

“Other” Response to Question 14, Community Quality of Life

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: 5

- Affordable housing for our senior citizens is very important.
- It use to be an affordable place to live. I hope we can keep it htat way and maintain the beauty.
- More low income housing opportunities.
- reduce the min. square foot requirements for new houses.
- Stop building overpriced housing that no resident that works in Ulster count could ever possibly dream of purchasing.

GROWTH: 12

- Curb new building especially subdivisions.
- Growth and increased traffic are neither inevitable or desirable.
- Land developments should be very limited.
- Let's not progress to a standard of living like Rockland Co.
- Limit new construction. Absolutely limit development. Keep open space.
- Limit new development. Save the Ridge. No development of any pristene woodland or wetland.
- Limit number of new homes especially developments.
- Limiting housing and population growth.
- Moratorium on new building, don't want it to become busy and crowded.
- Slow down growth.
- The number of people building homes in Gardiner needs to slow down. Have a moratorium until there is a plan.
- There is a need for a building moratorim while the comprehensive plan is updated.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: 10

- By allowing commercial and light industry into Gardiner it would increase the tax base and would help #3, #5, #7, #10, without increasing residential taxes
- eExpand industrial park-acces thru dresses to rt 208.
- Gardiner should encourage small locaaly owned businesses in the hamlet, but should focus on staying primarily residential. I do not mind driving a distance for shopping and services.
- I am not in favor of encouraging commercial development in Gardiner in any non-agricultural way.
- Need to keep local business in Gardiner.
- Regarding #3, the town's job is not to create business/jobs but to ceate an environment that enables people to create business/jobs; #4: The town should support non-govt. orgs. For this sort of thing;
- Should not become anti-business/development as New Paltz has.
- The town should not be in the development business, the town should not hinder business.
- Town should provide accessible areas for business, but not be involved in business development. "Hamlet" shopping not to big chains.
- We need a gas station in town.And a general store open after 8pm.

OPEN SPACE: 3

- gather more properties to keep free from building money and jobs to maintain land and help our community
- IN favor of maintaining its open spaces and small town character
- We moved to Gardiner b/c of open space. The more we develop the town, outside of the hamlet it loses the charm and allure that brought me here. All the reasons I brought my tax dollars here instead of New Paltz.

RIDGE: 8

- Allow the "Ridge" to be developed but control it to include open space and wild life habitat preservation. If it will happen anyway so lets control it. It will be a good thing.
- Decisively rejecting Awaiting project.
- Save the ridge
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- Save the ridge and improve mainstreet.
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ROADS: 12

- #1 Bigger roads are the last thing we need. This would only encourage more faster traffic.
- #1 Roads should be improved for pedestrian [traffic].
- Gardiner is a great bedroom community, it does not need a plan of expansion. Roads should be bike friendly.
- Lower speed limits outside Hamlet
- One way roads in the hamlet will accelerate traffic.
- Protect the bicycle riders.
- Provide public transportation to surrounding area.
- Question #1 is Biased. Wider roads are less safe. Trucks should use truck routes. Residential neighborhood roads should be left rural to discourage high speeds.
- Roads need to be wider to accommodate recreational bikers on 44/55 and 2999 and major road ways
- Speed restrictions - Bruynswick Rd.
- The road at the bottom of rt. 44 needs to be widened but not to provide for increased traffic, just for the current traffic load.
- The speed limit on town roads needs to be lowered.

RURAL CHARACTER: 11

- It is still possible to live a rural life here. I keep goats, geese etc.
- Keep "small town charm" do not become Long Island.
- Keep rural.
- Maintain peace and serenity of the community.
- Maintain rural, scenic character of town. Thrilled with no changes.
- Maintain town's rural character.
- Peace and serenity
- Please preserve the rural nature of Gardiner.

- Please try to preserve and enhance the small farm town atmosphere. I wish the "town" (near post office) had a larger grocery store for home suppliers like linens towels cookware.
- Preserve the country life, no increase in traffic, shopping and congestion.
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LOCAL SERVICES: 20

- a new official town hall.
- Better snow removal.
- Build the library and town hall
- Expand programs for 12-16 year olds after school. Protect hamlet from any "chains" coming in. Create crosswalks requiring vehicle to stop for pedestrians in the hamlet.
- Fix side walk between pizza place and market.
- Gardiner should establish its own school system. I would pay more taxes, initially, for this.
- Get a police force.
- Get the library built! It would really enhance the community spirit in the hamlet.
- Improve school district!! Stop limiting our area to people who have no vested interest in our schools.
- Library funding
- Library, lets get going. Would like to see a decent grocery store other than Kingston and Poukeepsie
- Library. Lower speed limits outside hamlet. Regular traffic light @ 44/55 Albany Post.
- More space for the library.
- Need a park, in the center of town by the rail trail.
- Need more cultural events. Need a unique café or vegetarian restaurant some small unique shops
- Park needs revamping. Sidewalks in town; yearly junk day.
- Put in a grammar school, it could serve as a center for the community.
- Support local library.
- We need improved services in snow removal on the roads - in timely fashion.
- Would pay extra taxes or user fees for tennis courts.

STAY THE SAME: 3

- Do not change anything.
- Do not spoil quiet little niche in this high-tech, overpopulated, fast-paced world.
- Keep the way it is.

TAXES: 5

- Cut Taxes to farmers or businesses so they can afford to be here. Why should we provide "affordable" housing? Are you thinking about HUD? Anyway, the people could still not afford school taxes. #16 a bad thing to do. #17 a really bad thing to do. Multifamily housing brings more people, more cars, more crime per acre than single family housing.
- Lower Taxes -
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- no increase in taxes.
- Think of tax payers in outlying areas.

WATER & SEWER: 4

- In favor of town sewer, town water, and natural gas.
- Sewage- move the post office never any parking.
- Protecting ground water is a county, state, les gov. Responsibility.
- We should examine where our underground water is in the whole town and adjacent towns so we know where a new hamlet could be located and avoid overdevelopment in areas that do not have the water supply during periods of drought.

ZONING: 5

- Actively enforcing the "quality of life" provisions in the zoning code related to prohibiting noise, odor, light, etc...that are all detrimental to the comfort, peace, enjoyment of Gardiner properties.
- Create an architectural landscape standard and guidelines for developers and contractors.
- Prefer strict zoning to maintain and create a quality charming town. This includes zoning of signage, lights, architecture.
- While clustering is very good, the lot sizes should be kept large enough to maintain quality of life. So the housing does not look too urban and is consistent with surrounding development
- zoning laws to protect residential property

MISCELLANEOUS: 14

- #1 county responsibility. #6 county and state to provide. #12 a must, Plattekill on the move.
- #12 another Gardiner Gables project instead of Library. #2 hooking up to aqueduct (NYC) and giving residents option to keep their wells. #8 Improve conditions of existing softball fields.
- #3 You should not have let a few people drive Stewarts out of Gardiner.
- A mix of rural and semi-suburban w/ some small light industry is best.
- A place where local farmers can sell their products with no les or rent costs.
- Cable access.
- Free enterprise should do this.
- Get a handle on airport and it's owner who thinks he owns this town.
- Hamlet should be more pedestrian friendly and have a tourist office. Affordable housing is not important to me b/c the market should determine the proper values. Maintain scenic beauty, historical and natural resources will undoubtedly increase property values
- It has become a town like New Paltz if that tells you anything.
- Protect and restore historic homes/architecture. Forcefully resist development as there will be many more attempts by developers to destroy Gardiner's beauty.
- Stop permitting official conflict of interest favoring developers.
- The town board should rediscover the resource of this town and keep the quality of this town.
- We have good development. We have more wild life and trees than 35 years ago when we came here. Do not plan our lives and culture for us/