

Hinesburg Community Survey

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In preparation for the update of Hinesburg's Town Plan, the Planning Commission would like input from townspeople so that the Plan will reflect your concerns and interests. The Town Plan is the foundation upon which all Town-wide and some regional planning is based. More specifically, it provides the vision and background for the Zoning and Subdivision regulations that help guide land use and development in Hinesburg. This survey will be followed by a series of issue-specific citizen forums to be held in March and April – watch the Hinesburg Record for dates and times! Contact Alex Weinhausen (Town Planner) at 482-3619 for more information.

Your input is important to Hinesburg's future. Please take a few moments to fill out this important survey.

Please return completed surveys by February 14. Surveys may be returned by mail to PO Box 133 or to collection boxes located in the Town Office, the Library, and Lantman's IGA.

General Questions

1. Rank up to 3 selections for each of the 2 questions below – i.e., the 3 you like most and the 3 you like least.

What do you like **most** about Hinesburg?

1=favorite, 2=2nd favorite, 3=3rd favorite

What do you like **least** about Hinesburg?

1=like least, 2=2nd least, 3=3rd least

___	.....	Sense of community	.....	___
___	.....	Quality school system	.....	___
___	.....	Scenic beauty and natural resources	.....	___
___	.....	Recreational opportunities	.....	___
___	.....	Availability of retail services	.....	___
___	.....	Local government and municipal services	.....	___
___	.....	Rural areas and lifestyle	.....	___
___	.....	Village area	.....	___
___	.....	Geographic location	.....	___
___	.....	Population Size	.....	___
___	.....	Housing availability	.....	___
___	.....	Economic opportunities & jobs	.....	___
___	.....	Other _____	.....	___

2. The biggest challenges facing Hinesburg over the next 5-10 years. Rank your top 3 selections, 1=highest priority, 2=2nd priority, 3=3rd priority

- ___ Accommodating growth and development
- ___ Providing adequate housing
- ___ Conserving forest and agricultural land
- ___ Controlling property taxes
- ___ Ensuring high quality schools
- ___ Preserving the Village character
- ___ Controlling traffic congestion
- ___ Maintaining roads
- ___ Encouraging economic and job growth
- ___ Preserving water quality and natural resources
- ___ Other _____
- ___ Other _____
- ___ Other _____

Pattern of Development & Growth Management

3. Should the Town promote development in concentrated growth centers (e.g., village area) as opposed to encouraging growth evenly throughout the Town?

Yes No Undecided

4. Would you support increased housing densities in one area if this would require the developer to conserve another parcel of land?

Yes No Undecided

5. Would you support expansion of the Village Area to allow mixed uses (residential, commercial, light industrial) in a larger area than currently exists?

Yes No Undecided

6. Would you support mixed use development along the West side of Rt. 116 from the Cheese Factory to Ballard's Corner?

Yes No Undecided

7. The Town sewage treatment plant is nearly at its capacity. Would you support a town-wide tax to increase sewage capacity in order to focus more residential development in the Village area?

Yes No Undecided

8. Should the Town designate a new growth area to provide for more concentrated residential development outside of the Village?

Yes No Undecided

If yes, please describe where (use space on other page too):

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Natural Resources

9. Do you feel that Lewis Creek and the LaPlatte River deserve more protection than other streams in Hinesburg?

Yes No Undecided

10. Rate the level of protection needed for each of the following Hinesburg natural resources: 1=high; 2=moderate; 3=low

- ___ Agricultural land
- ___ Non-Agricultural open land
- ___ Forest land
- ___ Wetlands
- ___ Water quality
- ___ Lakes and rivers
- ___ Wildlife habitat
- ___ Ecologically significant areas
- ___ Ridgelines
- ___ Scenic vistas

11. Would you support an increase in your taxes to protect these resources?

Yes No Undecided

Economic Development

12. Which types of economic development should Hinesburg encourage? Rate each of the following: 1=encourage; 2=discourage; 3=neither

- ___ Resource based (farming, forestry, etc.)
- ___ Home-based or cottage business
- ___ Light industry
- ___ Retail
- ___ Professional Services (doctor, lawyer, etc.)
- ___ Hospitality Services (restaurant, bed&breakfast, etc.)
- ___ Other Services (gas station, drycleaner, repair shop)
- ___ Other _____
- ___ Other _____

13. Should the Town invest in additional or improved infrastructure (e.g., roads, sidewalks, water, sewer, etc.) to attract businesses?

Yes No Undecided

If yes, what infrastructure is needed?

Transportation

14. Should the Town invest tax dollars in traffic-calming infrastructure – e.g., raised crosswalks, roadside plantings, roadside parking, etc.?

Yes No Undecided

15. Would you support one or more traffic lights in the Village (along Rt. 116) to improve traffic flow and safety?

Yes No Undecided

Recreation

16. Which types of recreational land/facilities are important to you and/or the community?

Rate each of the following: 1=very important; 2=moderately important; 3=not important; 4=no opinion

- ___ Playing fields (e.g., soccer, football, lacrosse)
- ___ Walking/hiking/x-country ski trails
- ___ Baseball/softball fields
- ___ Bike paths/trails
- ___ Basketball courts
- ___ Hunting areas/access
- ___ Fishing areas/access
- ___ Boat access (lakes and rivers)
- ___ Swimming access (lakes and rivers)
- ___ Community Center (seniors, teens, etc.)
- ___ Nature areas
- ___ Snowmobile trails
- ___ All terrain vehicle (ATV) areas/trails

17. Does the Town need additional recreational land or facilities?

Yes No Undecided

18. Would you support an increase in your taxes to provide additional recreational opportunities?

Yes No Undecided

Demographics

19. What part of Hinesburg do you live in?

- Village
- Shoreline – i.e., on or near Lake Iroquois or Sunset Lake
- East of Route 116
- West of Route 116
- Other _____
- Non-resident

Additional Comments or Suggestions:

Thank You!