

# Athens Survey Results

## Answers to questions Requiring a written response

### 9. How satisfied are you with your local government? (Other, Text)

A 4% raise this year was more than the county employees got! Are we rich?	accidents so far this year
Amount of taxes	Noise low
Assessor	Noise restriction
Building department	Objectivity/professionalism of some (one) village planning board members
Consistency regarding permitting and enforcement	Parks
Dog laws	Penalty for dumping building material and other house hold items tires
DPW	Planning board
Drainage	Property value assess
Garbage pick-up	Public transportation
Garbage removal	Sewer (would like to have it)
High taxes	Speed limit enforcement
Historic preservation protections	Spring street cleaning
Illegal (parking)	Taxes vs. services
Junk car enforcement	Village services
Less laws/proper litter	Water quality at houses
Library	Water-taste chemicals-fluoride-chlorine & I filter & buy water to drink
Library & building hours	Well water quality & quantity
Location of sewer treatment plant for sleepy hollow	Why are sleepy hollow taxes higher than town residences?
Need more library hours	Work on river park
No center line on Schoharie tpk. 3 head on	

### 10. Beyond the basic services you expect to be provided, would you be in favor of spending public funding to accomplish any of the following, and if so, to what extent? Other, Text

Absolutely not for new town hall	No new town hall!
Activities for children teen center	No on new town hall!!!
Better service to w Athens public water & sewers	Parking
Bring business back to 2nd st.	Pay more attention west of 9w pickup garbage (new signs have been great)
Clean up Athens inc property	Pedestrian right of way crosswalks no stop lights
Combine village & town	Protect our lakes
Community broadband internet	Public transportation-to Catskill Hudson
Community/activity center for youth programming	Reduce taxes
Dog warden	Renovate existing cc
Double or triple the capacity of water treatment plant by building and tr	Renovate existing community center
Dpw workshop	Renovate the community center
Extend sewer & water dist	Sports for kids at nite
Fire protection	Stores/shops
Fire service	Tracks-dance hall rec older groups
Fix old community center	Village/town building
Hold more community/kid events	Water taste chemicals!
Improve parking facilities regular & long term	Ymca building

### 12. How important are the following for you and your family to have in

**Athens? Other, Text**

A hospital in greene cty  
Agro forestry  
Air quality  
Bike paths/running paths  
Churches  
Community center renovation  
Cultural projects  
Don't allow people to keep their trashcans in front of their homes all t  
Encourage the practice of woodland management  
Enforce leash laws property litter  
Hiking trails  
Lower taxes improved schools  
More equitable taxes for shl residents  
More retail outlets  
Noise ordinance  
Not smelling sewer treatment plant belonging to sleepy hollow

Numbering this list  
Organized churches  
Parking  
Peace & quiet  
Police protection  
Prospect property nights of private citizens from trespass & abuse  
Restaurants  
Seek gas district central Hudson and/or Iroquois  
Senior citizens  
Speeding vehicles on roadway (vosenkill)  
Stores  
Town & village consolidation  
Track run & walking dance hall recreational older groups  
Try and keep taxes down  
Up to date youth center  
Water bill rate  
Zoning: clean up Athens!!

**14 a. If you answered "Agree" above, do agree or disagree with consolidating the following services? Other, Text**

All govt services  
All gov't/public positions  
Court  
Court  
Courts  
Courts  
Courts  
Courts  
Dissolution of village  
Everything

Everything  
Judges  
Judges  
Justice  
Need different regulation but could be administered by same group  
Public transportation  
Speed trap  
Town & village hall  
Water & sewers

**16. Are you interested in seeing any of the following recreation uses developed or expanded in Athens? Other, Text**

Atv trails  
Atv trails  
Casino (smile)  
Community center improved  
Cross-country skiing  
Day care  
Develop picnic park recreational sites  
Educational & cultural walk  
Facilities of kayaks canoes small boats electric or  
Finish riverfront park  
Hand ball courts  
Make riverfront park safer up picnic tables there

Museum  
Paved bike/rollerblade path  
Properly constructed skate board park  
Seniors only recreation area  
Skate board area  
Skate park for our seniors  
Soccerfield  
Something to keep are kids here & proud to be here  
Utilize what village/town have with upgrading  
Waterfront park

**17. Which of the following economic/commercial businesses would you personally support? Other, Text**

Art gallery  
Art store  
Barber shop  
Cafe / bakery

Car wash  
Coffee shop like muddy cup not starbucks  
Dollar store  
Gift shop

Hair salon  
 Hardware  
 Health & fitness facility (ymca type)  
 Hotel b&b coffe house  
 Ice cream w/mini-golf  
 Liquor store  
 Lube/car wash  
 Marina & res  
 Movie rentals  
 Parking garage

Police  
 Something for teenagers arcade?  
 Super marts  
 Train station  
 Video rental  
 Video rental  
 Video store  
 Wal mart  
 Ymca

**18. What could be done in the downtown to encourage you to spend more of your time there? Other, Text**

(Where is downtown?)  
 A combo of the above  
 Absolutely nothing. This town is an outdated joke.  
 Antique shops such as in Hudson & removal of industrial business eye s  
 Antique stores cultural events better park with concerts.  
 Better side walks and streets  
 Book store/antique shops  
 Business' staying open longer-many have "bankers hours"  
 Clean up the riverfront-eliminate oil tanks  
 Cleaner streets  
 Develop the waterfront ie: marina parks boat businesses  
 Fix sidewalk street sign and curbs storms drains  
 Great job w/summer concert series!  
 Have a downtown  
 Improve existing parking lot  
 Keep undesirables off street  
 Library holdings expanded  
 More everything  
 More places to go things to see or do  
 None  
 Not interested  
 Nothing  
 Nothing  
 Off street parking for the residents as in a

parking garage  
 Only retail uses that would fit into the unique historical spaces available  
 Owners of businesses on second st not parking in front of their own business  
 Period lighting benches for sitting lights on street trees for Christmas  
 Place to walk the dog  
 Prevent any hanging out  
 Public fishing pier-Hudson river  
 River front  
 River side park  
 Second st or river st should be renovated into a outside mall  
 Storefronts that have shops instead of offices & day care  
 Street lights like Hudson  
 Theatre-we used to have one-grocery store had one years ago  
 Think about what makes Hudson a vibrant community  
 Up to date youth center & not-for-profit cafe combo for kids complete  
 W/out a taxes  
 Waterfront enhancement  
 We have enough restaurants we just need them to stay open and be well  
 What is there for town residents to go to the village of Athens for?

**19. What 3 things do you like the most about the Town of Athens? - 1**

A small community  
 Access to river  
 Architecture  
 As it is  
 Athens community benefit trust fund  
 Atmosphere people  
 Available land to develop  
 Available land/parcel size  
 Band shell  
 Beautiful nature  
 Beauty  
 Being near the river

Breakfast  
 Bruce rich?  
 Buildings  
 Cant think  
 Central location  
 Clean looking  
 Close access to Hudson river  
 Community involvement  
 Contains many of the benefits of small-town America  
 Country atmosphere  
 Country atmosphere

Country atmosphere	Large amount of open space (rural atmosphere)
Country setting	Large open spaces
Country setting	Large rural areas
Country setting	Leeds is my place
Don't know what town does.	Location
Dpw dept	Location
Ease of communication with town officials & satisfaction with their involvement	Location
Easy access to adjoining communities	Location
Eat	Location
Everything	Location
Farm land	Location
Farmlands	Location
Farms	Location -albany/nyc-
Fresh air	Location on river
Friendly	Location on river
Friendly people	Location on the river
Friendly people	Location to river
Friendly residents	Location-to nyc/skiing
Good neighbors	Low population
Good roads	Low violent crime rate
Good roads	Lower taxes
Highway dept maintains roads winter & summer-great job.	Maintaining roads
Highway dept.	Many good locations fro building
Highway maintenance	Marina
Highways are well maintained	Mostly quiet
Historic buildings	My land and the fact that I can have farm animals
Historic buildings	My private property
Historic character	Na
Historic character	Natural beauty
Historic look	No business-mostly residential farms
Historic nature	No comment
Historic nature	No more industrial development on schoharie tpke from rr track's to rt 9w.
Historic quality still intact	No opinion
Historic value & architecture	No opinion
Historical character	No opinion
Houses not on top each other (zoning)	No opinion
Hudson river access	No opinion
Hudson river frontage & village park	No opinion
I like it just the way it is quiet & peaceful	No opinion-weekend use only
I love the sense of community in Athens	No opp
I loved gerards!	No residential developments that have houses close together & same
Installing road signs	No traffic
Is friendly	No village taxes
It is a bedroom community	Not city life
It is nice	Not crowded
It is very historical	Not crowded
It's a small town	Not much
Its beautiful location and beautiful views	Not overrun by suburban-style mass development; larger waterfront & unique h
Its country and the roads are taken care of great	Nothing
Its county its quite	Nothing comes to mind
Its history	Nothing I don't differentiate the town from village
Its open area	Nothing specific.
Its quiet and peaceful	
Its rural setting	
Lake	

Nothing exciting or interesting	Relative easy lifestyle
On the river.	River
Open scenic spaces	River
Open space	River
Open space	River park
Open space	Riverfront
Open space/rural character	Riverfront
Open spaces	Rivers/wide open spaces
Open spaces	Road maintenance
Open spaces	Road maintenance *****
Open spaces	Road services are good in winter
Open spaces	Roads are in good shape
Open spaces	Roads are well kept
Open spaces with no commercial development	Roads are well maintained year round
Park	Roads are well maintained
Peace & quiet	Rural
Peaceful	Rural
Peaceful	Rural
Peaceful atmosphere	Rural
Peaceful near the river people seem to live in harmony with each other	Rural
People	Rural
People	Rural aesthetics
People	Rural aesthetics still preserved
Playground	Rural area
Possibility of growth	Rural atmosphere
Potential for future expansion	Rural atmosphere
Private	Rural atmosphere
Proximity to Albany shopping medical airport	Rural atmosphere
Proximity to Amtrak station ferry or shuttle would be nice at most used time	Rural atmosphere
Quaint	Rural atmosphere-country landscape
Quaint	Rural atmosphere-friendly/good neighbors
Quaint	Rural character
Quaintness	Rural character
Quaintness	Rural character
Quiet	Rural character
Quiet	Rural character
Quiet	Rural character
Quiet	Rural character
Quiet	Rural character
Quiet	Rural character
Quiet	Rural character lots of space
Quiet	Rural character/farms
Quiet	Rural characteristic
Quiet	Rural environment
Quiet	Rural environment
Quiet	Rural feel
Quiet	Rural feel
Quiet	Rural feeling
Quiet	Rural landscape
Quiet community	Rural nature
Quiet peaceful	Rural nature
Quiet place to dwell	Rural nature
Quiet rural setting	Rural nature
Quiet town	Rural nature with mostly single family housing.
Quiet town	Rural qualities
Quietness	Rural quality
Quite	Rural quality of life

Rural safe convenient to larger towns & cities  
 Rural setting  
 Rural setting  
 Rural setting  
 Rural setting  
 Rural un-developed  
 Rural/farms  
 Rural-residential  
 Safe  
 Scenery  
 Scenic  
 Scenic  
 Scenic  
 Scenic beauty  
 Scenic country farm lands  
 Scenic views  
 Scenic views landscape  
 Scenically beautiful  
 Scenic-close to other activities  
 Scenic-rural area-peaceful  
 School  
 Scenic surroundings  
 Senior ctr.  
 Sense of community  
 Sense of space  
 Since I don't live in the town that is hard to describe but the town of Athens  
 Sleepy hollow lake  
 Small  
 Small  
 Small  
 Small size  
 Small town  
 Small town atmosphere  
 Small town atmosphere  
 Small town atmosphere  
 Small town atmosphere-quaint buildings  
 Small town charm  
 Small town environment  
 Small town feel  
 Small town feel  
 Small town flavor  
 Small town atmosphere  
 Small town-country setting  
 Small village  
 Small-not overdeveloped-rural

Snow removal  
 Space  
 Stewarts house the renovation has done to the waterfront-excellent  
 Still has some open space  
 Still low traffic.  
 Still rural  
 Street beautification  
 Tax rate is reasonable  
 Taxes  
 Taxes-the tax basis should be in line with system in south new york  
 That it is quiet  
 The beautiful natural environment  
 The country roads  
 The down home feel of the area.  
 The farms  
 The historic homes  
 The Hudson river  
 The landscape (river)  
 The maintenance of their roads  
 The old fashion style  
 The only thing I have a problem w/is w/the snow removal  
 The people  
 The people  
 The people & neighbors  
 The people I know  
 The place that makes the delicious cakes on waterfront.  
 The river  
 The riverfront  
 The roads are clean & well maintained  
 The rural small town setting  
 The ruralness  
 The safety of it.  
 The small town feeling-everyone knows everyone.  
 The speed in which albright clears road of snow  
 Town officials & river park  
 Untouched by suburban growth  
 Very nice place to live  
 View-location-facilities  
 Views of river entering town  
 Water front  
 Water front  
 Water riverfront

### 19. What 3 things do you like the most about the Town of Athens? - 2

Abundance of farmland  
 Access to Hudson river & river views  
 Accessibility of government officials  
 Access to river  
 Affordable housing  
 Animal habitat  
 Athens street festival - unity in community

Beautiful  
 Beautiful area  
 Beautiful old homes  
 Beauty  
 Beauty of scenery  
 Biking trails  
 Central location-albany/kingston/poughkeepsie

Cheaper housing than further south  
 Cheaper taxes  
 Churches restaurants  
 Cleanliness  
 Climate  
 Close to 9w north & south  
 Close to albany & kingston  
 Close to major highways  
 Closeness of community  
 Cocktail  
 Convenience to larger shopping areas  
 Country like  
 County living  
 Development planning for new construction of permits.  
 Easy access  
 Easy access  
 Easy access to major roadways I.e. thruway  
 Easy access to town officials  
 Emergency service  
 Excellent highway dept  
 Excellently maintained roads  
 Family oriented  
 Farm settings  
 Farmland  
 Farmland  
 Farmland  
 Farms  
 Farms  
 Farms  
 Farms  
 Farms and farmland  
 Fire protection  
 Fish  
 Forest/wildlife habitat  
 Friendly  
 Friendly people  
 Friendly people  
 Friendliness  
 Geography  
 Good fire protection  
 Good government  
 Good highway and road service  
 Good neighbors  
 Good public services (roads etc.)  
 Good road quality & maintenance  
 Good roads  
 Good roads  
 Good services  
 Highway maintenance  
 Historic structures  
 Historical buildings  
 Homes  
 Houses not too close to each other  
 Hudson  
 Hudson river access  
 Hunting & fishing

Hunting opportunities  
 It is pretty  
 It is quiet  
 It's a quiet town  
 Its country setting & living style  
 It's potential for development because of its location.  
 Its quietness  
 Keep summer growth in tow  
 Kind friendly people  
 Lack of commercial feeling  
 Laissez faire  
 Landscape open  
 Light industry is allowed  
 Limit on industrial development favoring nature & farmland  
 Linda abbie  
 Little industrial development  
 Living here  
 Living on sleepy hollow  
 Local culture  
 Local friends from years gone by  
 Location to major cities.  
 Location to ski areas  
 Location to the river  
 Location/views  
 Location-close enough but far enough from albany kingston nyc boston  
 Lots of boutiques ect  
 Low crime  
 Low population density  
 Low traffic  
 Maintained roads  
 More retail shops  
 Most people (not all) keep their property presentable.  
 Mostly safe  
 Natural beauty  
 Near water  
 Nearest to the Hudson river  
 Necessary services available  
 Nice churches  
 No chain stores  
 No industrial park  
 No strip development  
 No traffic  
 No traffic (keep it that way)  
 Not overly crowded  
 Not too far nor too close to albany/kingston  
 Nothing  
 Nothing  
 On the river  
 Open spaces  
 Open space  
 Open space  
 Open space with limited development along 9w corridor

Open space-rural	Safe
Open spaces	Safe place to live
Open spaces	Safe place to live
Open spaces	Safety
Open undeveloped spaces	Safety
Open/farm spaces	Scenic
Pace of life	Scenic
Peace & quiet	Scenic
Peaceful & safe	Scenic beauty
People	Scenic beauty
Playground	Scenic views
Pleasant	Scenic views
Potential	Scenic views
Privacy	Scenic views & landscapes
Privacy	Scenic views day or night
Proximity to Hudson river	School-eja
Property zoned	Scenic
Provides good services-upkeep highways etc.	Senior activities
Proximity to mass transportation I.e. metro north	Simplicity of the streets and houses in town.
Proximity to river	Size
Proximity to thruway	Size -area & population-
Quaint	Small
Quaint	Small & not too developed
Quaint	Small hobby farms/recreational farms
Quiet low crime good/friendly	Small size-feeling of safety-friendly people
Quick stop for food items	Small town
Quiet	Small town atmosphere
Quiet	Small town qualities still here low crime friendly people
Quiet	Smaller amount of residences
Quiet	Snow removal is very good
Quiet	Some traffic mini city type
Quiet	Spacious
Quiet	Still have rural atmosphere
Quiet	Still room for growth
Quiet	Stores
Quiet peaceful	Supplies a few basic needs
Quiet surroundings	Swim lessons
Quiet/calm	The farms
Quite	The friendliness of the people
Quite	The friendly people and politicians that are finally working together
River	The historic buildings & history of town
River	The historical buildings & homes
River front	The local government
River frontage	The old historic building-they are treasures
Riverfront park	The parks rainy playground & riverfront
Room for economic development	The people
Rural	The quaint bldgs. Of historic appearance.
Rural	The river
Rural	The roads seem to be neglected
Rural aesthetic	The unspoiled scenic areas
Rural atmosphere	The village with its unique character
Rural character scenery	The water accessibility
Rural lands	Town clerks
Rural peaceful setting	Town officials willing to listen and act.
Rural river setting	Tranquility
Rustic/old buildings	



Upkeep on the highways  
 Very friendly community  
 Very rural and pretty but close to everything  
 Views  
 Views  
 Views of mountains  
 Views of the Catskills  
 Viewshed

Village going too future  
 Waterfront park  
 Well maintained roads  
 Where it is located distance wise  
 Wild life  
 Working farms  
 Working rural landscape - farms & forestry  
 Zoning

**19. What 3 things do you like the most about the Town of Athens? - 3**

Access  
 Accessibility to major highway -i87 nys 23 etc-  
 Affordable housing  
 And services fire police postal  
 Beautiful in its limited development  
 Beautiful scenery  
 Beauty  
 Beauty  
 Beauty of setting  
 Beauty of the area  
 Bedroom type community  
 Being on the river-but the town doesn't make use of it  
 Cable & high speed internet availability  
 Central location to other towns/cities  
 Charming  
 Church  
 Clean  
 Clean  
 Clean environment  
 Closeness to everything  
 Closer to work  
 Comfortable size  
 Convenience to Hudson albany etc  
 Convenient location of the few available amenities  
 Diversity of rural character  
 Ease of travel  
 Easy access to major airport (albany)  
 Easy to get to stores  
 Emergency services  
 Farmlands  
 Farms  
 Farms  
 Farms and the farmland  
 Farms fields & woods  
 Fire house  
 Friendliness of people  
 Friendly  
 Friendly  
 Friendly  
 Friendly people  
 General views  
 Good commute to capital district  
 Good neighbors  
 Good road care

Good roads  
 Good roads  
 Good school system  
 Green lake  
 Greene lake  
 Historic  
 Historic look  
 Historical look/open spaces  
 History  
 History  
 Housing cost  
 Hunting available  
 It's a clean town  
 Its willingness to go into the future of growth  
 John f.  
 Keeping river clean  
 Lack of commercial development  
 Leave me alone/just pay your taxes aspect  
 Light house  
 Location  
 Location  
 Location on the river  
 Look at river  
 Lots of trees and wildlife and land.  
 Loving views  
 Low crime  
 Low crime  
 Man in our area are potic mtn there in the past  
 Many farm & farmland  
 Marina & park  
 More/youth activities/+ a youth center  
 Near main roads  
 Neighbor network.  
 Neighborhood & schools  
 New firehouse  
 Nice people  
 Nice restaurants  
 No big box development (as seen in greenport kingston Catskill)  
 No bus  
 No more industrial development since Athens gen.  
 No traffic  
 No traffic lights other than west Athens  
 Not much development  
 Not seeing any politicians

Not yet over populated  
 Nothing  
 Old farms  
 Old fashioned  
 Old houses  
 On river  
 On the whole a good quality of people  
 Open lands  
 Open space  
 Open spaces  
 Open spaces  
 Open spaces  
 Open spaces (although most land in private hands)  
 Open spaces/farm industry  
 Opportunity to expand under control.  
 Peaceful  
 Peaceful  
 People  
 People are nice  
 Planned home developments  
 Ponds lakes wetlands nature  
 Privacy with your neighbors  
 Proximity to albany ny skiing river  
 Proximity to kingston shopping medical  
 Quality of life  
 Quaint & scenic  
 Quaintness of town  
 Quiet  
 Quiet  
 Quiet and seems fairly safe  
 Quiet country setting - rustic -  
 Quiet life  
 Quiet!  
 Quiet/peaceful  
 Reasonable taxes  
 Recreational possibilities  
 Relaxed environment  
 Residents neighborly  
 River  
 River access  
 River front park  
 Riverfront  
 Rt 9w corridor-itll be a goldmine if developed smartly!  
 Rural  
 Rural  
 Rural aesthetic  
 Rural aesthetic character

Rural areas  
 Rural atmosphere  
 Rural character  
 Rural character  
 Rural environment  
 Rural life  
 Rural woods but near major highways  
 Rural/country atmosphere  
 Scenery  
 Scenic  
 Scenic  
 Scenic/historic  
 Shops  
 Single family houses-great town to raise children  
 Sleepy hollow  
 Sleepy hollow lake  
 Sleepy hollow lane  
 Small & not crowded  
 Small parks near water  
 Small town feeling  
 Snowmobile  
 Space between house  
 Supervisor  
 Tax rate  
 Taxes  
 Taxes  
 The caring of its people for others  
 The farms  
 The Hudson river  
 The location  
 The many possibilities quiet as art & antique and vacation area  
 The old buildings  
 The people who live there  
 The quietness of it  
 The river  
 The river  
 The small town school  
 The stewart house  
 The stores and shops  
 Uncrowded  
 Unspoiled water front  
 Ursullas  
 Varying ferraer  
 Very little traffic  
 Views  
 Water ways  
 Waterfront  
 We are near the thruway  
 Wildlife  
 You have everything you need to live & be happy

## 20. What 3 things do you like the most about the Village of Athens? - 1

Access to Hudson river  
 Access to Hudson river  
 Access to river  
 Access to river

Apac  
 Architecture  
 Architecture  
 Architecture

As above	Historic buildings
As it is	Historic character
Athens day	Historic character
Bank post office	Historic character
Beautiful architecture	Historic character
Beauty	Historic character
Being on the Hudson river	Historic character of homes
Boat launch	Historic district
Boat launch	Historic features
Boat launch	Historic feel
Boat launch	Historic homes
Borders the Hudson river	Historic homes & general history
Buildings	Historic look
By the river	Historic look
C s	Historic nature of buildings town village
Cant think	Historic property
Charm	Historic setting
Charm/history	Historic structures
Christmas decorations at holiday time.	Historic value & architecture
Clean	Historical buildings
Clean	Historical character
Close access to Hudson river	Historical nature
Contact w/the people who do the work	History
Convenient to regional areas mts & rivers	Hudson river
Cultural center	Hudson river
Effort being put forth by village board to improve Athens	Hudson river
Exteriors of building maintained	Hudson river access
Family friendly	Hudson river frontage & parks
Fire dept	I can walk to meet very basic needs (milk-newspaper-post office etc)
Fire dept	I don't know the difference between the town or village
Fire protection	I like it just the way it is quiet & peaceful
Fish	I loved gerards!
Fresh air	I see no real difference between the town & village
Friendly	It does have or tries to have something for the people. Three restaurants
Friendly	It has a small volume of traffic
Friendly people & fire & rescue companies	It is very quiet
Friendly residents	It still has most of its countryside appeal
Friendship	Its a quiet & quaint village
Generally safe & quiet.	Its a safe & beautifully visual place to walk
Good for water sports.	Its a small safe uncommerical place to live.
Good library	Its location on the river & scenic landscapes.
Good school (elementary)	Its small town usa!
Good stores	Library
Great place to grow up	Lighted streets & relative safety
Great school	Little league playground
High density development with most activities close by (school pool little l	Location
Historical arch	Location
Historic	Location on river
Historic & architecture of the bldgs	Location on river beauty
Historic and scenic quality of streets & houses	Location on river with mostly single family housing.
Historic building preservation	Location on the river
Historic buildings	Location-people-views of Hudson river-park
Historic buildings	
Historic buildings	
Historic buildings	

Looks	owners keep them nice)
Low population	Quaint river setting
Low violent crime rate	Quaint village
Manageable size	Quaintness
Music in the park	Quiet
My friends & neighbors	Quiet
My private property	Quiet
Neighborly	Quiet
Nice appearance clean yards etc	Quiet
Nice place to live quite non commercial safe place to raise your family.	Quiet
No comment	Quiet
No opinion	Quiet
No opinion	Quiet family oriented
No opinion	Quiet no problems
No opinion-weekend use only	Quiet safe ole home territory
No services like store movies music sporting goods	Quiet streets
No traffic	Quiet undeveloped
No traffic	Quiet village
Non industrial	Quietness
Not industrial	Quite
Not sure	Relatively safe area
Nothing but (boat launch)	Restaurants
Nothing-burn it down!!	Retention of villages historic character & charm plus waterfront park access
Old buildings	River
Old riverfront	River
On the river	River
Our village board working hard to advance our village	River
Peaceful surroundings	River
People	River
Play ground	River access
Playground	River frontage river park
Playground is great but can use expansion more activities & equipment	River park
Possibilities	River views
Post office	River/location
Proximity to water with views	Riverfront
Proximity to Hudson river	Riverfront
Quaint	Riverfront
Quaint	Riverfront & architecture of homes
Quaint	Riverfront access
Quaint	Riverfront activities/access
Quaint	Riverfront exposure & availability
Quaint	Riverfront park
Quaint	Riverfront park
Quaint	Riverfront park
Quaint	Riverside location
Quaint	Rural atmosphere
Quaint	Rural nature
Quaint appearance	Rural roads & views
Quaint atmosphere	Rural-small town setting
Quaint buildings	S/a
Quaint feel	Safe
Quaint historic	Safe
Quaint historic feeling	Same
Quaint original structures (the ones whose	Same

Same	Swimming pool
Same	The antique housing structures
Same	The architecture & layout-just needs revitalization
Same	The Athens pool
Same as #19	The character of the streets & houses
Same as above	The historic buildings well preserved (&lack of ugly commercials)
Same as above	The interest and activity of the governing people
Same as above	The old buildings
Same as above	The open space
Same as above	The park
Same as above	The people
Same as above	The proximity to the Hudson river.
Same as above	The pure real historic charm very nice for strolling bikes relaxing
Same as above	The quaint location on river
Same as above	The quaintness
Same as above	The river
Same as above	The river
Same as above with river access.	The river park
Same as town of Athens	The river park (needs more recreation)
Scenic views	The riverfront & park
Scenic/rural atmosphere	The river-make better use of this natural amenity
School	The safety of it.
See 19	The sense of being in a village
See above	The side by the water
See above	The slower pace in general
Senior center	The street festival
Setting on the river-unobstructed views remember the old ferry?	The terrain hills etc river access & views
Size	The village is quaint
Size	The water front
Small	This opportunities we have to make it the greatest town on the Hudson
Small	Too many part time residents
Small	Unique-living conditions
Small	Ursalas restaurant
Small community	Ursula's restaurant
Small quiet quant	Very clean very old houses
Small relatively quiet community	Water access
Small size	Water front
Small town atmosphere	Water front
Small town charm	Water front
Small town charm	Water front
Small village	Water front
Small village atmosphere	Water view
Small village atmosphere	Waterfront
Small village atmosphere	Waterfront
Small village atmosphere	Waterfront
Small village character	Waterfront park
Small village flavor	Waterfront park
Smallness	Yesterday look
St Patrick's church	Your interest in preservation

**20. What 3 things do you like the most about the Village of Athens? - 2**

River front/music in the park

(restaurants)

Access to Hudson river	Historic character
Access to river	Historic character
Activities available for participation	Historic character
Animal crackers day care	Historic district
Architectural character/historic bldgs.	Historic homes
Architecture	Historic homes & architecture
Architecture	Historical
Architecture of old buildings	Historical character
Architecture historic character	Historically preserved homes
Atmosphere	History
Attractive gardens	Homes
Availability of riverfront use-park	Hudson river
Basically a quiet town	Hudson river
Beautiful	Hudson river access
Beautiful historic homes	Hudson river views
Beautiful older homes and businesses	I love Athens I love the economic
Beauty of architecture of homes	I think the town needs a ice rink
Boat launch	It has a bank
Boat site.	Its history
Catholic church	Knowing that most of your neighbors care
Charm	Lack of big business
Charm-lovely architecture	Lake & mountains
Church	Library
Clean	Lighthouse
Community bldg in old schoolhouse	Little league program
Conducting business with the locals	Little welfare people & limited ethnic background/colors
Country like	Local culture
Cultural activities	Local history
Cultural center	Local restaurants
Dominance of residential zoning	Location on river
Dpw dept	Location to the river
Easy to get to stores	Low density of population
Elem. School	Low key business environment
Everybody	Low traffic
Fire department & library	Mostly good people
Food	Mostly quiet
Friendly	Near the river
Friendly	Nearness to thruway-train
Friendly	Neighbors/community atmosphere-friendly
Friendly & safe character	No big box stores
Friendly community	No traffic
Friendly environment	Not enough emphasis given to residents living outside the village of Athens.
Friendly neighbors & community	Not overly crowded
Friendly people	Not too much traffic
Friendly small local businesses	Nothing
Gerards (before he retired!!)	Off the beaten path
Good people	Old fashioned
Good roads	Old homes
Good senior center	Older homes
Has great potential	Open space
Has its own elementary school boat launch & playground	Open spaces
Having a good local elementary school	Orthogonal street grid
Help when you need it	Park
Historical bldg	Park on the river
Historic	Parks
Historic bldgs.	

People  
People  
People are very friendly  
People taking pride in their properties  
Playgrounds/parks/library  
Police dept  
Potential  
Potential growth areas  
Potential to develop downtown w/thriving  
Potential to improve  
Proximity of the river  
Proximity to river  
Proximity to river  
Proximity to river & surrounding areas  
Public dock  
Quiet  
Quaint  
Quaint buildings  
Quaint small town friendly atmosphere  
Quaintness  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet and peaceful  
Quiet environment  
Rds are well maintained in winter  
Refinished houses  
Restaurants  
Restaurants-near the Hudson  
River  
River  
River  
River  
River  
River accessibility  
River front  
River front  
River front  
River front area  
River front park  
River park  
River park  
River presence  
River views  
River walking park  
Riverfront park  
Riverfront  
Riverfront  
Riverfront  
Riverfront location

Riverfront park  
Riverfront park  
Riverfront parks  
Riverside  
Riverside park  
Rural  
Rural  
Rural character  
Rural quality  
Rustic ambiance  
Safe  
Safe  
Safety  
Safety of streets for kids  
Scenery  
Scenery (Hudson)  
See above  
Seeing improvement each time all areas  
Senior center  
Size  
Size  
Size (small)  
Size allows for knowing other residents  
Small  
Small community  
Small community  
Small hometown feel  
Small restaurants  
Small shops  
Small town  
Small town appeal  
Small town community character  
Small village atmosphere & safety  
Smalltown appeal  
Softball for girls  
Some friendly & interesting neighbors  
Stewarts  
Stewarts  
Stewarts  
Stewarts pizza & sub shops  
Street festival in summer.  
Summer activities  
Summer at riverfront  
Summer concerts & fair  
Supplies some basic services without  
unsightliness  
That's what brings people from the city here  
The architecture  
The architecture  
The beauty of its location on the river  
The great history of Athens  
The historic look of the homes  
The houses  
The love of the village-helped whenever needed  
by the people who live there  
The new housing from a few yrs back.  
The old country roads

The old/restored homes.  
 The older homes  
 The river  
 The river  
 The river.  
 The river/lake  
 The simple old world beauty of the riverfront  
 park  
 Things for families to do  
 This village is a bonafide slum.  
 Town fair  
 Town officials and town clerk  
 Unique mix of shops/services/restaurants which  
 are not big box or mallstyle  
 Ursula and Stewart shop

Ursulas  
 Very knowledgeable and community minded  
 board of trustees.  
 Village board has made infrastructure  
 improvements  
 Village officials work for community needs not  
 personal needs  
 Village wide garage sales  
 Walk the street w/out being bothered  
 Water front  
 Waterfront  
 Waterfront location  
 Waterfront location  
 Waterfront park  
 Waterfront park

**20. What 3 things do you like the most about the Village of Athens? - 3**

2 restaurants  
 Affordable houses  
 Annual street fair  
 Appearance  
 Architecture  
 Attractive houses well maintained  
 Beauty of the river  
 Being able to walk to most everything in village  
 Boat launch  
 Boat launch  
 Calming good place to get away from crowds  
 noise  
 Central point of village is improving in looks  
 Charming  
 Charming  
 Citizen attitude towards village  
 Clean  
 Clean environment  
 Community feel  
 Community spirit  
 Continue the summer music in the park  
 Convenience shops  
 Convenience stores  
 Cooperation w/co & state  
 troopers/sheriff/ambulance/emergency  
 services  
 Cute  
 Diversity too  
 Easy access to town/village building  
 Easy accessibility to services  
 Easy read signs  
 Emphasis on single-family homes vs.  
 Apartments & town houses  
 Excellent dpw  
 Farmhouses  
 Feeling of "safeness"  
 Friendly  
 Friendly  
 Friendly people

Friendly people  
 Friendly residents  
 Future  
 Gem unblemished by industry over activity  
 urban sprawl  
 Gorgeous river views  
 Good family values  
 Good library  
 Good people  
 Has potential  
 Historic  
 Historic beauty & preservation  
 Historic buildings & village history  
 Historic character  
 Historic character  
 Historic interest  
 Historic residential area  
 Historical connection  
 Historical homes  
 Historical houses  
 Historical sites  
 Historical buildings & library  
 History  
 Hudson river  
 I like that it is a distance away from 9w &  
 industrial pollution creates an  
 Increased interest in arts & cultural events  
 amongst residents  
 It has had a beneficial effect on our children  
 It's historic nature  
 Keep big business out-let it be a sleepy little  
 town.  
 Knowing  
 Knowing the people  
 Lack of commercial development  
 Laundromat  
 Leisurely  
 Library  
 Library



Library  
Library  
Library  
Library  
Library/firehouse w/I walking distance of school  
Light house & river views from 385  
Little league & play ground area  
Location  
Location near river  
Location on river  
Location on the river wonderful summer  
concerts  
Location on water  
Lots of helping each other  
Low crime  
Low taxes  
Low traffic  
Marina & water front area  
Mixed income level  
Mostly safe  
Neighbors & sidewalks  
Nice community  
Nice people  
No other reason to go there.  
No street lights  
No traffic  
Off the beaten path  
Old houses being restored  
Old quaint bldgs  
Old style character  
Organizations becoming more active  
Park on the Hudson river  
Parks  
Parks playgrounds  
Peacefulness  
People  
People  
People  
Perceived safety  
Play ground  
Pleasant  
Potential for growth  
Proximity to train  
Quaint old-time village feel  
Quality of life  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet peaceful neighborhood feeling with no  
stop lights  
Quietness  
Realistic taxes  
Recreation to small children  
Renewal and potential  
Residential  
Restaurants  
Restaurants  
Restaurants

Restaurants  
Restaurants in the village  
River  
River  
River access-physical and view  
Riverfront park  
Riverfront park  
Riverfront park.  
Riverside park  
Riverside park  
Riverside picnic  
Rural aspect  
Rural atmosphere  
Rural atmosphere  
Safe  
Safe & quiet village  
Safe family-oriented environment-quiet!!  
Safe for children  
Safe for my children  
Safety  
Scenic  
Senior housing  
Simplicity  
Sit and watch and nobody knows your around  
Size  
Slevail house  
Small businesses  
Small town eel  
Small town feel  
Small town setting  
Small town style  
Small town-caring people.  
Small village feeling  
Small village living  
Small village quality  
Small-just right people are great  
Small-town charm  
Spiritual help  
Stewart house  
Stewart house  
Stewart house and stewarts  
Taxes are reasonable  
The "small-town" atmosphere  
The addition of the cultural center  
The beautiful plants all summer & the Christmas  
lights we should put some so  
The children's playground next to ball field  
The Friday night summer concerts in the  
riverfront park  
The hanging basket program  
The low key atmosphere that would draw many  
artsy people that it has no gaud  
The old tree in riverfront park  
The quaintness and historical character  
The quaintness of it  
The restoration of homes  
The street grid system-being on the river

The water views  
Tight knit community  
Ursulas!  
Views  
Views of the river  
Village clerks  
Village streets are clean and maintained

Walkability  
Waterfront  
Waterfront  
Waterfront park & cultural center  
Well kept yards flowers etc.  
Working forests still exist

## 21. What 3 things do you like the least about the Town of Athens? - 1

9w industrial/commercial activity can be an eyesore  
Abandon cars  
Abandoned vehicles on private property  
Abandoned buildings or not maintain taxes very high  
All of the above  
Allowing power plant to come in without any consideration for those adverse  
Assessment review bd.  
Athens gen  
Athens gen  
Athens gen ...  
Athens generating  
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Athens generating  
Athens generating  
Athens generating plant  
Athens generating plant  
Attitude that all revolves around village  
Attitude toward economic development/job creation most people oppose  
Auto junkyards  
Aw section is ugly  
Building new town offices when survey showed no need  
Businesses are few  
Cable & internet (high speed) not available  
Cable not available on flats extension road  
Cannot comment  
Cant think  
Commercial ventures I.e. auto lots  
Competition between polit. Parties  
Condition of roads (county roads)  
Condition of some buildings  
Could use another store (small) besides stewarts  
Derelict buildings  
Dumping on private property (roadside)  
Empty buildings that are unused  
Entire appearance  
Entryway (gateway)=used cars & dump station  
Every traffic sign is either faded bent or crooked  
Favoritism of officials towards taxpayers  
Few places to eat  
Few stores  
Garbage burning!  
Gas pipe line

Gerards closed! "bummer"  
Go gen plant  
Hard to find help  
Hard to get a "sense" of the town given the geography  
Hard to really know what the town has or does.  
Hate the municipal water  
Have no dislikes  
Heavy traffic on 9w  
High taxes  
High taxes  
High taxes  
High taxes for sleepy hollow lake  
High taxes on vacant land  
High taxes with very few town services from shl  
High traffic on small roads  
Highway dept-neither the highway department nor the highway employees feel t  
Highway maintenance  
Houses in disrepair  
I dislike that industrial storage or buildings or automotive garages give st  
I feel code enforcement infringes on my rights as a property owner  
Ice cream stand on 385 went out of business  
Increase in development of houses etc.  
Industrial park looks unkempt-no planning  
It doesn't have a plan for growth  
It looks run down though improving  
It should be kept neater  
Junk yard feeling  
Junk and garbage in front yards lack of code enforcement  
Junk car lots  
Junk cars  
Junk cars  
Junk cars in yards  
Junk littered homes  
Junk piled on property  
Junk yards  
Junk yards just beginning  
Keep track of housing density level  
Lack of business  
Lack of city water & sewer for large areas  
Lack of code enforcement  
Lack of code enforcements  
Lack of comprehensive plan

Lack of desirable amenities eg dry cleaner groceries	other
Lack of grocery store	No bike trails or sidewalks
Lack of knowledge & enforcement of building/zoning codes	No business/ventures.
Lack of medical facilities no doctor or dentist	No car wash
Lack of parking for cultural activities	No comment
Lack of police	No comment
Lack of police	No complaints
Lack of retail choices	No development
Lack of retail stores	No food stores
Lack of service for ny tax dollars	No garbage
Lack of services eg road maintenance garbage pick up	No grocery store
Lack of services/retail/dining (good & affordable)	No growth
Lack of shopping	No industry/high taxes
Lack of traffic law enforcement (speeding and stop signs)	No major stores or shopping
Lack of zoning	No municipal water or sewers for west Athens
Lack of zoning (or enforcement of zoning?)	No new distribution whses. Like coxsackie has developed or corporation parks
Land taxes	No new industry for lock work
Less area open to hunting	No opinion
Limited tax base	No opinion
Litter	No opinion
Litter along the roads that never gets picked up	No opinion
Litter on rural road ways	No opp
Littering on roads	No police at night-rather off in morning & work midnight on.
Location of sewer plant	No police protection of our own 24x7 -constable town police
Looks run down	No public bus to Catskill Hudson area shopping
Looks run down	No public transportation
Loose dogs-no ticketing	No public water
Loosing rural character	No recreation
Loss of jobs	No recreational areas
Low water	No restaurants
Maintenance on roads	No restaurants
Many areas in disrepair	No retail
Messy private yards	No retail
Minimal business opportunities	No rr bridges in whole town
Mixed zoning of large old home & mobile homes on the same street not attract	No school district of its own (including village)
More strip mall type development on rt 9-w	No services for my taxes
My friend & neighbors	No sewer
N/o	No shopping
Na	No small businesses like stores
Na	No stores
Na	No stores
Necessity of driving for services	No stores
Need more code enforcement on homes & trailers	No stores at all
Need server district along 9w	No taxi service
Need to bring the town up & more developed as a town (ie. Red hook)	No transportation/the dependence on cars or others
Need transportation to stores or doctors	No work
Needs updating	Noise from plants
Negative hand painted signs	None
New construction too close to the road & to each	Not enforcing zoning laws
	Not enough public open space for walking

skiing.  
 Not enough retail shops full empty buildings  
 Not enough stores  
 Not enough stores/business  
 Not much opportunity to make a good salary  
 Not much to do  
 Not much to do-if there is I dont know about it  
 Not trustworthy  
 Nothing  
 Nothing close by (have to drive 10-15 minutes to stores)  
 Nothing important I can think of  
 Nothing to do  
 Nothings exciting or interesting  
 Ordinances not enforced-junk cars & trailers  
 Parts suffer from economic depression  
 People applying for building permits are put through hoops while existing pr  
 Pg & e plant  
 Pg&e's electric plant-what an eye sore!!!  
 Police services  
 Politicians making promises that they don't keep  
 Poor home maintenance  
 Power lines  
 Power plant  
 Power plant  
 Power plant  
 Power plant  
 Road conditions vary so much (winter)  
 Road quality  
 Roads  
 Roads  
 Roads are sometimes falling apart  
 Roads arenot plowed well when schools closed  
 Ruddown bldgs  
 Run down  
 Run down.  
 Run-down 385 buildings  
 Rundown and decrepit buildings  
 Rundown overgrown properties and river front property  
 Rundown properties  
 Same  
 Same  
 Same as above  
 Shopping  
 Sleepy hollow  
 Slow to develop  
 Some of the building laws are too strict especially in rehabilitation of old  
 Some properties lack house pride  
 Speeding motorists  
 Taxes  
 Taxes  
 Taxes  
 Taxes  
 Taxes and duplication of services

Taxes for what you spend don't get nothing  
 Taxes to high  
 Taxes too high  
 Taxes-high level  
 Taxes-unfair on lake  
 The "invisibility" of leaders  
 The community bldg was open to the kids years ago. They played basketball e  
 The defeatist attitude about removing derelict barges.  
 The double tax to sleepy hollow lake residents  
 The empty foundry  
 The fact they provide no services to sleepy hollow town resident  
 The generator plant  
 The high taxes  
 The industrial wastelands-asphalt company its horrible & stinks  
 The new sub divisions  
 The no activity  
 The railroad tracks and crossings  
 The town did not protect rights of people affected by generator plant  
 The ugly junk yard 9w corridor between Catskill & coxsackie  
 Thoroughness of the power plant  
 To much industry on Schoharie tpk.  
 Too many garages & used car lots.  
 Too many judges in town & village. (we should consolidate & save money.  
 Too many rundown properties trash & abandoned automobiles.  
 Town clerk not helpful or friendly  
 Town government secrecy  
 Town infrastructure bldgs especially  
 Town officials want to build their own building  
 Town planning board  
 Town/village always at odds.  
 Trailers  
 Trailers (mobile homes)  
 Unfriendly signs entering Athens on Schoharie tnpk -albright property-  
 Unkempt properties  
 Unkempt appearance in general  
 Unkempt places  
 Unkempt properties  
 Unknown how far it extends  
 Unregulated junk yards  
 Unrestricted backyard burning  
 Unsightly generating plant  
 Use no town services-live & drive on county or state roads  
 Water better water  
 Way roads are taken care of  
 We need a larger grocery store  
 Well kept homes  
 When I am driving away

Winter

Wish we had trash & recycling pick-up.

Zoning-trailers

## 21. What 3 things do you like the least about the Town of Athens? - 2

# Out own school district  
(general) no store  
30 mph too far out village into town (speed trap)  
Abandoned foundry  
Abandoned vacant homes old trailers old cars  
Activities  
Anti-hunters buying old farms  
Appears to be limited or no zoning & code enforcement  
Athens gen  
Better assessor hours  
Buildings  
Cant buy even a thimble of thread  
Cluttered look of some businesses along 385 particularly in post office are  
Code violators not taken care of  
Competition between town & village  
Dead animals on roads  
Development  
Dirty  
Distance of speed limit outside village  
Dumping on private property residential garbage  
Electric towers  
Excess used car & similar business  
Excepting building allowed/variances  
Existing codes in relation to above not enforced.  
Extremely high noise pollution  
Far from retail  
Few place to shop  
Few recreational/cultural activities  
Garbage burning!  
Gas pipe line  
General appearance is not good  
Have to travel out of town for all but what can buy at stewarts.  
High water & sewer charges (when water & sewer are not used)  
Higher taxes in shl  
Houses in disrepair  
I have a Catskill address  
I just want Athens to look like a place you want to come live in a visit and  
Increase in traffic on rural roads  
It seems like a place you only pass through  
Its probably not too bad. But there is a certain amount of politicians and f  
Jobs need more  
Junk & garbage on properties  
Junk cars  
Junk cars  
Junk cars

Junk cars & trailers  
Junk cars etc in some locations  
Junk commercial buildings and structures on river  
Junk in peoples yards  
Junk yards  
Junkyards  
Lack of cultural activities  
Lack of dry cleaning  
Lack of enforcement of codes-junked cars  
Lack of housing  
Lack of municipal water  
Lack of planned commercial development  
Lack of police enforcement for cell phone use & driving down the middle of t  
Lack of recreational facilities kids & seniors  
Lack of road signs  
Lack of services to shl residents who also pay taxes  
Lack of social activities for children/teens  
Lack of stores/services  
Lack of technology ie cable high speed internet & poor phone service  
Lack of transportation  
Lack of utilities (gas dsl)  
Limited commercial renal space  
Limited retail stores & restaurants  
Litter along roadways  
Litter on highways  
Lost of farmland to new housing.  
Loud motor cycles  
Mail box vandalism  
Main street looks run down  
Many houses for sale  
Nedd these things in town for older people  
Need better garbage removal  
Need more stores restaurants/cafe types  
Needs development plan  
Neglected buildings-capable people not keeping their property up.  
New hideous bldgs going up on Schoharie tpk  
No activities or businesses near 9w  
No biking/hiking/horse trails (except chahote preserve)  
No cable/internet  
No development economically  
No downtown sleepy hollow sewer smells.  
No feel of a cohesive unit  
No jobs  
No jobs  
No large convenience store  
No opinion

No places to shop for food or housing supplies  
 No public pool  
 No public sewage  
 No public transportation  
 No recreation  
 No regulation of activity  
 No restaurants  
 No restaurants  
 No retail  
 No retail/rest.  
 No revenue from stores-there are no stores  
 No sewer services  
 No shopping  
 No shopping  
 No sidewalks-it is dangerous because of hills & curves to walk or ride a bike  
 No spa/gym  
 No town bldg.  
 No water  
 No water (city) yet  
 Non existing municipal services  
 Not cleaning up litter on roadsides  
 Not enforcing environmental laws  
 Not enough businesses to offset tax increases  
 Not enough cohesiveness between village & town  
 Not enough cultural activities  
 Not enough emergency crew  
 Not enough restaurants  
 Not enough retail &/or commercial businesses to help tax base.  
 O  
 Other than roads-county services?  
 Other unsightly views  
 People who are not native seeking public office  
 Plan to build new town hall  
 Planning boards need to consider costs to owners  
 Politicians not owning up to making mistakes  
 Poor conditions of properties  
 Poor property maintenance standard  
 Poor zoning-plan-large bill boards  
 Power plant  
 Properties with old cars junk etc. Not maintained!  
 Public water supply of populated roads around schoharie trnpk  
 Road is too narrow & winding for safe bicycling & walker.  
 Road shoulders are dangerous  
 Run down buildings  
 Run down trailers and garbage on unkempt private property  
 Run-down buildings that need treating  
 Safer home for sr's  
 Scarcity of shops

Self-interest of elected officials  
 Senior citizens-not much available for them.  
 Lets face it everyone is getting  
 Sidewalks  
 Some farm properties/industrial/commercial properties are littered with abandoned stuff  
 Speed of traffic near playground  
 Speed trap  
 Taxes  
 Taxes  
 Taxes too high  
 Taxes-where is the help from us gen.  
 That don't clean up (cars junk etc)  
 The abandoned wormuth foundry  
 The back road dumps and old buildings that need to be removed  
 The complacency of the people which allowed the generator plant.  
 The empty foundry buildings on howard ahl rd.  
 The lake (sleepy hollow)  
 The narrow streets  
 The oil trunks  
 The police force which unnecessary  
 There are no shopping centers  
 There is no place for the teens to hang out with constructed recreation  
 There's no incentive to move or develop a business here  
 Too many house trailers-some ok some pretty rundown.  
 Too many houses being built  
 Too many junk used car lots  
 Town  
 Town & county taxes and lack of where it is spent.  
 Town clerks office should be open from 9-5.  
 Many people like to conduct town  
 Trailers mobile homes  
 Trash & abandoned house/trailers  
 Trying to change public survey regarding renovation of community center  
 Unkempt properties  
 Unknown what is available to do  
 Various eyesores along rte 385 such as oil tanks farms & bldgs  
 Village is part of town but town is nothing to village  
 Water quality & cost of it!  
 Weather  
 Wormuth brothers factory remains  
 Wormuth looks awful  
 Would like more hunting opportunities  
 Your plan to put x-rated adult entertainment on Schoharie tpke east of rt 9w

## 21. What 3 things do you like the least about the Town of Athens? - 3

# Of restaurants  
 Abandoned & derelict buildings  
 Also (although somewhat satisfied) more direct enforcement on barking dogs & Athens gen  
 Camping-bowling alley. Community center needed  
 Decrease in wildlife habitat  
 Dilapidated buildings in need of repair  
 Do not want to consolidate with village to save expenses  
 Dog laws  
 Doubling up with the village-combine & have only one town.  
 Dumping on private property old furniture  
 Garbage burning!  
 Gas pipe line  
 Give people help in fixing up their places  
 Having to pay town tax for little return to village residents  
 High taxes  
 I live in Athens and have a Catskill address? Why?  
 Inability to attract appropriate businesses  
 Incompetent employees  
 Increased taxes for no services  
 Industrial areas on Schoharie tpke.  
 Industrial infrastructure is ugly & detracts as you enter village  
 Junky signs  
 Lack of  
 Lack of a ymca type facility  
 Lack of identity  
 Lack of internet service-high speed cable & cable tv  
 Lack of law enforcement  
 Lack of parking  
 Lack of pharmacy  
 Lack of police & medical offices.  
 Lack of property pride of land owners  
 Lack of recreation for youths  
 Lack of recreational activities  
 Lack of recreational facilities  
 Lack of restaurants etc  
 Lack of traffic control enforcement  
 Letting people get away with violations because of who they are.  
 Limited small lots for sale  
 Need more to offer to keep people interested  
 No activities for kids 8-18  
 No bakery  
 No cultural events  
 No daycare center for 6 week - 2 year olds  
 No full time police force  
 No high speed internet access  
 No industrial development-they don't try to attract any businesses

No infrastructure  
 No nigh life  
 No opinion  
 No public transportation.  
 No small shops in walking distance-need a car for everything  
 No stores  
 No teen/children's center  
 No theatre  
 Not enough funding for town dept of highways  
 Not enough services (med/dental  
 Not particularly friendly or accepting of new citizens  
 Nothing for kids to do/water systems not the greatest.  
 Old barge & crane rusting on the Hudson river  
 People who are not native to area changing local culture  
 Politicians acting like nobody lives west of 9w  
 Poor economy  
 Population congestion  
 Power lines  
 Restaurants  
 Road care  
 Route 9w corridor  
 Run down homes yards  
 Run-down appearance  
 Rural atmosphere  
 Sleepy hollow sewer odor  
 Some eyesore junk yards  
 Some people (especially trailers on 385 on right) keep property a mess  
 Speeding on secondary roads  
 Store-fronts without occupancy  
 Street lighting!  
 Streets  
 Super high taxes internet access problems forced to use verizon  
 Taxes  
 The car dumps  
 The lack of cooperation of town & village governments  
 The new red street signs  
 The roads are unfriendly to pedestrians & bikers  
 The stink on north rt 385 from shls sewer treatment plant.  
 The stupid idea of building a separate town hall  
 The town is governed by people who live in Catskill.  
 The ugly power plant  
 There is little for youth to do in town  
 Too big a raise  
 Too many trailers  
 Too much on not encouraging jobs  
 Traffic situation on back roads (speeding and reckless driving)  
 Trailers-everywhere

Uncontrolled manufactured housing  
Undeveloped 9w area  
Unkempt properties  
Unightly properties or vacated dangerous  
properties  
Water quality

Water system serves only residents along  
schohaire tpk  
West on 9w not "connected" to rest of town  
Why does the town have so much more money  
than the village.

## 22. What 3 things do you like the least about the Village of Athens? - 1

385 garage/car repair shops  
Abandoned vacant homes old trailers old cars  
Alternate street parking in winter months &  
parking.  
As above  
Asphalt tanks  
Attitude toward economic development/job  
creation most people oppose  
Buildings in disrepair  
Cant think  
Certain areas are not "kept up" nice (property  
maintenance lacking)  
Chain link fences  
Compromised architecture  
Condition of downtown area  
Condition of some building  
Curbing is needed  
Decay  
Depressed appearance  
Dirty roads in winter-too much is put down and  
not cleaned up timely  
Disrepair of certain properties  
Downtown area needs further revitalization  
Downtown is ugly  
Driving on rte 385 past the ugly fuel storage  
tanks spoils the view  
Dungy downtown area needs cleaning up  
Element trying to turn Athens into Rhinebeck  
Empty commercial & industrial sites  
Empty store fronts  
Empty storefronts  
Empty stores  
Empty stores & buildings  
Enforcement of historic renovation  
Enforcement of speed control  
Excess flooding on water street due to an  
unnecessary impervious water front  
Few basic shopping opportunities  
Few stores.  
Garbage cans on sidewalks & in street in full  
view  
Gas pipe line  
Generational apathy  
Gerards closed! "bummer"  
Ghost town with vacant storefronts  
Gung ho police/vadage heavy make a bad  
situation worse  
Have no dislikes

High taxes  
High taxes  
Historical regulations  
Historical society  
I am very happy w/ the village.  
I dislike pekham industries  
I receive no services  
Inaccessibility to basci stores (super mkt dept)  
Inconsiderate neighbors  
Inconsistent law/rule enforcement  
Increased traffic volume & heavy trucks  
Inequities in taxes to town residents-there  
should be a state investigation  
Infrastructure needs to improve  
Jobs & industry limited  
Jun and garbage around houses lack of code  
enforcement  
Junk car lots  
Junk yards that are allowed on rt 385 run as car  
repair garages  
Kids wander around no supervision even after  
dark (middle schoolers)  
Lack of a good place to buy groceries  
Lack of active historic preservation  
Lack of any store to buy necessities  
Lack of businesses  
Lack of ft police  
Lack of parking  
Lack of parking for cultural activities  
Lack of quaint shops  
Lack of recycling facilities (two days a week?)  
Lack of restaurants  
Lack of retail  
Lack of retail choices  
Lack of retail stores  
Lack of services (see above)  
Lack of sidewalks  
Lack of specific small businesses.  
Lack of stores/services  
Lack of street parking  
Lack of things to buy people in area?  
Lack of traffic control  
Lack of viable businesses in downtown area  
Lack of youth activities  
Layers of govt limits accountability on services  
(ie roads etc)  
Letting junk cars be parked on 385 in repair  
shops



Little growth	fire dept
Local govt resistance to new ideas	No shopping
Location and appearance of senior citizens center	No shops or stores
Location of sewer plant	No small stores
Long amplified music at park	No stores
Looks run down	No stores
Main st. Seems run-down	No teen center/children's
Main street needs sprucing.	None
Many building need repair	Not all areas served by sewer
Mayor reilly's contention that the sunken barges are beautiful.	Not enough cafes restaurants shops
More street beautification	Not enough little shops
Mostly satisfied overall.	Not enough parking
N/a	Not enough police protection
N/o	Not enough retail shops full empty buildings
Na	Not enough shops not much street life
Narrow minded village board	Not enough signs for historic sites to develop tourism
Narrow roads	Not enough stores/businesses
Needs ability to draw/attract development	Not enough retail/groceries etc
Needs more beautification of village and streets	Not many places to eat
Needs upgrade	Not many businesses
New firehouse	Not much for kids to do
No authority on 2nd st billiards parlor in opera house	Not much t. D.
No business competition	Not much to do
No comment	Nothing
No comment	Nothing for children to do
No comment.	Nothing for teenagers to do in leisure time
No drugstore-grocery store	Odor from shl sewer plant
No food stores	Oil depot
No grocery store	Only has 1 store of use
No grocery store	Only one gas station
No jobs	Our redundant unnecessary police dept.
No major stores or shopping	Parking
No more gerards restaurant	Parking
No movie theater	Parking
No opinion	Parking is an issue
No opinion	Parking on vernon street on snow days (you have cars on both sides
No opinion	Parking-lack of
No opinion	Paying double for my water.
No opinion	Paying for a library system most town residents cant use
No opinion	People who refuse to upkeep their house & nothing is done about it
No parking	Pile of skids across street from p.o.
No parking	Police
No parking in the downtown	Police roust kids alot
No place to shop	Police services
No plan to continue growth on orthogonal grid (growth now is unorganized)	Police speed trap
No pool public	Police-young immature no common sense
No public bus-same as above	aggressive impolite
No public transportation	Poor conditions of properties
No restaurants	Poor infrastructure
No restaurants	Poor law enforcement
No services	Poor parking
No services for any taxes	Poor property maintenance. Junk in yards
No services provided on leeds Athens rd except	

Proper information of what is required from residents-ex historical committee  
 Restriction on property development in historical district  
 River front area is sort of mixed up  
 Riverside park needs improvements  
 Rte 385 corridor-horrible to look at  
 Run down  
 Run down appearance of some homes  
 Run down areas  
 Run down buildings  
 Run down buildings  
 Rundown bldgs  
 Rundown properties.  
 Same  
 Same  
 Same  
 Same  
 Same as 21 #1  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as above  
 Same as town  
 Same as town  
 Sand on streets in winter  
 Scarcity of shops  
 Second street appearance (empty storefront etc)  
 Second street no parking 12/1 to 4/1 for snow removal should alternate by day  
 See 1 & 2 above  
 See above  
 Selective enforcement of laws by village police  
 Sewer system does not support new housing  
 Shopping  
 Side street side walks.  
 Side walks need work  
 Sidewalks not enough  
 Sleepy hollow  
 Slow to develop  
 Small recycling center hours. Need more times.  
 Small streets-as in width for two cars to pass.  
 Smell of asphalt in summer  
 Snow removal along 385 in winter time.  
 Snow removal on route 385.  
 Some areas run down  
 Speeding motorists  
 Stop progress each year it seem to be dwelling.  
 Streets  
 Streets & sidewalks on side streets

Streets are very dirty  
 Streets aren't easy to find  
 Sunken barges along river front  
 Taxes  
 Taxes  
 Taxes and duplication of services  
 Taxes-high level  
 The antique shop  
 The appearance  
 The attempts to draw n.y.c. type people up here.  
 The boat launch site is beautiful but needs a canoe and kayak ramp installed.  
 The bureaucracy that kills all development that wants to change anything in  
 The closing up of the little mom & pop stores  
 The desolateness at lower second street  
 The double tax to sleepy hollow lake residents.  
 The empty buildings  
 The fact that it exists as a political entity-big waste of money  
 The filth of the streets - no street cleaning  
 The fuel tanks  
 The idea of putting a drive thru at the main intersection might as well stick  
 The lack of color up and down the streets.  
 The old barges in river  
 The pool/bring it up too  
 The riverfront park & boat launch are such wonderful elements of the village  
 The street conditions -potholes surface-  
 The water  
 The water is over-chlorinated & we have to buy bottled water  
 The whole village doesn't have water and sewage right  
 There's very little there to bring people there  
 There's never any pickup of leaves!  
 They should have left the ferry dock from movie & ran a ferry to Hudson  
 Too demanding in what you call historic.  
 Too many buildings restrictions  
 Too much worry about historic preservation- knock it down & build new!  
 Total lack of social amenities on an ongoing basis  
 Traffic  
 Traffic on secondary rds is way too fast (not so safe for pedestrians)  
 Trailers  
 Trailers (mobile homes)  
 Uncertain  
 Unkempt houses  
 Unkempt homes & streets  
 Unkempt properties & loose enforcement of historic district regs  
 Unkempt properties on 385 some are unsightly  
 Unkempt residences/businesses

Unsupervised teens littering & loitering -damage  
 has occurred to my property-  
 Vandalism  
 Village crew & their department head not king  
 Village maintenance dept unfriendly not helpful  
 to taxpayers director  
 Village/town always at odds  
 Village-entering village-(est. 1805-no-no)

incorporated 1805  
 Water better water  
 Water quality  
 Winter  
 You have to go out of town for everything  
 Zoning  
 Zoning comment above hold for village too.

## 22. What 3 things do you like the least about the Village of Athens? - 2

A taco bell there  
 & town that we wish better preservation of the  
 waterfront had taken place in  
 24 hr police dept  
 2nd street is run down  
 Abandoned barges on shore of river  
 Abandoned buildings  
 Access to Hudson to fish is limited to panz dock  
 Additional gas station is needed  
 Animosity toward "outsiders"  
 Approaches to village are shabby looking  
 Asphalt plant  
 Athen gen barking dogs  
 Beautification of river area  
 Better maintained and funding for our ball fields  
 Better programs  
 Better use of riverfront  
 Buildings in disrepair along second st. (better  
 now then in the past  
 Businesses and their short term existence  
 Charge too much for water  
 City its coming to live & think they own  
 everything  
 Closed stores  
 Commercial inactivity in downtown  
 Company takes care of water  
 Condition of some homes  
 Cops picking on young people for no reason.  
 Cost of taxes  
 Coverage calculations to assure open areas on  
 parcels  
 Crazy hours at the post office  
 Development restrictions (some)  
 Dirty  
 Disparate code enforcement  
 Dog dirt on sidewalks  
 Don't see kids playing outside much  
 Dumping on town & village property  
 Empty rundown buildings  
 Empty shops  
 Empty store fronts  
 Farm from retail  
 Few essentials (atm pharmacy clothing store etc)  
 Few job opportunities for younger citizens  
 Gas pipe line  
 General mdse store such as a dollar store

Gerards closing  
 Has a nasty attitude & mouth no curb side  
 pickup  
 High taxes  
 High taxes-but worth it-if town stays non-  
 industrial  
 Historic district trying to make Athens into  
 something it never was  
 Houses not kept up  
 Houses that are allowed to be eye sores  
 Idle industrial park  
 Improper zoning  
 Information about events etc minimal get the  
 word out mail flyers local merchants  
 Jobs need more  
 Junk cars  
 Junk cars all over village (ordinance not  
 enforced  
 Junk on peoples porches & front lawns  
 Lack of a drug store  
 Lack of activities for kids 8-18  
 Lack of businesses & services in general  
 Lack of code enforcement  
 Lack of community imagination-small  
 mindedness  
 Lack of cultural opportunities  
 Lack of drugstore  
 Lack of maintenance of personal & government  
 property  
 Lack of municipal parking  
 Lack of places to go  
 Lack of police doing anything  
 Lack of recreational opportunity-like paths  
 athletic fields etc...  
 Lack of return for money spent on taxes  
 especially water quality  
 Lack of sidewalks  
 Lack of stores  
 Lack of upkeep on municipal/historical bldgs  
 Lack of vision  
 Lack of waterfront development planning  
 Lack of youth activities  
 Limited commercial renal space  
 Limited tax base  
 Litter along roadways  
 Little communications

Loss of jobs  
 Messy private yards  
 Native attitude  
 Need businesses  
 Needs a remodeled community center for families recreation  
 Needs beautification  
 Needs more business  
 Needs more businesses/services  
 Needs visual facelift  
 No decent affordable restaurants  
 No downtown (2nd st etc) businesses  
 No enforceable noise ordinance  
 No food stores  
 No grocery store  
 No housing available. No motels available.  
 No jobs  
 No bakery  
 No maintenance  
 No more Stewart House restaurant  
 No movies (entertainment)  
 No opinion  
 No place for teens 6 or more is considered a gang?!  
 No public transportation  
 No real stores  
 No retail  
 No shopping  
 No spa/gym  
 No stores  
 No tax base  
 No upgrade of land use on 385  
 Not a lot happening for kids  
 Not enough activities  
 Not enough businesses  
 Not enough landscaping  
 Not enough medium price restaurants  
 Not enough restaurants  
 Not enough stores  
 Not many places to shop  
 Not much to see or do  
 Not particularly friendly or accepting of new citizens  
 Not utilizing the natural resource-the river  
 Nothing done about "eyesore" properties.  
 Old riverside industrial sites need cleanup  
 Or helpful to citizens  
 Our museum hours more available  
 Pallets used as a fence along 385 property  
 Park on union street-no usage-(could be site for dark park)  
 Parking  
 Parking  
 Parking lot lack of a parking lot  
 Paying village and town tax  
 Peckham  
 Political signs garage signs prompt removal of

Poor code enforcement  
 Poor parking enforcement  
 Poor property maintenance. Junk in yards  
 Poor recycle hours and control.  
 Poor snow plowing job and removal.  
 Poor street cleaning in winter  
 Poor street maintenance pothole & drainage  
 Proliferation of "lower class" citizens (people that appear to be homeless)  
 Recreational activities  
 River front junk yards  
 Roads-falling apart potholes not well-patched  
 Run down appearance of buildings  
 Same answer as question #1 above.  
 Second street-businesses are a mess. Owners take no pride in their buildings  
 Service at the village office (bad)  
 Sewerage restrictions & availability  
 Shabby side streets  
 Sidewalks  
 Snow removal  
 Some homes have too much trash stored around property  
 Speed of traffic near playground  
 Speeding cars-noise  
 Street festival hate it  
 Street lighting  
 Taxes  
 The lack of life; it looks a lot like a ghost town.  
 The lack of stores & convenience  
 The police force  
 The quietness of the village-not homey anymore  
 The run down look of the streetscape  
 The street fair  
 The trailers  
 The village attitude  
 The water quality we don't drink it  
 There are too many building codes this makes the average person intimidated  
 They repave roads way too much!  
 Tight village control over personal property (ie. Permits for everything)  
 Too many auto garages on n. Washington st (385)  
 Too much littering  
 Too small by about 1000 people  
 Trucks on second street & through village  
 Trying to price local people out of housing.  
 Unkempt property-I.e. garbage old cars etc.  
 Unkempt yards & homes  
 Unkempt properties  
 Unkempt properties on 2nd street near river  
 Unless you buy daily mail all the time you don't know what's going on  
 Unreasonable zoning without flexibility  
 Used car lots & garages with junk cars  
 Useless and expensive police protection

Village fire dept refuses to have adequate tanker capacity in town  
 Village government is an unnecessary tax layer on the community.  
 Village official only care for village assets & family-while "others" pay out

Water - drinking  
 Waterfront has such potential  
 Weather  
 Zoning practices  
 Zoning regs for fences etc

**22. What 3 things do you like the least about the Village of Athens? - 3**

2nd st. Getting harder to navigate-too many parked cars  
 2nd street zoning available to huge trucks  
 Abandoned (unoccupied) buildings  
 Absent land owners that don't care  
 Ants small town mentality planned changes can be good involve the residents  
 At times very insular  
 Bad renovations on homes prefab construction & chain link fences  
 Better utilize/develop unique waterfront location. For example better waterfront  
 Board of trustees  
 Cheap Christmas street decorations  
 Complacency stifles committee activity that could bring in grants and other b  
 Cost of joining pool  
 Dead village (nothing new or fun)  
 Derelict buildings  
 Dogs pooping in the park!  
 Don't know everyone anymore  
 Dumping on private property  
 Empty storefronts  
 Eye sores junk/w yards/near streets etc.  
 Fire alarm too loud & too often  
 Garbage cans that remain in front of homes  
 Gas line skate board park on street & sidewalk  
 Gas pipe line  
 Historical homes not being kept up.  
 Houses in disrepair  
 Houses in disrepair  
 Icy gutters at crosswalks  
 Inconsistency with ordinances. Existing property owners have to maintain old  
 Influence of "newer" residents seem to be greater with local officials than t  
 Junk in peoples yards  
 Lack for maintaining road surfaces drains and leaf (garbage) pick up.  
 Lack of adequate lighting  
 Lack of businesses open  
 Lack of buying choices  
 Lack of community unity spirit  
 Lack of enforcement of historic zoning sites.  
 Lack of enthusiasm to use green lake for better water.  
 Lack of first rate commercial use  
 Lack of good sidewalks

Lack of local small businesses  
 Lack of park benches  
 Lack of parking  
 Lack of recreational  
 Lack of stores nothing for the youth of Athens to do  
 Lack of up-to-date code enforcement  
 Limited small lots for sale  
 Loitering people  
 Loss of farmland/orchards (sleepy hollow)  
 Loss of its rural aesthetic character  
 Minimal senior service-no pharmacy etc  
 Near sited planning (planning should be developed for 30-50yrs or as an ongoing  
 Need industry back  
 Need more variety.  
 Needs cultural activities  
 Needs extended sewer service-bad soil for septic  
 Needs small businesses bakery ice cream & burger restaurants  
 No color/dull  
 No cultural events  
 No fish market butcher shop  
 No good paved streets  
 No infant daycare  
 No night life  
 No opinion  
 No parking no groceries  
 No pride of property & buildings  
 No pride on where they live  
 No quality bar/rest. Overlooking river-downtown  
 No really good restaurant  
 No rec centers to keep them occupied  
 No retail  
 No shopping (grocery)  
 No stores-grocery clothing etc.  
 No theatre  
 No traffic for new businesses  
 Noisy "cultural" activities & events  
 Not enough business' - I rarely spend any time in the village  
 Not enough businesses  
 Not enough cultural events  
 Not enough places to park  
 Not enough stoplights  
 Not enough stores  
 Not one thing for people to do to bring money

into the village that is what  
 Notices for Christmas tree pick-up fall leaf pick  
 up dates etc. Should be inc  
 Open Athens pool to public not members only  
 maybe we would get other people h  
 Parking  
 Parking  
 Parking  
 Parking along rtre 385 poor visibility coming out  
 side streets  
 Parking in the winter on second st should be  
 alternate side at least try some  
 Paying for services I do not receive -water-  
 Paying prop. Taxes in village & town should be  
 one or the other  
 Peckham  
 Police dept never available we see police &  
 village crew outside the village  
 Police harassment  
 Poor parking opportunities  
 Poor property maintenance. Junk in yards  
 Poor water quality  
 Properties that look like garbage dumps-junk  
 cars etc.  
 Restaurants  
 River waterfront (the old boats rotting in the  
 water must be removed-there sh  
 Rt 385 north of market st  
 Run down homes & building  
 Shl gets no village services-yet it is the village.  
 Sidewalk & parking conditions  
 Sidewalks (or lack there of)  
 Snow removal on streets & side walks.  
 Some changes should be made regarding street  
 fair. Draws a beer drinking crowd  
 Some properties are allow to look like dumps  
 Super high taxes internet access problems forced  
 to use Verizon

Tacky st festival  
 Taxes are too high.  
 That Athens seem to treat sleepy hollow like  
 another country  
 The cutting down of beautiful old tress that  
 added screens and character tot  
 The lack of cooperation of town & village  
 governments  
 The odor from peckham industries  
 The overhead wires  
 The past. Current development & existing  
 privately owned properties are not r  
 The smell of the sewer plant on 385  
 There's no place for the youth to go and stay out  
 of trouble.  
 Too big a raise taxes water & sewer bill increase  
 police department  
 Too many large parcels of land are being  
 purchased with intent to sell to dev  
 Too much residential growth  
 Trailers  
 Trailers allowed to be put in the village lack of  
 strict historic controls in  
 Unattractive businesses on rt 385  
 Undeveloped property  
 Unkempt properties  
 Unorganized under-trained undisciplined  
 planning bd and 2ba  
 Unused park on union street  
 Village board should move faster on solutions  
 Village decisions always seem to be made by the  
 same small group of people  
 Village workers should be designated a street  
 each to care for that way we know them  
 Water quality and cost of it!  
 Young plan to put x-rated adult entertainment  
 on Schoharie tpke. East of rt 9  
 Zoning issues

### 23. What three words would you use to describe the type of place Athens could be in 20 years? - 1

A "norman rockwell" hometown  
 A beautiful quaint area that draws music & art  
 people to it  
 A few more conveniences regarding clothing-  
 food-necessities of every day living  
 A good village  
 A nice mixed-use town  
 A place where you want your grown children to  
 call home  
 A quaint village along the Hudson  
 A recreation Mecca on the Hudson beaches  
 restaurants  
 A small town where everyone in America would  
 love to live in  
 A thriving community

Affordable housing for owners & renters.  
 Affordable  
 Affordable housing  
 Affordable!!  
 Affordable  
 Albany "bedroom community"  
 American  
 Antiques  
 Architecturally attractive  
 Artist colony  
 Arts  
 Attractive  
 Attractive  
 Attractive  
 Beautiful

Beautiful	Divers multicultural activities going on
Beautiful	Easy commute to Albany
Beautiful	Enhancement of historic character
Beautiful	Enjoyable
Beautiful	Envied
Beautiful	Exciting
Beautiful country living	Exciting
Beautiful place to live or visit	Exciting
Beautiful scenic	Fine artist community
Beautiful/attractive	First class residential
Beauty	Forgotten if right moves aren't made
Beautiful	Friendly
Bedroom community	Friendly
Bedroom-community	Friendly
Best wake front in county for boaters & parks	Fun
Better	Golf
Better than now!	Good place to live
Built up with more of everything jobs stores etc	Good place to raise family
Business recreational uses commercial uses.	Great place to live
Busy river town with small business growth.	Growing
Cant think	Growing
Charming	Happy industrial peaceful
Charming	Hard to say
Charming	Have more employment so our children don't
Charming	have to leave for jobs
Charming	Historic
Charming	Historic
Charming	Historic
Charming	Historic
Charming	Historic
Charming or quaint village on the river	Historic
Classic	Historic
Classic	Historic
Classier	Historic
Clean	Historic & charming
Clean	Historic beauty
Clean	Historic gem
Clean	Historic visit site
Community	Historical
Congested (should not be)	Historical
Can't foresee future	Historical
Consolidated	Historically preserved
Controlled (space/growth)	Home
Country	Home
Crowded	Home style
Crowded with houses and people	Hope it better
Cultural	Hope that it would be better & not look like
Cultural & social	downtown Hudson
Cultural center	Hopeful scenic & still small town usa!
Culture	Hopefully Athens will not be the new long
Dead	island.
Desirable	Hudson ny
Desirable	I don't know
Destination	I have no idea
Destination	If lucky it will be the same as it is now.
Destination of tourists	If same officials are in office-"same old sh-t"
Development of nice single-affordable houses	I'm 90 years old no opinion

peaceful quiet with appropriate riverfront	Prosperous
natural access	Prosperous
Innovative	Prosperous
Interesting-beautiful-proud of	Prosperous
Inviting	Public docking facility as at fort ann.
Inviting	Quaint
Keep it quiet	Quaint
Like brighton england	Quaint
Like no other!	Quaint
Lovely	Quaint
Low taxes	Quaint
Magnificent if see page 27	Quaint
Maintains historic character	Quaint
Metropolitan	Quaint
Mini mystic Connecticut	Quaint
More (independent)	Quaint
More culturally diverse	Quaint charming historic
More houses	Quaint community
More populated	Quaint with shops
Needs job growth	Quiet
Neighborly (watch our for ea other) trusting	Quiet
New job center-industry	Quiet
Nice	Quiet
Nice cultural Hudson river community	Quiet
Nice place to live	Quiet
Nice river front park	Quiet residential community
No comment	Quiet small town & village
No more housing	Quiet small town similar to what it
No opinion	Real unscathed by ugly homogenous
Only with growth in business	development
Open environment	Recreational
Outstanding	Rejuvenated
Over crowded	Residential
Over populated bed room community	Restored
Overpopulated	Restored
Over-priced	Revitalization w/town houses or condos on the
Overpriced living	river.
Peaceful	Revitalized
Peaceful	Revitalized
Peaceful	Revitalized
Peaceful	Revitalized
Pearl of Hudson	Rhinebeck like
Pedestrian friendly	River city worth visiting
Picturesque	River attractions
Picturesque	Role model for greene county communities.
Planned community	Rural
Popular	Rural
Pristine village/town	Rural
Probably the same	Rural
Progressive	Rural
Progressive	Rural
Progressive	Rural
Progressive	Rural
Progressive	Rural
Progressive	Rural
Progressive (if applied changes)	Safe
Prosperous	Safe
	Safe



Same  
 Same  
 Same  
 Same look  
 Saugerties  
 Scenic  
 Scenic  
 Scenic attraction  
 Scenic views  
 Secure  
 Serene  
 Small  
 Small  
 Small  
 Small community w/affordable housing  
 recreation day care  
 Small river town  
 Small/rural town w/  
 Snail pace in development  
 Snobbish  
 Stagnant unless people change their attitudes.  
 Still a low-key safe family-oriented village  
 Still beautiful & special and aware of its river  
 front  
 Still the same if nothings are done new or future!  
 Still the same!  
 The  
 The same  
 The same  
 The same

The same place  
 The waterfront nicer than it was.  
 There is no reason it cant be a wonderful village  
 destination  
 Thriving  
 Thriving  
 Thriving  
 Tourist destination  
 Tourist stop  
 Tranquil  
 Unique  
 Unique  
 Unique river town  
 Upscale  
 Upscale  
 Vacation  
 Very  
 Vibrant  
 Vibrant  
 Vibrant  
 Vibrant  
 Vibrant  
 Vibrant 2nd st  
 Vital  
 Waterfront district  
 Waterfront industry  
 Well planned  
 Well-kept secret  
 Will be more crowded  
 Wonderful  
 Woodstock in Saugerties

**23. What three words would you use to describe the type of place Athens could be in 20 years? - 2**

(Small) shops  
 A family orientated community  
 A great waterfront park with an innovative  
 design  
 A place where historical value has been  
 renovated  
 A very well keep secret  
 Accessible - internet highways waterways  
 Affordable  
 Affordable  
 Affordable housing for young people  
 Alive  
 A lot cleaner!  
 Also the street festival  
 And residential  
 Antique center  
 Antique shopping center  
 Appealing downtown  
 Art  
 Arts/cultural center  
 As  
 Attractive  
 Attractive

Attractive to tourists  
 Attractive growth  
 Beautiful  
 Beautiful  
 Beautiful  
 Beautiful  
 Beautiful  
 Bedroom community  
 Bette  
 Bright  
 Business  
 Bustling (not hectic)  
 Caring close knit community  
 Central place for business & commerce  
 Charm  
 Charming  
 Charming  
 Charming river town  
 Chic  
 Classy  
 Clean  
 Clean  
 Clean

Clean	Historical site
Clean	Historical
Convenient	Historical
Country atmosphere	Home
Crime riddled	Hudson
Cultural	I hope better
Cultural center	If new blood gets in office great future potential
Cultural town	Industry (if applied changes)
Culturally active	Innovative
Culturally rewarding.	Interesting
Culture	Interesting
Desolate	Inviting/vibrant
Destination	Inviting
Developed	Inviting
Development of affordable housing for renters.	Jewel
Diversified	Jobs
Diversity (were all in this together)	Keep rural
Easy access to Albany	Less business
Economical	Lively
Educated	Lovely well cared homes & property
Employable-people live and work here with decent pay.	Low density (population & building)
Employment	Low taxes
Environmentally sensitive	Lower taxes
Eventful	Maintain the unique historic character
Family friendly	Maintained historic/rural/and minimal outside business
Family oriented	Model community
Forward thinking	Modernized
Friendly	More crime
Friendly	More industry
Friendly	Natural beauty (both forested & pastoral)
Friendly clean neighborhoods a place where people want to be.	Need more stores & jobs otherwise its dead
Friendly	Neighborly
Full of renters (should not be)	New
Fun	Nice
Gardeners delights	Nice quiet area
Good place to raise a family	No change
Great homes in Athens	No industries
Hamptons	No old Athens names left
Historic	Not over developed
Historic	Now commercial
Historic	Open
Historic	Over regulated
Historic	Over-taxed
Historic	Peaceful
Historic	Peaceful
Historic	Picturesque
Historic	Planned
Historic	Pragmatic
Historic	Preserved
Historic	Profitable
Historic attractions	Progressive
Historic clean and natural	Prosperous
Historical	Prosperous
Historical	Prosperous cif right moves are made
Historical	Proud
Historical	Prosperous

Quain	Scenic
Quaint	Scenery
Quaint	Scenic
Quaint	Scenic
Quaint	Serene
Quaint	Shop destinations
Quaint	Sleepy-peaceful
Quaint	Small
Quaint	Small
Quaint	Small town
Quaint	Some efficient town houses
Quaint	Sparkling
Quaint	Storefronts on second street
Quaint	Sweet
Quaint stores &	Than
Quaint village	The envy of groom country
Quiet	The place to be
Quiet	Things to do
Quiet on the river have a drink take a walk shop & love our river village	Thriving
Recreation	Thriving
Residential	Thriving-what it could be rural/yet sophisticated
Retain historic sites & structures	Too political
Revitalized - beautiful	Tourist attraction
Rich bedroom community	Unaffordable housing (over priced)
River walk town	Uncongested
Riverfront	Undeveloped & restored
Riverfront	Unique
Rural	Unique
Rural	Unspoiled
Rural	Vibrant
Rural	Vibrant
Rural	Vibrant
Rural	Vibrant downtown with interesting boutique stores
Safe	Vitality in the village
Safe	Warm
Safe	Warren st in Hudson
Safe	Was 20 years ago. Small grocery stores
Safe	Water destination
Safe	Water problems (similar to coxsackie)
Safe	Waterpark
Same	Welcoming
Same atmosphere	Well
Same small town values	Well kept
Small shopping centers	Well maintained infra structure

**23. What three words would you use to describe the type of place Athens could be in 20 years? - 3**

(Like) Hudson	Affluent
2nd home	Affordable
A cleaner homier place to live	Affordable
A good "walk around" town	An oasis between Catskill & coxsackie both of which are convenient but poorly
A place you could get what you need without long travel.	Attractive
Accessible	Attractive
Active	Attractive

Attractive rural community  
Beautiful  
Beautiful  
Beautiful  
Beautiful  
Beautiful  
Beautiful river town  
Bedroom community  
Best parks boat launches small restaurants in area  
Better run!  
Booming  
Bucolic  
Bucolic  
Build cultural resources & arts programs to attract new visitors  
Business-friendly  
Classy  
Clean  
Clean  
Clean  
Clean environment  
Clean neat  
Clean-up old properties  
Codes of building maintained  
Community  
Community  
Convenient  
Cozy  
Cultural  
Cultural center  
Cultural center  
Dead  
Decent  
Deserted  
Developed  
Developed  
Diverse  
Diverse-economically ethnically professionally  
Drug store  
Dynamic  
Easy living  
Eco-friendly  
Economic freedom  
Educational excellence  
Educational for young & old  
Electric  
Energetic  
Eye pleasing  
Family environment  
Family friendly  
Family orientated  
Family oriented  
Family oriented  
Family-friendly  
Family-oriented  
Family-oriented

Financially possible.  
Financially secure?  
Flourishing arts based economy  
Forward thinking  
Forward thinking  
Futuristic  
Friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly as it is now  
Friendly/low crime  
Genuine  
Good jobs  
Good neighborhood  
Good place to raise a family  
Great place to live  
Great place to live  
Great place to live  
Growing  
Growing  
Hamptons  
Happening!  
Happy  
Historic  
Historic  
Historic  
Historic  
Historic  
Historic  
Historical  
Historical  
Historical  
Historically preserved  
Home  
Home town  
Hometown  
Hometown usa  
Housing  
Hudson  
Innovative  
Inviting  
Inviting  
Jumping  
Just a bunch of old people left  
Kind of woodstocky  
Laid back  
Larger  
Less open spaces  
Livable  
Live-able  
Livelier  
Many employment opportunities  
More locally owned & operated small businesses  
More populated  
More tourism-docking river boats  
Need to get young tax payer more involved  
No natives (can't afford to live here)

Now	Safe
Now industrial	Same
Open minded	Scenic
Organic farm farmers market at our riverfront	Scenic
Over developed	Scenic
Over-populated	Scenic
Overtaxed for services provided (should not be)	Scenic
Peaceful	Scenic
Pedestrian/cyclist friendly	Scenic
Picturesque	Serviced by natural gas
Picturesque	Shopping
Protected natural resources open space & Hudson river waterfront	Slow paces
Proud	Small
Prosperous	Smaller gov't
Quaint	Smart government
Quaint	So pretty and famous and prosperous!!
Quaint	Social
Quaint Victorian appearance still evident	Still rural
Quality of life	Stores perhaps a bench in the opera house
Quality of life-the best!	Successful
Quiet	Thriving
Quiet	Thriving
Quiet	Thriving-stores for clothing food hardware doctors rx entertainment adjacent
Quiet	Tourist area
Quiet	Tourist-friendly
Quiet	Township only (village consolidation)
Recreation hub (hiking fishing x-country skiing & boating...)	Unspoiled
Recreational	Unspoiled
Recreational	Very industrial
Refreshing	Viable (economically)
Relaxing	Vibrant
Retiring	Vibrant
Revitalized	Vibrant (depends on job creation)
Rich	Village on the Hudson!
Riverfront	Water front focused
Riverfront access	Way too crowded if you keep having homes built at fuel a pay
Riverfront development	Wealthy people only
Rivertown	Welcoming
Riverview	Welcoming
Rural	Well maintained housing stock
Rural	Well maintained
Safe	Woodstock
Safe	Woodstock
Safe	Worse
Safe	

**25. - (1) Is there a street or road where traffic safety is a concern - (2) If yes, please identify what street or road**

1st & 2nd.	2nd st & vernon st - speeders
2nd & washington intersection-too many parked cars & not enough visibility make getting through the intersection stressful	2nd st & washington (385)
2nd st	2nd st and washington ave 385
2nd st & 385 intersection	2nd street
	2nd street & 385
	2nd street & route 28 (schoharie tpke)

2nd street and corner of washington st  
 2nd street ant rt. 385  
 3 street  
 385  
 385  
 385  
 385 and howard hall rd.  
 385 and second st  
 385 corners could use better traffic control & sight lines  
 385 especially where shoulder too narrow to park car like in upper village near old fire house  
 385 rt  
 385 thru the village the speed limit needs to be enforced  
 385 too fast  
 385-cant walk on it  
 3rd 2 st  
 3rd st needs speed bumps  
 3rd st no sidewalks for school kids  
 3rd st. No sidewalks to school  
 9w  
 9w & schoharie tpk  
 9w & Schoharie tpke-n entrance to gas station  
 9w intersection at leeds Athens rd  
 9w/slow it down!  
 All over the village-many speeders  
 All roads everybody drives too fast  
 Are you kidding? There is no traffic!  
 Athens-leeds road ie rt 9w intersection  
 Bank corner & 2nd st water st & 2nd street  
 Bank corner is sometimes treacherous  
 Basically the 385 corridor thru town  
 But speed bumps on 385 in the village  
 Buttermilk falls rd. The cars come down to fast around the corner.  
 Church st  
 Corner 9w & leeds-Athens tpk  
 Corner arm to market and union st  
 Corner of n vosenkill & sch tpke. Need 3 way stop. Dangerous left from v-kill onto sch. Tpke.  
 Corner of sandy plains & greenlake rd  
 Corner of scecond and washington st  
 Corner of second and washington st  
 Corner of second st & 385 because of poor visibility toward the north  
 Corner of washington & second st-no parking zones-no enforced  
 Corner rt 9w/Schoharie & 385 Catskill to Athens Don't know  
 Entering 9-w from leeds-Athens road  
 Farm to market rd-30 mph in village-im sure there are others  
 First st north church/speeding) lot of small children  
 Flats rd - vehicles exceeding posted speed limit

Forest hills/leeds Athens/valley rd instersection  
 Green lake rd  
 Green lake rd. Speed limit too high  
 Green lake road & rte 235 corner  
 Groom lake road and schoharie turnpike  
 Gyspt point rd  
 Hairpin turn on buttermilk falls just south of high hill  
 High hill rd between Schoharie trnpk & buttermilk falls needs better traffic control also it needs a guardrail if anyone slipped off the road due to bad  
 High hill road & mountain-no stop sign or yield sign  
 Howard hall at 385 intersection  
 Howard hall dead end on sch. Tpke. Coming up over hill  
 Howard hall rd & leeds-Athens rd  
 Howard hall rd left off 385  
 Howard hall rd meets Schoharie turnpike & rt 385  
 Howard hall rd-speeding  
 Intersection green lake rd & gypsy point/salcy plains 4 way stop  
 Intersect of leeds-Athens road/9-w  
 Intersection market & no franklin st  
 Intersection of 2nd st and rt 385  
 Intersection of 385 & 2nd 3rd streets  
 Intersection of 385 & main st  
 Intersection of forest hills ave & leeds Athens rd.  
 Intersection of greenlake & buttermilk  
 Intersection of greenlake rd gypsy point rd & sandy plains rd  
 Intersection of potic mt rd & Schoharie-scrubs tree growth inhibit visual traffic siting  
 Intersection of rte 385 w/ water 2nd 3rd & 4th streets-parking is permitted too close to these intersections  
 Intersection of second st & 385  
 Intersection of second st & rt 385 (if illegal parking was enforced-problem solved!)  
 Intersection of union st and Schoharie tpke  
 Intersection of valley road and leeds/Athens road see answer to question#21  
 Junction of rt 385 & 2nd street.  
 Leed Athens rd.-west of route 9-w  
 Leeds & Athens at 9-w  
 Leeds Athens & 9w  
 Leeds Athens rd 9-w west  
 Leeds Athens rd in front of firehouse.  
 Leeds Athens road  
 Leeds Athens road Schoharie turnpike (near howard hall)  
 Leeds/Athens road & Schoharie turnpike  
 Leeds-Athens road by west Athens firehouse  
 Leeds-Athens roads  
 Leeds-Athens-speeding is a major problem 1515

leeds rd. Athens  
 Main & 2nd streets  
 Market st  
 Maybe union st & vernon  
 Mt pontic rd coming down the hill its hard to see  
 the cars coming  
 N franklin st cars park wrong way on st  
 Na  
 Nd street  
 Near stewarts store  
 North & south washington  
 North franklin (wheat to goodrich) put speed  
 bumps in fron of ll field.  
 North franklin in warm weather - racing cars  
 North franklin st badly needed  
 North vernon leeds Athens rd head of second st  
 stop signs market st ontovernon st stop  
 North vernon st cars driving too fast  
 North vernon st.  
 North warren st  
 speeding on Schoharie tnpk  
 People drive too fast on 2nd st & 385  
 Pick most any  
 Police seem to be ignoring excessive speeds of  
 cement trucks dump trucks, etc involved  
 primarily but not exclusively with s.h.l.  
 Poor sight distance at both ends of howard hall  
 rd 1) rte 385 2) schoharie tpke  
 Princess drive  
 Pulling out onto rt 385 from side streets-parked  
 cars block vision  
 Route 385 and second street  
 Route 385 high speed/heavy lg. Truck traffic  
 Route 385 too much speeding  
 Route 385 vernon st union st  
 Route 385-center of village  
 Rt 385  
 Rt 385  
 Rt 385 & second st.  
 Rt 385 average speed 50 mph  
 Rt 385 between market and 4th st  
 Rt 385 second street  
 Rt 385 vernon st  
 Rt 9w & schoharie turnpike concrete redi mix  
 run red light many times.  
 Rt 9-w in future if over developed w/commercial  
 businesses  
 Rte 385  
 Rte 385 - washington st - parking on corners  
 Rte 385 & howard hall  
 Rte 385 7 second st parking signs are ignored  
 Rte 385 and howard hall rd  
 Rte 449 & Schoharie turnpike-because of  
 parked/unregistered cars left turn at stop sign  
 unsafe  
 S wash intersect 5th & franklin/to many  
 conflicting signs

S. Franklin at washington. Poor visibility at  
 intersection & fast traffic  
 Sandy plains & green lake rd intersection  
 Sandy plains & greene lake rd intersection  
 Sany plains meets with potic mtn rd bad corner  
 Schoharie tkp green lake rd.  
 Schoharie tnpk west of 9w  
 Schoharie tpk between 9w & high hill rd narrow  
 fast many blind spots  
 Schoharie tpk. From Athens to rt 9w  
 Schoharie tpk. Paint a line  
 Schoharie tpke - speeding  
 Schoharie tpke/385 speeding  
 Schoharie tpke-the cars go too fast especially  
 near the reservoir & dawndrive stretch!  
 Schoharie turnpike  
 Schoharie turnpike on the village  
 Schoharie turnpike where the "maurer  
 compound" spills out over the road!cars are  
 strewn everywhere it is an eye sore!  
 Schoharie turnpike.  
 School buses fly through the towns streets to 9w!  
 Second & 385 and water street  
 Second Schoharie  
 Second street  
 Second street  
 Second street (cars on both sides) no light @  
 washington st  
 Sleepy hollow rd  
 Sleepy hollow road  
 Sleepy hollow road  
 Snow removal in general-roads in every other  
 area will be clear but Athens seems to leave a  
 slushy mess. Put the plow down to the  
 pavement.  
 Speed limit 50 of village on 385 should be 35/40  
 not 55 mph.  
 Speeding on market street hill  
 Speeding on town roads & failure to stop at  
 signs.  
 Speeding on wash. St in village  
 The back rds speed is high & residents go even  
 faster  
 The corner of 2nd and 385 union st speed limit  
 should be reduced  
 The intersection of buttermilk falls & green lake  
 rd.  
 The lack of side walks on many streets  
 Third street  
 Too many big trucks on secondary roads where  
 the is ton limitation.  
 Traffic coming off tpk. Onto 2nd st. Is too fast  
 Union  
 Union & Schoharie tpk  
 Union st  
 Union st  
 Union st

Union st & verson st  
 Union st cars go very fast same on 385  
 Union st to many speeders no sidewalks  
 Union street (speeding) n. Vernon st. (speeding)  
 Union street doesn't need to be watched  
 constantly by a police officer to catch speeders  
 Union street rt 385 @ the bank corner  
 Union street-no shoulders or sidewalks  
 Union street-speeding on farm to market road.  
 Union st-Schoharie tpk.  
 Union st-schoraire tpke-2nd st  
 Vally road & leeds Athens road & forest ave  
 (need four way stop signs)  
 Vernon st. Too many speeders

Vernon st. Untion st.  
 Vosenkill road (because of speeding)  
 Washington & second intersection  
 Washington & second.  
 Washington st and second st-cant see when  
 pulling out from second onto washington  
 because of cars park on sides  
 Washington street  
 Washington street (385)  
 Water street second st washington (village in  
 general)  
 Water street south of ursulas corner of third  
 Water st-too much speeding-

**26. - (1) Is there a location where pedestrian safety is a concern? - (2) If yes, please identify what location:**

385  
 2nd and 385 (north verson st @ union no  
 sidewalks)  
 2nd st & 385  
 2nd st & washington st  
 2nd street  
 2nd street  
 2nd street & rt 385 (washington)  
 2nd street and 385  
 3 street  
 385 & 2nd  
 385 & main street  
 385 & st patricks church  
 385 north & south of the village  
 385 pedestrians moving north of stewart  
 385 rt / union st / 9w  
 385 thru Athens  
 385 thru the village there needs to be pedestrian  
 right of way crosswalks there does not need to  
 be a stoplight  
 385-st patricks church near the bank  
 3rd near school-cars fly up that road when kids  
 are walking home  
 3rd st-school kids  
 9w  
 9w  
 All along green lake road  
 All of the roads!  
 Along 385 highway  
 Any rural road  
 Anywhere without sidewalks!  
 Areas where no traffic lights  
 Around schools  
 As above  
 As above  
 As above  
 Bank corner  
 Bank corner  
 Bank corner & catholic church @ churchtime

By eja  
 By the elementary school all streets & roads near  
 by.  
 Cannot walk on sandy plains rd due to traffic  
 speeding  
 Corners onto 385  
 Could be a bike path on rt 385  
 Crossing 385  
 Crossing on rte. 385-any pedestrian traffic on  
 back roads due to increased use by shl  
 residents & visitors. "back roads" meaning  
 adams rd. Murderkill fa  
 Crossing washington st (2nd & 3rd streets)  
 Don't know  
 Drivers don't pay attention  
 Farm to market rd  
 Franklin-little league field.  
 From st Patrick's church to its parking lot on  
 Sunday am & Saturday afternoon  
 Have no knowledge  
 If cars are coming into town too fast  
 Intersection by the bank  
 Leeds Athens road-esp. Hunters howard hall  
 Leeds Athens vosenkill  
 Leeds-athen rd-9-w west  
 Leeds-Athens rd. Unsafe to walk along the road  
 with speeding vehicles.  
 Main & 2nd streets  
 Market street hill especially in warm weather  
 Most of Athens due to poor sidewalks  
 Near library  
 Need sidewalks or walking paths in the village  
 No opinion  
 No opinion  
 No. Franklin st--speeding and snow mobiling  
 North franklin is used as a main access to  
 stewart. There are children living/playing at  
 the blind spot on the hill.  
 North verson st.



North warren st  
Princess drive  
Route 28  
Route 385 no pedestrian crosswalks  
Rt 385  
Rt 385  
Rt 385 & second street  
Rt 385 second street  
Rte 385 in town lacks sidewalks  
Rte 385 verson st union st  
Rte 385 washington st.  
Rural roads-due to excessive speed of traffic  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same as # 25  
Same as #25 because of fast speed coming down  
market st hill.  
Same as 25  
Same as 25 above (mail boxes)  
Same as above  
Same as above  
Same as above  
Same as above  
Same as above  
Same as above 385  
Same as above and third street & verson street  
Same locations  
Same-more radar traps need to be set up by  
police there instead of up the hill by hagers.  
People rip thru 1st part of village  
Schohairie tpk from Athens to rt 9w.  
Schoharie tnpk  
Schoharie tpk  
Schoharie tpk in village  
Schoharie tpk no side walks  
Schoharie turnpike  
Schoharie turnpike -primarily in the village-  
Schoharie turnpike they drive too fast  
Schoharie turnpike-children walk to school no  
sidewalks.  
Second & 385

Second st crossing at 385  
Second street & washington street  
Second street from warren to 385  
Second street-kids in road.  
See above  
See above  
See above traffic tie-ups we need curbing  
Sidewalks on verson st would be nice  
Sleepy hollow rd  
Sleepy hollow rd  
Sleepy hollow road  
Sleepy hollow road  
Stewarts/385 area  
The 4 corners in the village of Athens by the  
bank  
The whole village  
There should be stop signs on every intersection  
(block) in town.  
Top of hill-past cemetery on market st.  
Union  
Union & 385  
Union st rt 385  
Union street  
Union st-Schoharie tpke-2nd st  
Vernon st  
Vernon st always lot of people walking  
Vernon st leaving village in Schoharie trnpk  
Vernon third streets (pedestrians forced to walk  
in road with speeding cars)  
Very few people walk in Athens school dismissal  
time should be a concern  
Walking on 385!  
Walking to the girls softball field on 385  
Washington st  
Washington st/2nd & 3rd  
Washington street by the bank  
Water street  
Water street  
Weather they would go down a cliff  
When my family crosses the street to get the  
mail (farm to mkt rd)

**27. Please feel free to add additional comments below.**

1) improve the river front park 2) also the street festival 3) bigger fireworks on the 4th your doing o.k. ladies & gentlemen Charles e Thompson

1) town needs a web site w/meeting minutes posted 2) town & village needs to consolidate services & rehab the comm center 3) Athens village fore co needs tanker capacity 4) property rights of individuals must be respected if there is an establishment of "trails" (bike-snowmobile-hiking etc) as mentioned in this survey- 5) nice job on this survey! Gene halter

1) improve water front for boaters (access) 2) improve water front looks so people would want to come here. 3) get rid of old barges or tugs by oil tank makes river front look bad find who owns have them pay to dispose of it. 4) have to keep improving wake quality for drinking 5) keep industrial factories out of area to maintain air quality & looks 6) where the money we are saving on electric from the electric plant on 9w? I don't see any savings for having them put that in our area? How did we benefit? 7) stop putting rock & tar on north Vernon st the last time it looked terrible stone all over (after time when people driving on it) could hardly drive on it with the grooves find a better way. Just pave it's time it looked terrible stone all over (after time when people driving on it)

1. We are residents of sleepy hollow lake. We pay the town and the village of Athens for services that are not supplied and are not needed. This is unfair taxation. 2. The overabundance of car lots are a blight on the landscape of Athens. Most of these lots look like junk piles.

1-in law apartments could be done on a temp basis not permanent. 2-village needs parking on street for any business to thrive. 3-open space buying development rights does not work as it makes adjacent property more desirable for development. 4-open space yields the most tax return with the least demand on services.

1-thanks for taking the interest 2-apply for all and any grants to help finance projects 3-any commercial development downtown has to draw tourists non-residents. It needs to be different I.e. like Hudson did with antique shops Athens is too small to duplicate other small town attractions we need to be creative in order to put Athens on the map for a unique reason 4-develop the waterfront without inundating the village with traffic such a natural resource involve the residents

About 25 years ago a survey was done with about the same questions. Nothing has changed. People have to have a place to work close to home!

Also buttermilk fall rd & green lake road

Another bad intersection is high hill road as it intersects Schoharie turnpike-a yield sign or stop sign is strongly urged when coming towards Athens from Catskill or when approaching up the hill from Athens to Catskill

Appreciate opportunity of expressing my views about Athens. Thank you.

As a former store owner on main st in Catskill I see Athens lacks the traffic and draw for any business to open there. There are absolutely no people coming to downtown Athens to walk around or shop. Its a beautiful town but it would take a lot for businesses to sink their money into a store with no customers. You would need a big push on tourism and events that would draw people to downtown.

As you can tell we love Athens as it is. We live on sleepy hollow and our only issue is taxes & amount of increase. If gov't between town/village & coxsackie could consolidate and save money we should do it.

Athens (town & village) needs to outlaw "burn barrels." these are one of the greatest causes of air pollution in our country. More so than all industrial sources. They are a prime source of toxins in the air. The town and village would benefit greatly if there were stricter property codes concerning junk and rundown or abandoned properties. These codes would also need to be strongly enforced.

Athens (town) is a very nice place to live and the highway dept. Does a great job on the roads. The fire company also deserves recognition for doing an outstanding job and without them we would all be in trouble. All the people that regulate the town are good people and very good at their jobs and try their best to do what is best. We have been in Athens for a very long time and have had very few complaints and more of them major. All in all we enjoy living in the town of Athens and really like and enjoy the vosenkill road where we live and our peace and quiet is rarely if ever violated by anyone-nor do we violate their's and quiet is rarely if ever violated by anyone-nor do we violate theirs.

Athens charges too much \$ for water

Athens could be okay-however the village is becoming too expensive to be maintained by tax payers-the police dept is useless fire dept is extremely "needy" and there are duplication of services between village & town that should be addressed and aren't. For example the court code enforcement-there should be one govt in one building-the community center-this is an historic village/town why would we leave a beautiful building like the community center to put up a modern building-there needs to be more commercial development on 9w as well-perhaps the village & town should work together to bring h2O & sewer out there-also-main street revitalization? Have you looked at second street lately? Its a disgrace gerards old bldg is a mess as well as the other storefronts-how do you attract bus in village & town should work together to bring h2O & sewer out there-also-main str

Athens due to its location has a lot of potential. If properly managed it could be transformed into a major vacation site in the county however currently it is very depressing ugly dirty no culture no people. It lacks small businesses stores shops attractions too bad because all of the waterfront location is quite attractive

Athens has gone through many changes--whaling brick making ice harvesting transportation hub farm and resorts and boarding houses. These businesses probably sprung due to what was needed at the time and what Athens had to offer. It seems now that every small to large community in ny state is courting business and industry to locate their communities. This "planning for attracting business" has itself created a business of sorts. Attracting worthwhile business and industry now takes time and money. What does Athens village and town have to offer? I am not sure what business wants and needs but I feel strongly that neither the village or the town has the necessary laws/ordinances in place to enable the area to grow in a positive fashion. One thing that most residents would agree on ii am not sure what business wants and needs but I feel strongly that neither the

Athens has the possibility of becoming a charming historic community. However all industries along the river would have to be removed for this to happen.

Athens is a darling little town keep it quiet and peaceful a residential community-keep out industry-develop the river front in a residential manner get rid of all the junk & riff raff. We need more people like chris pfister and his wife also jeff rox-ann myers-people with taste who have made the community beautiful. We need to have public works do a better job keeping our streets beautiful they do not like to clean up debris leaves etc. They do a good job with snow as long as they get paid overtime.

Athens is a wonderful community. It seems to be growing in the right direction but I feel that Athens should not try to grow too quickly. All aspects of a new business and their impact on the community should be closely evaluated. I would not like to see Athens turn into a factory zone. I would like to see Athens grow with concern for the people who have lived in the area for many years. Home towns are becoming lost in America and need to be nourished but not overfed. Thank you!

Athens is a wonderful place to live.

Athens is an amazing gem of a place. Its historic & undisturbed charm right next to the rive is so special I would like to see greater support for historic preservation in the village more precise guidelines for work done.

Athens is like an unpolished jewel. There is much character & charm although it is hidden by unkempt homes & properties & those trying to bring industry in. Any industry should remain & be along the 9w corridor & the small town charm of the village & town along 385 should be upgraded & enhanced. The beauty of the river is extraordinary & should be enjoyed.

Athens is unique in that it is one of few river towns-it should be preserved the town should have a supermarket drug store at least.

Athens looks like a poor run down area. The landscape & natural aspects are beautiful. Man has made parts ugly-deteriorating homes excess junk cars garbage & litter. Why can't we stop that?

Athens needs to grow more. We need more for our younger generation to do. Rec centers movie house ball field basketball courts and other things to keep them occupy

Athens need to come into the 21 century make the 9w better than coxsackie or Catskill development is a must...

Basketball courts

Beautify properties along rte 385 as it passes through the village. Add charm by creating brick sidewalks and gas light lamps as you see on warren st in Hudson. Get rid of unsafe condemned and decrepit

structures in the village and on the river. Limit development on the river to small quaint shops restaurants and recreational amenities. Beautification of the village along 385 and the riverfront will attract tourists and add revenue to the village and town.

Cars & trucks park at corner-so they become potential blind spots!

Catskills is way behind modern times lack sidewalks in many areas. Lack of fire hydrants improve the quality of volunteers report to fire without extinguishers ladders or tools reqd etc. Improve and widen shoulders of roads green lake butt or milk high hill rd etc have pickup of heavy trash furniture and large item by town of Athens. To much more to add.

Communities who do not receive town/village services should be taxed at lower rate even if property values are heights. Athens is potentially very beautiful ... It needs cleaned up and it needs some good businesses that are open for regular hours. Please get cable or some other high speed internet access to the communities who don't have it. Please try to get a competitor to Verizon. An Athens website would be nice for keeping up w/current events. We really need a good close grocery store whose prices are lower than price chopper.

Community center needs to be improved and open to the public with an ice cream shop & family activities. Go carts or minigolf w/small burger restaurants (near 9w) volunteers to build (like children's playground)

Concentrate on commercial and distribution centers

Concerning question #24-the riverfront may be the greatest asset-much care should be give as to what way to develop (or not develop).

Construction of new home in the village & town of Athens should be limited on how close the houses are to one another not allowing new construction on less than an acre of land.

Deer cross over into the woods on market st. Between the cemetery and 30 market st. Speeders don't know the deer cross over the road. We need a deer crossing sign.

Development that will not in the long run cause the infrastructure police sewers fire to be overburdened and expensive to maintain. Maintain the natural beauty of the riverfront and the historic character of the village. If money must be spent to maintain the unique character of the village and town lets try to get some from the state & federal governments.

Do not change Athens too much. It is nice the way it is.

Don't spoil Athens! Don't get too bureaucratic! We don't need to look too "modern" or too developed!

During hunting I don't believe hunters shouldn't hunt in village

Enforce zoning: unregistered junk cars parked on lawns some without wheels. Enforce zoning per local laws.

Find the right mix of yesterday history & today's fast pace needs. Focus on river development-maintain village atmosphere keep outside areas rural & not over developed with housing developments with no atmosphere develop Schoharie industrial park and areas of 9w for "today's" style stores but not in excess.

Food pantry & services for homeless & emergencies

Garbage removals recycle open all week.

Glad to see this survey-it is important to take citizens views seriously. Too bad about question 12 & 13 number confusion.

Great need for new-modern-town building

Greatest potential for development & attractiveness is the riverfront. There should be more shops (crafts arts stores locally made furniture) & more cultural events (summer concerts "Shakespeare in park" new plays comedy fireworks every weekend local craft fairs barbeque park etc.) Athens should look to Woodstock n.y. as a model of downtown attractiveness we have the riverfront-Woodstock has no local beauty

Have been here my life and I love my little town. As children growing up here we felt safe and there was little crime. People are always willing to help each other. I hope that I can live out the rest of my life here.

Have police enforce parking laws 24 hrs

Have the methane smell controlled from the sleepy hollow sewer treatment plant so those of us on brick row can have a better quality of life.

Having been raised in the town of Athens over the past 60+ years there has been some deterioration. The old heritage should be restored-never should the Athens airport been ruined for a useless power station that uses the most expensive fuel available (natural gas). The old village parades should come back more often. The street festival is great. A ferry transport to Hudson would be nice to have back. Let us not destroy the beautiful riverfront with concrete! Rejuvenate it with ice cream stands in the summer and more adult and children activity. Could we not have town dumpsters in strategic locations for trash and recyclables? Thank you. Could we not have town dumpsters in strategic locations for trash and recyclables

I am a resident of sleepy hollow-I would like to see the town of Athens more involved with shl

I am alarmed at the increase in traffic and the increase in development in the town. We are no longer a farm community or even a rural one. It seems that the majority of residents are either on the state county town or village payrolls. And these residents seem to think that they are the only ones with any good input in local government affairs. That said I applaud this committee for sending out this survey so that all residents have an equal chance to voice their opinions.

I am for private property rights -I am for the rights of private property owners -I do not support restrictions place on private property owners -I will not support eminent domain for any purpose placed on private property owners -I want the town to pay for any land use restrictions placed on private property

I am happy to see the attempt of the village and town to devise a plan to address the growing pains of the community. This is not a new strategy or thinking outside the box it has been done all over the country for many decades in cities like new London conn. Cape may nj. And Provincetown ma. Just to name a few. All we need to do is tweak it to our particular geographic area. In fact there is a beautiful city plan hanging in the village clerks office that still could be utilized as a guide. That plan is 200 yrs. Old and still includes the same objectives that we desire today! But no plan for the future will work without the infrastructure to support it. In my personal opinion the water and sewer treatment plants are a third of the size needed for real growth. With that said the obvioustives that we desire today! But no plan for the future will work without the inf

I believe we can bring commercial enterprise into the village of Athens without the ugly commercialism & unsightliness take warren st. In Hudson as a positive example. I seriously think we should make the ymca 2007 project (proposed for coxsackie) consider Athens 9w (or off 9w Schoharie tpke) more desirable by incentives-maybe even offering to donate land it will pay back 100 x over! The youth are the future & so far all they have for amusement is underage drinking drugs vandalism etc. The ymca would be perfect for teens & families. Also a not-for-profit youth rec/resource/counseling & cafe. (food sold at cost to school age youths) w/a stage. Talent nights computers etc. The old rec area/building is beat & can be used for more office space in renovation for town/village. Thank you-profit youth rec/resource/counseling & cafe. (food sold at cost to school age y

I believe we need to grow a little so we can support a few more businesses (such as small grocery store) and strengthen our local institutions such as little league and boy scouts and churches etc. I also believe we should grow in high-density fashion (like the village now) with an efficient street layout. With high density growth in village and vast undeveloped space in town we keep our character that we all enjoy. Sprawl would be a killer for us. And 9w corridor development would be the worst type of sprawl. If you think "corridor" you'll get corridor. What is the redeeming value of a developed corridor? It doesn't build community. We need the village to be the heart of the community and keep rural character of town in tact. Two distinct lifestyle choices are thus supported and strridor. What is the redeeming value of a developed corridor? It doesn't build com

I bought a house 3 years ago and I am very happy to spend my free time in Athens. We have the potential to become a place where new Yorkers can buy their second home and commute on less then that we benefit everybody newcomers and old timers alike. But we have to make this town like Woodstock without the liberals! Meaningful clean with services it is important that we work on redefining Greene county not as a junk yard ribbon place but rather as a summer haven with fishing swimming biking and a winter haven with skiing snowboarding and snowmobiles. The natural beauty of Greene county and Athens is particular far surpasses Columbia county yet our properties soon run 50% less lets change that

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I don't know if you would like this opinion but ... You should attract second home people. It is a known fact that new Yorkers have the most people w/second homes. They can afford to spend money it is less taxing on your schools and in the long run they end up being permanent residents when retiring again less taxing on schools and services in the area. Athens is only 2 hrs from city the village can be a quaint restaurants antique stores book stores etc. It is easy car drive main road rt 385 need large sign at light to send our way need to look into other forms of transportation - trains with this new monies the village/town can expand on things the first home people need. Development will follow w/o over taxing. Don't follow all of the other lower Hudson towns people are being tax to other forms of transportation - trains with this new monies the village/town

I don't live in Athens Marie ulirsch

I don't spend much time in Athens I'm disabled & most places are difficult to get around there is no mention in this booklet about needs for the handicapped. You are losing out on a large group of people that can spend money in the town & village. I guess our taxes are enough

I enjoy Athens where is why a large part of my family now resides there. We will be permanent full timers in 2007 & would really only like to construct a grocery store close by. Now its 8 miles in either directions north or south on 9w. I would not like for my tax burden to increase as we use very little services at shl (our oven road crews etc). Is there a views why the town doesn't maintain our roads? Many other planned communities use town services more.

I feel that some effort should be made to develop a large parcel into a park picnic and recreation area for the residences of Athens and perhaps the outside public to enjoy. Perhaps the state can purchase a site like the green lake resort? Or other large similar parcels.

I feel that we should buy the green lake resort make a complete town hall police court and all town government. We should fix up our old building in town and make it a youth center for our kids with after school education & recreation. Lets take this oportune time to make our town & village the place our kids want to raise their kids & a model for all small towns. Together we can do it!

I feel the Athens police force is an unec I feel I pay taxes as a resident of the village and receive no benefits since I live in sleepy hollow see attached.

I feel we already pay excessive taxes and as a sleepy hollow resident for what? You don't plow our roads etc.

I have no respect for a town board that pays their employees nothing and expect a good job. I also have no respect for a town board that would try to take advantage of a town employee that has given over 25 years of service and doesn't want to give him what he has coming to him when he gets another job.

I hope that you will be able to do something about the people who choose to burn their garbage-up & down Schoharie turnpike there is nothing worse than trying to open your windows and let the fresh air in and instead having to shut the windows because you are choking on people burning garbage plastic anything they want. Please do something about this. Also I feel that better control of junk cars/garbage on personal properties should be a #1 concern you cant draw people or businesses to the area if they see that their neighbors are allowed to pile up garbage and junk cars. Clean this up! It's disgusting! Garbage and junk cars. Clean this up! It's disgusting!

I hope the quality of life of rural America can be nurtured. That is why people move here.

I hope you have another workshop-wasn't able to attend last one. I'm sorry I missed your meeting-I am very interested in the future of our town. Hopefully you'll have another workshop. Please consider some of the following ideas and concerns. I'm sure there are many residents like myself who commute into Albany for work. I find many of the business' are closed by the time I get home from work or have such odd and diverse weekend hours that I can't keep track. So I never spend my money in town. I shop in Albany before I head home or go straight to Catskill. A newsletter from businesses listing their hours and a brief description of their products or services should be printed quarterly and made available at local businesses supermarkets and gas stations. I live on farm to market rd. Catskill. A newsletter from businesses listing their hours and a brief description

I just wish it would not expand to the extent that it would no longer have a peaceful country atmosphere.

I know that Athens saw a great depression for many years and large industry gave the town opportunities through various pilot or community programs. I feel this means of funding is no longer necessary the

long term benefits of investing in small businesses a healthy environment and history are both economically important and crucial to level or quality of life for everyone in our community. Through the nys brownfields program SHPO grants and long-term community organization & commitment Athens can enjoy the prosperity it was once built upon. Land preservation both forest & agricultural reservation both forest & agricultural

I lived in "historic" Hyde Park Dutchess Co. for 15 years. At first it was quiet near other services low taxes. The town wanted more money. And decided additional housing would provide taxes. They allowed development of open spaces-the traffic became congested air pollution is rampant town rose 10% in 1 year additional schools had to be built to accommodate new residents paid fire/ambulance to be added (cant rely on volunteers after pop goes over a certain amt) so there was no money for recreation/public parks noise pollution rose dramatically wildlife habitat was destroyed water quality also and the water table dropped + my well was polluted. They had a 10 year "master plan" which wasn't followed thus open spaces are gone-Athens is in a similar situation was a beautiful town with wildlife habitat was destroyed water quality also and the water table dropped

I lived in Athens over 60 years I don't like being told that I am an outsider and that my voice don't count. Because I was not born in "Athens"

I love Athens. I would hate to see its character change dramatically or for it to become heavily industrialized or commercialized. Its open spaces and farmlands are an integral part of its charm and add to most resident's enjoyment. At the same time I believe that there is plenty of room to revitalize the area's economy while enhancing rather than jeopardizing the town's picturesque character. Small shops good restaurants and cultural/recreational events could all help. The key will be to attract visitors in the way that Hudson does. If the traffic (retail not automotive) increased I and probably others could be persuaded to open small shops/businesses. The real question is how to accomplish this goal. Good luck!(retail not automotive) increased I and probably others could be persuaded to open

I love the country side in the town of Athens and the way the roads are cared for summer & winter. I don't like the junk cars some people have on their property but I guess that is their choice. I hate when people throw trash on the side of the road but when its near my house I pick it up. All in all the country living is beautiful. The town of Athens is a good place to live.

I moved to Athens 26 years ago because I liked it's small quaint feel. We need to create an atmosphere where we can improve but still preserve our village. It has tremendous potential given the correct guidance & for sight.

I moved to Athens 3 years ago because it looked like a great small town to live. I love the historical bldgs & friendly atmosphere. I would like it to be preserved and believe that the value of the homes and town will go up if this is preserved. Many towns are going commercial. They will be nothing special in 20years. Athens could be a unique beautifully preserved town and remain a great place to live if we are careful to keep it this way. We need to have zoning to protect noise the types of business that can come here and environmental protection..

I own 91 n. Washington st. I would love it if the owner of the empty abandoned residential lot across the street from me cleaned it up! It's been looking ugly for several years-the town/village should enforce regulations on this type of rundown/abandoned property as well as abandoned junk cars & debris there area lot of both in Athens

I pass through Sleepy Hollow Lake Comm. Many times during the warmer weather & see approximately 50 houses in various states of construction. House is it that our property & school taxes are not going down? I also thought that the people of Athens were to receive a reduced electrical rate once the co-gen was up & on-line am I wrong? I also believe that if one is paying village taxes one should receive village services. I do not have village water sewer or even a street light. Rezoning must be considered for areas which do not receive any village services but pay village taxes. I would appreciate if someone would contact me to set me straight. John Iapichimo jr 945-1882vices but pay village taxes. I would appreciate if someone would contact me to s

I question the legality of charging me a higher tax rate than those not living at the lake when virtually no services are provided

I read that a traffic light was being thought about. That's the dumbest idea I've heard of. No traffic light is necessary in Athens.

I really would like to see the town & village offices be combined into one building. A new one. As nice as

the building they are using now is I don't think it will be worth getting it fixed up for offices. If we as a town/village are going to grow we need to look & feel like a growing community

I recall that a short time ago questionnaires were sent out requesting opinion on building new facilities for village/town offices or keeping present community building and renovating. I understand that majority of answers returned were in favor of maintaining present location. Why is this question being brought up again just who is pushing this and why?

I think Athens needs to look at current assets & how to fit them into developing itself its unique & different from Catskill or coxsackie. 1 idea-rebuild "ferry" area & offer small boat tours up & down Hudson-similar to Kingston or Albany-but our neck of the woods-we have a beautiful river redo fun ferry to Catskill for their sat am marketplace or to Hudson for cultural events badly need some services! Ie bakery small grocery combine book/grocery store small clothing store etc.

I think Athens should have a news letter (even if its only quarterly or biannually). It would be a good source to help people become more familiar with our local politicians and how they are trying to address specific situations in Athens. It could also be used to inform Athens residents of any other work shops or perhaps stimulate more.

I think in certain areas (that I know of) taxes are too high and there is a large amount of prejudice towards residents that are not "natives" also seniors should be given more leeway in paying taxes etc. So they would not be forced to move from homes they have lived in for years and maybe built. Athens should set a precedent and not have seniors pay school taxes that they have paid for years & years.

I think the riverfront should not turn into a theme park all it needs are more trees & landscaping. More sensitive lights not lg. Scolc halogens better benches & tables more plantings in coxnorlie park lots of grasses & trees with beautiful views of rivers we must still see the river not just big boats or marina keep the simplicity & scenic beauty with a walk way along riverfront for bikes also small crafts trips to the light house from river front in small boats or small ferry tub boat get more property to protect riverfront with parks & walk way all along river bikes small boats all along river bikes small boats

I think the village is on the right track for the future

I think work should be done on cleaning up 9w area of all the ugly junk yards and unkempt businesses keep heavy industry out plan on what to do with power plant when they abandon it in 25 yrs keep tall ugly bill boards out of Athens I think we should be proud of all the politicians & private people that are working together to make Athens a great little village & town

I would like to see Athen follow what coxsackie has done to their downtown area-rebuilt & rehabbed old blds & built some new. Also-cleaned up their riverpark & boat launch. We are on the river. It should be quaint clean shops & restaurants to take advantage of our scenic spots. Go south along the cape fear & Mississippi rivers and you will see what they have done to enhance their riverview towns. Clean shops-rest/bar facilities & park area's for recreation & tourism that brings people & money into our local economy. The river is coming back-it is time to grow with it and enhance our popularity with our own people & tourist that will help support our growth of this upcoming town & village to grow with it and enhance our popularity with our own people & tourist.

I would like to see the pallets across from post office on 385 removed. I would also like the unsightly trailers removed or replaced. I would like the car repair shops to be held to keep a look not a junk yard-

I would love to see a grocery store drug store restaurant place to walk the dog (by the river) a pizza parlor. A strip mall would be good like the one in coxsackie. Someplace where you could go to pick up some items without having to go to Catskill or coxsackie especially now with the price of gas. I would like to see a more active police department where the youths are concerned. Especially during the later evening hours when the teenagers are out.

I would love to see sidewalks on n vernon & third streets-even if on one side of the road. Many of the village sidewalks that are already here are dangerous or difficult to walk on-especially for senior citizens. We have a beautiful riverfront in the village but have very little access. I would love to see a walking path along the river-like many communities have. Would love to see small businesses on second street in the empty storefronts. The current senior center certainly needs upgrading.

If one would just walk the streets of Athens to take in the whole picture there are many eyesores that detract from our village why are garbage cans allowed to remain on the sidewalks all week? The junk cars litter & unsightly & unkempt homes. Our post office is next door to a car repair shop that has at



least 30 wrecks piles of tires & garbage cans pile around. Second st has empty store full of junk. What a disgrace. Why is this allowed? I love our village but please get some new laws on the books.

If the eyesore that is the site of those derelict new york central barges could be cleaned up and the shoreline renovated-it would make a wonderful site for a marina.

If the town and village are growing closer in gov't sharing of services and it will we should be working toward that goal. The town offices have been at the community center for a long time now. The town offices should stay at the community center a new town building is not necessary. Lets combine our resources to upgrade and make the community center an Athens landmark. Athens location on the river is an asset as well as its old historic buildings

If there is anymore industrial development planned for the future I would like to see it along the 9w corridor like coxsackie is doing. And I also believe consolidation into one town would work and save us money.

If there was a way to remove the eyesores from Athens it would certainly enhance the community. The junkyard the oil tanks detract from the quaintness of Athens. There should be some shopping within the community small shops would encourage more people to visit.

I'm glad you asked. Why is it you need 2 acres to build a house. who the hell passed that law? An acre is more than enough to take care of. Jon gere preventing good taxpayers from building their rule should be changed. Also code enforcers should be more sensitive to peoples needs esp seniors.

I'm very pleased with my choice of Athens village for my home-I'm very concerned with too much growth & we could loose everything that makes this a grand place to live. Thank you-patricia 16 s mount st

Improvement in the downtown as a commercial center is my highest priority. It would be nice to have a downtown where you could go for lunch/dinner browse a bookstore pickup a few items at a boutique get your hair done get a manicure etc. The comprehensive planning committee should be looking at places like Rhinebeck and Hudson which have preserved their historic nature but also brought businesses into town that have attracted both residents & tourists.

In general I am very satisfied with Athens - I love that there is nothing big business in the village but would love to see more in the town. My hope is that it -the village- would never change in flavor or size. I know it will though.

In general the people in village & town are very nice

In regards to number 24 I would like to see the river front park enhancement but would not like to see increased residential or other development along the Hudson river. Open space and natural resource conservation is a high priority. I would not like the bank to develop a drive thru atm. Riverfront revitalization I would not like to see an increase in impervious surface for parking purposes just an enhancement of the green space within the park. To alleviate parking concerns I believe we need to focus on and off street public parking lot especially because of the winter parking laws which should be changed so they are only in effect during snow emergencies. y because of the winter parking laws which should be changed so they are only in

In this time when many communities roughly our size are clamoring for "development" I think we need to be sure to maintain our small town character. Dollar stores drive through fast food used car lots etc all detract from our town and villages personality. Keep them out. If we want to be proud of our community we need to be able to tell people to clean up their properties condemn and demolish dangerous and useless buildings and get rid of junk cars. Update the town and village ordinances to reflect the year 2006. At this point if I live in the village I could operate a pig farm in my front yard and there are no ordinances to prevent it. Review them and make them helpful and enforceable. Noise ordinance sign ordinances are all needed. A full time police force is not needed in this village I could operate a pig farm in my front yard and there are no ordinances to

Its really critical to preserve a lot of the open spaces in our village & town. Support our local agriculture to the point where we could sustain an organic farm have a local bakery. Support our cultural resources to enable our residents to experience a higher quality of life.

Junk cars allowed in village-article in paper 2 yrs ago and still a problem. By the elementary school in particular-can see from ball field.

Keep a lid on it so our taxes don't get more out of sight take care of what we have don't look to bring in trouble we don't need.

Keep Athens a small wonderful town-village

Keep the tax exempt "created" churches from building & eating up land. The raises for employees was too high 4% no handicapped assessable bank put some seniors on boards (zoning grievance planning etc) need public transportation on clean up day-pick up at curb like before-if no truck-it isn't helpful. Keep taxes down

Lets keep it small and not lose the wonderful qualities it currently has. Every change to throw out its history

Living on rt 385 in the village s washington the average speed is 50 mph. Now rarely are there speed traps or police patrolling. Peckham truck engine break shift when approaching 2nd st leaving trails of dirt. Third street between rt 385 and s franklin st has become a skateboard park. Jumps are placed in the street and boarders skate across 385. Extremely loud and is a tragedy waiting to happen. Local police have no interest or concerns. What's going on with the park? Its an eyesore.

Main concern is to bring business in Athens. There is not one descent place for people to stay overnight except the best western its needed on the river& on 9w. Save money on the police departments do something about sleepy hollow sewage problem. The odor is unbearable and I think the village should do some complaining as the people have complained & nothing has been done. A letter to the nys health dept would be the first place & would start.

Mom & pop stores don't stand a chance. To go shopping closer to home would be nice. The bigger stores the ones you have to go to Hudson or Albany or Kingston for. Kingston has it set up nice all in one area.

Mt pontic rd as I stated above at the bottom of mt pontic its very hard to see the cars because it a large curve and accident is waiting to occur

Must address services to sleepy hollow lake community. It is a very important tax base for the town and revenue for local business. Assessed value no service will develop a wide spent between to communities.

My family and I visit Athens often and we like the quaint town & village.it could use some up dating but we would not like to see the historical look taken away altogether. Restaurants and a river walk would be very nice

My home town started a beautification program. Mayor went to all property owners who were in violation of building codes and gave them 1 yr to fix up their buildings. If they failed to do it and showed no sign of trying the town took the property and leveled it. Some cases they turned the land into public parks others they sold to generate money for the town. In a town of 12000 people they only took over 6 or so buildings. Everyone else fixed their property. It really improved the overall town. Land lords could get better renters in better buildings so they made more money. Renters had nice buildings to rent so they stayed in town. My town was once called the arm pit of Massachusetts & now they get over 1 million visitors a year. The town is north adams & the mayor is john barrett hes so they made more money. Renters had nice buildings to rent so they stayed in

My name is denis forde who own a summer house at lypsie rd in leeds this is a summer house with no heat no basement and I have not been inside this house for the past five years I am sick and tired of paying taxes they are excessive it is assessed for \$6000000 plus school tax. My neighbor offered me \$3000000 to purchase my home #718-746-7572

N warren st needs new side walks & curbs n. Warren st has many children on it and is used as a cross over from 2nd st to get to stewarts and ballfield/park without having a steep hill to walk/ride up like n franklin. Also there are many children on this street during the winter because the got to the gym hill to go sled riding. There is lots of fast traffic also on this street so good side walks are very important. Try to push a baby stroller on the sidewalks now and see how far you get before you end up walking in the road.

-need for removal of old barges and ships from the bay near the oil storage tanks on 385 near the boat launch -sidewalk repair with goal of maintaining the slate sidewalks -more shared services between town & village to save taxpayer money

Need something(s) in village center to attract full time residents on a full time basis as well as week-enders so that we don't have to go elsewhere to spend our time & money.

Need to expand water & sewer to town areas for future development

Nice try... Good luck. I think you're headed in the right direction just keep up the good work. I realize @

times you feel unappreciated but whether I agree or not you all are doing what you feel is right & good for our area! Thanks for all you do!

No new taxes

No sign standard billboard locals have no appreciation for the possibility continue to consecrate the village to few people trying to do to much need more critical input

No one from town/village was able to help me with a property issue in which I got sued over. In regards to right of way on pricess drive from my property on green lake rd. Was conveyed to town (princess dr) never took title. Title searches came up inconclusive. No one owns this property know as princess drive. Any info on owner of princess drive or any info at all would be greatly appreciated 943-1082

Doesn't always see things the same way I do. In the past I have served on two combined town-village com. The recreation and bicentennial (1976) on those committees there has been a attitude of everything for the village and nothing for the town. The swimming program provided bus transportation for town youth during the red cross program but nothing after that I was appointed to the bicen. Committee to represent the town but couldn't be on the executive council of that organization. I set up two exhibits for the committee.

On green lake road by the lake a land owner has rerouted a stream on his property which now runs constantly across the road to the lake. During warm months the town/county highway dept has to waste valuable time equipment and repair materials for the constant erosion of this section of road. In winter sanders salt trucks have to go through this area 2 or 3 times daily to break up ice jamesin the road. Our road crews are diligent hard working men with a lot of road maintenance responsibility. It would be more tax efficient to put in some kind of sluice under the road to take care of this water or demand the home owner to route his stream away from our highway. Going south on green lake road there is a sharp blind turn just before hitting this water/ice mess. Someone could end up sluice under the road to take care of this water or demand the home owner to ro

On north vernon st. There should be westside parking only. It is now a thoroughfare for the fire dept. Especially during the winter because the snowplows do not push the snow back. It is 4' from the curb and if someone parks there it narrows the street. Also north vernon st. Should be 15mph to market st. There isa lot of kids using this street to get to the pool and to school. Snowmobiles think its a race track they start at 2nd and by the time the get to 1st they are doing 50+mph. When they plow 1st street they dig up the lawn on the south side and every year it has to be raked and seeded. This should not happen. Snow plow operators should be more aware of where the road every year it has to be raked and seeded. This should not happen. Snow plow op

Only sections of Schoharie tpk have a center line very dangerous

Our greatest asset is the river everything that is planned in the village we must first consider how it will affect our closeness - view - access to the Hudson river. The east side of rt 385 is most important. What is built or not built is what will make Athens the most desirable village on the Hudson.

Our village police have to do more than ride around they need to give tickets out to the locals our village officials need to follow the laws they make such as cleaning side walks (ms smallwood) & no hunting or fire works.

Overall Athens has been a great place to live (we've both lived in greene county all our lives) we need controlled industrial growth open spaces family farms and to preserve historic sites. This is a hard juggling act in such a small town. You also need to get over the great divide "[rt 9w]". Sometimes west Athens appears separated from the area closer to the village. All & all however this is the place we plant to remain for as long as we can we like living in Athens. christine & robert young 431 vosenhill rd Athens

People speed in excess on union st

Planning is the key-growth of some son is inevitable and can be controlled if suggestions of professionals and citizens are carefully reviewed with an open mind.

Planning: recognizing the influx of new residents who will invest because of our charm and historic buildings. We need to encourage renovation and smart growth to maintain the value and appeal of Athens

Please act most quickly. Less talk more action.

Please enforce speed limits in village (rte 385 vernon st union st) there is little or not enforcement when was it that garbage cans become common items on our streets & sidewalks? Why can garbage trucks

disturb our peace & tranquility at 5:00am-most municipalities regulate this activity many municipalities are eliminating police depts & leaving it to state police & sheriff depts-we should explore this how many junk cars are allowed on premises of auto repair shops??

Please keep our air and water clean

Please repave the roads that had been poorly-patched due to water/sewer upgrades. Water street & brick row are awful! Brick row is currently an eyesore because you're either ignoring it or you want to maintain historic character. It could be gorgeous if you start by fixing up the street pave it pave parking spaces opposite the houses in order to limit mud & dirt and require shh to fix the problem @ sewer plant on rt 385 so the stink stops floating down to their house windows. Yuck! Improve community center & have child/teen/adult/senior classes in different hobbies-sewing classes dance exercise movie nights basketball cooking etc. Arts/crafts encourage boutiques/clothing shops/baby shop into the store fronts (gerards or similar location)different hobbies-sewing classes dance exercise movie nights basketball cooking et

Questions need some more detail to provide informed response esp as it relates to development (riverfront or otherwise) consolidating services is a step but ought we be first asking what unique services & benefits are derived from having a village layer before posing the consolidation issue? Thanks for you efforts & thanks for asking -I cannot make 1/12 because of business but want to be involved & informed margaret moore

Radar traps more frequently. On well traveled streets union st & Schoharie tpke. Check weight limits on construction vehicles etc. Using these streets. Quality of water during summer months very strong odor of "swamp" especially hotwater & drinking. "needs improvement" should encourage home owners to maintain there properties instead of raising there taxes after they improve there homes &business especially 2nd street. "grants" etc. Beautify not penalize. Also brock row snow removal-village front of churches-bank-shovel paths from sidewalks to street crossing. Sump pumps water being pumped out on public streets. Causing hazardous conditions when it freezes. Should be hooked to positive public storm drains when available. Keep the municipal bldg in the village street crossing. Sump pumps water being pumped out on public streets. Causing ha

Rather than spending tax dollars to preserve and beautify residential areas and buildings members of the community should be encouraged-if not forced-to maintain and upgrade their own property and surroundings...our currently overzealous code enforcement & permitting authorities do not create a good environment for the above...and judging by how many "private" homes have more rental tenants than allowed these authorities are doing a poor job of insuring property stability. Enough with the "historic" nonsense! We live in a village that is old and contains many older homes.

Restore ferry service from Athens to Hudson

Riverfront and historic district can be enhanced by using a maritime theme such as a mini mystic conn. Seafaring town. The river is a great resource for museums and restaurants and shopping. The dock can be developed as a floating museum with a sailing ship. The rest can be accomplished with private money if there is a potential for profit "ie" maritime shops restaurants etc. People will invest in their own community. I have a lot of time on my hands. Call me if you want to talk.

Rivertown senior citizens center which is in the historic dist is an eyesore. Suggested improvements 1-replace the existing sign with one like those on 385 as you enter the village in the center planting area and spruce up shrubs on second street side. 2-dont repaint parking space designation lines if they must be there use white. 3-cover the ugly unit on top-louvres? 4-remove roof over entrances & replace with one that stretches across the entire left side of the building creating a protected seating-waiting-area. 5-take flag pole off roof & put in a planting area at n.e. corner of building. 6-add shrubs to right front. a planting area at n.e. corner of building. 6-add shrubs to right front.

Some growth is good-too much is not. We need small unique stores that attract people to come here for unusual items. We are off the beaten path and that makes us special. We have a quiet bedroom community that could have a real cultural draw here to make people enjoy the streets again-mainly 2nd street. We do not need major economic development nor box stores.

Some of these question need discussion to be able to answer some don't even apply to us. How is anyone going to use this as a guide line if only 1/3 of the populace reply. I firmly believe people are elected to make decisions. If you can't you should step aside. We don't need a ferry ship. I don't care who pays for it. River front always neat is ok if privately funded. If level heads prevail! A new town building office

should be the way to go. I think the fire company is a fine example. They used to bicker. Now they have something everyone is proud of. With a little logic the town & village could be the same way. And property utilize tax payers money. Of. With a little logic the town & village could be the same way. And property

Some one should do something with the generating plant that just sits there doing nothing.

Taxes are too high and we are fearing having to sell home when we retire.

Taxes here (greene cty) are extremely high. I pay more than people in putnam cty that have more property. I am in favor of anything that helps reduce taxes to a more reasonable level.

Thank you

Thank you for asking our opinion.

Thank you for sending out this survey. Athens is a very special place and should not become another cairo or coxsackie.

Thank you for solicit our opinions. Its a first & vital step towards change. What is being done with the 3000000 the town received from the power plant? We love coming up from the city to Athens but want to see the industrial companies removed from the waterfront. This prime land could be used for recreation or to attract commercial businesses that would bring more traffic to the village. For example restaurants antique shops food shops move the eyesores to rte 9w.if you don't the town will never change for the better marie rania -resident

Thanks for caring about our opinion thank you

The above intersection is an accident waiting to happen. How someone hasn't been killed there is a mystery to me it needs to be made into a standard "t" where buttermilk falls rd meets green lake rd. There are blind curves and line of sight issues that create a hazard for anyone driving or walking

The Athens street festival please do not get rid of it

The dumping of raw material in butter falls milk rd by the water falls is a problem. Keep calling the forest ranger and they think just a complaint we need cameras to catch the people that are violating the code.

The houses on 385 thru town could be better kept in good repair. There could be more small business opened like antique stores restaurants craft stores pharmacy produce stores hair salon.

The need of the village is different than the town-of course expanded tax base & quality jobs would be beneficial. Development of high speed internet would be helpful for it high end business development. Do not need more housing & low end service companies.

-the quality of the annual street festival has deteriorated over the past 10 years. -clean the streets & walks asap after winter.

The riverfront park "development" should really be an attempt to revitalize and enhance the present park. We oppose installing a vertical seawall there in the form of sheet piling. We also oppose a marina at that location. Though the present arrangement of summer floating piers is agreeable. Please listen to the ideas the ad-hoc waterfront committee has to offer these are based on environmentally-friendly solutions to waters edges. We would encourage more shops along water st. Ursula's is great-there's room for more.

The taste of the water in Athens needs help the village has a unique "look" which needs to be fostered-sold as a rivertown destination with unique village shops interspersed with businesses serving local residents. Examples would be new hope pa Essex ct and west stockbridge ma. The trick is too keep a balance of businesses needed by residents and shops/businesses of interest to visitors.

The type of growth need is 1 doctor dentist pharmacy medical center 2 apartment rentals 3 affordable housing 4 proper water & sewage availability 5 9w development. 6 commercial growth food store clothing 7 stop trying to force a style of living on locals the can't afford. \*the entire village & town should work together for the whole not just a handful of people. Keep it a community not a dictatorship.

The village should be preserved as a historic maritime village attracting tourism. Empty storefronts should be filled with shops to create a walk able destination. The town should pursue industrial planned development. The village of Athens should share in the industrial revenue of incoming town industry to help with the infrastructure & expansion of water & sewer lines. Some pilot agreement should be arranged between the two municipalities for this purpose

The worst thing to happen to Athens is allowing Athens generating to building to build here it looks ugly is

very noisy and has decreased local property values. Provide few jobs for local residents. If any industrial development were take place in Athens it should be confined to the trurco park area.

There needs to be the ability to invest in a small business without going through 5-10 yrs of jumping through hoops there is the potential for business such as a miniature golf course motel can wash lube center etc to flourish in Athens. It is too bad that certain committees have blinders on when it comes to the future of this community. The waterfront in Athens is prime for recreational development. A swim area marina (boat restaurant) docks could open up a large segment of tourist trade that now by passes us. It is also important that town & village combine services and keep a joint building for all town business. Combining services could save \$ in the long run and stabilize or even reduce taxes. The next 10-15 yrs will see the growth of technological innovation in the job industry. A combine services and keep a joint building for all town business. Combining services

Think about pedestrian mall/walk area near riverfront with cafes tourist shops etc. Think about "ring-route" around town center maybe plan a town square with folks having family "tiles" they can donate \$100 for "time" capsule etc

This area needs jobs with decent benefits while still maintaining its rural character. This can accomplish with light industry or high technology facilities or by public service sector jobs. These will provide stable jobs that will support other services I.e. restaurants & shops. This development needs to be controlled as to its location & density. Private sector development needs to be funded by private sector. Old olsen body plant would be a good place to start on rte 9w.

This development should have happened 5 years ago don't miss the boat the future is yours.

This is a state highway-gutters and drains in a very poor condition-suggest village board contact the state

This questionnaire should've been more carefully reviewed for accuracy. Some questions were too specific while others not enough. Not enough information was given for some questions to give an educated answer.

This survey is way too long & complex for most people to bother with. We are a small community and could not possibly support most of the businesses/stores etc. That are mentioned in the survey.

This survey is a waste of tax payers money. Those with influences (money) dictate what happen to our town. Usually to satisfy there own agenda. I would like to see more done to increase tax base stop the bs over spending on pet projects stop giving tax breaks to big business when the taxes go up for everyone else! Decisions should be made on what we need! Not what is wanted! You really want to help? Have our police patrol the drag strips 1) leeds athen road 2) Schoharie turnpike that should create tax base!

This survey will be an expensive wasted process if local government does not follow through with the plans recommendations. The outside world recognizes the potential of Athens. It is sad that our own leaders and citizens fail to recognize that this is a very special place. Lets preserve protect & recognize the assets we have while we use them as a basis for a more prosperous future.

This was a good idea. You are all doing a good job.

Too many young kids out very late! Curfew? Especially summer time! Or good healthy wholesome youth activities somewhere other than stewarts... Imagine the youth & senior bases grants available to town/village if the pool was a town pool. Village/town employees could paint mow etc. Perhaps that property could be converted to an all season center. Or the land across from materas on n. Vernon st-> village bldg/youth center

Town building should be located in town of Athens not within village boundaries. Town of Athens highway dept does excellent job year round. Should be commended & an example to other highway crews

Town has money for a building-how about a clinic? We are the third oldest incorporated village in nys oldest in greene co at one point considered for state capitol. We are historic-lets preserve our history!!

Trust village and town improve as time goes on without losing the charm and desirability of small town living. Develop more cultural art activities as well as seeing our museum enlarged and in better quarters.

Turn town roads over to county-no highway dept needed.

Unlike coxsackie & Catskill the distance from the river to 9w makes development more difficult. The village footprint basically eliminates significant economic/commercial development. The 9w corridor is the best spot in Athens for development of that type. However it must offer different things than what is

available in coxsackie or Catskill I.e. with home depot now & lowes/walmart coming another of those stores would be overkill. Good paying jobs are needed as the housing market prices are exceeding normal greene county incomes.

Upstate ny is a wonderful place to live as I have for 47 of my 57 years. But the layers of government are stifling to development & a waste of taxes. Consolidation of services is an obvious need in nys but local politics prevents it from happening. If Athens can take a step in that direction I'd be very impressed.

We are in the process of selling the land

We are s.h.l. property owners so our seemingly negative comments are really not. A combination biking/running/walking trail (like at the corning preserve in Albany) should be developed from riverfront park area to the cohotate preserve. The parking situation along water st. Should also be upgraded to accommodate all events centering around downtown area. "gerard's cafe" is sorely missed. "Dionysus" was a mistake.

We believe the key to Athens future is the appreciation and preservation of its incredible historic buildings and location on the Hudson river. We would like to see more emphasis put on developing these assets and to bringing more small businesses to the downtown village historic district.

We do not need to reproduce Catskills and coxsackies commercial and industrial development. Wed like to remain a small residential community with a small smattering of small businesses and professional services. In fact we strongly oppose extensive large scale commercial development particularly in the village.

We enjoyed this environment for 37 years hope to stay for another 37 years! (but who lives for over 100 years) haha wishing the best anthony riccardi

We feel Athens needs some business/industry to liven up the area. To bring jobs & economic growth. This should be done while maintaining the small town atmosphere & keeping the environment in mind.

We feel that because we live at sleepy hollow lake that we pay a disproportionate amount of taxes for the services we receive. Please review and lower our taxes accordingly.

We feel the taxes have sky-rocketed in an unfairly high manner at sleepy hollow lake. Every effort should be made to reduce the tax burden to that one community who seems to have been singled out. It should not be the sole responsibility of that small community to carry the bulk of the tax burden for the town &village of Athens as well as coxsackie! And this at the same time as developers of cheap sub-standard homes are being allowed to mass produce & congest the area-deflating property values.

We like it here.

We like to live in Athens and we would like to spend some of our dollars in town/village businesses. We are tossing around the idea of opening a small business and would like to see more incentives to do so.

We live at sleepy hollow lake and we feel we are unjustly taxed with no representation. Main street needs improvement the riverfront is underutilized!!!

We live on vosenkill road-over 50 years. I wish to say something nice about your town highway dept. Which is for superior to Catskills. The Athens end of t he vosenkill is in far better shape than the Catskill end and has been fully re-done numerous times. Catskill has only recently completed a full resurface and it has many minor patch jobs in all the years we have lived there.

We live part-time in sleepy hollow lake (village of Athens). Have not been in the area long enough to have a useful opinion regarding changes to services/facilities. However it seems inappropriate that owners such as we pay a full share of taxes but receive less than a full share of services. It is inconsistent with our experience in other homes we have owned.

We must preserve our quality of life

We need to look at unsightly residential yards. Ex: unused (junk) vehicles

We paid taxes for Catskill and Athens and we live on a private road on princess dr and we do not get plow out town put red sign so athen should plow us out we are paying taxes for people that does not go to work. We have 6 houses on the road athen should plow are road we are paying taxes for athen & Catskill it is not fare. Are road is so bad with ice. The people on are road are very mad. Athens & Catskill should do something for us. Thank you very much.

We purchased a lake front lot because the area is so peaceful & we plant to build spring of 2006

We should consolidate the town & village boards & highway depts & judges so we can save money. We

need to give the middle class some kind of financial relief-we cant get heap grants or any other programs help. Everyone talks about the youth need things to do & I agree but what about our senior citizen population-they have no recreation either. We also need transportation to be available to doctors shopping etc. We dont need any new buildings-remodel the old ones. \*an elderly lady that works in the town office needs to retire-when you go there she cant help you at all. We need to improve on the services we get from the assessors office-they are never available & the new assessor is not helpful or friendly. What actually are their hours? Why cant we dump our shrub & brush at rainy field help you at all. We need to improve on the services we get from the assessor

We want to see slow deliberate well thought out development of Athens-we love its quietness and rural atmosphere and have no desire to see it congested with traffic and commerce.

We were attracted to Athens by what it is and not what some people want to be. As we are planning to retire here soon we look forward to living here permanently and being more involved. Communities rise and fall for many reasons most of which are out of local control its best to use common sense and good will .and not micro manage.

We were delighted to receive this survey in the mail as it meant others are concerned about the future of Athens. It seems we stand on the verge and are teetering. While noticeable improvements are being made on so many houses bringing them back to life and breathing life back into the area I am still distressed when I see hideous steel industrial bldgs going up and tainting the bucolic feel of the area. We need to nurture the thriving small town feel not encourage more Athens eyesores.

We will be permanent residents in Athens in the future & appreciate help town board gave us in approving our land for

What makes people ooh & ahh when you mention Athens is its natural untouched charm free from development and mediocre modernizations. Somehow a delicate balance must take place between growth & keeping the simple pure natural beauty that only time can create. Businesses with sensitivity to such aesthetics should be encouraged. Greedy developers should be banned. I urge everyone on this committee to read creative economy by richard florida. Basically it says that an economy based on culture & arts & nature is a thriving economy harmonious for the community and not destructive and divisive like heavy industry-based economies usually are. These ideas are working in Pittsfield Northampton Catskill and all over the country. Athens could be a thriving cultural center attracting people to the community and not destructive and divisive like heavy industry-based economy

When anyone drives thru the village of Athens you smell the sewer plant for sleepy hollow. Its so disgusting all parts of the year but especially summer. the houses that people have let run down or abandoned. People pay taxes higher than Albany due to no industry and the idea that our historic sites take priority over all. We need to lower taxes and improve the look of our village. We need to attract industry so that our children have a job to go to instead of moving away. We also need to fund our schools in a different manner so that people can have their children educated and that teachers don't have to beg for their raises while big government pays outlandish pay to their ceo's while the working man suffers their children educated and that teachers don't have to beg for their raises w

When making a complaint there seems to be no follow thru

Would like to see ferry slip restored to look like it did when the ferry was running overhead sign & ramp

You either live in Athens or you don't-there is no part-time. We do not need a new town hall we need to preserve & restore what is here. Athens does not need anymore vacant buildings and village & town should (offices) stay together for convenience. We need to fix and maintain the fields and ice skating ponds and areas we have (baseball & softball) building code enforcers need to enforce codes and not just randomly take care of problems. Police protection more during hours kids walk to school-so many people moving in that no one knows. This survey y should have been filled out by everyone if voting age in the household-one was not enough.

You good folks need to blend the arts/culture/history into the community why should all the building that is good or - good luck I do love the Catskill Hudson at a regional have grown. I may leave if my taxes go up while I have no services and you let the locals do whatever they want to develop.