



March 15, 2006

Dear Catskill Resident,

"Growth is inevitable and desirable, but destruction of community character is not. The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change. The question is how." This quote is from nationally known community planner Ed McMahon and is applicable right here in Catskill. We need your help planning for our community's future. Your answers to this survey will help us keep Catskill's community character and determine how Catskill will grow and change.

We are rewriting our Comprehensive Plan for the Town and Village of Catskill. This plan will help to guide policies that will affect your homes, businesses, and quality of life. It is important that you take this time to tell us your priorities and help us shape the Plan.

Please spend a few minutes to fill out and return the enclosed survey. Your individual responses will be kept completely confidential.

We realize this is a somewhat lengthy document. If there are sections you don't care to answer, please continue on to other areas of the survey that are of interest to you. We welcome both partially and fully completed surveys because the more input we get, the better we will be able to plan our community's future.

Please return the survey by Saturday, May 13 to one of the locations identified on the last page of the survey. If you have any questions, please contact Committee Co-Chair Dan Howard at 678-2175 or by e-mail at howard@mhccable.com.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Catskill Comprehensive Plan Committee

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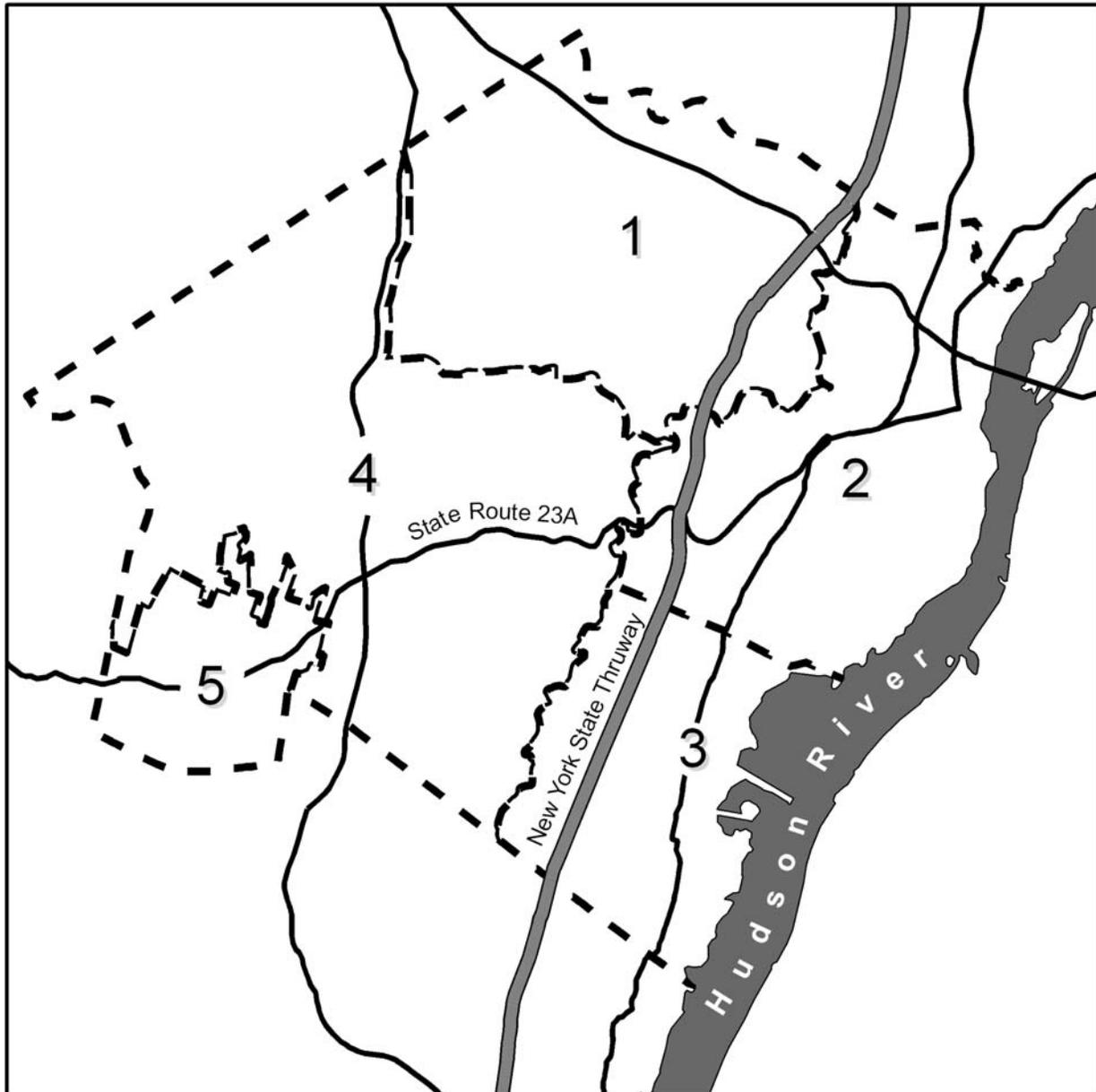
Catskill Community Survey

Instructions:

This survey should be completed by one adult in your household. However, please feel free to consult with other family members. To complete the survey, please check your response. Please do not write your name or address on the survey. If there are sections you don't care to answer, please continue on to other areas of the survey that are of interest to you

For the purposes of this survey, please identify the general area in which you live or own property in Catskill. See map below and please circle one response:

1. Leeds
2. Catskill Village Area (Including Jefferson Heights and Town of Catskill immediately north and south of the Village)
3. Smith's Landing/ Cementon
4. Kiskatom
5. Palenville



1. How important are the following factors in your decision to live in Catskill?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not At All Important
a. Born and raised in Catskill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Quality of schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Housing selection/quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Feeling of community/know neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Desire to live near region's cities (Albany, Kingston, Hudson)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Good job opportunities in Catskill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Access to parks and recreation opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Catskill Mountains/Hudson River/ other natural features in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Local shops and services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Reasonable taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Availability of Public Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Cultural Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Affordable Senior Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Safe community (in terms of crime)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. Proximity to job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r. Unable to move or relocate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Taking all things into consideration, how do you rate the overall quality of life in the Town and Village of Catskill?

- a. ___ Better in Catskill than other places I have lived in or visited
- b. ___ About the same in Catskill as in other places I have lived in or visited
- c. ___ Worse in Catskill than other places I have lived in or visited
- d. ___ No opinion

3. In your opinion, how is the overall quality of life in the Town and Village of Catskill changing?

- a. ___ It is improving
- b. ___ It is staying about the same
- c. ___ It is declining
- d. ___ No opinion

3a. Why? _____

4. What do you think will be the four most important problems facing the Town and Village of Catskill over the next 10 years? **Mark only four.**

- a. ___ Availability of affordable housing options
- b. ___ Availability of a variety of housing options
- c. ___ Loss of farmland and agriculture
- d. ___ Loss of open land/ undeveloped land (not farmland)
- e. ___ Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities
- f. ___ Adequacy of infrastructure (water and sewer)
- g. ___ Maintaining quality schools
- h. ___ Damage to natural resources
- i. ___ Crime and public safety
- j. ___ Level of traffic and congestion
- k. ___ Cost of Municipal Services needed due to residential growth
- l. ___ Cost of Municipal Services needed due to commercial growth
- m. ___ Appearance of commercial development
- n. ___ Availability of places to walk and bike safely
- o. ___ Other (please specify) _____

5. What is your level of satisfaction concerning community services in Catskill? If you do not know an answer or if it is not applicable, leave it blank. Feel free to make additional comments at the end of this section.

	Satisfied	No Opinion	Not Satisfied
A Condition of town streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B Condition of village streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C Availability of sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D Condition of sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E Quantity of parks/open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F Quality of parks/open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G Water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H Cable Television Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I Telecommunication service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J Internet accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K Fire department service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L Law enforcement service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M Ambulance service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N Availability of general health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
O Quality of daycare/pre-school providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P Quality of schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q Quality of recreational programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
R Controlling spending and taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
S Transfer station/recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
T Senior services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U Youth services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
V Responsiveness to resident's concerns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
W Accessibility and communication with officials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
X Road maintenance/ snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Y Zoning and code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your comments on these services: (to continue, please attach an additional sheet)

6. Do you own or rent your residence?

- own rent I don't live in Catskill, but own land in the Town or Village

6a. Is Catskill your primary residence?

- Yes No

7. What is your approximate rental/mortgage payment per month? \$_____ (optional)

8. How do you feel about the overall appearance of **residential housing** in Catskill?

- a. Village of Catskill:** generally, improving since 1995 overall, about average
 generally, getting worse since 1995 no opinion
- b. Town of Catskill:** generally, improving since 1995 overall, about average
 generally, getting worse since 1995 no opinion

9. What is your opinion about the adequacy of housing in Catskill? Feel free to make additional comments at the end of this section.

		Inadequate	About average	Adequate	No Opinion
A	Quality of Senior public housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Availability of Senior public housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Quality of workforce housing (purchase)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Availability of workforce housing (purchase)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Quality of workforce rental housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Availability of workforce rental housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Quality of low income housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H	Availability of low income housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: (to continue, please attach an additional sheet)

10. What type of housing is most needed in Catskill? Please check all that apply.

- rental units
- public housing
- accessory apartments (in-law apartments)
- workforce housing (homes affordable to people who work locally)
- higher income housing
- higher density housing (apartments/condominiums/ townhouses)
- other (please specify) _____

11. What type of job opportunities/businesses would you like to see in Catskill: Please check all that apply.

- Agriculture
- Finance
- Government service
- Retail sales
- Personal services (such as barber, waitress)
- Technology
- Management
- Manufacturing
- Education
- Medical/health
- Clerical
- Utilities/communication
- Construction
- Other trades
- Other professions
- Other (please specify) _____

12. What do you consider to be the ideal population of Catskill in the next 25 years?

- decreasing
- remaining the same
- increasing somewhat
- increasing significantly
- no opinion

13. Which direction would you like to see Catskill take in the future? (Check all that apply)

- increase residential
- increase commercial
- increase industrial
- decrease residential
- decrease commercial
- decrease industrial
- no opinion

19. When you **SHOP** in another community, what are your primary reasons for doing so? Please check any that apply and list its order of importance (10 – most important, 1 – least important).

	√ if important	Rank order of importance
Prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Variety of merchandise	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Convenience of shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Quality of merchandise	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Store hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Merchant friendliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Product service	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Multi-store/ large shopping mall	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Dining & entertainment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

20. When you **DINE** in another community, what are your primary reasons for doing so? Please check any that apply and list its order of importance. (8 – most important, 1 – least important)

	√ if important	Rank order of importance
Prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Variety of menus	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Quality of food	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Available hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Merchant friendliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Combination dining/entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Combination dining/shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

21. Are you interested in seeing any of the following recreation uses developed or expanded in Catskill?

Recreational Uses	Strong Interest	Some Interest	Oppose	No Opinion
Athletic Fields (baseball, softball, soccer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camping areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural activities (music, theater, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golfing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice skating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds with equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiling trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervised recreational activities for senior adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking/running path	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (_____)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Please indicate your gender: Male Female

23. What is your age?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 and older |

24. Indicate the number of people currently living in your household, including yourself.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 or more

25. How many children under the age of 18 live in your home?

None 1 2 3 4 5 6 or more

26. How many adults over the age of 64 live in your home?

None 1 2 3 4 5 6 or more

27. I am a resident of (check one) Village of Catskill Town of Catskill

28. How long have you been a resident of Catskill?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-50 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 years or longer |

29. What is your primary occupation? Check here if retired.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government service | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as barber, waitress) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other professions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Other trades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
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30. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> vocational/trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> secondary | <input type="checkbox"/> college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community college | <input type="checkbox"/> post graduate |

31. If working, where do you work?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> At home | <input type="checkbox"/> Within 11-25 miles of Catskill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the Village of Catskill | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 25 miles from Catskill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the Town of Catskill | <input type="checkbox"/> If you work in another county, please note which one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Within 6-10 miles of Catskill | |
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32. What is your approximate gross (before tax) annual family income?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> under \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 or more |

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return it to one of the following locations by **Saturday May 13:**

Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall
Dunn Builders Supply, 62 Water St.

Village Clerk's Office, Village Hall
K&D Repair Shop, Route 32

Palenville Post Office, Route 23A

You can also mail the survey to: Comprehensive Plan Survey, Catskill Town Hall 439 Main Street Catskill, NY 12414