

## Town of New Baltimore Community Survey

*For each question, please “ ✓ ” 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?

	% B L A N K	%VERY IMPORTANT	%IMPORTANT	%UNSURE	%UNIMPORTANT	%No opinion
Historic Character	3	37	48	7	6	2
Rural/small town atmosphere	3	58	34	4	5	0
Active farms	2	41	40	8	7	4
Open space	2	52	39	5	4	0
Peace and quiet	2	64	30	2	2	2
Seeing stars at night	2	57	28	4	6	4
Local jobs	3	36	39	11	12	1
Law enforcement	4	37	41	9	11	2
Code enforcement	2	34	44	10	11	2
Quality of town services	5	37	50	5	6	2
Scenic views	4	48	43	4	3	2
Sense of community involvement	3	22	53	15	6	3
Senior services	2	27	45	15	9	4
Youth Programs	3	23	48	15	11	4
Environmental quality	2	57	36	3	2	2
Local shops	4	16	48	16	17	3
Commercial services	4	12	42	22	20	4
Quality of schools	3	52	36	4	6	2
Emergency services	2	61	34	3	1	1
Quality of roads and highways	1	48	46	2	3	1

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**4. How satisfied are you with New Baltimore’s FUNCTIONS & SERVICES?**

	%BLANK	%VERY SATISFIED	%SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	% DISSATISFIED	%No opinion
Fire protection	3	74	16	0	10
Volunteer Rescue Squad (EMS)	6	66	17	1	17
Advanced Life Support (Paramedic)	7	50	20	2	28
Police	8	27	30	23	20
Town Justice/Court	7	33	28	8	30
Town Board	6	33	40	12	15
Town Planning Board	5	25	38	15	22
Town Zoning Board of Appeals	6	17	32	14	36
Assessment process	6	12	30	47	10
Senior Services	8	10	20	18	52
Youth Programs	8	10	27	17	45
Library Services	10	14	20	21	46
Code Enforcement	6	12	33	30	25

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

	%BLANK	%VERY SATISFIED	%SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	% DISSATISFIED	%No opinion
Speed limits	2	32	47	19	2
Speed limit enforcement	2	25	30	36	9
Speed limit signage	3	35	47	13	6
Road hazard/blind spot signage	4	30	45	15	10
Street name signage	4	45	40	11	4
Snow removal	2	57	30	10	3
Road conditions/maintenance	3	37	40	21	2
Street lights	4	26	30	13	31

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

	%BLANK	%VERY SATISFIED	%SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	% DISSATISFIED	%No opinion
Hours of operation (Town Hall)	3	52	33	4	11
Responsiveness to residents’ concerns	4	30	41	14	15
Overall communications with residents	4	29	43	19	9
Phone accessibility to officials	4	33	40	5	21
E-mail accessibility to officials	6	16	22	3	59
Website information	6	14	26	5	54
Accessibility to town records	4	25	32	6	37
Access to information about existing town laws and codes	3	24	34	10	32

**7. The following focuses on COMMUNICATIONS in New Baltimore:**

<b>Do you think . . .</b>	<b>%YES</b>	<b>%UNSURE</b>	<b>%NO</b>	<b>%No opinion</b>
Local newspapers are an adequate source of Town news? <b>3% BLANK</b>	40	17	38	5
The town website is an adequate source of information? <b>7% BLANK</b>	17	30	11	41
A periodic town newsletter distributed by mail would be helpful in keeping residents informed and involved? <b>10% BLANK</b>	76	11	8	4
Would you support expenditure of funds for a periodic newsletter? <b>4% BLANK</b>	58	16	24	3

**8. The following discusses the ROLE of Town Government:**

<b>How important do you think it is for the Town to . . .</b>	<b>%VERY IMPORTANT</b>	<b>% IMPORTANT</b>	<b>% UNIMPORTANT</b>	<b>%No opinion</b>
Work to preserve the rural and historic character of the town? <b>3% BLANK</b>	60	32	7	1
Regulate the appearance of commercial and retail businesses? <b>5% BLANK</b>	50	38	11	1
Regulate billboards, signage and advertisement? <b>4% BLANK</b>	52	34	11	3
Regulate the location of adult use businesses? <b>4% BLANK</b>	63	22	10	5
Pursue installation of public water along the 9W developmental corridor? <b>7% BLANK</b>	29	26	31	14
Pursue installation of public sewer? <b>8% BLANK</b>	22	24	34	20
Adopt a noise ordinance? <b>4% BLANK</b>	26	38	27	9
Control the extent of trees removed during development of forested parcels? <b>4% BLANK</b>	38	31	23	8
Adopt an open burning ordinance <b>5% BLANK</b>	19	26	45	10
Strictly enforce existing Town Code regulations? <b>8% BLANK</b>	38	44	12	6
Retain current laws banning landfills in the Town? <b>4% BLANK</b>	64	23	11	3
Actively pursue a portion of Greene County sales tax revenues? <b>4% BLANK</b>	64	26	4	6
Adjust property taxes on open-space properties whose owners permanently give up development rights? <b>6% BLANK</b>	39	26	14	20

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

<b>Please check all that apply.</b>	<b>%NO</b>	<b>%Yes, but using only grant money</b>	<b>%Yes, using tax incentives</b>	<b>%Yes, using existing town and/or county funds</b>	<b>%Yes, even if it requires additional town taxes</b>	<b>%No Opinion</b>
Improve town parks	15	46	n/a	25	6	5
Protect open spaces	12	29	19	18	12	7
Protect working farms and farmlands	8	25	32	20	10	9
Protect historic buildings and sites	7	41	18	20	7	3
Protect scenic landscapes	9	40	20	24	10	5
Protect sensitive environmental sites	7	42	18	24	13	4
Provide a community center	38	26	n/a	15	6	11
Support a voluntary spay/neuter program for homeless animals	31	34	n/a	20	8	10
Improve the look of signage	25	16	5	22	4	19
Improve plantings	38	25	7	20	3	18
Sidewalks		16	2	14	4	19
Hazardous Materials Disposal Day	12	28	15	n/a	21	14
Public access to the Hudson River	9	42	11	18	14	11
Other: ( _____ )						

**10. The following questions focus on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

<b>Do you think that . . .</b>	<b>%YES</b>	<b>%UNSURE</b>	<b>%NO</b>	<b>%No opinion</b>
Increased economic development is a way to bring jobs and lower taxes? <b>4% BLANK</b>	64	18	18	1
Economic development would damage the character of the Town? <b>6% BLANK</b>	25	31	41	3
It is possible to have economic development and retain the rural character of the Town? <b>4% BLANK</b>	67	18	14	1
The Town should encourage economic development? <b>7% BLANK</b>	65	18	15	2
Public water/sewer is essential for economic growth? <b>5% BLANK</b>	52	14	29	6
The visual appearance of business is important? <b>6% BLANK</b>	83	10	5	2
Commercial development should be localized or concentrated to the 9W corridor (see Area 2 on map on page 6)? <b>6% BLANK</b>	72	9	16	3
Commercial development should also be allowed in other parts of town? <b>5% BLANK</b>	30	26	41	3
Home-based or "Mom and Pop" businesses should be encouraged? <b>4% BLANK</b>	83	11	2	4

**11. What is your source of DRINKING WATER? 11% BLANK**

2% Public water      97% Private well/Other Source ☐

Are you concerned with any of the following characteristics of your drinking water source?		%VERY CONCERNED	%CONCERNED	%NOT CONCERNED	%No opinion
Quantity?	9% BLANK	28	20	49	3
Color?	10%BLANK	24	13	59	4
Odor	9% BLANK	26	16	54	5
Level of Pollutants?	10% BLANK	31	21	43	4
Taste?	10% BLANK	29	20	47	4
Cost?	13% BLANK	24	19	48	9
Additional costs [treatment/filtering]	23% BLANK	22	23	43	12
Other:	_____				

Do you feel the need for the installation of public water in your area?

20% Yes      80% No  
16% BLANK

**12. Are you on a PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM?**

19% Yes      81% No  
14% BLANK

If NO, skip the following system satisfaction questions. If YES:

Are you satisfied with your public sewer system?		%VERY SATISFIED	%SATISFIED	%DISSATISFIED	%No opinion
Quality of service	76% BLANK	51	32	8	10
Cost	77% BLANK	10	27	51	12
Benefits of health/safety	78% BLANK	42	38	8	12

Do you feel the need for the installation of public sewer in your area?

11% Yes      89% No  
62% BLANK

☐ If yes, how much would you pay yearly for this service? \_\_\_\_\_

**13. The following focuses on RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Do you think that . . .	%BLANK	%YES	%UNSURE	%NO	%No opinion
The Town should encourage housing developments that preserve open space?	4	60	16	21	3
Zoning should be changed to preserve the rural character of the town?	4	53	25	19	3
The Town should regulate major subdivisions involving 5 or more parcels to assure they are in keeping with the rural and historic character of the town?	3	77	11	9	3
The Town should increase the lot size minimum in the more rural areas of the town (current minimum is 2 acres)?	3	38	17	42	3
The Town should adjust the minimum lot size based on ability of the land to support septic and water needs?	5	61	17	17	5
Residential development leads to an increased tax burden?	7	37	30	29	5
The Town should regulate development on lots where environmental limitations exist?	7	72	16	7	4
The Town should limit multi-unit [apartments/condos] to specific areas in Town?	5	74	11	12	3
The Town should limit mobile home parks to specific areas in Town?	4	81	8	10	2
The appearance of mobile home parks is important?	4	87	5	6	2
The appearance of residential housing is important?	4	79	9	8	3

15. Using the map above, please indicate where in the Town of New Baltimore you live or own land?

54% Area 1  
8% BLANK

13% Area 2

20% Area 3

13% Area 4

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 in New Baltimore?**

97% Year-Round

0.3% Part-Time

3% Land Owner only

5% BLANK

**How many years have you lived (or owned land) in the Town of New Baltimore?**

11% 0-5 years

8% 6-10 years

10% 11-15 years

14% 16-20 years

57% over 20 years

0.2% BLANK

**In which School District do you live (or own land)?**

39% Ravena/Coeymans/Selkirk

37% Coxsackie/Athens

24% Greenville

5% BLANK

**What are the ages of the people in your household?**

Please write the number of people and gender in each age group.

	0-12 years	13-17 years	18-25 years	26-45 years	46-64 years	65 or older
Male	6%	4%	4%	9%	19%	9%
Female	4%	4%	4%	11%	17%	9%

Example:

You and your wife are between 26-45 years, and have 3 children (two boys ages 2 and 13, and one girl age 6).

	0-12 years	13-17 years	18-25 years	26-45 years	46-64 years	65 or older
Male	1	1		1		
Female	1			1		

**How far from home do you work?**

7% At home

10% 0-5 miles

18% 6-15 miles

36% Over 15 miles

29% Not applicable

13% BLANK

**What is your annual household income range?**

13% Below \$25,000

31% \$25,000-\$50,000

26% \$50,000-\$75,000

16% \$75,000-\$100

14% Greater than \$100,000

33% BLANK