

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	

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
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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
Same	revitalization
Same	The Athens pool
Same as #19	The character of the streets & houses
Same as above	The historic buildings well preserved (&lack of
Same as above	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
Same as above	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
School	amenity
See 19	The safety of it.
See above	The sense of being in a village
See above	The side by the water
Senior center	The slower pace in general
Setting on the river-unobstructed views	The street festival
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
Small	greatest town on the Hudson
Small	Too many part time residents
Small	Unique-living conditions
Small community	Ursalas restaurant
Small quiet quant	Ursula's restaurant
Small relatively quiet community	Very clean very old houses
Small size	Water access
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 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
Athens generating
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 comment
Lack of retail choices	No complaints
Lack of retail stores	No development
Lack of service for ny tax dollars	No food stores
Lack of services eg road maintenance garbage pick up	No garbage
Lack of services/retail/dining (good & affordable)	No grocery store
Lack of shopping	No growth
Lack of traffic law enforcement (speeding and stop signs)	No industry/high taxes
Lack of zoning	No major stores or shopping
Lack of zoning (or enforcement of zoning?)	No municipal water or sewers for west Athens
Land taxes	No new distribution whses. Like coxsackie has developed or corporation parks
Less area open to hunting	No new industry for lock work
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 opinion
Littering on roads	No opinion
Location of sewer plant	No opp
Looks run down	No police at night-rather off in morning & work midnight on.
Looks run down	No police protection of our own 24x7 -constable town police
Loose dogs-no ticketing	No public bus to Catskill Hudson area shopping
Loosing rural character	No public transportation
Loss of jobs	No public water
Low water	No recreation
Maintenance on roads	No recreational areas
Many areas in disrepair	No restaurants
Messy private yards	No restaurants
Minimal business opportunities	No retail
Mixed zoning of large old home & mobile homes on the same street not attract	No retail
More strip mall type development on rt 9-w	No rr bridges in whole town
My friend & neighbors	No school district of its own (including village)
N/o	No services for my taxes
Na	No sewer
Na	No shopping
Na	No small businesses like stores
Necessity of driving for services	No stores
Need more code enforcement on homes & trailers	No stores
Need server district along 9w	No stores at all
Need to bring the town up & more developed as a town (ie. Red hook)	No taxi service
Need transportation to stores or doctors	No transportation/the dependence on cars or others
Needs updating	No work
Negative hand painted signs	Noise from plants
New construction too close to the road & to each	None
	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
Ordinaces 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 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 trees 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 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
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 (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
 Quaint
 Quaint stores &
 Quaint village
 Quiet
 Quiet
 Quiet on the river have a drink take a walk shop
 & love our river village
 Recreation
 Residential
 Retain historic sites & structures
 Revitalized - beautiful
 Rich bedroom community
 River walk town
 Riverfront
 Riverfront
 Rural
 Rural
 Rural
 Rural
 Rural
 Safe
 Safe
 Safe
 Safe
 Safe
 Safe
 Safe
 Safe
 Safe
 Same
 Same atmosphere
 Same small town values
 Small shopping centers

Scenic
 Scenery
 Scenic
 Scenic
 Serene
 Shop destinations
 Sleepy-peaceful
 Small
 Small
 Small town
 Some efficient town houses
 Sparkling
 Storefronts on second street
 Sweet
 Than
 The envy of groom country
 The place to be
 Things to do
 Thriving
 Thriving
 Thriving-what it could be rural/yet sophisticated
 Too political
 Tourist attraction
 Unaffordable housing (over priced)
 Uncongested
 Undeveloped & restored
 Unique
 Unique
 Unspoiled
 Vibrant
 Vibrant
 Vibrant
 Vibrant downtown with interesting boutique
 stores
 Vitality in the village
 Warm
 Warren st in Hudson
 Was 20 years ago. Small grocery stores
 Water destination
 Water problems (similar to coxsackie)
 Waterpark
 Welcoming
 Well
 Well kept
 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
 2nd home
 A cleaner homier place to live
 A good "walk around" town
 A place you could get what you need without
 long travel.
 Accessible
 Active

Affluent
 Affordable
 Affordable
 An oasis between Catskill & coxsackie both of
 which are convenient but poorly
 Attractive
 Attractive
 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's
 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's. 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 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

the natural beauty of Greene county and Athens is particular far surpasses Columbia

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 a 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 op

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 ipichimo 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.