Citizens Planning Advisory Group Town of New Baltimore

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How much time would <u>you</u> spend to shape your future in the Town of New Baltimore?

Just 15 to 20 minutes *now* will ensure that *you* have a "say" in creating a vision for New Baltimore.

Dear New Baltimore Resident/Land Owner:

If, like Rip van Winkle, you fell asleep and awoke twenty years later to find things around here had changed. Would you be happy with the changes? Now is your chance to give your input to help ensure that our town in the future will be consistent with your "best dream."

The Citizen's Planning Advisory Group was created by the Town Board to make recommendations about planning for the future, based upon New Baltimore's vision of its future. In the Spring, more than 80 residents provided ideas to the Advisory Group through a series of public meetings. Since those meetings, the CPAG has interviewed town and county functionaries to get information on what is working and what needs work in New Baltimore. Building on what people said at the meetings and in those interviews we now want to get input from many more people - including you.

As you fill out this survey, think of the Town as you would like to see it. Close your eyes, and when you open them, think of what you would like to see - and what you would not. The Advisory Group will use your input to develop recommendations to present to the Town Board and the public that will help shape the future of our Town.

We know that change will happen, but we now have an exciting opportunity to help shape the comprehensive plan that will guide the town as it changes. **This is one of the most important things you can do.** Maybe you can't change the world, but you can have a say in the things that could change your town, for better or worse.

Please return the survey by **November 20, 2004**. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Responses from the survey will be summarized and described at one or more Town meetings – dates and times will be announced when summary of results is complete. Results will then be submitted to the Town Board, along with recommendations for the next steps in planning for New Baltimore.

IF you have questions, please feel free to contact: Arlene McKeon at 756-6671.

Thank you for your time and vision --

New Baltimore Citizens Planning Advisory Group

P.S. This is not a test -- This is your chance to make a difference.

Town of New Baltimore Community Survey

For each question, please " $\sqrt{\ }$ " the appropriate box or write your answer in the spaces provided

1. How important are the following QUALITY OF LIFE elements for you and your family?

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	UNSURE	UNIMPORTANT	No opinion
Historic Character					
Rural/small town atmosphere					
Active farms			Ø 认		
Open space					
Peace and quiet					
Seeing stars at night					
Local jobs					
Law enforcement					
Code enforcement				/-) -	
Quality of town services					
Scenic views					
Sense of community involvement					
Senior services	⟨				
Youth Programs					
Environmental quality					
Local shops					
Commercial services					
Quality of schools					
Emergency services		∅			
Quality of roads and highways					
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4. How satisfied are you with New Baltimore's FUNCTIONS & SERVICES?

	VER SATISI			FIED No opinion
Fire protection				
Volunteer Rescue Squad (EMS)				
Advanced Life Support (Paramedic)				
Police				
Town Justice/Court		\(\begin{align*} \text{\text{\$\delta}} \end{align*}		
Town Board				**\ \
Town Planning Board				
Town Zoning Board of Appeals				
Assessment process	þ			
Senior Services				
Youth Programs			/ D	
Library Services				
Code Enforcement				

5. How satisfied are you with the following ROADWAY/TRAFFIC ISSUES in New Baltimore?

	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	No opinion
Speed limits				
Speed limit enforcement				
Speed limit signage				
Road hazard/blind spot signage				
Street name signage				
Snow removal				
Road conditions/maintenance				
Street lights				

6. How satisfied are you with ACCESS to New Baltimore Town Government?

House Attack (Tour Hall)	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	No opinion
Hours of operation (Town Hall)				
Responsiveness to residents' concerns				
Overall communications with residents				
Phone accessibility to officials				
E-mail accessibility to officials				
Website information				
Accessibility to town records				
Access to information about existing town laws and codes				

7. The following focuses on COMMUNICATIONS in New Balti	ımore
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Do you think	YES	UNSURE	NO	No opinion
Local newspapers are an adequate source of Town news?				
The town website is an adequate source of information?				
A periodic town newsletter distributed by mail would be nelpful in keeping residents informed and involved?				
Would you support expenditure of funds for a periodic newsletter?				
ny other thoughts on need or how to improve Tow	n communic	ations?		
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8. The following discusses the ROLE of Town Government:

How important do you think it is for the Town to	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	UNIMPORTANT	No opinion
Work to preserve the rural and historic character of the town?				
Regulate the appearance of commercial and retail businesses?				
Regulate billboards, signage and advertisement?				
Regulate the location of adult use businesses?				
Pursue installation of public water along the 9W developmental corridor?				
Pursue installation of public sewer?				
Adopt a noise ordinance?				
Control the extent of trees removed during development of forested parcels?				
Adopt an open burning ordinance				
Strictly enforce existing Town Code regulations?				
Retain current laws banning landfills in the Town?				
Actively pursue a portion of Greene County sales tax revenues?				
Adjust property taxes on open-space properties whose owners permanently give up development rights?				

9. Would you be in favor of PURSUING THE FOLLOWING should any funding be required?

Please check all that apply.	NO	Yes, but using only grant money	Yes, using tax incentives	Yes, using existing town and/or county funds	Yes, even if it requires additional town taxes	No Opinion
Improve town parks			n/a			
Protect open spaces						
Protect working farms and farmlands				ДD		
Protect historic buildings and sites						
Protect scenic landscapes				(P)		
Protect sensitive environmental sites						
Provide a community center			n/a			
Support a voluntary spay/neuter program for homeless animals			n/a			
Improve the look of signage					/ D	
Improve plantings						
Sidewalks		// D				
Hazardous Materials Disposal Day				n/a		
Public access to the Hudson River						
Other: ()						

10. The following questions focus on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Do you think that	YES	UNSURE	NO	No opinion
Increased economic development is a way to bring jobs and lower taxes?				
Economic development would damage the character of the Town?				
It is possible to have economic development and retain the rural character of the Town?				
The Town should encourage economic development?				
Public water/sewer is essential for economic growth?				
The visual appearance of business is important?				
Commercial development should be localized or concentrated to the 9W corridor (see Area 2 on map on page 6)?				
Commercial development should also be allowed in other parts of town?				
Home-based or "Mom and Pop" businesses should be encouraged?				

11.	What is your source of DRINKING WATER	R? Public water □ Pri			ivate well/Other source □		
	Are you concerned with any of the following characteristics of your drinking water source?	VERY CONCERNE	CONC	ERNED	NOT CONCERNED	No opinion	
	Quantity?						
	Color?						
	Odor						
	Level of Pollutants?						
	Taste?						
	Cost?						
	Additional costs [treatment/filtering]						
	Other:						
12.	Do you feel the need for the installation of public If yes, how much would you pay yearly for this s Are you on a PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM?		area?	-		lo 🗆 No 🗆	
	If NO, skip the following system satisfaction que				4	N.	
	Are you satisfied with your public sewer system?	VER' SATISF		ATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	No opinion	
	Quality of service	П					
	Cost						
	Benefits of health/safety						
13.	Do you feel the need for the installation of public If yes, how much would you pay yearly for this s The following focuses on RESIDENTIAL	ervice?	*	-	Yes □ N	lo 🗆	
	Do you think that		YES	UNSURE	NO	No opinion	
	The Town should encourage housing developments that p	oreserve					
	open space? Zoning should be changed to preserve the rural character town?	of the					
	The Town should regulate major subdivisions involving 5 parcels to assure they are in keeping with the rural and hi character of the town?						
	The Town should increase the lot size minimum in the mo areas of the town (current minimum is 2 acres)?						
	The Town should adjust the minimum lot size based on all the land to support continued water needs?	oility of					
	the land to support septic and water needs? Residential development leads to an increased tax burder	າ?					
	The Town should regulate development on lots where environmental limitations exist?						
	The Town should limit multi-unit [apartments/condos] to specification of the condoction of the condoct	pecific					
	areas in Town? The Town should limit mobile home parks to specific area Town?	s in					
	The appearance of mobile home parks is important?						
	The appearance of residential housing is important?						

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Please	e describe below and show where they are by placing a symbol on the map	
For exa	ample: Town Hall is restored historic one-room schoolhouse	
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15.	Using the map above, please indicate where in the Town of New Baltimore you live oland?	or own
	Area 1	

16. The following questions focus on DEMOGRAPHICS.

The demographic information you provided **cannot** be associated with you or your name. The information is being asked so that we can see how representative the group responding to the survey is of the community profile found in the federal 2000 Census and if there are differences of opinion across town.

	Do you live	e in New Ba	Itimore?									
	Year-Round		Part-Time	□ Lan	d Owner only	y 🗆		A district				
	How many	years have	you live	d (or owne	ed land) in t	he Town	of New B	altimore	?			
	0-5 years □	6-10 ye	ears 🗆	11-15 years	16-20	years □	over 20	years □				
	In which School District do you live (or own land)?											
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	Please write	the number of	of people a	nd gender ir	n each age gi	oup.						
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	How far fro	om home do	o you woı	·k?								
	At home □	0-5 m	iles 🗆	6-15 miles [Over 1	5 miles □	Not a	pplicable				
	What is yo	our annual h	ousehold	l income r	ange?							
	Below \$25,00	0 □ \$25,	,000-\$50,00	0 □ \$50	0,000-\$75,000	□ \$75,0	000-\$100	□ Great	er than \$10	00,000 🗆		
17.	Please list	any import	ant threa	ts or nega	tive change	es that yo	u feel co	uld adve	rsely im	oact		
	the Town	of New Balti	imore ove	er the next	ten years.	•						

All responses will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and will be used for the sole purpose of revising our Comprehensi

Please feel free to add additio	nal comments below.	

We currently have task forces working on the areas of code and code enforcement, economic development, and preservation/zoning. If you are interested in helping to follow-up on one of these or other issues, please contact us by calling the Town Hall at 756-6671, or by email at: planning@townofnewbaltimore.org.

If you are interested in helping further to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Baltimore please contact us by calling the Town Hall at 756-6671, or by e-mail at: planning@townofnewbaltimore.org.

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