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Cross-Section of Colonie Residents to Receive Survey As Part of Comprehensive Plan Review Process

Newtonville, N.Y. – Some Town of Colonie residents may be finding a survey in their mailboxes.

The survey has been designed by the Siena Research Institute as part of the Town's formal review of its 2005 Comprehensive Plan, a process ongoing since last June.

“The survey is designed to query a diverse cross-section of Colonie residents in order to obtain a representative sample of opinion,” said Supervisor Paula A. Mahan. “If you receive a survey, please fill it out. Your response will not be made public and the Siena Research Institute will guarantee both your anonymity and confidentiality.”

According to Siena Research Institute Director Dr. Don Levy, “We have selected a random sample from the Town of Colonie as part of a scientific process which will allow us to get input from those who frequently engage in town meetings as well as others who may have never attended a town meeting. This allows the town to gain an accurate picture that will be representative of all residents.”

Colonie's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2005 to provide a vision and goals for Colonie and addresses key areas such as quality of life, conservation of resources, and development strategies.

Since last June, the Town has been reviewing the Comprehensive Plan in a collaborative process involving the community, a review committee, and external consultants. In addition to monthly public meetings of the review committee, the review process has included six community meetings.

A Comprehensive Plan website allows direct communication from residents to the review committee at: <http://www.colonipedd.org/index.php?subj=77>. In addition, detailed notes from both the committee and community meetings are published there as well.

The objective of the review process is not to replace the 2005 Comprehensive Plan but to determine if there are areas that should be updated or modified.