



Town of North Salem
270 Titicus Road
North Salem, New York 10560

**Comprehensive
Plan
Committee**

April 2009

Dear North Salem Resident,

John White, Chair

Our town is currently in the process of preparing a new Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this work is to provide a clear direction for future decision-making and a framework for zoning and policy.

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To find out more about this important work, and the progress of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, we urge you to visit the town's new website

northsalemny.org

Town Board Liaison
Mary Elizabeth Reeve

You will find us listed under "Boards." All minutes and agendas are located there, along with previous presentations and the town's Aquifer Study. As we move forward, new material continues to be added. All meetings are open to the public, and we always look forward to welcoming new faces and ideas.

Secretary
Janice Will

Enclosed please find an important town-wide survey. Its purpose is to help us further assess our town's needs and additional key issues pertaining to land use, housing, community facilities, recreation, infrastructure and transportation. Our goal is to formulate a realistically strategic and comprehensive vision to help us plan together for North Salem's future.

Planning Consultant:
Ferrandino & Assoc.

We ask that you please take the time to complete this survey and return it to us in the envelope provided.

We would appreciate receiving all responses before April 30.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John L. White, Chair

NORTH SALEM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

ABOUT YOU

How long have you been a resident of North Salem? Less than 5 years 6–10 years 11–20 years 20+ years

Please indicate number of adults in your household: ___ Ages 19–34 ___ Ages 35–55 ___ Ages 56–74 ___ Ages 75+

Please indicate the number of school-age children in your household: ___ Ages 1–5 ___ Ages 6–12 ___ Ages 13–18

Please indicate the main reasons you chose to live in North Salem?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of local schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Its rural character and scenic beauty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I grew up here or my family lives here | <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to employment opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to major transportation routes | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable place to live |

Other (please describe) _____

TOWN SERVICES

Please rate each of the following	I am satisfied with current level	I'd pay more to support this	Reallocate taxes to support this	It's not a town priority
Police Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building/Zoning Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transit services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Quality and Supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior transportation services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____				

WATER

Is your water supplied from a private well or community well? Private Well Community Well

If private, was the water ever tested? Yes No If yes, for bacteria chemicals radiologicals

Would you like the Town to proactively coordinate well testing on private wells? Yes No

TRANSPORTATION

How do you rank the following transportation issues	Very important	Important	Not important
Traffic demand on local roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel speed on local roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic congestion on I-684	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking at commuter stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared roadways with bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermodal connections, park & ride lots, bus to rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation for seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there any intersections or roadways that need improvement? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Which would you like to see? Traffic light Stop sign Roundabout/traffic circle Other _____

Are traffic speeds a problem in Town? Yes No

If yes, where and when? _____

Do you have any suggestions for improving school related traffic? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Do you have any suggestions for improving Mountain Lakes Camp related traffic? Yes No
 If yes, please describe: _____

HOUSING AND LAND USE

How important are the following issues to you?	Very important	Important	Not important
Stabilize taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserve historic features	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect sensitive natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and provide more facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and provide more infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote more businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create more jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhance community character by curbing Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate your opinion of commercial development:	Yes	No
The Town provides sufficient zoning for development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Town is not accommodating demand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Town needs to restrict or reduce its impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments/suggestions: _____

Would you support a zone change in your neighborhood to increase the availability of the following types of uses?	Yes	No
Neighborhood convenience stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speciality stores or boutiques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lodging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments/suggestions: _____

Please indicate your opinion of residential development	Yes	No
The Town is not accommodating demand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Town provides sufficient zoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Town needs to restrict/reduce its impacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments/suggestions: _____

Please indicate whether there is a need for more of any of the following types of housing	There is enough	There is too little	There is too much
Accessory apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duplex housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-family – apartments, condos & townhouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior housing – assisted living, nursing or retirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments/suggestions: _____

Do you think the Town should encourage/allow higher density housing for seniors or for new starter homes? Yes No
 If yes, would you be willing to consider this in your neighborhood? Yes No

RECREATION

Do you think there are adequate recreational and cultural opportunities in Town?	Need more	Sufficient	Too many	Check if you would support?	
				User Fees	Through taxes
a. Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Baseball & softball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Soccer & lacrosse fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Parks for walking your pets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Artificial turf fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Boating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Golf courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Campgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Indoor swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Outdoor swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Walking & hiking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Walking & running tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Bicycle/pedestrian paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Equestrian centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. Equestrian trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r. Gymnasiums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s. Skateboard parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t. Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
u. Neighborhood playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. Cross country ski trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
w. Ice rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x. Music and performing arts facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
y. Visual arts facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
z. Arts and crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which new facilities would you most likely support? You may use letters from above list.

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____ 3rd choice: _____

Which facilities are you least likely to support?

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____ 3rd choice: _____

What's the most you'd be willing to pay for new facilities? Please check one in each column.

Through taxes to build the facility

\$0 - \$100 per year

\$100 - \$300 per year

\$300 or more per year

I do not support new facilities

Through fees to support and use the facility

\$0 - \$100 per year

\$100 - \$300 per year

\$300 or more per year

I do not use recreation/cultural facilities

Do the adults in your household use programs and resources offered in Town?

Yes No If yes, which programs? _____

If there are children in your household, do they use programs and resources offered in Town?

N/A Yes No If yes, which programs? _____

If there are seniors in your household, do they use programs and resources offered in Town?

N/A Yes No If yes, which programs? _____

How satisfied are you with the recreation (public and private) in the Town for each age group:

Seniors

Adults

Teenagers

Ages 10-12

Ages 5-9

Ages 1-4

Please indicate the recreation facilities/resources/programs used by your household and the frequency of use:

Name of Facility/Resource/Program	1-6 times per year	6-12 times per year	>12 times per year
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you use the Town's Library? Yes No

If yes, do you attend programs there? Yes No Which ones: _____

Do you attend the School's continuing education programs? Yes No

Please indicate any programs in which you would be interested: _____

Which is more convenient Day Evening Either

OPEN SPACE

How important is it to you to preserve each of the following in North Salem?	Very important	Important	Not important
Farm and agricultural land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep slopes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land for passive recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land for active recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open spaces for resource protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open spaces for scenic vistas/roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What actions by the Town do you favor to preserve open space and protect important natural resources?

(Please check all that apply)

- Town purchase of private land
- Town purchase of development rights
- Property tax reduction on farms, forests, recreation lands
- Zoning for open space conservation
- Mandated open space dedication from developers
- Transfer tax (buyer) on sale price above the median cost of home
- Eminent domain
- All of the above
- None of the above
- Other: _____

Please provide any additional comments below:

Town Services: _____

Housing, Land Use & Transportation: _____

Recreation: _____

Other: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Did this survey capture your issues and priorities? Yes No

If you would like to be contacted, please provide information below (optional):

Name: _____ Email: _____ Tel.: _____