

TOWN OF JEFFERSON PLANNING SURVEY
 (For more information see www.shepstone.net/Jefferson)

Please help us plan for the Town of Jefferson's future by checking the appropriate box or by writing in the answer. Some questions will ask for only one response while others will ask for multiple answers. Also, if more than one person in your household would like to respond to the opinion questions, please feel free to pick up an additional survey form at the Town Hall or off the project website at www.shepstone.net/Jefferson.

1) How many years in total have you lived in the Town of Jefferson?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 to 14 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 to 24 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 to 9 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 to 19 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 25 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	None, I am a second-home owner				

2) What most influenced your decision to live here? (Please check no more than 3)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Born or raised here	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low crime rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low taxes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Close to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of local services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Had 2nd home here
<input type="checkbox"/>	Close to friends/relatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	New job opportunity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable housing costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural nature and farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inexpensive land

3) Which BEST describes how Jefferson has changed since you have lived here? (Please check ONE.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Town of Jefferson has become a more desirable place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Town of Jefferson has become a less desirable place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Town of Jefferson has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.

4) What do you like LEAST about the Town of Jefferson? (Please check no more than 3)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost of services/taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing costs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor job offerings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of culture & recreation options
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation difficulties	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of business opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact of New York City regulations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Property maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changing landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changing culture

5) How important, if at all, is it for the Town of Jefferson to review each of the following aspects of developments?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Business signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Density of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hillside development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impacts on right to farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impacts on streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junkyards & property maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile homes and parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lot sizes and setbacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proximity of commercial development to homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scenic impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Site design and layout	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special uses such as cell towers & windmills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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6) Modern technology and ease of travel has made it possible to conduct more businesses from home.

Do you now have one or more home-based businesses? Yes No

If yes, please check the appropriate boxes that best describe those businesses.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle or equipment repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetic sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty or barber shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Craft or gift shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Other agricultural niche business
<input type="checkbox"/> Profession (e.g., accountant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Welding or similar service	<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommute type business
<input type="checkbox"/> Gun shop or similar enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/> Home care (child)	<input type="checkbox"/> Home care (adults)
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Trucking business	<input type="checkbox"/> Lodging
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerical or similar service	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxidermy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

7) To what extent would you generally favor spending your tax money ADDING, EXPANDING or IMPROVING any of the following public services and facilities?

	Add or Increase Support	Continue As Is	Decrease Support
Ambulance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational facilities or programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special property cleanup days (e.g., tire day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8) Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address? (Please check for last TWO addresses)

<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Town of Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> Lower Hudson Valley (Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam)
<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Schoharie County	<input type="checkbox"/> New York City/Westchester/Rockland/Long Island
<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Upstate NY	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania/New Jersey/Connecticut
<input type="checkbox"/> Always lived where I do now	<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.

9) Please indicate where you work.

Principal Householder:			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Town of Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> Schenectady Cty.	<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware County	<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in NY
<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Schoharie County	<input type="checkbox"/> Greene County	<input type="checkbox"/> Montgomery Cty.	<input type="checkbox"/> Another state
<input type="checkbox"/> Albany County	<input type="checkbox"/> Otsego County	<input type="checkbox"/> Ulster County	
Second Householder:			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Town of Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> Schenectady Cty.	<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware County	<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in NY
<input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Schoharie County	<input type="checkbox"/> Greene County	<input type="checkbox"/> Montgomery Cty.	<input type="checkbox"/> Another state
<input type="checkbox"/> Albany County	<input type="checkbox"/> Otsego County	<input type="checkbox"/> Ulster County	

10) Please indicate your age bracket (principal householder only).

<input type="checkbox"/> <25 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 80-85 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 years	<input type="checkbox"/> > 85 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 70-74 years	
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 75-79 years	

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11) How would you describe your present occupation?

Principal Householder:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive/administrative/managerial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service occupation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farming, forestry or mining
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technician or support occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Precision production, craft or repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sales occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Administration support occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation or material moving
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private household occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homemaker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired but pursuing second career (please specify)		

Second Householder:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive/administrative/managerial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service occupation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farming, forestry or mining
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technician or support occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Precision production, craft or repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sales occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Administration support occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation or material moving
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private household occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homemaker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired but pursuing second career (please specify)		

12) How would you rate the quality of the following public and semi-public services?

	High Quality	Good Quality	Neutral/ Undecided	Fair Quality	Poor Quality
State Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County police (Sheriff) protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ambulance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utilities (e.g. electric)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State highway maintenance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County road maintenance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town road maintenance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Town code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13) Should the Town establish or improve local controls with respect to the following:

Conducting site plan review of commercial uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Regulating the construction of cellular communications towers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Regulating junk vehicle storage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Regulating mobile home parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Regulating wind power generation facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Updating the Town of Jefferson Subdivision Regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

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14) Please compare the importance of each of these development issues: Circle your rating for each, using the following guide, and comparing the choices: 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important	Land Development Issue No.1					
	Protecting private property rights	1	2	3	4	5
	COMPARED TO:					
	Managing the impact of development	1	2	3	4	5
	Land Development Issue No.2					
	Economic development and job creation	1	2	3	4	5
	COMPARED TO:					
	Staying primarily residential in character	1	2	3	4	5
	Land Development Issue No.3					
	Harvesting resources (e.g., timber, wind)	1	2	3	4	5
	COMPARED TO:					
	Preserving existing scenic character	1	2	3	4	5

Please note the above choices are not meant to suggest some of both is not possible in each case, but rather to simply compare the importance of each where choices must be made.

15) Which of the following statements BEST describes your view of zoning as a method of dealing with land use issues?

	I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of zoning for my community.
	I view zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.
	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.
	I want to see a very strong zoning law that addresses all the major land development issues.

16) Where would you like to see the community in the next 10-20 years? Please indicate how important each possible goal is to you. Circle your rating for each, using the following guide: 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important	Clean and green environment	1	2	3	4	5
	Vibrant tourism industry	1	2	3	4	5
	Strong natural resources industry	1	2	3	4	5
	Higher quality forms of development	1	2	3	4	5
	More affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5
	More high valued housing	1	2	3	4	5
	More local shopping opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
	More recreation for residents	1	2	3	4	5
	More second-home development	1	2	3	4	5
	More small-scale industrial jobs	1	2	3	4	5
	Preservation of remaining farms	1	2	3	4	5
	Jefferson hamlet revitalization	1	2	3	4	5
	More agricultural niche businesses	1	2	3	4	5

17) Is there anything else you would like to tell us for use in our Comprehensive Plan?
