



## Clarksburg Comprehensive Plan Survey 2025

### 1. Clarksburg Comprehensive Plan Survey

**The Town of Clarksburg is establishing a shared vision of the future of the community. The new Comprehensive Plan will guide decision-making for years to come to build the community we all would like to live in.**

**The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee wants to know your opinions on the community and what you would like to see in the future. Your thoughts will guide policy decisions, initiatives, and investment strategies to bring your vision of Clarksburg to life.**

**This survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.**



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### 2. General Feedback

**The following questions are intended to gauge general opinion about the Town of Clarksburg and potential ways it could be improved.**

1. Check the aspects of living in Clarksburg you like the most. Choose up to five.

- ☐ Quiet, rural living
- ☐ Good education system
- ☐ Low crime/safe community
- ☐ Strong sense of community
- ☐ Access to outdoor recreational assets such as hiking and swimming
- ☐ Affordable cost of living
- ☐ Sense of history
- ☐ Four-season climate
- ☐ Near employment opportunities
- ☐ Well maintained roadways
- ☐ Availability of public transportation
- ☐ Scenic beauty

2. What would you like to see in Clarksburg in the next 20 years? (Choose your top five priorities)

- ☐ More distinct town center
- ☐ Slow and controlled growth
- ☐ Remain rural
- ☐ Preserve natural beauty
- ☐ Create greater sense of community
- ☐ Increase use and opportunities at the community center
- ☐ Keep taxes low
- ☐ More senior housing options
- ☐ Increase the number of local businesses
- ☐ More outdoor recreational activities
- ☐ More indoor recreational activities
- ☐ Welcome more young families
- ☐ Enhanced drug, alcohol, and mental health support systems
- ☐ Maintain good schools
- ☐ More neighborhood shops, restaurants, and cafes
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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### 3. Education

**The following questions is intended to get feedback on the current educational system**

3. Town meeting recently approved improvements to Clarksburg School. Do you support further improvements to the facility?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Necessary repairs only
- ☐ I would prefer that the town builds a new school

4. Do you support efforts to merge the merge the Northern Berkshire School Union into a district?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I need more information

5. Do you support the town joining a larger, regional school district?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I need more information

6. Do you support sharing school staff positions with other towns?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I need more information





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### 4. Open Space and Recreation

**This series of questions examines interest and opinion regarding open space, recreation and historic resources in the Town of Clarksburg. Open space is defined as land that has not been developed for residential, commercial or industrial uses and includes publicly and privately owned land. Open space often includes:**

- 1. Land which contributes to the public water supply**
- 2. Forests, fields, and agricultural lands**
- 3. Wetlands**
- 4. Rivers, streams, and lakes**
- 5. Parks and other recreation lands**
- 6. Wildlife or animal habitats**
- 7. Land which preserves scenic views or town character**

7. How important is it to conserve the following types of open space?

	Important	Neither important or unimportant	Unimportant
Forests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open space for recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waterfront areas along rivers, ponds and lakes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. In the last 12 months, at what frequency did you visit the following places?

	Very Frequently (More than 20x per year)	Frequently (10- 20x per year)	Occasionally (1- 10x per year)	Never or seldom	I am unfamiliar with the location.
Pfc. Peter A. Cook Veterans Memorial Field (Town Field)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Florida State Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarksburg State Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mauserts Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
West Lake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Center/Senior Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarksburg Public Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarksburg School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Is there any outdoor recreational asset that is not available in Clarksburg that you would like to see created i.e. ice skating rinks, mountain biking trails, etc. (List up to three)

10. Score your overall satisfaction with existing recreation areas in Clarksburg? From 1-10 with 10 being the best and one the worst

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\* 11. What are your top recreational activities in Clarksburg. Check up to 5 responses.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking               | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/Kayaking    | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor recreation / Fitness activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdwatching         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV riding           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Country Skiing                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile riding    | <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill/Alpine Skiing                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball           | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riding Dirt Bikes    | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing Horseshoes                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing / Doing Yoga | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding     | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing Tennis                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating              | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing Cards / Board games            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening            | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Cultural Events              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                      |

Other (please specify)

12. What improvements could these locations make that would make you visit more often?



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### 5. Economy

**The following questions pertain to the local economy and economic development in Clarksburg**

13. What types of business would you like to see encouraged or discouraged in Clarksburg?  
(Answer all items)

	Encourage More	Discourage	Existing business sector is sufficient	Encourage only in an appropriate location and at an appropriate scale
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas Station/Convenience store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auto repair	<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"/>
Country Store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inn or B&B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construction (includes trucking and hauling)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farming / agriculture / farm stand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade services - such as plumbers or electricians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional services - such as architects, engineers, or accountants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal services - such as hairdressers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General services - such as landscapers or handymen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor recreational businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home occupations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Do you support providing new businesses more areas in town to build or expand facilities by right?

- ☐ Yes in all areas of town
- ☐ Yes but only if they are on or very near River Road (Route 8)
- ☐ Yes but only if the businesses make a low-impact to its surroundings
- ☐ No



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### 6. Housing

#### The following questions are related to housing needs in Clarksburg

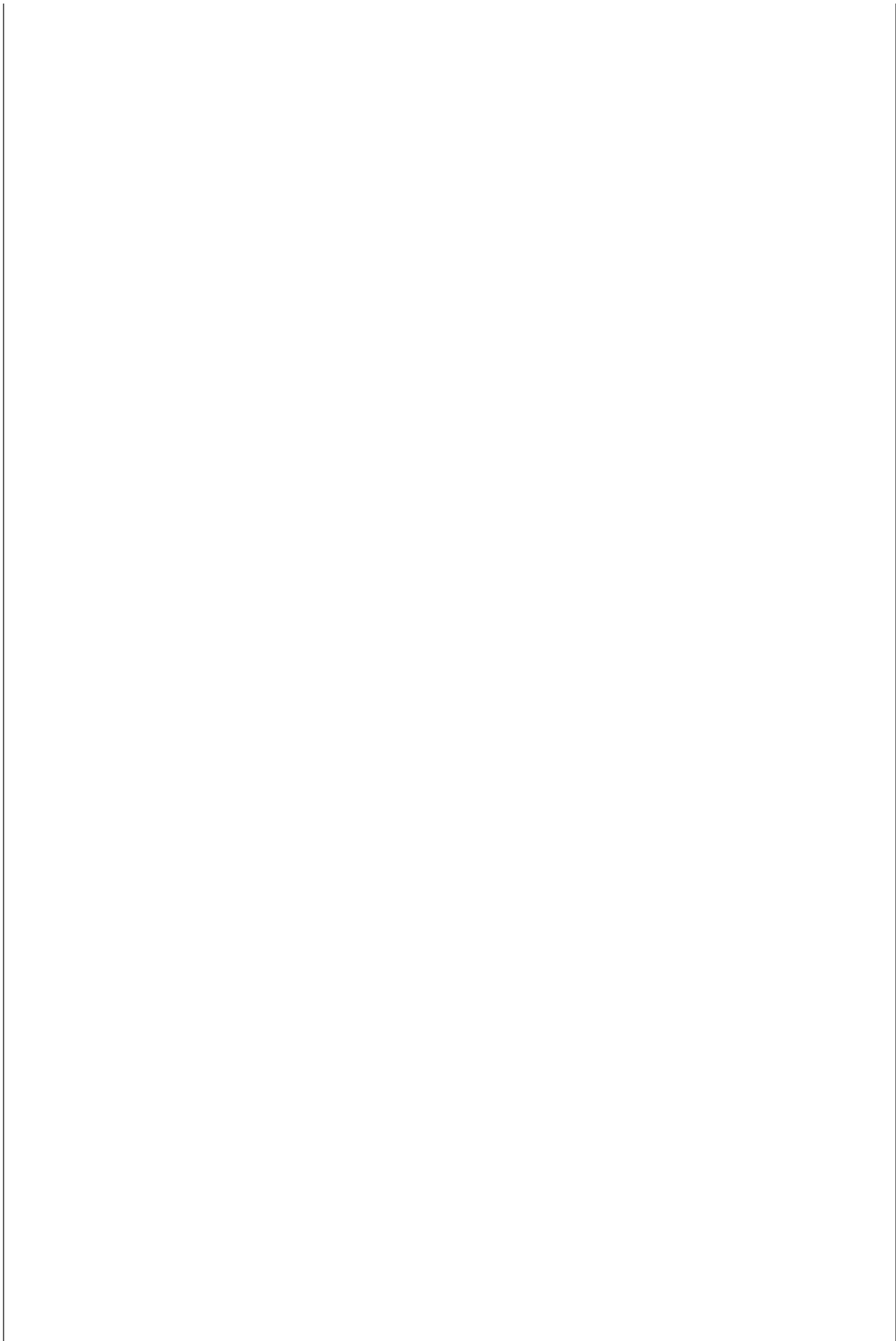
15. Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about your housing?  
(Select only one)

- ☐ I am looking to downsize but having difficulty finding smaller homes or apartments in Clarksburg
- ☐ I am looking to add move into a larger home but I cannot find an one that fits my needs
- ☐ I would like to move into another home but I cannot afford to in this housing market
- ☐ My home/apartment is perfect
- ☐ I would like to move into a different home but I cannot find one in good condition
- ☐ I live in an apartment and am currently looking to purchase a house
- ☐ I recently downsized into a smaller home or apartment

If you answered none to the question above or have additional comments, please explain.

16. Please rank the importance of the town supporting the following types of housing development.

<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div></div>	Smaller, starter homes for young families
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div></div>	Senior housing
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<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div></div>	High-end homes
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div></div>	Traditional single-family homes
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div></div>	Mixed-use buildings (i.e. business and residential units in the same building)
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div></div>	Small-scale apartment buildings
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div></div>	Large apartment buildings





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### 7. Land Use

**The following questions pertain to existing and future land use in the Town of Clarksburg.**

17. Towns can take certain steps to manage or control development, such as through zoning, wetlands permitting, etc. Please rate the current level of control for the following uses or resources in Clarksburg. (Answer all items)

	Too much control	Controls are at the right level	Too little control	Don't know / Need more information
Residential Development	<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"/>
Economic Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agricultural Land Use	<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"/>
Recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>





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### 8. Transportation

**The following questions pertain to transportation in Clarksburg.**

18. If available, check the following types of public transportation you would use

- ☐ Rideshare (like Uber or Lyft)
- ☐ Bus service to North Adams
- ☐ Council on Aging van service
- ☐ Taxis
- ☐ Bike shares
- ☐ None

19. How well are the roads maintained?

- ☐ Great
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Okay
- ☐ Poor

20. Do you feel the roads are safe for walking and biking?

- ☐ Yes, I walk and bike all of the time
- ☐ Yes but I do not walk or bike much
- ☐ No and I would like to walk and bike places more often
- ☐ No but I do not walk or bike much



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### 9. Town Services and Initiatives

**The following questions are to measure opinion of existing town services and measure support for on-going and proposed town projects.**

21. What town services do you believe need to be kept the same, reduced, or expanded?

	Keep service the same	Reduce service	Expand service	Don't Know
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public safety (police, fire, EMS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Department of Public Works	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sanitation inspection (Board of Health)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Permitting and inspection services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town communications to the public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to town records and town services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council on Aging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. Rank, from most important to least important, the areas you would like the town to focus on improving.

		Environmental Initiatives/Sustainability
		Housing Development
		Land Conservation and Nature Preservation
		Economic Development
		Cultural and Historic Preservation
		Outdoor Recreation
		Town Services and Facilities
		Education
		Transportation
		Public Safety

23. Please indicate your level of support for the following potential future town investments

	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Never heard of it / Not enough information
Renovating Clarksburg School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renovating PFC Peter A. Cook Veterans Memorial Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asking the state for more amenities or facilities in the state forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building new recreational spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding hours at the library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to the Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. Are there any other services you believe need to be added, reduced or expanded?



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### 10. Demographics

**This series of questions is intended to obtain general demographic information about survey respondents.**

25. In addition to you, who else lives in your home? (Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No one else lives in my house  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other relative 18 or older     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse or partner              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other relative under 18        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child/children under 18        | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend or roommate 18 or older |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child/children 18 or older     | <input type="checkbox"/> Live in caregiver              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child/children away at college |   |

Other (please specify)

26. What is your age?

- ☐ 0-19
- ☐ 20-44
- ☐ 45-64
- ☐ 65 and older

27. What is your annual household income?

- ☐ \$49,000 or less
- ☐ Between \$50,000 and \$99,999
- ☐ Between \$100,000 and \$249,999
- ☐ Between \$250,000 and \$499,999
- ☐ Over \$500,000



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11. Thank you for completing this survey!

**Thank you for your time and effort! The results of this survey will be posted at Town Hall.**