If yes, what area(s) do you think should be protected?

If yes, what type of protection should be considered? (check all that apply)

135 Architectural Requirements 150 Restriction in height of buildings 99 Lighting
122 Landscaping Requirements 172 Restrictions on tree removal
93 Larger lot sizes _____ Other _____

16.) Please indicate whether Richmondville should encourage or discourage the following land uses and, if encouraged, your preferred location:

	Encourage	Discourage	Preferred Location (list specific area)	
-- Commercial	<u>260</u>	<u>77</u>	_____	<u>137</u> N
-- Convenience Stores	<u>172</u>	<u>152</u>	_____	<u>151</u> N
-- Farming	<u>336</u>	<u>13</u>	_____	<u>126</u> N
-- Home Based Businesses	<u>269</u>	<u>39</u>	_____	<u>167</u> N
-- Heavy Industrial	<u>55</u>	<u>258</u>	_____	<u>162</u> N
-- Light Industrial	<u>227</u>	<u>99</u>	_____	<u>149</u> N
-- Hotel/Motel	<u>162</u>	<u>147</u>	_____	<u>166</u> N
-- Large Retail	<u>118</u>	<u>203</u>	_____	<u>154</u> N
-- Small Retail	<u>315</u>	<u>32</u>	_____	<u>128</u> N
-- Professional Offices	<u>226</u>	<u>123</u>	_____	<u>126</u> N
-- Restaurants	<u>317</u>	<u>36</u>	_____	<u>122</u> N
-- Open Space	<u>276</u>	<u>19</u>	_____	<u>180</u> N
-- Recreational Facilities	<u>279</u>	<u>31</u>	_____	<u>165</u> N
-- Single-Family Residential	<u>318</u>	<u>9</u>	_____	<u>148</u> N
-- Two-Family Residential	<u>175</u>	<u>114</u>	_____	<u>186</u> N
-- Affordable Housing	<u>229</u>	<u>92</u>	_____	<u>154</u> N
-- Apartments	<u>155</u>	<u>146</u>	_____	<u>174</u> N
-- Condominiums	<u>114</u>	<u>189</u>	_____	<u>172</u> N
-- Town Houses	<u>134</u>	<u>168</u>	_____	<u>173</u> N
-- Mobile Home Parks	<u>44</u>	<u>276</u>	_____	<u>155</u> N
-- Senior Housing	<u>311</u>	<u>34</u>	_____	<u>130</u> N

17.) I would like land use in my immediate Richmondville neighborhood to develop as: (check all that apply)

<u>161</u> Agricultural	<u>157</u> Mixed (Residential/Small Business)
<u>132</u> Conservation/Preservation	<u>188</u> Rural Residential-Agricultural
<u>14</u> High Density Residential	<u>176</u> Rural Residential
<u>17</u> Industrial/Manufacturing	<u>76</u> Small Business/Commercial/Retail
<u>18</u> Large Business/Commercial/Retail	

18.) Please indicate the importance of each of the following aspects of the area's environment:

	Important	Somewhat Important	Not that Important	No Answer
Air quality	<u>409</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>32</u>
Drinking water quality	<u>440</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>22</u>
Farmland	<u>311</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>43</u>
Forests	<u>334</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>37</u>
Historic buildings	<u>233</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>52</u>
Scenic views	<u>287</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>44</u>
Stream corridors	<u>299</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>52</u>
Streamwater quality	<u>349</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>44</u>
Wetlands	<u>243</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>53</u>
Wildlife habitat diversity	<u>285</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>48</u>

19.) Review the following strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threats in/to the Village and Town. This list was devised by a committee and needs to be compared to the views of the general public. Indicate (by checking 3 in each category) what you think are the 3 most important in each of the four categories in the Village/Town of Richmondville. It is assumed that what is important will be different depending on if you live in the Village or in the Town, and that is okay. You may live in the Town, but feel items in the Village are a priority and vice versa, and that is okay. If you think there is a different strength, weakness, opportunity or threat that is a top priority, please indicate on the 'other' line:

Strengths (Check only your top three)

Access to Capital District/Cooperstown/Oneonta	<u>161</u> 2	<u>22</u> No Answer
Clean Environment	<u>128</u> 4	
Low Crime	<u>140</u> 3	
Open Space/Working Farms	<u>93</u>	
People (Sense of Community/Cooperation)	<u>65</u>	
Public Transportation	<u>25</u>	
Recreation	<u>26</u>	
Richmondville Electric	<u>275</u> 1	
Road System (Town/Village/State)	<u>47</u>	
Rural Character	<u>132</u> 4	
Scenery	<u>55</u>	
School System	<u>129</u> 4	
Sidewalks	<u>7</u>	
Village Downtown Character	<u>24</u>	
Water/Sewer in Village	<u>48</u>	
Other _____	<u>9</u>	

Opportunities (Check only your top three)

Assisted Living Facility	<u>157</u> 3	<u>52</u> No Answer
Economic Development along Route 7	<u>266</u> 1	
Historic Preservation	<u>162</u> 3	
Revitalized Downtown	<u>224</u> 2	
Support Industry for Tech Valley	<u>154</u> 3	
Tourism/Ag Tourism	<u>160</u> 3	
Other _____	<u>17</u>	

Weaknesses (Check only your top three)

Absentee Landlords	<u>167</u> 2	<u>54</u> No Answer
Certain Types of Home-Based Businesses	<u>29</u>	
Dependency on Other Municipalities for Services	<u>70</u>	
Existing Town Zoning Law	<u>89</u> 4	
Garbage Collection Methods	<u>66</u>	
Lack of Local Jobs	<u>277</u> 1	
Lack of Planning for Water/Sewer Infrastructure	<u>68</u>	
Lack of Zoning/Code Enforcement	<u>95</u> 4	
No Long Term Planning	<u>137</u> 3	
Town Roads	<u>62</u>	
Other _____	<u>56</u>	

Threats (Check only your top three)

Commercial Sprawl	<u>171</u>	4	<u>55</u>	No Answer
Large Subdivisions	<u>205</u>	3		
Loss of Farms	<u>307</u>	1		
Loss of Open Space	<u>228</u>	2		
Structure Fire in Village	<u>113</u>			
Maintenance of Water Dams	<u>56</u>			
Other _____	<u>41</u>			

20.) Land use regulations should evaluate projects based on:

303 impact (architecture, noise, lighting, landscaping, parking, signage, traffic, storm drainage, size of the parcel, etc...) to the surrounding area

91 allowed and prohibited uses by zoning district (as is the law now)

21a.) What types of things should be *more* enforced/regulated (check all that apply):

<u>40</u> Nothing	<u>59</u> Lighting for residential uses
<u>98</u> Animal Control – Cats	<u>120</u> Location of commercial uses
<u>122</u> Animal Control - Dogs	<u>78</u> Lot sizes
<u>6</u> Animal Control – Other: _____	<u>99</u> Noise
<u>117</u> Apartments	<u>76</u> Parking
<u>25</u> Architecture	<u>55</u> Placement of recreational vehicles
<u>329</u> Junk	<u>16</u> Placement of residential uses
<u>49</u> Landscaping for nonresidential uses	<u>63</u> Signs
<u>43</u> Landscaping for residential uses	<u>56</u> Yard sales
<u>50</u> Lighting for nonresidential uses	<u>46</u> Other <u>41</u> No Answer

21b.) What types of things should be *less* enforced/regulated (check all that apply):

<u>166</u> Nothing	<u>38</u> Lighting for residential uses
<u>13</u> Animal Control – Cats	<u>26</u> Location of commercial uses
<u>11</u> Animal Control - Dogs	<u>47</u> Lot sizes
<u>2</u> Animal Control – Other: _____	<u>12</u> Noise
<u>10</u> Apartments	<u>20</u> Parking
<u>28</u> Architecture	<u>26</u> Placement of recreational vehicles
<u>14</u> Junk	<u>26</u> Placement of residential uses
<u>35</u> Landscaping for nonresidential uses	<u>30</u> Signs
<u>53</u> Landscaping for residential uses	<u>48</u> Yard sales
<u>25</u> Lighting for nonresidential uses	<u>160</u> No Answer

