

## Town of Woodbury Comprehensive Plan Update – Community Survey

Please take approximately 20 minutes to complete this survey. When completed, please fold and mail the survey in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided by **June 13, 2005**. Thank you for your participation in this important process!

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please read each question carefully. Some questions require you to choose only one answer but others allow for two or more answers. **IMPORTANT!** If you mark more answers than allowed, none of your answers to that question will be counted.

Please use a **#2 pencil** or a **BLUE** or **BLACK pen** and completely fill in marks like this: ● – NOT like this: ∅ or ⊗

### A. Overall Impressions

1. How important are the following factors in your decision to live in Woodbury? **Mark (●) one per row.**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important
a. Location and convenience	57.2	32.8	7.4	2.5
b. Proximity to work	37.5	34.8	13.7	14
c. Ease of commute to work	48.7	31.1	8.0	12.2
d. Good job opportunities in Town	9.6	17.6	24.6	48.2
e. Quality and selection of housing	61.8	28.1	6.2	3.9
f. Affordable or priced out of other areas	47.8	29.3	12.4	10.5
g. Cannot afford to move or relocate	26.7	22.3	21.0	30.1
h. Low crime rate	76.7	19.6	2.0	1.6
i. Quality of schools	69.2	16.9	5.1	8.7
j. Family and friends	41.0	29.0	19.8	10.3
k. Sense of community	39.2	45.8	11.4	3.6
l. Shops and services	25.5	45.3	22.0	7.3
m. Access to parks and recreation	45.6	38.7	10.8	4.9
n. Natural features (Hudson River, Highlands, Schunemunk Mountain State Park, etc.)	38.9	35.4	20.1	5.6
o. Arts and culture	12.9	35.0	33.5	18.6

2. How would you rate Woodbury's performance with the following? **Mark (●) one per row.**

Facility/Service	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Don't Know	N/A
a. Road maintenance and snow removal	28.8	55.7	14.1	0.0	1.4
b. Water Service	32.6	45.3	5.7	2.7	13.8
c. Sewage Service	31.2	43.9	4.7	3.4	16.8
d. Garbage collection and recycling	31.8	52.1	13.4	0.4	2.3
e. Public parking in hamlet areas	12.0	57.6	15.8	8.9	5.8
f. Parks and recreation	54.6	39.3	3.6	2.0	0.5
g. Historic Preservation	17.6	54.0	6.5	19.7	2.2
h. Activities and facilities for youth	20.8	41.1	21.4	9.7	7.0
i. Activities and facilities for seniors	10.6	37.3	8.5	25.9	17.7
j. Community relations	8.8	57.0	17.1	16.0	1.1
k. Code enforcement	9.4	49.8	14.6	24.3	2.0
l. Development approval process	4.0	26.7	40.6	25.3	3.4
m. Controlling spending and taxes	2.9	30.4	56.7	9.9	0.2
n. Fire Service	44.6	42.1	1.6	11.1	0.5
o. Emergency (Ambulance) Service	43.4	38.8	1.6	14.9	1.3
p. Police Service	47.2	44.2	3.0	5.4	0.2

3. Which of the following best describes the type of environment where you live? **Mark (●) one.**
- 19.2 - Older, traditional neighborhood (built pre-1950)
  - 50.7 - Newer subdivision (built post-1950)
  - 14.7 - Condo or townhouse
  - 7.0 - Route 32 corridor
  - 1.3 - Mobile home park
  - 7.0 - Rural area
4. Overall, how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live? **Mark (●) one.**
- 56.0 - Excellent
  - 39.1 - Good
  - 4.3 - Fair
  - 0.5 - Poor

## B. Community Issues and Priorities

5. In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing Woodbury over the next 10 years? **Mark the (●) five most important.**
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic development - 12.3</li> <li>Environmental protection - 23.8</li> <li>Air quality - 25.6</li> <li>Urbanization and overdevelopment - 68.9</li> <li>Availability of affordable housing - 24.7</li> <li>Availability of various types of housing - 5.9</li> <li>Property values - 23.8</li> <li>Rising tax rates - 84.9</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic congestion on Route 32, 17, etc. - 84.2</li> <li>Safe walking and biking options - 5.9</li> <li>Crime and public safety - 21.5</li> <li>Woodbury's appearance - 11.0</li> <li>Loss of open space and undeveloped land - 50.2</li> <li>Sewer, water and road infrastructure - 18.5</li> <li>Improvements to hamlet areas - 3.0</li> <li>Maintenance of high-quality school districts - 29.2</li> </ol> |
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6. Which statement best expresses your opinion: **Mark (●) one.**
- 81.5 The Town should tighten design standards for new construction
  - 4.4 The Town should relax design standards for new construction
  - 14.1 The new development and construction in Town is fine.
7. The action that would make the biggest improvement in **my neighborhood** is: **Mark (●) one.**
- 5.9 Improved maintenance of property by owners
  - 8.6 Development of sidewalks
  - 30.0 Preservation of open or undeveloped land
  - 3.3 Buffer from commercial or industrial development
  - 4.2 Buffer from other residential areas
  - 1.3 Establishment of neighborhood retail and service businesses
  - 3.3 Provision of public sewer
  - 3.9 Provision of public water
  - 20.2 Implementation of traffic-calming strategies
  - 19.3 None of the above ... my neighborhood is fine.

8. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following policy options.

Mark (●) one per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. The Town of Woodbury should change zoning regulations to protect open land within new developments	66.7	24.4	3.4	1.6	3.9
b. The Town should buy land or purchase conservation easements to preserve open or undeveloped land	53.0	28.0	10.2	2.9	5.9
c. The Town should do nothing; the market and property owners will determine the best use of land.	1.6	4.5	34.5	55.9	3.4
d. The Town should consider approval of a variety of projects that offer benefits such as infrastructure improvements and the dedication of open space to the public.	30.7	52.6	6.0	4.2	6.5

9. Indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements.

Mark (●) one per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Streetscape improvements and landscaping in commercial areas are needed to improve Woodbury's appearance.	23.6	45.8	17.8	1.1	11.7
b. Signage standards in commercial areas are needed to improve Woodbury's appearance.	22.9	38.9	22.9	2.2	13.2
c. There is a good mix of commercial, institutional and office development in Woodbury.	3.6	58.5	23.5	4.4	10.0
d. Sidewalks or trails for bicycles and pedestrians are needed to connect my neighborhood to commercial areas.	19.4	29.0	30.9	7.4	13.3
e. The Town needs to coordinate development in order to create a distinctive identity.	24.2	44.3	14.0	2.9	14.6
f. A new Town Hall/Justice Court is needed.	18.6	27.5	26.4	13.9	13.6
g. <b>Noise</b> buffers around residential areas are needed.	13.2	25.9	31.9	7.6	21.4
h. <b>Light</b> buffers around residential areas are needed.	10.5	26.5	32.4	7.6	23.1

10. Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Mark (●) one per row.

The Town of Woodbury should promote ...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Construction of new local roads	11.6	24.0	40.6	9.4	14.4
b. Construction of a new Thruway exit north of town	45.9	27.0	13.5	7.3	6.4
c. Construction of a "cloverleaf" intersection at Woodbury Common	42.5	31.8	10.2	4.0	11.5
d. Improvement of existing roads	36.5	50.1	8.5	0.9	4.0
e. Clean, affordable and efficient public transportation	20.2	42.6	17.3	4.5	15.3
f. Initiatives to assist the development of local businesses	11.4	52.1	18.7	3.8	14.0
g. Regional cooperation to manage growth and development	35.8	50.5	6.0	1.3	6.4
h. Programs and incentives for rehabilitating historic buildings	15.3	57.6	10.6	1.3	15.2
i. Affordable home-ownership opportunities	20.3	42.4	18.5	6.9	12.0
j. Development of diverse housing types	9.2	31.6	29.2	16.5	13.4
k. Development of "walkable," mixed-use neighborhoods	7.4	33.9	25.8	13.8	19.1
l. Design standards to improve the appearance of hamlets	13.4	53.1	14.3	2.2	17.0
m. Reduction of land use restrictions	4.6	13.3	39.8	34.6	7.7
n. Protection of environmental resources	51.9	43.8	1.6	0.4	2.4
o. Expansion of youth activities	29.7	44.1	11.2	2.0	13.1

11. In your opinion, Woodbury should work to encourage the development of the following housing types:

**Mark (●) all that apply.**

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| a. Single-family homes - 71.5      | f. Upper-floor and "in-law" apartments - 16.0       |
| b. Multi-family homes - 14.4       | g. Rental housing - 9.0                             |
| c. Affordable starter homes - 41.9 | h. Senior Citizen apartments - 50.9                 |
| d. Mobile homes - 2.1              | i. Assisted-living residences, nursing homes - 24.0 |
| e. Apartment buildings - 4.1       |   |

12. Public water services should be extended to support new and/or currently un-served areas. **Mark (●) one.**

- a. I strongly agree 16.4   b. I agree 36.3   c. I disagree 29.7   d. I strongly disagree 17.7

13. Public sewer services should be extended to support new and/or currently un-served areas. **Mark (●) one.**

- a. I strongly agree 19.6   b. I agree 37.7   c. I disagree 26.4   d. I strongly disagree 16.3

14. **If you currently live in an area where public sewer and/or water are not available**, would you be willing to pay for public sewer and water line extensions and services? **Mark (●) one.**

- a. Yes 17.0   b. No 15.1   c. N/A. I currently have both public sewer and water service. 67.9

### **C. Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Issues**

15. Which statement best describes your opinion? **Mark (●) one.**

- a. 1.3   The Town has too many parks  
b. 4.7   The Town has too few parks  
c. 61.2   The Town's park system is fine  
d. 14.8   Parks need to be better maintained  
e. 18.1   Park equipment and designs need to be modified to meet changing recreational needs

16. Which of the following need to be added or improved in the Town's parks? **Mark (●) your top five.**

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| a. New playground equipment 17.3                          | k. Indoor fields 3.7               |
| b. Multi-purpose fields (soccer, football, lacrosse) 16.7 | l. Indoor swimming 19.8            |
| c. Baseball/softball fields 9.1                           | m. Basketball courts 6.9           |
| d. Restrooms 38.3   | n. Volleyball courts 2.7           |
| e. Benches 19.4   | o. Fishing platform 14.4           |
| f. Lighting 16.5  | p. Picnic Area 19.6                |
| g. Bike trails 31.5                                       | q. Cross-country skiing 7.3        |
| h. Walking trails 44.1                                    | r. Ice skating 16.0                |
| i. Skateboard park 10.9                                   | s. Golf course 12.3                |
| j. Tennis courts 9.1                                      | t. No improvements are needed 24.0 |

17. If the Town were to purchase land for conservation of open space, what means should be considered?

**Mark (●) all that apply**

- a. 20.4   Utilize general Town funds or borrow money  
b. 82.8   Apply for state and federal grants  
c. 42.9   Apply for matching funds from public and private sources  
d. 35.6   Lower tax assessments on open space so that owners can afford to retain their undeveloped property  
e. 12.5   None of the above. Public funds should not be used for these purposes.

18. For which of the following would you be willing to pay higher town taxes?

**Mark (●) all that apply**

- a. 32.5 Conservation of open and environmentally sensitive land
- b. 17.3 Construction of new **sidewalks** to better link neighborhoods with parks, schools, and stores
- c. 18.0 Construction of new **trails** for recreation and linkages between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and stores
- d. 18.4 Parkland acquisition
- e. 20.6 Park improvements
- f. 45.6 None of the above. Public funds should not be used for these purposes.

**D. Socioeconomics**

19. Where do you usually shop for your household needs (groceries, clothing, etc.)? **Mark (●) one.**

- a. Woodbury/Harriman 34.8
- b. Monroe 48.9
- c. New York City 0.2
- d. Other Orange County 3.5
- e. Newburgh 1.0
- f. New Jersey 2.9
- g. New Windsor 6.8
- h. Other 1.9

20. What type(s) of new development do you believe would most benefit Woodbury? **Mark (●) one.**

- a. Retail stores 18.0
- b. Residential development 6.5
- c. Offices 11.7
- d. Home-based businesses 4.8
- e. Light Industrial development 13.1
- f. None of the above 45.9

21. What additional type(s) of development would you like to see, and where should they be located?

Type(s) of Development	Location (Identify specific location within Town; Hamlet or other)
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_____	_____
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**E. Your Turn**

State any additional comments you would like to have considered in the preparation of the Town of Woodbury Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations Update.

## F. Respondent Profile

**The following information will help the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee to better understand the needs and desires of Woodbury residents, and to assess the Town's needs when planning for the future.**

1. What is your age?
  - a. 18-24 - 2.2
  - b. 25-44 - 39.0
  - c. 45-54 - 26.7
  - d. 55-64 - 18.9
  - e. 65-74 - 9.6
  - f. 75+ - 3.6
2. What is your gender?
  - a. 45.3 Male
  - b. 54.7 Female
3. How many people are in your household?
  - a. 1 - 3.2
  - b. 2 - 29.7
  - c. 3 - 21.3
  - d. 4 - 27.3
  - e. 5 - 14.3
  - f. 6 or more - 4.2
4. Which of the following age categories are represented in your household? **(Mark (●) all that apply.)**
  - a. 0-5 - 22.8
  - b. 6-17 - 38.0
  - c. 18-24 - 17.8
  - d. 25-44 - 49.8
  - e. 45-54 - 31.8
  - f. 55-64 - 23.6
  - g. 65-74 - 13.4
  - h. 75+- 5.4
5. How long have you lived in the Town of Woodbury?
  - a. 0-5 years - 24.4
  - b. 6-10 years - 17.4
  - c. 11-20 years - 24.4
  - d. 21+ years - 33.8
6. What is your current work status?
  - a. 8.6 Work in the Town of Woodbury (not at home)
  - b. 5.3 Work in the Town of Woodbury (at home)
  - c. 14.6 Work elsewhere in Orange County
  - d. 15.2 Work in New York City
  - e. 29.4 Work in another county
  - f. 4.7 Unemployed
  - g. 0.4 Student
  - h. 20.6 Retired
  - i. 1.0 Disabled
7. Do you...
  - a. 98.6 Own your residence
  - b. 1.4 Rent your residence
8. Which best describes your home?
  - a. 82.0 Single-family home built on-site
  - b. 0.8 Manufactured home
  - c. 0.6 Mobile home
  - d. 1.0 Two-family home
  - e. 15.2 Condominium or Townhouse
  - f. 0.4 Apartment
9. When was your home built?
  - a. 2.8 Before 1900
  - b. 10.2 1900-1950
  - c. 38.6 1951-1980
  - d. 37.1 1981-2000
  - e. 11.4 2001-2005
10. How many vehicles do you have in your household?
  - a. 0.2 None
  - b. 8.5 1
  - c. 57.3 2
  - d. 25.3 3
  - e. 8.7 4 or more
11. What is your approximate household income? (optional)
  - a. 1.0 less than \$19,999
  - b. 2.5 20,000-29,999
  - c. 4.7 30,000-39,999
  - d. 8.3 40,000-59,999
  - e. 18.6 60,000-79,999
  - f. 15.7 80,000-99,999
  - g. 49.3 100,000+
12. I live in the Town's Sewer District:
  - a. 72.8 yes
  - b. 27.2 no
13. I live in the Town's Water District:
  - a. 79.0 yes
  - b. 21.0 no