

Wayne County Comprehensive Plan Public Opinion Survey

December 2004



Conducted and analyzed by
George Homsy
Planning Consultant
45 Scotland Road
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Wayne County Comprehensive Plan Public Opinion Survey

Executive summary

Summary of Results

The results of this survey reveal the public's strong support in five general areas.

- Preservation of the county's rural characteristics
- A desire for walkable communities
- Economic development as a priority
- Protection of the natural environment
- Consolidation of some local governments

Preservation of the county's rural characteristics

In question after question, Wayne County residents made it clear that the preservation of rural character remains a priority. Respondents ranked rural character as the number one amenity they like most about living in their community. It ranks second (after family ties) as the reason people live in the county. Almost 80 percent of respondents rated views of rural landscapes as important or very important and almost 70 percent felt the same about farm fields and pastures.

Also, respondents supported a variety of measures to preserve rural character. Over 80 percent would support or strongly

support the purchase of land to protect it from development and roughly the same number would support or strongly support programs to preserve wetlands. Almost 80 percent approved of tax incentives to keep farmers farming. Nearly three-quarters of people supported the purchase of open space for use as parks. A majority of people (62.5 percent) also favored purchase of development rights programs to protect farmland and open space.

A desire for walkable communities

Walking is important to many residents of Wayne County, according to this survey. People ranked the ability to walk in their neighborhoods as the third most enjoyable aspect of their community (after rural character and clean air and water). Three-quarters of people voiced support or strong support for furthering the construction of walking and biking paths. In addition, 65 percent of respondents favored requirements that builders of multi-home developments be required to include sidewalks.

Support for downtown improvements could also be interpreted as support for walkable communities. As described in the economic development section below, many people surveyed want to strengthen downtowns.

Slightly less than 60 percent of respondents rated the walkability of their community as good or very good.

Economic development as a priority

As expected, economic development emerged as one of the most important priorities of survey respondents. The top four problems residents reported with Wayne County are (in order) the lack of vital downtowns, high taxes, the general lack of economic vitality and the lack of jobs.

Strengthening downtowns seemed particularly important to respondents. The idea of a program to encourage businesses to

locate in downtowns scored exceptionally well with almost 90 percent of respondents supporting or strongly supporting it. In addition 78.8 percent of those surveyed favored upgrading streets, landscaping and other infrastructure in downtown areas.

Tax incentives to keep farmers farming and to help new or expanding businesses would be supported by almost eighty percent of respondents. The promotion of tourism, in general as well as specifically along the Canal and Lake Ontario, was supported by a majority of people and opposed by very few.

Protection of the natural environment

A clean environment ranked as the second most important aspect of community life, according to the survey. This support held true for all respondents.

A policy to protect wetlands scored very high, receiving support of 81.5 percent of respondents. Wooded areas are also highly prized as county assets. Eighty percent of people rated them as important or very important and only 5.3 percent deemed them unimportant. Undeveloped land along streams also fared well with 61.2 percent rating this environmental amenity as important or very important.

Government Operations

A surprising number of respondents would support the consolidation of some town and village governments with 59.1 percent voting in favor of consolidation and only 24.7 percent voting against the idea. Village residents seem to back consolidation stronger with 66.1 percent in favor.

In terms of participation, over 70 percent of people never attended a public meeting or hearing in the past year. Respondents overwhelmingly (74.1 percent) reported getting the bulk of their information about local government matters from the newspaper.

The second most important source of information is word of mouth at 12 percent.

Survey Method

A total of 614 people returned the survey, which had been mailed to a random sample of 1500 Wayne County households with at least one registered voter listed at the address. The addresses included the line “or current resident” in order to facilitate the participation of any person in the household.

The survey was conducted in May-June 2004 by planning consultant George Homsy of Canandaigua under contract with Wayne County. The project was done in collaboration with and was supervised by the County Planning Department.

The Planning Department and the planning consultant publicized the survey via newspaper articles in the Finger Lakes Times, Daily Messenger and Courier Gazette. In addition, a subgroup of the sample households received follow-up post cards to encourage participation. These efforts pushed the response rate to 40.9 percent, making it a statistically reliable survey sample.

Wayne County Comprehensive Plan

Public Opinion Survey

Detailed Results

The rest of this report is divided into three sections covering the following subject areas:

Section 1. Demographic descriptions of respondents^{*}

Section 2. Community evaluation and values reported by respondents

Section 3. Policy proposal reactions

Responses to each question were tallied for the entire county and for the subgroups as described below.

- Total sample (n = 614)
- Village residents (n = 174)
- Non-village residents (n = 440)
- Residents of eastern communities (n = 313)
(Arcadia, Butler, Galen, Huron, Lyons, Rose, Savannah, Sodus, Wolcott)
- Residents of western communities (n = 301)
(Macedon, Marion, Ontario, Palmyra, Walworth, Williamson)
- Households with children (n = 207)
- Households with no children (n = 407)

* In some cases, the results were compared to the 2000 U.S. Census, demonstrating that the survey fairly represents the community, especially in terms of geographic distribution. However, as is typical in land-use planning surveys, the respondents tended to be older, own their own homes and are long-time residents.

Section 1

Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

Question 1 - Which town do you live in?		
Town	Survey	2000 U.S. Census
Arcadia	16.4%	15.9%
Butler	1.8%	2.4%
Galen	4.6%	4.7%
Huron	2.3%	2.3%
Lyons	6.4%	6.2%
Macedon	8.6%	9.3%
Marion	4.7%	5.3%
Ontario	11.9%	10.4%
Palmyra	7.7%	8.2%
Rose	2.3%	2.6%
Savannah	3.1%	2.0%
Sodus	8.3%	9.5%
Walworth	9.8%	9.0%
Williamson	6.4%	7.2%
Wolcott	4.9%	5.0%

Question 2 – If you live in a village, which one?		
Village	Survey	2000 U.S. Census
Clyde	2.9%	2.4%
Lyons	4.2%	3.9%
Macedon	1.8%	1.6%
Newark	9.9%	10.3%
Palmyra	2.9%	3.7%
Red Creek	0.5%	0.6%
Sodus	2.9%	1.9%
Sodus Point	1.1%	1.2%
Wolcott	1.8%	1.8%
Total in village	28.2%	27.5%
Not in village ¹	71.8%	72.5%

¹Included in total are blanks, which were counted as a No Village response.

Question 3 – Gender		
Gender	Survey	2000 U.S. Census
Females	59.6%	50.5%
Males	38.6%	49.5%
No response	1.8%	

Question 4 – Do you consider yourself one of the following?	
Ethnicity¹	Survey
White	96.6%
African-American	1.3%
Hispanic	0.0%
Other	0.8%
No Response	1.3%

¹The Census asks this question differently making comparison difficult. The Census reports 93.8% of Wayne County residents consider themselves White.

Question 5 – How Old Are You?	
Median Age	50
Average Age	50.9
Youngest Respondent	19
Oldest Respondent	85
Portion older than 65 years	19.4% ¹
No response (number)	10

¹The U.S. Census found that 16.8% of voting age residents in Wayne County are over the age of 65 so this survey sample is slightly older than the county at large.

Question 6 – How long have you lived in your present home?	
Less than 1 year	3.4%
1 – 3 years	12.7%
4 – 10 years	27.9%
More than 10 years	55.9%
No response	0.2%

Question 7 – Does your family own or rent your residence?		
	Survey	2000 U.S. Census
Own	90.6%	77.6%
Rent	7.7%	22.4%
No Response	1.8%	

Question 8 – Do you get your drinking water from a well or are you connected to public water pipes?	
Private well	26.1%
Public pipes	72.6%
Don't know / No response	1.3%

Question 9 – How many school age children live with you now?	
Number of children	Percentage
0 (includes no responses)	66.3%
1	13.2%
2	14.7%
3	4.9%
4	0.8%
5	0.0%
6	0.2%

Question 12 – Where to you work?	
In my hometown	14.2%
Elsewhere in Wayne County	19.7%
In Monroe County	23.3%
Elsewhere	7.8%
I work at home	4.2%
I am a home maker	6.8%
I do not work	22.4%
No Response	1.5%

Question 12 – Where do you work?		
Location of work	Survey	2000 U.S. Census
In County	55.1%	52.4%
Out of County	44.9%	47.6%

Question 13 – How far do you drive to do most of your shopping for clothes?	
Less than 10 minutes	3.9%
10 – 20 minutes	16.6%
Over 20 minutes	77.4%
I walk to the store	0.3%
No response	1.8%

Question 14 – What is the name of the mall you go to most often? (Top five answers reported)	
Eastview Mall	62.9%
No response	8.0%
Waterloo Outlets	5.0%
Finger Lakes Mall	4.9%
Marketplace Mall	4.1%

Question 15 – How far do you drive to do most of your shopping for food?	
Less than 10 minutes	30.1%
10 – 20 minutes	47.1%
Over 20 minutes	21.5%
I walk to the store	0.3%
No response	1.0%

Question 14 – What is the name of the store you go to most often for food? (Top five answers reported)	
Wegmans	42.3%
Tops	13.4%
P & C	12.9%
IGA (various grocers)	7.9%
Big M	4.6%

Question 18 – Over the past 12 months, how often did you attend a county, town or village meeting or public hearing?	
Never	70.2%
1 – 2 times	23.5%
3 – 5 times	3.3%
More than 5 times	2.9%
No response	0.2%

Question 19 – Which of the following do you have at home?	
Cable Television	60.9%
Satellite Television	23.9%
Computer	75.7%
Internet Access	69.4%

Section 2

Community evaluation and values reported by respondents

**Question 10 asked the respondent:
What do you think of each of the following?**

Question 10a – Overall quality of life in your community (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	14.3	70.8	10.5	3.9	0.5
Village Res.	11.1	70.8	12.3	4.7	1.2
Non-Village	15.5	70.2	10.2	3.7	0.5
Eastern Res.	9.2	68.3	14.2	7.3	1.0
Western Res.	19.3	72.4	7.3	0.7	0.3
Children in HH	15.0	72.8	10.2	1.5	0.5
No Children	13.8	69.1	11.1	5.3	0.8

Question 10b – Quality of the public schools (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	13.9	58.9	19.3	6.9	1.0
Village Res.	12.4	54.4	26.0	5.9	1.2
Non-Village	14.4	61.0	16.3	7.1	1.2
Eastern Res.	8.3	60.4	20.5	8.9	2.0
Western Res.	19.7	57.8	17.6	4.5	0.3
Children in HH	18.0	56.1	16.1	7.8	2.0
No Children	11.6	60.7	20.7	6.2	0.8

Question 10c – Safety of your community for yourself (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	19.9	67.3	10.3	2.1	0.5
Village Res.	15.0	67.7	13.8	2.4	1.2
Non-Village	21.5	67.7	8.5	2.1	0.2
Eastern Res.	11.9	70.0	13.5	3.6	1.0
Western Res.	27.6	65.3	6.4	0.7	0.0
Children in HH	23.9	67.3	7.3	1.5	0.0
No Children	17.5	67.8	11.4	2.5	0.8

Question 10d – Safety of your community for your children (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	14.8	62.3	18.1	3.7	1.1
Village Res.	10.4	62.0	23.9	2.5	1.2
Non-Village	16.4	62.8	15.5	4.3	1.0
Eastern Res.	8.6	64.0	20.5	4.8	2.1
Western Res.	21.1	61.1	15.1	2.8	0.0
Children in HH	15.1	69.3	12.7	2.0	1.0
No Children	14.5	58.9	20.7	4.8	1.1

Question 10e – Quality of your drinking water (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	20.5	57.3	11.3	8.2	2.7
Village Res.	16.9	61.0	9.3	9.3	3.5
Non-Village	22.1	56.2	11.7	7.7	2.3
Eastern Res.	18.1	56.6	9.5	11.8	3.9
Western Res.	23.2	58.6	12.5	4.4	1.3
Children in HH	21.4	55.8	11.2	7.8	3.9
No Children	20.3	58.5	10.9	8.4	2.0

Question 10f – Availability of youth recreation (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	10.6	39.8	27.2	16.6	5.8
Village Res.	10.8	33.7	31.3	16.3	7.8
Non-Village	10.1	42.1	25.2	17.5	5.0
Eastern Res.	5.7	30.6	27.6	26.9	9.1
Western Res.	15.1	49.1	26.3	7.0	2.5
Children in HH	16.4	38.2	21.7	17.9	5.8
No Children	6.9	40.5	29.9	16.8	5.9

Question 10g – Availability of adult recreation (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	4.4	28.3	37.8	23.3	6.2
Village Res.	4.3	23.9	39.3	26.4	6.1
Non-Village	4.3	29.7	37.3	22.5	6.2
Eastern Res.	2.7	19.8	36.5	31.4	9.6
Western Res.	5.9	36.5	39.2	15.6	2.8
Children in HH	5.3	27.2	33.5	29.1	4.9
No Children	3.7	28.5	40.3	20.5	6.9

Question 10h – Shopping opportunities in your area (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	2.7	22.4	22.2	36.9	15.8
Village Res.	4.1	20.5	25.1	38.0	12.3
Non-Village	2.1	22.7	20.6	37.4	17.2
Eastern Res.	2.6	23.4	19.5	38.3	16.2
Western Res.	2.7	20.7	24.4	36.8	15.4
Children in HH	1.0	22.0	23.9	34.6	18.5
No Children	3.5	22.1	20.9	39.1	14.4

Question 10i – Dining opportunities in your area (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	4.4	36.6	22.8	27.9	8.3
Village Res.	7.7	39.6	21.3	26.0	5.3
Non-Village	3.2	34.6	22.9	29.4	9.9
Eastern Res.	5.9	42.3	20.0	24.3	7.5
Western Res.	3.0	29.7	25.0	32.7	9.7
Children in HH	1.5	32.7	27.8	27.3	10.7
No Children	6.0	37.8	19.8	29.0	7.5

Question 10j – Walkability of your community (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	9.5	48.3	24.5	14.8	2.9
Village Res.	15.7	57.0	19.8	7.0	0.6
Non-Village	7.4	44.9	25.7	18.1	3.9
Eastern Res.	8.1	52.1	22.5	14.0	3.3
Western Res.	11.4	44.4	25.6	15.8	2.7
Children in HH	12.6	49.8	23.2	13.5	1.0
No Children	8.3	47.6	24.4	15.6	4.0

Question 10k – Quality of public parks in your community (percentage of each rating chosen)					
	V. Good	Good	Neither	Bad	V. Bad
All Respondents	8.9	46.5	30.7	11.2	2.7
Village Res.	10.6	44.1	30.0	12.4	2.9
Non-Village	8.3	46.4	31.2	11.1	3.0
Eastern Res.	6.2	35.1	37.0	16.7	4.9
Western Res.	11.7	56.7	24.5	6.0	1.0
Children in HH	11.1	46.4	29.5	9.7	3.4
No Children	7.8	45.5	31.6	12.4	2.8

Question 11 – What are the top three reasons you live in Wayne County? (Check three boxes.)	
Reason	Percent of votes cast
Family ties	20.0
Rural character	18.3
Born here	14.5
Nearness to work	10.4
Cost of living	7.0
Nearness to Rochester	6.5
Quality of life	5.8
Clean environment	4.3
Schools	3.8
Other (see below)	3.8
Safety	3.4
Job opportunities	1.1
Historic character	0.9
Cultural activities	0.1
In cases where respondents checked more than three boxes, only three items were selected and done so on a rotating basis. For example, on the first survey with more than three checks, the scoring started with the first check. On the second survey, the scoring started with the second check. The rotation was ten surveys long.	

Question 11 – Other reasons respondents live in Wayne County		
10 minutes to I-90	Ability to own land	Activities-good boating, etc.
Bear a good Baptist church	Blue Heron Golf	Built home on nice property
Can't sell home	Can't afford to move	Can't afford to move
Can't afford to move out	Church community	Close to lake
Conversion from a vacation location	Dad & Mom moved to Newark in 1955	Farming
Fire company	Friends	Golf course
Good price on house	Good water	Grew up here
Got divorced and stayed	Have no money to move	Husband from Macedon
Husband's hometown	Job keeps me here	Lake front
Lake Ontario	Land	Lived here 60 years
Lived here most of my life	Lot home lots	Love my home
Lower taxes	Married person in Newark	Moved here for parents job
Moved here to get away from Rochester	Nearness to Lake Ontario	Nearness to stores
Neighborhood	No reason to move	Open Land
Open Space	Opportunity	Own business
Own farm	Own home	Peace and quiet
Real estate opportunities	Reasonable housing costs	Slower pace
Small town but lots to do	Still country	Only place we could get
Tied to rundown house	Perfect opportunity to buy	We like our home
Wide open space	Wife's preference	Wildlife
Woods and wildlife	Work is the only reason	Work/Civil Service

Question 20 – What do you like most about living in your community? (Check three boxes.)	
Reason	Percent of votes cast
Rural character	25.5
Clean air and water	15.9
Ability to walk in neighborhood	12.5
Affordable housing	9.6
Schools	7.2
Cost of living	7.1
Other (see below)	4.9
Historic character	4.2
Community events / festivals	3.8
Taxes	3.0
Recreational opportunities	2.5
Public parks	2.3
Cultural heritage	1.4
<p>In cases where respondents checked more than three boxes, only three items were selected and done so on a rotating basis. For example, on the first survey with more than three checks, the scoring started with the first check. On the second survey, the scoring started with the second check. The rotation was ten surveys long.</p>	

Question 20 – Other things respondents like about living in their community (Some items were noted more than once, but only listed once.)		
Able to have a big yard	Being near water	Blue Heron HCC
Central for Fin Lakes or City	Churches	Close to family
Close to my job	Close to Rochester	Close to schools
Community Spirit	Country Life	Family
Fishing	Friendly people	Golf course
Good hunting and fishing	Great work and neighbors	Have been here a long time
Here for the kids	House is Paid For	Hunting on property
I was born here. My family is here	Lake Ontario	Large home lots
Library	Living on the water	Location close to all
Medical care nearby	My daughter lives here	Near Finger Lakes/Adirondacks
Nearness to lake	Need to move due to taxes	Neighbors
No lines, traffic jams. Great church, Christian fellowship, relaxed atmosphere	Nothing	Open Space
Peace and quiet	People are friendly/helpful	Proximity to shopping, Thruway
School park	Small township, less traveled	Small town
Sodus Bay	Space	The wildlife, what's left
Unobstructed views	Used to be nice to live here	Very low key
Wildlife, undevel. land, wetlands	Woodlands	

Question 21 – What are the biggest problems with life in your community? (Check three boxes.)	
Reason	Percent of votes cast
Lack of vital downtown areas	18.6
Taxes	16.4
Lack of economic vitality	14.7
Lack of jobs	13.6
Lack of activities for youth	7.0
Other (see below)	5.9
Cost of living	5.1
Schools	4.2
No place to walk	3.5
Suburban sprawl	3.3
Traffic	2.8
Lack of cultural diversity	2.1
Lack of open space	1.0
Water pollution	0.9
Expensive housing	0.8
<p>In cases where respondents checked more than three boxes, only three items were selected and done so on a rotating basis. For example, on the first survey with more than three checks, the scoring started with the first check. On the second survey, the scoring started with the second check. The rotation was ten surveys long.</p>	

**Question 21 – Other big problems with life in community written in by respondents
(Some items were noted more than once, but only listed once.)**

Air pollution	Bad Railroad crossings	Building too many homes
Bus service to private schools	Sex offenders living near school	Vital law enforcement laid off.
Dangerous intersections	Destroying the wildlife environment	Distance for shopping and dining
Distance from downtown Rochester	Drug houses, people hanging out	Filth and Debris in people's yards
Must drive for stores, banks, etc.	High taxes, poor town services	Hunters trespass
I can't walk my dog downtown	Intersection of Williamson / S. Wayneport dangerous	Lack of access to public water
Lack of adult sports leagues	Lack of building code enforcement	Lack of decent stores for clothing
Lack of higher education	Lack of proper road maintenance	Lack of public water lines in town.
Lack of restaurants	Lack of shopping, neighborliness	Low income projects
Macedon needs spring cleanup day	Major road needs wider shoulders	Medical Services
Middle/ High Schools	Miss Ames	Need competition in groceries
Need more ATV support and trails	Neighbors with bonfires in village	No big clothes stores
No cable	No curfew. Garbage, furniture on road side too long.	No large park in area
No shopping or restaurants	No sidewalk on Gananda Pkway	No town police
Noise Pollution from car horns	Noise, smoke from rubbish fires	People born here often look down of people who move here
Police stopping trailer truck	Politicians taxing us out of area	Poor dining choices
Poor planning of route 104 devel.	Poorly kept private properties	Potholes bad roads
Public Water	Racism	Real estate taxes too high
RT 104 needs exit ramps	Shopping inconvenient	Pet store within walking distance
Taxes are outrageous	Price / lack of raw land for homes	Very poor zoning in Wolcott
Unsafe to walk in neighborhoods	Unsafe, biking on rural roads kids	Weeds in Sodus Bay
Village needs remodeling	We need football	

**Question 17 asked the respondent:
How important are each of the following to you?**

Question 17a – Views of rural landscapes (percentage of each rank chosen)				
	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
All Respondents	42.7	35.7	18.1	3.6
Village Res.	31.8	38.8	25.3	4.1
Non-Village	46.7	34.9	15.2	3.2
Eastern Res.	40.3	33.8	20.7	5.2
Western Res.	44.6	38.3	15.4	1.7
Children in HH	38.5	41.5	18.0	2.0
No Children	44.5	33.2	18.1	4.3

Question 17b – Undeveloped wetlands (percentage of each rank chosen)				
	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
All Respondents	27.5	26.2	26.5	19.8
Village Res.	24.9	25.4	27.2	22.5
Non-Village	28.6	26.7	25.8	18.9
Eastern Res.	23.9	25.5	25.5	25.2
Western Res.	31.3	27.3	26.9	14.5
Children in HH	25.2	29.1	28.2	17.5
No Children	28.7	24.9	25.2	21.2

Question 17c – Undeveloped land along streams (percentage of each rank chosen)				
	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
All Respondents	30.7	30.5	26.0	12.8
Village Res.	28.4	30.2	24.9	16.6
Non-Village	31.4	30.7	26.1	11.8
Eastern Res.	27.1	27.5	26.8	18.6
Western Res.	34.1	33.8	24.7	7.4
Children in HH	29.1	33.5	27.2	10.2
No Children	31.3	29.0	25.0	14.6

Question 17d – Wooded areas (percentage of each rank chosen)				
	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
All Respondents	40.8	39.2	14.7	5.3
Village Res.	37.4	36.8	17.5	8.2
Non-Village	42.0	40.1	13.7	4.2
Eastern Res.	39.0	35.7	16.4	8.9
Western Res.	42.4	42.8	13.1	1.7
Children in HH	41.5	41.1	12.6	4.8
No Children	40.3	38.2	15.9	5.6

Question 17e – Accessible waterfronts (percentage of each rank chosen)				
	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
All Respondents	30.4	32.1	24.1	13.3
Village Res.	26.6	37.9	23.1	12.4
Non-Village	31.7	29.9	24.3	14.1
Eastern Res.	29.5	32.8	22.0	15.7
Western Res.	31.1	31.4	26.0	11.5
Children in HH	31.9	32.4	26.0	9.8
No Children	29.5	32.0	22.9	15.6

Question 17f – Historic barns and farm buildings (percentage of each rank chosen)				
	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
All Respondents	20.5	36.0	29.9	13.6
Village Res.	24.4	31.4	29.7	14.5
Non-Village	18.9	37.6	30.2	13.4
Eastern Res.	20.1	34.7	28.6	16.6
Western Res.	20.8	36.9	31.5	10.7
Children in HH	17.9	38.2	34.8	9.2
No Children	21.8	34.6	27.6	16.0

Question 17g – Farm fields and pasture (percentage of each rank chosen)				
	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not important
All Respondents	29.1	39.5	22.5	8.9
Village Res.	26.3	35.1	26.3	12.3
Non-Village	29.8	41.1	21.2	7.9
Eastern Res.	27.7	37.5	23.5	11.4
Western Res.	30.0	41.4	21.9	6.7
Children in HH	27.7	37.9	25.7	8.7
No Children	29.4	40.2	21.1	9.3

Question 17g – Other important values written in by respondents		
ATV trails	4-year college in county	Canal development
Church	Clean environment	Clean Roadsides
Clean up North Rose	Developed waterfronts	Drive Rt 104 in Webster and then the same road in Ontario. What's happening to the county?
Fishing creeks, waterways	Get rid of slums on major roadways	Good Roads
Hills, valleys, lakes	Historic buildings	Home
Hunting and Fishing	I don't like the idea of a house every 1/2 acre. I love nature it out my window.	Lake Ontario
Lakeview	Law enforcement	Litter free roadsides
Minimal housing	Minimum 2 acre building lots	More parks
Nice home developments	Nice neighborhoods	No new home developments
No tract housing	Not seeing a cell tower	Opportunities for viewing wildlife in natural habitat
Orchards	Parks	Planning for Land Use
Plowed roads	Preserve our open land for farmers and natural beauty.	Public water lines
Restored Towns	Restrict development	Roads are not good
Safe Maintained Sidewalks	Sewers/drainage	Sodus Bay-Lake Ontario
Spaced housing	State-owned hunting land	Stop developing
Stop Development	Stores, businesses	Uncluttered Open Spaces
Uncomplicated Traffic	Undeveloped land	Village parks accessible by walks
Well-maintained homes	Wildlife	Would like to see junk vehicles out of yards
Zoning rules upheld for all		

Section 3

Policy proposal reactions

**Question 22 asked the respondent:
Would you support the following kinds of policies or programs?**

Question 22a – Purchase of undeveloped land to protect drinking water, rural character and farms (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	27.9	54.0	7.0	2.6	8.4
Village Res.	26.5	55.4	6.6	1.8	9.6
Non-Village	27.8	54.4	6.9	2.9	8.1
Eastern Res.	27.6	53.2	7.6	3.0	8.6
Western Res.	27.3	56.3	5.9	2.1	8.4
Children in HH	26.0	55.5	7.0	2.0	9.5
No Children	28.2	54.3	6.7	2.8	8.0

Question 22b – Tax incentives to help farmers keep farming (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	28.6	50.8	8.8	3.6	8.3
Village Res.	27.8	49.7	9.5	1.2	11.8
Non-Village	28.2	52.4	8.2	4.4	6.8
Eastern Res.	29.8	50.5	7.2	3.6	8.9
Western Res.	26.3	52.9	9.9	3.4	7.5
Children in HH	29.7	53.0	8.9	2.0	6.4
No Children	27.3	51.0	8.3	4.3	9.1

Question 22c – Tax incentives to new or expanding businesses (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	23.8	55.4	12.5	3.4	5.0
Village Res.	24.1	57.6	11.8	1.8	4.7
Non-Village	23.8	54.6	12.5	3.9	5.1
Eastern Res.	26.0	54.9	11.7	2.9	4.5
Western Res.	21.8	56.1	12.9	3.7	5.4
Children in HH	27.9	56.4	8.3	2.0	5.4
No Children	21.9	55.0	14.3	4.0	4.8

Question 22d – Policies to make new buildings look like old buildings in historic or downtown areas					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	13.0	30.2	22.2	8.0	26.7
Village Res.	15.4	33.7	21.9	7.1	21.9
Non-Village	12.0	28.9	22.6	8.0	28.5
Eastern Res.	14.2	27.7	23.4	8.6	26.1
Western Res.	11.7	33.0	21.3	6.9	27.1
Children in HH	11.9	32.2	24.8	3.0	28.2
No Children	13.5	29.3	21.2	10.2	25.8

Question 22e – Preservation of historic buildings and barns					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	19.7	51.7	7.8	3.3	17.5
Village Res.	23.8	50.0	9.5	1.8	14.9
Non-Village	18.1	52.6	7.0	3.8	18.5
Eastern Res.	22.6	47.8	8.6	4.3	16.6
Western Res.	16.7	56.0	6.8	2.0	18.4
Children in HH	17.7	57.6	7.9	1.0	15.8
No Children	20.7	48.8	7.7	4.3	18.4

Question 22f – Upgrade to streets, landscaping and other infrastructure in downtown areas					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	23.6	55.2	6.1	2.1	13.0
Village Res.	28.3	53.0	7.2	0.6	10.8
Non-Village	21.1	57.6	5.4	2.6	13.3
Eastern Res.	24.1	56.8	6.3	1.3	11.6
Western Res.	22.1	55.9	5.5	2.8	13.8
Children in HH	24.0	58.0	5.0	0.5	12.5
No Children	22.6	55.5	6.4	2.8	12.7

Question 22g – Expansion of tourism in Wayne County (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	19.1	50.4	7.3	1.6	21.6
Village Res.	25.0	50.0	6.5	1.2	17.3
Non-Village	16.3	51.9	7.8	1.7	22.4
Eastern Res.	24.0	54.3	4.9	1.3	15.5
Western Res.	13.2	48.3	10.1	1.7	26.7
Children in HH	21.4	45.8	9.0	0.0	23.9
No Children	17.4	54.2	6.6	2.3	19.4

Question 22h – Promotion of heritage and historical tourism along Erie Canal (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	20.2	51.9	6.1	2.6	19.2
Village Res.	30.4	45.8	4.2	1.8	17.9
Non-Village	15.9	54.8	7.0	2.8	19.4
Eastern Res.	20.9	54.3	5.6	2.6	16.6
Western Res.	19.1	50.2	6.8	2.4	21.5
Children in HH	18.9	53.7	6.5	1.5	19.4
No Children	20.6	51.5	6.1	3.0	18.8

Question 22i – Promotion of tourism along Lake Ontario (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	16.5	51.0	8.7	2.4	21.4
Village Res.	18.0	53.3	7.8	1.2	19.8
Non-Village	15.8	50.4	9.4	2.8	21.6
Eastern Res.	18.5	54.0	7.9	2.3	17.2
Western Res.	14.1	48.3	10.0	2.4	25.2
Children in HH	13.4	51.0	9.9	0.5	25.2
No Children	17.9	51.3	8.5	3.3	19.0

Question 22j – Construction of bicycle and walking paths (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	27.3	47.3	8.2	3.3	13.9
Village Res.	29.4	48.8	6.5	2.9	12.4
Non-Village	25.8	47.4	8.8	3.3	14.7
Eastern Res.	24.5	48.7	9.5	3.6	13.7
Western Res.	29.3	46.9	6.8	2.7	14.3
Children in HH	32.7	49.3	4.9	2.4	10.7
No Children	23.8	47.1	9.9	3.5	15.7

Question 22k – Creation of new multi-use trails for motorized recreation such as snowmobiles (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	12.8	32.8	20.7	14.3	19.5
Village Res.	7.1	35.1	24.4	12.5	20.8
Non-Village	15.0	31.3	19.6	15.0	19.2
Eastern Res.	13.2	35.3	19.1	14.9	17.5
Western Res.	12.3	29.4	22.9	13.7	21.8
Children in HH	18.1	37.3	18.1	9.8	16.7
No Children	9.9	29.8	22.4	16.6	21.2

Question 22l – Requirements that builders of multi-home developments include sidewalks (percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	17.4	48.4	6.0	1.7	26.4
Village Res.	20.7	50.3	6.5	1.8	20.7
Non-Village	15.9	47.1	5.6	1.9	29.5
Eastern Res.	16.1	47.7	5.9	2.3	28.0
Western Res.	18.5	48.3	5.8	1.4	26.0
Children in HH	20.7	48.3	3.4	1.5	26.1
No Children	15.5	47.8	7.1	2.0	27.5

Question 22m – An increase in arts and cultural activities in your community					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	14.7	47.9	7.4	2.6	27.4
Village Res.	18.9	52.1	5.3	1.8	21.9
Non-Village	12.6	47.3	8.0	2.8	29.3
Eastern Res.	17.8	50.0	5.6	3.0	23.7
Western Res.	11.0	47.3	8.9	2.1	30.8
Children in HH	14.4	51.5	6.4	2.0	25.7
No Children	14.5	47.2	7.6	2.8	27.9

Question 22n – Purchase of open space for use as parks					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	20.7	47.7	14.4	4.5	12.7
Village Res.	18.9	49.1	14.2	3.0	14.8
Non-Village	21.2	47.2	14.4	5.0	12.3
Eastern Res.	18.8	48.4	16.1	4.9	11.8
Western Res.	22.5	47.1	12.5	3.8	14.2
Children in HH	22.9	51.2	13.9	2.5	9.5
No Children	19.4	45.9	14.5	5.4	14.8

Question 23 – Would you support a program encouraging businesses to locate in established villages, town centers and hamlets rather than on farmland?					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	39.9	48.7	3.4	0.8	7.1
Village Res.	42.1	45.0	3.5	1.2	8.2
Non-Village	39.3	50.0	3.2	0.7	6.8
Eastern Res.	42.3	46.1	3.9	1.0	6.8
Western Res.	37.8	51.2	2.7	0.7	7.7
Children in HH	40.9	50.7	2.5	0.0	5.9
No Children	39.7	47.5	3.7	1.2	7.9

Question 24 – Large retail establishments (often called 'big box' stores) provide goods at lower prices than smaller stores. However, they have been shown to take business away from downtown retail areas. Many communities limit the size of retail establishments. How strongly would you support regulations to limit the size of retail buildings?					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	13.4	37.0	24.2	10.6	14.8
Village Res.	17.6	40.0	18.2	7.6	16.5
Non-Village	11.8	35.3	26.2	11.6	15.1
Eastern Res.	13.7	36.6	22.5	10.5	16.7
Western Res.	13.2	36.6	25.4	10.5	14.2
Children in HH	7.4	38.7	29.4	11.3	13.2
No Children	16.6	35.5	21.2	10.1	16.6

Question 25 – Sometimes government pays property owners to put a deed restriction on their land that prevents future development. It's called a purchase of development rights and it's used to protect farmland and open space. How strongly would you support a county-funded purchase of development rights program?

(percentage of each rank chosen)

	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	15.1	47.4	18.9	6.3	12.3
Village Res.	13.3	49.1	18.2	5.5	13.9
Non-Village	15.9	46.7	18.9	6.3	12.1
Eastern Res.	15.0	45.3	20.3	6.7	12.7
Western Res.	15.4	49.5	17.1	5.5	12.6
Children in HH	14.1	54.8	15.1	4.0	12.1
No Children	15.7	43.7	20.6	7.1	12.9

Question 26 – How strongly would you support a program that limits the construction of water pipes, sewer lines and roads to discourage residential building in some areas?

(percentage of each rank chosen)

	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	9.5	34.8	29.9	11.1	14.7
Village Res.	9.8	32.5	32.5	10.4	14.7
Non-Village	9.5	35.3	29.1	11.2	14.9
Eastern Res.	8.1	35.0	28.3	12.1	16.5
Western Res.	11.1	34.1	31.8	9.8	13.2
Children in HH	7.0	42.2	31.2	7.0	12.6
No Children	10.9	30.7	29.4	12.9	16.0

Question 27 – Wetlands play an important role in cleaning drinking water, controlling floods and protecting plant and animal species. However, wetlands protection sometimes means restricting development. How strongly do you support protecting wetlands from development?

(percentage of each rank chosen)

	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	27.8	53.7	7.9	2.7	7.9
Village Res.	27.4	54.2	6.0	3.0	9.5
Non-Village	27.5	53.8	8.8	2.8	7.2
Eastern Res.	26.6	51.9	10.7	3.6	7.1
Western Res.	28.3	56.0	5.1	2.0	8.5
Children in HH	23.6	59.6	5.9	1.5	9.4
No Children	29.4	51.0	9.0	3.5	7.0

Question 28 – State Route 104 is a major tourism, commuter and commercial road. Would you support a policy designed to improve the architecture, landscaping and appearance of this roadway?

(percentage of each rank chosen)

	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	16.7	43.3	14.0	5.5	20.6
Village Res.	16.1	41.7	14.3	5.4	22.6
Non-Village	16.5	43.7	14.2	5.7	19.9
Eastern Res.	16.0	43.1	14.7	5.9	20.3
Western Res.	16.7	43.1	13.7	5.4	21.1
Children in HH	16.2	41.7	17.2	4.9	20.1
No Children	16.5	43.9	12.7	6.0	20.9

Question 29 – Many communities have their own inspection and property assessment departments. Would you support the consolidation of services, such as these, into a single Wayne County office?					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	10.3	38.3	24.9	12.2	14.4
Village Res.	13.9	45.2	22.3	8.4	10.2
Non-Village	8.9	35.8	25.5	13.8	15.9
Eastern Res.	12.3	43.3	21.7	12.3	10.3
Western Res.	8.2	33.4	27.6	12.3	18.4
Children in HH	11.7	35.0	25.4	12.2	15.7
No Children	9.6	40.2	24.2	12.4	13.6

Question 30 – Would you support the consolidation of some town and village governments?					
(percentage of each rank chosen)					
	Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Care
All Respondents	12.6	46.5	17.0	7.7	16.1
Village Res.	19.4	46.7	16.4	6.7	10.9
Non-Village	10.4	45.6	17.3	8.3	18.4
Eastern Res.	15.9	46.2	15.3	8.6	14.0
Western Res.	9.8	45.6	18.8	7.0	18.8
Children in HH	12.5	46.0	18.5	7.5	15.5
No Children	13.1	45.9	16.2	8.0	16.8

Question 31 – Where do you get most of your information about town and county government? (Check three boxes.)	
Source of information	Percent of votes cast
Newspaper	74.1%
Television	7.0%
Radio	1.4%
Internet	1.4%
Neighbors	12.0%
Don't Know	4.2%

**Question 32 – What is your favorite place in Wayne County?
(number in parenthesis indicates number of mentions)**

All of it, seriously!	Ann Lee Drive
Any place outdoors that is wild	Any rural road
Any school gym where sports is being played	Any woodland park or trail
Apple Orchards	Apple Farm, Maple Ridge Road,
Aqueduct Park, Palmyra	Arcadia Country side
Areas around lake and bays	B.Farman Pack (2)
Back roads, Sodus Bay Wildlife Management Unit	Backyard
Barnes Corners, Town of Galen	Bear Cree
Brantling Ski Slopes	Bullis Park
Casey Park in Williamson (4)	Chimney Bluffs (10)
Clyde	Country Roads
Drumlins with apple orchards near Lake Ontario	East Bay / Chimey Bluffs
East Newark Grill	East of the Bridge and North of the Ridge
East Palmyra	Erie Canal and paths along it (28)
Fair Haven State Park (4)	Fairville
Foreman Park (12)	Former Camp Beechwood
Galen (2)	Garlock House
Golf courses (4)	Have several in Marion and Wayne County
Huron	I enjoy driving all the back roads and rural nature of the county.
In the open field by the farm pond.	Kings Daughters Library, Palmyra and bike, walking path from Palmyra to Macedon
Lake Ontario and Lake Shore (48)	Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Road, Williamson
Lighthouse-Sodus Bay	Lock Berlin
LW Emporium	Lyons (3)
Macedon (2)	Macedon Countryside
Macedon Library	Montezuma
Movie Theater in Newark	Mud Creek
My home, farm, property or backyard (93)	My neighborhood (4)

Question 32 – Favorite places continued

Newark (7)	Newark Hospital Day Care Unit
Norwins Campsite	Orchards along the shore of Lake Ontario.
Off Track Betting	Palmyra (13)
Parks (9)	Paton's grocery store
Port Bay (5)	Prospect hill in Palmyra
Pultneyville (17)	Rural areas (5)
Sanctuary at Crowfield Farm	School gym
School house and jail on Ontario Center Road	Several different places along the water.
Shore of Lake Ontario	Sodus Bay (33)
Sodus Point (56)	Sodus Point Light House (6)
Spencer Speedway	State and private woodlands all over the county.
State owned land on Lake Ontario at Larkin Road	The Bluffs
The Old Aqueduct Trail in Palmyra	The school districts
The woods and the rivers	Too many to name one
Undeveloped woods and land between Ontario Carter Road and Walworth Ontario Road	Used to love Sodus Point but in the past few years even that has lost its luster.
Viewing the fall foliage around the county	Views of the fruit orchards and of the lake
Wal-Mart (3)	Walworth (2)
Walworth-Seely Library	Wolcott (6)
Wooded areas around lake	Zurich Bog (2)

Question 33: Write other comments or reflections on the future of Wayne County

- A canal-side walking trail between the villages of Newark and Lyons should be considered similar to the one between Macedon and Palmyra.
- A need to give tax incentives to draw new businesses to Lyons or Wayne County.
- Aggressively pursue economic development promote Wayne Co. as place to live
- Any development is fine, but let's concentrate on what we can afford. Spending money on whimsical ideas at this time is not prudent. When there is a surplus fine, but let's take care of what we have and then see what's left over. Dreams are wonderful. Dollars are scarce.
- Anything to lower property taxes
- As a whole, in general, I would have to say Wayne County "has got it going on." Everyone is doing a real good job.
- At the rate the taxes are going no one except extremely wealth will be able to continue living here. That's a crime. Try controlling spending - as taxpayers we have to government should also.
- Before buying up more land the county needs to take care of what it has. It promotes public use without providing adequate care taking.
- Being a new resident of Wayne County, I would like a pamphlet or the like explaining FAQs about County/Town/Village law and regulations in which I reside.
- Bring back Meyers COMMUNITY hospital for the community that needs, wants it and loved it. Get rid of via Health. They are wrecking health care.
- Build Wal-Mart in Macedon-generate revenue, work w/co.planning & towns for long range goals, start a 2 yr budget process
- Business/job opportunities to help create jobs, taxes and impact economy in a positive way
- Clean out Clyde River for boating and fishing to create water flow to support animal and plant life.
- Clean up some of the messy places around
- Clean up the towns. North Rose has zoning law, but you wouldn't know it.
- Concerned about long-term Ginna Power Plant use and operation
- Construct bat houses in the villages to support colonies of bats to keep the mosquito population down naturally.
- Continue canal development & complete canal path
- County and towns need to stop spending and let taxpayers know that they are paying off some of the debt
- County Needs to Get serious about economic development
- County willing to waste money on the canal and route 104, but county did nothing to save Monroe Ambulance from leaving Wayne County. Why would tourists or even large businesses want to come to a county where it takes 30 to 45 minutes for ambulance to show up. County fly cars are a good thing, but they can't transport. My opinion is the call volume was here to keep Monroe Ambulance here. Maybe teh county should send some oney to look into the people who run EMS in the county like Jim Lee and Bill Liddle. Could they have done more to keep Monroe here? If you can't keep the taxpayers alive, who is going to pay the taxes?
- Develop Sodus Bay and Lake Ontario for tourism by boat.
- Don't allow it to lose its rural character
- Economic flow. Jobs!
- Enforce codes for removing junk in areas, fill potholes on shoulders of road
- Find a way to conserve the rural aspect
- Find ways to encourage a strong middle class to live and work here
- Fix roads and bridges properly so they don't have to be paved, torn up, repaved, torn up... Only one department store in entire county - no competition locally. We can't find quality clothing in Wayne County. We either go to Pennys in Oswege or mail order. We don't need any more fast food and pizza places.
- Fix the roads in Newark. Entice businesses with tax incentives. Put something in the Perkins building (Newark) or tear it down.
- For me personally, it's trying to keep my home in Palmyra going. Taxes increase to the point it may cause me to not be able to afford to live here. I'd like to see our taxes ease up to afford me and my neighbors a way of life here. Instead of

thinking it would be financially better for us to relocate where cost is lower. I love this area and dread the thought of moving out.

- For Palmyra/Macedon filling the empty Ames building in Macedon plays with an Ames-like store is much needed.
- Fund/support construction of trails ("Single track"... i.e. rugged, winding, narrow paths) in wilderness areas to attract hikers, mountain bikers.
- Get funding for long-term addiction treatment centers to help people become drug free. (Drugs are a big problem in Wayne County.) Store and dining areas, fast foods.
- Get the cops off the back of residents with their petty ass speed traps - ie Palmyra, Macedon. Enough of the overassessments for schools to spend on not educating students but on sports and clubs and bloated infrastructure.
- Go slowly and carefully in development
- Good luck. Please allow Ontario and Monroe Counties to absorb Macedon. At least don't let it turn into another Newark welfare economy.
- Gov't leaders have not made any long-term vision for the future, planning only when forced to. Thanks to planning dept for taking them by the hand
- Great need to clean up Sodus Point
- Has developed significantly time and noise level has increased without the noise, etc.
- Having a single owner and large amounts of business property in Sodus Point means they control its future which in my opinion is no good.
- Having grown up and lived the majority of my life in another rural NY county, I find eastern Wayne Co. depressed in economy and spirit. I believe it is a cycle where each feeds the other. Both need to be revived.
- Help keep the businesses that we have here to stay here. Encourage the town and residents to support local businesses.
- Help us.
- High taxes, schools will stifle growth
- Hope it doesn't grow, like the peaceful, calm and relaxing life
- Hope to see the county stay rural, not a lot more new houses.
- How do we get more involved
- I believe that Newark in particular has already destroyed what they should have preserved with urban renewal. We should now go ahead and bring in big business and concentrate on selling the community as a bedroom community for Rochester.
- I believe there is plenty of room for economic development along Route 104 as well as the ability to maintain small historical villages and farm land to the north and south of 104. The key is not too overdevelop.
- I do not like development, especially fast food places. I would like every town to have a community center and tons of programs for families, children and teenagers.
- I feel its important to have a train station in Wayne Co.
- I feel the streets in Lyons could be a little safer if the police would do more about the drug dealings in town.
- I felt secure knowing we had a fully staffed law enforcement office. With these lay offs, my security and the security of everyone in this township is skaeen. Please find a way to keep our NPD force all on the job.
- I have always lived in the country and love the outdoors so my answers reflect this
- I have lived in Lyons my whole life. It is very sad to see how bad this town has gotten. Neighborhoods look worse each year dues to rental properties that hare not take care of. We need to make owners accountable for their poperties or penalize them for not keeping them up.
- I hope that Wayne County doesn't fall pray to the overdevelopment seen in Webster and Penfield but given the population explosion, it seems inevitable.
- I hope the tax money lost when the wetlands were and are being sold will not effect our schools, quality of education for our children I svery important.
- I hope we draw more businessto draw back some stores of clothing, etc.
- I just wish it was in Williamson where the taxes seem to balance with the services and schools.
- I like the rural community.

- I live here because it is rural and I want to keep it that way although education, jobs and giving kids more to do here is a problem. I would like to see the communities band together more and create jobs that could help all in the communities. Alternatives energy would be a good business to start here.
- I love Wayne County. The schools are great. The community is awesome. I was said when they voted the pool down at Wayne.
- I love what they have done for Newark so far, Keep going! Beauty is Good. I would like all that came through Newark to say how awesome and beautiful it is.
- I moved back to Wayne County for retirement because of its rural character. Please keep it rural and natural. Confine development to the existing villages. It is such a relief and pleasure to see rural Wayne County without the junky sprawl that destroys the landscape and nature. So called 'development' ruins the areas forever! At least keep development confined so it doesn't sprawl everywhere and ruin the rural character. Keep the woods. They are fast disappearing from gree adn will be forever gone!
- I really think to attract more people they should create something that no other town has, like the Rose Gardens use to.
- I strongly support the use of sales tax to fund schools and county projects. This should be funded by everyone not just property owners. Property taxes are out of control in Wayne County.
- I think it would be nice for that drive-thru movie on Ridge Road to be redeveloped; it is now a ball park. Have it built along 104, where the land is empty and Ridge.
- I think it would help the promotion of the canal trail if the connecting road on canal drive W. was improved by either the Canal Authority orWayne County. It would be nice to see the authority and county did some brainstorming on the subject.
- I think its important that we develop our own identity from Monroe County. Also it is important that we look at other options than industry to create financial security for Wayne County.
- I think some steps are being taken to improve the small communities. We think this is badly needed.
- I think that if you are young and on welfare, you should have to volunteer so many hours of community service. Clean up parks or even helping out at churches. What ever church or religion they believe in. Also they should no be able to have more kids on welfare. If they can't support the ones they had before they received assistance. That would definitely reflect the future of Wayne County.
- I think the local governments are a joke!! We need more money for the sheriff and roads. Stop wasting it on special interest projects of politicians.
- I think there should be a community center in Marion for the kids to go and play have fun.
- I think there should be a limited number of new homes built per year in Ontario.
- I think we need to keep a tighter watch on the criminal activities in our Wayne County towns. It's scary to walk some of the streets at night in a lot of these towns!!
- I work in Rochester. I shop at Eastview. I buy as much gas, groceries, furniture and anything else possible from local merchants if Wayne County is where you live, please spend as much money locally as you possibly can.
- I would like to keep the rural and scenic aspects of the county from being industrialized.
- I'd like to see our country towns and farm communities to stay that way. We don't need another Webster. Ontario's land has already changed into that. Kids need land and safety.
- If farming is profitable, the farms will stay and urban sprawl will control itself.
- If it keeps going, all that's here will become more illegal in and around. People that want to live safe lives in small towns in all of NY. There's people doing illegal deeds, but people just turn their heads.
- If you don't do something I don't think ther is much of a fture.
- Improve the look of the 104 corridor. Lower taxes.
- In 2 lines??? Call me.
- In some parts of the county (Eastern) there is low racial diversity - students need to see multiple cultures if we are to raise our children with a sense of the world.

- Investigate the possible use of municipal electric and power supply.
- It cannot be emphasized enough that we must get new business in this area. Newark is a dying community and it is so sad.
- It is a beautiful place. Don't make another Webster, Greece Irondequoit. Save as many trees as you can.
- It is going to be terrible unless the county gets control of its spending and taxation and also the state because when I retire I am leaving, going south.
- It is important that Wayne Co remains a rural area - not another suburb of Rochester. Marion needs a rec center for kids and adults.
- It is my feeling that unless something is done about the cost of our school system to the landowner, we (my husband and I) won't have a future in Wayne County. It's time the teachers and highly priced administrators start living in the real world and pay their own medical insurance and their own retirement, the same as everyone else. Why should I have to give up my home because I can't afford the taxes on a fixed income, so they can have it all at our expense? No one pays for my medical. We pay over \$700 a month for ours and we only have the retirement we paid into (401k). I resent having to pay for theirs as well as high salaries.
- It lacks opportunities for shopping, employment, and entertainment. Also it's an economically depressed area.
- It needs some work. Jobs and activities need to be made available in all communities. You need an unsure column, not a don't care!! Or need more info.
- It needs to grow economically and culturally.
- It would be nice to have more shopping in the area: BJs, Target, Rite Aid, Eckerd. The Ames plaza is vacant and should be filled with something of content.
- It's beyond Wayne County. Walmart destroyed Ames and Kmart and elft itself and Target which are worthless. I can't drink our tap water. There are no jobs for any wage at a decent living in Clyde. Not enough room for comments.
- I've been subbing as a teacher's aide in the Ontario primary school recently - the staff there is the best!
- Job creation and improved education for minorities are necessary to keep taxes down and keep the young people here.
- Jobs are needed to keep people in the smaller communities. Encouraging small business is a step toward making the community stronger.
- Keep infrastructure up-to-date, keep development regulated, not restricted who really runs Wayne Co.? We have no idea
- Keep it rural and reduce county government. This will keep taxes down and make it a nice place for us older natives to live.
- Keep old town look w/modern shops
- Keep up the good work
- Keep us current, well developed plans and keep corporations hidden and not in control
- Keep Walmart out of Macedon
- Lack of quality jobs for the skilled trades, requires me to work far from home. This coses the loss of family time.
- Leave it alone
- Like small town living. Needs more industry and people to keep things thriving. Husband and I are snow birds to Florida where our daughter lives and works. Our children enjoyed growing up in Clyde and participating very actively in sports and schools events. It was good!
- Like to see more growth as Wayne Co. has a lot of good history
- Limit building of residential homes to limit population in rural areas.
- Limit the noise level of industrial and recreational facilities
- Local grocery store is 5-7 miles, other than Pit Stop area. Have to gove elsewhere. Go in city. Ship in city, Syracuse for clothes.
- Loitering on the street deters investment and tourism by others.
- Looking for developed and maintained ATV trails,. I oppose the purchase of farmland in Savannah by the DEC.
- Love to see extension of bike paths on canal and devleopment of some type of Target and Walmart in the 2 empty Ames plazas. Ames is really missed.
- Lower the taxes, very high for the area
- Maintain and protect apple growing

- Many villages and roads are "dirty". An improvement to more eye appealing roadways and villages could be supported through the communities.
- More business
- More business, less taxes!!!!
- More needs to be done to discourage littering, especially at the Bluffs areas on Lake Ontario and on Sodus Bay Bridge by the people fishing
- More summer recreation -public pool, parks w/beach, access to parks and playgrounds, larger stores in Wayne Co as not to have to go to Monroe Co.
- More things for the kids to do - skate parks, skating, arcades
- Must do more to increase tourism
- Need a decent sited park, public access land in western Wayne County.
- Need a major grocery store and Walmart in Sodus area
- Need better shopping
- Need downtown businesses and attractions in Macedon.
- Need expansion of business opportunities to help w/tax burden (economic development)
- Need good Hi-tech jobs to keep young here
- Need incentive to bring industry, businesses and professionals into the area
- Need manufacturing in existing vacant buildings in Newark, Wayne County, etc.
- Need more entertainment and recreation for our youth
- Need more involvement with board of supervisors and residents to understand taxes and growth.
- Need more job opportunities -good pay and benefits, lower taxes, improve quality of the roads
- Need more than one East/West and North/South highways. As populations rise, commuters and shoppers need more alternate routes and emergency alternatives.
- Need retail development. With new plaza in Webster, that's where W.C. money will go. We don't need to become Henrietta, but more retail (Big Box) is needed.
- Need someone in village government to get more jobs so we can get more tourists to come in and shop. And more things for our kids to do! To keep them off the streets.
- Need to capitalize on Erie Canal, railroad station in Lyons; ECCC
- Need to create jobs
- Needs economic growth, stores, quaint villages, nice parks, connecting bike and walking trails, small malls - more business development
- Needs help
- Needs to enforce property clean up to keep slum looking areas from growing and clean up existing ones.
- New business take over vacant bldg rather than build new.
- New stores to shop for clothes at cheaper prices so poor families can eat better.
- Newark Canal Days
- Newark needs a real downtown, as does Palmyra. Urban renewal was a scam
- Nice having one foot in the country, one foot in "the city."
- No Walmart!
- Not in favor of HUD complex to be built in Macedon
- Nothing of interest in Newark downtown nothing where does one take visitors the clock museum? WOW no place for tourists to go
- Orchards are a good attractionfor Wayne County.
- Our hard earned money is spent in Monroe Co. because there are no stores or shopping areas like they have
- Over 50 years ago, plans were drawn up to make Rt 104 a four lane road. 50 years later it has been completed to Williamson. How many have died in the meantime on the road?
- Over all Wayne County is a great place to raise a family
- Overlapping of governmental services and structure has not improved the quality of life in the village/town. We must begin to find ways to lower tax rates, school taxes and assessments by cutting costs in government.
- Palmyra and Lyons are pretty little towns. Newark on the other hand. Will they ever learn!
- People have always lived in the country are used to quiet as the town people are used to town. No one can say what's better for others. I think for the country we

need to protect our farmers. I also think many people take them for granted when they go to the grocery store - do they stop and think someone had to grow or raise the food. Nothing will ever stay the same, but we just need to think of others when we plan things and the long-term effect.

- People need to understand that development is coming soon and we should respect that and plan for it, residential areas, widen roads, water, sewer, gas
- People caring about their property and others. Better PR in getting the area to future homeowners.
- Planning is very important to the future of Wayne County. The 104 corridor is a major tourism, commuter and commercial road. However, it looks very bad in areas!! The rural character of Wayne County is one of its strengths. However so many areas look very run-down and neglected.
- Please keep a strong police force. Keep loitering out of Lyons village. Clean up of rental property. Control drugs in Lyons.
- Progress is going too fast. Everyone is in a hurry. What happened to the good old days. If I can't afford it. I don't chart it either. Sorry. I'm not much help.
- Pull all children that live in Wayne Co into Wayne Co schools instead of Monroe so our tax money goes back to Wayne
- Put casinos in Sodus Point and Huron
- Question 28 - Route 104 should be a four-lane highway. Also the leash law on dogs should be in effect to enable people to walk safely.
- Questions marked (24, 25,26) are too far in the future to seriously support.
- Red Creek needs help bad, more houses being sold because lack of stores and nothing to do.
- Reduce school taxes What agenda does this questionnaire serve, yes and no and multiple choice do not give an accurate measure
- Return of sales tax to 7%, wider shoulders, right turn lanes on 104
- Rt 104 needs to be safer, more businesses to fill up old empty plazas, maybe an Arby's and Walmart in our town
- Small communities should have something for all who live here. There should be local stores to keep communities together. Don't make people travel to big cities to get their needs unless they want to. We need places for children to go. Places that they bring their own children to. We have big community centers that mostly draw adults to. When our children grow up they leave because there is nothing to keep them here. We need more small businesses run by family that get passed down to family. We need to slow down. Enjoy the small things which are slowly going away.
- Spending money for trail works is not right
- Sprawl has repeatedly been proven to devastate a community's economy and quality of life. The entire Rochester area is in serious decline.
- Stop raising taxes, stop Urban sprawl, and stop ramming water lines down our throats
- Strongly oppose low income housing being on my street
- Strongly support clean water in Sodus Bay
- Support waterfront development-public marina, parks
- Taxes are still way too high. Must go to cash value pensions for all civil services versus defined benefit.
- Taxes too high, do not receive anything in return to justify the amount. Need more single home development to help lower taxes, more business development
- Tear down the town of Ontario and start over.
- Thank you for doing this. It's encouraging to know someone is interested in improving their quality of life
- Thanks for questionnaire, hope it begins to slow down "sprawl" that is overtaking the western part of the country
- The amount of return on our taxes is poor. Macedon needs a Walmart or similar store we need shopping area
- The area I live in has very little good job opportunity. It would be nice to see business offer good paying jobs for our area.
- The County needs to help towns put water lines to everyone and to bring more businesses to Wayne County.
- The county seat is depressing and visually a "dump" and really a disgrace for county seat

- The lack of political leadership has turned Wayne County into a second class county with higher taxes, etc, so we can't compete with our neighboring counties. This includes towns, villages and especially the schools.
- The lighthouse is developing nicely. A street of shops would enhance tourism and boating traffic in the summertime.
- The only reason I oppose the two above is because of the possible lost jobs. We already have enough of that.
- The strongest reason we live in Wayne County is because of its rural atmosphere. If we wanted suburb we would move to Webster. Please don't change it.
- The towns need more character. Power lines and phone lines should be underground. We have no public swimming pools. No super Walmarts, hardly any family restaurants.
- There also needs to be better ordinances about junk in people's yards. We have a naturally beautiful area and it's ruined with the way some people just let junk lay around, old cars, etc.
- Think about filling the old Ames store at West Wayne Plaza with, say, a JoAnn Fabrics, etc.
- This process gives me hope.
- To keep the county from too much development!
- Too many houses being built on previously open land. Soon to be like any other suburb.
- Too slow on canal renders it useless for travel
- Too small a driveway area for next door Daycare, would be nice to sit on front porch and enjoy again.
- Town to fix sidewalks in town of Marion
- Under some conditions town and village government may need to be combined
- Want to see it grow if possible
- Wayne County has much to offer. However, economic growth is a problem. Wayne county would most benefit from a cooperative effort to promote economic growth while preserving the natural and historic environment.
- We are losing many businesses concerned this will not be good for us. We need more businesses to "stay alive". I've seen building for sale here for years. Assessments have gone up, but where will the extra money go? Some should go to enrich the town/village. Otherwise people will not want to move here.
- We drink bottle water-the water quality and pressure in Newark is terrible
- We like the rural nature of Wayne County, but there needs to be a balance with business. Taxes are getting too high.
- We live within 5 miles of Lake Ontario but have no lake access or large parks for local residents to enjoy.
- We miss the mail drop box outside at the Savannah Post Office. This was a step back when P.O. regulations called for removal. Would like to see enforcement of pollution laws, re: woodburning, outdoor furnaces and also car mufflers compliance.
- We moved to Wayne County from Rochester for privacy, safety for our children, great schools and the rural atmosphere. If I wanted houses and businesses on top of us we would've stayed in the city or bought a home in the village.
- We must consolidate all these small towns into larger professionally managed facilities. Not to do that is almost criminal.
- We need a better grocery store and department stores, especially for the taxes we pay.
- We need clothes shopping like Target.
- We need higher education in county ASAP. I have driven to Brockport 65-75 miles one way for 5 years to get degree.
- We need more businesses
- We need more good jobs.
- We need more jobs. Loosen up on zoning.
- We need more shopping areas and places for family entertainment.
- We need property and income taxes in the state and county greatly reduced and we need much more business/industrial development, but also keep the rural character.

- We need public hunting lands. Also small communities are great for children and families, makes for great neighborhoods. Slow the tax hickes. It's going to push me out of my home. Thanks.
- We need to bring more businesses to Arcadia and retail store to compete with Walmart.
- We need to clean up the streets. Free the streets of unemployed people "hanging out" all day. This makes me uneasy. Also have community clean-up day, pick up garbage, plant flowers.
- We need to encourage more business developmetn in the county.
- We need to promote the area more, perhaps in conjunction with the canal system, since most communities have rennoavted their canal parks for boaters.
- We need to take care of our wildlife
- We need water on West Port Bay.
- We travel a bit and I enjoy telling people weare 350 miles from NYC, mention the population and county and the proximity of our neighbors.
- We're still getting to know the area, but so far we think it's a beautiful areas. The fall was great with all the produce available locally. It's great to see so many people out walking, skating, hiking, boating... the taxes here are much higher than anywhere else we've lived.
- When my parents pass on, I'm out of New York. Taxes are killing this once great state.
- Williamson Town Park is excellent. Focus on existing resources rather than new construction.
- With the arrival of the fast ferry this is a wonderful time to advertize and draw in tourism to our area.
- Would like to see an Ames type store come back so it doesn't look so messy, and a WTCA bank
- Would like to see cable run down Maple Ridge Road (from Joy Road to Rt. 88). Wayne County should use Monroe and Ontario Counties as one benchmark. Victor, Pittsford very nice places to live.
- Would love to see Target or Walmart type store back in Ames Plaza on Rt. 104
- You need to ban mobile homes, which is too late. We need industry for job creation and lowering taxes. Development of canal arts center is a waste of \$\$ and Newark need street repair and less negative people. All welfare clients need to be tested for drugs and alcohol. A positive test is auto refusal of future funds. I believe that the WC highway could be abolished and the towns take over. It seems to be duplicative service. Thank you.
- You need to make the towns/villages make attractive and appealing. Get reid of junk and 'for sale' vehicles along roadway. Clean up. Fix up. All over.