

2017 Community Survey



Town of Woodstock, New York

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Prepared on behalf of the Town of Woodstock, NY as part of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update.

This Community Survey was available to the Woodstock community for 6 weeks from September 20, 2017 – November 6, 2017. The survey was advertised via a mass mailing and the town website. A total of 732 surveys were submitted, 17% (122) submitted via paper copy and 83% (610) submitted electronically. Not all respondents answered every question.

Respondents from all Hamlets participated with over half being year round residents from Woodstock. There is a strong voice from respondents to preserve the heritage and natural beauty of Woodstock which can be seen in the answers to many questions.

Many concerns were echoed in the written responses such as town traffic congestion, need for a library, preserving sites like Big Deep, affordable housing, parking improvements/enforcement, eliminating noise sources, attracting a younger population, improving connectivity with biking and walking through improved trails and sidewalks, need for a pool, caring for the elder population, regulating short term rentals, and many more. The following pages summarize the results of the 2017 Woodstock Community Survey and include all of the written responses.

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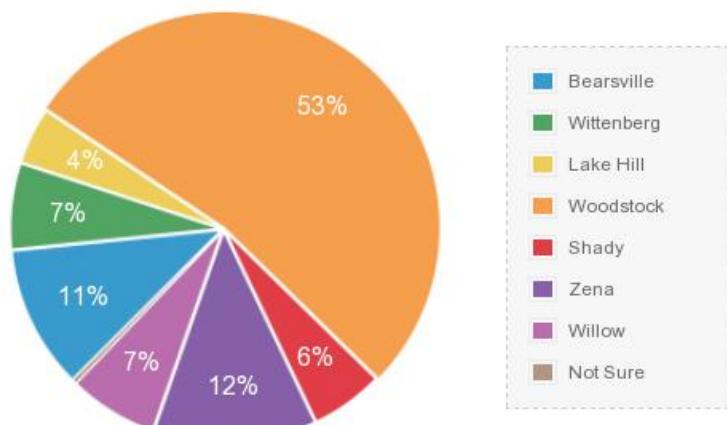
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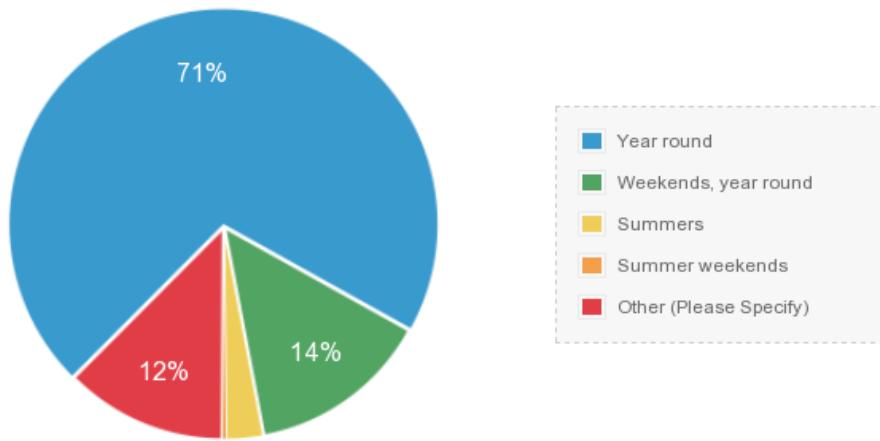
1. Which hamlet area do you live in, or is nearest your house?

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2. How much of the year do you spend living in Woodstock?

Answered: 710 Skipped: 22

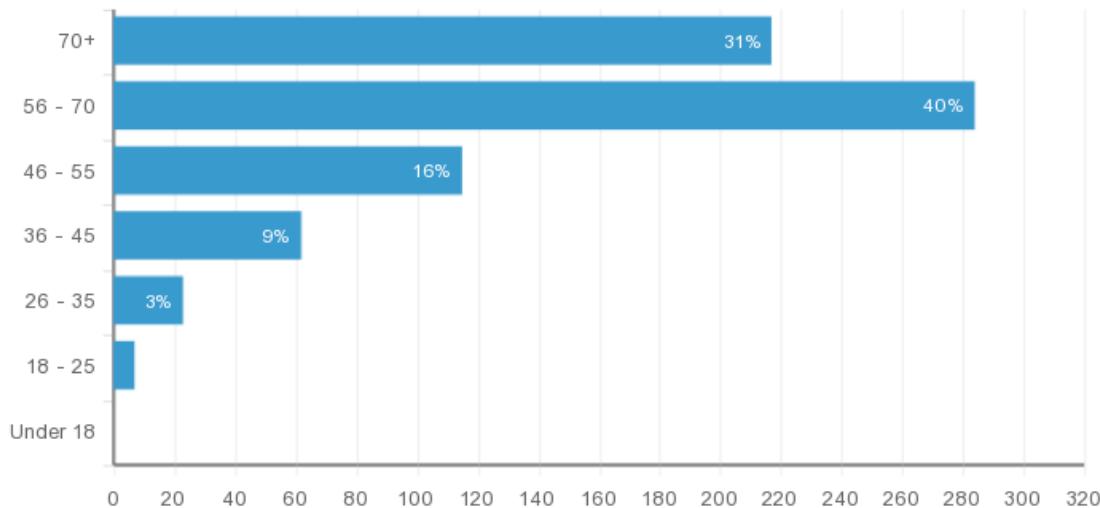


Note: This question provided the ability for respondents to provide additional written answers. Those answers are provided below as-is. Duplicate responses are intentional.

50% | 50% | 50% | plus many weekdays | 1-2 weekends per month / weeklong stays in December, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, July 4 etc. | 3 days/wk plus full weeks 2xyear | 3 months Florida | 3 months in Florida Jan.Feb.March | 3 to 4 months a year | 3-4 day weekends most of the year | 4 days per week | 5/15-10/15 | 6 month full time and some weekends | 6 months (spring - fall) | 6 months full time and some weekends | 6 months per year | 6mo spring to fall | 70 % of the year | 75% of my time | 80-90% of the time. We sometimes need to be in the city, but we are mostly here. | a couple days over a few months | April to November | April-November | april-oct | born and raised there, visit periodically | business owner | currently own land | currently renting the house | except 3 months during winter | fall and spring | Frequently but not on a schedule | go to Florida for 3 months | Go to Florida for 3 months | Half. I work there two days a week. We're there for weekend much of the year. | half time | half year but in process of full year | half-time, various | Have owned property in willow for 44 years but visit town only occasionally | here 10 months and vacation for 2 | I am away for 3 months in winter | Intermittently | little | May -Jan | maybe 1/2 the year but after renovation is complete, all year | more than just weekends | most of the year | Most of year with frequent absence for travel | no house | none | None: Former resident now lives out of state | occasional weekends | Occasionally | occasionally | Over 1/2 year, holidays, Summer + | Own same home for 52 years | own undeveloped property, visit relatives in Woodstock regularly | Owned same home for 52 Years! | Part of our family resides. | part-time, not just weekends | periodic visits | seasonally | Some summer, some weekends | spring-early winter | summer+most weekends

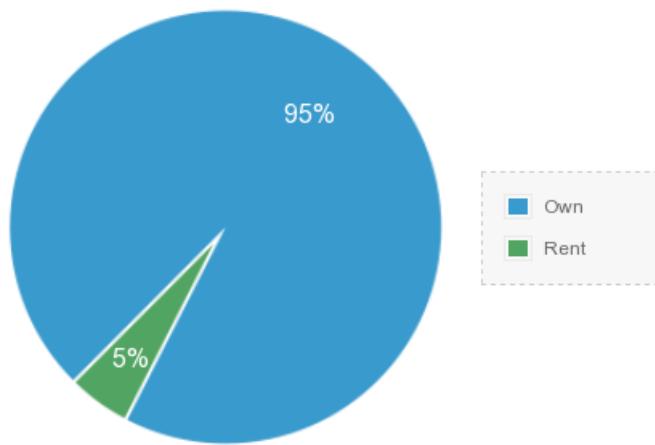
3. What is your age?

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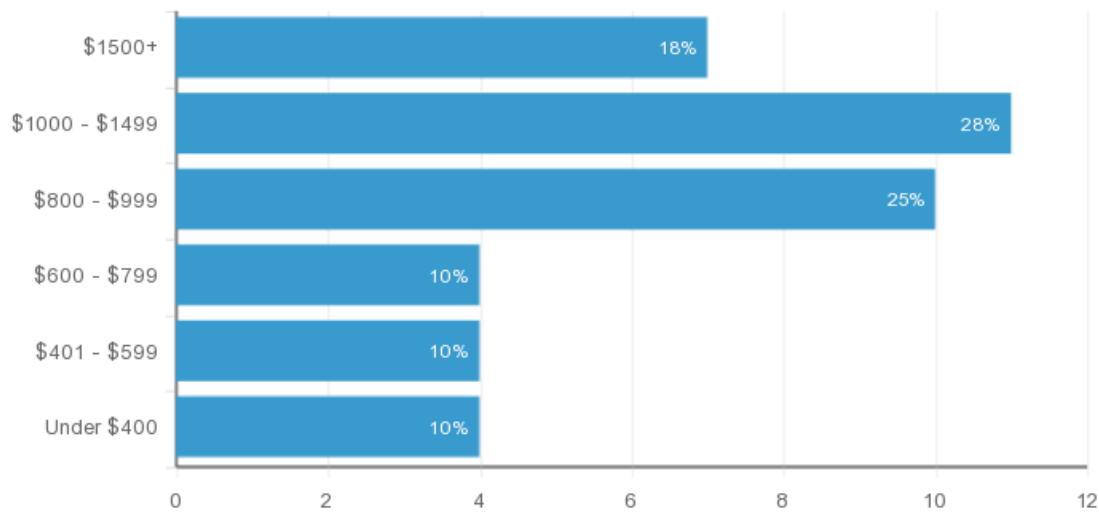


4. Do you own or rent your place of residence in Woodstock?

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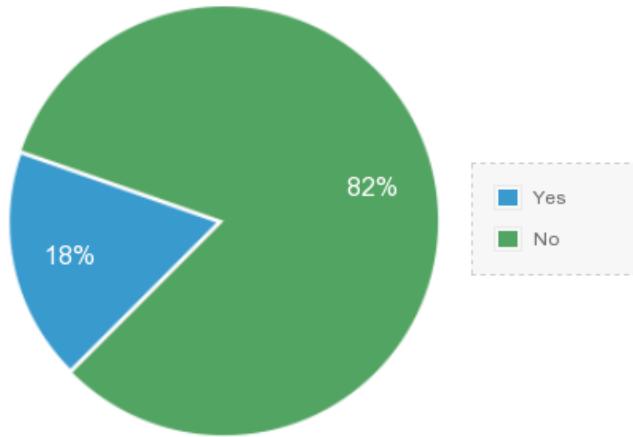
**5. If you rent, what is your approximate rent per month?**

Answered: 40 Skipped: 692

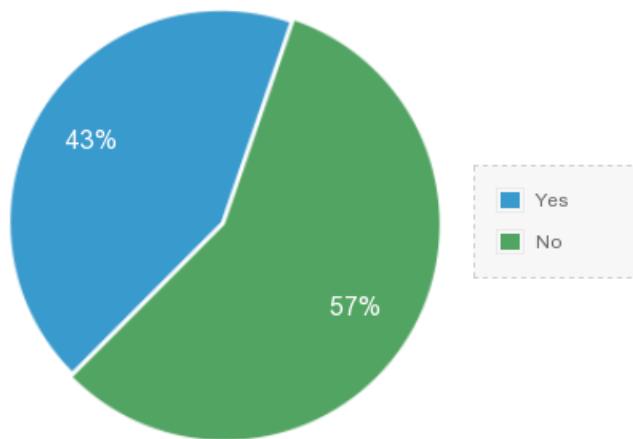


6. Do you own a business in Woodstock?

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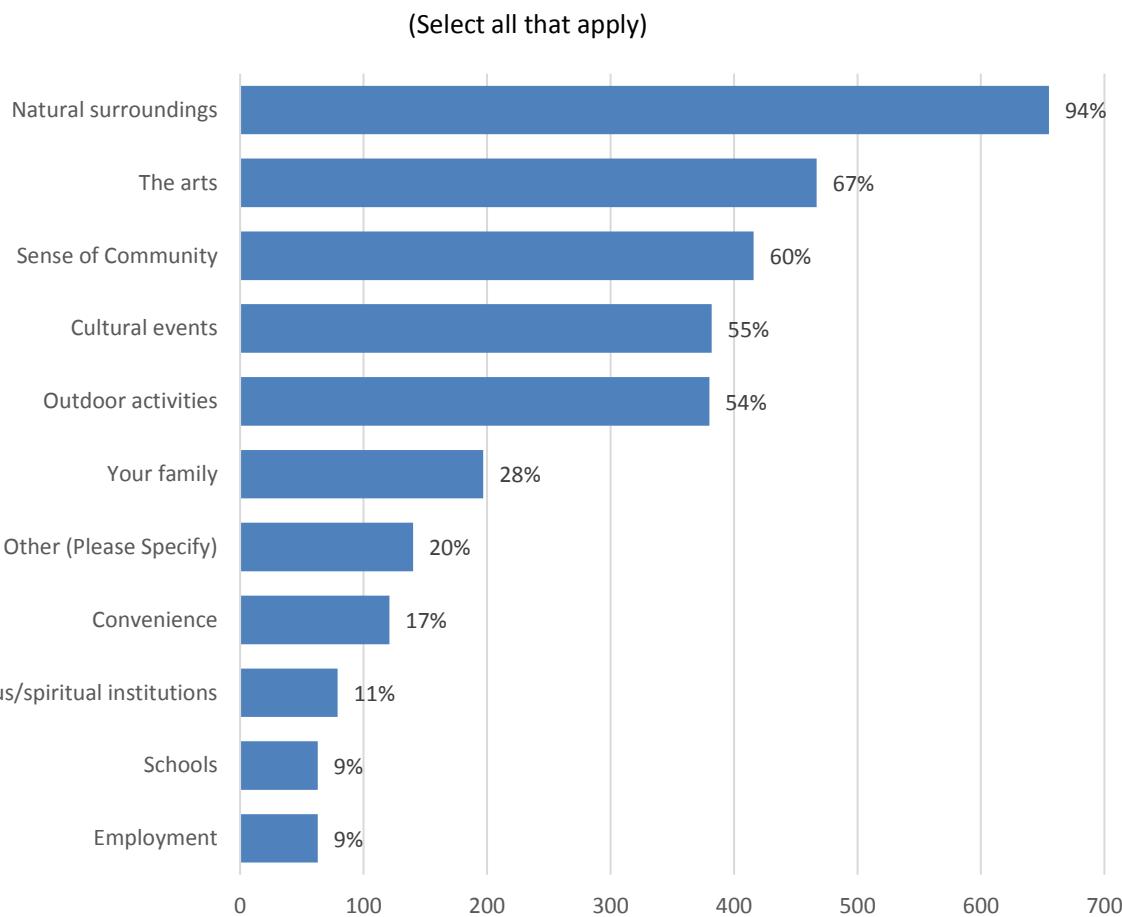
**7. Do you work from home?**

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GENERAL TOPIC

8. Which of the following factors attracts you to Woodstock?



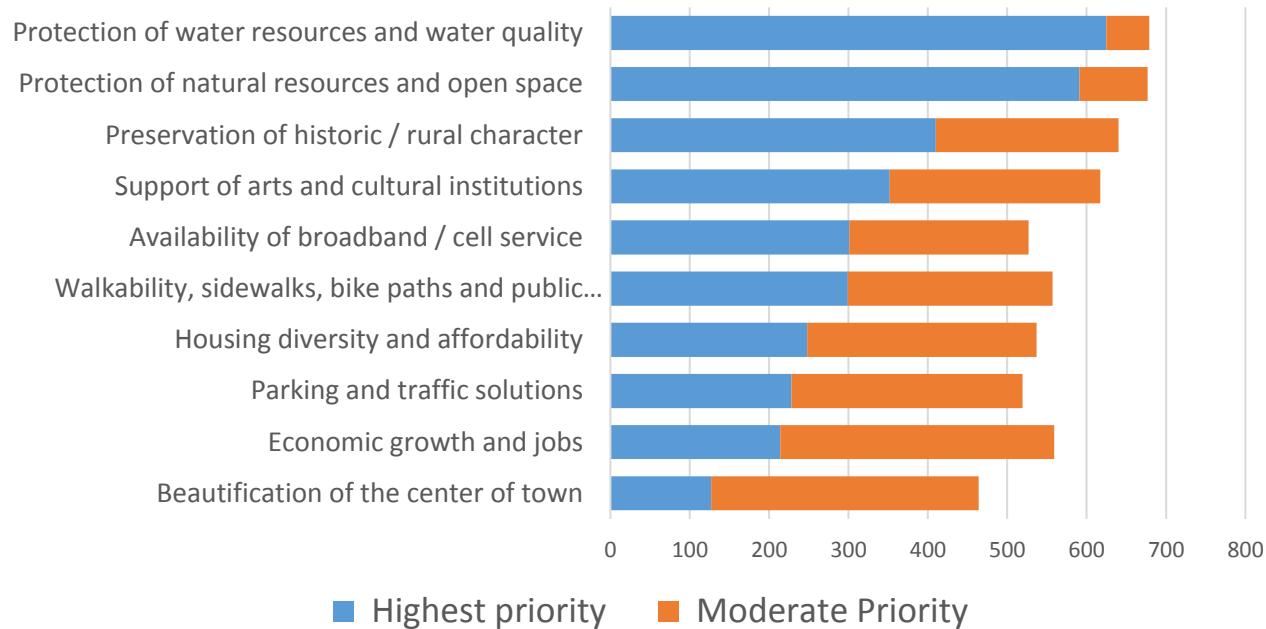
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61 years ago it was the two factors checked as time passed all the other factors made it home | access to vegan food | aikido | and little hype. Let's keep it simple and not get too fancy. Thank heavens this is NOT The Hamptons. | Beautiful Quiet Place | Beauty & simplicity of living here & affordability | beauty and simplicity of living here and affordability* | Beauty of the area | Born and dragged up in WDST | born here | business environment | cam to Woodstock in 1968 | casual quality of the town and people | Climate | community is progressive | diversity and support for LGBTQ | Familiarity and a nice house. Our Woodstock (retirement) house that we moved to 5 yr. ago is only 2 1/2 miles from our previous house of 38 years. | Family history here | Family of Woodstock | feels like Home | Food | food sources and eateries | fresh air forest trees | friendly attitude of residents | friends | good food | good restaurants and emenities | great environment for our child | great town to live in walking distance fair rent | Grew up here | grew up in

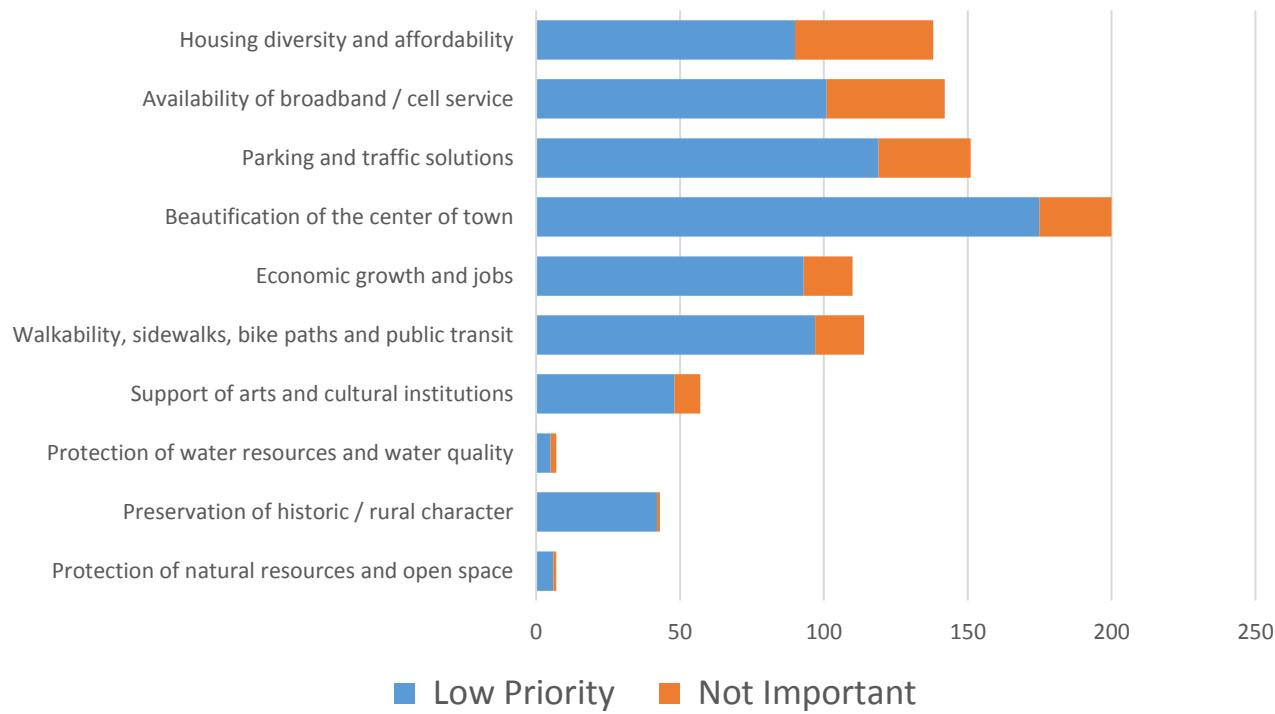
Woodstock | here since 1790 | History cultural vibe | houses not so close to each other. Came from L.I. | I am a native of Wittenberg. | I am an artists exposed to Woodstock's art since childhood. | I grew up here | I grew up in Woodstock | I live in town at the moment which is really convenient I can walk many places. | I thought I found a family | I was born there | nice place to live close to Woodstock and be within the Kingston School District. We moved here in 1991. School = Zona Elementary School | I'm a native it's home. | intellectual and creative freedom | intellectual and creative freedom | investment opportunity | is there any other place on earth to live? | It is home. | It's my home. | It's my home. I grew up here. | liberal attitude | Like-mindedness of neighbors; its reputation as a magnet for free thinkers artists entrepreneurs | like-mindeds abound | live and let live feeling here great food | Live Music | lived here 40 years | Lived near here my whole life. | lively nature of this small town visits as a child | Local farms /farmer's market | local farms/farmer's market | Local Music scene Dining options | Longtime ties - grew up here | Mountain Biking | Music | music | My father in 1941 moved to Woodstock as Principal of the Woodstock Elementary School | my father in 1941 moved to woodstock as principal of woodstock elementary school | My home town | My partner | My partner | my personal community of local and non-local friends- who serve the same as my 'family' | nature good air and water | non judgemental atmosphere | peace and quiet | people who live here | Politics - overall quality of life for a family of 4 | Pop music heritage | Progressive ethos | Progressive Politics | property is in the heavenly realm | Proximity to NYC & other surrounding areas eg Adirondacks | proximity to NYC and other surrounding areas eg Adirondacks | Quality of Life | Quality of restaurants | quiet | Relax quiet freedom | resident for 60+ years | Restaurants | Restaurants | restaurants | Restaurants | Restaurants | restaurants & shopping | restaurants and bars film festival music events | restaurants stores and markets | RUPCO housing | Rural setting with liberal views | Rural surroundings | safe from the hectic modern world | Safe walking places - sidewalk extended to Bearsville | Senior classes smallness of town | senior classes; smallness of town | Senior Rec classes | sense of safety from hectic modern world | the culture and ethos of the town | the physical beauty of WS and County must be maintained! | The quiet and fresh air...restaurants and bookstore. | The Senior Rec classes | The undeveloped peaceful surroundings | The wonderful array of small independent businesses and restaurants and the small-town feel of the center of town. | town's character 1986 | Tranquility | Unique spirit | Volunteer Fire Department | was raised here came back after 50 years elsewhere | We're economic refugees from the City! | Woodstock day school | work in Shokan | yoga studios | Zoning. The fact that the mountains are green not covered with houses.

9. How would you rank the following items in terms of priority for the Town of Woodstock to address?

(Chart below sorted by "Highest Priority")



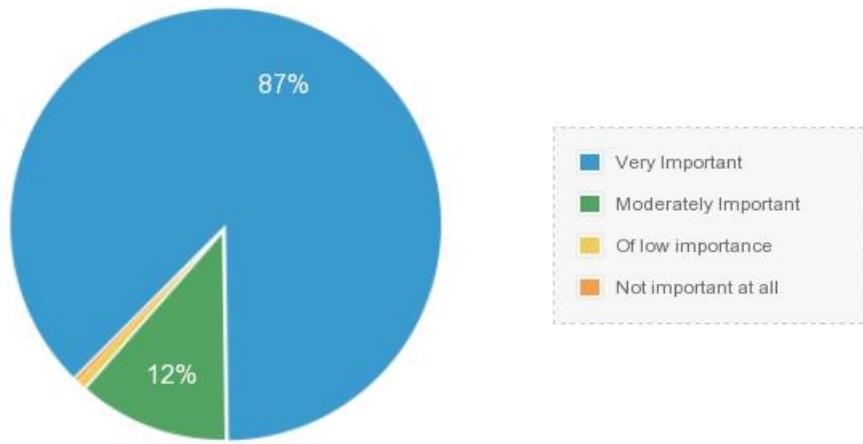
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ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

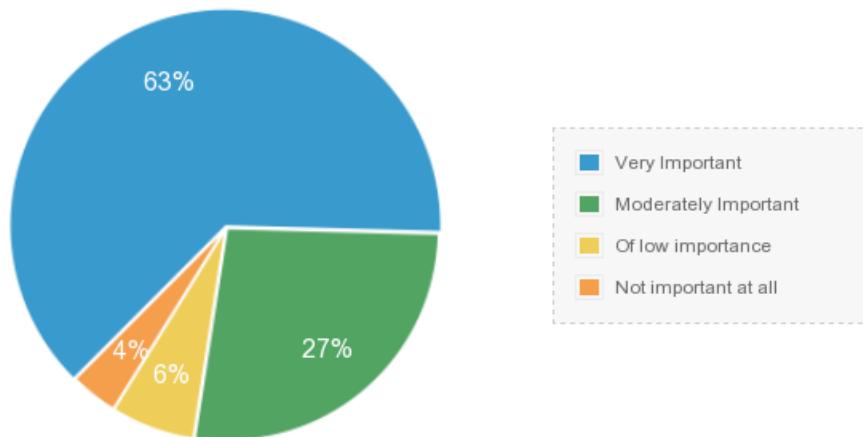
10. How important is the protection of open spaces and natural resources in the Town of Woodstock?

Answered: 684 Skipped: 48



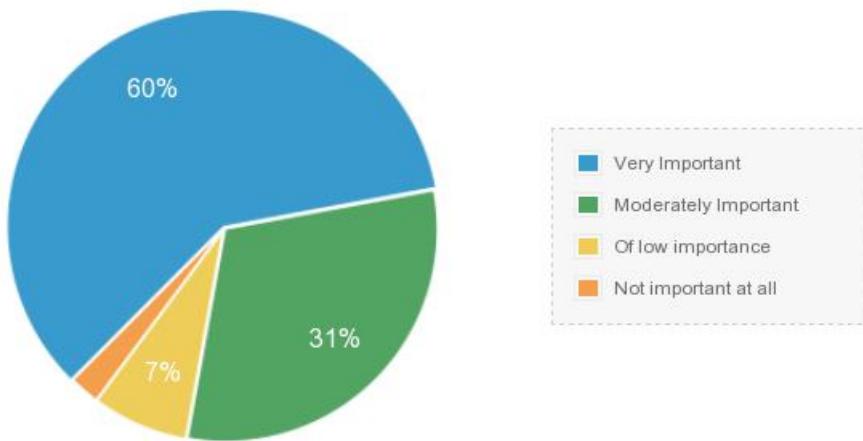
11. How important is it for the Town of Woodstock to take steps to address issues of climate change and protect itself from severe weather damage or dangers?

Answered: 685 Skipped: 47



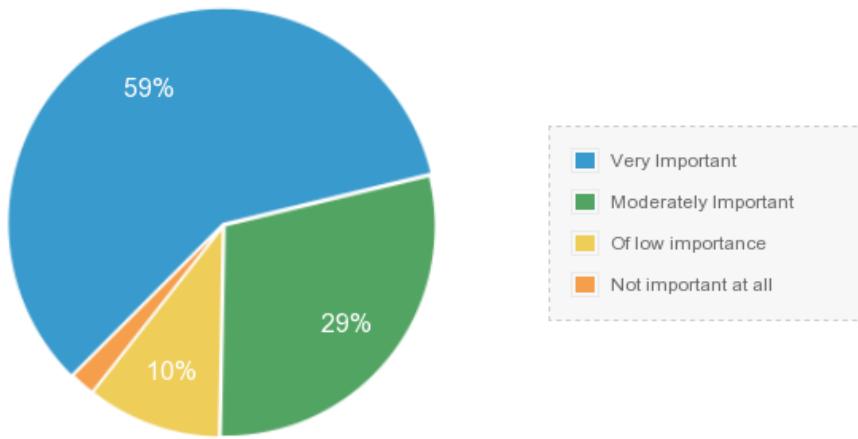
12. How important is it for the Town of Woodstock to take steps to actively promote or encourage the use of alternative energy sources?

Answered: 693 Skipped: 39

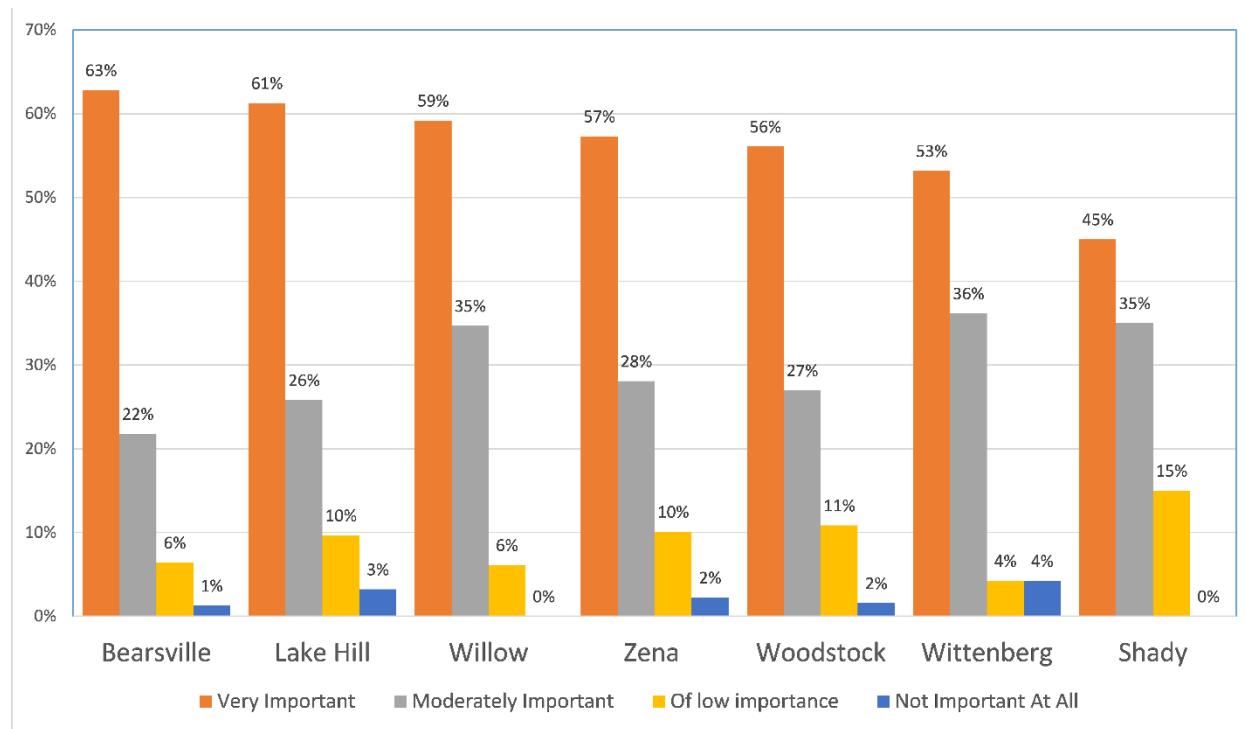


HAMLET PRESERVATION

13. How important is it, in your hamlet area, that residential neighborhoods be protected from commercial growth?

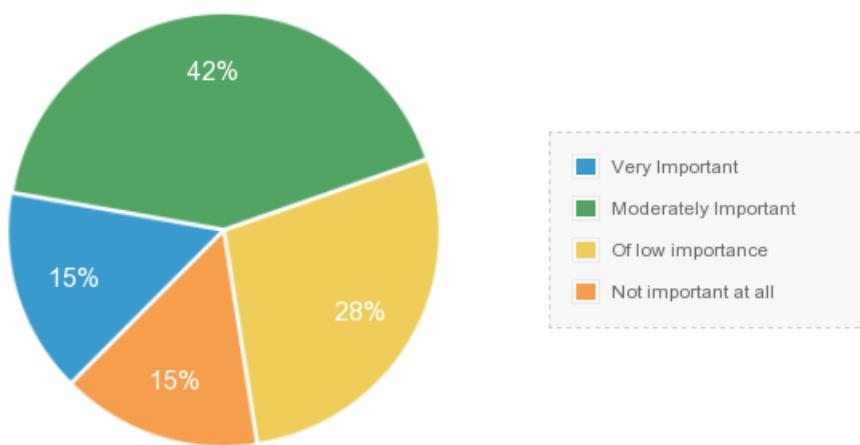


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| Very Important | 58.72% | 404 |
| Moderately Important | 29.07% | 200 |
| Of low importance | 10.32% | 71 |
| Not important at all | 1.89% | 13 |

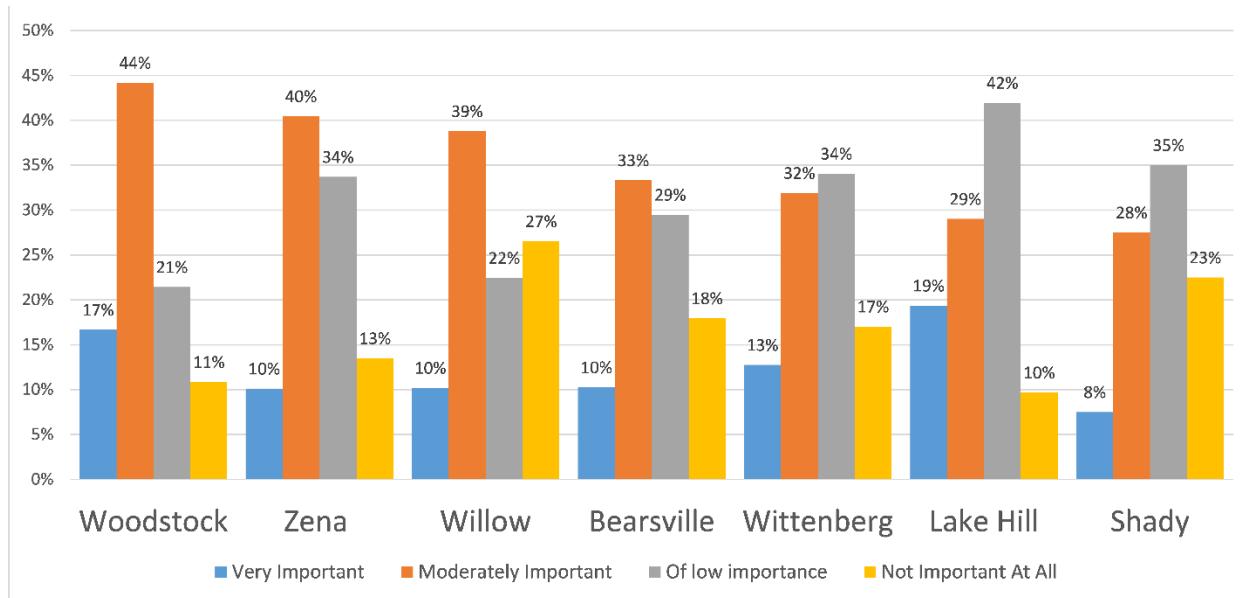


14. How important is it for small scale commercial development to be encouraged in outlying hamlets?

Answered: 675 Skipped: 57



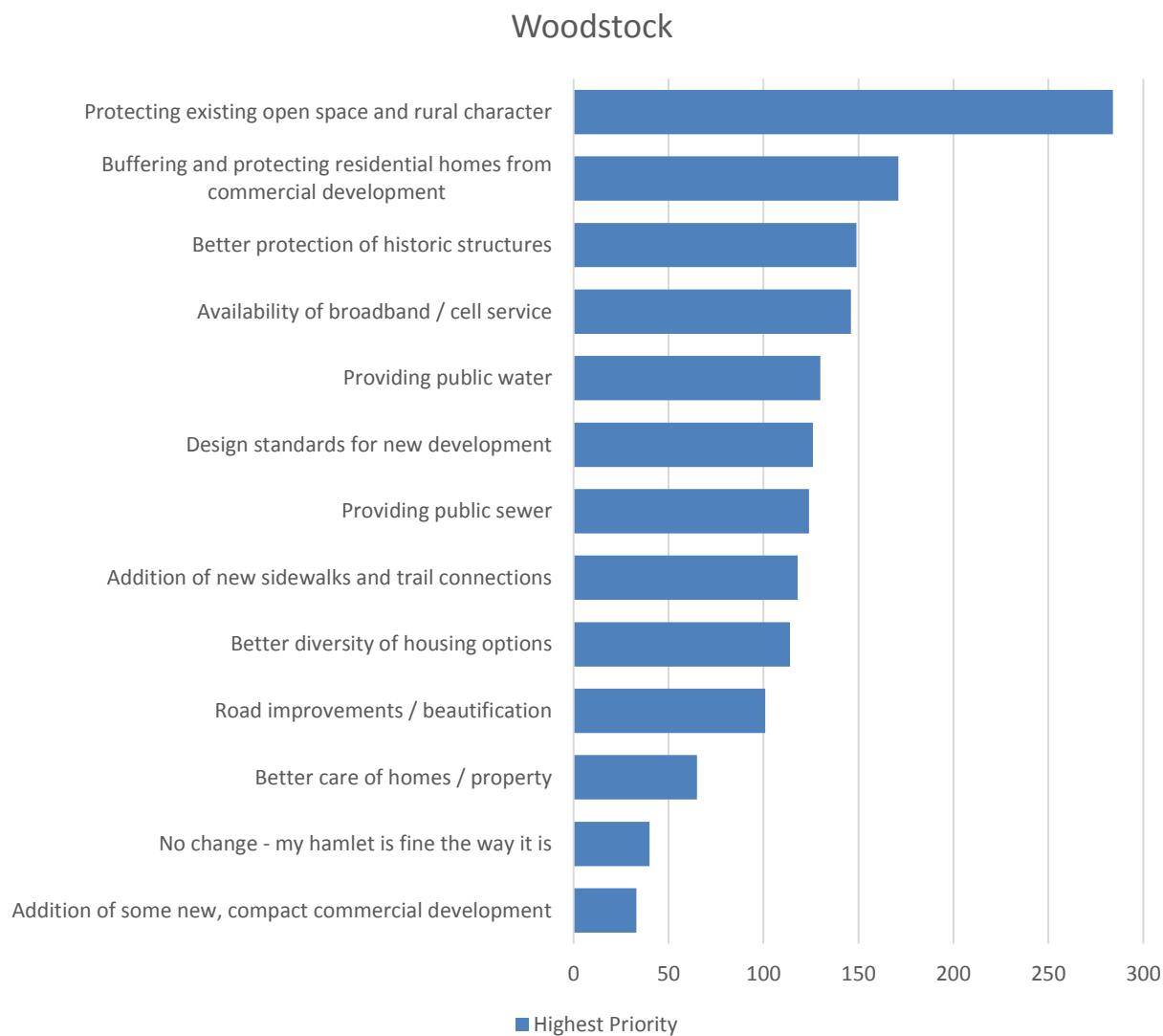
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| [1] Very Important | 15.26% | 103 |
| [2] Moderately Important | 41.93% | 283 |
| [3] Of low importance | 27.85% | 188 |
| [4] Not important at all | 14.96% | 101 |



15. How would you rank the following items in terms of improving your hamlet area? (Woodstock)

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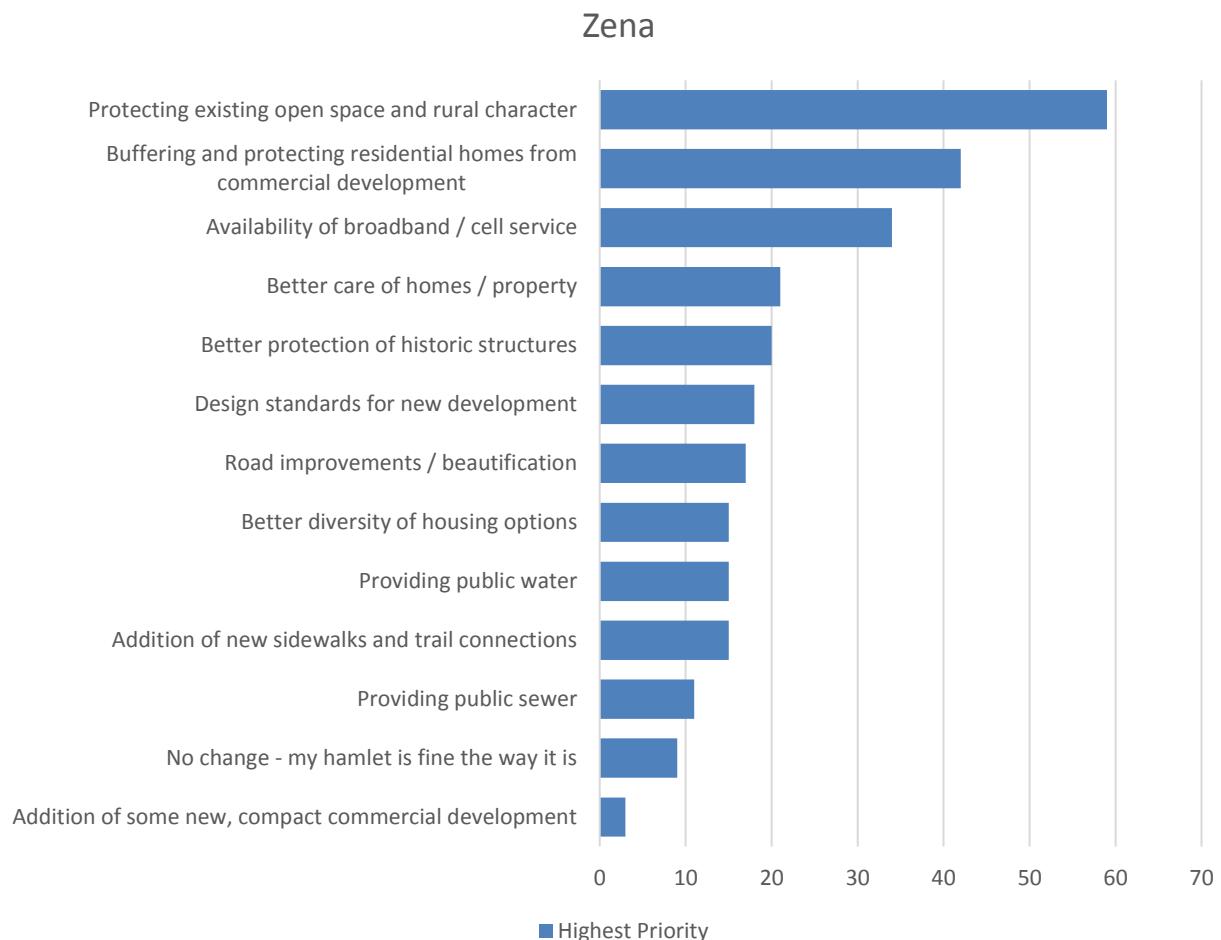
Woodstock Area "Highest Priority" Responses



15. How would you rank the following items in terms of improving your hamlet area? (Zena)

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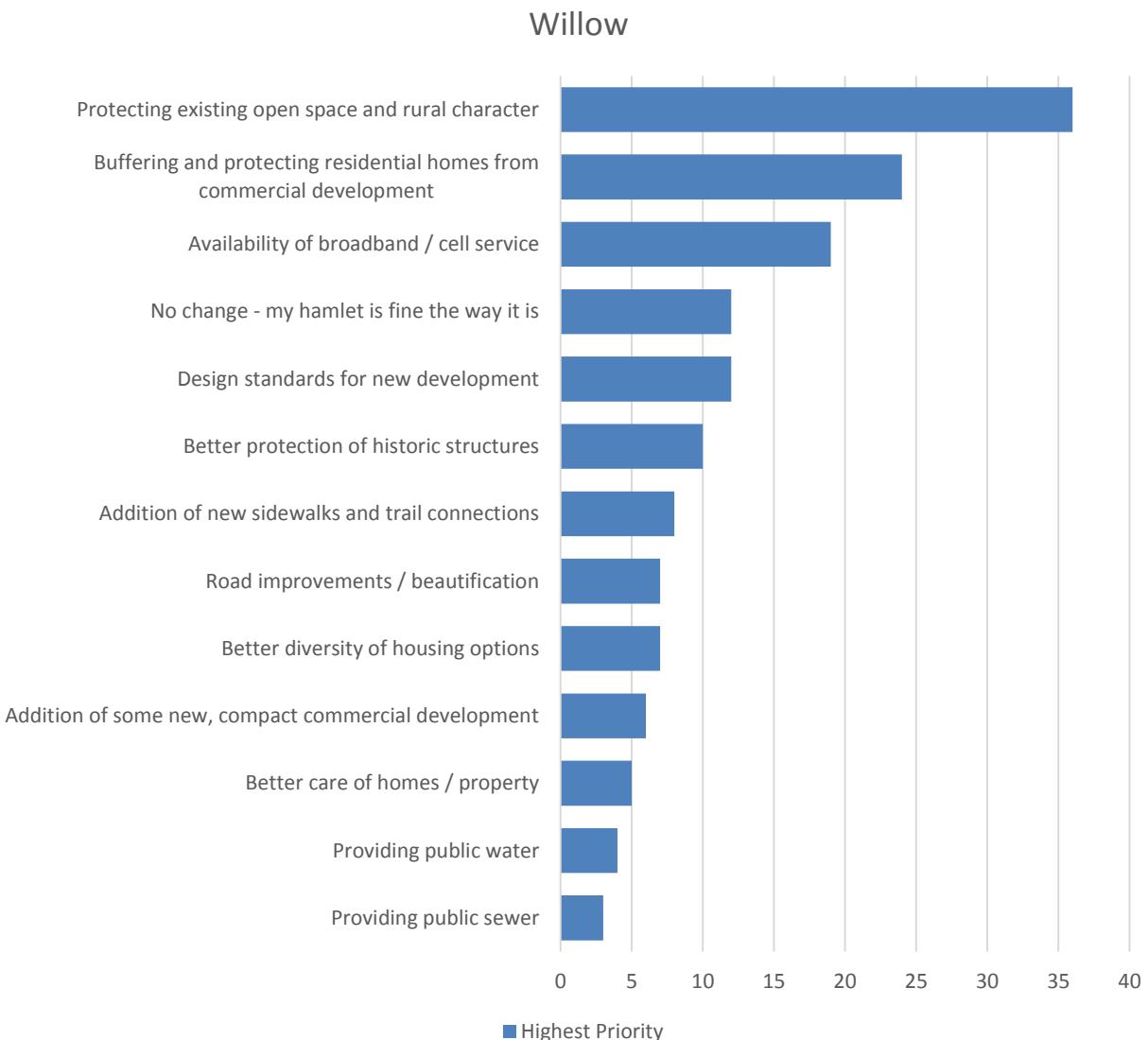
Zena Area "Highest Priority" Responses



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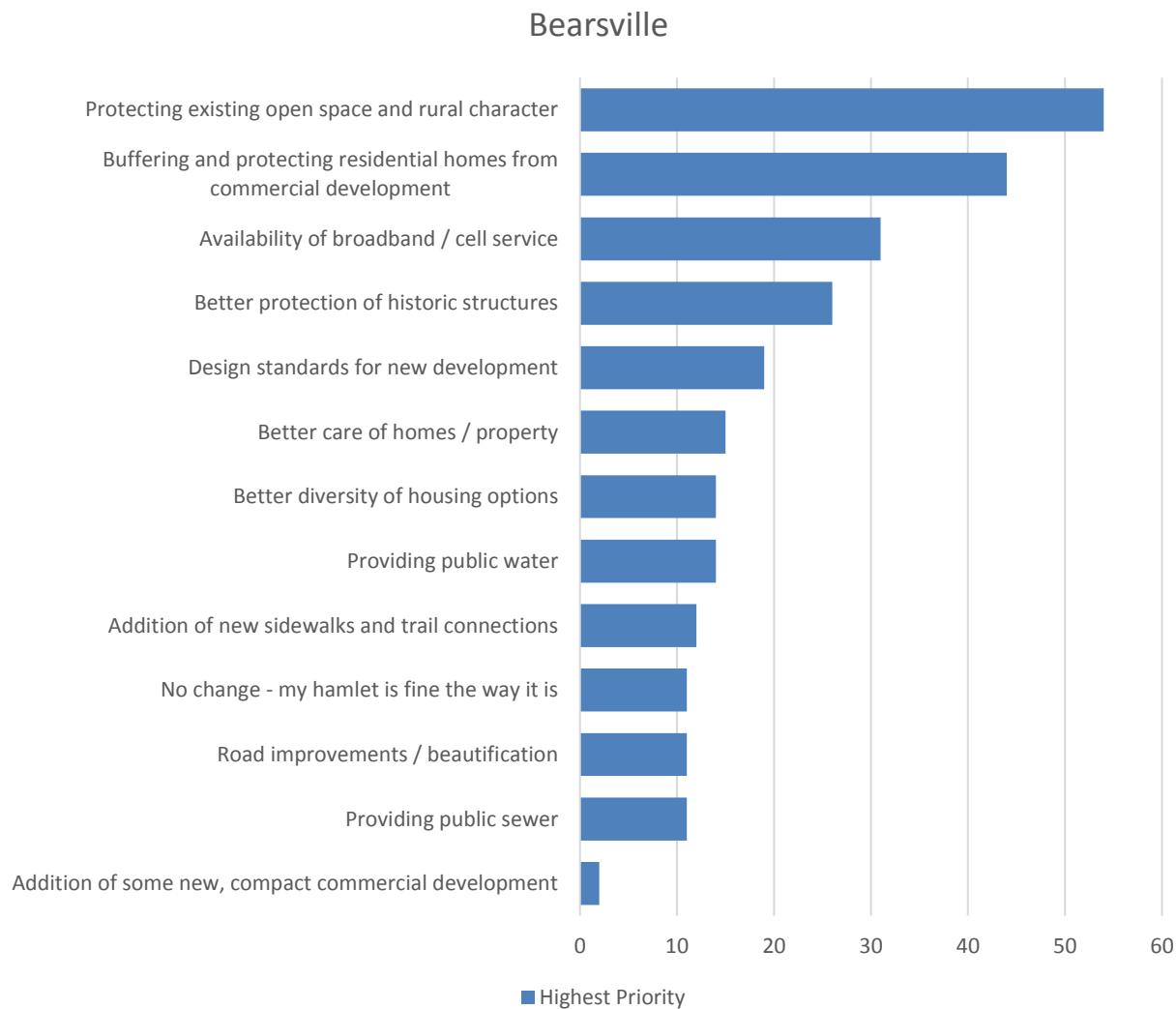
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Willow Area "Highest Priority" Responses



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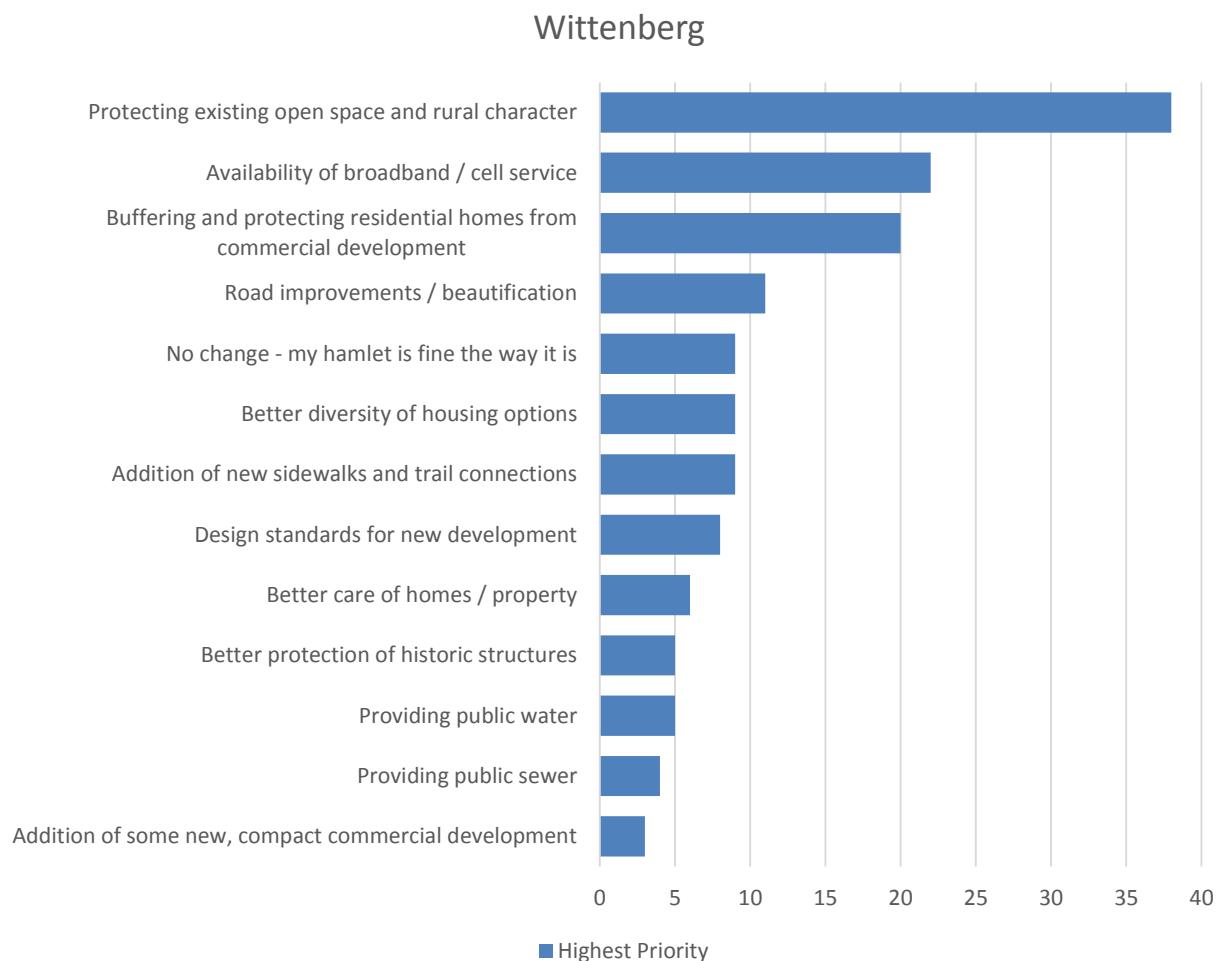
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Bearsville Area "Highest Priority" Responses

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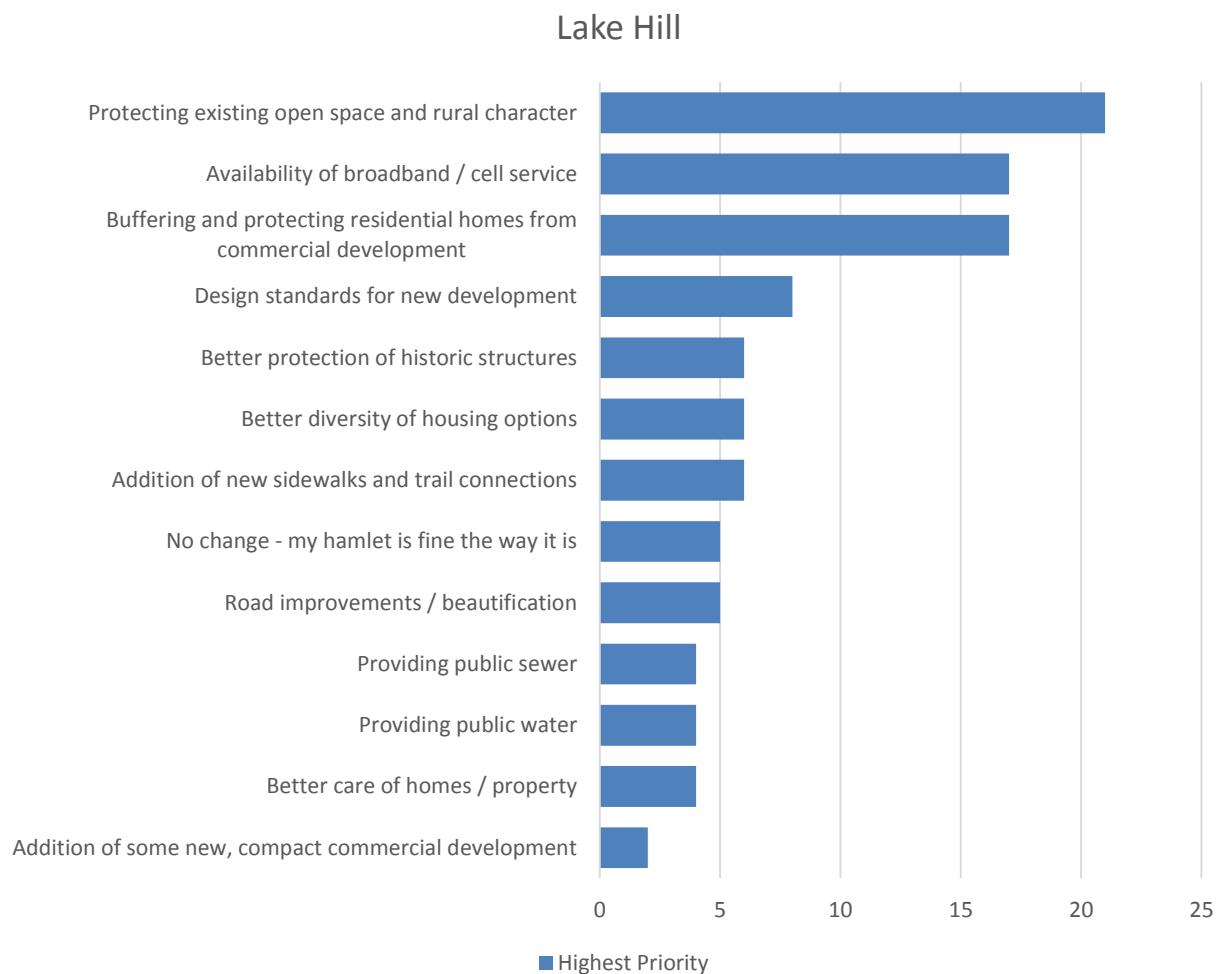
Wittenberg Area "Highest Priority" Responses



15. How would you rank the following items in terms of improving your hamlet area? (Lake Hill)

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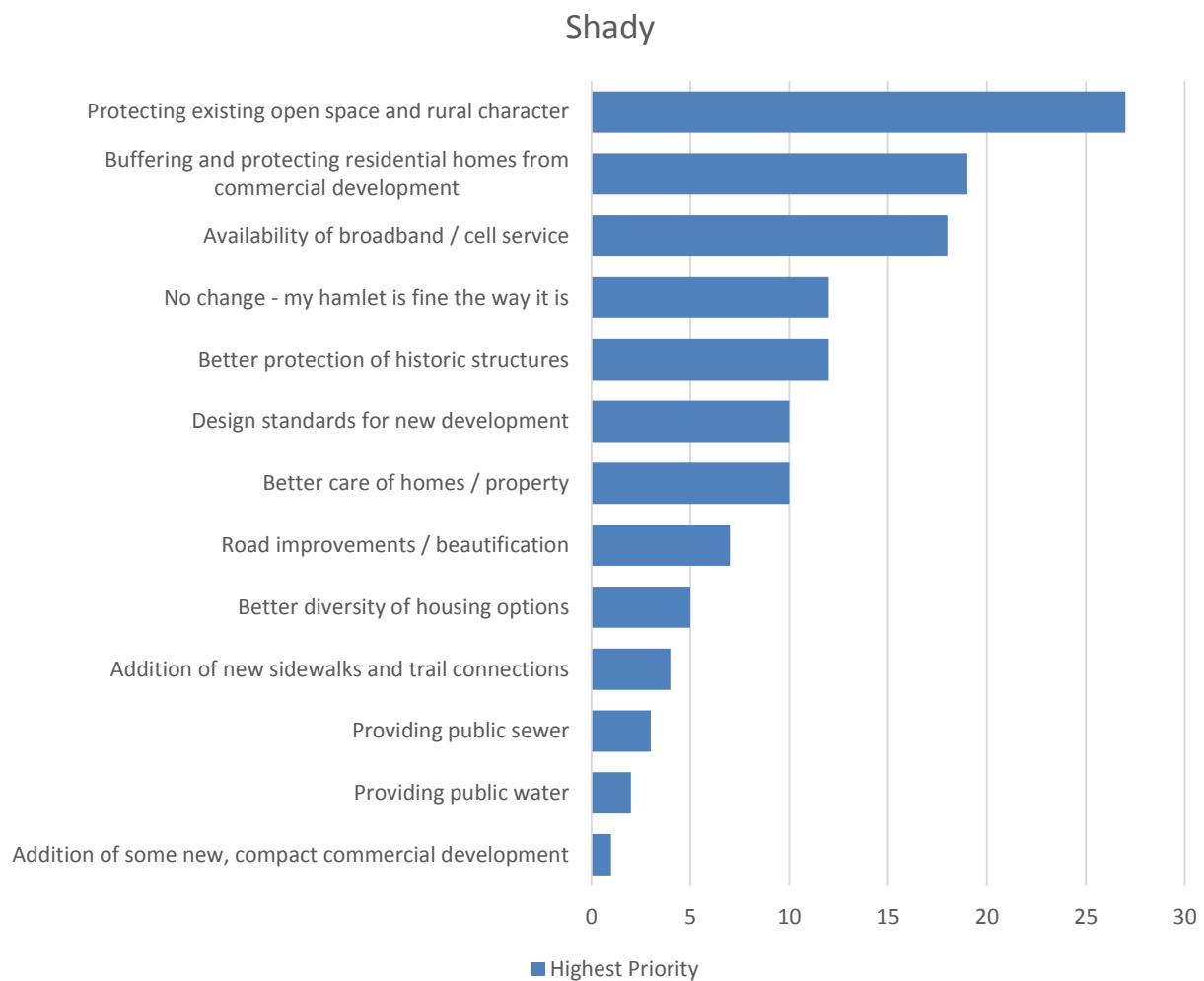
Lake Hill Area "Highest Priority" Responses



15. How would you rank the following items in terms of improving your hamlet area? (Shady)

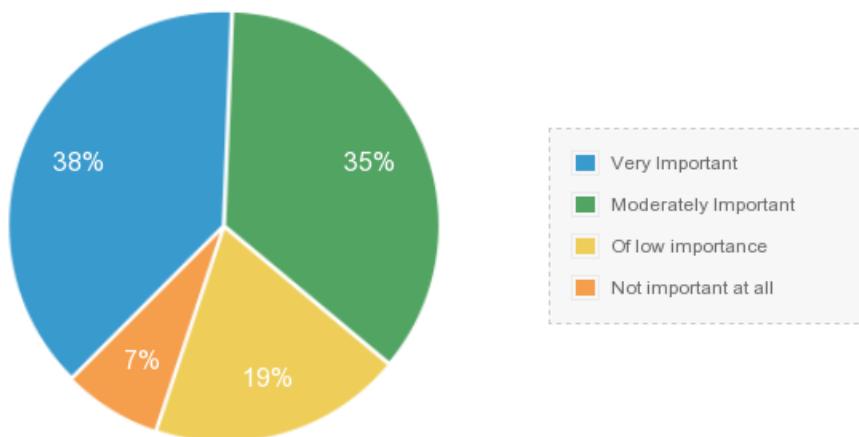
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Shady Area "Highest Priority" Responses

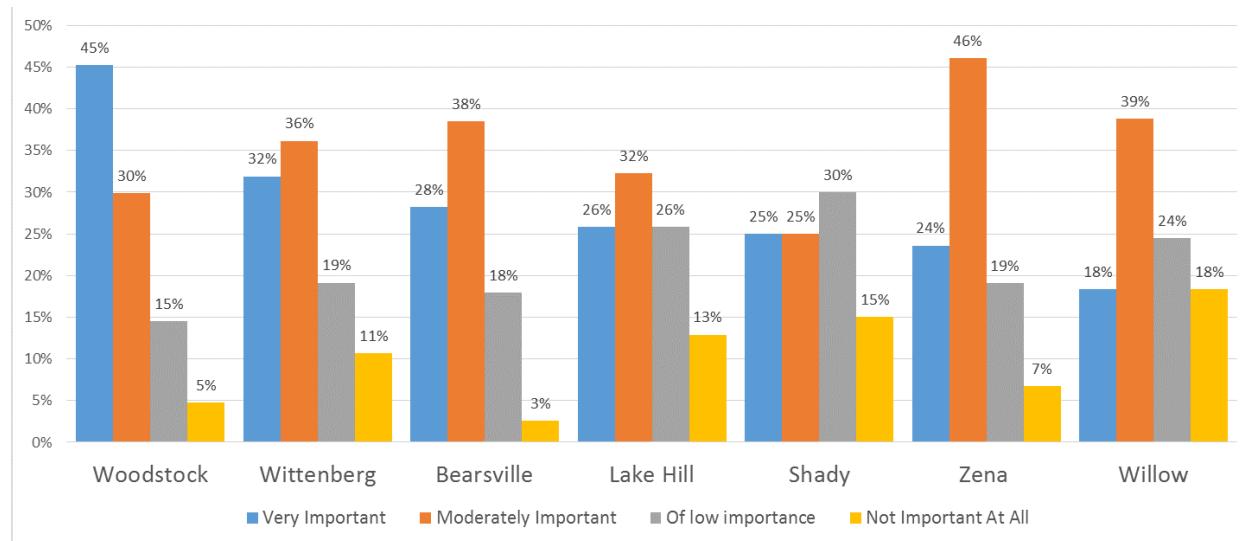


16. How important is it for affordable, elderly or handicapped accessible housing to be encouraged in selected parts of your hamlet or area?

Answered: 677 Skipped: 55



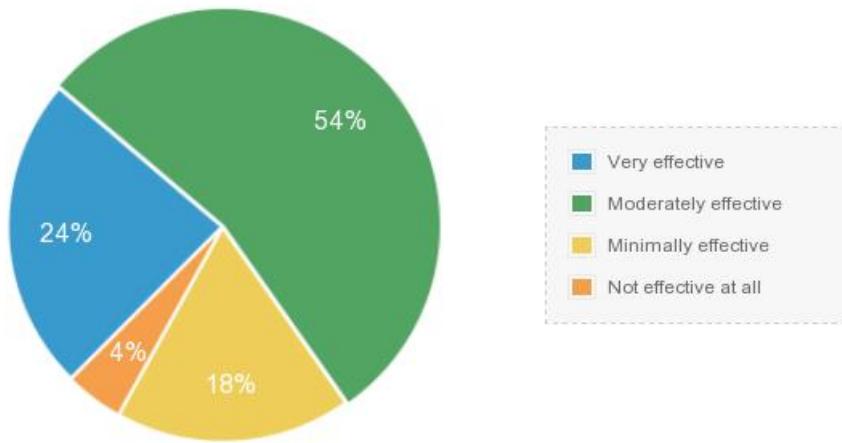
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| [1] Very Important | 38.11% | 258 |
| [2] Moderately Important | 35.45% | 240 |
| [3] Of low importance | 19.05% | 129 |
| [4] Not important at all | 7.39% | 50 |



HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

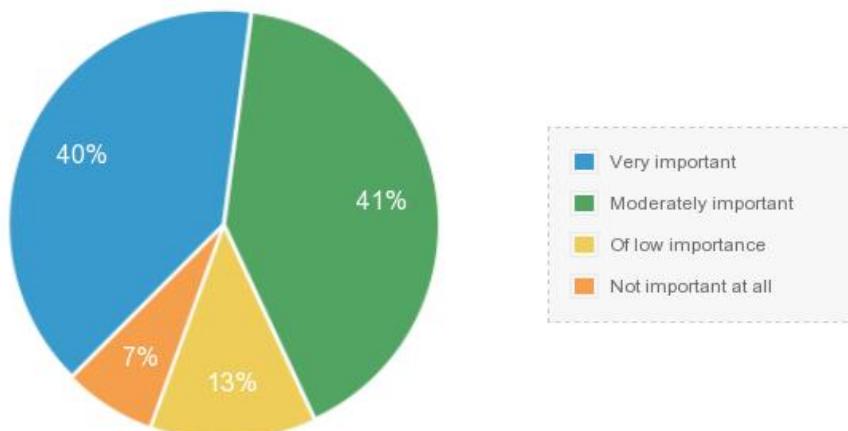
17. How effective has the management of new residential development in Woodstock been for maintaining the desired character of the town?

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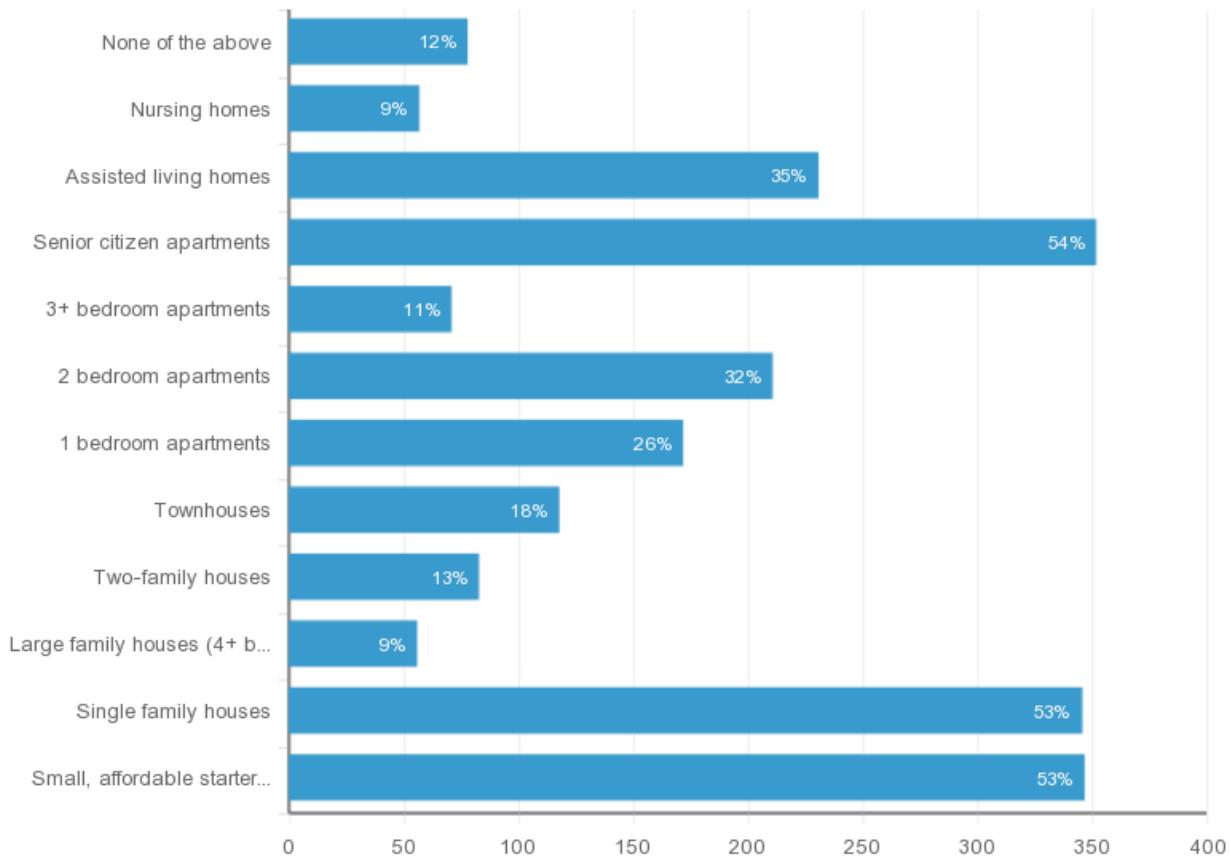
18. How important is it for the Town of Woodstock to encourage the use of more cluster development subdivisions instead of conventional subdivisions, in order to preserve open spaces?

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19. Which of the following housing types should the town work to encourage?

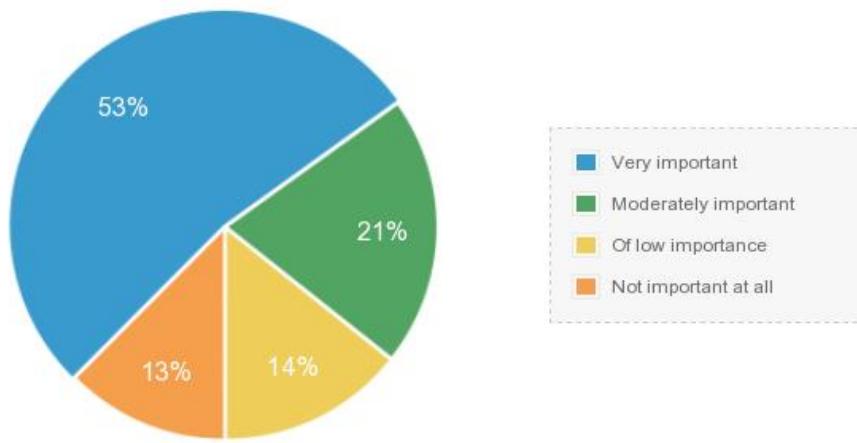
Answered: 651 Skipped: 81



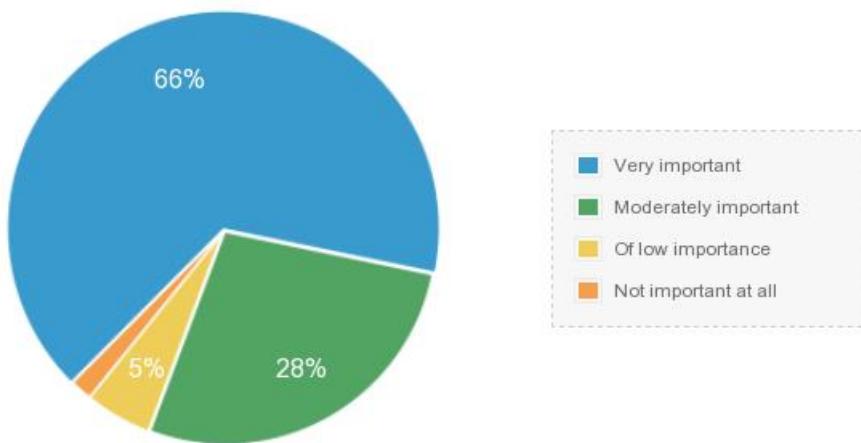
| | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| [1] Small, affordable starter homes | 53.3% | 347 |
| [2] Single family houses | 53.15% | 346 |
| [3] Large family houses (4+ bedrooms) | 8.6% | 56 |
| [4] Two-family houses | 12.75% | 83 |
| [5] Townhouses | 18.13% | 118 |
| [6] 1 bedroom apartments | 26.42% | 172 |
| [7] 2 bedroom apartments | 32.41% | 211 |
| [8] 3+ bedroom apartments | 10.91% | 71 |
| [9] Senior citizen apartments | 54.07% | 352 |
| [10] Assisted living homes | 35.48% | 231 |
| [11] Nursing homes | 8.76% | 57 |
| [12] None of the above | 11.98% | 78 |

20. How important is it for the Town of Woodstock to develop additional regulations for short-term (e.g. Air B&B, HomeAway) style rentals?

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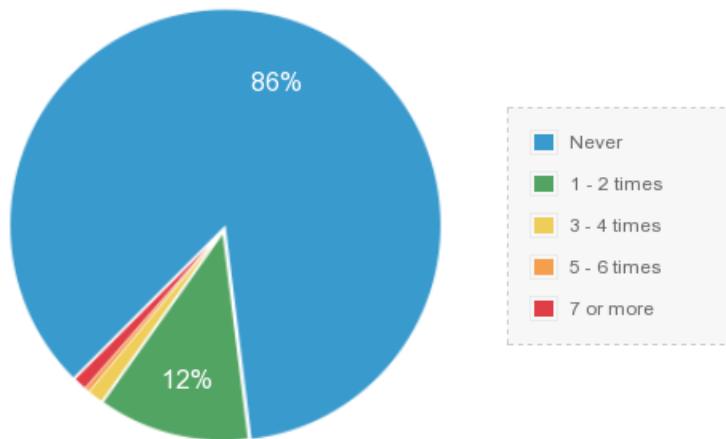
**21. How important is it for the Town of Woodstock to enforce zoning regulations?**

Answered: 665 Skipped: 67



22. If you use a private well for water, has it run dry anytime in the past 10 years?

Answered: 561 Skipped: 171



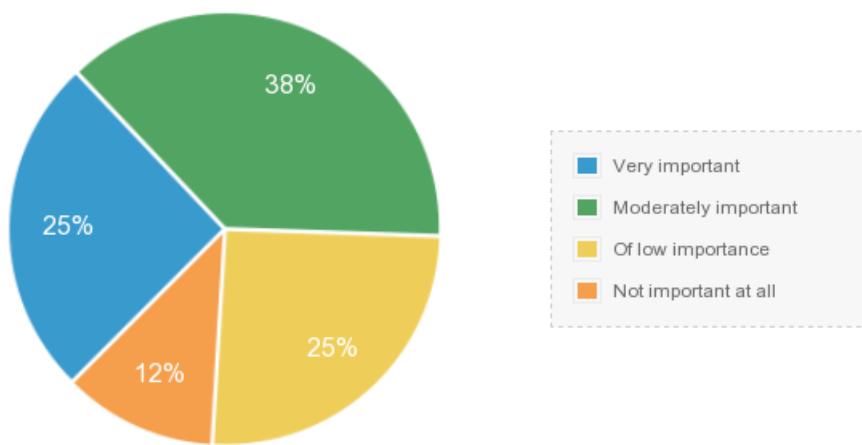
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| [1] Never | 85.56% | 480 |
| [2] 1 - 2 times | 11.76% | 66 |
| [3] 3 - 4 times | 1.25% | 7 |
| [4] 5 - 6 times | 0.36% | 2 |
| [5] 7 or more | 1.07% | 6 |

Responses by Hamlet Area

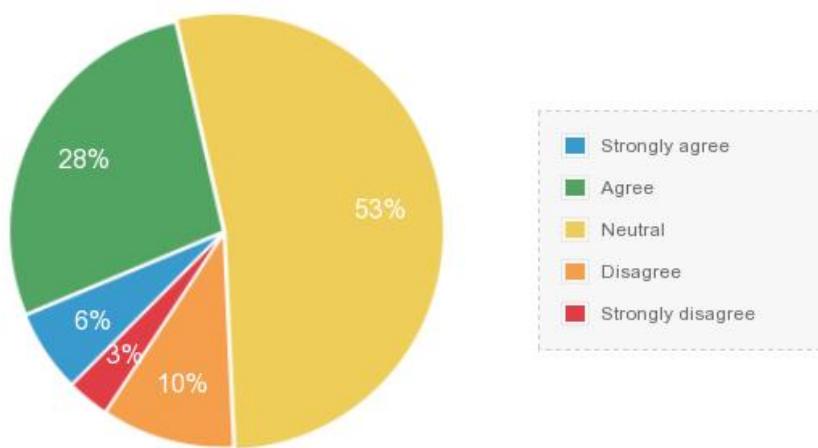
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| Bearsville | 71% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 22% |
| Wittenberg | 79% | 9% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 11% |
| Lake Hill | 84% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 13% |
| Woodstock | 56% | 9% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 31% |
| Shady | 88% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 5% |
| Zena | 82% | 12% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 4% |
| Willow | 82% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8% |

23. How important is it for public water and sewer services to be extended to support new or existing residential development?

Answered: 649 Skipped: 83

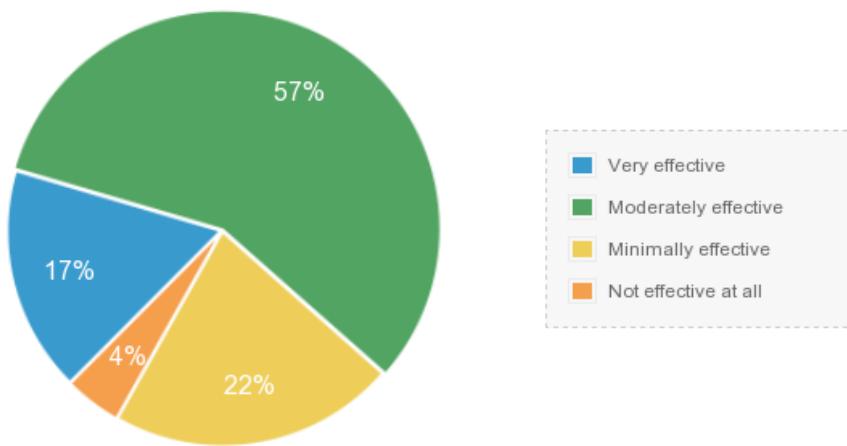
**ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY****24. Do you agree that the current zoning codes are directing the Town of Woodstock to grow in a desirable way?**

Answered: 628 Skipped: 104

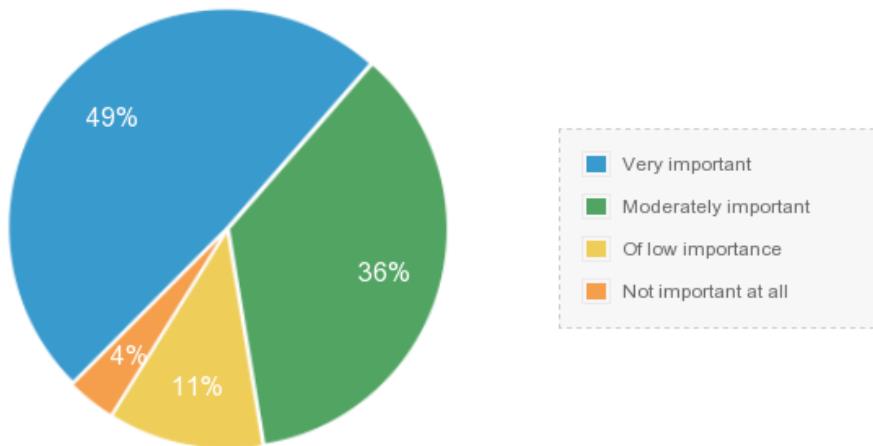


25. How effective has the management of new commercial development in Woodstock been for maintaining the desired character of the town?

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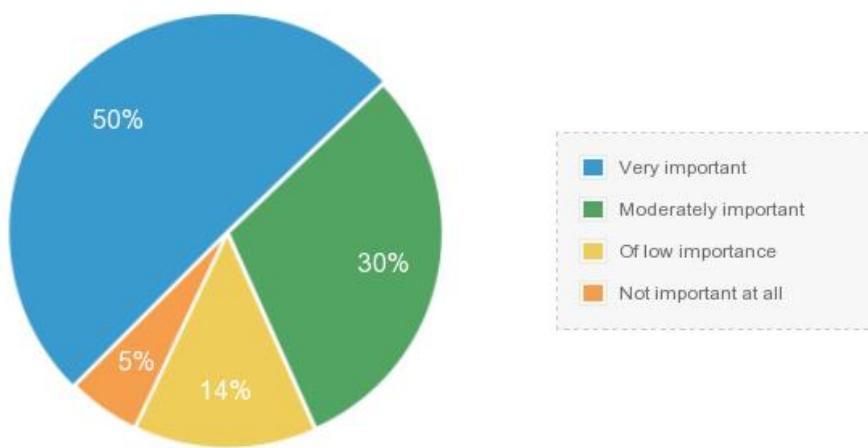
**26. How important is it that there are adequate job opportunities in the Town of Woodstock to help retain young people graduating from high school or college?**

Answered: 662 Skipped: 70

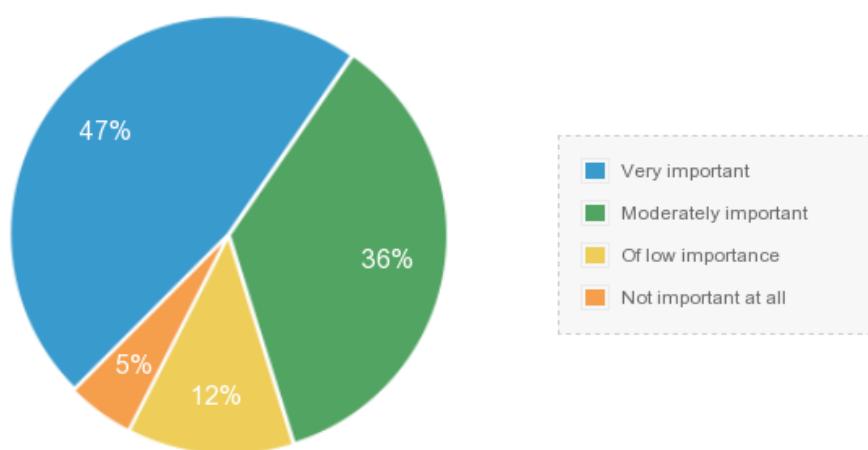


27. How important is it to increase broadband coverage and improve cellphone coverage in Woodstock?

Answered: 661 Skipped: 71

**28. How important is it for Woodstock to encourage the development of clean/green light industry?**

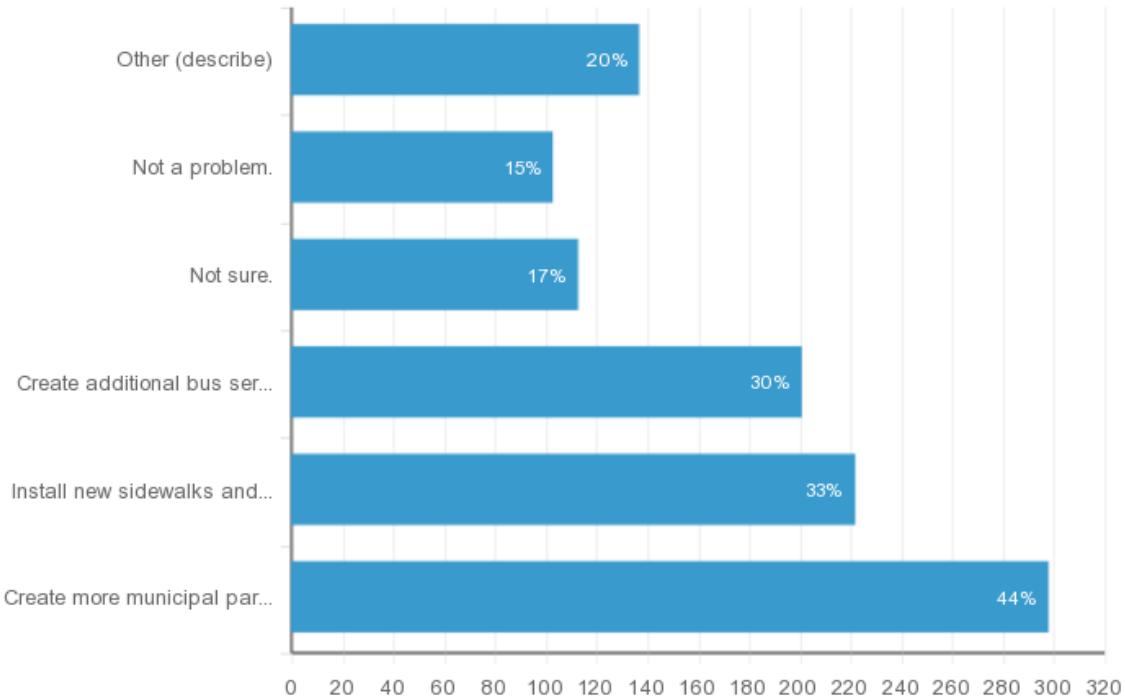
Answered: 664 Skipped: 68



TRANSPORTATION

29. If you think that parking is a problem in the center of town, which of the following solutions would best improve parking conditions?

Answered: 670 Skipped: 62



| | Response Percent | Response Count |
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| [1] Create more municipal parking areas around the center of town. | 44.48% | 298 |
| [2] Install new sidewalks and trails connecting the center of town to surrounding residential neighborhoods. | 33.13% | 222 |
| [3] Create additional bus service / trolley / shuttle service. | 30.0% | 201 |
| [4] Not sure. | 16.87% | 113 |
| [5] Not a problem. | 15.37% | 103 |
| Other (describe) | 20.45% | 137 |

Note: This question provided respondents with the option of providing their own written answer. Those written responses are provided below, and grouped by general category of response.

Shuttle / Jitney

A jitney from Phoneica alternately Rt 212 or to Wittenberg stop at comm center [unknown text] | Where will municipal parking be created and who will pay for it? Where would I park to get the jitney? A train to the City would have been nice. I like to drive to town, it's convenient. | create parking areas outside of town with a shuttle service. More traffic in the center of town only causes more congestion. | if shuttle service would impair traffic through town | Parking agreements with possible space on Rt 28 and trolley/shuttle to town | shuttle from train station in Rhinebeck. | shuttle service to trail head of overlook to Phoenicia, Saugerties. Allow visitors to park and jump shuttle to explore. | shuttles should be small vehicles | I would love a bus service that connects the town locally as well as to Kingston, Saugerties, that also offers a bike rack. | a free trolley up and down Tinker would be awesome

Bicycle Solutions

bike share system | Anything to encourage more use of bicycles. Dedicated lanes or clearly marked bicycle paths, for instance. | better bike paths along main roads paved parking areas why are there crosswalks next to each other on the square? | bicycle paths | bike paths | bike paths a must in the ENTIRE Town! | bike rack + bike lane | bike trails: My family would use bicycles most of the time if 212 was safe. | Biking and walking lanes on town roads for safety. Extend shoulders of roads for walking and bike safety. Lower speed limit to 35 on Glasco Turnpike 1 mile in either direction from Rock City Road | Biking and walking lanes on town roads for safety. Extend shoulders of roads for walking and bike safety. Lower speed limit to 35 on Glasco Turnpike at 1 miles in either direction of Rock City rd. | Create bike lanes and secure storage | I would walk or bicycle to town (instead of driving) if there were wider shoulders on Route 375.

Sidewalks

Sidewalks! Extend sidewalks down Mill Hill and addition of bike lanes | safe bike lanes to town. sidewalk to bearsville. | town a walker/bike friendly town.not have street parking from tannerybrook to maple lane.fix existing side walks.talk with the state to create better speed controls from 375 to the post office. widen 212 for walking and bike traffic. | encourage walking therefore provide sidewalks | Encourage walking. Provide sidewalks | Just fix BROKEN sidewalks | Need contiguous sidewalk from Zena Rd to Bearsville along Rt 212 - Tinker. 1-2 more municipal parking lots at the ends. | The lack of a sidewalk on Tannery Brook Road makes it extremely dangerous. Many years ago there was a sidewalk on the right hand side as the walker approached town, however over the years it has become overgrown.

Better Signage and Enforcement for Existing Solutions

I don't see a problem as a resident except for tourists, which would be helped by greatly improving signage to existing parking lots. | Add sidewalk and or bike lane on 375. Improvement of lot across from the Colony,

indicate where to park to create more space in lot, better signage so tourists know about the lot. | Better signage and info on town and chamber web sites | better signage directing to parking on Rock city road, maintain that parking lot better, better lighting | better signage to direct people to the parking, I don't find parking to be a problem except that visitors don't know where to find it | better signage to existing lots | Better signage to existing lots | Better signage to parking would be good. | Better signs for existing parking | better signs for existing parking would help! | sign showing free parking , visitors are not aware | Make existing parking lots easier for visitors to find | The lot on Rock City Rd. is very accessible and underused. | enforce "no parking" signs on meads mtn rd | enforce no parking signs on Meads Mtn. road | enforce private lots such as the library, the art supply store, the deming street yoga, etc to be used only when using those businesses | police the current lots better (noise, loitering, camping, dumping etc.) | stop buses and trucks from standing on Tinker & Mill Hill | Have traffic monitoring at key intersections

Add traffic lights / bumps / circles /specific locations

Be careful to support the existing feel of the town. Try to avoid traffic lights. | Implement the use of a traffic light in the center of town!!! | Need a traffic light in the center of town | Need traffic lights at route 375 and 212, Rock City road and Mill Hill road | Need traffic lights at Rt 375 + 212 and Rock City Road + Mill Hill Road | traffic light at Rock City Rd & Rt 212 | we need a traffic light at the green. Mick tries but is really ineffective. It's gotten so frustrating. | too much traffic we need speed bumps | traffic circle in town center | improve circulation this may mean less on-street- parking 3 way stop at rock City Road would help | improve existing municipal parking areas | improve existing municipal parking areas | improve the parking lot across from the Colony | Multistory parking structures in existing parking areas. | expand existing parking areas where possible (e.g. parking area at bottom of Comeau access road) | Parking on east side would help. | 1- Restrict truck deliveries within time period to prevent backups at peak hours. 2- Move Trailway bus stops. 3- Move Zebra pedestrian crossings away from direct intersection of Rock City Road and 212. 4- Maximize current Town locations for parking . | bring back parking which once existed ...ie Houst , Woodstock Vintage ,Station Bar | Business owners should require employees to park at Mountainview unless handicapped | change the layout so that Woodstock is more than a one road town; will spread out traffic | Connect Library Ln and Elyn La to Rock City Rd | Create more parking areas without encroaching on nature / open spaces by constructing a 3-story parking garage on the current municipal parking lot site (with an aesthetically pleasing exterior). | Eliminate parking on rt 212 for safety AND aesthetic reasons | More use of the parking area across from the Colony | move bus stop to cvs if possible | Move the bus stop to the Mt View Parking Lot so that people don't leave their cars in the village center when they leave town. | moving the bus stop was bad for those who park and commute to the city | My road has major issues with cars etc. I live on Elwyn Quarry; off Elwyn Lane. Often it is very congested with trucks and very difficult to get out! | There are too many spots that parkin is nor allowed. In front of liquor store and Provisions Deli it says no parking loading zone. It should be 15 minute parking to allow customers to shop. | Upgrade mountain view lot

Meter / Resident Permits / \$ / Time Limits

metered parking, enforce timed parking, increased singage for municipal parking | Provide resident stickers so only we can park in the town make all the tourists park in municipal lot for money. It would increase revenue, lighten parking and traffic in town and be better for residents. | permit parking perhaps? | residential homes in the center of town should have no parking except for homeowners | Paid metered Parking | more street parking (with a fee for out of towners) | Need parking meters for non-residents. | Make street side parking for shoppers only. All employees use Mt. View Ave Parking lot. Create overnight parking in Mt. View for permit fee. | Cover the \$5 parking lot fee sign when not in effect. | charge \$10 per day at all public lots and keep house parking lot for merchants free | Make the parking lot on the east side of Rock City Road FREE | all lots around town should be free to use. This will encourage their use, and reduce the number of cars competing for street parking. | Have the bus stop at CVS and ticket people for double parking. Make the zone infront of bread alone and along side "NO PARKING OR STANDING" | limit commercial deliveries i.e. trucks, fed-ex to specific times | limit number of hours in major lot near hardware store so people do not park all weekend | limit parking time | time limits on parking lots, residential parking lots (with stickers for residents) | Discourage/forbid more new restaurants in Town that can't provide adequate parking. | employees of town shops should park in municipal lots | Have shop employees park out of center areas (they park 6+ hrs in short term parking)

Cabs/Rentals

cabs! | Rental car/uber/lyft | Ride services (uber/lyft)

Weekends

more crosswalks and traffic monitors on weekends and busy holidays to direct traffic. | it's except on event weekends...another lot | close town to cars on weekends | Shutting on the weekends is better than builiing more parking. | Make the center of town pedestrian only on weekends. | don't park sat or sun use the lot across rom the colony

Don't Improve Parking

If the town has to build another municipal parking area, we are getting too much traffic for this town. That's the logistics of it. | if you make parking easier you will attract more cars and more traffic. we don't want that. make it difficult to park and fewer people will come and ruin the town character | depends on where new parking would exist without decreasing character of town center | Do a proper study/assesment before offerig ANY solutions! How does the town even determine EXISTING capacity for parking?? | I don't see where new parking can be established... | I fear it will become like Cold Spring: awful. | i'd rather keep the parking as-is . this is not disney land | limit the number of people coming into town | Major problem and

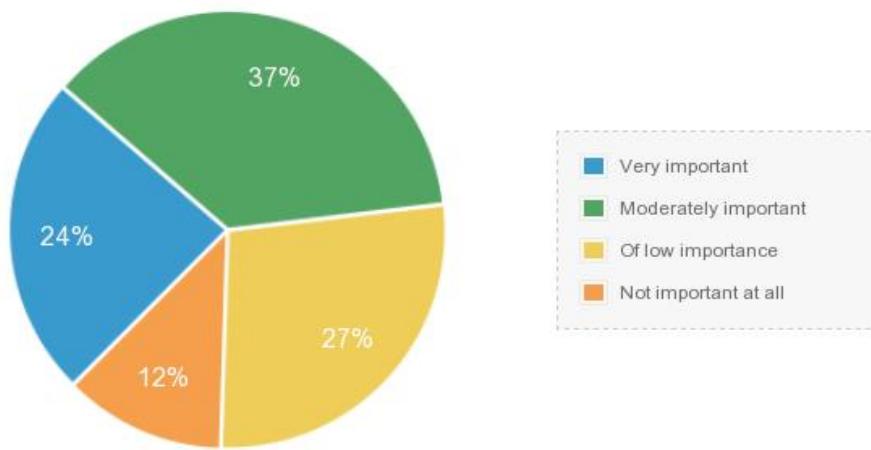
unpleasant. Dangerous. | NO ADDITIONAL PARKING OR OTHER TOURISM ACCOMODATION | Only tru prob is peep don't want2 walk frm exist parkng2 destination-no more parkng canb tolerated by land. Mayb better sign/info acces 2vistrs &Restrnt's shouldn't ballowed 2open if REAL parkng no adequate onsite or w/in1block | Pave paradise and put up a parking lot | Should the taxpayers bear the cost of more parking for day visitors? Never had a problem parking - let the merchants pay for parking if they feel it is needed. Isn't that what the payment in lieu of parking is for?! | The is enough parking. There are too many tourists. | there is always parking in the lots | Too late now should have been done 25 years ago.

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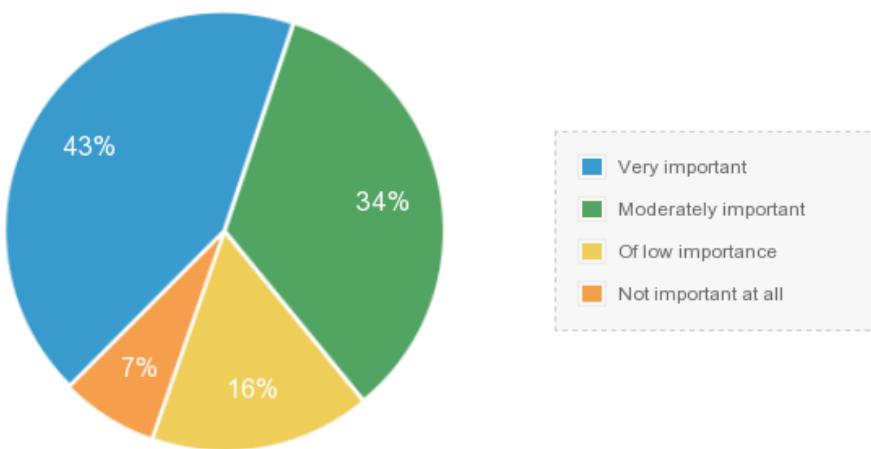
It is a large&difficult problem, since the growth of AirBnB rentals & new "Beds" for rent. traffic is impossible in the center of town. | this is a problem with a good solution | I don't know enough about this today. AS is true with some of the other questions also | I live in town so I park at home. how much of a problem parking is for others, though, and if it is, then I guess providing some parking makes sense! | I think you need to get the cars off the streets to improve pedestrian safety. BTW, I have been coming to Woodstock for 50 years (I have lived here for 4) and have never had problem finding parking. The two lots we have now suffice. | There is no room for option number 1. If there were, I'd say do that. | there is no room to create more parking areas, if there were room, I would say yes do that

30. How important is it to provide additional bus/jitney service between the center of town and outlying areas?

Answered: 650 Skipped: 82

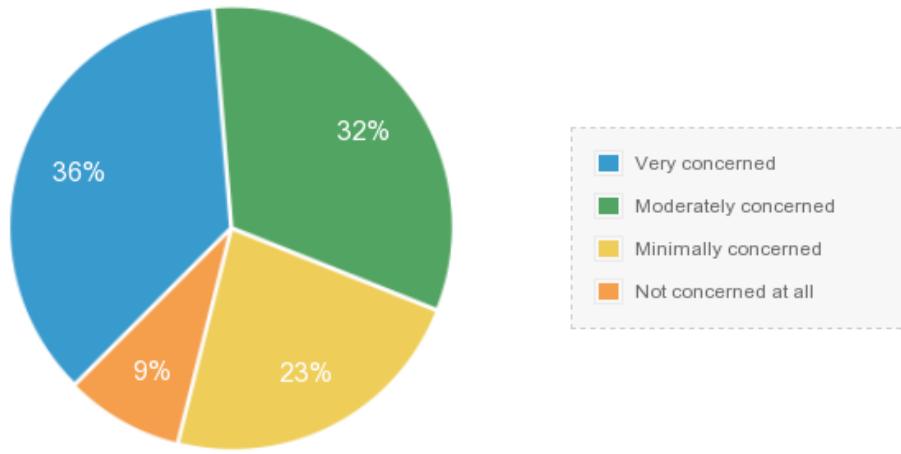
**31. How important is it for the Town of Woodstock to develop a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle transportation strategy to plan and implement a connected system of area sidewalks, trails, bicycle routes and bus/jitney service?**

Answered: 657 Skipped: 75

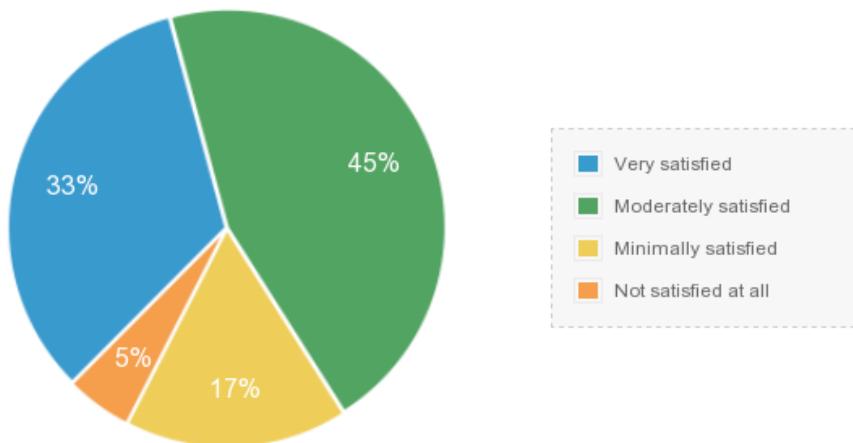


32. How concerned are you that traffic is a problem in the center of town?

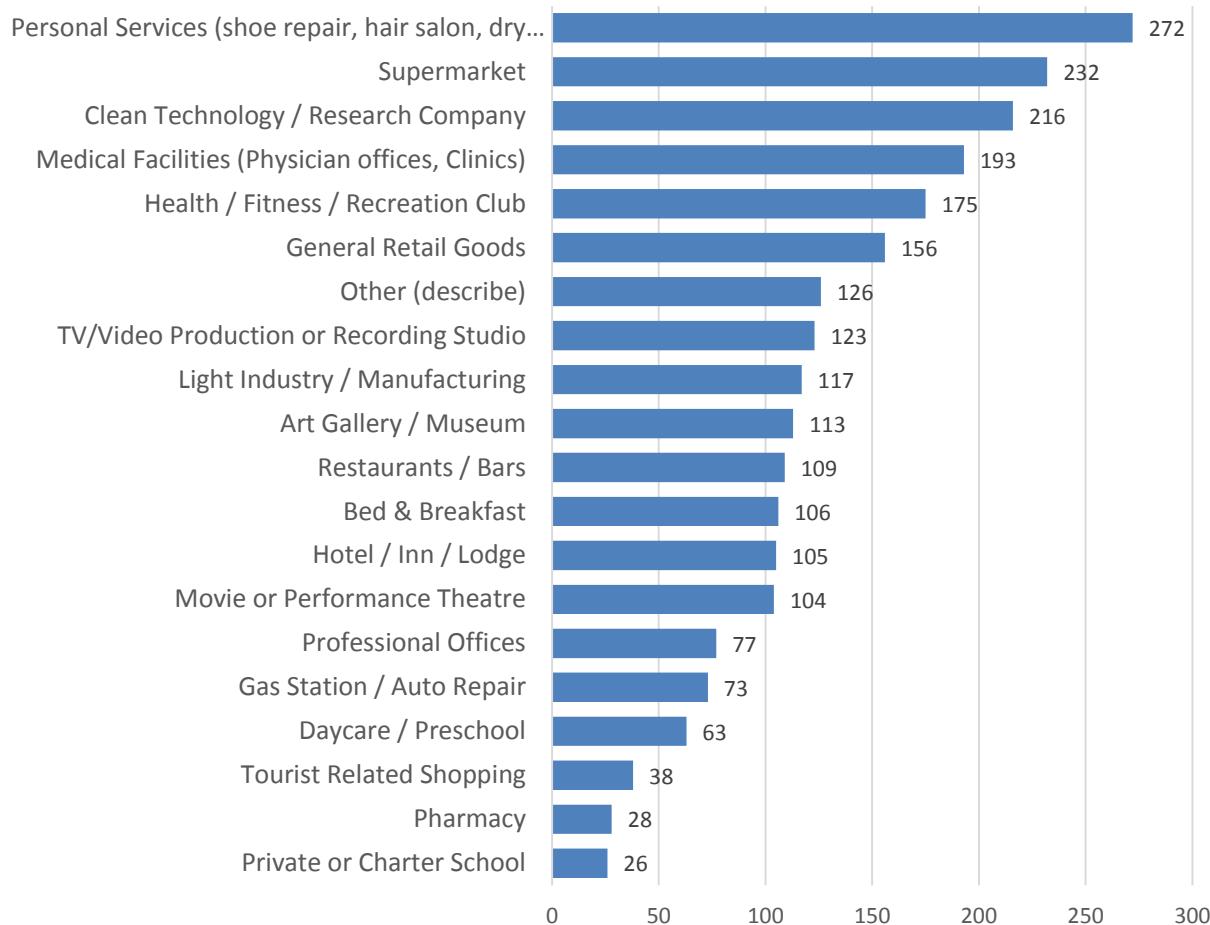
Answered: 674 Skipped: 58

**INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY SERVICES****33. How satisfied are you with the availability and condition of existing parks and recreational facilities in the town?**

Answered: 646 Skipped: 86



34. Which of the following business types do you think Woodstock needs or needs more of?



Note: This question provided respondents with the option of providing their own written answer. Those written responses are provided below, and grouped by general category of response.

Pool (x14)

A tool library. Places for community. A Woodstock community pool/town rec. | a year round swimming pool | Benches all over Town more pubic restrooms big swimming pool | Olympic size pool for kids and distance swimmers | outdoor public swimming pool | pool for Adults! | swimming pool | Swimming pool | Swimming pool | Swimming pool for adults! | Town pool | Town pool!!! Swimming in and around Woodstock is difficult for all the obvious reasons. A pool at Andy Lee Field for all ages which is sorely underutilized as it is would be perfect. Parking would have to be figured out however. | We need an Olympic sized pool for kids and distance swimmers. Private - like emmanuels in Stone Ridge) - more galleries - an indoor/outdoor pool

More Affordable Restaurants (x7) / Diner (x9) / Eateries

A coffee shop | A diner for locals! | A real, inexpensive diner. | affordable eateries | affordable restaurants | affordable restaurantS | affordable restaurants. too many tourist shops already | another small coffee/cafè wifi hang out place would be nice | better pizza and Chinese | competent organic restaurant | diner! Like phoenicia diner. Shoe repair. We have too many expensive restaurants | How about diner type eatery (Duey's) that us locals could go to for a reasonable priced meal! | In general any new business that is affordable for the average resident and not necessarily those with a lot of money | inexpensive restaurants | local family owned diner would be nice. | moderate priced breakfast - lunch like the old Duey's. walk-in doctor on weekends | NO more Restaurant's except diner. Adult swimming access very local needed. Old-style coffeehouse - comfortable seating & ability for adult or young adult community gathering | reasonably priced restaurants | Salad bar and soup place - not so like NYC. We've lost the feeling of being in the country. | simple diner; as village diner in Saugerties | specialty food store; late night coffee house | This town caters to tourists and not to full time residents. The town should include businesses that we would use on a regular basis ie gas groceries reasonable price restaurants (ie diner). We do NOT need Dollar General type stores. | We need a real (late night) diner! Some inexpensive eateries would be nice.

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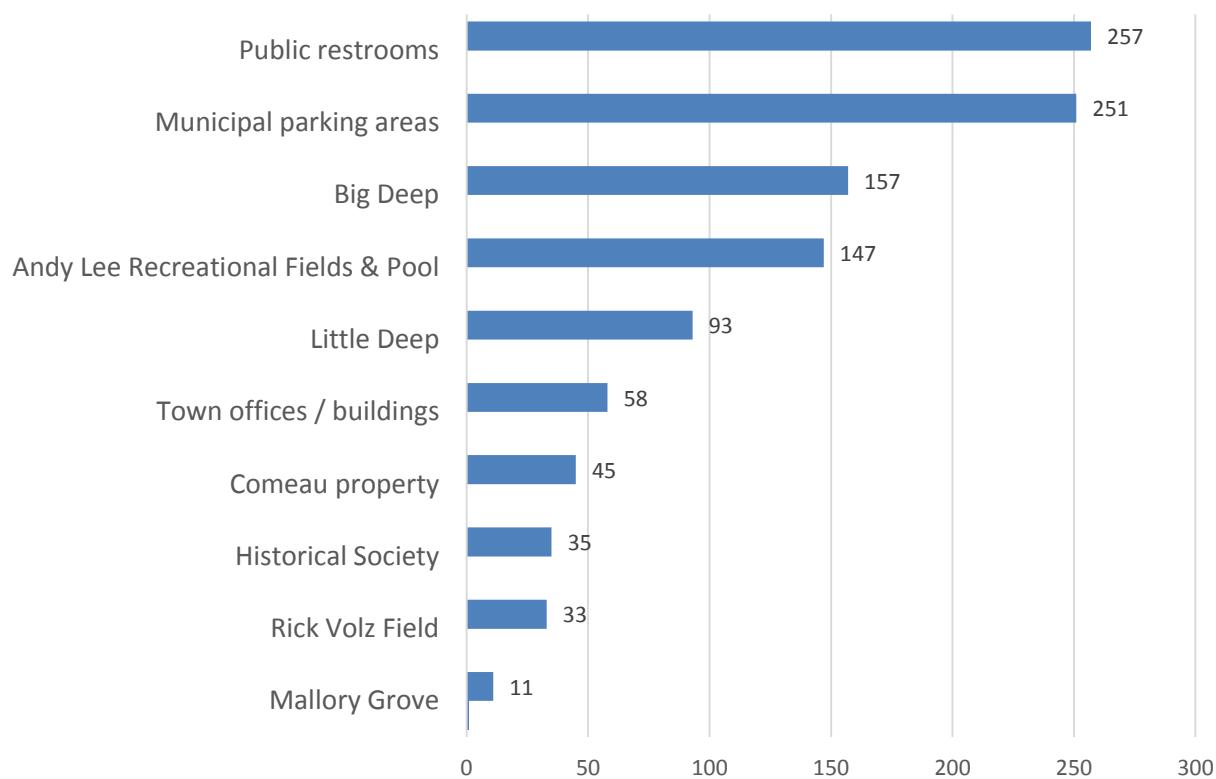
A good Fitness Center!!!! | A medium size supermarket in Woodstock would be great but Hurley Ridge Hannaford is ok. | A medium sized supermarket. | a survey of above would be helpful to see what currently exists and what might be needed Places with avoidable retail rents | adult daycare | Art school for all. Shopping (not for tourists). Why isn't the Playhouse more utilized. What happened to the music school in Zena? | Assisted Living | better playgrounds for little kids | Bookstore/Cultural | clothing stores | Don't feel like the town actually needs more of any of the above to function. The only lines/waits I see are at restaurants. | Don't like B&B enough restaurants | Ecotourism | Emergent care facility | Emergent care facility | Entrepreneurs will decide this. | green energy | i miss the bowling alley | Innovative Business Endeavors that match the progressive nature of the town | jobs! | Modern Library instead of a cluttered dump. | more trees planted along streets | more youth gathering spots | Move trees planted along streets | Music venues | Nail salon | New Economy Businesses that are a combination of light manufacturing wholesale and retail. Also IT and Film Production | No hotel bed and breakfast or . Hannafords is horrible. Need something like the Pinball Palace for the youth. | not a superstor no charter schools | Not lose the funky retail stores we have. We have lost enough. | out oriented retail and guided touring | Patronize our longtime business. Hard to get through the winter. | Perhaps public transportation to former Hurley Ridge Market | Place where I can buy food without having to tie up my dog outside! Like a dog park that has a people-food snack bar. | Places for kids! With all these places to eat it is hard to take the kids out with you! | Places to go hear live music | PLEASE: figure out how to either modify or regulate AirBnB! It is inevitable so let us welcome these changes and capitalize on

them. | Pot Dispensary | pot dispensary | Recreation Equipment Sales | Recycle repair center. | Regulated lodging to replace Air BnB type lodging. Strict regulations on air bnb which takes away from affordable housing options. | replace real estate offices with shops | Residents should be the first consideration always. We pay the taxes | Residents should be the first consideration always. We pay the taxes. | Retail outdoor recreational clothing and gear. | Satellite campus of a college to provide classes. | senior center | shoe repair | shoe repair is fine we don't need a dry cleaners outside hurley | Solar Fast Charging for Electric Cars | Sports facilities | SUPPORT THE LOCALS | the town would benefit from places for visitors to stay but a traditional motel/hotel would not fit at all. | There are basic services that should be available but this is the Colony of the Arts so let's nurture it rather than make it like every other place. | Tourist lodging that isn't air bnb | Unique specialty shops | urgent care | urgent care facility | Weekend farmers market | Youth and ESOL groups & activities

Nothing New Needed

against further development | all good | All good | Don't need more. | none | none | none | NONE! | None!!! | none. we have virtually all now | Nothing new needed | ok as is | I am satisfied. | I think we have these | It's good as it is | Most of these are here | present mix satisfactory | The diversity seems great | we have enough of these amenities in woodstock | We have to be careful as it's a small town surrounded by mountains. There is just so much space. | what we have is fine | who wrote this survey? | Woodstock offers a very nice balance for our current lifestyle.

35. Which of the following public facilities and lands needs improvement?



Note: This question provided respondents with the option of providing their own written answer. Those written responses are provided below, and grouped by general category of response.

Library (x16)

library | library | library | library | library | library - it's a dump, get a new bigger one | library - small budget | library - we need a new one! community pool | library could modernize to work for professionals | library! | library! Our library desperately needs a better bigger building. Need swimming -- municipal pool, or Kenneth Wilson Park to restore swimming | library! Wish we could have a nice, local, library like west hurley or Phoenicia | library. We need a new one. | library | The library

Preserve Big Deep (x12)

areas such as Big Deep and Little Deep should be left alone- to keep their 'natural state'. | Big deep is overcrowded, take down size. Restrooms are good. | big deep needs signs for dog care camping, camp fires and more garbage containers (down by water) | Big deep needs signs for dog care, camping, camp fires, and more garbage containers down by the water. | Big Deep overcrowded. Take down sign. | Big Deep, Little Deep, keep people OUT | Abuse of Big Deep. Trash being left. Visitors misusing the space. | |

don't know how to solve it but it makes us very sad that Big Deep, etc have been abused - trash left behind, etc. - these areas are special to us and it feels as though outsiders/visitors come and misuse the space | More management of Big Deep, garbage, etc. | The natural creeks and surrounding areas (Big Deep) are overwhelmed by tourists. Some of these tourists leave trash, garbage and hygienic refuse behind when they leave. | Trash problem at Big Deep | turn Andy Lee into an aquatic center; more management at Big Deep (garbage, crowds, noise)

Pool / Adult Pool (x18)

a pool that adults could use at andy lee would be nice - maybe too expensive | Adult swimming pool | build a town pool. wilson st pk lake is closed. we need swimming opportunities! | Build a town pool. Wilson State Park is closed. WE need swimming opportunities. | expand usage of pool big deep is overused and under maintained limit parking | Keep pool open for towns people or build another pool | Pave lot near mt view street. find a way to keep pool open for town people or build another pool. the pool should stay open for town residents or build another community pool. | pool!!! | public swimming area | Recreation area - pool for town use | Swimming pool | Swimming pool! | We need a community pool not just for summer program kids | We need a community pool. Also a gymnasium would be good for indoor recreation in the winter time | we need a public swimming pool | we need a swimming pool or lake | We would like access to the andy lee pool | Wish the public could use the town pool... not just rec kids

Millstream

mill stream access | millstream | millstream | Sidewalks & bridges & millstream | signage at mill stream could read "no picnicing" (river banks get trashed). Restrooms need to be cleaned often. We have enough parking areas. | Signage at millstream could read "No picnicing". River banks get trashed.

Misc

dog park or off leash areas | dog parks. currently parking is too far from the park itself, A large field for dogs to run freely would be desireable, perhaps on the Comeau property. | How to get dog walkers on Comeau Trails to keep their dogs leashed. Many refer to comeau as a "dog park" | wilson St Park/Swimming | wilson State park swimming. Love what we have but wilson was such a treasure. | wilson State Park-lake | All town properties need better maintenance, as the population & visitor number grows, more stress is placed on these sites and buildings. Better maint. will prevent need for total renovation. | California Quarry trails | Center of town needs a traffic light!! | Chamber kiosk | Corrosion at Comeau requires attention. | Create pedestrian trails. Stop encouraging cars and make the town more self-contained. | current sidewalks in town | facilities that would improve traffic going through town - shuttle service, outlying parking areas | food waste composting for home owners needs to be available better trail maintenance paved parking and better sidewalks | garbage | I suspect the Sawkill Creek is polluted. No

one should swim in creek! | Implementation of a comprehensive recreation plan that would have positive impacts on all Woodstockers could result in improvements needed to public facilities and lands. | Increase number and location of disability parking (eg closer to store entrances) | Just keep existing facilities in good repair | lighting | Little Deep,On question 33 answered "minimally satisfied" commenting on paper survey "not happy with closing of "deep" near 375". | Mallory Grove,Big Deep,Little Deep,Rick Voltz Field,Parking at these places and including Overlook, Tannery Brook and Magic Meadow. | Need 1 or 2 parking spaces close to the offices for the elderly. Horrible speed bump. (too high!) at Housts's as well. | Need more restrooms. Cumberland Farms needs to make restroom available to its customers. Restroom built at Rick Voltz Field | need shade trees at municipal parking areas; car parking is killing the pines at Big Deep | not sure of the names but the playgrounds near the swimming pool and the playground near the baseball field behind Gypsy Coyote | Paint or keep up the Comeau building - Board walks throughout Comeau - it's muddy this time of year. | parking at big deep and other swimming holes | parking strip pend better signs, shade trees or solar roof covers | Playground horrible! | I don't think Amazon should be buying books en masse at library book sales. It's a small step toward losing the feel of the community - just a small step but indicative of a direction toward increased commercialization | Public restrooms,Where are they? | Public restrooms,Where are they? I dont know - I just live here. | Regulate traffic noise! | ROADS!!! | Safe Running Trails (perhaps at the Comeau or similar open area away from highway) | sidewalk on Tannery Brook Road near the Town - many people walk and no room - people drive too fast there too, no enforcement of speeding there. | sidewalks | Sidewalks are not passable after heavy snows | sidewalks are not walkable | Sidewalks, some garden and lawn areas throughout the town. | Steps to prevent littering at places like big deep need to be implemented. | Take steps to protect & preserve the integrity of our public natural spaces | The Comeau Property could be better used. While maintaining the trails and part of the field. | The sidewalks in town and leading into town are not smooth. Bad for wheelchairs and anyone with challenges walking. | Toilets where people swim including Millsteam swimming hole | traffic rules - tourist speeding | Traffic rules, tourists speeding | We have a lot of public parking. People just have to walk a little further. Maybe more signs to direct visitors there. Also the municipal parking area where a fee is charged should be free? | Woodstock Cemetery. | Would be nice to have paid people who clean up Big and Little Deep and enforcement of laws re littering. | Youth Center, enhance skate park, etc

No Changes

all god | All good | All good | Don't feel like any of the above need improving. | don't know | don't know what some of these are. And I've lived here for 13 years. | Good as is. | I don't know | leave things alone! | No improvements needed as they would only result in increased taxes. | none | None | NONE | None | none needed | None of the Above | nothing needs improvement | simply maintain things as they are | They seem fine. Love the Comesu. | They seem okay to me | Things seem well managed.

OTHER WRITTEN RESPONSES

Question 15. How would you rank the following items in terms of improving your hamlet area?

Noise

Address noise issues and respect for neighbors and their property, especially to limit loud music from neighboring yards all hours of the day and night.

Although Zoned residential, Willow (Silver Hollow rd) is home to commercial industrial excavating businesses. The large trucks create noise pollution and make driving and walking hazardous. The zoning discrepancy needs to be addressed and/or street widened with sidewalks for safety.

Close the library. It is a nuisance which brings noise and disruption to the peaceful life, especially on weekends.

Control noise and light pollution in the hamlet of Woodstock. Fewer and less intensive street lights -

if they have to be there maybe make them motion detecting so they shut off? Invest in some form of local public transport (shuttle bus?) rather than investing in more parking lots and lot improvement - stop attracting more vehicular traffic into the hamlet proper.

Highest priority: 1. noise from the center of town (drum circle, outdoor music, fireworks, frequent amplified music). 2. The traffic backlog at corner of Rock City and 212 is ridiculous -- put a traffic light there. Idling cars are worse for the environment.

keeping speed limits down in residential areas!

setting hour/time guidelines for truck traffic in residential areas....as Glasco Turnpike. Truck zoom by and make noise as early as 5am

Need a noise ordinance to preserve natural beauty for all to enjoy.

-noise reduction (bear complex) motor cycles

-light pollution

-attention to potential flooding (on witt rd)

noise reduction in Bear complex (motorcycles), light pollution, attention to potential flooding on Wittenberg Road.

Protecting the area from the impacts of increased tourism - noise pollution, garbage, heavier trafficked roads, increased use of water from the aquifers, illegal parking on side roads

Reasonable noise regulations for music venues and bars that are open late

reduce noise from hunting and excavation business being run from home

Setting of noise limitations in residential areas and enforcement of those limits.

Stop commercial development and clear-cutting of forests (as seen on Route 212 across from the Pet Shelter.) We don't need new commercial development when many commercial buildings stand empty. Also, we need noise ordinance, to prevent screaming kids jumping in pools on holiday weekends, etc. If Woodstock becomes as noisy and commercial as the city, why bother coming here?

Though in Hamlet proper, recognizing when I moved here it is "in-town" I was happy with current development, I do not think the Hamlet proper should PAVE any new roads or parking - need water absorption in this low area. Also I think the Hamlet proper is at maximum capacity for NEW business properties. I think quality of life - noise pollution, air pollution, community-building for tax-paying RESIDENTS is of utmost importance. The Hamlet has been a small to moderate size for decades if not centuries, I do not think it should outgrow its charming size or density. I rather pay slight increases in taxes than encourage more commercial density.

Short term rentals

airbnb regulation highest priority

Avoiding commercial activity in residentially zoned areas for short term rentals is divisive, corrupting of the sense of community and pits one person's interest in money against his closest neighbor's desire for peace and quiet and community in his own neighborhood. A witch's brew.

b&bs should be licensed and should follow the regulations for licensed b&bs. I believe that some b&bs are Airb&bs and are not licensed. Unlicensed or unregulated b&bs are unfair to the businesses that are following the rules for rentals, and also to the people who have paid for their property to be in a residential neighborhood - in other words, have paid not to be in a commercial neighborhood. Even in commercial neighborhoods like the Village of Woodstock, noise should be regulated and noise ordinances should be enforced.

Cheaper housing. No Air bnb!

Develop a practical, workable plan to legalize short term rentals in a way that will create revenue for the town and allow home owners to offset their costs without hurting the residents' quality of life.

i have noise intrusion from an air bnb, which was established in the 'home' bought next to me by a neighbor who lives nearby. It is hugely important to me that the gobbling up of properties for this use be controlled. it diminishes the peace of the neighborhood. and also creates a harrowing nuisance for all of us who live here to take advantage of- AND RESPECT- the peace and tranquility that woodstock offers

I think it is really important that services like Lyft and Airbnb be fostered. These are really important services/forms of income, that I think are overall a big net-gain for the community. It brings tourism,

provides money to local businesses like restaurants and bars, it provides important income for self-employed artists like myself and my husband, and we have only had positive experiences with people staying with us, who are here to enjoy the same things about this area that we value. I hope this will continue to be supported in this area!

I'd like to see it's character and beauty protected, as well as creating more options for full-time renters. With Airbnb, it is becoming more and more difficult for full-time people to rent a steady home! We are the town, we want to be here.

Please address the Airbnb issue -- it is ruining the nature of our town!

the last question.....there should be changes in the way homes handle garbage, property cleanliness, noise and Airb&b

There is an adverse effect on the very nature and character of my residential neighborhood entirely due to the people and traffic using otherwise vacant homes in Woodstock for short term vacation rentals. This harmful business practice has got to be stopped

We probably need more information about public water and sewer, not sure how it is across the area. If "Buffering and protecting residential homes from Commercial Development" refers to Airbnb's getting reined in, than this is Priority One.

While I realize that vacation rentals are part of the new economy, the town needs to do more to protect year-round residents from the noise associated with larger vacation rentals - especially those with outdoor features such as pools, hot tubs, etc. which become gathering spaces. While a neighbor might have three parties, with vacation rentals, it can be a party every night. We need stronger noise ordinances as well so that, if the police are called with regards to a noisy rental, they have the power to do something about it. There should be fines for homeowners whose guests repeatedly disturb the peace, and after x-number of complaints, perhaps that homeowners' ability to rent out their property should be revoked. If rentals have speakers by their pools / in outdoor spaces, volume levels should be stipulated by the owners to their guests with either some kind of built-in volume control, or a device (such as Echo) that gives homeowners the ability to lower the volume via WiFi. (I could go on and on about potential ways to limit / mitigate intrusion from vacation rentals.)

Traffic

- 1-Charging Station for Electric Cars
- 2-Assign skilled person to direct traffic on intersection of Rock City Road and 212 during weekends and holidays
- 3- Generally Night Life is Dead in Woodstock. Look at Rhinebeck as an example of direction
- 4- The library is a cluttered dump. Ripe it down and build contemporary and modern .

Ask drivers in all areas to drive more carefully, obey speed limits, STOP signs! And learn to get out of the way of fire trucks ambulances, police cars with sirens running.

Bring back a traffic director at the intersection of Rt. 212 and Rock City Road on weekends. Put pressure on the State to repave Rt. 212 through the Village.

designated public bus route

Desperate need for walking access and sidewalks to protect individuals from cars, busses, trucks, bicycles.

Desperate need for walking access and sidewalks to protect individuals from traffic.

Eliminate parking along Tinker Street and Mill Hill Rd, move the center line to create bike paths on both shoulders. In the process I would consider widening sidewalks and decreasing the speed limit going through town. speed limits should definitely decrease if bike paths are to be extended out of town into the surrounding hamlets (which is the eventual goal). Regarding providing public water, the town needs to do a better job at filtering out toxins as outlined by EWG Drinking Water Guide found here: <https://www.ewg.org/tapwater/system.php?pws=NY5503394#.WfDXM9OGORs>

enforcement of speed limit on Route 212

enforcement of speed limits on Wittenberg and Cold Brook road

I would like to see the speed limit reduced on roads. 40/hr is too fast for these country roads.

Would be nice if people could ride bikes without taking their life in their hands.

Main improvement to Willow would be to minimize traffic on Silver Hollow Rd or at least find ways of preventing it from getting worse. It's become horrendous! Lots of cars and trucks, many driving way too fast, disrupting the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. It's risky to walk there, even if you stay on the edge of the road.

Preservation of Woodstock is mot important. More development would be a disaster. Truck traffic in town is already a major crisis.

Safety issues- enforced speed limits on higher accessed roads.

Dead tree removal on the side of roads- Zena Highwoods- Sawkill Roads especially

sensible speed limits on local roads. ie. Zena Road should have a lower speed limit. It's currently the same as Rt.28 which has 2 lanes, shoulders and is very straight. compare that with Zena Road which has few straightaways, many sharp curves, no shoulders and has mailboxes on the opposite side from the houses (meaning there are constantly pedestrians walking across).

septic is superior

Q13: lower the speed on sawkill rd. no 2 lane road should be above 30

Silver Hollow Rd traffic is horrendous! Please put in speed bumps.

Some of these are not the same: like road improvements/beautification. speed limits should be lowered in our area; this is a road improvement. This has nothing to do with beautification.

speed limit is not adhered to on Glasco Tpke and it is becoming impossible to walk my dog in the neighborhood. I live at the foot of the hill approaching Lower Byrdcliffe Rd and there have been numerous accidents at the intersection. Town and County trucks barrel down the hill at excessive speed and tractor trailers use the road to avoid traffic in town.

The foot traffic to big deep is getting more every year. need to have better side walk and speed limit, Also proper trash can or sign at big deep, litter in summer is out of control.

the traffic situation is intolerable in town.

traffic Light at intersection of Rock City Rd and Tinker Street by the Town square.

traffic lights at 212/375, 212/Rock City, 212 turn in Bearsville

Very important to create sidewalks on Ohayo Mtn Road, Mill Road, bridge - significant safety hazard.

Walking through my hamlet lately has become more and more dangerous, especially on weekends. There's more and more traffic and fewer drivers obeying speed limits.

Would like bike lanes or paths so not riding in traffic

Would love to see Rt. 212 repaired in town and a crosswalk across the road from the library to the big parking lot.

Fog lines on Meads Mountain Road

fog lines onto meads mtn rd

Housing

A priority for me would be improved bike safety on existing roads.

A housing plan could be considered to ensure homes near town ease accessibility for elderly to walk to town.

Create a government run housing authority to provide affordable housing.

More high density housing, low income and senior housing.

more low cost housing options are vital for the survival of Woodstock as a community. otherwise it will be all wealthy weekenders - no families, no kids, no working people :(

need more low income housing support

there are enough low income housing options in Woodstock

This town is called the 'most famous little town' in the world. If we continue to remove all that makes this town so famous, we will end up with a town catering to weekender's, no affordable housing for the creative and a town like any other with natural beauty. Where will Woodstock be 5 years from now? There has to be a balance in the growth of this town. Like it or not, it's the arts and the artist's that make this town special. Take that away and we will lose our special title. Thank you. Louise Luna

What is "open space" by this town's definition? It seems that it should mean fields that had years ago been cleared by our forefathers. If correct, a top priority should be to keep those fields open and incentives (open fields should NOT be taxed higher than a woodlot) made to get the fields back. If a permit is required to take down trees, a permit should be required to allow an open field to grow to brush. Too many properties have been allowed to grow up to trees and brush and this will continue to negatively affect our natural resources. Valuable water is naturally being used by those trees and brush and we have lost most streams that used to be defined along the roads. With all the areas that are being allowed to grow wild, we have to recognize that the brush fires in the west are a real possibility to us. People used to take pride in their homes and no one seems to care anymore. The county workers will not cut along the roads and home owners will not even trim brush to be able to see out of their driveways. If more cutting and clearing were done along the roads, there would be more space for walkers, bikers, etc. Basically, each of us as individuals should be responsible for our space, our home, and take pride in it. We should not need a town to spend our tax dollars to tell us how to do it. Several questions in this survey (ie housing options and business needs) are dependent on the market so I'm not sure how the town thinks it can sway consumers' wants.

Consider assisted living homes or a small facility for independent seniors requiring some support.

Garbage/Trash

I just wish that we had one store in the are, like the old wittenberg store. And that people wouldn't drive so fast. And they wouldn't dump their garbage in my bins. Bearsville is fine but Woodstock needs sidewalks!!!!

It is true that we need more jobs in Woodstock, but hoping to keep the residential parts of Zena residential and lovely. If businesses come into Zena, besides requiring attractive buildings that are not too large in size, and don't draw too much traffic, need to not contaminate the water, otherwise will need town well water piped into Zena.

Let's have Water in Zena.

Let's have garbage Pickup in Zena (since we got screwed at the dump).

Let's have Sewers in Zena.

What is it that you do with our over the top taxes, nothing??

Provide a more efficient and visually-friendly concept for weekly residential garbage pickup/removals. The Waste Management green curb containers are a visual eyesore to our natural surroundings.

Should be an ordinance requiring removal of trash containers within 24 hours of pick up. Do not set out sooner than 24 hours prior to pick up. enforce fines for trash which has not been properly sealed to defend from animals, plus a charge to clean up the mess. Remove containers back to the house (out of public view), or build an enclosure set back at least 15 from roadway, and use natural materials in natural colors.

Sidewalks and crosswalk and trash cans and recycling bins in the hamlet

Parking

Actively work to return Woodstock to being a neighborhood, rather than a vacation rental town. Many houses have been greatly increased in size, turned into multiple dwellings for tourist rentals. Outbuildings added. Lawns have been turned into impermeable parking lots. This is in a flood zone & increases risk of great damage.

enforce the parking rules..no parking this side of street, NO O parking HERE EVER..these are really important since the roads are usually not wide enough to begin with to allow parking at all. and small neighborhood lanes have barely enough space for two cars to pass each other. NO parking MEANS NO parking>> I NEVER SEE A TICKER EVEN IF I COMPLAIN> WHAT'S UP WITH THAT

enforcing parking & leash laws & sandwich board laws

More parking in town

parking Improvement

Misc / Uncategorized

get a swimming pool for adult use and families how about a supermarket in town.

I would like to see the addition of recreational facilities, such as, a town pool with affordable fees.

Also as much as i would like to see my neighbors maintain their properties, I don't want standards set that are intrusive on our personal rights and are not affordable.

Swimming pool for adult use and families. Supermarket in town.

Woodstock needs proper bike trails, perhaps through the Comeau Property

Plus a Community pool. The Big Deep doesn't cut it.

(Availability of broadband/cell) Study the health hazards even though commercial interests making a for sweeping under the rug.

A shade tree commission to plant trees...[unknown text]

Adamantly opposed to further development and gentrification.

address pre-emptive efforts too reduce power outages - tree cutting - power line placements underground.....

Avoid light (night sky) pollution by setting standards of down-facing lights in all new housing/commerce.

bike lanes on roads

Code enforcement! How can people camp on their land without well and septic?

congestion on weekends & summertime - encourage uber/lyft ride services from outlying areas (Bearsville, shady, etc) to town.

Consistent electric service.

do no harm

Do no harm

enforce the sign law.

enforcement of existing zoning and building codes very inadequate.

everything is wonderful in bearsville.

Extend public gas access/connectivity

I hope Woodstock never grows too much and always retains its community spirit.

I love Zena

I support commercial growth as it relates to small business and community development. But more importantly I support Woodstock being independent from the impact of large multinational business. I would strongly suggest that Woodstock help to offer an ISP coop; to build a local wireless network to offer residence fair and equal online access, possibly through a shared internet coop. The towns TimeWarner contract gives the private company access to all of the towns residence private information and now the ability to sell off that information. Plus the reliability is poor, the support quality is low and the infrastructure isn't being improved upon. Woodstock can negotiate a much better rate on it's own and provide a few local jobs. I feel the same way about the electrical infrastructure, and would recommend a renewable energy coop. Energy independence and reliable internet / online privacy are two of my biggest concerns and a way the Woodstock can really pave a positive way forward for the future of it's residence. I would happily help spear an ISP coop.

I think better drainage for roadside and home Owners is needed to prevent H2O issues following streams

I think providing the public water and sewer is important for new development and affordable septic and well service for existing properties.

I think that elderly should locate into the village center where they can walk around town more easily and receive care more easily.

I would like to see cameras or signs installed on Cooper Lake to deter passing cars from littering or be fined.

I would love to see more small scale commercial development in each of the hamlet commercial zones. Hotel/Motel, small convenient store, restaurants, repair shops...etc.

I would really love for the town to take care of the year round people and not cater so much to the weekenders...

I'd like to know what is meant by "Addition of some new compact commercial development". I'd like to know ahead about design standards for new development.

I'm on West-Saugerties Woodstock Rd., which is very confusingly named given that we have a West Saugerties Rd. and a Woodstock Rd. and a Waugerties Woodstock Rd. Maybe we could have some actual road names after historic figures? Not a super top priority but I would be a fan of that.

Improvement of water flow of streams to stop flooding by digging stream bed, "slow" and "deer" warning signs on RT.212 leaving town towards Bearsville

It is critical that Woodstock, especially the outlying hamlets, retain their rural character. That's why people live here.

Just amend existing broken sidewalks!

keep the rich and the corporations from exploiting this beautiful place. let nature be & maintain the character, affordability, and ethos of the artist colony.

Maintain a rural "Woodstock" character.

Encourage small, family owned, businesses so that local residents can live here comfortably too. Hopefully they will want to protect the character as well.

my house is in the Byrdcliffe colony, and really? just leave us alone

need affordable condos/single family development for retirees wishing independent living

need cell service lack of service puts people in remote areas in extreme and unnecessary danger. Hutchin Hill Rd needs to be paved and trail access at the top must be prserved

ongoing road repair before the road gets bad.

patching early is good.

Our CCD is a corrupt joke that should be disbanded asap

our CDC (commission for civic design) is a corrupt joke that should be disbanded asap.

Overall infrastructure development of outlying hamlets is important so the questions concerning public water, sewer, existing spaces, et cetera should all be combined.

Paving gravel roads would save taxpayers money in the long run due to the lower cost of maintaining paved roads. Dust and run off create pollution in an otherwise pristine area. Pavement is ultimately the more sustainable investment for our hamlet roads.

Paving gravel roads. Paving roads is more sustainable because it reduces dust and run off into our waterways. Paved roads are less expensive to maintain, so in the long run pavement would be a great investment in areas like Shady and Bearsville where the dust and runoff from unpaved roads is a problem.

People move to the outer hamlets for the quiet, rural setting. I think it's essential to NOT allow large residential development in Lake Hill and Willow, in particular.

Person that own land should not be told what is right for some one else when paying taxes.

PLEASE improve cell service!!!! It seems dangerous now to be driving for miles and miles with no signal.

Preserve look and historical nature of town

Protect the wetlands. Reasonable construction oversight to protect water and wildlife.

Public Water & Sewer is very important.

Regular public transportation to and from stores.

Require property owners and the county highway dept.to cut the brush and small trees along our roads. The town looks terrible with all growth and lack of care. We maintain our own by mowing and weedwack along the road. We put a lot of time and work into keeping our property looking nice, and wish others would do the same.

Road leading into Woodstock is the worst I have seen in 45 years of driving!

Road/bridge maintenance as well as care after acts of nature is good in my hamlet, but remains a high priority

Shady is perfect. cell phone service would be great, but we seem to get by without it. The highway dept guys take amazing care of our roads. If anything, leave us alone!!!

should allow for conversion of some private homes into assisted living for elders who need supervision of meds or help with meals but still want independence.

Since I have my own well & septic I don't require the town's services. For those who do, they should receive any help needed.

Since I have my own well and septic, I dont drain or require the town's services - but for those who do, of course they should receive any help needed.

Some additional Street Lights on Central Streets in Woodstock Village

Spread the commercial out into the Hamlet commercial districts.

Strict enforcement of zoning regulations to prevent single family residences from being used as multiple dwellings.

taxes went up in 2001 when prices rose. The prices have since come down, but taxes remain at the same level.

The "new look" of the dentist's office (opposite the Dallows' old offices) sets an admirably high bar for hamlet improvement, especially for attracting new business. Doubly so for the brand-new offices off Rt 212 that Lowell built.

the Bearsville Flats has ?50-year-old septic tanks over the aquifer! sewer to Bearsville!

The bottleneck road conditions in Woodstock are a major inconvenience and pose serious safety issues.

the bridge on tinker street by the MHVC union and the sidewalk in front of Sunflower on tinker street are in terrible condition

and you should have residents only use of the big deep and the littering on playhouse rd is ridiculous

the lousy looking bridges in the Woodstock hamlet should be addressed

The town needs to grow economically. There need to be more job opportunities so that middle class families can afford to reside here.

There are ways to update and improve the area without completely leaving behind the original charm and uniqueness. That is how I believe the projects should be tackled, blending old with new nicely,

There should be a walking/biking/riding trail to town and through town either along existing roadways or "cutting through" using the Netherlands as a model

To be specific, I live near the firehouse on Wittenberg Road, so I assume it's Wittenberg, though we have called it Bearsville ...

Very important to me that Woodstock maintain its rural character and not welcome more development.

water/sewer/cell service is virtually impossible in Lake Hill as are sidewalks.

We already have public water. What historic building? The lousy looking bridges in the Woodstock hamlet should be addressed.

We live here because of the land. We would sell our home if there was more development.

We need a cell signal on Wittenberg Road. I don't know what you mean by "providing public water." We do NOT want commercial development in residential neighborhoods, or of open space/ rural land.

We need shoulders on County roads within 2 miles of the green to allow residents to bike to town on weekends, and trails so that families can walk to the village center from the surrounding high density neighborhoods.

we need sidewalks stretching from the Woodstock Post Office to Bearsville so people can walk/run safely between the two areas.

We need to upgrade and keep up with the times but would like to keep that Woodstock laid back style that attracted me here. If I want to be in a hectic pace city I can move back to NYC

We would like to see the creation of jobs and a balanced approach to development. There are many areas already developed that are in poor shape and we would like to see these areas improved and reused first before new development is encouraged. We do see the need for jobs while also protecting the areas that have natural significance to the beauty of our area.

Wider roads for bikes and walking.

Without the tourist there is no Woodstock or cultural events. Woodstock needs to find a balance between positive growth and respect of the natural beauty.

Woodstock is in desperate need to sidewalk repair throughout center of town and to create a sidewalk from town to The Woodstock Inn on the Millstream ... there are many people who walk this route and need a safe way to get to town.

Woodstock is unique. I love it for it's refusal to become just another hip, commercial town. It should always remain a rural place with a sense of humor.

Woodstock should be encouraging to the development of support for existing small businesses and creating opportunity and diversity in the mom and pop small business focus on art. No corporations!

would be nice to have some street lights

paved shoulders on Zona need.

Zoning that favors residents rather than investors. When you mention commercial, I would include short-term home rentals. They are a business, too. And they take away any hope for a neighborhood community.

Although I am thrilled that you are asking for community input through the use of an easy survey, there are questions asked without appropriate answer options. For example, "No change-my hamlet is fine the way it is" cannot be responded to with a priority ranking. Also, there is no N/A option for any of the questions, despite the fact that it is sometimes the only correct answer, ie "Do you rent or own your

residence". I am sure I am not the only survey taker who loves the town, but owns undeveloped property.

I am very concerned that feedback from this survey will be twisted around to give the town board the "license" to conduct multiple studies to get more information about many of these topics. Nothing is done in this town without 1st conducting a \$500K+ survey with lawyer fees. Common sense or discussion within the town board or planning board does not seem to be ever considered so what is their value? Woodstock has allowed successful small businesses to leave this town (ie Elna Ferrite and Simulaids) and now seems to be focused on discouraging weekend rentals. Associated concerns should be addressed as needed. If noise is a concern, we have to be consistent across the board, ie concerts at The Bear complex or even private parties. We started our own small business based on our interests and life style, what we thought would be valued, and we tried it. It's working very well and we did it without the town spending hundreds of thousands of dollars saying it may work! Comparable topic is housing. This town is not supporting the year round long-term home owners (esp since property owners are 80%+ 2nd home owners). They can easily afford to build the million dollar homes so many of them are building or buying. They don't need a town survey to say we should build certain types of housing, they will build what they want. How does this town define "open space?" The answer would better allow me to address the many questions on that topic.

Don't know what "better care of homes/property" is really saying. Ditto for providing public water, providing public sewer. Does that mean no septic tanks? Confusing. Like the road improvements. Don't understand the "beautification" part. They are already beautiful. Putting up more cell towers endangers people, animals, bees, because of the exposure to microwave radiation. There's lots of information on this topic. If you want to get educated about this, email me at iampresidentialdirector@gmail.com

this was confusing. my hamlet, Woodstock, includes both the commercial center which can accommodate some development and the outlying parts which are not suited to development except housing. In town, water and sewer are important. in my actual neighborhood, not relevant.

I don't believe it is the business of the town to do some of the above.

I don't have opinions about most of these questions.

(Design standards) I am not aware of what standards currently are.

last question is worded poorly. Can "no change" be "not important"?

Every old 19th century building is not Sacred. Question 11 is a double question. I do not know how to answer this question in terms of my immediate area or the town / hamlet of Woodstock

Question 36. What goal or project do you think would help transform Woodstock in a positive way that would have broad community benefit?

Note: This question asked respondents to provide their own written answers. Those written responses are provided below, and grouped by general category of response.

Affordable Housing

affordable housing!! Many of my peers would like to live in Woodstock but find that renting prices are VERY unaffordable! Many of these people work right in Woodstock and would love the opportunity to live here too!! With the aging population of Woodstock it's also important to think about the impact that this will have as residents begin to require more medical services as well as care services. It might be advantageous to be at the forefront of this, bringing opportunities for residents to receive services as well as to perhaps create employment and industry opportunities.

Increase affordable housing and availability of rentals

I am a healthy 70-year-old and am currently able to maintain the \$955 monthly rent on my lovely Tinker Street apartment. Along with other aging first-wave Boomers, my savings may not last throughout my remaining years. The twenty-two units at Woodstock Meadows and fewer senior units at Woodstock Commons are not sufficient affordable housing for Woodstock's graying population, and there are many of us. The addition of affordable housing for seniors along with other citizens would help transform Woodstock in a very positive way.

Goal: encourage businesses that will keep our young people in the area and provide affordable housing for seniors.

affordable housing to create greater diversity and to ensure the school district reverses the demographic decline and returns to sustainability. Increased housing in the hamlets will increase the likelihood of preserving neighborhood elementary schools. Development or bus/ride sharing and foot and cycle paths will offer an alternative to the dominant car culture. I see no mention in the plan of other forms of affordable housing like small or container homes.

retaining young people in town, working to create job opportunities and affordable housing for them

affordable housing in outlying hamlets

Have owned for over 30 years, several ups & downs in the town, but right now think it is doing pretty well. The day activity is good with mostly day trippers. Think the airbnb has helped improve the longer stay, overnight / weekend / week, which in turn has developed some nice additional evening bars & restaurants over the past few years, and improving the overall economy, BUT has an impact on affordable housing.

We should also seek more diversity of new residents by ensuring housing is welcoming and affordable.

Whatever you decide the next project is, dont forget to make it affordable, affordable and more affordable - whether it's places to eat out, to buy things or do. Don't forget about the locals. We carry the businesses (and each other) through hard times!

affordable housing, more music and arts venues (arts related economic development). My first jobs here 20+ years ago were in theater where I met Paul Newman and Edward Albee! What ever happened to River Arts Repertory Theater? We need world class arts, like it used to be... Arts also provide meaningful employment, but those who work in the arts also need affordable housing...

Support affordable housing for younger residents.

We need some innovative in beautiful affordable housing for all the wonderful people who take care of every restaurant in business it's quite shocking that we have very little affordable housing in the Hamlet. We also need to make Safe bicycle routes . right now it's quite dangerous to bike around the Hamlet.

More affordable housing and rentals. More jobs other than minimum wage.

1) affordable housing throughout each hamlet / An excise tax on all residential homes over stated amount (say \$700K) and place these funds in a land bank to be used for affordable housing buyers. / Change a selection of various level-ground R5 zoning to R1 zoning to promote smaller home building for the middle class home buyers and long-term rentals.

Anything to increase jobs and make Woodstock affordable for families.

Make property taxes more affordable for full time residents. The employment available in the area does not support a homeowners ability to comfortably pay their property taxes.

affordable housing, especially for young people and working artists. affordable renting has all but disappeared due to air bnb rentals.

I also think that there needs to be more affordable housing as well as restaurants/bars that are affordable for working families living in town. Right now almost all of the prices for living as well as eating in town seem to be aimed at folks (i.e. tourists/weekenders) with more money to spend. While lucrative for those earning the profits, it hurts the overall culture of the town. If regular people/musicians/artists cannot afford to live or eat in their own town, they will likely go elsewhere (as many have done already), and the town itself will become nothing but a haven for people who can afford to pretend Woodstock is an arts community, or brag about how it used to be one, instead of providing a place for an arts community to flourish, as it has done for over a century.

I want to emphasize that I think Airbnb is very beneficial to the community, and is part of what enables people to living here to be self-employed in creative fields and contribute culturally to the town, and make some extra income. It also brings income to local businesses, and I think is a good thing for Woodstock. I also think having an affordable but well equipped co-working space would be great for the many self-employed people who live here; I think putting a traffic light where Tinker Street meets Rock City Rd. would alleviate the bad traffic congestion caused by the combination of the cross walks and turning traffic; we definitely need more parking and better signage so tourists coming into town know where to park; and public transportation or shuttles to the outer hamlets, as well as to the Kingston bus stop and the train station in Rhinecliff would be great.

affordable HOUSING!!!!

affordable housing long term rental to support the young people starting out and to accommodate minority low income population - Woodstock is too "white". The Ripco project is exemplary - could use another 1-2.

Serious lack of rental choices. Rentals not affordable. Offensive that the costs are designed for people who can afford a second home rather than catering to the locals so they can remain locals, stay close to their families. AirBnB has made it nearly impossible to rent long-term affordable places.

More low and moderate income housing/apartments. More senior housing. Help for families to buy their first home.

It must be impossible but if rents were lower and allowed businesses to exist with more affordable items- food- clothing- useful things- that would be helpful for the year round working population that is not as wealthy as so many second home owners and visitors.

Increased housing (apartments and cheap housing) in town and within walking distance to town. The more housing options, the more young people who work and spend in town.

Weekend or summertime closing center of town to traffic.

Increased municipal parking lots

Wheelchair accessibility of town- better sidewalks and facilities

I recently found myself in the situation of needing to rent a place to live. There was a SERIOUS lack of choices. The cost is not affordable. It feels offensive that the limited choices out there are designed for those who can afford a second home, rather than catering to the locals who need a place to live so they can remain local, close to their work and families. Fortunately, I located a rental which I will scrape together the rent for each month, but I feel bad for all the other people who were vying for this place! This is, to me, the most important topic. Air BnB has made it nearly impossible to rent long-term in the Woodstock area.

Attractive affordable housing. Let's respect all residents.

Affordable housing

Traffic Solutions

traffic circle at 375 and 212. Remove the crosswalk from Clouds to Houst

traffic light at village green.

Relieve traffic & parking congestion in the center of town. More support for the arts.

traffic light at the village green.

We need traffic signals at 375 and 212, and at the Village Green.

We need a traffic light in the center of town and where 375 meets 212.

Dealing with the seasonal traffic that is inching toward year round.

I'm concerned about ppl getting hit by cars so combo of pedestrian and traffic issues

We need more and safer bike and foot paths. I understand that many roads in the town are not connected, only the major scary ones are, and residents don't want heavily trafficked roads around their homes. If there were paths to connect, rather than roads, it would be a benefit.

Perhaps a real trained traffic cop for the summer months.

2-Assign skilled person to direct traffic on intersection of Rock City Road and 212 during weekends and holidays

5- Improve Timing of Truck Deliveries and bus stop areas that tend to back up traffic.

Protecting wildlife (mammals, birds, amphibians, etc.) and their habitat, which would mean slowing down forest destruction and housing development, reducing traffic and tamping down on loud and unnecessary noise. If people want noise, crowds and a scene, they can remain in the city.

Keep the small town feel. No big chain stores, no fast foods. No traffic lights, but more emphasis on keeping the cross walks safe (other small towns do a better job of this)

A traffic light at the corner of 212 and 375.

Fixing parking, fixing traffic, road maintenance (which is garbage at this time), improving the smaller business(s) IE tax credits or something to that effect. A larger dog park would be nicer and have less strict off leash dog laws. I understand the concept but it would be nice.

Sponsor a community design competition looking for artistic ideas to completely replace the residential Waste Management garbage containers that are a constant eyesore and blight on our lovely roads/streets.

OK, 2 things, first is outside of box but I think it is future. 1st, as large delivery trucks are constant traffic problem, town should access use of some Rotron land off 375, put in something like refrigerator trailer units similar to storage facilities so each business that requires deliveries over a certain size will have locked access to Reg & refrig space. All deliveries deposited there (oh yes use solar for power) then an electric golf cart type flatbed vehicle used by business to move their products perhaps at early or late hours. If in coordination with 2nd, use that lane.

Actually, these are comments on the questions in the survey. In the questions about housing and commercial development, there was no option to indicate that the balance is good the way it is. The town should not be trying to grow. It is a good size. Even though taxes are supposed to be kept down by adding businesses and residences, anything added adds to the overall cost of town services, and reduces the livability for everyone already there. Re-purposing existing buildings and replacing those that are in disrepair certainly makes sense, but in order to keep the small

community feel, one must keep the community small. If one thinks the congestion in the center of town is problematic, rather than work toward a stoplight (Ugh! How to ruin the hamlet in one easy step!), encourage outlying parking and don't try to increase traffic by increasing residents and businesses. Perhaps if there were easy ways for everyone to help pay for town/visitor services, like donation kiosks for free parking and restrooms. I don't know if anyone would actually make a donation; it's just a thought that occurred to me.

We believe that bike paths and walks to connect the areas together and reduce traffic and the necessity to drive into the village would be the important next step.

slow down traffic to 25.....along town limits

A lot of the traffic problems come from bad drivers and the lack of police presence. What happened to our officer on his bicycle or one of them just walking through town?

traffic control in town. Consider periods of no parking on 212 in town.

Q32: Weekends especially. it's getting harder to navigate through town.

traffic Control around village green to relieve congestion.

Hire traffic consultants to advise the Town Board on traffic and parking options-develop a full traffic plan rather than go at it piecemeal. Do not run sewer out to Bearsville. Preserve the aquifer overlay protections for town wells. More bike paths. Ban Jake Brakes within town limits.

Provide incentives for commercial and light industrial development to create jobs and add to the tax base in order to reduce the rate of tax increase on residential homes.

Woodstock is fine the way it is. We do not need any additional projects. Clean up the buildings and beautify the existing character of the town. I cannot believe that you are so worried about traffic. It is what a tourist town has to live with during the height of the season. Woodstock does not have a traffic problem. Have we all run out of patience that we might take three minutes more to get across town? That is pretty sad!

Mostly, traffic is a summer problem. We need the money from tourists but we should always think first of our local population.

Pave and stripe the parking lots. Improve signage to lower Comeau parking lot. ENFORCE regulations re: swimming holes, noise, zoning. Get a traffic cop at the Green who actually does something.

traffic issues in town; more public parking

Bring back the traffic guard in the center of town! We also need to be more kid friendly.

European style traffic circle at 375 and 212 (essentially a raised bubble in the road)

Weekend, midday traffic director at rock city road and 212.

The intersection at 212 and Glasco is a MAJOR HAZARD. At the very least a 4 way stop with a flashing light is needed there. There are constantly accidents there that could easily be prevented.

A traffic light is need for peak times at the intersection of Rock City and Tinker.

traffic light in the center of town. Strong enforcement of new codes for short-term rentals. The two-way stop where Ohayo Mountain Road meets Mill Stream and Tannery Brook should probably be a three-way (alas), because most visitors are confused and there is bound to be an accident. Noise ordinance.

traffic in town is a problem. perhaps bicycle taxis within town might alleviate some congestion. Parking for non-residents could be in specific designated areas. It is increasingly more difficult for residents, especially those with disabilities to find parking within the town.

Find a way to minimize traffic on Willow's Silver Hollow Rd. It's terrible, and spoils the peace and quiet that draws people to this area to begin with.

2. The traffic backlog at corner of Rock City and 212 is ridiculous -- put a traffic light there. Idling cars are worse for the environment.

I think the concern about traffic and parking is overstated!!! This is part of the price of being a destination town, and residents can just know that week-ends and certain seasons will be dense pack. It is part of the celebratory price of our popularity and is true of any major resort destination I know. It slows down the visitors to be here in wonder and enjoyment., ie at a happening place. Perhaps better signage would make the lot across from the Colony and the one at the lower Comeau accessible to all--visitors and residents alike.

The traffic in summer weekends is not a problem. It is a privilege and adds to the liveliness. Focus on giving kids sense of connection and community. Opioid epidemic - maybe intergenerational programs as some of a targeted response. Set up volunteer board on town website.

And, I appreciate the no-stoplight policy of the town, it helps maintain the village nature, however some sort of crossing guard on weekends in the summer would be most helpful at the intersection of Rock City Road and Tinker Street.

And, re municipal parking: if there were an additional municipal parking lot on the Bearsville end of town, somewhere around the post office or the movie theater, this would do a lot to create more foot traffic for businesses like Nancy's, Station, Nick's Pizza, and to alleviate some of the parking issues right in town.

there is a serious traffic problem in town, we need traffic lights, speed bumps, and bike paths before someone gets killed on Tinker Street!

Need traffic direction on weekends.

- better plan for the intersection by the green, so there isn't such backup of cars turning left (3 way stop sign?)

I think the playground at Andy Lee Field could use some updating. I think all of the children in town as well as those who visit would be thrilled, as would their parents/guardians.

Our Firehouses should be opened up for more local public events. They could be de facto community centers for each hamlet.

repave the main road ...Mill Hill and Tinker St. get rid of the strip mall ;>)

2. Reduce truck noise on residential roads.

Enforce speed limits in outlying hamlets.

Enforce the leash laws and cleaning up after your pet on walking paths.

Enforcing the law re: permissible decibel levels for motorcycles

Enforcing the law re: speed limit on 212.

Fix the road running through town

I think you need a crosswalk at Tinker and Tannery Brook road. People just cross the road everywhere and anywhere there because there is no reasonably close designated crossing area.

Improve Route 212 in the center of the village. It is in need of repair.

Improve the road in the center of town, with better drainage.

repair Bridge coming into town

Project: To figure out/solve the parking and traffic problems with Route 212 in town. It is a commercial route, and the only place for large truck deliveries to the businesses in town. This seems a difficult problem.

Move Trailways bus pick up behind VG (front of Church) or down by CVS/Bradley Meadows

Manage traffic, including a traffic cop at Tinker St & Rock City Rd

Figure out a way to reduce the amount of traffic in the town center. If 42nd street managed to create a pedestrian only zone, so can the center of woodstock. Make it desirable for people to park before coming into the hamlet somehow and walk the rest of the way. The traffic is frustrating for full timers just trying to get through town in order to get to the bank or WH Hannaford.

Connecting transportation town to metro north

Bike lanes connecting to other nearby towns

Community swimming pools

Cafes

Move the bus pick up location away from Main Street, a walk away (i.e the municipal parking area)

Community facelift along Tinker/Commercial store fronts/facades. A public aquatics/gym like the one in Arkville. Community compost.

A business improvement district

European style traffic circle at 375 & 212 (essentially a raised bubble in the road)

Weekend, midday traffic director at Rock City rd. and 212

1. Improved access to Town center, i.e., sidewalk along 212 and bike path.

2. Catskill Park and tourist management.

- No parking on 212, Mill Hill Rd or Tinker St. (Only bike paths there)

- Save the historic Bldgs like the library

- Value our architecture

- More active historic registry by WSCCD!

(30) It is impossible to get around without a car. (32) Need traffic control@ Rock City intersection and down by Cumberland Farms and Bradley Meadows. Also, speeding is an issue. The tourists do not interact with the locals- We are going to become what the Hamptons became, Cape Cod became , Williamsburg became.

Parking Solutions

I think the questions point to the fact that we are a small town bursting with sudden popularity. As a property owner living in the center of town, we are suddenly inundated both with increased parking and building on waterfall way which is impossibly noisy and an unwelcome addition to our community.

A better pedestrian connection between existing parking lots north or 212 to the main areas of town. east and west of Rock City.

Actually consider writing additional parking tickets in order to enforce existing parking regs.

Better parking; A shuttle connecting all; More office/residential buildings that are mixed use to accommodate home businesses and new economy businesses that defy conventional categories.

better parking--redesign of current parking.

Better signage for existing parking lots.

Create an alternate road to get through town that leads to municipal parking and shifts congestion during tourists season

Do a proper study to ASSES parking needs at high point and low point of the season. Use that data to assess appropriate signage in streets in and around town and determine if more parking is actually needed -- or is it something else.

If we were as a community able to find a way to make the town more "walking friendly" and solve the parking problem, I think we would see a huge difference in the health and beauty of the town.

Improve parking

Improve walking access and parking.

Make a path across the stream from the parking lot behind Dharmawear for easier access to town.

make parking cheaper/free/easier for locals

More parking, better main road.

Move the bus stop to the CVS parking lot, or the lot by Bank America.

Preserve neighborhoods (i.e. most houses are long term residences, not vacation rentals to transient visitors). Outsiders now buy houses as investment properties, jazz up the place as a high end vacation rental. IMO, we could sustain 20% vacation rentals, 80% residences (owner occ or long term rental). Lawns have been turned into impermeable parking lots in a flood zone (I now have a parking lots on both sides, water has no where to go except my backyard). PEDESTRIAN safety. We need at least the Ped X cones in the street so drivers may notice the crosswalks. Drivers often speed along by Bradley Meadows, unaware or unwilling to allow a pedestrian to cross.

Resident parking passes so that residents can get what they need when they need it. We pay high taxes and don't get much for those taxes--especially if

serious research and thought has to go into allowing the public to enjoy all the public places while preventing them from being degraded, especially all with stream frontage, but even the parking lots. good design, parking lot borders with low maintenance landscaping, required walkways in places, stream protection plans, and such could be gathered from other towns (and orgs such as scenic hudson) with the same problems and put into place over time. a whole lot of trees should be planted both on public and private lots in the commercial district.

-setting up limited public parking along Cooper Lake and allowing public to walk along the dam.

Solving the problem with parking in town

Woodstock residents should not have to pay for municipal parking.

Pave and stripe parking lots. Improve signage to lower Comeau parking lot. Enforce regulations re: Swimming holes, noise, zoning, Get a traffic cop at the green who actually does something.

Improved parking

Figure out how to manage & create more and better parking. If possible without so much parking on the main streets (Mill Hill & Tinker) Also, remove all the mess on the telephone polls.

Better parking situations for swimming holes and hiking trails. Try to add more parking areas instead of restrict parking by ticketing. Tends to make the town seem unfriendly toward residents and tourists.

Sidewalks

sidewalks are my biggest concern. traffic is of some concern also --they are interrelated. Love Woodstock so much! In some ways, I want it to never change.

sidewalks, parking and traffic control. AirBNB regulations!

sidewalks and lighting need improvement. I am reluctant to walk in the hamlet at night -- not for fear of crime but for physical safety with uneven or non-existent sidewalks and poor lighting, especially in the western end of the hamlet.

I think creating a truly walkable/bikeable community would strengthen connections between residential areas and the town center. It would alleviate traffic problems, and I think it's also appalling the state of the sidewalks for a community that has an aging population AND is a tourist community. I realize it would be more cost but I think sidewalks could be installed (possibly with state funding assistance) and maintained by the town. In the winter the variation in how and when people address snow makes it difficult to get around.

Working on sidewalks, traffic, and speed controls with the State prior to the new pavement project

Add sidewalks to roads that are frequently used by pedestrians to walk into the center of town, for example: Tannery brook road, Pine grove street, Millstream road. The increase in traffic causes often dangerous situations for pedestrians with nowhere to go in the face of (too fast) moving vehicles

The sidewalk area on Tannery Brook going past the waterfall is a high foot traffic area - it is a dangerous place to walk. That is my only negative of Woodstock at all. I do walk to town from that area, but so do many tourists.

Area-wide cell phone coverage and accessible broadband internet service are a MUST if we want to attract new residents to the area and allow current residents to tele-commute. Also, sidewalks and biking lanes would encourage less car usage and promote healthier lifestyles.

1. Tourism focus should ensure we have adequate parking and safe sidewalks and crosswalks.

better sidewalks in the center of town

stop people riding bicycles on the sidewalk.

Better sidewalks

fix broken sidewalks

Improve sidewalk passability after heavy snows

Improve the existing lot across from The Colony. Make that bridge ADA compliant. Figure out a way to improve sidewalks (partner with the chamber, apply for a grant?) and make them ADA compliant.

we need a small but well stocked supermarket in town that is not super expensive. we need the sidewalks cleared in inclement weather. the dog run

Increased parking, improved sidewalks and interconnected trails, burying power lines, new playgrounds at Rick Volz and Andy Lee.

The County road shoulder could be used to extend sidewalks as hike and bike trails. Trail easements can be purchased to give convenient foot and bike access to town from north and south, since SR375 has no shoulder. Bike trail on Maverick Road would connect to Ashoka Rail Trail

A system of on road/bike trails that help connect the town and Hamlet's, work on beautification of the town center (cleaned up sidewalks, flowers, flags, garbage cans)

We really need sidewalks, in particular from town to the millstream. That road is so dangerous as a pedestrian and as a driver. I also think Woodstock is just so expensive. I remember going to the rec field and then having a slice of pizza at the green for a dollar. One idea: When I worked in Aspen Colorado, a tourist town, locals got a discount card that helped defray the cost of living in such an upscale place. I always thought a nighttime shuttle from the bars to different areas would be great for preventing drunk driving but it's probably going to be difficult to plan.

sidewalksfrom golf course all the way to bearsville....both sides.....encourage more walking activity ...expand commerical retail local goods

More sidewalks!

sidewalk past the Woodstock Elementary school on Rte. 375, at least to Risely Lane. There is less than one foot of space between the white line of the road and the ditch. A metal grill along the top of the ditch to walk on would work

The library is old and small. Surrounding towns with less revenue have much nicer libraries. sidewalks in the village are rather uneven in some areas. The Wok N Roll restaurant is an eyesore. Can the town establish some standards for curb appeal? Many of the roads are not bike and jogger friendly. They are too narrow and dangerous.

sidewalk on Tannery Brook--someone is going to get hit by a car eventually.

Public transportation, biking lanes/trails, sidewalks/walkable streets

sidewalks, bike paths, build new library, cell service in outlying areas

Fix the town sidewalks

-sidewalks up Rock City Road. Encourage safe way to "get off the green" and see other shops, attractions "up the street"

Sidewalk repair ... sidewalks leading to surrounding areas of town ... bike paths ... striving to entice a family-oriented community to ensure survival of an aging town.

sidewalks and bike lanes throughout the entire hamlet filled with pedestrians, bicycles and horseback riders of all ages.

safer sidewalks in good condition cross walks clearly indicated tackle the chaos at the rt 212, rock city road village green inetersesction

I think we would do very well turning Tinker Street into a pedestrian only throughway on the weekends. Even if only from 10-5. This would encourage walking and cycling, reduce traffic (cars could park in lots that would be accessible via alternate routes), and encourage business to expand. Art could take to the streets, tables could be set up so restaurants could serve food, etc.

better sidewalks and designated crosswalks, paved parking lots, better trail maintenance,better drainage along roads for home owners.

Bike / Trails

- a 'state of the town' report that tell us what the key concerns and opportunities are. Many of the questions on this survey about senior housing and bike paths were a bit random for me as I'm not aware of the needs for those things. But I do feel like I have a stake in the town developing in a healthy way that's inclusive, and if I had some more background on those issues I could potentially contribute to a broader community effort.

-creating a public trail from Bearsville to Little Deep along Sawkill

Shoulders, bikeways and trails that get families out of the County roadway so there is a safe and fun alternative to car use for short trips to town.

2nd bike lane with bike share - free best. Have several bike stations around town where people can pick up & drop off bikes with safe bike lanes (& the above electric vehicle) designated.

Also, dedicated off-leash hours for Comeau and other hiking trails.

Anything that de-emphasizes cars is good. Bradley Meadows and the CVS (which I realize are private) could be an attractive anchor at that end of town if the parking was behind the building, not out front. Woodstock does a good job of this in general, with municipal parking mostly out-of-view. This should be embraced as a design objective, not just a happy accident of time. Any commercial buildings that need rebuilding could have this as part of their zoning - cars go either underneath, or behind buildings, and pedestrian/bike level living is instantly improved.

bike lanes and bike trails

bike paths/pedestrian walkways in and around town that are separate from roads.

-bike/walking trail along trail Glasco Turn approaching 4 corners. 4 corners now a death trap for autos and walkers

Biking trails to keep people off the main roads or put biking lanes on roads to give bikers and wal to otherskers more room. Drivers are not paying attention to others.

Clean and Green. More public transportation and bike paths to eliminate emissions. Solar and wind power incentives.

I also think we need better signage for our trails and nature areas.

I miss bicycling and would not dare do it on Wittenberg Road. The idea of bike trails all over town is so fetching, but property rights is a tough issue. On Hornby Island in British Columbia, some people took it upon themselves to carve dirt lanes into properties along the main roads, and this was accepted and has become a big utility and attraction. The paths run parallel to the roads, bumpy and all, through woods and along lawns. If roadside homeowners would allow this, Woodstock would be more heavenly and healthier. But it's a dream.

I think getting behind the rail trail on rte 28 and finding ways to connect to it would be amazing.

invest in preservation of the woods, hiking/biking trails, keep it natural. NO franchises or chains, keep it small and local

larger safer side walk and bike path from the center of the town to big deep.

Lots of people like to walk and ride bikes on our roads. The narrow, windy roads are dangerous when there is no room to move out of the way of cars. Make the roads a little wider.

More cops on bikes and foot during tourist seasons and weekends in summer. Drivers are not adhering to crosswalk and going around cars who are. Simon is going to killed.

More mountain bike trails

Move the Pine Hill trailways bus stop away from the center of town. The drop off area should be in the parking lot of Sunflower by the bank. It causes too much congestion in the center of town and a real danger to people getting off the bus.

Move trailway bus pick up behind VG (front of Church) or down by CVS/Bradley Meadows!

-Planning a connection (trail connection) to the Ashokan Rail trail

rail trails, pedestrian trails (pref paved to accommodate elderly and wheel chairs)

walkways and bike paths/lanes- shoulders on roadways, lessen the cars and make our town a walking town and biking town

Safe Biking paths or lanes

Off-road or designated walking, biking possibilities from outlying hamlets to center of woodstock.

The lack of safe cycling (bicycle) roads is a real issue. If there are ways to make cycling lanes or lane markings, that would be a real plus.

Safe foot paths

safe footpaths

In my opinion, the most impactful would be to create alternate transportation within the Town, i.e., sidewalks and bike lanes.

- Thank you for the opportunity of this survey. We would have gladly joined the meeting had it been on a weekday. Thank you for all your work.

Improving infrastructure to make Woodstock more like a European village. We should be able to bike/walk into the center of town without fear of cars mowing us over. I hate having to rely on my car to get into town.

Library

I recently moved to Woodstock as a full-time resident and will stay forever. The primary reasons I chose Woodstock are the arts, movie theater, small music venues, restaurants, museums, library, and CHARM as a small town with no traffic lights or national chain businesses. Kingston has all that I need. Every other person I meet is an "artist", and this is an arts colony, surrounded by natural beauty. That is what makes Woodstock a great place to live. Please only allow enough improvement to maintain Woodstock as a quaint and quirky arts colony.

Renovation of more historical sites (e.g., library), where possible, rather than rebuilding or moving to another site.

Attracting more residents with marketing expertise for more marketing solutions to be considered in the resolution of a specific issue - from simple to high level (e.g., "library addition" now added parking).

Almost the only businesses that thrive are on The Green, and we have been warned by previous business owners not to try opening a business anywhere else. The town could make small business opportunity more attractive by designating a 'professional zoning' loop that would encourage visitors and locals to explore - any loop would be better than the current option of simply walking from one end of Tinker/212 to the other end, and back. If there was a way to walk from the back of library Lane to the municipal parking lot across from the Colony, or a loop that goes down Sawkill and behind the Houst parking lot to the stream, and then back up into town. Anything to encourage exploration and small/clean/local business to have more location options.

City water would be good for us as the treatment system we have to have for our shallow well is expensive to replace and a pain re maintenance. I am never sure if our water is safe to drink. More quality, kid friendly restaurants. Landau grill is dirty and weird. Shindig is downright hostile to families. The library has some kids' programming but it isn't stable.

Close library.

improve the library..

we don't have children in school. the library could be a better HUB for the whole community. There are many successful libraries in smaller towns in the Hudson Valley and our library ought to consult with those libraries that have done a good job of delivering all kinds of services to the town.

A bigger, more efficient library with meeting spaces for programs open to the public.

4- The library is a cluttered dump. Rip it down and build contemporary and modern .

I think it's a problem that there are no pedestrian walkways west of the Town Green. This creates problems for pedestrians trying to cross Tinker St/212 on that end of town, and causes traffic slow downs. Especially at the corner where Joshua's is, between the library and the Bike Shop, and between the police station and the road to the Comeau.

a new library

Develop an understanding that Conservative points of view should be taken as seriously as those put out by liberals. Do not use musical venues at the library for political purposes. Displaying anti-Republican signs pasted on musical instruments does not lend itself to making a community for all people. Obey the rules on election days and do not promote any one candidate within the bounds described. Listen to what people have to say even though you might disagree with them politically. Come to meetings void of pre-determined hate!

The Comeau property could be developed while maintaining the trails and playing fields. Town Hall, Police and library are all located too close to the flood plain. It would be good to have mixed-use structures, which could be used for evacuation, that can withstand severe weather, built on higher ground and with a better access road. With that road, there is space for additional development of mixed use buildings. Some lots could be sold for new commercial/residential development to raise funds.

Build a new library

Don't tear down the library, work with what is already there!

Any project that contributes to the cultural activities of Woodstock is very desirable, including help for the library, the Artists Association, Byrdcliffe, maverick, etc. The unique aspect of Woodstock is it's cultural life, and all cultural organizations should be encouraged and supported.

A new library building. It is my experience that a new library becomes a vital and well loved community center.

The Woodstock library is sorely in need of a bigger better building. It has highest per capita usage in the region, and is in a cramped, outdated, unhealthy facility.

Please can't we have a nice small local library like West Hurley or Phoenicia? I have been to the library planning meetings; I am not in favor of a "book silo"- or spending a lot of money... But we need a library that is a place for local folks and tourists to connect. It would be relatively simple to

renovate the existing space or replace the existing building; similar to the renovations to the community center.

a new, bigger better library as an anchor for the Woodstock hamlet and amenity that will attract young families to settle here, which will in turn spur economic development.

Build a new and larger library. For a town with this level of cultural involvement, our present library is a disgrace. Some say it is charming, but it is inadequate to meet the needs of this community.

A NEW library!

Enforce existing laws regarding parking where it is clearly defined that NO PARKING IS ALLOWED. I never see tickets on these cars that park illegally (BY THE STREAM IN FRONT OF SIGNS SAYING NO PARKING EVER FINE>> Does anyone ever get a ticket even when the car or cars are blocking two way traffic. this is a very dangerous situation. I know I have had many close calls. esp on Orchard Lane north and library lane ..

We need a new library. The existing one needs to be torn down and replaced.

Expanding the library is a way to avail younger population to technical opportunities, advance culture and the arts, and serve as a community gathering place. This is the type of NON-COMMERCIAL endeavor that will keep the town growing in a positive direction.

Developing the library as a community hub for ideas and learning. Making the entire town (including Hamlets) more accessible with Bikes. Encouraging tourism that based on a woodstock that is current and relevant, or draws from our meaningful history, there is and has been so much more to Woodstock than peace signs and tie-dye tee shirts.

I think a new library would be a huge benefit to our town. It is long overdue.

For me, the ultimate goal is to keep Woodstock a small town. With imagination and thoughtfulness, we can make more efficient use of the space we have and minimize new building and therefore maximize open space. With a strong commitment to redesigning, reusing and repurposing we can grow more in quality and less in quantity. Renovating the library is a great example.

The library is being treated like its the sacred cow. Interesting that shoddy laundromat was just fine...

A "Welcome to Woodstock" packet for new residents with resources, maps, lists, library hours, ways to volunteer for all town organizations; traditions, history; all kinds of helpful and fun information, delivered by volunteers to new owners with treats, coupons, buttons, whatever can be organized/collected.

New Library

library

A new library

Renovation/enlargement of library (more programs at library). Expanded mental health services for teens & programs that are real world skill based in collaboration w/the public middle and high school

NEW LIBRARY. LESS AIR B&Bs. A REALLY GOOD DINER. MORE TRAFFIC CONTROL. MORE TEENAGE RECREATION.

Need new library. More RUPCO type Senior & Low income high density housing. Limit Big Deep to residents only

-limit Big Deep to residents only

-a new library would be an anchor to revitalize center/west of town

-more Rupco type senior and low income high density housing would be great

Library

More community events and festivals.

Keep our Library as it is with only necessary repairs

Better library facility. Better sidewalks. And if it could be accomplished a bike lane.

A new bigger library.

A new library, close Big Deep to tourists.

Youth / School

I don't believe Woodstock should try to be a commercial hub or major job creator. It is a "bedroom" community which should try to retain its rural and creative reputation. If the surrounding areas can create good white and blue collar jobs, then Woodstock's goal should be to create good starter homes and schools for young families.

Make a better more proactive youth center.....

Better public school system. High school should not be part of OSC.

Contact between seniors and working people and the schools. I also think we really need to have ecological construction guidelines that are enforced regarding water and our wetlands. Woodstock is developed enough. Slow down. You have all these rules for the town of Woodstock and like NO rules anywhere else in Woodstock. Stop being so town-centric. We live here too! I was five years here without a car.; getting around was a nightmare. Think about some alternative transport. Encourage Bikes and walking, horses, whatever. People were very mean to me at town hall, and I have lost a good deal of money and peace of mind because you have no reasonable rules governing construction in Zena, and no oversight. You care about one old tree in the town, but in Zena, it is a

OK to cut down two hundred trees, many of them old growth. i love it here. i love the beautiful animals here and the plants. Don't squander this on development. It is your greatest resource.

I think a panel on the pervasive "us and them" mentality - locals vs. weekenders; rich vs. poor; old vs. young - and how it interferes with solving problems would be useful. Another important community conversation is what do we want Woodstock to become? With the AirBnB craze and the idea that the "Catskills are the new Hamptons," the crowds are defining us, when it could be the other way around. We need younger people to come forward and help shape the new direction of the town.

Bring in young professionals by introducing clean research activities.

Woodstock needs a comprehensive bus service; including designated routes with appointed, dependable stops. These routes would lead from hamlets to Kingston, Phoenicia, Saugerties, etc. It would facilitate greater accessibility for those who do not own cars and/or those who want to conserve the cost of running them. It would be a boon to both our young and our elderly!

A place for teens to meet and play and be encouraged to be creative and perhaps volunteer to help others.

comprehensive drug program for all who need it.

Improve equalization rates so our taxes go down. Thank you, Jeremy for helping with school taxes.

-Our senior program is extraordinary. Perhaps our teenagers could be offered art, exercise, and theater programs too. Perhaps more funds for our youth center.

To involve young people in this conversation.

Center of town traffic congestion keeps me from wanting to come in and shop/dine locally, so projects that could ease the congestion - like better parking facilities, tighter restrictions on standing trucks and buses, maybe transportation services in the outer hamlets (but for some of us, parking would have to be available at the stop area!), might make town more accessible. Although I appreciate we are tourism driven, tighter regulations on pedestrians would be appreciated. (Recently a young male group watched my car approach and at the very last moment when I could safely stop they JUMPED into the roadway - not cool.) Another issue is lack of cell/broadband service in many areas - it needs to be addressed very soon.

an annual music and arts festival with great food, too with proceeds going to helping Woodstock and surrounding community's youth, especially drug-related issues.

Need more activities for teens.

Encourage better restaurants, quality shops and galleries (less aging hippie atmosphere). build on art, music history. attract more young escape from Brooklyn types. work to encourage summer residents/visitors to spend money in town. rather than passing through.

Evidence based/science based help for people with drug problems.

Creating a platform for young creatives in the area to participate in community and offer their work to tourists.

Limit ABB; rentals year round for young people

Get a technical trade school started.

Community support for addiction recovery without shame.

keeping young people more diverse population one comprehensive website about woodstock 1- what's happening 2-services

improved adolescent programs and facilities at the library and the youth center.

Creating more jobs is a project that is not necessarily up to the town, but there needs to be some project to attract a younger demographic for more than just the summer months. There need to be more people wanting to create jobs and bringing more and more younger people into the beautiful area. I'm not sure what that project is but I know the town can at least help with that but not take on the full responsibility.

Create more jobs so young people don't need to move away

Community health programs related to health and aging and nutrition, end of life issues, senior related issues. Community Health educator who would bring programs into Woodstock maybe from Office for Aging. Life Long Learning Programs - like what's offered at Bard.

A project to build an apartment & assisted living complex within walking distance for seniors who are "ageing in place" (not income restricted)

Any project that enables seniors to remain here

Swimming Pool

It would be nice if the town and the Chamber of Commerce worked closer together to create better tourism options...e.g. a combined website, a nicer more efficient visitor center...with more information about Woodstock's history and Woodstock present day available. Create a more unified and coordinated Festival/Performance/venue committee/council so that resources to support and promote/advertise events could be pooled together...to create an appealing Woodstock destination plan.

Indoor swimming pool to teach people to swim (only birth defects cause more deaths of children 4 and under) and to help people maintain physical fitness

pool

Andy Lee Rec/pool should be developed into a proper town rec, with a bigger pool that anyone can have a membership to (like in Red Hook). It would build community and create revenue. The summer program could coexist with this. FYI, Zena Rec is overpriced, poorly run, and not an option

for most. Andy Lee has the potential to be a thriving town hub. Currently it is run down, neglected and depressing.

A community pool would be nice, too.

Swimming pool

As mentioned, a public swimming pool large enough for adults to swim laps.

Town pool should be open for residents

Swimming pool

I would like to see the pool in town become open to the entire community. A public pool would provide recreation and a place where the Woodstock community can enjoy being together. This is particularly relevant since Wilson State Park swimming is not longer an option. And, it might help deter people from building their own pools. If the current pool isn't large enough to adequately serve the community, perhaps a bigger one could be put in.

We need a good accessible place to swim -- municipal pool and also restoration of swimming area at Wilson Park.

Make to pool larger and open to all residents and install paddle tennis courts for winter time a community activity

Upgrading Andy Lee complex - community pool, upgrades to youth center, (upgrade, keep clean, make available) the public bathrooms. more integrated play areas, more challenging recreation for older kids.

Community indoor/outdoor pool, hockey rink, exercise room(s) with classes/availability for all ages.

a beautiful and large swimming pool

I described above. Swimming access is extremely limited. We need an all ages pool in town. New Paltz has a great one that brings the community together and is a really wonderful edition to the town.

Community pool, preferably enclosable for year round use

Transportation to bring outlying residents to center of town. Town recreational and swimming pool in a natural setting not far from the center of town (not at Comeau!)

More public swimming areas, e.g., Kenneth Wilson State Park

The Town desperately needs a significantly better Summer Program, including a Community Swimming Pool, open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The existing pool is a disgrace. The Play Equipment at Any Lee Field could use upgrading and the park itself needs amenities to make it comfortable to use and be generally more inviting/appealing. No Seating areas, and the absense of SHADE, are major issues.

swimming pool

Swimming pool

Swimming Pool

Public swimming pool

- A public pool in the Summer

- Expand youth activities

Jitney / Shuttle

I think a local jitney service would be a great boon - I pick up so many older hitchhikers trying to get into town. And with respect to people like me who can drive, having the option of taking a bus rather than driving to town would be a partial solution to the parking problem.

I think a local trolley/jitney can be a huge benefit to visitors, residents and businesses. I think a senior housing cluster would help elders remain in the community. I think an outreach effort among organizations that use volunteers, a Welcome Wagon, for new residents would promote the community values that have brought us such comprehensive services. I think fees on development that are applied to affordable housing can support housing for younger people.

3) Promote alternate transport (a local jitney AND for-hire cars, uber, lyft, etc.) so we can eliminate the DUIs. People will be more eager to spend and consume when they don't fear driving home.

jitney; Boticaville - Wittenberg - Jewish Community Center - Woodstock Community Center - Bearsville - 212 - Mt. Tremper - Phoneica

Business Growth / Arts and Culture/ Historic / Preservation

1. Address noise from the center of town (drum circle, outdoor music, fireworks, frequent amplified music).

Celebrate the artist community more. This area is so rich in a broad spectrum of artists, most people don't even know it's one of the oldest arts communities in the US.

Regulating the AIRbnb, VRBO situation would be a HUGE help in maintaining the nature of the town. As it is, there's a huge influx of part time renters who aren't invested in the town, don't pay taxes and are driving up the housing and rental market. I strongly urge the town to crack down on the illegal use of AirBNB by landlords who don't live here.

see the river industrial arts project in Asheville, NC as a benchmark for growing the artist direct to sales approach

This town has multiple tourist shops in the village but I know very few full-time residents that shop at these businesses or eat in the restaurants. Woodstock should welcome new start-up businesses that will positively promote necessary and practical needs of town residents, and add a revenue stream to our town. This town has too many town employees (ie town positions, police, highway, and (recently hired full-time w/ benefits that replaced 2 part-time w/ no benefits) paramedic with excellent benefits. More consideration should be made to offer comparable benefits to those received by employees in the public sector where taxes are not considered an unlimited source of dollars.

We should have a grant or loan program that helps people start small businesses (including arts-related businesses).

3) Public Private Partnerships to facilitate #1 and other projects

a new chamber of commerce (they seem to be interested in art, not music, and don't seem to give a damn about promoting Woodstock

A part of me died when they got rid of Grand Union and put in CVS

a project to build an apartment and assisted living complex with in walking distance for seniors who are "ageing in place" (not income restricted)

Also, encouraging more civic participation, both formal and informal, instead of just griping about things in the WS Times.

Any large residential developments like town homes or apartment buildings should be limited to the town area or to the east where there are already large housing developments. I'm scared to think of these types of dense developments in hamlets like Shady or Willow, which don't even have water or sewer to support concentrated populations.

Cater to locals - have many services here for people to support. Stop catering to out-of-towners and weekenders that do not live here year round. Woodstock has turned into SoHo 2, in a bad way. The town board needs to deal with local issues and not national issues - stop politicizing every little thing - get something accomplished. No more restaurants, we have more than enough! The majority of businesses in town are catering to higher wage earners that do not reside here then locals - locals cannot afford to support what is now here. Eventually, the locals will leave and all who are here will be part-timers. Housing assessments are not realistic (too high) they are based on wealthy part-timers who build high-end homes which in turn increases property values on low-end houses, ultimately chasing middle income earners away. Your house value should be for what your home was purchased. The next property owner would be assessed on what they paid for the house.

Clean up the tourist shops- modernize the way the town looks. Move from hippy art community to sophisticated art community. New restaurants, clean up and promote artisans in shops that attract and interest others. Tees shirts, tie-dye, and second hand clothing stores do nothing but attract a 1-day tourist. Promote the music, art, and restaurant industry- street art, art fairs, and a more attractive green would attract a more interesting tourist.

Continue to bank on the artist colony and 60's hippie vibe, with the concomitant acceptance and freedom of expression both of those eras characterized, and Woodstock will continue to be a unique and wonderful place.

-doing more to restrict development on higher elevations particularly on Overlook Mt. & on Mt. Guardian

Don't have a particular "goal" in mind, but somehow, the Town should create a mission statement that can serve as a galvanizing force for attracting the next generation of visitors, residents, businesses and institutions, building upon our unique past.

Focus on business and job development that would be in sync with Woodstock arts. For example, costume design, stage design, movie & TV site development, musical instrument manufacturing, small printing publishing etc.

Have music concerts Saturday or Sunday evenings featuring local talent. Admission would be 1 package of non perishable food per person which would be donated to the local food bank. The local talent could sale products related to their performance.

help the community resist against the onslought of offenses being committed by this white house. it's time to band together as a community to fight racism, division, and all the nonsense being spewed by this administration. I don't pretend have the secret to making this happen, but the change needs to start somewhere and why not here??? it's time to be the great country that we pretend we are.

I love Woodstock. I chose it as my home 4 years ago. However, it is losing it's funky, hippie character. It is now monied tourists. The questions should be: is this the direction the town wants to go? I LIKE the idea that my home value has sky-rocketed since I moved here. But that isn't why I came. I am a writer and I came for the cultural, artistic and recreational activities.

I think that Woodstock is experiencing a renaissance that I haven't seen in the 22 years since owning a property here. It's wonderful. I love all the new restaurants, shops, bars, musical venues, B&B's and hotels. It's alive, and it's a great thing for the community and for the prosperity of the town. We should not forget that we chose Woodstock because of the life and the culture that surrounds us. If we wanted a small "sleepy" town there are plenty of them around Woodstock, but that's not us. Keep the renaissance going. Don't be afraid to let it grow.

I'm also concerned that the Film festival, which brings in a large # of people and taxes existing resources, seems to happen at a time of year that has, for the last several years, been a season of low rain/drought. I have consistently found that my wells have run dry immediately following the weekend of the festival. It might be better to move the festival to the spring, when water resources tend to be more plentiful.

Improve social services and support for indigent residents, particularly the aging population. The baby boomers that settled here years ago are aging fast.

Maintaining our natural environment is imperative for our future. Slowing down development is necessary to maintain that natural environment. We are on the fast track to destroying the rural and art's haven that Woodstock is by going to far to accommodate the developing tourist culture. I

am in favor of slowing things way down so that we don't turn our beautiful town in to something other than what it is. The world has plenty of little towns that have been destroyed by over-development. Let's not be one of them. We must maintain and not just do lip service to Woodstock being a peaceful place to live

More music in public spaces. Classical would do well.

More places to hear live music. This is an art colony.

More than anything else, the Woodstock "brand" is synonymous with music and has been for 50 years, so a premiere musical venue (small and intimate but amazing and unique - think of the Beacon Theater in NYC, the House of Blues, Austin City Limits, etc... as a guide). Perhaps this is merely an extension or upgrading of the Bearsville Theater or the Maverick. It wouldn't have to be big, but singular in terms of acoustics, atmosphere, etc... A showpiece for the town that would attract top acts from around the country and the world: rock, alternative, jazz, blues, country, classical...everything.

Overall, I like the town just the way it is. I think maintenance of the infrastructure is very important, and I think we should promote development of unique and creative small businesses, and keep our town attractive to artistic talent.

Please consider imposing very strict air bnb laws.. including prohibiting the purchase or use of properties for this use unless the owner is physically in that same space during the rental. I can no longer invite guests with the assurance that a promise of bucolic peace and tranquility will be part of their experience. plus the gobbling up of extra homes is depriving local people from downsizing when they'd like to do so.

promote native indigenous ways of living with this beautiful area, cut down on promoting arts, and bringing more and more money into this area, so that everyone from the city can come here and ruin this beautiful place.

Promoting the town as a truly a town of the arts - visual and literary. The town unfortunately gives the impression that it's in a time warp, one that is still living in the 60's. I live approximately 1 mile from the green, but we can hear music, drummer circle, it would great if there were a limit on volume.

spanish/english bilingual December and/or May festival celebration

start fining people for littering and not picking up dog waste

The goal I would hope we can attain is the balance of work opportunity to attract "new blood" with the quality of life standard (open spaces, adequate housing at all income levels, the absence of national chain stores, the presence of an artistic cultural heritage) that creates the unique character of Woodstock.

This may not be possible but limits on the number of particular types of businesses such as Real estate, non-local banks, etc.

We could also use an "incubator" space of offices, shared workspace, etc. to support start-up businesses.

Woodstock needs to start blending the old with the new more, so that not only does it remain a beautiful charming artistic town, but so that it also has everyday up to date conveniences for life!

Woodstock Village has no cohesive architecture -- we are an arts colony without interesting architecture. Why do we have a Commission for Civic Design? It is composed of the same few snobs every year who think everyone in town should be forced to accept their retrograde design preferences. It is currently led by an architect who bids on local projects that may come before the CDC -- what a conflict of interest! Disband the CDC and encourage new and exciting architecture. Change is good!

You may have other things in mind but I would like to see a summer recreational facility. I remember when Swin a Links was open. We had birthday parties there. we met other town people there. It was a community place. Also the town was more relaxed in those days. I remember going to Rosa's Cantina, i think that was the name, and having a great time with family in a relaxed atmosphere. There's no place like this anymore.

Events to bring together full time residents and weekend residents

Support locals & the lower middle class. support the arts and the families over businesses & more meaningless expensive boutiques and niche restaurants. no young people want to stay here anymore because the artists & families are being sold out to the capitalists. support locals.

Overseeing the preservation of vacant (for sale) commercial historic buildings.

Residential/commercial (work and live) should be encouraged but the use should be with good intentions.

More organized outdoor music.

More inexpensive events @community center or town hall: dances, discussions, community building events. Much lost since 911 and huge NYC influx. The green often feels "unsafe". Stores & restaurants cater to tourists, mostly. Very high prices. I miss the feeling that Houst gives. (Remember Deanie's Misty's - more of this.)

Keep character as artist and musician community. Develop carefully, especially the arts, with a focus on tourism (but on a local scale, NOT hotels). Make sure that basic needs of residents can be met in town, such as shopping for groceries.

Extending the municipal water and creating sidewalks for safe walking are critically important. Also, good cellphone coverage is an imperative to lure artists and tourists.

It depends on which way we want the town to go. It's changing too fast already. What makes this town special is the community. What makes the community are committed people who care about things beyond their own lives. It seems we are bending over backwards to enable certain entities to make more money. People can't rent here anymore. Artist's can't live here unless they are successful. The town is losing it's uniqueness. Build more municipal parking areas and they will

come, and come and come. Also, the town should protect those that don't want smart meters, we should encourage more solar power usage. The Library should be renovated and enlarged...but we don't need a behemoth structure that is out of place in a small town. Thank you.

Green Energy / Smart Growth

1-charging Station for Electric Cars

Electric car charging station.

Supporting Woodstock role as a transitional community with more green energy and energy reliance in the face of growing "Climate Change Disasters" ie. torrential rains, flooding and wind storms.

Using alternative energy sources

3. Prevent the assessor from considering all green improvements to property in determining value (solar panels, windmills, insulation, modern windows)

A raised deck parking platform with solar energy

Clean power (solar, new storage battery technology).

community based alternative energy grid - solar and/or wind

Community solar.

Electric car charging stations.

Goal: A bank of fast chargers for electric cars that runs on solar power. Fast chargers are important. I know the thinking is that slow chargers will make people spend time in town but they're too slow. (4+ hours.) Fast, solar chargers will bring people to town in the first place because you're having a zero emissions road trip, but also be really awesome for full-timers, because you could have a truly clean EV car. It would also show that Woodstock cares about the environment, which we do!

Help create a local energy coop and local data ISP internet access. Ditch time warner, verizon and other online service providers. Dish for cable.

How about a solar field for those who can't have their own system.

Investment in alternative energy and local farms.

Inviting and encouraging businesses that will provide job opportunities to middle income families. Pursuing green industry and ecotourism projects would be a nice direction for such economic growth.

Promoting alternative energy development, such as solar panels on roofs of homes and businesses, water and wind generators, and geothermal facilities. Also promoting energy conservation programs.

solar installation for town facilities

Sustainable green energy development and nature conservancy

That said, a clean/green energy plan would fit with the town's current character.

The town center is stagnant, while I do not want a McDonalds in the town center, I think that the existing group of retailers is stagnant and that the "rules" and their enforcement have kept new business from coming into the area around the "green"

The town should embrace and encourage solar and wind energy technologies for single family homes

We need to focus on addressing climate change as a community; encouraging renewable energy and energy efficiency. We need to work to lower our energy usage.

Alternative sustainable energies that are not fossil fuel based - so we could disengage from the very expensive Central Hudson power grid and not contributing to the planet's pollution and escalating climate changes. Electricity is super expensive here - to keep a diversified population, it would benefit us all to lower these costs by the above suggestions. Pursuing small garden/ food sources to be available for all to work in/be able to purchase from - again for a sustainable community not depending on large corps. for food supplies and all the costs in dollars and to the environment that that implies.

Any commercial development must be environmentally clean, sustainable and peace oriented.

1. Community solar based at a preexisting open space that is clear year round. In other words, requires no further or future land clearing i.e. Wastewater treatment plant, town dump, etc.
2. Ample bike paths utilizing road shoulders so as to minimize the amount of new trail cutting and paving.

* a project to improve the town's sustainability must consider how sustainable and impactful each part of the process is and choose the most environmentally conscious methods available. In other words, it would be ironic and detrimental to assume that by funding sustainable initiatives the town is moving in a sustainable direction without having scrutinized the sustainability of the plan itself.

Short Term Rentals

Begin by developing and enforcing short term rentals (Air bnb etc) in an effort to possibly increase available housing.

adequate shoulders on roads for walking and bicycling. limitations on Airbnb and other similar companies. Enforcement of the zoning codes.

Allowing owners to have short term rentals (e.g. Airbnb, Homeaway) is vital for the economic well-being of the area. Home rentals give travelers other options (families, larger groups) that aren't

satisfied by B&Bs and motels. Any restriction of this would crater home values and tourism revenue generated in town. This has been a lifeline to many to be able to maintain their properties in town to help offset taxes and mortgages. I understand there are strains on resources like the police responding to issues but this would be no different than having B&Bs, motels, etc. If you want to focus on something there, it would be a police policy in how to deal with difficult situations from travelers as the police seem to be in a bind now and not know how to handle it.

Controls over Airbnb so it doesn't take away from long-term rental supply and affordability. Town is already leaning toward gentrification.

Regulate air B&B short term rental! Mandate that owner of facility live on site!

Regulations on air bnb, maintenance and expansion of public parking lots, a way to make 375 safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Woodstock is an incredible place to live. Please keep it safe from Airbnb (& other unregulated lodging) intrusions. I don't have enough info to better answer some of the survey, but it is a small town and some of the issues discussed here seem more appropriate for larger town issues.

Zena is residential and quiet. Our neighbor rents out the entire house as Air bnb rental and doesn't live there. We need regulation and enforcement of these situations. We never know who our neighbors will be from one weekend to the next. Occasionally they are noisy and disrespectful. Also, the owners allow these unsupervised renters to use an open air fire pit. While the smoke is a nuisance, this is also dangerous. We do not want to alienate the owners by "telling on them". What are full-time residents to do in this situation? This issue really needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

-Air b&b properties should pay higher taxes. Find a way to enforce the regulations which currently apply to these properties.

Enforcing the law re: no rentals for less than a month by empowering police when called about disturbances at rentals to be able to do more than say please behave. If the owner is not there a crime is being committed. Do something about it other than creating contempt for the law by doing nothing.

reducing/eliminating short-term rentals from residential areas. Creating a zone within the town center where short term rentals are allowed and making them illegal in residential areas.

Regulate AirBnB short term rental! Mandate that owner of facility live on site.

Regulation of AirBNB so as to balance the positive impacts (tourism; economic impact; income production) and the negative aspects (noise and neighborhood disruption; loss of affordable long-term rental housing; loss of tax revenue from unregulated activity; and violations of zoning laws).

Less B&B, Less restaurants

As an owner of a property that is rented out through airbnb, I feel that preventing short term rentals is a mistake. If there are problems, neighbors should speak to neighbors about the problems and

resolve them amongst themselves. I have a neighbor who rents out their place on weekends and we discussed how to ensure everyone is happy. It's really very simple.

I think that the most important thing for the Town of Woodstock to do at this time is to enforce the zoning regulations that forbid short-term rentals of fewer than thirty days in residential areas. Not only will this ease parking, traffic, and affordable rental issues, but will help maintain the distinctive character of our arts based community. Airbnb, VRBO and the like are having an extraordinarily corrosive effect on our town in countless ways. These short-term rentals are illegal. The law needs to be upheld and enforced. Otherwise, there will be nothing much left of the town worth protecting. Having previously lived in the SOHO district of NYC for twenty years, I've seen first hand how a neighborhood can change from a vibrant arts based community to a vacuous tourist destination. It's a heartbreaking thing to witness, and it's already happening here. The 1902 utopian experiment of Byrdcliffe created one of the few existing arts communities left in America. Please enforce the existing laws and stop its disintegration before it's too late!

I live next to two Airbnbs, and I often think that it is the neighbors who should write the reviews of the guests-- we know what actually happens while they stay here! While many people are nice, others have no sense of community and disrespect the neighborhood with parties, shouting, etc. It's also tiring to live next to a constant come and go of strangers. It often doesn't feel like "home," but more like a hotel. We the neighbors didn't sign up for this, and it seems unfair that we are the ones that have to endure having hotel operations next door to us. The owners aren't there to deal with the negative parts (we absorb it), and they are the ones getting the "benefits"(tons of cash).

Enforcing existing laws and creating laws that limit AirBnB!

control in limiting the number of people visiting our town thru more b&b within single family homes „protection of all lands and our way of life within the town. More single family homes open up to all artists whether in residence or not and to seniors for living at a reduced rate of rental income..

Control Air Bnb - Limit/reduce # of short term rentals. Tear down "Logstock" on Rock City Rd.
Improve Library - maybe all new

Outlaw "Grandpa Woodstock"

Keep Big Deep Clean

- dredging Big deep so it becomes swimmable again

NEED A SIGN LIMITING WOODSTOCK RESIDENTS ONLY AT BIG AND LITTLE deep ..

Q33: should be exclusively for tenants and taxpayers ONLY. Out of towners defecate and urinate at Big and Little deep and in the village.

-stewarding Big deep and Little deep

Affordable Eateries / Diner

1. We need a diner a diner: inexpensive and open late.

A couple of good SIMPLE restaurants for locals. Not yet more overpriced places for tourists or the very rich. (And I'm not poor, or against the rich in our midst. Just want some LOCAL simplicity - we need more choices than Joshua.

Also, as mentioned previously in the survey: Woodstock needs a regular grocery store! It's been rough buying food locally at reasonable prices since CVS replaced the Grand Union.

food Pantry

more moderate priced restaurants

Supporting local farms and food production should be another medium term priority.

Woodstockians would benefit from being able to buy food at reasonable prices without having to go way out of town to do so.

There needs to be a good supermarket like the old Grand Union

A local supermarket

Bring back the Grand Union or have some other similar grocery store!

Cellphone / WIFI

better cell phone and internet access

Also, as someone who lives here full time and runs an office out of my home, the cell service is a major drag. It's really difficult to conduct business calls with any sort of confidence.

cell service to outlying hamlets. It is criminal and dangerous that we do not have it.

Comprehensive internet connectivity.

I prefer to not have cell phone coverage. I can get internet at my home, which is enough.

make sure there is cell service all over the town. Find a way to regulate or hold down the spectrum cable monopoly has in most areas

Need cell service in outlying hamlets. this becomes a mode of emergency contact which is desparately unavailable.

We need our own internet rather than depend on Spectrum.

town alternate energy Better communications both cell and broadband everywhere Increase water supply for drought protection.

Seeking more active involvement of residents (including early and widespread communication) concerning buildings that have been closed/vacated in the community.

Competitive broadband provider and expanded cell service areas.

Education on the health hazards of electromagnetic frequencies which are transmitted to all of us through wifi, cell phones, increased use of electronics and all digital meters.

- Cell coverage for all residents
- Better parking design, i.e., less "no parking" spaces on the streets in Town
- Keep taxes low so that artists can continue to live here

Keep the small town feel

I really like Woodstock the way it is. It is important to maintain the current character of the entire municipality, especially the outlying hamlets. While I'm generally a supporter of transit, cycling, and walking, one of the challenges in Woodstock is the distances between destinations (beyond town), which make walking and cycling difficult for most people, and the low demand, which would make transit inefficient. parking is sufficient but signage could be better because many tourists might have trouble finding the municipal parking.

2) ReBranding the community (for both locals and tourists) so we can bring it into the 21st century. By reshaping how the world views us and how we view ourselves, we'll be able to keep our rural charm but leave the tie-dye drum circles behind for good..

bring in small businesses

Develop alternate, smaller housing options to those of us who would like to be here year round but simply can't afford it.

historic district and objective design standards

It would be nice to move Woodstock away from being mostly a tourist attraction. It's okay that visitors come for the history of the town but the town has to change in order to make it more desirable for both residents and visitors to shop, dine, and explore cultural events. I never go to town to shop, & rarely to eat; I cross the river for that. It's still small town there but it works.

keep the small town feel - it's so rare

Keeping the small town county feel, peace, and (sadly declining) affordability of Woodstock; avoiding increased commercialization and gentrification.

maintain rural character

On a different subject consider this, other small cities and towns across the U.S. are trying to BUY the kind of cultural economy that has persisted in Woodstock for 40+ years. Why not try to foster a consortium of the town-chamber-cultural institutions to look for grant \$\$\$ to fund some of the infrastructure issues around town as well as other issues.

Since I used more than the allowed characters answering 37, I am putting it all here instead.

Stop building and preserve historic nature of town and wild life areas.

The appearance of Woodstock has not changed much in decades, which makes it a charming and attractive town. The character of the Town needs to be preserved.

Keep it the way it is

Keeping Woodstock , WOODSTOCK and not turning it into a suburban mall.

Please, please don't over-develop Woodstock. Thoughtful re-use of existing brownfield sites should take priority over releasing new lands for development.

Stop promoting the town to keep the hordes from coming

To continue to be current in many avenues of life without destroying the Woodstock feel and attraction.

the do it yourself spirit of woodstock

I've lived here full time for 27 years. It seems impossible for anything to get accomplished in the town. Very dysfunctional. Bunch of naysayers

I just want to say how much I love living in Woodstock, and I think the board and community does an incredible job of stewardship, community-building, taking needs of all kinds seriously, and being progressive and forward-looking. I want to thank everyone who works behind the scenes all the time to keep our town so wonderful in so many ways.

Business Growth

A business improvement district

2) Service industry businesses (not more retail)

Additional taxes for businesses in town.

Bring new business/jobs to Town

I think we should be encouraging more businesses to locate in or near Woodstock - we need more and better jobs here.

I would look at Rhinebeck and Hudson as inspirational towns. Quality, hotels, variety of eating establishments at different price levels, strict policies regarding maintenance and beauty of homes within town, businesses that would offer services and goods that would benefit not only tourists but townspeople as well.

Reduce the number of real estate offices and replace them with businesses that benefit the community.

Residential support. The focus seems to be on growing business - while quality of life issues take 2nd place.

Solve the short term rental issue once and for all. Abandon the idea that the town can regulate them out of existence. Create a permitting and inspection system so that responsible hosts can continue bringing guests to the town that will support Woodstock's businesses and irresponsible hosts can be stopped from renting their homes. Hosts should pay a yearly permitting fee to the town. Consider capping the number of permits available for hosts. Let's stop pretending that Woodstock can return to being a town supported mostly by full time residents.

The business environment needs to be encouraged in order to attract new merchants and retail opportunities. That will assist with bringing additional jobs into the town.

Tourists (via short term rentals) are what make our area thrive. They support our local businesses. We should not fight to restrict these rentals, we will risk bankrupting our local businesses and lose jobs for full time locals.

We need businesses that are NOT tourism, and we need a grocery store. We need services for the elderly that are more accessible to Woodstock residents than those available from the office of the aging in Kingston, especially low cost transportation to things like Dr. visits.

The retail spaces in the center of town are mostly in various states of disrepair and need to be updated and modernized. We need to embrace that Woodstock is changing and growing but create a roadmap for how we can direct and encourage that growth while retaining some of the essential characteristics that make Woodstock a great place (as opposed to attempting to block change so that Woodstock doesn't change).

The heart of Woodstock is the town center. Ensure that businesses can thrive and new, independently owned shops can spruce up. For example, Little House or Sharkey's are both started by locals, with new fresh offerings. Newness helps keeps things interesting,

Residential support. The focus seems to be on growing business - while quality of life issues take second place.

Medical walk in clinic, Arts consortium, Business Improvement District, Municipal parking across from Colony - mark sports/rows, maybe collect fees on weekends?

Many more RUPCO type projects. Build a new library. Affordable housing. Better youth center.

Creation of a business incubator or "maker space" that would encourage local entrepreneurs and youth to try out ideas for local economy initiatives.

A re-development of the existing town offices on the Comeau Property, a dedication of new, smaller, municipal parking zones, and a comprehensive development plan to attract more business.

Zoning Laws

Zoning should be flexible enough so that people can operate small businesses from their homes.

I feel the existing zoning laws should be enforced. Woodstock has become a town of signs many littered along the highway even as you drive through the hamlets.

Keep people from leaving old cars and junk on their property like the house on the corner of 212 and Mink Hollow. Cars could be leaking gasoline into groundwater. Homes that are rundown and have junk yards effect the value of neighboring homes and give an overall negative image of the town. There should be zoning laws to limit the eyesores.

Why do we need more housing? Keep the zoning as it is and use the housing that exists.

Begin long-range planning for the eventual displacement of populations from coastal communities in New York and New Jersey to the Hudson Valley.

Enforce the zoning law. Require removal of signs that are not in compliance with the law. Make this a priority. If there's broad enforcement with penalties and court action, businesses will comply in the future. It will cost money, and it will be worth it.

Growth and development can't be stopped. Be sure to have regulations and zoning rules as well as positive incentives for people for the town to grow in keeping with the atmosphere that residents, and visitors want here.

Need much better zoning enforcement

Some changes in the zoning law along with enforcement

zoning enforcement

Less junk and chaos on Green

Enforce the zoning!

Gallery signs on new biz – bad, bad.

Taxes

anything to lower taxes

Anything to show for taxes paid

Lower property taxes, which are outrageous. Get some decent inexpensive eating places in and around town. Pay more attention to weekender home owners, who probably outnumber locals.

Multiple \$1M homes are built & sold and assoc. taxes are adjusted to recognize increased home value based on sale price. Why are these increased tax revenue streams not handled so overall tax revenue results in lower taxes for remaining town property owners? Since 80+% are 2nd home owners, services should not be as high as full-time residents so why do our taxes continue to go up every year?

Rescue Squad (Co. #5) and Fire Co. #1 should combine into one building to reduce duplicate costs and overhead -- sell other building to lower our taxes.

Weekend rentals should be considered a positive for this area and concerns addressed as needed. These are bringing in tourists that are spending money and the additional revenue source SHOULD be used to reduce our taxes. If laws are put in place restricting weekend rentals, they should apply to all rental properties.

I also feel a tax break should be given to property owners who own large parcels of undeveloped land to encourage them to keep it undeveloped.

Impose a Woodstock sales tax.

Providing tax incentives for businesses to move to Woodstock to attract jobs would have a broad community benefit. Organizations that have entry through professional level jobs benefit many people who would work in the community and increase the available dollars to be spent by locals in the community.

2. Would like to have a place for seniors who can no longer live at home to still be able to live in Woodstock, perhaps an "independent living" senior residence and when more help is needed, "assisted living" services.

The streets have to be paved, fixed leveled for seniors.

retirement community

Gardens / Nature

community garden

6- tree Maintenance and plantings.

More flowers/gardens in center of town. Encourage merchants to have these.

Protect natural environment. More trees in town. Less pavement.

protect natural swimming areas from waste & misuse.

The areas surrounding town buildings should be landscaped with edible trees, bushes, etc. In addition, planters surrounding town buildings could be planted with herbs and other edibles.

tree planting where ashes were cut down.

Medical Center

Could use a real medical centre.

Support a walk-in medical clinic for individuals who can't afford other medical help. And/or develop community paramedicine, which can provide routine healthcare services to underserved populations, and helps to improve rural emergency medical services. This may even help with our opiate problem.

we need an emergency medical care center in our town that connects to Dutchess Hospital or Vassar.

Medical walk in clinic, arts consortium, B.I.D. - Business Improvement District, municipal parking areas across from colony - mark spots/rows, maybe collect fees on weekends?

Tourism

tour guides to point areas of interest such as the churches on Meades. Guides for hikes. Create picnic areas.

tourism is a commercial endeavor, and Woodstock should not allow tourism to dictate its raison d'être. Nip the short-term rentals in the bud before we become a large camp for the summering city-dwellers, rather than a real town with real residents who want to give back to a town that offers so much. I am not opposed to visitors since I was a visitor once, but I think Woodstock should be much more than a place to park and eat and sleep.

Local economy for those who work in town. Everything is geared towards tourism and not to those who barely make a living wage. There should be an economic currency program like Berkshire Bucks that they use in the Berkshires.

Police presence at crosswalks during the tourist season. People are supposed to stop for people in the crosswalks, but rarely do! Give tickets to J-walking tourists!

vacation rental spaces should be encouraged if owners are on premises, but discouraged if they are not.

We need to recognize the enormous potential for ecotourism. Woodstock is already a brand, we can leverage more of what we have. Not everyone comes for the hippie experience. In fact, probably very few do. People who ask what would tourists do here fail to understand that most people live in an urban setting.

Misc. Topics

Cottage - quaint style Hotel -but not a major chain

Have banners on posts/telephone poles, such as Hyde Park has.

I don't care for the use of the term "transform" when describing making changes to the town. It is in most ways already good, so why does it need to be transformed? Improved, sure, that's always possible. But transformation implies a caterpillar to butterfly change, which Woodstock doesn't need and shouldn't want.

Reed beds at Treatment plant

Require pedestrians to use ONLY THE crosswalkS in town. Not just at any

Sorry to say I fear change more than anything. I am spoiled being here, very lucky!

Treasure these things about Woodstock community: people come out to help those in need and facing serious health issues.

water in Zena

3- Generally Night Life is Dead in Woodstock. Look at Rhinebeck as an example of direction

3. Life long learning programs (like what's offered at Bard)

4. Put in a shuttle between the Rhinebeck train station and the center of town to encourage public transport.

A performance center that would allow for live theatrical performances, storage space for props, costumes and set pieces, educational space for classes, rehearsals and auditions.

a Woodstock fair would bring a goal and unity

accepting the fact that there is no way to please all the people all the time!!

-allowing fishing and non-motorized boating at Cooper Lake

Availability of public water & sewer for those outside of the center of town.

Ban all cars with New Jersey plates

Be careful extending water/sewer service - water table runs dry.

Beautification of commercial strip in center of town.

better snow removal

Change the cantankerous culture of town government.

Cleaning up all the telephone poles and then not allowing people to plaster posters and staples all over them. Incredibly unsightly.

corner

Do not move bus stops. People walk home and that hill from cvs will make it impossible or unappealing.

eliminate overhead electric / telephone / cable wires with underground installations where ever possible in town . loose the telephone poles for better sight lines at intersections and to minimize storm related outages .

Every old building is not sacred

Family

Fewer real estate offices. More retail shops.

Follow up and inspect the results of building permits and any permit to do otherwise than the basic building code.

From Q31 - Bearsville flats needs a bicycle path

garbage Pickup in Zena

Geezers etc.

Guild

have absentee home owners clean up their property

immigrant bail fund

It would be nice to have the Wilson Park swimming/lifeguard back again. There were rumors it was to return in summer 2017, but I don't think it did.

Long-time residents need to be considered so that they can remain in the area and not be pushed out by those who find Woodstock trendy - for now.

More low-income and moderate income housing in hamlet to increase year-round population density and living options for local residents.

more uber and lyft, that would cut down on drunk driving.

Municipal garbage collection

needs to be tick free as possible and well kept. It's a mess right now.

No more cluster housing! It is ugly.

OUT OF TOWNSERS ARE LEAVING WAY TOO MUCH TRASH BECAUSE THEY HAVE BIG ALL DAY PARYS THERE .. HUMAN WASTE AS WELL

PAW

possible brush and debris pick up from homes one day annually

-protecting the hamlet of woodstocks aquifer/wellheads

Q37: Is this town for adults? or do we want more kids included. Once the sixties crew dies off will woodstock still be relevant. getting kids in here will help perpetuate Woodstock culture. Make this a place where kids can have fun too!

Sewers in Zena

strict enforcement of speeding laws on local roads

Such a shame Rupco had such tremendous opposition and had to scale back. So sad. So terribly needed. I'm embarrassed and ashamed of this town's attitude. Appalling. Certainly not "Peace and Love"....

Thanks for all your work on this btw. Great for us all to work together on this.

Thanks for your work for the community!

Volunteers for improvements

WAAM

Working to improve where people can come & stay for both short and longer term will help, including nice lodging / hotels, good cluster living, etc..

When there are events such as hurricanes, floods, fires, etc., it would be great to have a group in place (and a space) to instantly create fundraisers for these places, be they near or far.

Weekend hours at landfill

Composting

Electric grid reliability

Aging at home services

Public transportation

Bicycle safety

Encourage diversity

Handicap accessibility

We need to clean-up the town from litter and encourage people to repair and keep their properties in good condition. Need to bring jobs that will keep our young here. Need a supermarket

we need to become a dog friendly town..... although we have one dog park we will need another in the future. We need to have the town become financially responsible for the existing park. We should make provision for dog training facilities, dog day care etc. Dog care

Trash barrels left at the ends of driveways only on pick up days. Beside pick up day, they should never be visible from the road. Second home owners manage this, even if they are not here during the week. Full time residents need to roll their barrels back the house after collection

The increasing habit of leaving barrels along the road is an eyesore. Stopping this habit that is the result of either laziness or neglect would be a step toward restoring some the beauty of Woodstock in a positive way and would have an immediate positive effect on the community.

solar, shuttles, senior shuttles senior citizen outreach many seniors need assistance

People should not have garbage and junk laying all around their properties. It is ugly when you drive by.

leave it alone it works fine

General Infrastructure: Burial of all (or most) above ground cables & wires would improve greatly our supposed artistic aesthetic & greatly contribute to public safety & comfort.

Recreational Opportunities: Implementation of a comprehensive recreation plan that would have positive impacts on all Woodstockers.

I do not think Woodstock needs any transformation

bury power lines

-community architecture

-facelift along tinker commercial/storefronts facades

-a public aquatics/gym - like the one in Arkville

-community compost

Better management of running the town. Consolidation of services (police, highway, etc.)

1. Better management of running the town 2. consolidation of services (police, highway dept, etc)

A couple of good simple restaurants for locals. Not yet more over-priced places for tourists or the very rich. I am not poor, nor against the rich. Just want some local simplicity. We need more choices.

A community meet up which could be held every month on the First Friday from 5 to 7. Could be a pot luck dinner. Purpose is to enhance community spirit and getting to know your neighbors. A way to network for services needed and talk about the questions in this survey. A monthly community

gathering on the first Friday eventing where people can get together and exchange community events. It could be a pot luck dinner. We would get to know each other better.

Any project that enables services to remain here.

(21) If I don't know more about this at planning meetings where public is asked to leave - how will I know what and where?

- Lower property taxes... (which I understand is ironic since I'm about to suggest a bunch of expenses....)
- work with Kingston to make a walking path all the way around Cooper Lake
- build a modern new library with meeting spaces and other amenities (cafe) that would be a cultural hub and attract youth. Revitalize entire laundromat creek frontage with innovative landscaping and public space.
- comprehensive plan to build connected walking path along Tannery Brook from Comeau, behind Town Hall and Tinker Taco, on down to Sawkill. It's one of the most unique features of Woodstock but way under utilized.
- repair and replace crumbling Tannery Brook bridges at Library Lane and Tannery Brook Road; widen sidewalk.
- repair crumbling sidewalks, especially west of Tannery Brook Rd.
- wider sidewalk in front of Twin Gables
- competent traffic control officer at Tinker/Rock City intersection at peak times.
- incentives to property owners in town to clean up and beautify sides and rear of buildings.
- more prominent marker paint to signify "don't block the box" at Old Forge/Rock City corner.
- Cumberland Farms building is so ugly... incentivize them to give it a facelift.
- road repaving has finally been satisfactory in past few years - keep up good work!

Q9 – I'm dealing with "Microwave Sickness", or "EMF sensitivity". I get headaches / nauseous, dizzy, have "brain fog", memory loss, and other symptoms when I'm around wireless technology (radiation) of any kind. As more and more cell towers go up and more and more places adopt WIFI, etc. my life has become a nightmare. There are so many places I can't go, things I can't do, because wireless technology makes me sick, and sometimes I'm sick for hours/days after exposure to wireless technology/microwave radiation. I don't own a cell phone, cordless phone, I don't have Wi-Fi and still this happens to me from being radiated 24/7 for 4/12 years from a neighbors nearly digital electric utility meter)aka a "smart" meter) aimed at my house. I know more and more people who are

getting sick from wireless technology, who live in and around Woodstock. I have friend who won't go into the Woodstock library because of the wireless routers (Wi-Fi) there. I use the library – the staff are WONDERFUL!! But I limit my time there because of the Wi-Fi and fluorescent lights. I love libraries, and it hurts that something so positive as a public library is also a source of something harmful to me and others – pulsed radiation from Wi-Fi, routers. While I can see, from one perspective, that increased cell service seems appealing to many, it increases the overall amount of (pulsed, harmful) radiation in the air. (And the amount of microwave radiation is already at an all-time high)? Everyone is affected by this radiation – even people who say it doesn't affect them, show adverse changes in their blood cells when exposed to wireless technology. Children absorb twice as much radiation as adults, and bees, birds, and anything living is also affected by this.

So please, please, no more cell towers here. My and other's lives are already really challenging enough as we navigate how to avoid "smart" meters, Wi-Fi routers, other people's cell phones and cordless phones, etc. It's really, really hard avoiding something that's showing up more and more places. Wireless technology. Living in Woodstock, where there's some awareness of this issues, makes me feel a bit safer than living in some other communities where there's virtually no awareness of this at all.

If by "broadband" you mean techniques that use hardwiring – I'm fine with it. If it means more wireless – No, I don't want it.

Thank you for reading this.

A concerned Woodstock citizen who really likes living here, and who wants to stay here and who's asking for your helo to do so!

These are things that concern me and also affect others.

1. The lack of affordable rentals in Woodstock. So many people have gone the Air BnB route that those of us living on moderate incomes, who want to move to 1 & 2 bedroom affordable (& livable) apartments, are having a really challenging time finding them. I've talked to others about this & they're equally frustrated. I'm a musician who connects with the artistic spirit of Woodstock and who loves all the artistic and cultural events of really high caliber in Woodstock. But many artists live on moderate incomes and rental prices put many places out of reach with their budgets. This is really frustrating. That's one thing I'd like addressed.

2. The lack of good public transportation makes going without a car nearly impossible. I've been driving for many year but at the moment I'm between cars, so have been taking local buses. If I want to go into Saugerties – a 15-20 minute drive – by bus, I have to go into Kingston first, then transfer to another bus, then go to Saugerties. This takes 1.5 – 2.5 hours!!! Depending on how long I have to wait for the connecting bus. So a round trip visit to Saugerties by car takes less than an hours – and by bus 3 – 5 hours!!! I'd love to go without a car, but will get another car because this is unworkable. There's very little service on Saturday w local buses and nothing on Sunday so, say, if I want to go into Kingston on a Saturday night for a concert, I can't, using public transportation. I can use Trailways but their prices are high – I think it's \$5 (or \$7) to go from Woodstock to Kingston – which seems high for a 20 minute drive.

Question 37. Please tell us if there were any topics not covered by this survey which you think are important for community discussion.

Library

Use the library (open 5 days a week) as a hub for community activities DON'T GROW Woodstock. Sustain it's best qualities but keep it modest. My children grew up here and they can cope with anything. It's a special place.

library

library

a new library

The library development - current plans need to be re-examined - different advisors and data input lower costs and efficiencies

library!!!

library upgrades. Open town pool to residents.

THE library!!!!

The library needs to expand. This does not fall under town jurisdiction but it is important for the growth of our community. The town needs to make sure it supports this process and doesn't support undermining activities, especially on committees.

The expansion of the library.

library enhancement/fire department/ambulance and emergency medical services. Electricity and internet probelms due to trees not being cleared enough or regularly.

tree Maintenance. Modern library. Exodus of school age kids and families. Diversity to counter Aging population. school taxes are ridiculous, About \$35,000 per student, 54 million dollar annual school budget is outrageous.

A new library.

Taxes

High taxes vs true value assessment.

taxes vs services

Cost level of town services taxes.

Yes, school taxes seem to be out of line
taxES.

Why do I not get a residential tax deduction because my wife lives and works in NYC? This is unfair because I live here full time.

tax breaks for emergency services personnel
reducing the tax burden

Comprehensive plan for taxes and permits for air b & b. Not raising R.E taxes for expensive projects, such as library

How to lower property tax

Property taxes

Look at ways to reduce our taxes to allow our children to be able to afford to stay here and older residents to retire here. See examples cited in #36.

Dead and dying ash trees! This is a big problem for both property owners and tax payers! Can the town get money from the state or feds to help defray the huge cost this is having on all of us.

Bike / Connectivity

Improve the look and public opinion of the bearsville Flats. It's a great neighborhood. It could use a little positivity and beautifying.

I'd like to emphasize that life would be so much more livable if we could walk to town on a safe walkway (from bearsville) Get rid of CCD or at least insist on turnover of members. Now known as the "Commission for Civic Decline"

Connecting bearsville to Woodstock with an off-road pedestrian and bike trail would be awesome.
more bike paths!
bike and walking paths on county roads.

Youth / Drugs

Providing needed drug counseling, after school programs and jpbs for our youth.
Coordination of services between the school and community.

retaining young people in town

The demographic challenge of an aging population and the creation of a magnet to maintain young families in Woodstock thru job creation.

Need to continually attract younger, artistic people to live/work in Woodstock

More facilitys for young people to gather safely

The town needs more activities and organizations that work with teens and preteens.

Stricter police presence to do Drug Patrolling in the green and by Wok and Roll

Creating spaces to allow opportunities for preteens and teenagers to connect with each other in healthy ways

heroin addiction, teen suicide

Drug addiction

Build or start a rehab facility for local drug addicts. Help!

Assess the Youth Center re the above

Improve the Youth Center maybe Family of Woodstock can help with programs. Make Woodstock more child friendly. Enlarge playground at Andy Lee Field.

Renovate the Youth Center into a maker space

Downtown

Sturdier electrical network - Especially in the center of town. More public trash receptacles throughout the village's commercial blocks. And maybe a program for teenage kids...get kids involved in positive, interesting, enriching projects

We ABSOLUTELY NEED to have a traffic light installed at the center of town. It is dangerous to pedestrians and motorists and is particularly dangerous to those who are visually and hearing impaired.

Developing the youth center into a vibrant and enticing space with programs that will help keep kids off the streets and safe.

What to do in an emergency as there don't appear to be any hospitals or 24/7 walk-in medical centers anywhere around here

Signage that guides tourists to parking, building a visitor center at the elementary school for use on weekends

The condition of 212 in the center of town. Drainage!

Increased police and parking enforcement officers in the center of town and through out town

Improve the youth center. Maybe Family of Woodstock would help with programs. Make Woodstock more child-friendly. Enlarge playground at Andy Lee Field.

Woodstock is a wonderful community. Don't build developments adding too many more people. Keep it as it is. The Community center senior classes are great. Thank you.

Many small towns we visit have a beautiful town center. Woodstock allows "Grandpa Wdsk" and similar others to be the focus of the center of our town. Disgusting! Is this how we want to promote our town?

Short Term Rentals

Air bnb needs to be taxed and regulated. zoning codes need to be enforced in town. Why are fire permits granted without actually being inspected? Many buildings right in town are not up to code and are unsafe and unhealthy for the entire town.

Aren't airbnbs commercial enterprises?

Air bnb regulation for homes where the owner doesn't live there.

Air bnb should be legal and free, it allows more visitors to our town which brings in money which will eventually allow wages to raise and locals to have higher incomes.

I wish there was a local service to circumvent Airbnb and VRBO, a way for locals to rent without those services.

Air bnb was mentioned - just want to highlight it's importance - it's a problem!

The town currently seems to want to maximize vacation rental houses. I was told that my street is " all Airbnb" houses". Houses have been greatly increased in size and turned into multiple units.

I don't think you focused on the problem AirB&B is creating both in town and in the hamlet. Traffic, noise from parties, too many people. Now it's ruining our town!

Traffic

A traffic light at the intersection of 212 and 375. It's time already.

traffic control at route 212 and rock city road, on weekends and holidays add cross walks - across from the Kleinest-James, and the library/hardware store.

Sat/Sun traffic, control at tinker/mill hill/rock city road. more crosswalks - at Joshua's, etc. Leave bus stops where they are.

Importance and need for mechanical traffic signals at key intersections.

do not raise taxes for permanent residents to force them to rent out on airbnb. charge high parking fees in municipal lots ad increase foot traffic, not car traffic in village.

A traffic light SOME where>> EITHER AT 375 or Rock City road.

Reasonable library renovation maintaining historical character and lovely property, also not disrupting library lane traffic and neighborhood. Fix middle of town coming up mill hill road.

traffic lights in town at intersections

need for traffic lights one at entrance to 375 and one at entrance to Rock city Road. Now for most part people walking on crosswalks break up flow of traffic.

Not having public parking at the new Trailways bus stop is a mistake for those who commute to the city daily.

The police should ticket illegal parking in town that creates unsafe egress from side streets.

summer swimming/parking on mill stream - problems were less this past summer but this area is a problem for local residents

How to keep it a small town that is accessible to people who are apart of the community but friendly to visitors. Maybe priority parking for people who live or have a home there? parking passes that hang in the window?

More police activity.

one simple one...Replacing the yield sign with a stop sign at the corner of Rt.s 212 and 375. I have had many near misses of cars running the yield sign to enter 375 from 212. It's a race who can get at that intersect first.

change the location of the bus service and control areas of truck deliveries

Getting speed limits on roads such as Zena Rd lowered so that it would not be as dangerous as it is. It is now a major truck route to and from Kingston and Saugerties.

Tolerance for people who double park.

Total unacceptable town can't coordinate w/Sate&Cnty on roads. Lack of XWALKS, signs/info appropriate (go So.RockCity correct where signs are not black out of Rd.). Public service info distributed thru paper, radio&point in rd 4 use that sensible. shovel snow crosswalks, curb snow, really.

The area near Cumberland Farms and the Laundromat becomes quite congested and frankly dangerous with all the trucks and cars.

NEED GUARD RAILS ON MILLSTREAM RD NEAR THE CURVE

solar power and charging stations will help us move away from gasoline powered vehicles. I am concerned that the plan will continue to support the car culture - more parking lots rather than alternatives to cars.

The town should build wind and solar projects

It would be nice for Woodstock to foster green industry, like film production or R&D, to retain and attract more talent and diversify economic sectors.

community gardens?

A shade tree commission to plant, care for, protect native trees.

Climate Change impacts.

water, air pollution and quality

I think i have made myself clear. You need to have water testing done wherever people swim!

Noise

Keep the noise level down in the center of town and in the hamlets. Enforce or extend existing laws

noise, there have been a number of people who live in a home that hear noise coming from airb&b, center of town, bearsville complex

noise, the trucks from Woodstock landscaping have been making a horrendous noise

noise pollution from increased tourism.

Control of noise/"Disturbing the peace", loud radio playing in residential communities

Sunday music carries all the way to Plochman Lane loudly though I can't hear the Ramble events at all! Other loud events - How to monitor to avoid invasiveness.

Loud noise from commercial establishments. Problem of parking along Millstream Rd at 2 swimming areas. Insure that Woodstock golf club remains as open space.

With the large amount of people we have now comes the increase use of machinery. Maybe restrict the hours as many communities do

noise and light pollution in Woodstock hamlet

lighting. Keep the lights shielded and low intensity.

TV / Wireless

we need to upgrade Woodstock Access tv facilities and make it a real community tv channel.

Replacement of spectrum tv, wireless , they are terrible !

Reliable power is the most important thing in my mind.

More emphasis on attracting creative economy jobs.

You need jobs that are not tourism because they pay living wages. The reason I can't live there again until I retire is becasue there is no work for me.

The Arts

promoting the tourist//retail srgment

Who do we want to be in the future? Are we just a tourist trap?

i think we are catering more and more to our "weekenders" then to our year round residents.

the town needs a plan to keep re-visiting the changes that will occur as it has fewer permanent residents and more second home owners. Housing choices, volunteers, and participation will all change. A conversation on those issues has to be ongoing..

More about affordable living! This is my town. I'm sick of being told by tourist or second home owners that I can leave.

The Town needs to do more to promote the existing arts and cultural organizations.

woodstock must keep its local heritage in arts and farming.

arts, culture, that is all fine. But people live here and work hard here. Focus can not be entirely on being comming here from outside. People want to be able to afford to live here.

Events such as the Woodstock Film Festival.

I so enjoy the street festivals we have like Christmas Eve and Halloween. Can we start some new traditions?

Just to confirm that the community events are part of the spirit of Woodstock--Thanksgiving, Halloween, Xmas eve, etc. They have meant so much in being here and should continue to be supported.

It is important that Wdstk not plan to be too "fancy". Our charm is our "charm". Don't "upscale" too much or we'll lose Wdstk.

The "quaintness" of the village is attractive.

Now that we've gotten all these people to come here, how are we going to manage the volume without losing all the precious qualities of this town ?

Overdevelopment

Does the Town of Woodstock do enough to promote the arts and attract artists? Does the Town of Woodstock have programs to target and support those at risk for substance abuse and addictions? Are The heroine problem with our youth.

The ugly area Shawoo has unkept right in town. It's an eye sore. underage kids drink. Stop allowing the pig "Grandpa Woodstock" stand on the green for money.

Deer

deer control

8' deer fences should be allowed. deer can jump over 6 foot fences, destroying gardens, spreading ticks, and leaving droppings.

Also need better education for peaceful coexistence with wildlife, especially bears.

Leash the dogs on the Comeau Property, please.

Stop punishing responsible dog-owners with unnecessary restrictions. Do something about people who don't pick up after their dogs, but don't put the purity of soccer fields, etc. above everything.

Zoning

zoning laws should be enforced for all as written and I do not believe this is the case.

Get rid of stupid drone laws, or ban all forms of cameras if you are that paranoid about someone taking your picture. Do not single out one form of medium because of your ignorance.

eliminate lawn signs

scenic overlay regulations need revision

Much of what is valuable and singular about Woodstock has been preserved by strong enforcement. codes need to be uniformly applied, without favoritism. At the moment the unique character of Woodstock is in real danger of disappearing for good.

The Planning Board needs to be friendlier to new businesses.

The building inspector's office and the planning board are historically dysfunctional. Projects don't get off the ground because of the collective egoic behavior of these agencies. This needs to be resolved.

What happens when a business that has been asked to follow requirements by the planning board does not follow those requirements there doesn't seem to be any consequences

Elderly

Affordable transportation for elderly that don't drive.

transportation services for the elderly or infirm. transportation to, and from destinations like NYC which would diminish the influx of cars

adult day care facility area respite facility

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Aging population: will need help staying home, staying healthy. Shuttle services, drop-in centers, exercise classes for elderly for balance and flexibility and socializing!

Health. The Senior Rec is an extraordinary benefit

There are many Seniors in Woodstock. I hope to be able to afford my taxes to spend the rest of our lives here.

there should not be affordable housing,more parking lots,hotels and senior housing.Those that already live here will own there property.

Infrastructure

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Infrastructure - conditions of roadways and bridges, issues with wired services vs rural and wooded nature of our community.

Woodstock should become a sanctuary town.

Promote Woodstock as a proudly diverse place that welcomes everyone (immigrants, people of all colors and orientations)

conomic disparity and lack of racial/cultural diversity in population and institutions.

Ways to encourage non-conformity, both in terms of people and of bussinesses.

MISC / Uncategorized

you might ask whether people living in the outlying hamlets actually go into "town" or do they go elsewhere for shopping, culture etc

Town garbage pick up

Quality-builder contractors who'll take on smaller projects-not everyone who invests in local property can lay out huge amounts of cash. We've had issues re good contractors + tree removal guys.

What is Woodstock to you? Is it something that can be quantified? Is it not a state of mind as much as it is a collection of attributes -- the benefits, not just the features.

The CEMETERY and its' neglect and the need for the town to really change that situation. Most other towns in the area have kept their cemeteries up really well but like having no supermarket our town has failed us in some very significant ways.

Emergency and operating plans for Resident protection and safety

love Woodstock but never seen so many people afraid of change!

community paramedicine. See above. Lowering speed limits and regulating truck routes through residential areas (especially Zena)

consumer friendly.....

Question - are shop owners allowed to display their merchandise outside their store? It would b nice if visitors felt that we more to offer than tie-dye shirts.

inclusion of tiny houses

Improve swimming pool.

1) Support for Woodstock's Anchor Institutions to thrive far into the future 2) Community-wide resiliency

how about keeping a check on the proliferation of bars?

Coworking spaces needed for freelancers

The Giuliani/Waterfall Way project smells of greased palms.

Need for computer related supply store, ex. Ink, paper etc.

The impact of too many second (and therefore mostly empty) homes on the community and the housing market.

Affordable Retail space

- Road safety (independent from tourist activities) is an issue in our area - Route 212 is used by fast commuters and large trucks on a fairly narrow road, I do not wish for road enlargement but traffic regulation and traffic diversion?

(13 and 14) I'm curious - what do you have in mind here?

A tax on new second homes being built. Tax the rich give to the locals.

again..... we will need another dog park in the future. The town owns other lands that could fulfill this need. As about 70% of the population lives with at least one dog we need to pay attention to this.....

An environmental center, non profit, Promoting green water, energy, gardenting

Any change in town that will increase property taxes should be carefully scrutinized and also look for ways to reduce school & real property taxes. Taxes are a hardship for many people.

Chamber of Commerce is pathetic. Saugerties & Phoenicia's CofC's are much better.

Control of invasive plant species. Protecting the community from unwanted smart meter technology

Cooper Lake dam should be monitored – Kingston Water Department wants to increase height of dam – All of downtown Bearsville would be flooded if dam breaks. Ask DEP.

electric outages

Enforcement of traffic regulations, community energy alternatives, considerations given to overnight lights - too much light pollution. Enforcement of noise regulations for motorcycles!

Fire protection and ambulance service and cost police services quality and quantity.

General Infrastructure: Burial of all (or most) above ground cables & wires would improve greatly our supposed artistic aesthetic & greatly contribute to public safety & comfort.

Get rid of CCD or at least insist on turnover of members. Now known as the Commission for Civic Decline

Historicity of WS, who we are is based on our past - value our origins!

I am relatively new to woodstock so am not yet familiar with the culture. the --ye is great but we needs more couldn't read the writing?? cm

I love Woodstock for its incredible community spirit and vibrant artist support and for its natural beauty! Please do not pander to the people with money who want to reshape us into an upscale city.

I miss having a walk-in medical clinic. I think Woodstock needs a general clinic that accepts all insurance.

I would like to emphasize that life would be so much more liveable if we could walk to town on a safe walkway from Bearsville.

Improved swimming pool

It's important that Woodstock not plan to be too "fancy". Our charm is our charm. Don't "upscale" too much or we'll lose Woodstock

limit of how high on a mountain side people can build. It's destroying water tables and views.

Limited attention to disabilities and related facilities.

Loud noise from commercial establishments. Problem of parking along Millstream Rd. @ 2 swimming areas. Ensure that Woodstock Golf Club remains as open space.

Make Woodstock affordable for working people- but that isn't really the business of the town offices.

More attention to outdoor athletic and recreational facilities (ball fields, tennis courts hiking trails).

More sidewalks in the village

N/A

Noise! 10 hours of loud music from Wok N Roll every weekend. Lou & unpleasant to me nearly a mile away. Acoustic only please! 2 hrs. drumming on Sunday is okay.

None

Once again, pay attention to maintaining Town's properties: buildings, parks, Woodstock Historical Building preservation.

People cross the streets in town wherever they want, ignoring cross lines. Really annoying and dangerous.

Possibility of municipal sustainable energy agency - alternative to local grid

Prejudice that still exists here.

Public parking lots should be free as well as making it more specific where visitors can park. Off season parking made available on part of the Woodstock Playhouse. Also more street lights and areas to walk a dog at night.

Sat/Sun traffic control @ Tinker/Mill Hill/Rock City rds., more crosswalks - at Joshua's, etc. Leave bus stops where they are.

speed limit in town from Post office to Golf course should be reduced

stop building!!!

Thanks you! Keep up the good work This town's culture is invaluable and irreplaceable--- I am happy to support it. We need each other!

The impact of too many second homes on the community and housing market.

The stores in town should be encouraged to remain open in the evening, during the Spring and Summer months. It is necessary to go to Saugerties to enjoy a summer stroll and get an ice cream cone!

The supposed Pedestrian crosswalks in this Town are DANGEROUS – especially if you are lame, old, walk with a cane or are just slow. Cars Do Not Heed Them Especially CVS to Sunflower!!

There should be public education about the NYS traffic laws - what sides of the road to walk/bike on and not blocking the side roads.

This survey does. It cover how Woodstock is being marketed to both tourists and potential new residents.

Traffic control at route 212 & Rock City Road, on weekends & holidys add crosswalks across from the Kleinert James, and the library/hardware store.

Us vs them attitude (tourist, resident, 2 Home), weekend town mtgs, Sunday library hrs

We love the Woodstock Library. Let's support it.

We should develop consensus on the future state of woodstock in a qualitative way (not merely on the infrastructure future woodstock would have). We can only make infrastructure choices after agreeing on a common future.

Woodstocks Farmers Market is pathetic compared to our neighbors. The flea market is outdated and stale. Create a new concept for that space - start fresh and set-up something more current.

You might have noted the 255 character limit on this before I bothered to compose a 1,500 character paragraph! Looks like a "cookie cutter " plan in the works.

youth

Seems to have touched all issues I can think of. Thank you for letting us be part of this.

I think the survey questions could use an option of don't have enough information to decide the answer.

This is a comprehensive survey, Nice job.

None

See #36

I love this town and the people who choose to live here!

Thanks

I've never thought about certain issues in Woodstock so I didn't know how to answer. Would be good to ask that in the survey. Relatedly, might have asked us whether/how we know about what's happening in town (news outlets, gossip, etc).