



Town of Horicon Community Survey

"...With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed."

- Abraham Lincoln

By completing this survey, your opinions will be part of the Town of Horicon's Comprehensive Plan. Horicon should be how you want it to be.

Please remember to return your completed survey by December 8, 2006.

For Questions 1 to 17, how do you rate the following?

- 1 = Poor
- 2 = Needs improvement
- 3 = Fine
- 4 = Good
- 5 = Great

1. Town fire protection (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
2. Rescue / ambulance service (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
3. Condition of local roads (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
4. Snow removal (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
5. Appearance of business areas (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
6. Planning and zoning process (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
7. Zoning enforcement (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
8. Library (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
9. Cemeteries (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
10. Town recreational facilities (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
11. Mill Pond swimming area (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
12. Adirondack swimming area (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
13. Brant Lake boat launch (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
14. Access to State trail system (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
15. Police protection (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
16. Recycling program (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)
17. Animal control (poor) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(great)



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For Questions 18 to 41, rate how important that item is to you.

(1 = Not important 5 = Very important)

18. Horicon's small town atmosphere (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
19. Town services (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
20. Improving Horicon's economy (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
21. Making more products and services available to you locally (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
22. Bringing sales tax revenue back into Horicon (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
23. Education for children (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
24. Education for adults (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
25. Horicon's natural resources (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
26. Developing commercial activity on the Brant Lake Mill Pond (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
27. Maintaining construction jobs (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
28. New community events (such as fireworks, parades or picnics) (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
29. Attracting tourism to Horicon (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
30. Town beautification efforts (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
31. Community and recreation facilities (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
32. Sharing and combining more services with nearby towns (like Chester) (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
33. Water quality of Horicon's lakes (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
34. Preservation of undeveloped land (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
35. Preserving historic sites (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
36. Protection of scenic views (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
37. Protection of lakes, streams and freshwater wetlands (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
38. Protection of animal habitat (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
39. Buying land for future town services (like a Town Beach) (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
40. Buying land or rights to land for conservation and recreation (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)
41. Your rights to build on or develop your land (not) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.(very)

For Questions 42 to 71, which of the following would you like to see in the Town of Horicon?

42. General & convenience stores More Less Same as now
43. Craft and artisan shops More Less Same as now
44. Grocery stores More Less Same as now
45. Antique stores More Less Same as now
46. Other retail stores More Less Same as now
47. Bed & breakfasts More Less Same as now
48. Hotel / inn / conference center / lodge More Less Same as now
49. Restaurants More Less Same as now
50. Bars More Less Same as now
51. Spa / health club / resort More Less Same as now
52. Recreational businesses (golf, fishing) More Less Same as now
53. Marinas More Less Same as now
54. Snowmobile / ATV dealers More Less Same as now
55. Senior citizens' residences More Less Same as now
56. Expanded community center More Less Same as now
57. Gas stations More Less Same as now
58. Car repair More Less Same as now
59. Car sales More Less Same as now
60. Mini-storage More Less Same as now
61. Agriculture (farms, orchards) More Less Same as now
62. Logging and sawmills More Less Same as now
63. Light manufacturing businesses More Less Same as now
64. Building and construction services More Less Same as now
65. Garden center / nursery More Less Same as now
66. Bowling alleys More Less Same as now
67. Laundromat / dry cleaners More Less Same as now
68. Movie theaters More Less Same as now
69. Adult entertainment More Less Same as now
70. Day care / after-school care More Less Same as now
71. Professional offices More Less Same as now

For Questions 72 to 93, do you agree with or disagree with the following?

- (1 = Strongly disagree,
- 2 = Disagree, 3 = No Opinion
- 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly agree)

72. Do you prefer clustered development (single family homes on smaller lots with common open space where suitable)? (strongly disagree) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (strongly agree)
73. Does the town need to provide more affordable housing to the community? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
74. Do the elderly need more affordable housing? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
75. Do young people need more affordable housing? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
76. Should the town provide incentives for building low-cost housing? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
77. Should the town make it easier to build "in-law apartments" for parents or relatives to live in the home of residents? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
78. Should Horicon allow more types of business to open without approval by the town planning board? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
79. Are there unpaved town roads you think should be paved? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. If yes, which ones? _____
80. Should unpaved private roads be allowed in developments? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
81. Does Horicon need more sidewalks? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. If so, where? _____
82. Does Horicon need bike paths? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. If so, where? _____
83. Should the town develop a trail system? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
84. Should trails be used for hiking? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
85. Should trails be used for cycling? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
86. Should trails be used for snowmobiling? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
87. Should trails be used for ATVs? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
88. Should the town promote hunting, trapping and fishing? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
89. Should the town supply water? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
90. Should the town provide a public septic / sewer system? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
91. Will bringing businesses into Horicon increase your property values? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
92. Do you support tax incentives to bring businesses into our town? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
93. Would you support the town paying for acquisition of land for conservation? 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

For Questions 94 to 105, which of the following would you like to see encouraged or discouraged in Horicon?

- (1 = Strongly discourage
2 = Discourage
3 = Neither
4 = Encourage
5 = Strongly encourage)

- 94. New housing in Horicon
95. New housing in your area of Horicon
96. New housing near the lakeshores
97. New housing away from the lakeshores
98. New single-family homes
99. New multi-family homes
100. New mobile homes on individual lots
101. New mobile home parks
102. Rental housing
103. Rehabilitation of older homes
104. Economic growth
105. Recreation on public lands

106. How would you best describe housing growth in the Town of Horicon?

- A. Much too slow
B. A little too slow
C. Just right
D. A little too fast
E. Much too fast

107. How should the town respond to future residential growth?

- A. Encourage growth
B. Limit growth
C. Maintain constant growth

108. How do you feel about the towns land use and zoning regulations?

- A. Too restrictive
B. Generally OK
C. Too lenient

109. Should the current lot sizes increase or decrease?

- A. Increase substantially
B. Increase somewhat
C. Remain the same
D. Decrease somewhat

110. Should the current lot sizes near you increase or decrease?

- A. Increase substantially
B. Increase somewhat
C. Remain the same
D. Decrease somewhat
E. Decrease substantially

111. How should Horicon regulate building docks?

- A. Create stricter limits
B. Maintain current limits
C. Ease limits

112. How should Horicon regulate building boat houses?

- A. Create stricter limits
B. Maintain current limits
C. Ease limits

113. Are there roads or intersections that are hazardous for pedestrians or vehicles?

- A. None
B. A few
C. Many
If so, which ones?

114. Do you have any suggestions for improvements to roads in our town, such as better signage?

Blank lines for suggestions.

115. Would you pay for curbside garbage pickup?

- Yes No

116. Will your children be able to afford living in Horicon?

- Yes No

117. Do you live in the Town of Horicon?

- Yes No

118. Is Horicon your primary residence?

- Yes No

119. Are you a registered voter in Horicon?

- Yes No

120. Do you own property in Horicon?

- Yes No

121. Do you rent property in Horicon?

- Yes No

122. How would you describe yourself?

- A. Full-time Resident
B. Seasonal Resident
C. Non-resident Landowner
D. Vacationer / Tourist
E. Other

123. How many months per year do you spend in Horicon?

Blank line for answer.

124. How old are you?

Blank line for answer.

125. How long have you lived in Horicon?

Blank line for answer.

126. How many people live in your household in Horicon?

Blank line for answer.

127. What is your household income? (combined with spouse)

- A. Less than \$15,000 per year
B. \$15,000 to \$25,000
C. \$25,000 to \$50,000
D. \$50,000 to \$75,000
E. Over \$75,000

128. What best describes where you live in Horicon?

- A. Brant Lake Hamlet
B. Adirondack Hamlet
C. South Horicon
D. Crystal / Sherman Lake
E. Schroon River
F. Shore of Brant Lake—Route 8
G. Shore of Brant Lake—Palisades Rd
H. Grassville / Duell Hill Road
I. Pease Hill / Dorset Road
J. Beaver Pond
K. Starbuckville
L. East Shore Drive
M. Valentine Pond / Shaw Road
N. Route 8 North of Brant Lake
O. Route 8 South of Brant Lake

129. What type of residence do you have in Horicon?

- A. Single family
B. Two family
C. Multi-family / apartment
D. Condominium
E. Modular / mobile home

130. How are you currently employed?

- A. Full-time
B. Part-time
C. Full-time Homemaker
D. Looking for work
E. Retired
F. Student
G. Not looking for work

131. What is your occupation?

- A. Local / State Government
B. Construction / Building Trades
C. Forestry / Agriculture
D. Manufacturing
E. Retail
F. Education
G. Health Care
H. Dining / Hospitality
I. Other Tourism-related Services
J. Real Estate
K. Legal
L. Accounting
M. Finance
N. Computer / High Tech
O. Other Business Services
P. Homemaker
Q. Unemployed
R. Other:

132. Where do you work?

- A. Horicon
B. Chestertown
C. Hague
D. Warrensburg
E. Schroon Lake
F. Bolton Landing
G. Lake George
H. Queensbury
I. Glens Falls
J. Other:

133. Would you rather work in Horicon?

- Yes No

134. Do you work at home?

- Yes No

135. How far do you commute to work?

Blank line for answer.

136. Where do you usually shop? (pick the nearest one)

- A. Horicon
B. Chestertown
C. Warrensburg
D. Ticonderoga
E. Lake George
F. Queensbury / Glens Falls
G. Farther than Glens Falls
H. Other

137. What are the advantages of living in Horicon?

Blank lines for advantages.

138. What are the disadvantages of living in Horicon?

Blank lines for disadvantages.

139. Please provide any suggestions you may have for our new Town of Horicon Master Plan:

Blank lines for suggestions.

140. Please provide any other comments you may have about Town of Horicon services:

Blank lines for comments.

Please return your completed survey by December 8, 2006 to the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Town of Horicon, P.O. Box 90, Brant Lake, NY 12815 (postage paid envelope enclosed).

Please have each member of your household complete one copy of this survey. More copies are available at the Town of Horicon Community Center or online at www.horiconny.gov