

Seneca Falls Community Survey

Answers to questions requiring written responses

611 Total Surveys Returned; 282 Additional comments

13. List up to 3 locations in the Town or Village you feel would benefit from a new traffic light.

1. 38 - River Road bridge
2. 35 - Garden St. & Rte. 89
3. 28 - 414 S & W. Bayard (River Road) at bridge
4. 17 - Rte. 318 at 5 & 20
5. 13 - Rumsey St. at Bayard St.
6. 10 - Rte. 89 & E. Bayard
7. 10 - Rte 414 at P & C
8. 8 - Rumsey St. bridge at Catholic church
9. 8 - Cayuga St.
10. 7 - By the schools
11. 6 - Gravel Rd. & 318
12. 5 - Intersection of Rte. 89, 318 and 5 & 20
13. 5 - State & Fall Streets corner
14. 5 - Corner of Cayuga & South Park
15. 5 - Kingdom Road - River Road
16. 5 - Fall Street
17. 4 - Better light at Rumsey St. and Fall St. - use arrows for turning left
18. 4 - Bayard (& Ovid - 3/ & White St. - 1)
19. 4 - Clinton & Fall Street
20. 4 - Ovid St. & Bridge St.
21. 3 - Corner of Cayuga & Johnson
22. 3 - Canal Road & Waterfalls bridge
23. 2 - Rte. 89 & Lake Rd.
24. 2 - Walnut & Fall Street
25. 2 - Stevenson & E. Bayard
26. 2 - Rt. 5 & 20 (Gravel Road at Auburn Rd.)
27. 2 - Walnut and Fall Streets
28. 2 - St. Patrick's School
29. 2 - P & C in front of Ace, 5 & 20 left only & enter
30. Rumsey St. at 5 & 20
31. Peter Koch & Rumsey St. corner - arrow light to turn left from Fall St
32. Corner at NYCC Rte. 89
33. Stevenson Street & Garden Street
34. Rte. 89 & State Park roadway
35. Rte. 80 & Stevenson
36. Rte. 318 & Black Brook Road
37. Garden St. & Ovid St.
38. Chapin Street
39. Route 414 & Saloman Rd.
40. P & C by First Niagara 5 & 20 right turn only & enter
41. Corner of Cayuga St. & Gould Rd.
42. Bear Street
43. Corner of Troy Street and Tyre Ave.
44. All new development
45. Across from library
46. Carol Ave & Anthony
47. In front of Elizabeth Cady Stanton school
48. Mynderse St. & Van Cleef
49. Swaby St. & West Bayard St.

Summary

There were a total of 261 responses to the question, “List up to 3 locations in the Town or Village you feel would benefit from a new traffic light.” Over 14% of those answering this question desire a traffic light at the River Road Bridge. Thirteen percent of residents answering this question would like a light at the intersection of Garden Street and Route 89. Almost 11% of those answering this question want a light at 414 S & W. Bayard (River Road) at bridge. More than 6% of residents responding to this question desire a traffic light on Route 318 at Routes 5 & 20. Five percent of those answering the question would like a light at the intersection of Rumsey Street and Bayard Street.

14. List up to 3 locations in the Town or Village you feel would benefit from new sidewalks.

1. 74 - Bayard St. (west & east)
2. 66 - Cayuga Street
3. 54 - State Street
4. 28 - Stevenson Street
5. 25 - All districts – some streets need new sidewalks
6. 21 - Mynderse Street
7. 16 - Bridge Street
8. 14 - Rid the village of all slate sidewalks (slippery)
9. 13 - Garden St. (& Ext.)
10. 12 - Gravel Road
11. 12 - Troy Street
12. 11 - Leland Dr. area
13. 10 – Ovid St
14. 8 - All areas near schools
15. 8 - Auburn Road
16. 8 - Chapel Street
17. 7 - Clinton Street
18. 6 - Lower Lake Road
19. 6 - Peterman Road
20. 5 - Oak St.
21. 4 - Walnut Street
22. 4 - Ridge Street
23. 4 - Fall Street
24. 4 - Haigh Street
25. 3 - Miller Street
26. 3 - Carol Ave. area
27. 3 - Chestnut Street
28. 3 - Pleasant Street
29. 3 - White St.
30. 3 - Swaby Street
31. 3 – Subdivisions
32. 3 - Barker Street
33. 2 - Haigue Street
34. 2 - Green Street
35. 2 - Ovid St. Ext.
36. 2 - Jefferson St.
37. 2 - Center Street
38. 2 - South Street
39. 2 - Blackbrook Rd.
40. 2 - Van Rensselaer Heights
41. 2 - Toledo Street
42. 2 - Maynard St.
43. 2 - Chapel Street
44. 2 - Tall Oaks Drive
45. 2 – Downtown
46. 2 - Spruce Lane
47. 2 – Around Women’s Hall of Fame

48. Any street that is not part of a state highway
49. River Road
50. Oxford Place
51. Jay Street
52. Hoag Street
53. Lakeside for joggers & walkers
54. Fayette
55. John St. between Troy & State
56. Cayuga State Park west
57. Canal Knitting Mill side
58. Adam Street
59. Mechanic Street
60. Route 89
61. Route 414
62. Peterman Rd.
63. Sullivan Drive
64. Meadow Street
65. Sackett Street
66. Noble Road
67. Spring St.
68. Laws Lane toward Walnut St.
69. Parker St.
70. Mechanic St.
71. Boston Ave.
72. Edgewood Road
73. Route 414 south to Spruce Lane
74. Seneca Lane
75. Washington Street
76. Johnston Street
77. Rumsey Street
78. Daniel Street
79. Rt. 5 & 20 from village to Wal-Mart
80. Historic district
81. Van Cleef Street
82. S. Park Street
83. Shamrock Ave.
84. Green Street
85. Seneca Manor housing projects
86. Briarwood Circle
87. Troy Street
88. Rumsey Street

Summary

There were a total of 515 responses to the question, “List up to 3 locations in the Town or Village you feel would benefit from new sidewalks.” Over 28% of those answering this question desire new sidewalks on Bayard Street. Twenty-five percent of residents answering this question would like new sidewalks on Cayuga Street. Nearly 21% of those answering this question want new sidewalks on State Street. More than 11% of residents responding to this question desire new sidewalks on Stevenson Street. Nearly ten percent of those answering the question would like new sidewalks in all districts, wherever there is a need. Eight percent of residents responding to this question desire new sidewalks on Mynderse Street.

16. What kinds of new commercial uses do you feel would be acceptable in the historic district?

1. 35 - Restaurants/ cafes
2. 30 - Any that bring jobs & tax relief
3. 29 - Movie theater
4. 18 – Retail
5. 16 - Antique shops

6. 14 – Gift/ novelty shops
7. 13 – Drug store
8. 13 - Tourist oriented businesses
9. 13 - Bed & Breakfast
10. 10 - Book store
11. 10 - Professional offices
12. 9 - Grocery store
13. 9 – Small shops
14. 8 – Marina/ Small water craft rentals
15. 7 - Arts & crafts – doll making, artists, sculpture, pottery
16. 7 - Bakery
17. 6 – No adult entertainment
18. 6 - Small boutiques
19. 6 – Hotel/ Inn
20. 6 - Farmers Market
21. 6 - Art, photo gallery
22. 5 - Dry cleaner
23. 5 - Winery (or outlet)
24. 5 - Museums
25. 4 - History related businesses
26. 4 – Outdoor/ sporting goods store
27. 3 - Education/ classes
28. 3 - Less stringent on historic district issues
29. 3 - Public transportation
30. 3 - Urgent care/ Medical
31. 2 - More unique stores
32. 2 - Community theater
33. 2 – Children’s clothing
34. 2 – Tours
35. 2 - Hardware store
36. 2 - Kids entertainment
37. 2 - Department store
38. 2 – Boat/ Canoe/ Kayak rental
39. 2 - Refurbishing old knitting mill
40. 2 - Bowling alley
41. 2 - Cultural activities
42. 2 - Home improvement/ Restoration
43. 2 - Health food store
44. 2 - Light industrial/ Manufacturing
45. Live entertainment
46. Boat launch
47. Any that meet present zoning codes
48. Consulting
49. Clubs, adult groups
50. Dress making
51. Music store
52. Tours thru locks
53. Food vendors along Canal St. & Fall St.
54. Need industry in town
55. Affordable apartments
56. Locally made products
57. Tanning bed chain
58. Outdoor amphitheater
59. Bike rentals
60. Full service marina on Van Cleef Lake
61. Conference center with overnight accommodations
62. Carefully regulated home businesses
63. Shoe store

64. Furniture store
65. Senior housing
66. Laundry mat
67. Roller rink
68. Ice skating rink
69. Horse & carriage rides
70. Home improvement – vinyl siding/ windows
71. Clean businesses
72. Shopping mall with food court
73. Convenience stores
74. Offices
75. Spa
76. Fabric store
77. Pet store
78. Micro brewery
79. Laundromat
80. Technology
81. Hospital

Summary

There were a total of 371 responses to the question, “What kinds of new commercial uses do you feel would be acceptable in the historic district?” Over 9% of those answering this question desire to see more restaurants and cafes in the historic district. Eight percent of residents answering this question would like to see any commercial uses that bring jobs and tax relief. Nearly 8% of those answering this question desire to have a movie theater located in the historic district. Nearly 5% of residents responding to this question would like to see more retail business. More than four percent of those answering the question would like to see antique shops locate in the historic district.

22. What would you recommend be done in the downtown area to encourage you to spend more of your time there?

1. 104 - More diversified, unique, better retail (clothing, shoes, etc.) and shops
2. 80 – Shops & restaurants open evening & weekend hours
3. 65 - More parking
4. 54 - Better quality/ variety of restaurants, coffee shops
5. 41 - Movie theater
6. 36 – Seating places (benches, sidewalk cafes)
7. 24 - Cultural activities & music - entertainment
8. 19 - More to do, teen & family activities
9. 14 - Lower priced shops
10. 12 - Police should enforce laws prohibiting loitering – teens/ drugs
11. 11 - No empty storefronts
12. 11 - Book store
13. 11 - Beautification projects
14. 10 - More festivals like canal fest
15. 10 – Improve canal frontage/ better access to the canal
16. 9 - Entertainment/ Street fairs/ Sidewalk sales
17. 9 - Canal walking/ bike path/ park
18. 7 - Department store
19. 7 – Arts & crafts center – feature locals
20. 6 - Bakery
21. 4 - More recreational/ sporting goods stores
22. 5 - Less bars
23. 5 - Health food store
24. 5 – Sporting goods store
25. 4 - Reroute tractor trailers from Route 20
26. 4 - Keep clean in summer & snow removed in winter
27. 4 - Music store

28. 4 - Boutiques
29. 3 - Redevelop Fall Street with a traffic island & plantings & repair buildings
30. 3 - Refurbish buildings & homes
31. 3 - Public bathrooms, open at night
32. 3 - Connect businesses (like a mall)
33. 3 - Farmer's Market
34. 3 - Keep cleaner
35. 3 - Better lighting/ bury utilities
36. 3 - More small businesses
37. 2 - Remove trees
38. 3 - Bowling alley
39. 2 - Dress shops
40. 2 - Develop 2nd & 3rd floors of downtown buildings for upscale housing
41. 2 - Encourage Seneca County to lower sales tax
42. 2 - Grocery store
43. 2 - Senior activities, walking track
44. 2 - Toy store
45. 2 - Playground
46. 2 - Hardware store
47. 2 - Antiques
48. 2 - Police should be pro-active/ Stop speeding cars
49. 2 - Ice cream service year round
50. Plant trees
51. Appliance store
52. Furniture store
53. No continuity or connectedness
54. Develop lakefront area
55. Indoor roller skating
56. Candy store
57. Eliminate the heritage commission
58. Advertise sales & specials and events all year round
59. Notification of activities
60. Spa/ salon
61. Taxi, bus and trolley stops
62. Less traffic
63. Bring back the falls
64. Friendly
65. Make it more dog friendly
66. Welcome some outsiders to make suggestions
67. Kiosks displaying locations of stores, parks
68. Arcade
69. Clock tower or other feature
70. Improvements to recreation center (pool, exercise classes, children's lessons)
71. Raze buildings, start over
72. Take the focus off women's agenda
73. Enforce zoning
74. Offer continuing education courses at the library or schools

Summary

There were a total of 647 responses to the question, "What would you recommend be done in the downtown area to encourage you to spend more of your time there?" Over 16% of those answering this question desire to see more diversified and unique retail shops downtown. About twelve percent of residents answering this question would like to see businesses offering more weekends and evening hours. More than 10% of those answering this question desire more parking downtown. Over 8% of residents responding to this question would like to see more variety in restaurants and coffee shops. More than six percent of those answering the question would like to see a movie theater downtown. Over five percent responding to this question would like to have more seating places, including benches and sidewalk cafes, located downtown.

23. Do you have any concerns regarding the environmental impacts of existing or new commercial or industrial uses in Seneca Falls?

1. 96 - The landfill - do not allow any further expansions, pollution concerns
2. 27 - Air, water & noise pollution
3. 14 - Protect our lakes & canals
4. 13 - Monitor environmental sensitivities
5. 11 - Tire Solutions
6. 6 - Scepter Industries
7. 5 - Too many trucks
8. 5 - Ethanol plant
9. 4 - New businesses should be clean & environmentally friendly
10. 4 - Aluminum plant - all types of pollution
11. 3 - Make industries comply with codes
12. 3 - Careful evaluation for present & future use on environmental impact
13. 2 - Too many empty buildings - utilize them & don't build new
14. 2 - Demolition of historic structures/ Maintain historic look
15. 2 - Increase in heavy truck traffic
16. 2 - Preserve open space, wetlands & fields for wildlife habitat
17. 2 - In a small village, the odor resulting from some of the processes can be unhealthful as well as offensive.
18. The lack of any cost benefit analysis when allowing Wal-Mart to expand. Also need to carefully monitor and limit the landfill.
19. We need jobs in town - use empty buildings, like Sylvania
20. Focus on tourist type business
21. Loss of manufacturing jobs
22. Less expendable income
23. The chemical plant stinks
24. Casino traffic
25. Power plant by the locks should be responsible for cleaning out garbage that is drawn downstream
26. Make sure all codes are followed
27. Get rid of abandoned buildings & vehicles
28. Ability to supply water & sewer to support uses
29. Petro: Traffic, pollution, crime, etc.
30. Goulds: Foundry emissions
31. Sewage disposal
32. Energy City & Town should generate its own renewable energy
33. Development obscuring scenic views
34. Evans Chemetics following the barge
35. Minimize and control existing scrap yards
36. Clean up the toxic waste
37. Sewage plant - air pollution
38. Replace trees that have been removed
39. Deer Run Industrial Park & new fuel plant at ex-Van Cleef farm on 5 & 20
40. Non-point source pollution
41. Toxic waste disposal concerns
42. Castle Cleaners

Summary

There were a total of 226 responses to the question, "Do you have any concerns regarding the environmental impacts of existing or new commercial or industrial uses in Seneca Falls?" Over 42% of those answering this question are concerned about the Seneca Meadows Landfill and possible expansion. About twelve percent of residents answering this question have concerns regarding air, water and noise pollution. Another 6% of those answering this question noted specific concerns regarding protection of area lakes and canals. Almost 6% of residents responding to this question would like to see careful monitoring of environmental sensitivities. Nearly five percent of those answering the question have concerns about Tire Solutions.

24. What ideas do you have for using any surplus funds the Town or Village might have?

1. 122 - Reduce taxes
2. 41 - Bank it/ Rainy day fund
3. 33 - Economic development
4. 21 - Beautification/ Maintaining appearance of the village
5. 18 - Enhance canal side buildings (storefronts)
6. 18 - Sidewalks
7. 16 - Youth & teen programs, activities, YMCA
8. 15 - Keep a fund for when the dump is no more
9. 15 - Finish new water & sewage system
10. 14 - Develop canal/lakefront, canal walk/ bike
11. 12 - Pay off debts
12. 12 - Repair & maintain streets
13. 9 - Infrastructure updates (lighting, water, sewer)
14. 9 - Education development/ After school program/ Classroom supplies
15. 9 - Library
16. 8 - Help owners fix buildings in historic district that have deteriorated
17. 8 - Build a year round swimming pool
18. 7 - Replace kids territory playground area
19. 6 - Fix Vince's Park pool
20. 6 - Community events/ organizations
21. 5 - Promote tourism
22. 4 - Fix the drainage problems
23. 4 - Place in a market or trust fund
24. 4 - Preservation/ Historical society
25. 4 - Urgent care
26. 4 - Accumulate fund for when landfill revenues are no longer available
27. 4 - Promote tourism
28. 4 - Movie theater
29. 3 - Invest in a capital building fund
30. 3 - Help low-income citizens
31. 3 - Build a new town hall
32. 3 - Senior citizen housing
33. 3 - Canal access for boats/ More & better boating facilities
34. 3 - Bury utilities
35. 2 - Let public have a vote on issue
36. 2 - Public transportation
37. 2 - Help small business owners
38. 2 - Improve water pressure in the village
39. 2 - Senior center/ services
40. 2 - Demolish unsightly buildings
41. 2 - Hire a harbor master & 24 hour security for the waterfront when canal is open
42. 2 - Refund to citizens
43. 2 - Hire more police, night patrols
44. 2 - Festivals (Bring back Aqua Festival, Fireman's Field Days, etc.)
45. 2 - Use surplus to pay off loans
46. 2 - More athletic fields
47. 2 - Garbage truck - Let's have our own garbage collectors again
48. 2 - Update fire department and street department equipment
49. Merge village & town governments
50. People in jail could help seniors and handicapped people with lawn work
51. Add benches along lakeside
52. Clean weeds from lakes
53. Airport
54. New Women's Hall of Fame
55. Developing the 5 & 20 east corridor
56. Build indoor walking track for seniors
57. Work toward complete consolidation of services
58. Promotional ads for STS bus service

59. Keep youth center open later, until 10 PM
60. Environmental preservation
61. Reserve fund for building maintenance
62. Spring & fall trash & leaf pick-up in town as village has
63. Set up a truck clean up area for after they dump at the dump
64. Affordable senior housing
65. Become a leader in energy
66. Enforce codes on landlords of multi-families
67. Cultural opportunities
68. Bypass for thru traffic; reroute 414 also
69. County campground
70. Bike & walking paths that are off the streets
71. Sports arena
72. Festivals all summer
73. Affordable housing
74. Improve Clinton & Mynderse Street around Women's Rights Park
75. Farmer's Market
76. Start a community college
77. Take over Seneca Army Depot – turn into RV park or condos, entertainment
78. Learn lessons from more successful towns
79. Signage
80. Fireworks on holidays
81. Fix high school bleachers
82. Seneca Knitting Mill property
83. New fire trucks & pay for fire persons
84. Update village vehicles
85. Build more public tennis courts
86. Dog park
87. Sculpture trail
88. Hire summer recreation supervisors
89. Memorial to hire those of the armed forces
90. Buy brown bags for compost & advertise pick-ups
91. Low-income assistance

Summary

There were a total of 521 responses to the question, “What ideas do you have for using any surplus funds the Town or Village might have?” Over 23% of those answering this question would like a reduction in taxes. Over seven percent of residents answering this question think that any surplus funds should be saved in the bank for a rainy day. More than 6% of responding to this question would like excess funds to be used for economic development. Over 4% of those answering this question noted the need for beautification and maintaining appearance.

25. What do you think are Seneca Falls' three most positive features?

Town

1. 86 - Cayuga Lake (& State Park)
2. 79 - Historic importance/ Women's Park & Museum
3. 76 – Small town atmosphere
4. 68 – Canal system
5. 54 – Finger Lakes in general
6. 50 - Natural beauty/ Scenic
7. 47 – Central location
8. 37 - Friendly people
9. 36 - Van Cleef Lake
10. 30 – Wineries
11. 23 – Good schools
12. 20 – Chiropractic College
13. 19 – Safety (police & fire)

14. 14 – Appearance; clean
15. 14 – Farms/ Agriculture
16. 13 - Library
17. 10 – Well kept streets
18. 10 – NYCC
19. 10 – Recreation/ Community center
20. 9 - Thruway access
21. 8 – Airport
22. 7 – Downtown
23. 7 – Community spirit/ Volunteers
24. 7 – Homes, housing prices
25. 6 – Natural resources
26. 5 – Good community for families
27. 5 – Tourism
28. 5 – Kids territory playground
29. 4 – Shopping/ service areas
30. 4 - Empire Farm Days
31. 4 - Peoples park
32. 4 - Montezuma Refuge
33. 4 – Landfill
34. 4 - Rt. 414 Industrial park & 414 development
35. 4 - Availability of land/ prices
36. 3 - Diverse shops/ stores/ Business district
37. 3 - New water lines
38. 3 – Available work force
39. 3 - Outlet center
40. 3 – Good government
41. 3 - Low taxes
42. 2 – Seneca River
43. 2 - Recreation center
44. 2 - The Mennonite & Amish community
45. 2 - Clean air
46. 2 - Water supply
47. 2 – Low traffic
48. 2 - This survey/ Progressive
49. 2 – ITT/ Industry
50. Labor supply
51. Upgrading downtown area
52. Services
53. Not subject to village nonsense
54. Old Seneca Knitting Mill
55. Tax base
56. Sewer lines
57. It's a Wonderful Life connection
58. Recreation department
59. Boat dock for town business
60. Public transportation
61. Wal-Mart
62. Bed & Breakfasts
63. Low taxes
64. Land available for development
65. The 318 mall & new Petro shop
66. Auto dealers
67. Water power available
68. Sauder's Market
69. Roads

Summary

There were a total of 832 responses to the question, “What do you think are Seneca Falls’ three most positive features?” Over 10% of those answering this question feel that Cayuga Lake and the State Park is one of Seneca Falls’ most positive features. Over nine percent of residents answering this question think that the town’s historic importance, featuring the Women’s Park and Museum, is the most positive feature. Also, more than 9% of those responding to this question feel that small town atmosphere is a most positive feature of Seneca Falls. Over 8% of those answering this question noted that the canal system is a positive feature of the town.

Village

1. 145 – Canal (& canal front)/ Easy access to waterway
2. 123 - Small town atmosphere
3. 85 - Historical
4. 81 - Women’s Rights National Historical Park, Hall of Fame
5. 53 - Friendly people
6. 37 – Library
7. 36 - Downtown revitalization/ shops, businesses
8. 34 - Historic district
9. 34 - Central location
10. 32 - Fire, police & rescue services - safety
11. 29 – Scenery/ Visual attraction
12. 28 - Victorian architecture
13. 21 – Good schools
14. 19 – Recreation/ Community center
15. 14 - Downtown lighting/ decorations at Christmas
16. 12 - Van Cleef Lake
17. 11 – Parks
18. 11 - Restaurants
19. 10 – Home pride/ Concerned residents/ Great to raise a family
20. 9 – Tourism
21. 7 – Museums
22. 7 - Clean
23. 6 – Well kept, most places
24. 6 - Goulds ITT
25. 5 - Finger Lakes
26. 5 – NYCC presence
27. 5 – Churches
28. 4 – The Gould Hotel
29. 4 – Room for industry/ Lack of development at Seneca Knit
30. 4 – Quiet/ Quality of life
31. 4 - New mayor
32. 4 - Docking for boats
33. 3 – Walkable/ Hiking
34. 3 - Wonderful life heritage
35. 3 – River
36. 3 - People
37. 3 - Good upkeep of streets & sewage
38. 3 - Trees
39. 2 - Women’s Made Products
40. 2 - State park
41. 2 – Airport
42. 2 - Visitor center
43. 2 - Montezuma Refuge
44. Housing prices
45. Coffee shops
46. Recreational facilities
47. Bridge
48. No loitering
49. Bandstand

50. Drug store
51. Family owned business
52. Good schools
53. Zuzu's café
54. Little traffic
55. Power plant
56. Easy parking & access to stores

Summary

There were a total of 926 responses to the question, "What do you think are Seneca Falls' three most positive features?" Over 15% of those answering this question feel that the canal (& canal front), with access to waterway, is one of Seneca Falls' most positive features. Over thirteen percent of residents answering this question think that the small town atmosphere of the village is one of the most important features. Also, more than 9% of those responding to this question feel that the historical significance of the village is a most positive feature of Seneca Falls. Over 8% of those answering this question noted specifically that the Women's Rights National Historical Park, Hall of Fame, is a positive feature of the village.

26. What do you think are Seneca Falls' three most negative features?

Town

1. 100 – Seneca Meadows Landfill
2. 40 - Taxes too high
3. 40 - Poor aesthetics/ unkempt areas/ vacant buildings
4. 36 - No jobs (good paying)
5. 38 - Lack of manufacturing plants/ Loss of industry
6. 35 - Nothing for kids, teens or adults to do/ No entertainment
7. 21 - The mindset of residents -negative attitude, no community spirit
8. 15 – Indian land claim
9. 15 – Traffic issues & related noise pollution
10. 14 - Public officials
11. 10- Ugly entrances to town on 5 & 20 and 414
12. 10 - Bad sidewalks/ limited walking, biking area
13. 8 - Lack of water/ sewer
14. 8 - Road side conditions
15. 7 - No recreation/ Nothing downtown
16. 7 – Not enough restaurants
17. 6 – No after hours places
18. 6 - Lack of parking facilities
19. 6 - Lack of medical care
20. 6 - Wal-Mart
21. 5 – Not enough stores
22. 6 - Police – drug problem
23. 6 - No movie theater
24. 5 - No speed enforcement
25. 4 - Lack of flexibility in historic district
26. 4 - Lack of marinas, under-utilized lakes
27. 4 - Duplication of government services & costs
28. 4 - Road maintenance
29. 4 - No hospital
30. 4 – Education
31. 4 - No community pride/ involvement
32. 4 - Small economic base
33. 4 - Poor zoning regulations
34. 4 – Sprawl/ Lack of long term plan
35. 3 - Location between lakes/ Too remote
36. 3 - Indian gas station & casino
37. 3 - Vince's park
38. 3 - Water access

39. 3 - Trailers & double-wides
40. 3 – Lack of development
41. 2 – Lack of motel choices
42. 2 - Lack of cultural activity
43. 2 - Weedy lakes
44. 2 - Community not friendly to newcomers
45. 2 - No upscale housing
46. 2 - Lack of a good grocery store
47. 2 - Politics of the police force/ Police over zealous
48. 2 - Non-taxable businesses
49. 2 - Not enough police patrol
50. 3 - Historic area controls
51. 2 - Need more shopping
52. 2 - Ethanol plant
53. 2 - Aluminum plant
54. 2 - Not developing tourist potential
55. 2 - Lack of marketing
56. High water bills
57. Auto auction, Route 414 north of tracks
58. No business coordination
59. Limited library
60. No diversity
61. High rent for businesses
62. Ineffective ZBA
63. Men & women should work together more
64. Cold weather
65. Only seasonal popularity
66. Improve Canal Days
67. No “falls” in Seneca Falls
68. Not enough staff for the highway department
69. No lighting in developed residential areas
70. Spending too much money on recreational property
71. Failure to recognize potential as a bedroom community
72. Smoking in private clubs
73. Community center
74. Becoming too commercial
75. No land development for commercial projects
76. Better fiscal planning
77. No drug store
78. No animal shelter
79. Lack of quality business rental property
80. Junk yards
81. Not much public land
82. Town and county cooperation
83. Need more adult classes
84. Smell of sewer plant
85. Misuse of natural resources – power plant
86. Ovid Street bridge shakes when traffic goes by
87. No motel near lake
88. Traffic
89. Lake pollution
90. Anti-Indian campaign
91. Remote location
92. Sidewalks
93. Need more athletic fields
94. Building permits
95. Mailboxes you can drive up to
96. Lack of garbage pick-up

Summary

There were a total of 580 responses to the question, “What do you think are Seneca Falls’ three most negative features?” Over 17% of those answering this question feel that the Seneca Meadows Landfill is Seneca Falls’ most negative feature. Almost seven percent of residents answering this question think that negative features are high taxes and poor aesthetics, including vacant buildings and unkempt areas. Also, more than 6% of those responding to this question feel that a lack of good paying jobs; loss of industry; and lack of entertainment are negative features of Seneca Falls.

Village

1. 73 - Downtown is unattractive/ Condition of buildings, vacancies
2. 65 - High taxes
3. 61 - Historic District (run down housing & lack of business due to restrictions)
4. 47 – Lacking business/ Not enough stores or variety
5. 28 - No theater/ entertainment/ nothing to do
6. 27 – Youths loitering, no curfew – drugs
7. 27 – Lack of parking
8. 26 - Mindset/ small town attitude/ negative/ nepotism
9. 24 - No decent paying jobs
10. 21 - Nothing for kids/ teens to do
11. 21 - Village government – lack of leadership, cooperation, lack of communication
12. 21 - Traffic/ Truck traffic/ Not enforcing speed limit
13. 20 - Lacking industry
14. 20 - Poor or no sidewalks/ Limited walking
15. 15 - Police department
16. 11 - No weekend & evening hours downtown
17. 10 – Not enough restaurant variety/ Need restaurants on the lake
18. 9 – Old sewer lines/ Sewage smell/ rates
19. 8 - Rowdy bars & smoking in private clubs, downtown sidewalks dirty
20. 8 – Lack of emergency & medical care
21. 8 - Seneca Knit - lack of development
22. 7 – Proximity to landfill
23. 6 - Lack of a good grocery store
24. 5- Poor economy
25. 4 - High water bills
26. 4 - Not enough extra trash pickup/ recycling
27. 4 - Lack of variety of tourists shops & amenities, no directory for tourists
28. 4 - Indian land claim
29. 4 - Lack of consolidation of services
30. 4 - Previous administration - negative image
31. 3 - No public restrooms
32. 3 – No affordable housing for majority lower middle class/ Senior housing
33. 3 - Nothing is done to promote downtown
34. 3 - Snow removal
35. 3 - Lack of long term plan or vision
36. 3 - Women’s Rights Hall of Fame
37. 3 - Water quality
38. 3 - Village government expense/ Runaway school budgets
39. 2 - Too many police
40. 2 - Poor zoning regulations
41. 2 - Better roads needed
42. 2 - Overhead electric wires
43. 2 – Lack of urgent care/ hospital
44. 2 - Women’s Rights opponents
45. 2 – Improvements needed to Women’s Rights Center & surrounding area
46. 2 - Difficult for outsiders
47. 2 - Lack of public transportation

48. 2 - The IGA
49. 2 - Biking, skateboards, rollerblading on sidewalks
50. 2 - Wal-Mart
51. No control on snowmobiles
52. Poor aesthetics
53. Too many places
54. Housing
55. Mixed zoning
56. Politics at Women Made Products
57. Bad railroad crossings
58. Insufficient state support
59. Allow more EMT's to be added
60. Dogs running loose
61. Chamber of Commerce accessibility
62. Housing grants for home improvements
63. Lack of bike parking
64. Poor condition of railroad tracks
65. Increasing transient population
66. Lack of laundry facilities
67. Little use of lake
68. Not enough lodging
69. Need more animal control
70. Need senior services
71. Not enforcing building codes
72. Dependence on ITT
73. Aluminum siding
74. Tire Solutions
75. Past administration
76. Foul mouthed kids & adults during town/ village events
77. Lack of facilities for boaters
78. Resistance to historic district
79. Impact of HDC on homeowners, without compensation
80. Pollution in canal and in drinking water
81. Every other week recycling
82. Code enforcement
83. Noise at night
84. Mailboxes you can drive up to

Summary

There were a total of 674 responses to the question, "What do you think are Seneca Falls' three most negative features?" Nearly 11% of those answering this question feel that downtown is unattractive due to the conditions of buildings there. Almost ten percent of residents answering this question think that the high village taxes is one of the most negative features. Also, more than 9% of those responding to this question feel that the historical district is run down and is therefore a negative feature of Seneca Falls. Nearly 7% of those answering this question noted that the lack of business downtown is a negative feature of the village.

27. What do you feel are the three greatest opportunities Seneca Falls can take advantage of in the next 5 to 10 years?

Town

1. 108 – Promote tourism
2. 49 – Canal (& front) improvements
3. 39 - Industrial parks/ Industry/ IDA
4. 30 – History – Women's Rights/ historic district
5. 29 - Attract hi-tech manufacturing plants, tax base
6. 22 – Small business development
7. 22 - Wineries

8. 18 - Seneca Meadows Landfill
9. 13 – Outdoor recreation/ Parks improvements/ Canal trail & bike
10. 12 – Harbor/ lakeside development
11. 12 – Van Cleef Lake (marina)
12. 12 – Consolidate/ Merge town & village across board
13. 9 - Pastoral setting/ “It’s a Wonderful Life”
14. 8 – Recreation/ Parks improvements
15. 7 - Central location
16. 7 - Keep jobs/ families & young adults here
17. 7 - Rte. 318 & Rte. 414 corridor developments
18. 6 – Restaurants/ lake resort/ hotel
19. 6 - Consolidation of schools
20. 6 - Natural resources, wise use
21. 6 - Lower taxes
22. 6 - Chiropractic College
23. 5 - Knitting mill area
24. 5 – Airport expansion
25. 5 - Cultural opportunities/ Music hall or amphitheater
26. 4 - More boating - rentals/ develop a park or camping
27. 4 – Urgent/ Health care center
28. 4 – Trains for mass transit & tourism
29. 4 - Welcome Indian casinos
30. 4 - Build a movie theater
31. 4 - Grants - Secure \$ for lake clean up, etc.
32. 4 - Build new bowling lanes
33. 3 – Protect farming/ Better farming production
34. 3 – Attitude/ Growing as a whole community/ Volunteers
35. 3 – Library
36. 3 - Upscale housing
37. 3 – Renewable energy/ Windmills for power/ Energy issues
38. 3 - Grocery store choices
39. 3 – More transportation/ STS bus availability
40. 3 - Agri-business/ organic farming
41. 2 – Learn from other towns (Skaneateles)
42. 2 - Become a bedroom community for Syracuse/ Rochester
43. 2 - Village improvements
44. 2 - Senior assisted living
45. 2 - Advertise (National market/ fall foliage)
46. 2 - Improve buildings
47. 2 – NYCC
48. 2 - Add childcare & after school programs
49. 2 - Improve roads
50. 2 - Expand convention days and canal fest & farm show
51. 2 - Water & sewer lines
52. 2 – Stronger community involvement/ adhere to comprehensive plan results
53. Increased ethnic diversity
54. Super Wal-Mart
55. More athletic fields
56. Identify bus routes & schedules by color & destinations
57. Need airport shuttle service with long term parking
58. Antique “place”
59. Heavy traffic from town to village
60. Keep looking for grants/ outside supports
61. Good workforce
62. End Indian enterprises
63. Affordable housing
64. Recreation center
65. A Home Depot

66. A dog park near water
67. Montezuma
68. Railroad
69. Improving Gould's recreation center
70. Public toilets
71. Create bottled water featuring Women's Rights history
72. Ethanol
73. Apartment development
74. Eliminate urban expansion
75. Satellite classes from CCC or FLCC
76. Committees continue to work together for good of Seneca County
77. Old town barn lot
78. Inexpensive land
79. Protect lakes
80. Develop 5 & 20 corridor
81. School reform
82. Need services of a good town planner
83. Johnson Home
84. Paid ambulance service

Summary

There were a total of 557 responses to the question, "What do you feel are the three greatest opportunities Seneca Falls can take advantage of in the next 5 to 10 years?" More than 19% of those answering this question feel that the promotion of tourism is the greatest opportunity that the Town of Seneca Falls can take advantage of. Almost nine percent of residents answering this question think that improvements to the canal front and the canal system are a great opportunity. Seven percent of those responding to this question feel that attracting industry and full industrial parks are a great opportunity for the town. Also more than 5% of those answering this question noted specifically that hi-tech manufacturing plants should be attracted to the Town of Seneca Falls and that the history of Women's Rights and the historic district are opportunities for the town.

Village

1. 201 - Industrial development
2. 106 - Increase tourism
3. 83 - Canal/ waterway development
4. 26 - Women's Rights history- more development
5. 22 - Attracting newer, growing business opportunities/ technology
6. 22 - History/ historic district
7. 21 - Seneca knitting mill location
8. 14 - Encourage small businesses
9. 14 - Replacing tax base - from Gould's or keep the company open
10. 12 - Wineries
11. 10 - More publicity about village and town
12. 10 - Village improvements (Historic buildings -fix)
13. 10 - Entertainment/ Festivals (Winter events)
14. 9 - Cayuga Lake/ Finger lakes
15. 9 - Lower taxes
16. 8 - Merge town & village governments
17. 8 - Develop Van Cleef Lake area
18. 7 - Downtown revitalization
19. 6 - Keep jobs here
17. 6 - Consolidation of schools
20. 5 - Control growth to keep semi-rural ambience
21. 5 - Residential/ Upscale housing/ Condos/ Housing downtown
22. 4 - More variety of shops downtown
23. 4 - Central location
24. 4 - Obtain grants
25. 3 - Encourage adaptive re-use of historic properties

26. 3 – Historic preservation
27. 3 – Landfill
28. 3 – Canal trail/ Extend walking trails
29. 3 – Beautification
30. 3 - Capitalize on Farm Days
31. 3 - Create village government that works
32. 3 – Community involvement
33. 3 - Improve roads/ Better parking
34. 2 - Dissolve and incorporate into town – don't need a village
35. 2 - Public restrooms
36. 2 - Library
37. 2 - Strength of our youth
38. 2 – The park service
39. 2 - Gallery for local artists & products
40. 2 – Hydro-power
41. 2 - Farmer's Market
42. 2 - Work force/ Volunteers
43. 2 - Be a bedroom community
44. 2 - Chiropractic college
45. Bypass downtown traffic
46. Cost of property
47. Pet-Co
48. Increased ethnic diversity, cultural awareness
49. Windmills for power
50. Relax rules in historic district
51. After school activities
52. Build new upscale housing
53. Affordable senior housing
54. Attracting a super market chain
55. Access to bus service
56. Railroad
57. River harbor
58. Legislative reform/ changes in tax law
59. Build children's museums
60. Bread & Breakfast
61. Parks & Recreational facilities
62. Jet ski rentals
63. Promote fishing on lake

Summary

There were a total of 678 responses to the question, “What do you feel are the three greatest opportunities Seneca Falls can take advantage of in the next 5 to 10 years?” More than 30% of those answering this question feel that industrial development is the greatest opportunity that the Village of Seneca Falls can take advantage of. More than fifteen percent of residents answering this question think that an increase in tourism is a great opportunity. More than 12 percent of those responding to this question feel that waterway development, including the canal system, is a great opportunity for the Village of Seneca Falls.

28. What do you feel are the three greatest challenges Seneca Falls will face in the next 5 to 10 years?

Town

1. 90 – Jobs/ Job losses
2. 87 - Keeping & attracting industry; manufacturing
3. 74 – High taxes
4. 57 – Landfill situation
5. 45 – Decline in population/ keeping families & youth here
6. 36 - Indian land claim
7. 28 – Economic development/ Money – tax base is shrinking

8. 15 – Consolidating town & village services
9. 12 - Attract hi-tech manufacturing plants
10. 11 - Poverty level up/ decline in family income
11. 9 – Infrastructure (water & sewer)
12. 9 - Improving schools/ Merger
13. 9 – Planning/ Smart growth
14. 8 - Affordable housing/ Senior housing
15. 8 - Increased senior citizen population
16. 7 - Traffic
17. 6 - Health care/ hospital
18. 6 - Drug problems
19. 6 - Proper use of taxes and federal & state funds
20. 6 – Better government/ Choosing leaders
21. 5 - Maintaining small town charm/ Open space
22. 4 - Environmental/ water protection
23. 4 – Preserve lakefront & canal front
24. 4 - School system/ possible merger
25. 3 - Fostering community pride
26. 3 – Environmental protection/ Clean lakes & rivers
27. 2 - Quality of life
28. 2 - Balancing the budget/ more efficient spending
29. 2 – Zoning changes/ Mixed zoning
30. 2 – Crime increase
31. 2 – Downtown revitalization
32. 2 - Maintain property values
33. 2 - Cost of energy
34. 2 – Tourism
35. Public transportation
36. Keep in mind our low income families
37. Loss of landfill revenue
38. Access to Amtrak passenger service
39. Updated & safe canal side parks
40. Recreational opportunities
41. Deteriorating facilities
42. Vincennes Park
43. Single family home conversions to rentals
44. Wal-Mart expansion
45. Keeping local farms
46. None of this work will take off
47. Supporting village
48. Increase tourism

Summary

There were a total of 582 responses to the question, “What do you feel are the three greatest challenges Seneca Falls will face in the next 5 to 10?” More than 15% of those answering this question feel that job loss is the greatest challenge that the Town of Seneca Falls will face. Almost fifteen percent of residents answering this question specifically stated that keeping and attracting manufacturing industry will be the greatest challenge to be faced. More than 12 percent of those responding to this question feel that high taxes is the greatest challenge for the Town of Seneca Falls. Nearly ten percent of those answering this question feel that the situation at the Seneca Falls Landfill is the greatest challenge for the town.

Village

1. 91 - Job & business losses
2. 81 - High taxes
3. 56 - Loss of Goulds ITT
4. 39 - Loss of young adults/ families
5. 25 - Attract industry

6. 17 - Indian land claim
7. 15- Encourage tourism
8. 13 – Economic development
9. 12 – Preserve small town atmosphere
10. 11 - Erosion of tax base
11. 11 – Consolidate services
12. 10 - Erosion of historic district
13. 10 - Educational quality
14. 10 - Downtown revitalization
15. 9 – Money
16. 9 – Local leadership – improve
17. 9 - Aging population, meeting their needs
18. 8 - Improve police presence (increased drug usage)
19. 8 - Educational consolidation
20. 6 – Indian businesses
21. 6 - Rising government costs
22. 6 - Affordable housing/ Housing values
23. 5 - Decaying infrastructure (water & sewer)
24. 4 - Poverty level up
25. 4 – Canal side development/ Improve canal usage
26. 4 - Decrease historical zone regulations
27. 3 – Seneca Meadows Landfill
28. 3 - Historic committee– needs consistency – too much power
29. 3 - Mixed zoning/ Zoning changes
30. 3 - Youth issues, curfew
31. 3 - More quality child care
32. 2 - Increasing (truck) traffic
33. 2 - Maintenance of properties/ values
34. 2 - Poor planning/ sprawl
35. 2 - Finding qualified representative local government
36. 2 - Air & water quality
37. Growth
38. None of this work will take off
39. Reduce size of police force
40. Possibility of church and Catholic school mergers
41. Restrict negative political signage in business windows
42. Turn Gould Hotel into an upscale B&B
43. Traffic
44. Diversity
45. Sewage treatment
46. Communication
47. Recreational opportunities
48. Short range myopia for long range impacts (Wal-Mart, landfill)
49. Competition with big box retail
50. Attract retail
51. Keep new library open
52. Knitting Mill project
53. Wal-Mart
54. Library expenses

Summary

There were a total of 522 responses to the question, “What do you feel are the three greatest challenges Seneca Falls will face in the next 5 to 10?” More than 17% of those answering this question feel that job and business losses are the greatest challenge that the Village of Seneca Falls will face. More than fifteen percent of residents answering this question feel that high taxes is the greatest challenge for the Town of Seneca Falls. More than 10 percent of those responding to this question feel the Loss of Goulds ITT, specifically, is the greatest challenge for the Village of Seneca Falls. More than 7% of residents answering this question feel that the loss of young adults and families will be the greatest challenge for the village over the next 5 to 10 years.

29. Please feel free to add additional comments, thoughts or ideas below.

1. For Seneca Falls to remain a viable, vital community for the next 50 years, tourism must be developed but not at any cost. Careful planning, measuring action and community involvement are a must. If we don't have a professional grant writer/ seeker, we should consider it.
2. People in my age group are not living here due to lack of jobs. This place will become a ghost town except for people needing public assistance unless the following happens: Consolidate village into town. What is the benefit of living in the village? Cost does not exceed benefit; Indian land claim – if you think it won't have a major negative impact, just wait and see; tax burden must decrease. We need to do things differently. If people had a choice, they would not pay for the services we are getting; Don't take the easy way out (landfills & Indian land claim), they spell economic disaster years from now!
3. Just keep up the good work – I am very much satisfied with the town
4. We need more work for all people in this area, like it used to be. I moved here because my job was here, but no more. We need work for seniors who want to work, not be put up in a nursing home. Even the ones that don't have a big education, with a fair wage.
5. We moved to the Town of Seneca Falls for property tax break and we have no desire to see the town & village become one – that will only increase our taxes. Please stay as we are now. The only possibility would be to assist each other using the maintenance equipment.
6. Seneca Falls in my opinion needs to concentrate on 3 things: Activities for children and teens – we have a beautiful recreation center that has virtually nothing to do, restricted hours – maybe an after school program; Jobs – there aren't many and those that are here don't pay enough; We need culture, not just Italian American but celebrate everyone – African-American, Native Americans, Asian Americans. Canal days should focus a little on the history of the canal – the people who built it, etc.
7. Seneca Falls has the greatest location in the United States. We have great access to large cities, good change of climates, water/ waterways, and mountains – all within an hour. These are the areas we need to focus our efforts on to continue growth in the area. We also need to find another way to finance things. Landowners are at their limit and the taxable land base is getting smaller as the Indians get stronger. This has to change!
8. A dog park by the water or more public swimming would be great – more sitting, shopping, and eating by the canal.
9. In order for this village to survive, will determine how many new jobs are created, adding property to tax base, not removing it (knitting mill). Lowering taxes so people can afford to live here. If you have to work out of town you might as well move. There is no reason to stay and live here!
10. I would like to see the Gould Hotel apartments renovated and the elevator repaired.
11. Very few Seneca Falls people shop downtown if any more. No young person is going to open up a business – there is not enough money in it. Wal-Mart has closed up all small businesses – what is going to happen to grocery stores when they add on to Wal-Marts? With the Indians on the corner of Route 89 and Garden Street Ext., the traffic is bad. The place is always packed with cars going in & out & especially with the gambling – there isn't even enough parking there. I have even seen large trucks parked on Rt. 89 in front of building. They can't get in parking area.
12. I have a problem with what a homeowner can do with his or her own house in the historical district. My father owns a house on Fall Street. It looks like shit, but I'll be damned if I'm going to paint it every 10 years. If I could cover up a couple windows, I would side it, put new windows in, rebuild the back porch roof, tix the tin on the front, etc. It would look great to the people traveling Routes 5 & 20. I'm ready to start. Call me. Dan Dowd – 6 Patricia Drive & Dewey's 3rd Ward Tavern.
13. Village officials should aggressively pursue industry, working with the IDA, county, etc. Market the village as friendly to industry, not only tourism. Clarify zoning and dwelling codes and enforce them fairly and equally – police should enforce codes, not zoning office. Review manpower needs of all village departments – are they adequately staffed or over staffed.
14. I noticed those involved on this committee are mostly higher income level people. Please understand you do not represent the majority. Some of you do not even live in our high tax village. My single income does not come close to supporting my house any longer and our wage increases each year do not match one of my utility increases let alone taxes, food, gas to get to work, etc. It's serious and you need to think long & hard before increasing the water/ sewer or taxes any more. I'll be moving if it continues. Need, not desire will determine this.
15. We have been through Goulds downsize, Sylvania/ Phillips, Eisenhower, Army depot, etc. going away. We still sell over 500 new and used cars each year. Seneca County is economically viable.

16. Lack of restroom operation at playground sites.
17. Volunteers for off hours downtown - let's find some successful towns and find out how they did it.
18. Why not combine town & village government. We all have the same needs. We have a grand recreation center with a large room for community use. Did we need a new library, give to Women's Hall of Fame, put library at on falls at "Fame" present location.
19. Improve marketing locally, as well as nationally/ Motivate pride in our local village/ Reduce property taxes for improvements/ Additional plantings in parks. Thank you for asking!
20. We need to educate local officials so they can better perform their duties, especially council members, zoning & building officers and boards, so we can avoid the constant mistakes they all make when exercising their duties. As of now I see only boards that say yes to anything regardless of what the ordinances say, best example your town ZBA.
21. Reduce speed limit on River Road from Kingdom Road to village limits. Publish garbage pickup dates for holiday weeks. Look at other small villages with high tourism.
22. I would like to see more events downtown. It is lit up and pretty at Christmas time but nothing is open and nobody is around. Visit Skaneateles around Christmas. You'll get some ideas!
23. Seneca Falls is a wonderful community. Several people in town have shown that they are willing to help move us forward. We must harness that enthusiasm and help everyone look to the future. Our new recreation center; library and re-invigorated downtown truly are the new infrastructure of Seneca Falls. We must continue to be progressive and innovative!
24. Living & working in this area for 59 years – a lot has happened. Sadly industry has left the area – resulting in loss of people – wages, spending, etc. Not everyone can travel to shopping centers – downtown could have been made inot an exclusive one years ago – maybe there's a chance but with Wal-Mart's – good luck is needed. Thanks for the opportunity to participate!
25. We would like adults to be able to use the recreation center for basketball and other activities at the same time as youth. One reason a youth problem exists is the lack of parental influence in their lives and a lack of influence from responsible adults. Remember the best government is usually one that cares about the people enough not to take a large amount of their money. Thank you for your work!
26. Water is a great incentive to attract people to an area; it should be promoted. Cayuga Lake is a privilege to have and should be used.
27. See that Indians do not take property off tax rolls.
28. Bring back the village garbage crew! They took pride in their jobs. The people doing it now do not pick up things that fall as they life the garbage – don't sweep up glass they drop – speed on dead end streets!
29. Get every day people into this young, old, everyone – make them proud to be a part of this wonderful community – stop the fighting. I attended an event that brought the village together. What a treasure is Mike Nozzolio. Use our resources & give credit to people like Mike, Fran Caraccilo and local people who just push to make SF a better place.
30. We need an upscale retirement housing, condo or small houses community billage. Too many seniors are leaving because we don't have this. Lack of curbing cutoffs at intersections. Museums not accessible to handicapped. Unoccupied hazardous houses – sheds – trailers need to be torn down or moved.
31. While the premise of a historic district is great, we need to realize the value of homeowners & their needs to update. We need to keep the overall integrity but not at the expense of homeowners letting them run into the ground due to unrelenting restrictions. We also need to explore different venues of getting stable businesses into the town/ village because the cash cows that we have relied on for so many years will be gone sooner than we think. There are a lot of great things about our area & we never would have stayed if there weren't.
32. Cut costs & keep it the same.
33. I am greatly concerned about our youth. The schools need more money for teachers' salaries and materials. Drug use is a concern. Performance cars & motorcycles race up and down village streets. We have been moving in the right direction but more needs to be done.
34. Please have the police deal with the drug situation. The school is not a drug free zone and neither is downtown! Support the National Women's Hall of Fame in finding a new home – it is a national treasure and a significant source of tourist dollars. Help create jobs!
35. Overall, I'm quite happy living in the village and quite satisfied with services. My attitude about making any sort of change is, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I'm more for the preservation of a way of life than innovation for the sake of change.
36. I feel there should be some younger people on the steering committee. We need to draw from other small villages that have successful programs. Look at giving tax breaks for downtown businesses that upgrade their storefronts – tax break in relation to amount spent for upgrade.

37. It is good to see the committee looking ahead to the future and starting a plan. Best of luck to all of you!
38. Allow taxes to be paid in at least 2 installments instead of all at once. Merge town & village boards, etc. Water odor & taste.
39. A 24-hour emergency facility would be an asset to the area.
40. Please always remember that our pockets are just so deep – always utilize money wisely – waste is an injustice to hard working people. Thank you!
41. Police should patrol Ovid Street more often. Ovid Street has more traffic since 5 points prison – kids peace and wineries. It has become a raceway for autos, buses and trucks. Enforce building code – see mess at corner of Ovid & Barker Streets.
42. I would like to see the village & town combine under one ruling body. We need to improve sidewalks on our side streets. Set a curfew & get the kid off the streets, our beautiful recreation center hasn't done so.
43. I know that we all would like to keep our own unique communities here in Seneca County & we can. We need not worry about our identities even if we were to combine village, town and county services. We need to look at our road services, police forces, school and many more. Let's not live back 40 years ago, let's look forward. Thank you.
44. Have canal more accessible to the public.
45. To make village & town of Seneca Falls better you need to make the kids of Seneca Falls appreciate their own. So make any changes to benefit them with the community. There is nothing in Seneca Falls for them or even the adults to go do as families.
46. The town needs more lighting districts as well as further extending its water & sewer district to Black Brook Road. The town needs to rapidly resolve its sewer dispute with the IDA on Rte. 414 so that further development of 318 and 414 can become a reality! Seneca Falls (village) needs to develop eastward on Rt. 5 & 20 towards Auburn both commercially and industrially. Tear down the old Leigh Valley freight house down and put up canal front condos or apartments. Push tourism big time!
47. Village government should be eliminated and services transferred to town government. Police force should be eliminated and county and state patrol used to replace existing police services. Reduce the power of the historical society to prevent homeowners' ability to upgrade their properties to reduce heating and maintenance costs and improve the appearance of their homes.
48. To have a set time at night for teens to turn down the music in cars, and staying out late at night. Enforce the speed on Ovid Street; maybe one more speed limit sign on the street. We need more for our teens to do. The movie theater was nice when we had one; teens were not so much trouble. It's hard for some to get to the malls or Geneva to see a movie.
49. Something needs to be done about the seaweed problem in the lake. Boating and swimming have become unpleasant if not difficult by the increased growth. Just cutting, which spreads seeds and encourages more growth, is not the answer.
50. I was on the New York State and western New York Planning Board in the 1970's – airports, hospitals, education, sewer systems took like 12 – 15 years to get things done, did: obtain a sewer system for a village and a clean lake for swimming – lots of opposition from towns people – took 15 years, budget 3 times; alcohol and drug abuse control finally materialized 8 years later; medical equipment for a teaching hospital; must have a friend in Washington for grants to community.
51. Zoning for land-adjoining canal needs evaluation; Town – water for entire town should have band & all areas have water installed. Selective and limited is not fair to town residents and could potentially lead to lawsuit; Combination of Village & Town would not eliminate jobs – virtually all employees are workers. Eliminating layers of management just isn't there so saving s would be insignificant, and cost in tax rate to town residents overwhelming.
52. Seneca Falls is a great town. The crack heads and drug pushers from Geneva need to be thumped and sent packing. Kids need a safe place to go and hang with their friends. They can't do that with the recreation center closing so early. Keep it open until 10 PM and the kids will be happy, crime will drop. We need a curfew – 10:30 PM for anyone under 18 years old. Do it soon or we'll look like Geneva's "hood" problems.
53. Residents need to take care of their sidewalks in the winter. I walk quite often and it can be very treacherous. They should be warned and then fined if it continues. Maybe hire teens to shovel for elderly or busy people who are unable to shovel. If you encourage don't drink and drive, the sidewalks should be walkable and safe.
54. There is a sign near the park benches by VanCLeef Lake that recognizes the first white settler. This sign suggests racial superiority simply by its singular racial recognition. I prefer it be either rewritten without the work white or removed altogether. Also, when turning onto Fall Street from Water Street, often times vehicles parked in front of Stevers (?) business block view of oncoming traffic.

55. A big problem is the Indians taking land off the tax rolls. This needs immediate attention of our politicians who appear to be more honest with the population. There are many hidden agendas. Nepotism has created problems in the past. There are still family members nurtured in both town and village, paid and unpaid positions (see members of this committee).
56. Police spend too much time on DWI – not doing their job of taking care of the side streets at night.
57. To a certain degree our town is dying without growth of jobs, we need to offer our children a chance to live here if they choose through jobs & town growth.
58. I feel that people who sue the village & then ask for more money and because things aren't the way this person wants them to be, then has the brass to want to get back in the village government – how stupid can this be. All costs should be taken to keep this person out of any typed of village or town government. We all know who this is.
59. We need a sports bar/ after hour's eateries. My concern is the college graduates – there are no jobs for them (computer tech/ marketing/ business) as they graduate/ leave home/ move away – when we retire and go south this will be a ghost town. We will have trash, low-income people living here. Get industry to return here, develop the industrial park – give incentives to get them here.
60. I feel that the village & town should own no property except what they are doing – sell everything else and put back on that rolls.
61. I feel the village & town spend too much time, effort & money on promoting tourism and not enough effort on jobs creation – we need industry & jobs, not tourist! Ninety percent of the people living in this village & town do not benefit from tourism and it does not help the taxes go down!
62. We have seen many businesses open and close in the village over the last 15 years and believe that many might have succeeded with guidance. The village, town & county need to work together to provide business opportunities (seminars, free advice, strong committee leadership to represent concerns). What's happening with Seneca Knit Mill property – didn't they receive some grant money to develop that property? Is there a time line? Information is a valuable tool and can be a positive way to encourage everyone.
63. Too many police, down size the police department. Stop giving away free medical insurance to all village workers. Keep trying to get the taxes down or do away with them.
64. Once you get them here you have to be able to keep them here with things to do – restaurants – park down there is nice – shopping, Women's Rights site, antique shops. They are able to visit a wine shop of our local wines – so much you could do!
65. There is a strong and educated youth here – think of ways to keep them local & not loose them – tap into the skills of the students & families and the college – they have many skills & may stay after graduation. Go to the students at high school with this questionnaire and ask their opinion – you might be surprised by their answers.
66. The Seneca Falls area is dying. Unless we can get more business, industry & employment opportunities in area, younger residents continue to leave. Seneca Falls taxes are just as high as Skaneateles, NY! For what opportunities? We desperately need more business & industry in area for employment opportunities! Perhaps more variety of food chains should be considered.
67. Thank you for asking and very best wishes to all who are helping.
68. County – make food inspections & results in public newspaper information column: Inspected – satisfactory; Inspected – pending corrections; Re-inspected with corrections return to satisfied; Add 800# to report unhealthy locations; Add mayor's or committee hotline to report problem areas (zoning, business noise, health – not for police public nuisance).
69. I think Zuzu's is a great additions and I like the idea of restoring the knitting mill.
70. Some village/ town services lend themselves to sharing equipment very well such as loaning street equipment. Town court is doing an excellent job. However, if the village and town were to consolidate or merge too many functions, our high standard of police protection would suffer, as would any grant possibilities that we now have thanks to being a historic district community. The advocates of consolidation are not in favor of retaining our historic district.
71. Why should I pay \$328 year tax on Bridgeport waterline and 200/ year sewer tax and lakeside doesn't have too. Reroute lines around their sovereign nation. Look at Oneida County with Turning Stone collecting millions in sales tax and keeping it. Residents face 9.75 sales tax or 48% property tax increase we're next!
72. The village of Seneca Falls needs to purchase their own sanitation vehicles. There is no need to have a street department superintendent that leads the mayor around by the hand & has cart blanche for anything he asks for. The money he makes is ridiculous for someone without an engineering degree. The head of the sewer & water department would be more fitted for the position and SF could save \$20,000 a year.

73. Nepotism needs to need. We don't good use of village employees. If our town is to move forward we need to pull together and consolidate town/ village resources, employees. Eliminate where needed and put that money into different job that will move us forward.
74. The old knitting mill needs to go forward. Tear down the two buildings (old coal storage & contractor's office). Tear down old church and factory near IGA. You can't save them.
75. Reduce taxes drastically for all property owners 60 years of age.
76. Put a speed limit sign just after Elks Club to the 30-mile sign in Waterloo. There is only a end of speed zone sign. Some people think it is between 30 & 40 mph. End of speed zone usually means 55 mph.
77. I've talked to a few people about this survey. Some think that you will do what you want or have your minds made up about certain issues already. If you can't improve on these issues at least come forward and explain to us why some things can't change.
78. Get rid of boat rentals on wall & more room for tourists.
79. Seneca Knitting Mill building and immediate area is an eyesore. That is a perfect area to utilize to help keep people down.
80. Jobs are scarce around here and there is a lot of land that can be developed. Bring in businesses that would improve not just Seneca Falls but all of Seneca County. Maybe working with the other village and towns to draw attention to this area would help bigger businesses see the attraction to Seneca Falls & Seneca County as a whole.
81. We have spent the last 25 years spending taxpayer dollars trying to develop into a vacation area. We will never be a Cooperstown. We do not have a major draw here – the Women's Rights Park has a very limited appeal. The lakes offer some opportunities for growth – more fishing contests, etc. After that we need to concentrate on keeping the employers we have and looking to attract small employers to the town and village.
82. Offer vacation getaways to this lovely town nestled between the Finger Lakes.
83. This is a beautiful community, rich in history and can be used to draw people here. With lack of jobs, high taxes, young families will not stay here. We need to bring in the families that we had in the sixties and seventies. This community was an active community when our industries like Goulds, Sylvania, Seneca Machine, Ocrum, and Guarantee parts were here. Stop encouraging "garbage recycling" style industry. Start making it appealing for new technical industries to relocate. We are centrally located close to the Thruway; we are a visibly beautiful community.
84. If you do not do something about the huge property tax increases; school, town and county, you will have only the very wealthy people living here. Taxes should be your biggest concern – average & low income will all be gone in 5 to 10 years if nothing is done.
85. This is an excellent survey though you may draw criticism for inviting higher taxes. The new trucking center by the Thruway offers an opportunity for town-based business growth around the center. If this were my town to develop with the millions of dollars I don't have, I would concentrate my efforts on Van Cleef Lake and paths around it and the canal as well as more conveniences in the village for boaters. A cultural center would serve to enrich both the park tourists and the boating tourists experience not to mention county residents.
86. We need to build a commercial/ manufacturing base so as to grow, stabilize and have jobs for our young people.
87. Library is great! Thank you!
88. If we don't do more to keep Goulds and get other businesses in here the people that live here year round won't be able to survive just off of tourism. Allow Indian owned businesses in. They may not pay taxes but they pay wages so people can pay taxes on their property, purchases, school, etc. Reduce the welfare in the area too. We also need to get more activities besides sports for the kids & teens to do. This will help keep them off the streets, away from drugs, stop vandalism, etc.
89. I think we should get lights and traffic light at entrance of Seneca Meadows. The tractor-trailers that go in and out of the meadows aren't very nice about other traffic on road. We spent all that time on the new Petro Station for yellow and white road lines & traffic light. I think we should do the same for all of Route 414.
90. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions and concerns.
91. We haven't lived here for very long, but enjoy where we live very much. We enjoy the ability to go into the village and get what we want in foods and every day needs. I also like the way the town/ village is being managed.
92. We have a beautiful town and village with all the basics covered. Things could always be better, unfortunately they all cost money. We should step back and find out where we can save. Do we need a full time planning board & one that will work with people instead of against them. Should we be more in agreement with people who live in the historic district that are willing to spend money on repairing their

- homes – make them some concessions. Rezone or make historic district smaller. Keep an open mind and build for the future. If you build it they will come.
93. I would add that while Seneca Falls has tremendous tourism potential, it's jobs that keep people living here. There needs to be a balance. Also, if the Native Americans are allowed to buy and take lakefront property off the tax rolls, Seneca Falls will lose a valuable natural resource it won't be able to replace. We need to educate and impress on the lakefront population the absolute need to not sell out as a matter of principle.
 94. Too much money is being spent on historical sights. We need that money to feed and house children and poor families.
 95. Get the historic district out.
 96. Seneca Falls is overall a good town. The houses always look nice as well as the yards. I think we need more stores and recreation; closer things for people who don't have cars. The police and fire departments are very good and quick. Sidewalk repair is definitely a strong need, as well as crosswalk fixing because the lights sometimes don't work when you push the buttons.
 97. The village is quaint but once you get there – there is very little to do. The majority of stores & restaurants have little weekend hours. I think we need to make this village a place people want to visit spend a few days here, not just a day at the Women's Hall of Fame. Canal fest is great but it could be more family oriented and not so booze oriented. I think more family oriented events and increased gift/ antique stores in the village. Also the sidewalks are horrible. Please improve these. Also – the landfill must never be further increased. Its presence here is the worst thing about Seneca Falls.
 98. I applaud your efforts. Thank you!
 99. Community Movie Theater – volunteer run it, play a A & B movie – Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Next week the B movie becomes the A movie and A new movie becomes the B movie. If you volunteer to work you get a free ticket for future movie.
 100. More intensive development of canal side properties – similar to Bushnell's Basin. Is it possible to cooperate with Native Americans instead of deriding?
 101. A curfew should be implemented. Whatever happened to the proposed boating manufacturer setting up shop in the old knitting mill factory?
 102. We commend this committee's effort and believe that what you've done is a significant step in the right direction. We believe Seneca Falls has enormous untapped potential. As small business owners we've had the opportunity to receive feedback from our customers/ guests from all over the world who testify to the charm and potential of this community. We need more people to exude excitement about bringing our history to life and broadcasting the potential of our community.
 103. Seneca Falls needs to inspect appearance of properties periodically. Just a ride through some streets would encourage village officials to form a committee responsible for this. Some homes and properties are in dire need of repair but never seem to improve. This might be due to the requirement of a building permit, even for periodic maintenance and the increasing property taxes. This aspect is not encouraging to homeowners.
 104. A woman president H. Clinton – let's get her to visit our town. She is a strong role model for children – teens, adults and seniors. Have others be allowed on this board, such as voices from men & women and all income levels – must be voted in.
 105. The village and town are essentially run by the employees that work there every day – elected officials come and go but yet the employees that have toiled and remained for many years end up suffering, along with the residents – if excess money is available give it back to the residents and the employees – instead of foolish spending. Appreciate what makes the village and town what they are – taxpayers and long-term employees!
 106. I also think that serious thought should go to the return of a local radio station downtown. Perhaps this can be combined with efforts to create our own website. This provides a source of information and pride in the town and village. The station could be broadcast on the streets of downtown.
 107. The town & village of Seneca Falls have gone down hill due to lack of jobs! What happened & why?
 108. The countywide bus system is over kill & not needed. The idea of village government is antiquated & archaic.
 109. Curfew for youths under 18, since I've been awakened several times between midnight and 2:30 AM by kids near my home, especially in the Lehigh Valley hill (which is a public trail)!
 110. The biggest hindrance to our community's growth and progress is our elected officials – some have the idea that by virtue of being elected they automatically are experts in every aspect of local government. Too many decisions are made behind the scenes. Too much deference is given to the wishes of a few prominent people. You can develop a comprehensive plan but without dedicated elected officials willing to follow its direction rather than ignore it to satisfy knee-jerk wants or the flavor-of-the-month developer, it will be a

- worthless document. Final comment: the village mayor needs to re-focus energy away from the whims and wishes of her employer & back onto the serious financial concerns of village taxpayers!
- 111.The village should seriously consider consolidating their police department with the County Sheriff's. It could be set up as a sub division of the Sheriff's office with a dedicated number of deputies located in the sub station very much like the outlet centers substation located on 318. This could be used as an example for Waterloo to follow. The two governments (village and town) should do everything in their powers to facilitate consolidation of services with long and short-range savings considered while maintaining or enhancing service. They should also encourage the school board to do the same.
 - 112.Seneca Falls will never be a Skaneateles so don't try to copy it or make it a Skaneateles. Watch the landfill & don't let us become the pit of CNY. Keep Goulds/ ITT here or we're in big trouble.
 - 113.Utilize the community manpower, training and develop job opportunities that will encourage future children of this community to stay and raise their families. Maintain the country atmosphere of the area. Maintain & improve the environments natural resources.
 - 114.I believe a small village should capitalize on being a small town – not trying to mimic a city in any way. A small grocery with a butcher behind the counter is more appealing than a self-serve – a pumpkin sold from a field is more fun than by the pound. These things are not available in big cities. Make what you have the pluses.
 - 115.I grew up in Waterloo, 2 years ago I moved to Seneca Falls. I love it here. It's beautiful and well kept. Zuzu's café was a great idea. I love the scenic views we have now & could have in the future & other aspects as well. I don't own a home but rent. If the taxes go up so does my rent. In this survey there were a lot of great ideas but I cannot & many people could take too much of a tax increase. Best of luck in your ideas. Thank you!
 - 116.I see visitors walking around downtown with a look that says, what do we do now? Could we develop a "Visitors newspaper" that shows restaurants, interesting streets, etc. Can it all be "brought together" for visitors?
 - 117.We do not need more Wal-Mart stores. One is more than enough. How about using the high school facilities for some mini-classes for adults or seniors – such as car repair or wood shop? How about some free or low cost musical instrument lessons for seniors? I would like a 24 hour help line for seniors to handle or redirect emergencies, such as a furnace problem, water leak, etc. Contractors who wanted to participate could take turns being on call for after hour's emergencies. You can call 16 plumbers to fix a broken pipe & not get any help until the next day.
 - 118.The need to actively create a progressive, forward looking, eco-friendly image for the village is very important. I suggest beyond the short sighted economics, that embracing village sponsored solar and wind generated electricity will give Seneca Falls a leg up in attracting a conscientious, active citizenry that is well educated and affluent. We have a great foundation built on the principles of equality and progressiveness that should be actively fostered and encouraged.
 - 119.Remember the majority ideas may not be the best ideas in the long run! Where are you going with this? We do not want a Saratoga Springs urban renewal look here, rather authenticity! Too many architectural blunders have already been made! Some facades are not in keeping with the rest – it's the materials, finishes, window and style. Neither is the north side canal front! Why should the historic committee only decide? Where is the expertise? You are running the village. We cant' imagine what you'll do to the mill. Horrors! I've read the historic district booklet! No hotel in mill! No more demolition! Get expertise on and as resource to historic commission.
 - 120.The signs in front of St. Patrick's School should be flashing yellow during school hours like they do in Waterloo. Too many people not aware of 15 mph speed limit.
 - 121.I also feel that the gateways or town and village roads coming into Seneca Falls could look more attractive – better signs, plantings, etc.
 - 122.Try to do all this while lowering property taxes – this will make more attractive for new growth in population and industry.
 - 123.Need to continue to monitor landfill to maintain quality. Need additional revenue. Too much political in fighting. More support for nature trails that currently exist. Better advertising of events – need website. Revamp sheriff department – need to increase pay. Community members need to be more involved. Village sidewalks are not cleaned of snow – especially crosswalks on Fall Street. Too much snow and ice and you have to climb up onto sidewalk.
 - 124.We need to attract businesses, upgrade living, work on Seneca Falls as a tourist/ vacation site. We also need to stop duplicating fobs in the village and town. Seneca Falls isn't that big.
 - 125.More enforcements of the present zoning codes especially allowing small businesses and large or small homes turned into apartment houses with limited or haphazard parking which is really an eyesore.

126. It is imperative to provide employment for the younger people. Once a person graduates from college, they seek employment elsewhere. I don't believe that tourism is the answer. People visit downtown but they don't spend money, they mostly walk around and maybe stop to eat. The outlet mall doesn't bring people to the town or village. They shop and then go to the Thruway and go home. The tax structure and government structure make it difficult for people to relocate to the area. We have town taxes, village taxes and school taxes, which are higher than most villages and town government and services. Loosen the requirements in the historical district.
127. Our highest level of concern for the future of our community is in regard to the landfill. We realize & understand the importance of recycling and waste management. However, further expansion of the landfill is not in the best interest of our community. So many other villages and cities are transporting their trash to our community. They don't want a landfill in their area. Why do we need to accept the burden of their waste? If economics is the only issue, other avenues for income need to be pursued. One other concern regarding the landfill involves new proposals by the state to modify the DEC's involvement with toxic wastes. The proposal is to allow the individual companies to do their own monitoring and report to the DEC. We are concerned with this law; measures would impair the health of community residents. We appreciate the opportunity to complete this survey and voice our opinions.
128. Many years ago when I worked downtown we could spend an hour just going to stores. Sylvania left, Knitting Mill closed & stores closed, etc.
129. It is the job of our community leaders to take measures to protect the health and well being of community residents. In order to do this there should be no further expansion of the landfill. The present landfill should continue to be regulated and monitored to provide us with a safe environment.
130. Events need more advertisements. Ask the people how to improve our events (Wonderful Life, etc.) All teens need a project to work on.
131. In May of 2004 I filed a complaint with the town office concerning a neighbor. He was operating a lumber and tree cutting service with an enormous amount of lumber in the back yard, an employee and all kinds of machinery. Mr. Turkott never contacted me – I called him and he made all kinds of stupid excuses – even though it was proven that a D.B.A. had been issued by the county – Peter Same returned one call – other than that no one ever contacted me – I finally saw my lawyer & he recommended I see the town attorney, who took a formal complaint & apparently served notice – come election time I will make this a public issue – Mr. Turkott is a worthless individual & official.
132. Encourage people to stay by offering lower taxes and incentives.
133. I also believe that the corner of Fall & Mynderse St. is a disaster waiting to happen. Cars going the wrong way on Mynderse St. If they don't exit Fall St. they go thru the Gould parking lot. There is going to be a very bad accident on that corner. Why is there parking on both sides of Mynderse St. from Fall St. thru and after Chapel St. there is parking on one side of the street only so fire trucks can get thru. Hello the lower end of Mynderse is the narrowest street of the village. What about the fire trucks reaching the homes there?
134. There is too much talk about trying to be like Skaneateles. Forget it! It will not happen. We need to find our own identity and build on that.
135. We hope that the Town keeps the Vincennes' Park pool and that they make the needed improvements versus putting a new pool in some other location or not having one at all. We feel that the lights at Kids Territory were a waste of money.
136. I do not frequent shops in the village because of the nightmare of parking and traffic. I prefer to go to Wal-Mart or Bells Plaza. The village is a nice place to visit if you can/ could find a nice place to park and then walk around enjoying the shops. This is the only way boaters use it when passing thru and it works just fine but I can't ever imagine choosing to use Fall Street Pharmacy over Eckerd or Wal-Mart for something that I want to "run in and pick up quickly." Bailey's was nice at first and second locations but really stinks now that it is down in back without any indoor seating to enjoy the "It's a Wonderful Life" connection.
137. Events such as Carp Derby, Canal Fest, Convention Days, concerts in People's Park, events at the Historical Society and art galleries all encourage a sense of community & give people a reason to attend downtown attractions. It's a Wonderful Life theme draws attention to the town and village and is a tourism draw. The events that benefit the revitalization committee such as New Years Eve and Haunted House are fun and bring people in the community together.
138. There is a need for a better type of transportation system that works 7 days a week. Eliminate village & just have a town – taxes would be less taxes on people – may make for better utilities service.
139. Serious study & consideration must be given to consolidation of the town & village. This would be in the best interest of all residents. Our fire departments now respond to medical calls. This group of volunteers needs to have the equipment & supplies necessary to provide these services. Based on the number of calls

- and the need to provide this service, consideration should be given to having some paid staff – at least an EMT, 24 hours a day. These volunteers can not leave their paid jobs to respond to several calls in the course of a day. In many instances the volunteer does not get paid when leaving work to respond to a call. These are dedicated people, but they cannot always leave work to respond to a call. If we provide the service, we must provide the staff. Let's work together for the best interest of all residents.
140. Would like to see more upscale shops and restaurants featuring local foods/ wines/ art and crafts. Better selection in grocery stores – not more stores. Need home improvement programs. Capitalize on small town atmosphere and country setting. Need communication and organization regarding community events. Help community to organize to improve the village/ town. Beautify the canal! Evening events to attract overnight tourism. Enhance the small town/ historic charm – so much potential.
 141. The main attractions for SF will be historical districts plus canal attractions. Keep Gould's Pumps.
 142. Steering committee has a focus of doing the best for the community and residents in the town/ village of Seneca Falls. Thank you.
 143. It would be nice to have a program to help senior citizens with small things around the house. Too much is given to help rich developers – they should have to pay more on their own and not knock down too many of our buildings.
 144. Building condos or nice apartment building for average wage earner. Behind and beside the new library – possible public ice skating rink for public use. Roller-skating somewhere in the village.
 145. If tourism is going to be the revenue driver for SF, some type of attraction must be developed to hold people here for more than a couple of hours – lodging, tours of the village and county and boat rentals, for example. In my opinion, anything that can get tourists to at least spend the night.
 146. I would love some kind of development on the fireman's field.
 147. Canal side information for boaters. Limits on bass tournaments. Jet ski controls, hours of use, noise. Enforcement of speed limits on Lower Lake Road and Route 89.
 148. Instead of making it a community where there is activities to do – like roller skating and movies – all that has been taken out for Women's rights. I think we go overboard a little bit with that. We used to have a movie theater but that's gone, now people have to go out of town to those activities, which brings many to other towns instead of ours.
 149. Vote in responsible people in our town & village government.
 150. All the vision & planning for village/ town development is dwarfed & impeded by failing to come to terms with the need for a market first. That means getting behind existing businesses, attracting employers who offer higher paying jobs, getting public utilities & services to the 318/414 corridor. We need new blood – new energy and the ability to think outside of the box.
 151. Organic food store. Adult educational seminars & classes at the community center. Galleries, specialty shops in the Seneca Knitting Mill. Barnes & Noble in the plaza. Cross country ski trails.
 152. Please publish results of surveys. Should be publicized.
 153. What we need to focus on is how the people that have 2 jobs – male and female couples or male and male or female and female – couple can not get help in the county cause they make like \$10.00 - \$100.00 too much for health and housing assistance. Also the fact that the special needs children and the special needs need a place to go instead of taking to the streets so they can be put into the system, which would be less strain on the police.
 154. Increase local sales taxes and eliminate property taxes paid only by homeowners. You're pricing people out of their homes!
 155. Survey was an excellent idea – will be interested to see how these results are put to good use.
 156. Downtown needs a uniform sign code.
 157. Prevent large chicken or pig farms in any area near our village or township. Prevent adult entertainment businesses near our village or in township. Police presence on Fall St. during evening hours in summer time to prevent kids hanging around.
 158. If I don't subscribe to the paper how am I supposed to know what's going on with the village/ town? The newsletter is good but not enough. There seems to be more new high scale businesses that I would never go to due to costs & attitude. Are you appealing to out of towners? I'd love to see an expansion of the towpath, which has started in SF (sculpture trail). How about that library that has minimal books? I thought a library was supposed to be about books, not looks. The new books they have are mostly paperbacks. How are they supposed to last? Who buys paperbacks? I can join a book club and start my own new & improved library in town where it's all about the books.
 159. Back in the 30's, 40's, and 50's, our community had industry and was populated by hard working, family oriented individuals. Many families weren't wealthy, although we had our fair share. The homes in the village were primarily small but well kept with pride. Over the years, with industry leaving our community

and older residents passing away, these homes have fallen in disrepair. They are not attracting the same type of families. These homes are attracting more & more lower economic families, families who are drawing from the resources of our community rather than adding to it. I feel we need to address there many run down homes.

160. I would love to volunteer to help the community but don't know how to get involved. I think getting more community involvement is important to bring us together. I work and often shop in Geneva. I wish I could support the local community more, however I see better job opportunities in Geneva. Stores like Tops and Wegmans and Walmart offer better deals than I can get at IGA and local convenient stores.
161. A new movie rental establishment would be highly appreciated!
162. Research everything – learn what others have done well and not well. Two of the most beautiful communities in upstate NY are Skaneateles & Saratoga Springs. Their towns are different than SF but both similar in many ways, look at what worked for them. Our lake, the canal and downtown are all wonderful things to begin with, use them as your strengths - make them better, the best, first. I like this community but it needs to improve. Everything always needs to improve – if it doesn't improve in cultural and economic ways, the quality of the community will continue to suffer. Good luck!
163. Convert Seneca Falls technology group building in to a shopping center.
164. I am interested in this committee. What are your qualifications? Is this solely for the same people who are generally involved in politics? I don't mean politicians, but people such as bank executives & others who are considered pillars of the community. Is the average "Joe resident" also on this committee? If now, he/she should be. Some fresh/ new blood is needed. We don't need the town owned or controlled by one person.
165. As taxes on lake property taxes, it forces long time residents to sell. If the same families remain, taxes should rise as the cost of living rises, if sold, the property goes up to current tax levy.
166. The historical aspect of Seneca Falls should really be stressed & made the most of. Advertise more of what's going on. Model Fall Street after "It's a wonderful life." We moved here 12 years ago. For the most part, we like it here. However, if you are childless or have children not in sports, it's quite boring here. We drive to Syracuse or Geneva for entertainment. Not much going on here from Labor Day to Memorial Day. People are friendly however - people seem to stick to their own groups. The pay of jobs here is pitiful. A man cannot support a family on \$8 an hour. Businesses have to come here or the town won't survive. The library and its staff are awesome.
167. Need to expand business opportunities without losing essential nature of village/ town. Want to keep small town look and feel.
168. The downtown business district has a very nice appearance. Unfortunately, as soon as you get to the west end of it, it quickly turns ugly – a used old car lot; a wrecker service, complete with lots of wrecked cars. The town wasted money putting up a fence to hide the problem. The village should enforce the laws regarding: junkyards; storage areas; dismantling junk cars. Now the ugliness is spreading to the house next-door – major neglect. The village needs to write codes and enforce the appearance of rental properties & control their usage. Take a walk west on Fall Street; it's not hard to pick out the rental properties.
169. This historical district may be good for Seneca Falls, its oppressive to the homeowners. Downtown building owners get cost breaks, low interest loans, etc. The residential homeowner gets no assistance or breaks in any improvements that we make. Why not?
170. This is mostly a "mute" questionnaire, mainly because all the things you ask us to support & bring into the town/ village were all once here & were drawn out by local/ state government policy, rules & regulations. I support bringing business in yet wrote "not concerned" on your questionnaire because they were here & driven out before – what's to stop it from happening again? Local government has had so much in fighting it has cost us bankruptcy or near bankruptcy in this community. Natural resources sit idle while we pay other companies to supply us with what we waste or don't use.
171. I feel that homeowners within the historical district should be allowed to use modern materials when doing external home improvements especially if it doesn't change the look of the house. Homeowner's in the historic district should have funding available for home improvements, especially external home improvements, to fix the place up should not raise the homeowners taxes.
172. Although we are opposed to the Seneca Meadows Landfill, we are aware that it is a permanent fixture as well as a huge source of revenue for the town. We believe strongly that if the landfill chooses to expand in the direction of the population/ village/ schools of Seneca Falls, you can spend all the money in the world on recreation centers, libraries, stores, B&B's and upscale housing, but on one will choose to live here. Just check true stories of other US towns that have had this happen already. There's proof.
173. The two medians by the stop light where P&C, McDonald's, motel, etc. When people come down 414 from Thruway to enter Seneca Falls it does not say much for the villages of Seneca Falls or Waterloo to see the

- medians overgrown with weeds. It makes a statement that the region is too poor to maintain them. They need to either be filled in with cement or dressed up with flowers. It would not cost that much to have a floral business take care of them.
- 174.I walk for fitness and see that our sidewalks need to be repaired in the village especially. Also, there is sometimes a problem with pets running loose and barking. I love this town – I grew up here and am glad to see people working to make it better.
- 175.I am worried about the proposed consolidation of our schools with Waterloo. Also, the declining church attendance is causing St. Pat's & Presbyterian churches to study consolidation as well.
- 176.Thanks for asking for feedback.
- 177.If you want to use the historical mean to create jobs, downtown needs to be cleaned up. More tourist attractions and specialty shops, small restaurants (open nights & weekends), more concerts and street fairs. We need more economic base. We need to get industries to come in and set up. We need recreation and activities for our special needs population and a mentoring program for youth at risk. We need our own hospital or acute care facility and rental housing at a decent price. Also, less in fighting between local government and service agencies. Thank you for doing this survey.
- 178.Look at Perinton for development – trail town, get more trails around village/ town. Encourage people to walk, ride bikes, canoe or kayak on the canal. Try to get a better plan & money for canal side activity. Work with local Congressmen & Senators to get federal money. Develop a plan and show them what SF can do. Right now – a nice bedroom community for Syracuse/ Rochester.
- 179.Our biggest concern is the Indian situation. Not paying taxes and taking business away from the tax paying businesses! We do not support them!
- 180.Seneca Falls needs a renewal in employment opportunities. Need a movie theater. Another major employer or many more small to mid size employers. Need a wintertime attraction to maintain restaurant & retail business, such as professional theater or major craft/ antique shop.
- 181.Seneca Falls must invest in tourism because we have the history of Women's Rights here so we should exploit it thru a first rate ad program and improving hotels, parks, entertainment so the tourist will spend more time in our area. The canal is also a draw for boaters we must improve that area by assisting building owners to repair, paint, and perhaps help them in area business ventures. Such as – public showers & restrooms, outdoor restaurants, canoe rental or paddleboats.
- 182.Many village sidewalks need repairing. Since they are village owned, I think they should absorb more of the financial burden. Homeowners should help financially according to income. We are always reminded that the village owns them but they are our responsibility. Responsibility works both ways! The village seems to be shunning theirs. I often wonder how this matter would be decided in a court of law.
- 183.New 4th ward newsletter is very good. I think the number of sidewalks is commendable & the crosswalks are easy to use & well maintained. I think the library needs a crosswalk in front of it across Cayuga Street. A tax incentive for upkeep & beautification of buildings & homes in the historic district is needed. Garbage haulers should not be going through the village – isn't there a truck route for this?
- 184.Seneca Falls was a great industrial village in years gone by. All the factories are closed except for a couple. What happened? We need industry, which has jobs. Jobs bring people; in turn this brings revenue for the village. We need industry and need to focus more on our industrial heritage. Just like we do with the historic value of Women's Hall of Fame.
- 185.I have lived in this area for approximately 4 years and have never seen so many junk cars, machinery and trash, especially on the outskirts of the village. Isn't there a way to get people to clean it up?
- 186.There are a tremendous amount of cyclists during the spring, summer & fall months. Bike paths are few or fading away. We should be encouraging them by improving bike paths and adding to the NYS canal path (Seneca Falls section). Add a bike path from Cayuga State Park into the village and along Route 89. Add kayaking & canoe rentals to the Village. Look at the towns of Pittsford/ Fairport for ideas & what is not working. Make sure National Women's Hall of Fame setup in Seneca Falls attracts – put up more signs directing people to attractions, sculpture trail and picnic areas around Van Cleef Lake. Help IGA to upgrade their building façade and parking area. The haunted house was a great idea – community really pulled together to support it. The schools are great and should be promoted to attract families. Also, the small town beauty should be promoted.
- 187.When we travel – we notice how festive towns look with flags flying. How about flying all flags downtown and on buildings – leave them up – how much could that cost a year? Celebrate Seneca Falls always by flying flags constantly, put the town in a festive mood all year. Thanks.
- 188.Living on the lake I see weed control needs to be considered. Town, village, and county need to force Albany to deal with Medicaid. Loss of tourism dollars may hinder development – fundraisers rather than tax increase (pay as you go).

189. I think that Seneca Falls should have a car-pooling parking lot that can be used 24/7. In our police department I believe that what they are doing and how they do it borders on harassment. About one-third of the village budget goes to police dept. – this is too much. I believe the village and town are moving in a positive way – keep up the good work! This survey is a good thing.
190. Find merchants that can profit on the 500+ students that attend the Chiropractic College. This student population will be a constant source of potential income. Bring Bailey's back to the front of Fall Street. – bad move, putting it in the back.
191. Need to advertise & promote town events – wine trail – train rides – festivals – small business promotions. Develop Knitting Mill to a professional building. Parking for businesses. Promote tourist attractions. Downtown hotels and restaurants. Draw the kind of people you want as neighbors. Where are the falls?
192. Community survey is getting everyone involved, which is good.
193. Do we have appropriate zoning to keep out adult stores and entertainment – if not, let's get it done! Such zoning should be in the village & town.
194. We are considering moving out of the village because of the condition of the houses. If you leave Fall Street and go on any of the side streets, you are shocked at the condition of properties. There's junk around the houses, cars, trailers and debris. Teenagers with small cars are racing around – in and out of apartment houses that should be condemned! There is no code enforcement!
195. We are watching our sons move out of state because of taxes and limited employment opportunities. State, municipal and local employees, including teachers, appear to believe that failure deserves reward. Interference, or attempts to plan the future, should be immediately stopped and the number of government employees reduced.
196. Get a nationally recognized sports or entertainment figure to represent Seneca Falls. Seneca Falls needs a role model or hero or champion to be emulated by young people (Tom Hanks, Tiger Woods, Laura Bush, Maureen Dowd, Ken Burns). Produce an HBO movie similar to "Roots" showing Women's Rights, last 300 years of history. Sell book, CD, video based upon HBO movie material to every tourist in upstate NY. Sell Seneca Falls "water" bottled locally but distributed nationally.
197. Opportunities to conduct week-long seminars and workshops centering on Seneca Falls' history – both the Women's Rights Movement and the Industrial development – particularly outside the summer tourist seasons. There are possibilities for artists and writers to spend a week or two here because of the beauty of the area and also history buffs. Perhaps this would stimulate restaurant business, lodging & buying of goods & services. Canal side needs a directory of places and businesses to visit and a map of Fall Street area & neighboring streets with location of places to go.
198. Many items listed as needs in the survey are more accurately described, as "gee, that would be nice." Obviously, continuing the work which has gone on just in the few years we have been here to spruce up the village & attract more visitors is the way to go.
199. I moved back to Seneca Falls and looked first at the village. The village taxes and historical district led me to buy in the town. I feel that Seneca Falls as a whole does not offer any job opportunities for the working man. We need more industry & manufacturing. I also feel we need some sort of a medical care facility when the historical district was first instituted it was not supposed to be this intrusive on your life. It has become very much so.
200. We need more jobs in order to keep our community growing. It's getting to be a senior citizen community. We're the only ones left to keep our churches going. The younger people are going to the job supply states. Forget some of this grant money, which seems to go to certain committee members that aren't putting it to long time production.
201. I believe it is entirely wrong to tell people in the historic district what they can or can't do to the property they pay taxes on.
202. Unemployment – there is nothing to entice college students to return after graduation – juvenile crime.
203. Restaurants & other service sector businesses must be open Sat. & Sun. I have seen many boaters on the canal with nowhere to eat on Sundays. A convenient location for public restrooms, shower and laundry facilities for overnight boaters on the canal – maybe space could be allocated or added on to the new recreation center downtown to accommodate this – that way it could be monitored for safety & security, Daniels St, Van Cleef & Troy St. sewer problems need to be rectified.
204. There is no reason why any home should have to have a well for water. With the extra funds given to the town of Seneca Falls, everyone should have the opportunity to connect to public water. It seems certain few decide where the funds should be spent.
205. This village/ town needs to bring in more businesses for employment purposes. There are no job opportunities here for anyone, and our taxes are outrageous. The middle class people are hurting. If we do

- not get more job opportunities here this village is going to be a ghost town because people have to move out to seek employment.
206. The village has a lot to offer. We must start working together. The Women's Monument is helping to get us on the map. We need to do so much more for the teens – a few bad apples hurt all kids. We have a good school system. Also, people must understand the landfill. They are working very hard and being a good neighbor and are putting a lot of money into the villages around here. The kids should have some rights at the recreation center like the kids have at the barn. They were in charge of games, snacks, etc. and it worked.
207. Seneca Falls has good schools, a great of historic value, a unique system of lakes and waterways, a charming, safe community and nearly unlimited potential. If we could focus on this town's assets & expand its qualities the community will thrive. What worries our family and has brought us to consider leaving SF is the future health risks associated with the landfill as well as being a horrible eyesore.
208. We do not need a community swimming pool. Lake is under-used and many homeowners have their own pool. Downtown has no business to draw people because of auto usage by locals and visitors will only be for food service or specialty items. Why did we lose Kinney Drugs? Historic district!
209. We need industry to promote jobs – we need to keep the industries we have – we need to promote our attractions – we need to have village look attractive – we need to continue to keep the canal/ boat promenade in good shape – it is beautiful – we need merchants/ service organizations & individuals to work together for good of town & village – in planning community events & projects – we must all be in this together!
210. I like the new bank hours at SF bank. The drive-up window is open on Saturdays, 9–1. That's really nice. If you don't get there before 6 on Friday night, you can go Saturday morning. Find out why storeowners are going out of business or relocating. Are they in the wrong area for their kind of business or can't they afford their overhead expenses like rent and lease agreements; Pantusi's bakery, Agnello's Home Center, Dollar Bizarre and Bistro's – some defaulted on loans – why? What happened?
211. Please consider a new movie theater & bowling alley! Please consider developing area by lake with more campers & boaters. Thanks for your effort!
212. I probably shouldn't have sent this in as we are retired and the only facilities we use are the post office & library.
213. I think more can be done to save money. For example, much of the work being done by CP&EA could be done by highly paid village staff members or the highest paid members. Most of the items on pages 4 & 6, the village and/ or town already possess. We have a great area & amenities – we need to make what we already have more attractive. Follow Senator Nozolio's advice & don't ignore him. He is a great asset & should not be taken for granted. I think the village would best serve its residents by not ignoring current problems. The current sewer is a catastrophe waiting to happen. Members of the water & sewer department are doing the village & its residents much harm & have been for decades.
214. I feel like Seneca Falls should be a little more like Skaneateles. We need to take more tips from that community. Open up our shopping and take advantage of our assets (scenery, location and natural assets).
215. More communication between school & village concerning speed limits on roads & streets around school areas – also dumping of bottles & trash from cars coming from school along State & Cayuga Streets. More signs of speed limits and children in area playing. Parking should be limited to students that truly need to drive – job after school or bus service to their area.
216. Rezoning from agricultural to industrial means encroachment of unwanted businesses right next door to village residential zones.
217. Historic district commission should be more flexible – strict preservation/ restoration is neither feasible nor necessary. Use of public funds needs to direct carefully. Too many projects such as recent path to lake, purchase of property, overspending on library are diluting effectiveness of efforts.
218. There is a need for a community calendar – for publicity about all events and for avoidance of conflicts.
219. Something needs to be done at a state level to stop the abuse of economic development zones and tax increment financing because large companies are forcing small towns like Seneca Falls to compete with other small towns to give the big company the best deal, while the taxpayers foot the bill. Also, when is New York going to join California & several other states in the ability to sell & ship wine out of state to customers?
220. The village especially has done the hard part – have destinations of national appeal – a national park and Women's Hall of Fame but not a tourist town. You see tourists on the street and especially off-season on a Sunday and virtually nothing is open – dollars lost – no reason to stick around. Retail is the place to begin – took years before there were tee shirts and post cards in town. People want to shop and eat. Shop owners need to invest in weekend hours especially off-season – closed Mondays but be open Sunday. Need to

- encourage more gift/ tourist appeal entrepreneurs. Make visits to more active tourist areas and see what they have.
221. Well thought out survey but entirely too long.
222. The north side of Van Cleef Lake should be developed for walkway and bike path from downtown to locks. Connecting the lock areas to Trinity Church & to downtown & the community center across to the Ludivico Trail – a bike path/ walk trail past the locks to the lake – along the canal & down to the State Park. New leadership at the community center to bring more involvement with activities, outside of sports. Swimming pool in the high school area for community also!
223. I am and have always been a great believer in the idea of historic preservation – I have been concerned in the past with what I view as favorite-ism. Some very prominent homes on Cayuga Street sport vinyl siding. There is no reason why Skaneateles and Seneca Falls should each present such a different feel. We have it all here – history, wine trails, the canal. We need to get moving – with the iffy situation of Goulds’ Pumps, we need to take care of what we have; this place. Thanks for listening to my rambling thoughts – good luck!
224. I think SF would be a top-notch area. During the last few years lots of out of town money has been attracted to the area. I think a lot of the quality of life issues should be addressed. It’s a nice area for well off people to retire. Health care needs to be addressed and cultural & economic issues need to be addressed. The potential exists to help promote and use the natural gifts of this area and create another “Hamptons” or “Napa Valley.” The result would be an increased standard of living for all residents.
225. I would like to see attention to the overall appearance of the village in keeping with its historic preservation – new street signs should be white with black edge like older ones still in use. The use of green street signs seems careless & out of keeping with our overall appearance & intentions.
226. I think the new bus service should stop at all signs for 2 minutes or longer to see if there is passengers come some elderly can’t walk fast.
227. This area has a great deal of scenic beauty & history. The village has a lot to offer in terms of services – community center, library, museums, docking, etc. It is also very pretty – much more so than most villages. The opportunity for tourism development is significant. On the other hand, our educated youth are not staying in the area. I don’t know what, but something needs to be done to attract business to our area that would provide employment opportunities for them.
228. Seneca Meadows is probably the largest dumpsite in the state. Trash, including contaminated & highly toxic materials are shipped here from areas as far away as New York City. Seneca Meadows is creating dangerous health conditions, exposing our community to serious life threatening diseases brought about through the water, sewer and air because of this dumpsite. It is a great disappointment to know that our politics would allow this mess to occur to this point. Hopefully, in the future, a referendum is taken to accept or reject the existence of Seneca Meadows and any other organization with similar motives. Let the people decide.
229. We have just moved here from the Baltimore area. We don’t want to see a lot of change. Volunteer help could make a difference in the area. Skateboard parks have been fully funded, for example, by parents & kids raising the money. Get more idle seniors involved - don’t let them just complain.
230. Affordable townhouses would be a great way for senior citizens who don’t/ can’t do yard/ house maintenance but don’t want to rent. Most can’t afford 2 –3 hundred for one. Don’t forget garages. No 70 yr. Old wants to shovel his car out. Also working couples don’t mind living in them either. One, two and bedroom with 1 and a half to 2 bath models. Some towns with 100,000 residents have only a town government – seem to do fine – we have 2 of almost everything. Put it under one roof – efficiency pays.
231. Fighting the Cayuga and Seneca’s is not the right thing for the community as a whole. Allow the casino construction to increase tourism and employment. The Indians may not pay sales or real estate tax but their employees do. Look at the broad picture. Get away from tunnel vision.
232. We know that your committee has no control over the village and/ or county law enforcement agencies, but we believe there should be a more asserted drive to rid our community of the drug problem that is plaguing the area. We feel that this is one of the most serious problems that we are facing today. My wife and I live at 5 Rumsey Street from August 2001 until July 2003 and things were fine for about a year, then an individual by the name of Dominic Beaver moved into the next apartment and the foot traffic began, 24 hours a day, along with much noise. We complained to the police, who would come to quell the noise, but it would start all over again. We had witnessed drug sales in broad daylight, in the driveway and in the back yard. After talking with Sgt. Lafler, he set us up with an appointment to talk to Officer Tim Snyder, who was the drug enforcement officer for the village of Seneca Falls. We gave him license plate numbers of the “visitors” and he advised us he was familiar with them as he was carrying on a continuous surveillance of that address and was waiting for the right time to move in. A short time later the Seneca County Sheriff’s

office ran an ad in the local paper asking anyone who had information on the local drug problem to call an 800 number, which we did. We got an appointment to talk to the County drug enforcement Officer Van Cleef. We gave him the same information as we gave to Officer Snyder, and he said that he was familiar with the situation and again, we were told that he was waiting for the right time to move in. When is the right time? We told the landlord, Mike Sullivan, of Seneca Falls, of the situation and he so much as said if we didn't like it we could move, so we did. Shortly after the village election for Mayor, my wife called the Mayor to talk about this. She was not available, so she left a message on the answering machine. After waiting for a few days, she sent her a note in the mail, and as of this date we have heard nothing from her; not even an acknowledgement. We think that this drug problem should be given some very serious thought, or maybe there will not be a future for Seneca Falls.

233. I believe that there will continue to be increased threats to the community (both town & village) through pressures to nullify zoning and historic preservation. The result of this is sprawl and the loss of community feeling. The effort to undermine preservation of the small town atmosphere will probably come from special interests who would gladly sacrifice the public interest for the short term narrow interest of the few. It will be mooched as a public good and will need to be exposed. Developmental pressure will need to be guided by a professional planning staff and the election of civic-minded public leaders.
234. I see Seneca Falls as a good community. It is populated with a diverse population. There is a vocal group who dislike changes, that lacks foresight, and is vocal in negative ways. Another part of the population appreciate the town's history and support new ideas and goals. Many of them are not vocal but quietly accept and buy into the new scene. Another group has a more cosmopolitan view – are aware of village and town enhancing the community and bring fresh ideas and interest. The NYCC has been a beam of light. I think this village/ town will show positive growth and changes, supported by a majority!
235. I was going to fill out the whole survey but then thought why bother. The only opinions that matter in Seneca Falls belong to Mike Nozzolio and Bruce Bonafiglia! Save the money and just have the mayor get orders from them. It's what will happen anyway.
236. Establish positions at both village & town levels to pursue grants from state, federal and private endowments to fund programs to improve our community, culturally as well as economically. Good recreational and cultural programs will draw tourists as well as new residents from nearby cities if we improve transportation. Taxes are too high and unevenly distributed. Water is too high and late fees are really too high.
237. Maintain same green farming belt within our township. Most farms have disappeared. Reviving farms is a challenge for zoning rules & regulations that will help instead of hinder farmers. Real estate tax is another burden. When farming gets too difficult the farmer quits.
238. We need to continue developing the canal area and a harbormaster could be paid from the fees collected from the boaters. However, we can't charge the boaters until there are restrooms and showers and a pump station that works! The town needs to help in the development of water & sewer so more small hotels will consider locating here.
239. Seneca Falls seems to be a destination for many struggling families and individuals with so many rundown homes and cheap apartments many people on public assistance are being placed in our community. These families deserve a place to live but we seem to be getting more and more of these families that is putting a strain on our school and community resources. Different places in town there are trailer lots/ parks with garbage strewn all over and they look like junkyards. I would like to see zoning enforced, houses fixed up or knocked down and garbage lots and yards cleaned up. Infrastructure needs to be updated to develop town and to bring good paying jobs to area.
240. This survey is too long and too confusing.
241. Make sure all stop signs are placed properly. Make sure all street signs are placed – painted properly and posted properly. Enforce parking by Catholic Church – those on north side of Bayard Street and west of Rumsey Street building are parked on highway illegally!
242. It is about time we stopped paying for duplication of services. We have a 911 center, NYSP and Sheriff – why should we continue to fund a local police department? We have county, town highway – why a village DPW? Save money – consolidate.
243. Eliminating the historic district will enable people to be free to fix up their properties as they wish. It is an unnecessary hassle to go through, as well as expensive. The village is a hindrance to beautifying the neighborhoods.
244. The people who have allowed for the development of the landfill are/ were only concerned with money. They have sacrificed the well being of our health. When will local government realize this error in judgment?

245. The downtown area is really starting to pick up – looks great & more stores are opening. The downtown revitalization committee is doing a good job.
246. I think that the many restrictions from the historical district on the individual homeowners are out of line. I believe that it is more beneficial if the homeowner has a choice and a say in whether they put vinyl siding on their home or restore it to what someone thinks it used to look like. Plus it would eliminate some of the ugly homes in the area.
247. We have dangerous trees and branches all over the village. Many of the sidewalks are in very bad condition.
248. Is there really a need for so many police officers in Seneca Falls with the sheriff department and state troopers so close by? When, if ever, will you think of the children in this village? Nothing for them to do other than walk the streets all hours of the night. Why not bring in a home improvement store so that we can repair and fix up our homes more reasonably?
249. We understand the landfill is generating income for the town but this should be carefully evaluated as to how it makes us look (and smell) especially when it is closed. There should be cooperative efforts to use existing facilities, such as the schools, for recreation and continuing education for adults. Our schools are great! The efforts being put forth by groups and individuals to establish a trail network along the canal should be encouraged and applauded.
250. Many village streets have dog poop on the walkways & on the grass along side. Not only does this smell but also it is unsightly. I see people walking dogs in the parks and not picking up after them. We have signs posted but the laws are not enforced. Also, people mow their lawns & put grass in the road & on sidewalks. Every spring, the rules are posted in the penny saver but are they enforced? An unclean village is not attractive to me or to visitors. Why would they want to come back?
251. The intersection where street comes up from the canal to Fall Street – I have seen 8 – 10 accidents when people cut ahead of other cars to go down there or to come up.
252. Promote harmony among appointed elected officials. Personal grudges & animosities tend to get in the way of progress. Example: the Sculpture Trail is well signed, but the Seneca Museums has no street signage at all. The Seneca Museum has much to offer, but the village doesn't promote it or provide any funding for it. Some resent its existence – little or no cooperation between the several non-profit organizations. Deadly! I don't find anything about a recreational canal trail, but it's wonderful where it's in use. Downtown SF must develop small shops that offer unique products and services – some local or regional. There aren't enough really good places for tourists to stay – if there were, people might stay for several days & explore the area.
253. The village planner and the preservation committee are having a negative impact on any economic development. Their responsibility is to help develop while preserving the historic integrity of the district. It is apparent they have tunnel vision, which in turn risks the viability of the commission.
254. Please put in sewer lines on Ovid Street, south of Trombley Tire, west of Ovid Street at no expense to landowners.
255. It is so rare to have small locally owned shops that are still viable. If we bring any of the big box businesses any closer they will take away from the ability of our small shops to survive – and our local businesses have great service. People are kind, helpful and they smile! Remember your name! What “Super center” can boast that? Plus, what we need are more high paying jobs – not more minimum wage jobs – that leads to greater drain on committee resources.
256. I think present laws should be enforced, especially the grass clippings being blown in the streets plugging sewers. Enforce all traffic regulations, not stopping before turning right, running stop signs and traffic lights. Bikers & walkers are riding & walking on wrong side of the road. Pass a law against loitering & enforce it. Make the offenders do community service as punishment. We need more turn on left arrows; west on Bayard at Ovid Street, west on Fall Street at State Street corners. Take out stop signs on Courtney Drive, absolutely ridiculous, and Hickory and Pinehurst.
257. Thanks for asking.
258. Model Seneca Falls after Skaneateles. I love going there & walking through all the shops and having a nice dinner overlooking the water.
259. Serious consideration should be given to downsizing the village police department.
260. Serious consideration should be given to downsizing the village police department. They have more men and cars per square mile than the county and state combined. It's a joke called the chief's empire. Also, we should look at a town of Seneca Falls fire district governed by a board of fire commissioners. The benefits of a volunteer fire department greatly outweigh those of a paid department. The village board should take a good look at the attendance records of some of these people they are paying. If the public did I am sure there would be some eyes opened.

261. Considering we have lots of waterways it would be great if swim instruction, boat safety, snowmobile safety, water-ski safety (and road safety) be instilled in our children & adults too! I've seen many accidents that have taken at least 3 young lives over the past 5 years. I know we have some programs but I don't think it's taken as seriously as these issues should be taken. Yes, I have lots of ideas, just like they say. "It takes a village to raise a child." I don't expect to be able to solve everything but perhaps as a town/ village, we can do lots!
262. We use volunteers mostly in the tourism of historic district & Women's Suffrage institutions. The whole community should realize the importance of sharing volunteer shifts in projects and stores.
263. Garbage collection – need to pick up leaves more than once or twice a year. You need to bring in large employment companies that will not be absorbed in the future. Bring in some type of technology employment that will offer jobs to our youth so they won't leave the area. Utilize the old Sylvania building. Another idea – bring in call centers.
264. I truly believe that by sharing expenses the village police department should become the town of Seneca Falls police department. More often than not our local officers respond to emergencies outside of the village. Their response time is generally much quicker. The cost would be shared by both town and village taxpayers. I also feel by combining the municipalities there would be an extreme amount of cost savings – one council, one board to make beneficial decisions.
265. Airport could be a great asset but not managed well and not taken advantage of – once a year fly in breakfast can't cut it.
266. Since retiring 18 years ago we have traveled over much of the U.S. by motor home. We have seen some fascinating areas, but none in our opinion that matches Seneca Falls as a place to call home. I don't believe many of the locals understand this. One item not mentioned, motor home parking – we should have a few big rig/ with tow spaces. Motor homes have a great grapevine and spread the word – good or bad – far and wide.
267. If DestiNY is ever built in Syracuse, it would open a huge opportunity for a community to market themselves as the Gateway to the Finger Lakes, drawing the tourists from Syracuse to the Finger Lakes.
268. If we go the tourism route than we need to consider all ages. The Women's Hall of Fame could be fabulous with a lot of work. The plaques are fine for adults although I think adults would also be more interested in seeing the inclusion of some actual materials. Schools should be contacted to find out what students might respond to. Make it more interactive. Also, it's fine to have historic homes and a historic district. However, it is very costly to fix these old homes. What is the motivation if it is only going to raise the assessment of your home? We need to plan to encourage the refurbishing of these buildings without penalty. Something has to be done about the high taxes. It certainly is not something that would attract people to the area.
269. Our housing stock is deteriorating. Codes must be enforced more strongly.
270. I enjoy living in this village and I consider it a quiet, friendly and overall great place to live. However, I feel that to continually move in a positive direction, anyone must be open to and receptive of new people and their ideas. I know many people looking to move, but they and their ideas are scared away from the Seneca Falls area by a reputation for high taxes and not being able to change their own property in the historic district. I think we should try to present a better image to those looking to relocate to continually help the community grow.
271. Do you think the quality of grocery stores is adequate for village residents?
272. Restaurant like Olive Garden or Applebee's and stores like Target and Michaels.
273. Seneca Falls is a wonderful town to raise children in.
274. Use of existing facilities to their fullest extent is extremely important (Mynderse for adult education courses and the Sylvania facility for a new business incubation center). Improve the quality of life by helping people who may have parenting/ responsibility problems with their children. When people visit from cities, they come to enjoy the peaceful countryside; therefore development should be aimed at peaceful activities (walking, skating, skiing, canoes) not noise producing activities. Maybe even environmental electric or hydrogen trolleys for town transportation.
275. There are too many rental properties within the village (originally single family homes). It's better to build apartment complexes. People come and go too much; renters do not care for the property (and landlords don't). Enforce codes for run-down houses, lawns not maintained, trashy appearance, etc. Example: William Street. Enforce laws for parking cars (on sidewalks, pointed the wrong way, trucks parked in car spaces, etc.)
276. This area needs something big to draw new money in. A Class 3 gaming facility with quality hotel and resort features will benefit the entire area. Examine how the Seneca Niagara Casino has already benefited the Niagara Falls community. We need to bring other peoples money into the area. Stop being anti-Indian

and start being pro-development. Most citizens are blinded by their hatred from seeing what is in their own best economic interest.

277. Village calendar – each square could have info, with holidays marked off and days for garbage pick-up, appliance pick-up, compost pick-up, fall pick-up, leaf pick-up, and tire pick-up marked off. People could buy advertisements for itself – convention day, canal day, Memorial Day and all community events.
278. Large trucks could be diverted around Seneca Falls, utilizing Routes 318 & 414 – lessening noise and wear and tear on the village streets. Better planning for street trees – preserving the stately, tall and colorful ones and adding more colorful maples for fall color and Washington hawthorn for spring flowering.
279. In the event that Peaches Bar opens up again please have a time set on the time they can have that blaring music on at night. Sometimes it went on until midnight. Even with the windows closed & the TV on, the music was so loud in the summer it was hard to get sleep.
280. No more landfills! The mountain is blight on our landscape.
281. Opportunities include access to metropolitan areas and cultural opportunities.
282. We need job opportunities to provide incomes to retain our youth. Town & village infrastructure beyond the means of both.