

Residential Survey Results
4,935 responses

1. In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

51.9 Excellent
43.5 Good
3.5 Fair
0.4 Poor
0.7 Unknown

2. Would you recommend a friend or relative purchase a home in the Town?

93.0 Yes
2.7 No
4.3 Unknown

3. What do you believe is the best way for the Town of Colonie to communicate with residents?

25.6 Newspaper
14.7 Radio or television
78.4 Town Newsletters,
13.7 The Town's Website
5.0 Attendance at Town Meetings
27.3 Mailed notices of public meetings
4.5 Word of mouth

4. Should the Town encourage the construction of the following types of residential development?

64.4 Single Family Houses
13.0 Apartments, 6 units per acre or less
4.0 Apartments, more than 6 units per acre
20.2 Condominiums
29.5 Town Homes
54.4 Housing for senior citizens
30.6 Housing for young, working families

5. In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been:

29.9 too fast
69.0 acceptable
1.0 too slow

6. Do you believe the Town should require commercial properties to use less or share curb cuts to assist in improving traffic circulation on Town roads?

60.9 Yes
6.1 No
32.9 Unknown

7. Should the Town investigate alternative/parallel transportation routes to reduce congestion on existing Town roads?

71.9 Yes
11.0 No
17.2 Unknown

8. From your perspective as a driver on local roads, please rate the following traffic issues in Colonie:

a. Traffic congestion

41.8 Serious Problem
46.3 Minor Problem
8.2 Not a Problem
3.6 Unknown

c. Design of intersections

16.9 Serious Problem
46.1 Minor Problem
30.5 Not a Problem
6.5 Unknown

e. Too many pedestrians and bicyclists in roadways

8.1 Serious Problem
26.5 Minor Problem
58.5 Not a Problem
6.8 Unknown

b. Road maintenance

14.4 Serious Problem
52.8 Minor Problem
28.1 Not a Problem
4.6 Unknown

d. Inconsiderate drivers

34.7 Serious Problem
42.4 Minor Problem
17.8 Not a Problem
5.1 Unknown

9. From your perspective as a pedestrian, please circle your level of concern with the following issues:

a. Not enough sidewalks

69.5 Serious Problem
27.1 Minor Problem
21.7 Not a Problem
11.4 Unknown

b. Sidewalks are poorly designed

10.8 Serious Problem
23.5 Minor Problem
40.9 Not a Problem
24.6 Unknown

c. Inconsiderate drivers

29.3 Serious Problem
34.7 Minor Problem
21.7 Not a Problem
14.1 Unknown

d. Sidewalk maintenance

10.7 Serious Problem
27.2 Minor Problem
37.4 Not a Problem
24.6 Unknown

10. Which of the following best describes sidewalks in the vicinity of your home?

13.3 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are adequate.
4.6 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are not adequate.
35.4 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is need for them.
46.5 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is no need for them.

11. Should bicycle lanes/corridors be encouraged in the Town?

50.4 Yes
21.5 No
27.8 Unknown

12. Do you currently use mass transit?

2.9 Often
22.8 Seldom
74.2 Never

13. Would you use mass transit if better connections were provided to major travel corridors?

17.3 Yes
41.7 No
40.8 Maybe

14. Is noise a problem within the Town?

13.7 Serious Problem
44.8 Minor Problem
37.8 Not a Problem
3.6 Unknown

15. Is litter a problem within the Town?

8.1 Serious Problem
50.3 Minor Problem
37.9 Not a Problem
3.7 Unknown

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16. Would you like to see more public trails and greenways throughout the Town?

59.8 Yes
19.6 No
20.4 Unknown

17. How often does anyone in your home use Town Park/Recreation facilities?

23.1 Often
42.5 Occasionally
24.1 Seldom
10.3 Never

18. Considering various priorities facing the Town of Colonie for the future, do you think the following should be a high priority, moderate priority or a low priority?

a. Preserving Open Spaces

57.0 High Priority
32.3 Moderate Priority
10.5 Low Priority

c. Expanding Town Water and Sewer Lines

26.7 High Priority
45.1 Moderate Priority
28.0 Low Priority

e. Putting in More Sidewalks

28.7 High Priority
35.7 Moderate Priority
35.5 Low Priority

b. Expanding Mass Transportation Services

19.3 High Priority
43.1 Moderate Priority
37.5 Low Priority

d. Increasing Road Capacity for Vehicles

38.1 High Priority
39.9 Moderate Priority
21.8 Low Priority

f. Putting in More Bike Paths

18.9 High Priority
35.4 Moderate Priority
45.5 Low Priority

19. How important is it to preserve/protect the following:

a. stream corridors

50.8 Very important
26.4 Important
5.8 Not Important
16.9 Unknown

c. wildlife

54.0 Very important
30.2 Important
7.6 Not Important
8.1 Unknown

e. prime farmlands

46.6 Very important
36.0 Important
9.5 Not Important
7.9 Unknown

g. scenic views

55.6 Very important
31.9 Important
6.3 Not Important
6.1 Unknown

b. wetlands

45.8 Very important
29.9 Important
11.7 Not Important
12.6 Unknown

d. historic structures/sites

52.9 Very important
33.6 Important
7.3 Not Important
6.1 Unknown

f. forests and woodlands

56.2 Very important
32.4 Important
5.0 Not Important
6.4 Unknown

20. Are there any special or unique buildings, landscapes or landmarks within the Town that need to be protected from future development?

(Number of Mentions)

149 Shaker Sites
83 Pine Bush
70 Pruyn House
65 Mohawk River
59 Ann Lee Pond

49 Farms
26 Latham Water Tower
23 Parks
23 Riverfronts
6 Erie Canal

5 Trolley Station on Central Ave
4 WPTR Building
4 Latham Schoolhouse
2 Hudson River
76 Other

21. Should the Town of Colonie fund initiatives for the preservation and acquisition of Open Space?

32.7 Yes
7.5 No
51.3 Need more Info
8.4 Unknown

22. Would you be willing to pay towards a future fund that would purchase land for the preservation of Open Space?

21.5 Yes
20.0 No
52.1 Need more Info
6.4 Unknown

23. The following commercial facilities are needed in the area where I live:

11.9 small "corner store" within walking distance (not including gas stations)
1.7 gas station
3.8 neighborhood shopping area (a group of small stores: restaurants, banks, offices, etc)
2.6 supermarket complex (large supermarket with 2 or 3 adjoining stores)
2.5 other (please write on comment page)
80.3 No additional commercial facilities are needed in my area

24. What types of businesses would you like to see come to the Town?

(Number of Mentions)

177 High Tech
111 Restaurants
85 Manufacturing
79 Professional/Offices
60 Retail
55 Movie Theater
50 Small Business
43 YMCA/Recreation Center
42 Services

35.0 Youth/Family Oriented

35 Recreation
32 Upscale Retail
26 Family Owned
24 Bakery
23 Theater
19 Entertainment
18 Medical
17 Supermarkets
15 Outlets

13.0 Book Store

12 Walmart Supercenter
10 Home Improvement
10 Health Food
7 Farmers Market
6 Daycare
5 Convention Center
5 Educational
4 Target
65 Other

25. Overall, how do you feel about the appearance of commercial signs for businesses in the Town?

3.9 Superior
74.1 Adequate
11.9 Poor
9.9 Unknown

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26. Overall, how do you feel about the appearance of the Town's commercial corridors?

<p>a. Central Avenue/Route 5</p> <p>3.1 Superior</p> <p>54.3 Adequate</p> <p>36.9 Poor</p> <p>5.6 Unknown</p>	<p>b. Loudon Road/Route 9</p> <p>11.9 Superior</p> <p>70.1 Adequate</p> <p>11.6 Poor</p> <p>6.3 Unknown</p>	<p>c. Wolf Road</p> <p>27.0 Superior</p> <p>63.8 Adequate</p> <p>0.3 Poor</p> <p>5.3 Unknown</p>	<p>d. Troy Schenectady Road</p> <p>8.2 Superior</p> <p>71.1 Adequate</p> <p>13.1 Poor</p> <p>7.5 Unknown</p>
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27. How important is it for the Town to do the following:

<p>a. improve the physical appearance of buildings and streets</p> <p>31.3 Very Important</p> <p>48.3 Important</p> <p>10.6 Not Important</p> <p>9.6 Unknown</p>	<p>c. preserve open spaces</p> <p>44.8 Very Important</p> <p>36.9 Important</p> <p>9.6 Not Important</p> <p>8.6 Unknown</p>	<p>e. attract new businesses</p> <p>25.9 Very Important</p> <p>35.5 Important</p> <p>29.0 Not Important</p> <p>9.4 Unknown</p>
<p>b. plant more shade trees</p> <p>30.6 Very Important</p> <p>39.8 Important</p> <p>20.4 Not Important</p> <p>9.0 Unknown</p>	<p>d. create more pedestrian friendly neighborhoods</p> <p>37.4 Very Important</p> <p>37.9 Important</p> <p>14.9 Not Important</p> <p>9.7 Unknown</p>	<p>f. require new development to meet design standards</p> <p>41.5 Very Important</p> <p>31.4 Important</p> <p>12.0 Not Important</p> <p>15.0 Unknown</p>

28. Should there be architectural review and design guidelines for new development throughout the Town?

67.3 Yes
11.0 No
21.6 Unknown

29. Overall, how do you feel about the employment opportunities available within the Town of Colonie?

0.2 Superior
46.9 Adequate
11.1 Poor
36.3 Unknown

30. Please rate the following services that are provided by the Town of Colonie:

<p>a. Fire Protection</p> <p>64.9 Excellent</p> <p>23.6 Good</p> <p>1.4 Fair</p> <p>0.7 Poor</p> <p>9.2 Unknown</p>	<p>d. Road Maintenance</p> <p>20.3 Excellent</p> <p>50.6 Good</p> <p>21.0 Fair</p> <p>5.3 Poor</p> <p>2.8 Unknown</p>	<p>g. Planning Board</p> <p>12.4 Excellent</p> <p>31.9 Good</p> <p>13.2 Fair</p> <p>6.5 Poor</p> <p>35.9 Unknown</p>	<p>j. Youth Services</p> <p>16.6 Excellent</p> <p>34.7 Good</p> <p>9.4 Fair</p> <p>3.5 Poor</p> <p>35.7 Unknown</p>
<p>b. Leaf Removal</p> <p>48.8 Excellent</p> <p>32.8 Good</p> <p>6.5 Fair</p> <p>2.4 Poor</p> <p>9.4 Unknown</p>	<p>e. Sidewalk Maintenance</p> <p>10.4 Excellent</p> <p>29.8 Good</p> <p>14.9 Fair</p> <p>6.1 Poor</p> <p>38.7 Unknown</p>	<p>h. Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>9.5 Excellent</p> <p>26.7 Good</p> <p>12.0 Fair</p> <p>6.0 Poor</p> <p>45.6 Unknown</p>	<p>k. Recreational Services</p> <p>23.7 Excellent</p> <p>44.9 Good</p> <p>10.8 Fair</p> <p>2.7 Poor</p> <p>17.7 Unknown</p>
<p>c. Snow Removal</p> <p>42.5 Excellent</p> <p>38.6 Good</p> <p>12.1 Fair</p> <p>3.2 Poor</p> <p>3.5 Unknown</p>	<p>f. Water/Sewer Service</p> <p>38.0 Excellent</p> <p>43.5 Good</p> <p>7.2 Fair</p> <p>3.2 Poor</p> <p>8.1 Unknown</p>	<p>i. Senior Services</p> <p>19.4 Excellent</p> <p>32.5 Good</p> <p>8.4 Fair</p> <p>2.6 Poor</p> <p>36.9 Unknown</p>	

31. What is your age group?

8.0 18-35
50.0 36-59
41.8 60 & over

32. What is the size of your household?

20.5 1 person
43.7 2 people
29.7 3 or 4
5.9 5 or more

33. Does anyone under 19 years of age live in your home?

29.3 Yes
70.6 No

34. Do you have access to the internet/email?

74.3 Yes
25.6 No

35. Do you Own or Rent your home?

90.6 Own
9.3 Rent

36. Do you live in a:

88.5 Single Family Detached Home
6.7 Apartment or Condo
4.2 Town Home/Duplex
0.5 Group Living Arrangement

37. How long have you lived in the Town?

13.3 Less than 5 years
19.9 5-15 years
66.7 More than 15 years

38. Do you expect to be living in the Town of Colonie five years from now?

84.6 Yes
3.0 No
12.3 Unknown

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39. When you are considering options for your next residential move, will the next home be:

- 17.0 Larger than your current dwelling
- 23.5 Smaller than your current dwelling
- 18.5 About the same size as your current dwelling
- 40.9 Don't know

40. Are you employed within the Town?

- 18.7 Yes
- 80.0 No
- 1.2 Unknown

41. Which of these terms describes you?

- 98.9 Town Resident
- 0.5 Non-Resident Town Property Owner
- 0.2 Town Business Owner

42. In your opinion, what are the most positive aspects of the Town of Colonie?

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| 27.1 Convenient Location | 2.7 Youth Services/Programs | 1.2 Town Board |
| 20.5 Schools | 2.2 Golf Course | 1.2 Town Times |
| 18.7 Reasonable Taxes | 2.2 Bike Trails/Paths | 1.2 Affordable Housing |
| 12.1 Safety | 2.1 Town Park/Pool | 1.2 Sidewalks |
| 12.0 Services | 2.1 Open/Green Spaces | 1.1 Highway Dept |
| 10.2 Police Dept | 2.0 Quiet | 1.1 Pure Waters Dept |
| 8.5 Good Gov't | 1.9 Town Employees | 1.1 Planning Board |
| 8.1 Parks | 1.9 Growth/Development | 1.1 Public Transportation |
| 7.4 Shopping | 1.7 Water/Sewer Services | 1.1 Town Band |
| 5.9 Fire Depts | 1.7 Community Feeling | 1.1 New Soccer Fields |
| 5.4 The Crossings | 1.7 Mary Brizzell | 1.1 Schuyler Flatts |
| 4.5 Library | 1.6 Leaf Pick up | 1.0 Loudon Green |
| 4.2 Clean | 1.5 Airport | 1.0 Zongn Board |
| 4.1 Recreational Opportunities | 1.5 Pruyt House | 1.0 Pine Bush |
| 4.0 EMS | 1.4 DPW | 1.0 Shaker Sites |
| 4.0 Neighbors/Neighborhoods | 1.3 Latham Water Dept | 1.0 Riverfront |
| 3.2 Snow Removal | 1.3 Landfill | 1.0 Hazardous Waste Day |
| 2.8 Senior Services/Programs | 1.3 Restaurants | 2.7 Other |
| 2.8 Road Maintenance | | |

43. In your opinion, what are the least positive aspects of the Town of Colonie?

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| 19.6 Traffic | 0.9 Code Enforcement | 0.3 Town Board |
| 9.3 Overdevelopment | 0.8 Community feeling lacking | 0.3 Leaf Pick up |
| 7.8 Lack of sidewalks | 0.7 Recreation Center Needed | 0.3 Loudon Green |
| 3.6 Appearance of Comm. Corridors | 0.7 Planning Board | 0.2 Caters too much to business |
| 3.4 Delinquent/Vacant Properties | 0.7 Litter | 0.2 Too much cronyism in gov't |
| 3.1 Lack of traffic enforcement | 0.6 Lack of Senior Housing | 0.2 On Street Parking |
| 2.9 Road Maintenance | 0.6 One Party Rule/Political Struct. | 0.2 Sidewalk Maintenance |
| 2.4 Airport Noise | 0.6 Parks Needed | 0.2 Golf Course |
| 2.1 Lack of Green/Open Space | 0.6 Latham Circle Mall | 0.2 Water Pressure |
| 1.7 Noise Ord. Needed | 0.6 Town Center lacking | 0.2 Paid Fire Dept Needed |
| 1.4 Housing Too Expensive | 0.5 Senior services | 0.2 Teen Curfew Neede |
| 1.3 Too Much Retail | 0.5 Approval Process | 0.2 Need more Sewers |
| 1.3 Taxes | 0.4 Intersection Design | 0.2 Too tough on businesses |
| 1.2 Lack of Mass Transit | 0.4 Street lights needed | 0.1 Need Nightlife/Entertainment |
| 1.2 Snow removal | 0.4 Strip Clubs | 0.1 Need More Haz. Waste Days |
| 1.1 Lack of Youth Programs/Services | 0.4 Library | 0.1 Need more Development |
| 1.0 Motels/Trailer Parks | 0.4 Crime | 0.1 Lack of Diversity |
| 0.9 Garbage Pick up needed | 0.4 Town Employees | 0.1 Zoning Board |
| 0.9 Police Dept | 0.3 Water Drainage | 0.1 Pool/Town Park |
| 0.9 Water restrictions | 0.3 The Crossings | 6.0 Other |
| 0.9 Schools | | |