

Town of Newcomb Community Survey

Dear Newcomb Resident or Landowner:

The Town of Newcomb has embarked on an update of its Comprehensive Plan, which dates from 1990. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that provides direction in areas such as land use, housing and economic development. The Town Board has appointed a committee of Town residents to oversee preparation of the plan and hired a consultant, The Chazen Companies of Glens Falls, to assist them. More information about the plan update can be found on the Town's web site at: <http://www.newcombny.com/comprehensiveplan.html>

An important component of the planning process is asking resident and landowner's opinions. This is accomplished in several ways, including a public meeting to be held June 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newcomb School, as well as this survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it in the envelope provided. Please feel free to make a copy to allow responses by multiple respondents at the same address. All responses are anonymous. Your opinion counts!

1. How important are each of the following factors in your decision to live or own property in the Town of Newcomb? (Please rate each factor by checking the appropriate box).

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important
a. Born or raised in Newcomb				
b. Good schools				
c. Good Town services				
d. Reasonable taxes				
e. Affordable housing				
f. Housing selection/quality				
g. Safe community				
h. Proximity to job				
i. Proximity to friends and family				
j. Peace and quiet				
k. Recreation opportunities				
l. Natural beauty				

2. On the whole, how would you rate the overall quality of life in Newcomb?

____ Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____ Poor

3. On the whole, how is the overall quality of life in Newcomb changing?

____ It is improving ____ It is staying about the same ____ It is declining ____ No opinion

3a. Please add reasons for your response to question 3.

4. Where applicable, how would you rate the following facilities and services?

	Excellent	More Than Satisfactory	Less Than Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No Opinion or N/A
a. Town government					
b. Road maintenance					
c. Snow plowing					
d. Police protection					
e. Fire protection					
f. Emergency services					
g. Health services					
h. Municipal water/sewer					
i. Town park and recreation facilities					
j. Code enforcement					
k. Schools					
l. Senior services/activities					
m. Youth services/activities					
n. Commercial/Retail services					
o. Job opportunities					
p. Transfer Station					

4a. Please add reasons for any of your responses to question 4.

5. What do you like most about living in Newcomb?

6. What do you like least about living in Newcomb?

7. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. (Please mark only one response for each statement).

The Town of Newcomb Should Try to Attract the Following:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Small commercial businesses					
b. Forest product industries					
c. Mining industries					
d. Agriculture					
e. Year-round residents					
f. Seasonal residents					
f. Hikers, campers and paddlers					
g. Historic and cultural resource facilities and tourists					
h. Tourists interested in nature/natural beauty					
i. Recreation facilities					
j. Senior housing/facilities					
k. Youth facilities					
l. Health care facilities					
l. Affordable housing					
m. Telecommunications infrastructure					

8. In regards to economic growth and the environment, please circle the number that is closest to your point of view:

Protecting the environment should be given priority, even if it causes slower economic growth and some loss of jobs.

Economic growth and creating jobs should be the top priority even if the environment suffers to some extent.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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9. Of the following, what are the three most important issues facing Newcomb Over the next ten years? (Please mark no more than three).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Declining population | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of commercial services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of job opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of senior services/facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of youth services/facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of housing/cost of housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of tax base |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of water/sewer infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a viable school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Development/Overdevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of telecommunications infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of open space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other(s) – Please indicate the issue(s) in the space below | |

10. What kind of new commercial, municipal, social, recreational or educational facilities would you like to see located in the Town?

11. Demographics

- a. Are you a: Year Round Resident Seasonal Resident Landowner
- b. Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent
- c. If you rent, would you like to own a house in Newcomb? Yes No
- d. If a year-round resident, how long have you lived in the Town? Years
- e. If a year-round resident, were you previously a seasonal resident, and if so, for how long?
 Never a seasonal resident Seasonal resident for years
- f. If a seasonal resident, how long have you lived seasonally in the Town? Years
- g. If a seasonal resident, would you like to live in Newcomb year-round? Yes No
- h. If you answered yes to question 11.g, what would it take for you to move to Newcomb?
- h. How many people live in your household? Total People People Under 18
- i. What is your current work status? Work Full Time Work Part Time
 Unemployed Retired Student Disabled Other
- j. If employed, where do you work? Town Government Newcomb CSD
 State Government County Government Private Employer Self-Employed
- k. About how far do you travel to work? 0-5 miles 5-20 miles
 20-40 miles >40 miles Don't Work
- l. What is your age? Under 18 18-25 26-34 34-44 45-54
 55-64 65-74 75-84 85 or over

12. Please provide any other comments and suggestions below or on another sheet of paper.