

Note: Numbers reported are percentages.

Village of Nassau Master Plan

Public Opinion Survey

For each of the following statements, please mark the box that best represents your opinions.
 Unless you choose to include your name at the end of this survey, your answers will remain anonymous.
 Please return to the dropbox in front of Village Hall or mail to the address on page 5 by **April 30, 2014**.

1. Community Character

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | No Opinion/Unsure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| The Village of Nassau's small town atmosphere is a major strength. | 36 | 42 | 6 | 13 | 3 |
| The Village of Nassau should strive to be socially, culturally, and economically diverse. | 34 | 40 | 19 | 5 | 2 |
| Nassau should encourage opportunities for arts and culture. | 34 | 47 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| The Village of Nassau's history and architecture are worthy of preservation.* | 41 | 42 | 9 | 5 | 2 |
| The Village of Nassau would be better if it were more commercial. | 9 | 28 | 19 | 33 | 11 |
| The Village of Nassau is a safe and convenient community for pedestrians to walk in. | 17 | 49 | 8 | 20 | 7 |
| The overall appearance of commercial properties in the Village presents an attractive and inviting business environment. | 1 | 19 | 6 | 51 | 23 |
| The overall appearance of residential properties in the Village presents an attractive place to live. | 7 | 38 | 15 | 34 | 6 |
| Exterior design standards should be required for the construction of all new or renovated buildings. | 16 | 41 | 14 | 17 | 14 |
| Exterior maintenance standards should be required for all existing buildings. | 33 | 42 | 9 | 12 | 4 |

To help guide us in developing recommendations for managing and addressing community resources, we would like your ideas on the importance of each of the following:

| | Very Important | Important | Somewhat Important | Not Important | Undecided |
|---|----------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Water supply (municipal well protection) | 77 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Architecture and historic buildings* | 23 | 42 | 28 | 6 | 1 |
| Wooded areas | 30 | 43 | 17 | 9 | 2 |
| Open space | 27 | 43 | 22 | 5 | 3 |
| Parks with recreational facilities, picnic areas, public buildings and other public lands | 38 | 42 | 14 | 5 | 1 |
| Library | 57 | 32 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Trees along roadways | 24 | 35 | 26 | 12 | 3 |
| Village square (Veteran's Memorial) | 32 | 47 | 16 | 4 | 1 |
| Wetlands and stream corridors | 26 | 40 | 27 | 4 | 3 |
| Storm water drainage | 57 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Village infrastructure (water distribution system, road maintenance/upgrades) | 72 | 23 | 3 | 2 | 0 |

2. Business and Development

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | No Opinion/Unsure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| The Village of Nassau should encourage local independent businesses rather than national chains. | 35 | 34 | 18 | 13 | 1 |
| The Village of Nassau should discourage commercial strip development along roads. | 17 | 34 | 19 | 21 | 9 |
| A variety of housing for all income levels is needed in the Village. | 17 | 50 | 16 | 13 | 4 |
| The Village of Nassau should encourage more dedicated senior citizen housing. | 15 | 38 | 32 | 10 | 5 |
| The Village of Nassau should encourage businesses that serve the needs of its residents. | 39 | 52 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| The Village of Nassau should encourage home-based businesses. | 13 | 39 | 38 | 10 | 0 |
| The Village of Nassau should become more developed. | 8 | 33 | 25 | 24 | 11 |
| The Village of Nassau should encourage the preservation of historic buildings and features.* | 31 | 55 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| The Village of Nassau should preserve open space lands. | 28 | 51 | 14 | 5 | 2 |
| New development should aim to expand the tax base. | 20 | 54 | 20 | 3 | 3 |
| New development should maintain the Village character. | 39 | 46 | 10 | 5 | 0 |
| Any new development should make the Village of Nassau more attractive. | 53 | 43 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| New development along Route 20 should be designed to be village-like and pedestrian friendly. | 53 | 40 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| The buildings in the Village business district are well maintained. | 3 | 19 | 12 | 48 | 19 |
| The Village business district offers a pedestrian-friendly shopping experience. | 5 | 27 | 21 | 32 | 15 |
| The Village of Nassau should influence land use decisions in other municipalities that affect our quality of life. | 12 | 48 | 32 | 5 | 3 |
| The Village should promote Nassau as a place to do business. | 22 | 61 | 11 | 4 | 2 |
| The Village should use property tax incentives to attract new business. | 7 | 39 | 28 | 15 | 12 |
| The Village should use property tax incentives to promote the renovation of existing commercial buildings. | 17 | 52 | 16 | 10 | 5 |
| As long as new development is compatible with Nassau's character, we need more: | | | | | |
| • Small-scale shopping | 25 | 60 | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| • Single-family housing | 13 | 44 | 26 | 14 | 3 |
| • Multi-family housing | 2 | 17 | 25 | 37 | 19 |
| • Townhouses or condominiums | 1 | 22 | 23 | 28 | 26 |
| • Business located on the Route 20 corridor | 22 | 51 | 16 | 10 | 2 |
| • Service businesses like repair shops, professional services, or personal services. | 15 | 56 | 17 | 10 | 3 |
| • Any commercial development that enhances the community | 22 | 56 | 14 | 3 | 5 |
| • Businesses that serve the needs of non-residents and brings in outside income | 23 | 55 | 13 | 3 | 6 |

3. Housing

If you were to purchase or build a new home in the Village of Nassau, what would you consider an affordable price?

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| 7 | Under \$100,000 | 7 | \$201,000 to \$250,000 | | | | | | |
| 43 | \$101,000 to \$150,000 | 1 | Over \$250,000 | | | | | | |
| 34 | \$151,000 to \$200,000 | 9 | Don't know | | | | | | |
| | | | | Strongly Agree | Agree | No Opinion/Unsure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |
| There are housing opportunities for people of all income levels available within the village. | | | | 11 | 46 | 26 | 15 | 2 | |
| The condition of existing residential buildings is good. | | | | 0 | 33 | 18 | 34 | 15 | |
| The Village should encourage renovation of existing residential buildings. | | | | 33 | 51 | 11 | 4 | 2 | |

4. Community Services and Transportation

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|--|--|--|--|----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| Village roadways should be designed and maintained so that pedestrians and bicyclists can safely use them. | | | | Strongly Agree | Agree | No Opinion/Unsure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |
| | | | | 52 | 44 | 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| New development in the Village should include facilities for pedestrians and public transit. | | | | 42 | 51 | 6 | 1 | 1 | |
| The Village should provide recreational walking paths and biking trails. | | | | 32 | 40 | 17 | 9 | 2 | |
| The Village should encourage development of the old trolley line as a rail-trail. | | | | 33 | 28 | 28 | 4 | 6 | |
| The speed limit should be reduced on Route 20 within the Village. | | | | 14 | 5 | 14 | 34 | 32 | |
| If it reduced costs, the Village should share services, such as road maintenance, with neighboring municipalities. | | | | 37 | 37 | 17 | 4 | 6 | |
| The Village should work with neighboring municipalities to develop sewer services. | | | | 34 | 37 | 19 | 8 | 2 | |
| The Village and local school districts should work together to provide recreational facilities. | | | | 22 | 57 | 18 | 2 | 0 | |
| More recreational opportunities need to be provided for our youth. | | | | 27 | 40 | 28 | 4 | 1 | |
| The Donald P. Sutherland elementary school is an important element in our decision to live in the Village. | | | | 28 | 21 | 35 | 6 | 10 | |
| The school district should provide more up-to-date facilities for our children's education. | | | | 7 | 16 | 60 | 13 | 4 | |
| More services are needed for senior citizens. | | | | 16 | 34 | 44 | 4 | 2 | |
| Public parking should be expanded in the Village. | | | | 22 | 32 | 28 | 13 | 5 | |
| The Village is adequately served by public transportation. | | | | 8 | 32 | 31 | 16 | 13 | |
| Nassau needs a Village police force. | | | | 19 | 23 | 15 | 16 | 27 | |
| Police services are adequate in the Village. | | | | 12 | 49 | 20 | 15 | 4 | |
| Ambulance services are adequate in the Village. | | | | 20 | 66 | 10 | 4 | 0 | |
| Fire services are adequate in the Village. | | | | 22 | 65 | 8 | 3 | 2 | |
| Road maintenance in the village is adequate. | | | | 13 | 53 | 9 | 20 | 5 | |

5. Respondent Profile

Are you a resident of the Village? 91 Yes 8 No 1 I don't know

If so, does your family own or rent a home? 90 Own 10 Rent

Do you operate a business or organization in the Village? 5 Yes 95 No

Approximately how many years have you lived in the Village?

12 0-5 years 16 16-25 years 22 More than 50 years
19 6-15 years 27 26-50 years 3 Nonresident landowner

How many people of each age group are in your home?

___ 0 to 10 ___ 18 to 25 ___ 36 to 50 ___ Over 65
___ 11 to 17 ___ 26 to 35 ___ 51 to 65 ___ Retired

What is your (respondent's) age group?

0 0 to 10 1 18 to 25 21 36 to 50 28 Over 65
0 11 to 17 10 26 to 35 32 51 to 65 24 Retired

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

45 Employed full time 0 Underemployed (would like more work) 40 Retired 1 Student
7 Employed part time 1 Unemployed 5 Stay at home

What is your household income?

13 Under \$25,000 19 \$50,000 to \$75,000 19 \$100,000 to \$150,000
14 \$25,000 to \$50,000 27 \$75,000 to \$100,000 9 Over \$150,000

Please indicate where you work below.

7 Village of Nassau 2 State of Massachusettes 1 Schenectady County 7 Not currently employed
24 Albany County 5 Columbia County 0 Retired
8 Northern Rensselaer 7 Southern Rensselaer 6 Other _____
County (incl. Troy) County
1 City of Rensselaer
1 Castleton
1 Dutchess County
1 State of New York
1 New York City
1 Maine/California/etc