



City of Oneonta Community Survey

This survey is being distributed to solicit community input on a wide range of topics that will be considered and addressed as part of the **City's updated Comprehensive Plan**. Your participation in this process is important to ensure that the direction of the Plan reflects community members' ideas and opinions (you may opt to have your response remain anonymous). Thank you in advance for your participation. During the course of updating the Plan, there will be several other opportunities for citizens to submit comments and help guide the process.

Please note that this survey is intended to assess conditions in the City proper, not the Town of Oneonta or the region as a whole (see map on the last page for reference).

Please return your completed survey to Clark Patterson Associates (see enclosed envelope) by June 9, 2006.

Part I – Community Values and Priorities

A. Which are the top TWO most influential factors in your decision to live in Oneonta? (Please select the top two reasons from the list below and write the corresponding item number on the lines in the response column.)

1. Born or raised in Oneonta
2. Attending college
3. Affordable housing
4. Desire to live in traditional small city surrounded by rural countryside
5. Convenient to work
6. Access to recreation opportunities
7. Other, please specify _____

A 1: _____

A 2: _____

B. Please indicate whether you strongly oppose, oppose, support, strongly support or have no opinion about the following zoning and regulatory issues.

		Strongly Oppose	Oppose	No Opinion	Support	Strongly Support
1	Encouraging redevelopment of dilapidated or vacant urban areas.					
2	More retail & commercial development design guidelines.					
3	Stricter property maintenance standards (landscaping, garbage cleanup, parked/stored vehicles).					
4	More protection of natural features (steep slopes, wetlands, woodlands, waterbodies, etc.).					
5	More preservation of historic sites and structures.					
6	Encouraging more upper story residential units in downtown.					
7	Encouraging more industrial development.					
8	Providing aesthetic guidelines for signs in commercial areas					
9	Incentive zoning (developer provides amenities such as permanent conservation of natural areas in exchange for incentives such as increased density)					

C. Which of the following actions/services do you want to see happen in the City of Oneonta? Please mark an X on the corresponding line in the response column. (Check all that apply.) Additionally, please indicate how much of a property tax increase you would support to help fund each action/service that you marked.

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| 1. Attracting additional retail & commercial development | C 1. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 2. Attracting additional light industrial development | C 2. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 3. Increased public access to the Susquehanna River | C 3. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 4. Improving the appearance of existing commercial areas | C 4. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 5. Developing additional ball fields and other active recreational facilities | C 5. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 6. Improving the condition of housing | C 6. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 7. Preserving historic buildings/sites | C 7. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 8. Allowing additional subsidized housing | C 8. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 9. Improving public water infrastructure | C 9. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 10. Improving public sewer infrastructure | C 10. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 11. Providing senior housing | C 11. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 12. Allowing additional off-campus student housing | C 12. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 13. Improving library services | C 13. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |
| 14. Other, please specify _____ | C 14. ____ |
| 0-2% 2-5% 5-7% 7-9% | |

For questions D – F, please rate each of the following on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being most desirable and 1 being not desirable at all:

D. Transportation

		Not desirable ----- Most Desirable				
1	Utilize techniques that slow traffic speeds in order to improve pedestrian safety and beautify public spaces.	1	2	3	4	5
2	More hiking and biking trails.	1	2	3	4	5
3	Expand Oneonta Transit Authority service.	1	2	3	4	5

E. Environment and Appearance

		Not desirable ----- Most Desirable				
1	Improve general condition of park system.	1	2	3	4	5
2	Improve litter and street cleanliness.	1	2	3	4	5
3	Increased recreational access to Susquehanna River.	1	2	3	4	5
4	Improve appearance of gateways/entryways to the City	1	2	3	4	5

F. Economic Development in the City

		Not desirable ----- Most Desirable				
1	More retail development in downtown (Main St from Fairview to James Lettis Hwy).	1	2	3	4	5
2	More retail development outside downtown (West End, East End, River Street, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5
3	More industrial development.	1	2	3	4	5
4	More office development.	1	2	3	4	5
5	More arts and cultural opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
6	More tourism related businesses (hotels, restaurants, destinations).	1	2	3	4	5
7	More recreation related businesses (outdoor apparel, recreation equipment, outdoor adventure guides).	1	2	3	4	5
8	Home based businesses should be encouraged.	1	2	3	4	5
9	Health-related facilities including assisted living and nursing care.	1	2	3	4	5

Part II – Needs Assessment

A. What is your opinion of City of Oneonta residents’ access to park facilities and recreation programming? Mark an X in the appropriate column next to each statement.

		Agree	No Opinion	Disagree
1.	There is enough park land in the City to meet residents’ needs.			
2.	More trails should be developed in the City.			
For 3-7, are existing recreation programs available to Oneonta residents meeting their needs?				
3.	Youth (< 12) are served well.			
4.	Teenagers (13-19) are served well.			
5.	Adults (> 20) are served well.			
6.	Seniors are served well.			
7.	College students are served well.			

B. Please write an X in the appropriate column below to rate the adequacy of the municipal services or facilities listed below.

	<i>Municipal Services</i>	Needs Significant Improvement	Needs Some Improvement	No Opinion	Adequate	Better Than Adequate
1	City Hall					
2	Community beautification					
3	Roadway maintenance					
4	Police protection					
5	Fire protection					
6	Ambulance					
7	Library					
8	Code enforcement					
9	Communication from City government					
10	Parking (on and off street)					
11	Other: _____					

C. Please write an X in the appropriate column below to rate the adequacy of the private sector services or facilities listed below.

	<i>Private Sector Services/ Facilities (within the City of Oneonta only*)</i>	Significantly Lacking	Slightly More Required	No Opinion	Adequate	Better Than Adequate
1	Groceries and other convenience goods					
2	Home supply and hardware					
3	Clothing					
4	Personal services (e.g. banking, insurance)					
5	Restaurants					
6	Professional offices (e.g. doctor, dentist)					
7	Business services (e.g. printing, office supplies)					
8	Automotive services					
9	Day care					
10	Accommodations (e.g. inns, motels, hotels)					
11	Entertainment and arts					
12	Special community events					
13	Other: _____					

*see map on the last page for reference

Part III – Household Shopping and Travel Patterns

The following questions are intended to provide information about your household’s shopping and travel patterns. From the numbered list of locations, please answer questions A, B, C and D by writing the **number of the location in the space provided.**

- 1. City of Oneonta*
- 2. Town of Oneonta*
- 3. Cooperstown
- 4. Albany Metro Region
- 5. Binghamton Metro Region
- 6. Utica Metro Region
- 7. Online (relevant only to certain questions)
- 8. Other, please specify _____
- 9. Other, please specify _____
- 10. Other, please specify _____

*see map on the last page for City/Town delineation

A. Please indicate the location of work for those adults in your household who are employed outside the home.

- A. Adult 1 _____
- A. Adult 2 _____
- A. Adult 3 _____

B. Where does your household buy the majority of its groceries? B. _____

C. Where does your household buy the majority of its recurring non-food items (e.g. clothing, health and beauty supplies, household supplies, etc.) C. _____

D. Where does your household obtain the majority of its required medical services? D. _____

Part IV – Respondent Information

The following questions are intended to provide information on the characteristics of survey participants. Please put the number of the appropriate response on the line in the response column. **Please mark only one answer per question.**

A. How long have you been a resident of Oneonta? A. _____

- 1. less than 5 years
- 2. more than 5, but less than 10 years
- 3. more than 10, but less than 20 years
- 4. 20 or more years
- 5. not a resident

B. Are you a:

B. _____

- 1. year-round resident (non-college student)
- 2. seasonal resident (non-college student)
- 3. year-round resident (college student)
- 4. school year resident (college student)

B.1 If a seasonal resident (non-college student), how many months out of the year do you live in Oneonta?

B1. _____

C. Which of the following best describes the location of your primary residence?

(See map on the last page for reference.)

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| _____ 1st Ward | _____ 5th Ward |
| _____ 2nd Ward | _____ 6th Ward |
| _____ 3rd Ward | _____ 7th Ward |
| _____ 4th Ward | _____ 8th Ward |
| _____ Not certain which Ward | |
| _____ Primary residence not in City of Oneonta | |

D. In what type of housing unit do you live?

- _____ Single-family detached home
- _____ Townhouse or two-family home
- _____ Apartment
- _____ College dormitory
- _____ Assisted living facility
- _____ Other: _____

E. How many persons reside in your household?

1_____ 2_____ 3-4_____ more than 4_____

F. Do you own or rent your home?

Own_____ Rent_____

G. Do you own additional residential rental property (or properties) in the City?

Yes_____ No_____

H. Which of following describes your age?

Under 18_____	18-24_____	25-44 years_____
45-54 years_____	55-65_____	Over 65_____

I. What is your total annual household income range?

Under \$25,000_____	\$25,000 to \$49,999_____	\$50,000 to \$74,999_____
\$75,000 to \$100,000_____	Over \$100,000_____	

J. Among the people living in your household, please write the number of people in each age group in the space provided in the response column.

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| 1. number of adults (age 18 and over) | J. 1 _____ |
| 2. number of school age children (age 5 to 17) | J. 2 _____ |
| 3. number of pre-school age children (under 5) | J. 3 _____ |

K. For all adults in your household, please indicate their primary employment status. Please put the number of the appropriate response in the space provided for each adult member of your household.

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| 1. working full-time away from home | K. Adult 1 _____ |
| 2. working part-time away from home | K. Adult 2 _____ |
| 3. working full-time at home caring for my children | K. Adult 3 _____ |
| 4. working full-time at home in home business | |
| 5. retired | |
| 6. unemployed | |
| 7. student | |

Part V – General Comments and Feedback

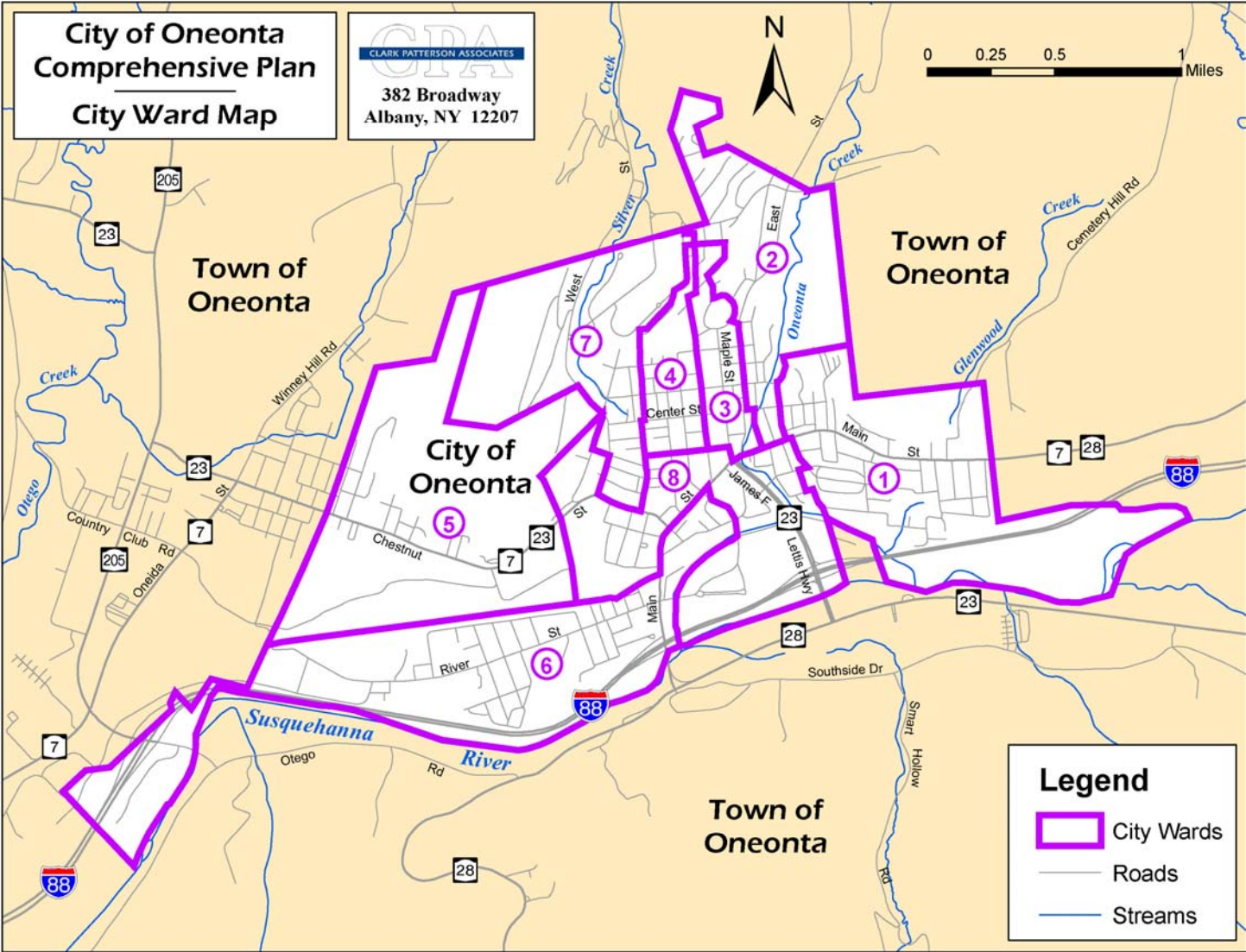
A. What do you like most about living in the City of Oneonta?

B. In the future, what would you like to stay the same in the City of Oneonta?

C. In the future, what would you like to see change in the City of Oneonta?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!



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