

APPENDIX B: COMMUNITY SURVEY

Overview

As a part of the public participation plan, the Village of Rosendale Smart Growth Committee created a survey for Village residents to complete regarding their opinions on the current state of the Village and its potential for growth.

Overall, 34 residents completed and returned the survey, of which 18 were male and 16 were female. All surveys were completed by residents who identify themselves as having a White or Caucasian background, which is consistent with the lack of racial diversity within the Village. A majority of the residents surveyed fell between the ages of 45 and 54 and were homeowners who have lived in the Village of Rosendale for 11 or more years. Most of the residents live in two person households, have completed at least some college or technical school, and earn somewhere between \$35,000 and \$80,000 per year.

Summary of Results

The survey itself was divided into sections in the same fashion as the Comprehensive Plan. That is, each section was composed of questions related to each of the nine required elements. An analysis of the results for each section is as follows. A copy of the survey appears on the following pages.

Question #	Average Response	Question #	Average Response	Question #	Average Response
1	1.76	8a	2.47	23d	Beautification Projects
2	2.03	8b	2.44	24	2.24
3a	2.74	8c	2.62	25a	2.15
3b	2.79	8d	2.35	25b	2.38
3c	2.47	8e	2.88	25c	2.79
3d	2	8f	3	25d	1.32
3e	2.82	8g	2.97	25e	1.18
3f	2.21	8h	2.97	25f	2.12
3g	2.94	9	2.24	25g	1.88
3h	2.06	10	1.91	26	1.74
3i	2.5	11a	3.09	27a	2.15
3j	2.85	11b	5.7	27b	2.71
3k	2.74	12a	2.65	27c	2.32
3l	2.59	12b	2.5	27d	2.53
4a	3.18	12c	2.68	27e	2.38
4b	1.94	12d	2.06	27f	None
4c	2.18	12e	2.35	28a	2.06
4d	3.12	12f	2.12	28b	2.71
4e	1.74	13a	Improved Streets (#1)	28c	2.71
4f	2.06	13b	New Streets (#2)	28d	3.41
4g	2.32	14	2.15	28e	2.79
4h	2.45	15	1.91	28f	2.38
4i	2.53	16	2.29	28g	2.56
4j	2.56	16a	1.72	28h	3.15
4k	3.06	17	Stricter Enforcement (#1)	29	3.97
4l	2.41	18	1.71	30a	1.09
5	1.94	19	2.53	30b	2.24
6	2.03	20	1.71	31	1.03
7a	1.91	20a	3.04	32	3.47
7b	1.94	20b	3.17	33	N/A
7c	1.41	21a	1.74	34	4.06
7d	1.59	21b	2	35	1
7e	1.42	22	1.82	36	18 Male, 16 Female
7f	1.62	22a	2.39	37	3.58
7g	1.38	22b	3.74		
7h	1.47	23a	Preserve Woodlands (#1)		
7i	2.06	23b	Maintaining Parks (#2)		
7j	2.06	23c	Stricter Water Quality		

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Please circle the number beside the word or phrase that best describes your answer. Do not skip any questions unless instructed to do so. Remember that your answers will remain confidential, but this information is necessary to plan for growth and change in our community.

Section I: Issues and Opportunities

1. Thinking about this area, overall, how would you rate the quality of life here in Rosendale?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair
- 4 Poor
- 5 Not sure

2. During the next five years or so, do you expect that things here in Rosendale will improve, stay the same or worsen?

- 1 Improve
- 2 Stay the same
- 3 Worsen
- 4 Not sure

3. Listed below are several aspects of life in a community. For each one, please tell us whether you think that aspect of life here in Rosendale needs a lot of improvement, a little improvement or no improvement at all.

	Needs a lot of improvement	Needs a little improvement	Needs no improvement	No opinion
a. Providing enough homes that people can afford to buy	1	2	3	4
b. Having enough parks and green space ..	1	2	3	4
c. Providing roads necessary to handle current and planned development.....	1	2	3	4
d. Having high-quality drinking water	1	2	3	4
e. Providing enough rental housing that people can afford.....	1	2	3	4
f. Offering access health care facilities	1	2	3	4

g.	Having a reliable supply of electric power	1	2	3	4
h.	Having enough high-paying job opportunities	1	2	3	4
i.	Providing high-quality police service.....	1	2	3	4
j.	Providing high-quality fire protection service and EMS	1	2	3	4
k.	Providing high-quality schools	1	2	3	4
l.	Providing 0 – 6 child care services	1	2	3	4

Section II: Planning for Growth

4. Listed below are several types of growth that might occur in an area. Please tell us how strongly you generally support or oppose that type of growth for Rosendale

	Strongly Support	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Strongly Oppose	No Opinion	
a.	New residential development that includes apartments as well as homes.....	1	2	3	4	5
b.	New residential development that includes homes, but not apartments.....	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Improving housing options for seniors....	1	2	3	4	5
d.	More housing for people with disabilities.....	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Encouraging new businesses to locate in our community/county....	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Encouraging new businesses to locate nearby, but outside our community / county.....	1	2	3	4	5

g. Locating new retail shopping in our community / county.....	1	2	3	4	5
h. Locating new shopping nearby but outside of our community / county	1	2	3	4	5
i. New roadways to meet future transportation needs.....	1	2	3	4	5
j. Expanding existing roadways.....	1	2	3	4	5
k. More housing options for lower income families.....	1	2	3	4	5
l. More housing options for moderate income families.....	1	2	3	4	5

5. Some people say that we must preserve the qualities that make our community special by severely limiting growth. Others say that growth is necessary for our economy and our current regulations are satisfactory. Which of these statements best describes your point of view?

- 1 We must preserve the qualities that make our community special by severely limiting growth.
- 2 Growth is necessary for the economy, and current regulations are satisfactory.
- 3 I have no opinion one way or another.

6. Over the past five years, how much growth do you think Rosendale has experienced?

- 1 A great deal of growth
- 2 Some growth, but not a lot
- 3 Almost no growth at all
- 4 No opinion
- 5 Not sure

7. Listed below are several ways that growth might affect a community. For each one, please tell us if, in your opinion, our community has experienced that effect or not.

	Has Experienced	Has not Experienced	Not Sure
a. More job opportunities	1	2	3
b. New retail stores opening in this area	1	2	3
c. Building new roads or widening existing ones	1	2	3
d. More parks and green spaces	1	2	3

e. More housing options for people who are looking for homes to buy.....	1	2	3
f. Improvements in many neighborhoods	1	2	3
g. Increased traffic congestion	1	2	3
h. More wear and tear on our roads	1	2	3
i. Less open space	1	2	3
j. More competition for available jobs	1	2	3

Section III: Housing

8. Based on what you see and hear, how would you rate the supply of housing in this area in each of the following categories?

	We need a lot more	We need a little more	We don't need any more	No opinion
a. Single-family homes for first-time buyers	1	2	3	4
b. Assisted living for seniors.....	1	2	3	4
c. Single family rental housing for families and young people	1	2	3	4
d. Moderately-priced homes	1	2	3	4
e. Higher-priced homes	1	2	3	4
f. Condominiums	1	2	3	4
g. Townhouses and duplexes	1	2	3	4
h. Apartments and multi-family housing units.....	1	2	3	4

9. Some communities like ours are using "conservation subdivisions" as a means to allow some development while protecting rural settings. Conservation subdivisions are housing developments in a rural setting. They typically have compact lots and common open space, where the natural features of the land are maintained to the extent possible. Would you support conservation subdivisions in Rosendale if they were mandatory, would you support them if they were encouraged but not required or don't you think you would support conservation subdivisions for our area?

- 1 Support mandatory conservation subdivisions
- 2 Support encouraging conservation subdivisions but not requiring them
- 3 Do not support conservation subdivisions
- 4 No opinion

10. Which of the following statements best describes your opinion about our community?

Would you say that:

- 1 We should plan new neighborhoods with smaller lots, sidewalks and playgrounds even if it means that homes have to be built closer together.

Or would you say that:

- 2 We should plan new neighborhoods with larger lots even if it means that more land will be used to build these neighborhoods.

11. If you were going to rent or buy a home, which of the following factors would have the greatest effect on your decision? (PLEASE CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ITEMS)

- 1 Proximity to shopping
- 2 Proximity to work
- 3 Proximity to schools
- 4 Proximity to parks
- 5 Proximity to bike paths or nature walks
- 6 Having a large yard
- 7 Proximity to health care services
- 8 Proximity to churches
- 9 None

Section IV: Transportation

12. When you decide where you buy or rent your home, what would be the farthest you would be willing to locate from each of the following?

	Under 10	10 - 20	21 - 30	30+	No Opinion
a. Travel time to work	1	2	3	4	5
b. Travel time to shopping	1	2	3	4	5
c. Travel time to theaters or restaurants	1	2	3	4	5

- d. Travel time to schools 1 2 3 4 5
- e. Travel time to health care clinics 1 2 3 4 5
- f. Travel time to parks 1 2 3 4 5

13. During the next five years, which of the following transportation investments do you think would benefit Rosendale the most? (PLEASE ANSWER BELOW — CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS)

Benefit Most

- New streets and highways 1
- Improved streets and highways 2
- New hiking or biking trails 3
- More parking 4
- None 5
- Not sure 6

14. When you travel around in Rosendale, do you usually find the traffic is light, moderate, heavy or very heavy?

- 1 Light
- 2 Moderate
- 3 Heavy
- 4 Very heavy

15. How do you think traffic volume has changed in Rosendale over the past five years?

- 1 It's gotten much heavier
- 2 It's gotten a little heavier
- 3 It hasn't changed much
- 4 It's gotten a little lighter
- 5 It's gotten much lighter
- 6 Not sure

16. Would you say that excessive speed on local roads is a serious problem, a moderate problem or not much of a problem at all in Rosendale?

- 1 A serious problem
- 2 A moderate problem
- 3 Not much of a problem
- 4 Not sure

16a. Would you say that excessive speed on Highways 23 and 26 is a serious problem, a moderate problem or not much of a problem at all in Rosendale?

- 1 A serious problem
- 2 A moderate problem
- 3 Not much of a problem
- 4 Not sure

17. Which, if any, of the following would you support to address the problem of excessive speed on local roads? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1 More speed limit signs
- 2 Stop signs at more intersections
- 3 Narrower roads
- 4 Speed bumps
- 5 Stricter enforcement of laws
- 6 Lower speed limits
- 7 None
- 8 Not sure

Section V: Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources

18. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the environment in Rosendale? That is, the air quality and the quality of our waterways?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair
- 4 Poor

19. How would you rate our current environmental laws in protecting our environment here in Rosendale? Would you say they are doing a/an:

- 1 Excellent job
- 2 Good job
- 3 Fair job
- 4 Poor job
- 5 No opinion

20. Would you say that this area has problems with groundwater quality, or do you think that we have no real problems with groundwater quality?

- 1 We have problems with groundwater quality
- 2 We don't have groundwater quality problems (Skip to Q. 21)
- 3 Not sure

20a. What do you think is/are the most effective thing(s) we can do to protect the groundwater in our area? (PLEASE CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS)

- 1 Impose stricter regulations
- 2 Better enforcement of existing regulations
- 3 Provide educational materials to property owners
- 4 Not sure

21. Would you support or oppose new regulations that would limit how close homes can be built to existing livestock operations? And, would you support or oppose new regulations that would limit how close homes can be built to existing crop operations?

Support Oppose No opinion

Limit how close homes can be built to:

- | | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| a. | Existing livestock operations | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| b. | Existing crop operations | 1 | 2 | 3 |

22. Do you think that existing farmland in Rosendale should be kept as farmland or do you think farmers should be able to use it for other purposes?

- 1 Kept as farmland (Skip to Qu. 23)
- 2 Use for other purposes
- 3 Not sure

22a. What do you think is/are the most appropriate alternate use(s) for farmland in Rosendale (PLEASE CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS)

- 1 Housing
- 2 Commercial uses such as retail shopping
- 3 Industrial uses
- 4 Parks and trails
- 5 Wildlife area
- 6 Not sure

23. In planning for the future, which, if any, of the following initiatives do you think would be the most important steps we should take in our area to protect or improve the quality of our natural environment here in Rosendale (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1 Investing more in maintaining our existing parks and open spaces
- 2 Improving local services such as trash collection and snow plowing
- 3 Stricter water-quality regulations
- 4 Investing more in creating new parks and open spaces
- 5 More regulations that protect agricultural land
- 6 More neighborhood beautification projects
- 7 Preserving existing woodlands
- 8 Preserving wetlands
- 9 Preserving river corridors
- 10 Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations
- 11 Other (Please specify) _____
- 12 None, our environment is fine the way it is
- 13 Not sure

Section VI: Economic Development

24. Based on what you have heard and read, how would you describe the job opportunities we have here in Rosendale

- 1 We face a serious job shortage
- 2 We face a minor job shortage
- 3 We have a good supply of job opportunities
- 4 No opinion

25. Businesses that are planning to expand or build new operations look at many communities where they might locate. They also look at a number of services or qualities that a community has to offer. For each of the services or qualities listed below, tell us whether you think Rosendale is strong in that area, whether we need some improvement or whether we are weak in that area, in terms of attracting new business and jobs.

	We are strong	Need to improve	We are weak	No opinion
a. Having workers with the skills to fill the jobs.....	1	2	3	4
b. Having enough workers to fill the jobs	1	2	3	4
c. Providing tax incentives to businesses to locate and grow here	1	2	3	4
d. Having a good public school system.....	1	2	3	4
e. Having safe neighborhoods for families.....	1	2	3	4
f. Having a good transportation system for goods that are produced	1	2	3	4
g. Offering an adequate supply of housing that workers can afford	1	2	3	4

Section VII: Utilities and Community Facilities

26. How would you grade the quality of education our local public schools provide to children in our community?

- 1 A - excellent
- 2 B - good
- 3 C - average
- 4 D - below average
- 5 F - poor
- 6 No opinion

27. Listed below are several more services that people in a community might use. For each one please tell us whether you think that service needs a great deal of improvement, a little improvement or no improvement at all.

	A Great Deal	A little	None	No opinion
a. Health care clinics	1	2	3	4
b. Hospitals	1	2	3	4
c. Day care services	1	2	3	4
d. Library services	1	2	3	4
e. Ambulance and paramedic services.....	1	2	3	4
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f. Other services (Please specify): _____	1	2	3	4

Section VIII: Land Use and Implementation

28. Please tell us how strongly you would agree or disagree with each of the following statements:
(1 = Agree Strongly; 2 = Agree Somewhat; 3 = Disagree Somewhat; 4 = Disagree Strongly; 5 = No Opinion)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. It is very important to attract new businesses and new jobs to this area to make our economy stronger..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. We need to plan to make sure that new housing developments in our area include parks and green space even if it means that houses will cost more to buy..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. We need to widen some of our streets and roads to ease traffic congestion..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. We need to limit new home construction and business development in order to preserve farmland surrounding our community..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. We should encourage new businesses to locate in our community by offering tax incentives | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. Our roadways are the backbone of our economy..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. We need to protect the unique qualities of our community more than we need more jobs..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h. We need a lot more parking..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Section IX: Tell Us About Yourself

The following information is intended for statistical purposes only. All of the information you provide will remain strictly confidential.

29. What is your age?

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| 1 | 18 - 24 |
| 2 | 25 - 34 |
| 3 | 35 - 44 |
| 4 | 45 - 54 |
| 5 | 55 - 64 |
| 6 | 65 or older |

30. How many people live in your household?

_____ under 18 years

_____ 18 years or older

31. Which of the following categories best describes your current housing situation?

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Homeowner |
| 2 | Renter |
| 3 | Farmland owner |
| 4 | Non-resident landowner |

32. How long have you lived in Rosendale?

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Less than 5 years |
| 2 | 5 to 10 years |
| 3 | 11 to 20 years |
| 4 | More than 20 years |
| 5 | Non-resident |

33. What is your zip code?

34. What is the last grade of school you attended?

- 1 Grade school
- 2 Some high school
- 3 Graduated high school
- 4 Some college or technical school
- 5 Graduated college
- 6 Graduate school

35. Which of the following best describes your racial background?

- 1 White or Caucasian
- 2 Black or African American
- 3 Hispanic
- 4 Native American
- 5 Asian
- 6 Other (Please specify) _____

36. Are you male or female?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

37. Which of the following general categories best describes your household income from all sources for 2006?

- 1 Less than \$20,000
- 2 At least \$20,000 but less than \$35,000
- 3 At least \$35,000 but less than \$60,000
- 4 At least \$60,000 but less than \$80,000
- 5 \$80,000 or more

Thank you very much for your help. Please return your completed survey in the postage-paid envelope provided.