

TOWN OF SCIPIO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC SURVEY 2008

Please answer all of the questions. If you do not have an opinion, please leave the space blank. Your input will help us create a plan that is representative of our residents' concerns and vision for the future.

We greatly appreciate your participation.

SCIPIO AT PRESENT

1. Please rate Scipio in the following areas, listed in alphabetical order.	Good	Adequate	Poor
a. Air quality			
b. Ambulance service			
c. Availability of child care services			
d. Fire protection			
e. Housing			
Affordability: Rental or Purchase (circle all that apply)			
Availability: Rental or Purchase (circle all that apply)			
Quality: Rental or Purchase (circle all that apply)			
f. Internet service availability (specify connection: _____)			
g. Lake water quality (specify lake _____)			
h. Phone Service			
Cellular			
Landline			
i. Police response and assistance			
j. Proximity to employment opportunities			
k. Proximity to health services			
l. Proximity to social services			
m. Road maintenance (specify roads: _____)			
n. School district quality (specify district _____)			
o. Snow removal (specify road(s): _____)			
p. Town Operations			
Animal (Dog) Control			
Assessment process			
Code enforcement			
Planning Board procedures			
Revaluation process			
Town Board procedures			
Zoning Board of Appeals procedures			
q. Trash collection and removal			
Private Haulers			
Recycling (specify service provider: town or private hauler)			
Town sponsored clean- up days			
Transfer station			
r. Water			
Drinking water quality (specify source: _____)			
Drinking water quantity (specify source: _____)			
s. Other (specify _____)			

2. Are you concerned about the following within the Town of	Very	Somewhat	Not
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Scipio:	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned
a. Big truck traffic (specify road _____)			
b. Increased traffic (specify road _____)			
c. Speeding (specify road _____)			
d. Lake water quality (specify lake _____)			
e. Loss of farmland			
f. Loss of natural areas			
g. Loss of open space			
h. Owasco Lake access (too much or too little – please specify)			
i. Other (specify _____)			

Additional Comments about Scipio at Present:

LOOKING AHEAD

1. Agricultural Land Use – Should Scipio encourage the following:	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Adoption of new policies to minimize neighbor conflicts			
b. Farmland protection through long term land agreements (easements)			
c. Limiting the conversion of farmland for non-agricultural uses			
d. Maintenance of the town’s rural character			
e. Niche-farming and agri-tourism			
f. Offering tax incentives to keep land in production			
g. If you farm in Scipio, would you be interested in selling your development rights to permanently protect your land from development?			
h. If you farm in Scipio, what do you plan to do with your farm upon retirement? <i>Please check all that apply</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass it on to children or other family members <input type="checkbox"/> Sell it to another farmer <input type="checkbox"/> Sell it to a developer <input type="checkbox"/> I don’t know yet <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

Additional Comments:

2. Environmental Preservation - Should Scipio encourage the following:	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Enhanced stewardship of the Owasco/Cayuga watersheds			
b. Preservation of scenic views and natural areas			
c. Protection of environmental quality through local laws (buffers, setbacks)			
d. Protection of natural resources (air, water, wetlands, etc)			
e. Tax incentives for the creation of natural areas			
f. Tax incentives for the preservation of undeveloped, natural areas			
g. Tax incentives for the preservation of undeveloped, open space			
h. Should commercial mining be allowed in Scipio?			
i. Should Scipio remain rural?			

Additional Comments:

3. Land Use: Industrial and Commercial - Should Scipio encourage the following types of development:	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Commercial facilities			
Cell Towers			
Natural gas drilling operations			
Wind turbines (commercial)			
b. Cottage (in home) businesses (please specify _____)			
c. Heavy manufacturing			
d. Light manufacturing			
e. Shopping (retail) businesses			
f. Professional services			
g. Restaurant facilities			
h. Should manufacturing operations be concentrated in specific areas of the town? (specify where _____)			
i. Should commercial/retail enterprises be concentrated in specific areas of the town? (specify where _____)			

Additional Comments:

4. Land Use: Residential - Should Scipio encourage the following:	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Affordable housing			
b. Mobile homes on individual lots			
c. Mobile home parks			
d. Owned, multi-unit houses (condos, town homes)			
e. Rental, multi-unit housing (apartments, town homes)			
f. Senior citizen housing			
g. Single family housing			
h. Two family housing (duplexes)			
i. Wind turbines (residential)			
j. Cluster housing (houses closer together with shared green space)			
k. Other (specify _____)			
l. Should residential development be concentrated in specific areas of the town? (location? _____)			

Additional Comments:

5. Land Use: Sports, Recreation and Civic - Should Scipio encourage the following:	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Community center (location? _____)			
b. Farmers' and artisans market (location? _____)			
c. Hiking and biking paths (location? _____)			
d. Outdoor athletic field(s) (location? _____)			
e. Owasco Lake public access (location? _____)			
f. Snowmobile trails (location? _____)			
g. Town historical society/museum (location? _____)			
Land Use: Sports, Recreation and Civic continued...	Yes	No	No opinion
h. Town park – picnic area/playground (location? _____)			

i. Other (specify what and where _____)			
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Additional Comments:

6. Local Laws and Regulations - Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Scipio to address the following:	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Clustering of homes to protect green space			
b. Degradation of environmentally sensitive areas			
c. Design standards (lighting, signage, style) for commercial development			
d. Future subdivision of larger parcels			
e. Land use that significantly lowers surrounding land values			
f. Land use that adversely impacts the environment (setbacks, buffers)			
g. Minimum lot sizes (specify: increase decrease remain the same)			
h. Mobile home placement and site requirements			
i. Property Maintenance			
Upkeep of occupied structures			
Upkeep of vacant parcels and dilapidated buildings			
j. Rental housing inspections and landlord registration			
k. Routine septic system inspections to protect water quality			
l. Siting for commercial wind power facilities			
m. Other (specify _____)			

Additional Comments:

7. Town Informational Activities – Should Scipio undertake the following:	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Conduct an inventory of historical sites			
b. Improve communications with neighboring towns/villages			
c. Improve the town’s website (www.co.cayuga.ny.us/scipio/)			
d. Increase the frequency of the newsletter			
e. Place community events in local papers			
f. Publish a periodic community events calendar			
g. How do you receive information about the Town of Scipio? <i>Circle all that apply</i>			
1. Local newspaper (specify paper (s) _____)			
2. Town newsletter			
3. Town website (www.co.cayuga.ny.us/scipio/)			
4. Other (specify _____)			

Additional Comments:

8. In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges facing the Town of Scipio in the near future
(Check all that apply):

- Accommodating commercial growth
- Accommodating residential growth
- Controlling congestion and traffic
- Improving infrastructure (roads, electric, phone, Internet)
- Maintaining farming and agriculture
- Maintaining the rural character
- Protecting natural resources and water quality
- Supporting community organizations
- Volunteers for emergency services
- Other _____

*Thank you for taking the time to help the Town of Scipio plan for the future.
We greatly appreciate your help!*

Please return your completed survey ***(before April 4th)*** to the Town of Scipio Comprehensive Plan Committee by dropping it off at the Scipio Town Barn or by mailing it to:

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