

Town of Sandy Creek Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

Public Survey – Results from 04/17/07

To start the survey, please tell us some information about yourself. Since this is an anonymous survey, your name is not required.

1. Do you live in the
 - a. Town of Sandy Creek _7_
 - b. Village of Lacona _3_
 - c. Village of Sandy Creek _3_
 - d. Other (where) _none_

2. Do you own your home _13_
 Rent your home _none_

3. Where do you work
 - a. Town of Sandy Creek _2_
 - b. Village of Lacona _2_
 - c. Village of Sandy Creek _2_
 - d. Other (where) _Watertown, Syracuse, Brewerton, retired_

4. How did you find out about the meeting this evening?
 - a. Newspaper (which one) _Salmon River News, Post Standard_
 - b. Flyer (where was it posted) _Lacona Post Office__
 - c. Friend or Committee member (who) _Creg, Lonnie, Steve_
 - d. Other source _____

5. How would you like to be informed of future meetings?
 - a. Newspaper (which ones) _Salmon River News, Post Standard_
 - b. Flyers (where) _Lacona Post Office_
 - c. E-mail (include your address) _11_
 - d. Other method _phone call_

6. How would you describe your community to someone who is from a different state?
 - Small rural town nestled between L. Ontario and the Tug Hill, just off of Route 81
 - Small community in beautiful rural setting
 - A rural area close to Syracuse and Watertown
 - Fabulous natural environment, no hurricanes, mudslides, earthquakes
 - Rural
 - Good life, space, beautiful countryside
 - Very friendly community to raise a family in, taxes are cheap

- A Town just starting to grow back after Blounts went out of business. Easy access to camping and boating
 - Small rural area, outstanding quality of life, close to urban life
 - Small town community with big involvement around the school community
 - Quiet, rural, peaceful
 - Bedroom community with a lot of commuters, a lot of people who don't work, low income vs. better income, can be very difficult driving conditions in the winter
7. What changes would you like to see in the Town of Sandy Creek?
- Clean, well taken care of properties, small manufacturing or warehouse facilities, need to keep ag base
 - Fix up trashy property, more stores in Village, clean up stores in Village
 - Better property maintenance, instill pride in community
 - Restore
 - Some control over junk collection
 - For Sandy Pond water district plans for people live outside of Village, see two Villages become part of township
 - Like to see both Villages dissolved and make township
 - Plan for growth, fix up the houses and present businesses (code enforcement)
 - More “community” activities, make the Main Street more pleasant to look at, better use of “Field Days” area with a community center, activities for teenagers
8. What types of recreational activities in the Town of Sandy Creek do you engage in?
- Snowmobiling, boating, fishing, skiing, biking, watersports, swimming, canoeing, birding, hunting, four wheeling, boaters beach, school sports enthusiast
 - Christmas tree farming
 - We have a great location halfway between Syracuse, Watertown, Oswego on Route 81. So near outdoor activities
 - Possibilities exist to snowmobile, cross country ski, fishing, hunt – short summers, long winters
 - None
9. Do you want more retail and service related businesses in the Town of Sandy Creek? If yes, where and what kind?
- If it keeps with the aesthetics of the town! Depends on “where” they are located with no zoning anything could go anywhere so decisions need to be made which homes will probably be sacrificed which neighborhoods turned into businesses. Will this cause people to leave Sandy Creek by losing the quaintness of the small town?
 - Need more population first, then the businesses will come
 - Real restaurant, bigger grocery/farm market
 - A larger grocery store, general merchandise store, industry for employment to help the tax base
 - Bigger grocery store in either Village, restaurant
 - Drug store
 - Any small business that can employ people
 - Yes, retail businesses
 - Yes, larger grocery (like Wegmans) on Main Street
 - Yes, small and unique
 - Grocery store at Sandy Pond
 - Yes, toward Pond area

10. Will you still be living in your current home 5 years from now? If not, where do you think you will reside?

- Yes - 8
 - Family farm – over 60 years
 - If alive
 - If my taxes don't get any higher
- Probably 10 more years, it depends on where my children work after college is completed. To live here you have to decide whether or not you want to be a commuter and how long you want to put up with lake effect snows. We also have cooler weather.
- Hopefully – 2
 - If we move during retirement – go South