

Seneca Falls Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Dear Resident/Land Owner:

The Town and Village of Seneca Falls are working together to develop a new, joint comprehensive plan for our communities. This comprehensive plan will be our “roadmap” to guide future growth and development. It is essential that the plan reflect the desires of our residents. To oversee the development of this plan, the Town and Village have appointed a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Our first task is to learn what our community needs are and what we envision for our future.

This survey provides you with an opportunity to participate in the planning process and to share your thoughts about Seneca Falls’ future. It is very important that we objectively collect specific information to accurately document what the residents of Seneca Falls want and do not want. A survey like this is an effective means to hear what is on your mind and help us understand the goals and objectives you want to guide the future development of our community. The survey questions are not meant to advocate a particular position or direction for our future; however, your responses are very important and will be used to create our Comprehensive Plan. All responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. They will be summarized and used for the sole purpose of developing our Comprehensive Plan.

We hope you will take a few minutes to fill out this important survey. We are asking that each household complete one survey. If you know someone that did not receive a survey, or you need another one, extra copies are available at the Town and Village Halls, or they can be downloaded from the website: www.planningbetterplaces.com/senecafalls. You can return the survey in the self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience, or you can use one of the drop boxes located at the Town Hall, Village Hall, Library, and Community Center. We also ask that you return the survey before November 15th so the committee can make the best use of them as we begin the planning process.

If you have any questions about this survey or the comprehensive plan process, please contact Francis Caraccilo at 568-6894. Thank you for taking the time to participate in your community’s future.

Sincerely,

Town and Village of Seneca Falls Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

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Seneca Falls Community Survey

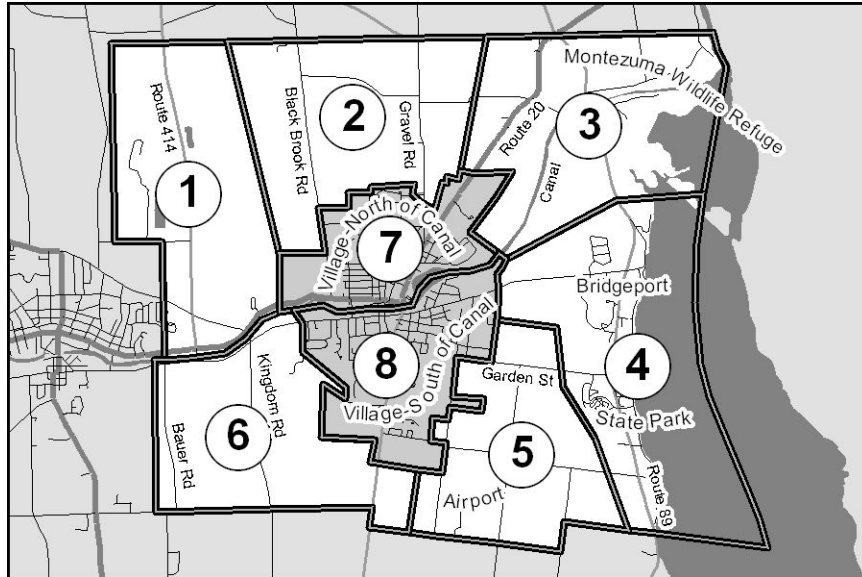
Please place an "X" in the appropriate box or write your answer in the space provided.

If you are unable to answer a question, please leave it blank.

1. Where in Seneca Falls do you live?

Please choose a number from the map below 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 I do not live in Seneca Falls, but I do own land in the Town or Village



2. Do you live in the Village Historic District? 1 Yes 2 No

3. How many years have you lived (or owned land) in Seneca Falls? _____

4. Do you own or rent your home? 1 Own 2 Rent

5. What is your age? _____

6. How many people of each age group are there in your household?

(Please write the number of people in each age group, including you)

___ 0-5 years ___ 6-12 years ___ 13-18 years ___ 19-21 years ___ 22-30 years

___ 31-45 years ___ 46-55 years ___ 56-65 years ___ 66-80 years ___ 81 years or older

7. How long does it take you to get to work?

Less than ½ hour ½ to 1 hour More than 1 hour Don't travel to work

8. What City, Town, or Village do you work in? _____

9. How satisfied are you with the following services and aspects of the Town and Village?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	No Opinion
Public Water in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Public Water in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Public Sewer in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Public Sewer in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Rescue Squad/Ambulance in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Rescue Squad/Ambulance in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Fire Protection in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Fire Protection in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Police/Law Enforcement in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Police/Law Enforcement in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Garbage Collection in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Garbage Collection in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Recycling in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Recycling in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Road Maintenance/Snow removal in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Road Maintenance/Snow removal in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Enforcement of Building Codes in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Enforcement of Building Codes in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Enforcement of Zoning Regulations in the <i>Town</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Enforcement of Zoning Regulations in the <i>Village</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Customer Service at <i>Town</i> Offices	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Customer Service at <i>Village</i> Offices	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Communication regarding community issues/events	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Access to Hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Access to Urgent Care Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
After Hours Medical Care	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Access to Medical Specialists	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Public library services	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Quality of schools	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Access to childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Early childhood education programs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
After school programs for youth	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Summer programs for youth	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Adult education opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

10. How satisfied are you with the following Transportation/Traffic and related safety services?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	No Opinion
Access to the new Bus Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Access to Airport/Trains in Syracuse and Rochester	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Enforcement of Speed Limits	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Availability of Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Maintenance of Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Location of Crosswalks	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Location of traffic lights	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

11. Do you know where the bus stop locations are in the Town and Village?

1 Yes 2 No

12. Are you concerned with the amount of truck traffic that travels through the Village?

1 Yes 2 No 3 No Opinion

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

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

15. Do you feel there is a need for any of the following housing related uses in Seneca Falls?

	Strong Need	Some Need	No Need	No Opinion
More diversity of Housing types	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Affordable Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Retirement Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Owner occupied condominiums	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Upscale/luxury housing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Other (_____)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

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

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

17. Some businesses and services can satisfy the needs of local residents, as well as attract more tourists to Seneca Falls and encourage them to spend more time and money during their visits. How much need do you believe there is for the following in Seneca Falls?

Business or Service	a. Level of Need				b. Preferred Location		
	Strong Need	Moderate Need	No Need	No Opinion	Village	Town	No Pref.
Evening and Weekend Hours for Downtown Shops/Businesses	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Additional Docking for Boats	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
More Public Access to Canal & Van Cleef Lake	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Public Restrooms	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Shower/Laundry Facilities for Visiting Boaters	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Trolley Between Local Attractions	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Boat Tours of the Canal & Locks	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Weekly Farmer's Market	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Boat/Paddle Boat Rental Business	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Bike/Rollerblade Rental	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Shop Featuring Items Made by Local Artisans	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Additional Bed & Breakfasts	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Additional Hotels/Motels	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
After-Hours Urgent Care Center	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Outdoor Concert Area	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Indoor Concert Hall	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Antique Shop	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Dry Cleaner	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Wine Shop Featuring Local Wines	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Movie Theater	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Additional Restaurants	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Convenience Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Clothing Stores	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Large Scale/Big Box Department Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Grocery Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Drug Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Garden Center/Nursery	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Mini-Storage Units	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Medical/Dental Offices	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Home Improvement Center	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Appliance/Electronics Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Bakery	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Health Food Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Book Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Music Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Fabric/Craft Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Sporting Goods Store	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Day Spa	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Bowling Alley	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
Other ()	1	2	3	4	1	2	3

18. Would you support efforts to preserve and enhance the following aspects of the Town and/or Village?

Please keep in mind that some of these items may involve the use of town and village funds and/or user fees.

	Strongly Support	Support	Do Not Support	No Opinion
Tree and flower plantings along streets	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Appearance of building exteriors	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Scenic views	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Working farms	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Open space	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Historic areas and buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Overall historic character	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Rural/small town atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Other (_____)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

19. Would you support using Town and/or Village resources to hire an economic development staff person to help market Seneca Falls, diversify our economy, and build our tourism base?

1 Yes 2 No 3 No Opinion

20. Many communities are looking to consolidate services between municipalities as a cost saving measure. How do you feel about the possibility of consolidating the following services?

	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
More reliance on County Services	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Share more services between Town and Village:			
<u>Specifically share the following:</u>			
police	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
highway maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
building code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
zoning code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
planning board activities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
zoning board of appeals activities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
garbage collection	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Other (_____)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Fully merge all Town and Village operations, including elected governments	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

21. Are you interested in seeing any of the following recreational uses enhanced or further developed in Seneca Falls?

Please keep in mind that some of these items may involve the use of town and village funds and/or user fees.

Recreational Uses	Strong Interest	Some Interest	No Interest	No Opinion
Public access to canal and lakes	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Public swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Swimming (Lake)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Boat docking space	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Marina	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Hiking trails	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Snowmobiling trails	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Horse trails	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Bike paths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Playgrounds with equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Camping areas	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Ice skating	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Walking/running path	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Golfing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Athletic Fields (baseball, softball, soccer)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Cultural activities (music, theater, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Supervised recreational activities for senior adults	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Teen center	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Senior citizen center	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Public picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

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

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

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