

# June 2006 Resident Survey - Compiled Results

## I ABOUT YOU

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### I.1 Are you a:

Homeowner-----79.3% Full Time      1.9% Seasonal  
Renter-----16.0% Full Time      0.5% Seasonal

### I.2 Are you:

Male      51.0%  
Female    49.0%

### I.3 How many people live full time in your household?

1 (25.4%)    2 (44.1%)    3 (12.2%)    4 (7.0%)    5 (5.6%)    6 (0.9%)    7+ (1.4%)

### I.4 What is your age?

18-25 (1.9%)    26-35 (4.7%)    36-45 (14.6%)    46-55 (19.7%)    56-64 (27.7%)    65 + (31.0%)

### I.5 How many years have you lived in the Town of Cherry Valley?

(2.3%) Less than 1 year                      (14.6) 1-5 years                      (12.7%) 6-10 years  
(14.6%) 11-20 years                      (18.3%) 21-30 years                      (34.3%) 30+ years

### I.6 What influenced your decision to live here? (Rank 1,2, or 3 next to your top 3 selections)

(23.0%) Born/raised here    (19.2%) Close to work    (59.2%) Rural atmosphere    (12.7%) Low crime rate  
(21.1%) Cost of housing    (51.2%) Scenic beauty    (6.6%) Quality of schools  
(26.8%) Close to relatives or friends                      (3.3%) Quality of nearby services  
(16.4%) Other \_\_\_\_\_

### I.7 Do you use your property for anything other than a year-round residence?

(36.6%) Yes                      (62.0%) No

If **yes**, what else is your property used as? (*Check all that apply*)

(0.0%) Day Care                      (47.0%) Farming/Agriculture                      (26.0%) Home Business/Commercial  
(6.1%) Seasonal Home    (4.2%) Year-Round Rental                      (3.8%) Seasonal Rental  
(14%) Other: e.g. Woodlot, Hunting, Recreation, Horses, Weekend visits

### I.8 Where do you work?

(42.6%) Cherry Valley    (4.4%) Oneonta    (19.1%) Cooperstown    (1.5%) Cobleskill    (3.3%) Albany  
(13.2%) Other: Herkimer, Canajoharie, Sharon Spr., Milford, NYC, Amsterdam, Rochester, Richfield Spr.

### I.9 Are you retired?                      (39.4%) Yes                      (60.6%) No

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## II COMMUNITY CHARACTER

### II.1 Which best describes how the Town of Cherry Valley has changed since you have lived here?

- (20.7%) The Town has become a more desirable place to live
- (18.8%) The Town has become a less desirable place to live
- (45.5) The Town has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live
- (5.6%) No opinion            (13.9%) Other;

### II.2 Please rate the following about Cherry Valley's existing conditions. *(Please check one in each category)*

	Excellent	Above Average	Adequate	Inadequate
Community character	22.1%	33.8%	32.4%	2.3%
Town services	12.7%	33.3%	43.7%	5.2%
Parks/ open space	16.9%	29.6%	41.8%	8.1%
Neighbors	23.0%	41.3%	25.4%	4.2%
School	10.3%	34.7%	37.1%	8.0%
Housing conditions	1.9%	28.2%	54.5%	5.6%
Small businesses	3.3%	16.9%	32.9%	40.8%
Crime.	36.6%	24.9%	17.8%	1.9%
Property Maintenance	5.6%	30.5%	47.4%	9.9%
Roads	13.6%	33.8%	37.1%	9.4%
Cultural opportunities	31.0%	8.5%	34.7%	16.4%
Emergency Services	18.3%	29.6%	38.5%	3.8%

### II.3 Which of these factors would likely cause you to leave Cherry Valley? *(Check all that apply)*

- (4.7%) Inadequate housing opportunities
- (49.3%) Area becomes overdeveloped
- (8.9%) Area isn't developed enough
- (16.9%) Lack of employment
- (11.3%) Lack of cultural opportunities
- (24.9%) Other
- (11.3%) Quality of schools
- (3.3%) Inadequate parks/recreation
- (14.6%) Taxes
- (14.6%) Inadequate community services
- (54.5%) Loss of rural character

### II.4 Please indicate the importance of each of the following aspects of the Town's environment:

	Extremely Important	Important	Not That Important	Undecided
Well water quality	68.5%	24.9%	1.9%	0.5%
Stream water quality	55.9%	34.7%	4.7%	0.9%
Air quality	68.5%	26.3%	1.4%	0.0%
Wetlands	40.4%	36.2%	15.5%	1.4%
"Small town Main Street"	45.1%	43.7%	8.0%	2.3%
Scenic views	59.6%	25.4%	11.3%	0.5%
Historic buildings & districts	54.0%	27.2%	15.0%	2.3%
Open space	47.9%	38.5%	8.9%	3.3%
Recreation/parks	25.8%	49.3%	16.9%	2.8%
Farmland	47.4%	40.4%	5.6%	1.4%
Property maintenance	55.6%	38.9%	2.8%	2.8%



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## IV.2 Are any of the following causing problems for you or your neighbors?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Littering / Improper trash disposal	35.2%	49.8%	4.2%
Septic system failures	21.1%	65.3%	5.6%
Impacts from neighbor's uses of property	36.2%	52.1%	3.3%
Inadequate water supply	27.7%	60.1%	4.2%
Power outages	14.6%	74.2%	1.9%
Lack of cell phone service	61.5%	26.8%	5.6%
Water runoff	38.0%	49.8%	3.8%
Vandalism	13.6%	74.2%	2.8%
Open burning / burn barrels	17.8%	70.9%	4.2%

## V LAND USE MANAGEMENT

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### V.1 As a resident, do you feel that you have sufficient opportunity to influence new development or projects in the Town?

(20.2%) Yes                      (49.3%) No                      (26.3%) No Opinion

### V.2 How important is it to consider a future project's impact on the following aspects of your community?

	Extremely Important	Important	Not That Important	Undecided
Historic character	55.9%	28.6%	8.5%	0.9%
Property values	52.6%	36.2%	3.8%	1.9%
Site design and layout	42.3%	42.3%	5.6%	1.9%
Impact on traffic	37.6%	40.4%	12.7%	0.9%
Impact on neighborhoods	49.3%	35.2%	5.6%	0.9%
Landscaping	37.10%	34.7%	18.3%	1.4%
Preserving woodlands	50.2%	33.8%	8.0%	0.5%
Scenic impact	53.1%	29.1%	9.9%	0.5%
Farmland preservation	50.7%	32.4%	8.0%	0.5%
Impact on streams	54.5%	35.7%	1.9%	0.5%
Density of development	49.3%	28.2%	11.7%	2.3%
Proximity of commercial development to residences	50.7%	29.6%	8.5%	2.8%

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## V.3 In your opinion, which of the following land use related issues should be regulated? (Check all that apply)

(37.6%) Lot size (82.2%) Junkyards (10.8%) Minimum dwelling size (16.9%) Road frontage  
(54.0%) Mobile home (38.0%) Scenic views (15.5%) Burn Barrels (27.7%) Outdoor Furnace  
(50.2%) Impacts on property values (40.4%) Development density (59.2%) Environmental Impact  
(27.7%) Building setbacks (29.1%) Impacts from neighbor's use of land  
(6.1%) None, land use should not be regulated  
(38.5%) Specified areas for designated residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural development  
11.3% Other: Industrial scale projects, Animals, Sewage, Junk in yards

## V.4 Do you think your community should have guidelines for the development and layout of future commercial projects?

(78.4%) Yes (4.8%) No (4.8%) No Opinion

## VI HOUSING

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### VI.1 What are the most important housing issues in the Town?

(9.9%) Not enough rental housing (13.1%) Housing for singles & young couples  
(13.6%) Not enough year-round rentals (20.7%) Housing choice in moderate price range  
(9.6%) High purchase prices (15.0%) Housing is fine the way it is  
(7.0%) Lack of subsidized, affordable housing (29.6%) Property maintenance/condition  
(44.6%) Property taxes (32.4%) Senior Citizen housing

### VI.2 Do you think your community should have guidelines for the development and layout of future residential projects?

(74.6%) Yes (11.3%) No (9.9%) No Opinion

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## VII OTHER

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**VII.1 Do you feel safe as a resident in the Town?** (90.1%) Yes (1.9%) No (2.3%) No Opinion

**VII.2 Which issues should be given special emphasis during the Town comprehensive planning process? (*Check all that apply*)**

(39.4%) Employment opportunities	(51.6%) Development
(28.6%) Road improvements	(28.2%) Public recreational facilities and trails
(21.6%) Housing opportunities	(51.6%) Natural resource and open space protection
(56.3%) Water quality	(66.7%) Protection of historic buildings and sites
(59.6%) Farmland/ rural preservation	(56.8%) Protection of scenic view-sheds
(52.6%) Septic/ wastewater issues	(12.2%) Other: Air quality, Windmills, Animal control, Energy control, Code enforcement, Zoning

**VII.3 How would you like the Town to look 5 to 10 years down the road?**

Comments available on request

**VII.4 Additional Comments**

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