

TOWN OF SENNETT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RESIDENT SURVEY

1,150 Surveys Mailed. 411 Returned = 36% Response Rate

I. ABOUT YOU

1. Are you a:

98.1% Homeowner **0%** Renter **1.9%** Did not answer

2. How many people live full time in your household?

13.9% 1 **38.9%** 2 **18.2%** 3 **18.5%** 4 **6.6%** 5 **1.9%** 6 **1.2%** 7+

3. Are you:

63.5% Male **34.8%** Female **1.7%** Did not answer

4. What is your age?

0.2% 18-25 **5.8%** 26-35 **19.7%** 36-45 **26.3%** 46-55 **22.1%** 56-64 **25.5%** 65 +

5. Do you have children under age 18 that live with you?

33.3% Yes **65.2%** No

6. How many years have you lived in the Town of Sennett?

0.7% Less than 1 year **16.1%** 1-5 years **14.4%** 6-10 years
25.5% 11-20 years **14.4%** 21-30 years **28.5%** 30+ years

7. Do you use your property for anything other than a residence?

13.6% Yes **85.9%** No

If **yes**, what else is your property used as? (*Check all that apply*)

8.9% Day Care **50%** Farming/Agriculture **21.4%** Home Business **0%** Seasonal Home
5.4% Commercial **1.8%** Year-Round Rental **1.8%** Seasonal Rental
8.9% Other _____

8. Where do you live?

20.7% Along or near Rte 5 **35.8%** Along or near Rte 20
5.6% Along or near Rte 34 **18.5%** Franklin St. area
5.6% Sennett 4-corners area **8.8%** Adjacent to Auburn **6.8%** Other

9. Where do you work? **28%** Auburn **16.1%** Syracuse **6.3%** Sennett **9.5%** Skaneateles

1.5% Stay at home parent **0.7%** Unemployed **30.7%** Retired
0.9% Can't work due to disability **10.9%** Other

10. How do you get to work?

1.7% Walk **0%** Ride a bike **65.2%** Drive my own car **0.7%** Carpool
1.7% Public Transportation **28%** N/A **1.2%** Other _____

II. COMMUNITY CHARACTER

11. How would you rate the following in regard to Sennett's existing conditions. (Please rate between 1 and 5) <i>1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent</i>	Your Rating
Quiet atmosphere	3.9
Appearance of commercial development	3.6
Residential streetscapes	3.7
Housing conditions	3.8
Recreation activities / parks	2.4
Schools	3.9
Traffic and roads	3.2
Business services	3.5

12. How important are each of the reasons for living in Sennett? (Please rate between 1 and 5) <i>1 = Not At all, 5 = Very Important</i>	Your Rating
Natural surroundings	4.5
Rural lifestyle	4.3
Affordable housing	3.9
Closeness to Interstate 90 and Syracuse	3.2
Low crime rate	4.6
Cultural events	2.7
Schools	3.8
Closeness to job	3.6
Community appearance / Community pride	3.9
Closeness to family	3.6
Other (specify):	4.9

13. How important is it to you to protect or enhance the following? (Please rate between 1 and 5) <i>1 = Not at all, 5 = Very Important</i>	Your Rating
Drinking water quality	4.7
Stream water quality	4.6
Air quality	4.8
Wetlands	4.0
Woodlands	4.3
Existing hamlets	3.9
Recreational opportunities	3.7
Scenic views	4.3
Visual appearance of residential and commercial areas	4.5
Historic structures and sites	4.0
Active farmland	4.1
Open space	4.3
Other (specify):	4.9

14. Which of these factors would likely cause you to leave Sennett? (Check all that apply)

- 5.8% Inadequate housing opportunities
- 52.6% Area is becoming overdeveloped
- 5.1% Area isn't developed enough
- 23.1% Lack of employment
- 4.6% Lack of cultural opportunities
- 52.1% Deteriorating properties/streetscape
- 21.2% Quality of schools
- 9.2% Inadequate parks/recreation
- 74.7% Taxes
- 15.3% Inadequate community services
- 22.9% Loss of community character
- 11.4% Other _____

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES

15. How would you rate the following existing services in Sennett? (Please rate between 1 and 5) 1 = Very Weak, 5 = Very Strong	Your Rating
Town Hall / local government	3.8
Highway maintenance / Snow removal	4.2
Building and zoning code enforcement	3.7
Fire protection	4.4
Police protection	3.7
Ambulance service	3.9
Garbage and recycling service	2.7
Water system and service	3.5
Sewer system and service	3.3
Cable TV service	3.0
Internet service	3.0
Cellular phone service	3.9
Traffic control	3.5
Public transportation	2.5
School system	4.0
Sidewalk maintenance	2.6
Day Care service	2.8
Senior service	3.0
Youth service	2.5
Recreational opportunities / services	2.4

16. Which of the following represents your view of agriculture in the Town of Sennett?

- 18.2% Agriculture is a declining industry with no future growth potential
- 21.4% Agriculture is holding its own as an industry and may have some future growth potential
- 1.9% Agriculture is an expanding industry with significant future growth potential
- 64.5% Agriculture is important to the Town for a variety of reasons, both economic and non-economic

17. On average, how often do you purchase goods or services within the Town of Sennett? (Please check one)

- 15.3% Daily
- 45.5% Once a week
- 22.4% A few times per month
- 9.7% Once a month
- 6.3% Less than once a month
- 4.4% Never

18. Where do you do most of your grocery shopping?

18% Sennett **81.3%** Auburn **10%** Skaneateles **1.2%** Syracuse Metro
0% Seneca Falls **0%** Waterloo **2.7%** Other _____

19. Where do you generally shop for other goods and services?

29% Sennett **73.2%** Auburn **9.5%** Skaneateles **17.3%** Syracuse Metro
0.2% Seneca Falls **2.7%** Waterloo **2.9%** Other _____

20. Where do you go for most of your medical needs?

0.9% Sennett **67.6%** Auburn **19%** Skaneateles **18.2%** Syracuse Metro
0.2% Seneca Falls **0.2%** Waterloo **5.6%** Other _____

21. What new recreational / cultural activities would you like to see in the Town? (Please rate between 1 and 5) 1 = Not at all, 5 = Very Important	Your Rating
Town park	3.4
Hiking, biking, and ski trails	3.6
Ice skating	2.3
Horseback riding	2.2
Tennis courts	2.3
Basketball courts	2.6
Baseball / softball fields	2.9
Swimming pool	2.5
Museums	2.2
Performance theaters	2.3
Movie theater	2.6
Community center	3.1
Snowmobiling trails	2.4
Other (specify):	Not Averaged

IV. LAND USE MANAGEMENT

22. What pattern of economic and commercial development would you encourage? (Please rate between 1 and 5) 1 = Strongly Discourage, 5 = Strongly Encourage	Your Rating
Development in hamlet areas	2.3
Development along Route 5	3.6
Development along Route 20	2.9
Development Along Franklin Street Road	2.0
Development in other areas (specify):	Not Averaged
No further economic or commercial development	2.7

23. What types of development would you encourage in the Town? (Please rate between 1 and 5) <i>1 = Strongly Discourage, 5 = Strongly Encourage</i>	Your Rating
Large (big box) retail	2.8
Large office business	2.8
Neighborhood retail and office	3.1
Agri-business (fruit and vegetable stands, Christmas tree farms, etc.)	3.9
Hotels	2.5
Small inns / Bed and Breakfasts	3.4
Restaurants	3.7
Light manufacturing	3.1
Heavy manufacturing	2.2
Gambling Casinos / Parlors	2.2
Cell tower and wireless internet infrastructure	2.8
Wind Turbines	3.5
Arts / Theater	3.0
Single-family residences	4.1
Apartment complex (4 or more units)	1.9
Town Houses / Condos / Cluster homes	2.3
Affordable Housing	3.2
Senior Housing	3.4
Home business	3.1
Mobile Homes	1.4
Medical / Dental Services	3.5
Other (specify):	Not Averaged

24. What housing issues concern you the most in the Town? (Check all that apply)

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| 2.7% Not enough rental housing | 26.8% Property maintenance/housing conditions |
| 15.8% High purchase prices | 4.1% Inadequate housing for single people |
| 8.3% Insufficient housing for young couples | 22.4% Inadequate senior citizen housing |
| 5.1% Subsidized (affordable housing) | 16.8% Not enough homes in moderate price range |
| 61.8% Property taxes | 32.4% Housing is fine the way it is |
| 3.9% Other _____ | |

25. In your opinion, which of the following land use issues should be better regulated? (Check all that apply)

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| 32.6% Minimum lot size | 53.8% Junkyards | 39.7% Protection of scenic views |
| 12.4% Minimum dwelling size | 49.1% Mobile homes | 42.6% Farmland Protection |
| 17.3% Building setbacks | 6.8% Building design | 19% Street trees and lawn requirements |
| 25.5% Parking / traffic | 19% Signs | 27% Housing densities |
| 7.5% Other _____ | 7.3% None, land use should not be regulated | |

26. As a resident, do you feel that you have sufficient opportunity to influence new development or projects in the Town?

29.2% Yes **34.3%** No **31.6%** No Opinion

Why do you feel this way? _____

27. Do you think the Town should have site and building design guidelines for future development?

73% Yes **11.2%** No **12.7%** No Opinion

28. Do you think the Town should require new commercial and residential development to incorporate energy conservation measures in future development?

72.7% Yes **8.8%** No **14.8%** No Opinion

29. Are septic systems in the town causing problems for you or your neighbors?

10.5% Yes **78.8%** No **8.5%** No opinion

30. If you have well water, is the quality of the water causing a problem?

10.9% Yes **35.5%** No **50.1%** N/A

31. If you have well water, is there sufficient quantity for your household?

39.2% Yes **5.1%** No **51.6%** N/A

32. Which issues should be given special emphasis during the Town comprehensive planning process? (Check all that apply)

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| 29.9% Employment opportunities | 20.2% Development of open space and undeveloped land |
| 22.4% Parking and traffic circulation | 37% Availability of public recreational facilities and trails |
| 13.9% Housing opportunities | 44% Natural resource and open space protection |
| 26.3% Conservation of water supply | 28% Protection of historic buildings and sites |
| 28.7% Expansion of water supply | 38.2% Zoning or land use management |
| 40.4% Neighborhood preservation | 22.4% Improvement of commercial and residential streetscapes |
| 48.4% Agriculture/Farmland Protection | 8.5% Other _____ |

What do you like most about living in Sennett?

How would you like the Town to develop in the next 5 to 10 years?

Please return survey
by **May 18th, 2007**
or
Bring them to the
Visioning meeting
on May 8 or May 15!

