

TOWN OF NEWCOMB COMMUNITY SURVEY

The most recent Comprehensive Plan for the town of Newcomb was adopted in 2010. We are in the process of reviewing and revising that Comprehensive Plan with the goal of adopting a new plan in 2020. To help make this revised plan and the process creating it as strong and informed as possible, we are seeking input from all Newcomb residents.

Each resident of Newcomb, from students to seniors, is encourage to complete a survey, and additional copies are available at Town Hall or on line at www.newcombny.com

Please return your completed survey no later than August 31st, 2019:

- Drop off at Town Hall
- Mail to: Town of Newcomb
Attn: CP Survey, PO Box 405, Newcomb, NY 12852
- email to: cpsurvey@newcombny.com

All input is strictly confidential unless you would appreciate the opportunity to discuss your responses and thoughts in more detail with the committee, which is welcomed.

Please feel free to follow up with me

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like my response kept confidential/anonymous

1. Regarding the Town of Newcomb's existing Comprehensive Plan* (*check all that apply*)

- I did not know Newcomb has a comp plan
- I knew Newcomb had a plan
- I attended public sessions during its creation in 2009
- I have read the plan
- I have not read the plan

2. Considering the last 10 years, how do you feel about the town of Newcomb?

- Things are generally getting better
- Things are generally getting worse
- Things are generally unchanged
- I like the direction of things happening in town
- I do not like the direction of things happening in town
- A lot has changed in the last 10 years
- Some things have changed in the last 10 years
- Nothing has changed in the last 10 years

*You can find the current Comprehensive Plan on the Town of Newcomb website www.newcombny.com
Click the "Documents" tab on the top banner, and select Comprehensive Plan from the drop-down list.



3. 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, with 1 being Highly Important, and 5 being Not Important at All).

Highly Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not important At All

- a. Born or raised in Newcomb
- b. A good public school
- 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
- m. Other factors? (please explain below):

4. On the whole, the overall quality of life in Newcomb is excellent.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strong Disagree

4a. Please provide any comments informing your response to question 4.

5. On the whole, the overall quality of life in Newcomb is improving.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strong Disagree

5a. Please add reasons for your response to question 5.



6. Where applicable, how would you rate the following facilities and services? (Please rate each factor, with 1 being Outstanding, and 5 being Inferior).

	Outstanding	1	2	3	4	5	Inferior
a. Town government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Snow plowing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Emergency services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Health services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Municipal water/sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Town park and recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Senior services/activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Youth services/activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Commercial/Retail services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Job opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Transfer Station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. Please provide any additional comments regarding your choices.							

7. What do you like best about living in Newcomb?

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

9. Thinking about the things you identified as liking least about living in Newcomb please share your thoughts on the following questions:

- a. Were you aware of these conditions growing up in or before moving to Newcomb?
 YES NO
- b. Are these conditions that have developed since you grew up in or moved to Newcomb?
 YES NO
- c. Are these conditions that existed but have gotten worse since growing up in or moving to Newcomb?
 YES NO
- d. Are these conditions you accepted or compromised for in deciding to live in Newcomb?
 YES NO
- e. Are these conditions that undermine your willingness to continue living in Newcomb?
 YES NO



10. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements.

(With 1 being Strongly Agree and 5 being Strongly Disagree)

The Town of Newcomb should work to attract the following business and activities:

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Disagree

- a. Small commercial businesses
- b. Forest product industries
- c. Mining industries
- d. Agriculture
- e. Year round residents
- f. Seasonal residents
- g. Hikers, campers and paddlers
- h. Historic and cultural resource facilities and tourists
- i. Tourists interested in nature/natural beauty
- j. Recreation facilities
- k. Senior housing/facilities
- l. Youth facilities
- m. Health care facilities
- n. Affordable housing
- o. Telecommunications infrastructure

p. Please provide any additional businesses and activities Newcomb should actively seek to attract. _____

11. In regards to economic growth and the environment, please circle the number that is closest to your point of view: (With 1 being Highly Important, and 10 being Not Important at All).

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

Highly important 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Not important

Economic growth and creating jobs should be given priority even if it results in lower environment protections and the loss and development of some wild areas.

12. Of the following, what are the three most important issues facing Newcomb over the next ten years? (Please mark no more than three).

- Lack of job opportunities
- Maintaining a viable school
- Gas
- Dining
- Rising taxes
- Lack of telecommunications infrastructure
- Lack of housing/cost of housing
- Development/Overdevelopment
- Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities
- Declining population
- Lack of Commercial Services
- Groceries
- Bank
- Loss of Tax Base
- Lack of water/sewer infrastructure
- Loss of open space
- Lack of Senior Services/Facilities
- Lack of Youth Services/Facilities



12a. Please share any issues not listed that you feel should be “top three most important” issues for Newcomb to be addressing.

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

14. Participant Demographic Information

a. Are you a:

- Year Round Resident (live in Newcomb full time/12 months each year)
- Seasonal Resident (live in Newcomb 4-11 months each year)
- Summer resident (live in Newcomb 3 months or less each year)

b. If seasonal, about how many days do you spend in Newcomb each month?

___ January	___ April	___ July	___ October
___ February	___ May	___ August	___ November
___ March	___ June	___ September	___ December

c. Regarding where you live in Newcomb do you:

- Own/pay a mortgage
- Rent/pay rent
- Live with parents

d. If you pay rent, would you like to own a house in Newcomb? Yes No

e. Do you own land in Newcomb other than where you are living? Yes No

f. If you are a year round resident, how long have you lived in the Town? N/A _____ # of Yrs

g. If you are a year round resident, were you previously a seasonal resident, and if so, for how long? _____

h. If a seasonal resident, how long have you lived seasonally in the Town? N/A _____ # of Yrs

i. If a seasonal resident, would you like to live in Newcomb year round? N/A Yes No

j. If you answered yes to question 14.i, what would encourage for you to move to Newcomb?

k. How many people live in your household? _____

l. What is your current work status?

- Work full time
- Work part time
- Retired
- Unemployed
- Season full time
- Season part time
- Disabled
- Student
- Other (please explain) _____



m. If currently working, in what sector of the economy are you employed?

- Self-employed
- Private employer (other than self)
- Public/State and Municipal
- Not-for-profit

n. If currently working, in what type of job are you employed?

- Agriculture
- Arts
- Caretaking
- Construction and trades
- Corporate
- Cottage industry
- Education
- Faith-based
- Health Care / Home Health Aide / Caregiver
- Heavy equipment operator
- Law enforcement
- Logging & Forest industry
- Maintenance & operations
- Management & administration
- Mechanical & automotive
- Non-profit organization
- Property Management (landscaping, cleaning, etc.)
- Public works
- Real estate
- Recreation & Tourism
- Retail
- Service industry (food service and hospitality)
- Technology & IT
- Transportation & trucking
- Utilities
- Other _____

o. Do you:

- Work from home
- Travel to work in Newcomb
- Travel to work beyond Newcomb

p. About how far do you travel to work?

- 0 - 5 miles
- 5 - 20 miles
- 20 - 40 miles
- >40 miles

q. What is your age?

- 85 or over
- 75 - 84
- 65 - 74
- 55 - 64
- 45 - 54
- 35 - 44
- 26 - 34
- 18 - 25
- Under 18

15. Please provide any additional comments and suggestions on the following page provided, or an additional sheet of paper. Thank you for your time completing this survey. We appreciate you sharing your thoughts about Newcomb with the committee.



