

SURVEY – TOWN OF FALLSBURG

The Town of Fallsburg, with input from the Comprehensive Plan Committee, has developed a public survey to solicit public input on the 2017 Town Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Town’s existing Plan Update was written and adopted in 2006. The Town Board, in 2016, decided it was appropriate to revise and update the Plan to make it current, and ensure it expresses the present aspirations and desires of Town of Fallsburg citizens. New York State Town Law dictates what can be included in a comprehensive plan, but generally, a comprehensive plan is a document that describes a vision of a community’s future and the goals and objectives that, through action taken by a town board and other agencies, support that vision. While each citizen may have a particular vision for the town, an adopted Comprehensive Plan reflects consensus that is achieved through a participatory public input process. It especially focuses on existing and proposed land use patterns and the density and intensity of future development, based on factors such as the availability of utilities, avoidance and protection of environmentally sensitive resources that may be present, and the type of community character that Fallsburg citizens desire. The adopted Comprehensive Plan Update will serve as the basis for future zoning amendments.

The online public survey allows citizens to provide input into the issues and opportunities affecting Fallsburg. Additional paper copies will be made available at Town Hall. Once the paper survey is filled out, it will need to be returned to Town Hall at 19 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, N.Y. The online and paper survey will be available starting Tuesday, March 7th, and will be open until March 21st, 2017 - a two week period.

Here is the custom link to the survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fallsburg_Comp_Plan

4. What priority words do you believe should be included in an updated Vision Statement. Please Rate from 1 to 5, with "Highly Applicable" being 1, and "Not Applicable" being 5.

	1-Highly Applicable	2	3- Applicable	4	5- Not Applicable
Aesthetically Pleasing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agriculture Preservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diverse Population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic Vitality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental Protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic Protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing Diversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neversink River	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scenic Landscape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Revitalization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural Character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vacation Paradise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vibrant Atmosphere	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Year Round	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5. The previous Comprehensive Plan Update prioritized the revitalization of hamlet business centers and enhancement of economic opportunities. Based on the objectives of the previous Plan Update, do you believe these goals are being met?

- YES
- NO

6. Which of the following do you believe needs to be encouraged? Please rate from 1 to 5, with "Highly Recommended" being 1, and "Not Recommended" being 5.

Recommended

Develop shovel ready sites for new businesses. Shovel ready site: has been fully evaluated for specific uses, completed the environmental review process, some permits may have already been obtained before a specific occupant of the site is found.

Expand agricultural-related businesses including but not limited to farm markets, wineries, distilleries, food production.

Create a special floating zone for lands along Rt 42 or 52 for nonresidential uses (floating zoning district criteria: min. parcel size, location, sewer availability, etc. is defined by zoning law, not mapped until Town Board approves zone change)

Promote ecotourism uses. Ecotourism: "responsible travel to natural areas which conserves the environment and improves the welfare of local people". Ex: adventure tours, tent camping, bed and breakfasts, passive recreation like bird watching, etc.

Identify land for and create a business park.

Create a land bank. The Town or organization would acquire land and/or buildings to be used for future development or redevelopment.

Other (please specify)

7. Name the types of uses that should be encouraged somewhere in the Town to promote economic development

Economic Development

Use 1:

Economic Development

Use 2:

Economic Development

Use 3:

8. Consumer shopping and services. Where do you travel often to purchase the following (feel free to choose more than one location)

	Fallsburg	Liberty	Thompson	Middletown	Monticello	Other
Limited purchases for milk, eggs, bread, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apparel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groceries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare - physician care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home goods (e.g., furniture)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home improvements (e.g., hardware, landscaping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Automotive repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Where do you work?

- Town of Fallsburg
 Other community in Sullivan County
 New York City
 Town of Thompson
 Orange County
 Village of Monticello
 Ulster County
 Other (please specify)

OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

10. The previous Comprehensive Plan Update prioritized the preservation of land as open space for a variety of purposes such as recreation, environmental benefits, and scenic rural character. Do you believe that open space preservation should continue to be a goal in this Plan Update?

- YES
- NO

11. A community can preserve the open character of a community using a variety of methods. Please check all that you believe the Town should utilize to achieve this objective:

- Town Board pursuit of grants
- Creation of open space bond (Town Board will pass a bond and would acquire property)
- Eminent domain (Town Board condemns the land and pays the owner fair market value)
- Mandatory cluster subdivision development (Planning Board sets the maximum # of lots/dwellings that can be constructed in accordance with zoning, requiring the lots be reduced in size, and that a minimum % of the property be preserved as open space)
- Transfer of development rights. The development rights will be purchased by a municipal or other organization, and the current property owner can continue to own the property with the property being used for its intended purpose, e.g., agriculture.
- Other (please specify)

12. What resources do you believe should be preserved as undisturbed open space to the maximum extent practicable? (in alphabetical order) Please Rate from 1 to 5, with "In High Need of Preservation" being 1, and "Low Need of Preservation" being 5.

	1-"In High-Need of Preservation"	2	3-"In General-Need of Preservation"	4	5-"In Low Need of Preservation"
Agricultural land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ecological habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Floodplains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neversink River	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ridgelines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stream corridors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Steep slopes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Woodland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

SCENIC RESOURCES

13. What do you think are the most scenic roads/areas in the Town (please identify three)

Road/Area 1:

Road/Area 2:

Road/Area 3:

14. Do you believe that the Route 42 and Route 52 corridors are aesthetically attractive?

YES

NO

Please identify any areas along the corridor which need to be improved:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES/ASSETS

15. What do you believe are the three most significant issues that the Town needs to address within the next ten years? (Write your response in the boxes below)

Issue 1:

Issue 2:

Issue 3:

16. What do you believe are the three most significant opportunities/assets that the Town has to achieve a "better" Fallsburg?

Opportunity/Asset 1:

Opportunity/Asset 2:

Opportunity/Asset 3:

17. Where we live, work and play affects our health in multiple and complex ways. People that live in areas without the essentials for a healthy community are more likely to be burdened with high rates of obesity, diabetes, or other chronic illnesses. A key goal for the Town is to be known as a healthy community and make choices for the future to ensure that residents and visitors have access to healthy foods, a range of options to be physically active, and programs that encourage healthy life choices.

Which of these are important and should be promoted in Fallsburg. Please rate from 1 to 5, with "1" being "Should be Highly Promoted" to "5" being "Not Important".

	1- Should be Highly Promoted	2	3	4	5-Not Important
nutritious, affordable food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
safe and walkable streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
active playgrounds and trails for all ages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
public spaces for programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
community health oriented education and fitness classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

DEMOGRAPHICS

18. I am ...(please check all that apply)

- Town of Fallsburg year-round resident.
- Town of Fallsburg seasonal resident.
- Town of Fallsburg landowner
- Village of Woodridge resident.
- employed or a business owner in the Town of Fallsburg.
- a visitor to Fallsburg

If you are strongly associated (reside, affiliated with, work in) to one of the Town's hamlets, please identify below.

19. If you would like to receive an email when new information is available about this project, please provide below. This information will only be used to contact you via email about this project and will not be shared for other purposes (or appear in published version of the survey results).

Name (Optional):

Email Address (Optional):

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!