

SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

TOWN OF TAGHKANIC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY



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INTRODUCTION

The Comprehensive Plan Survey was prepared by the Taghkanic Comprehensive Plan Committee as a means of soliciting input from the residents of the Town of Taghkanic. It provided an opportunity, in the beginning of the Comprehensive Plan process, for the public to identify their opinions on various topics and issues.

The surveys were mailed to 1,745 residents, merchants/tenants and property owners in Taghkanic. Careful attention was given to developing the database for the mailing and a combination of the tax role, voting registry, and first-hand knowledge was utilized in its creation.

A total of 357 surveys were received and tabulated for this Results Summary. This reflects a 20.46% response percentage. This is a wonderfully high return rate and indicates that the local residents, businesses and/or property owners were interested in expressing their opinions on issues of concern to them and identifying subject matters for consideration in the Comprehensive Plan. In addition to responding to options listed for survey questions, most respondents took the opportunity given them to write comments. The Taghkanic Comprehensive Plan Committee was responsible for the development of the survey and sincerely thanks all that responded.

This summary document is simply that. In the pages that follow are totals, percentages and listings of the responses made in the surveys returned. Pages 1 through 7 contain the information tabulated for questions 1 to 27, and question 34. Appendix A contains the responses to questions 28 to 33, the written opinion and comments questions of the survey, and Appendix B is a list of other comments noted in the survey.

The following is general information regarding the surveys received and the tabulation made. These are presented to give a better understanding of the information presented.

- Some of the respondents did not answer all of the questions, or all of the choices for each question, and, had made multiple selections where multiple selections were not expected. Hence, the total numbers for each question are not the same and can be reflective of numbers less than or higher than the number of surveys received.
- Some surveys were received after the extended deadline of June 28, 2006 and were not included in this tabulation.
- For questions 1 through 27 and question 34, the number of responses, by category and total is always noted. A percentage of total respondents is also given unless there are significant numbers of response categories (this was done to keep lengthy data simple and uncluttered).
- The comment responses for questions 28 to 33 are not sorted in any way, they are merely a listing of all comments. As some comments were very lengthy, those lengthy comments have been paraphrased and an asterisk [*] used to identify the abbreviated comment.

This is a significant first step in the Comprehensive Plan development process. This information will be a key element in the formulation of the Comprehensive Plan. The next process step for this data is an analysis that will determine the basic areas of importance as identified by the survey respondents.

Any question on the content of this document should be posed to the Taghkanic Comprehensive Plan Committee (TCPC). This can be done in writing (mailed to Town Hall) or at a TCPC meeting.

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Total Number of Surveys Received **357**

1 Is your property a?

	<u>Primary Residence</u>	<u>Second home</u>	<u>Land Only</u>	<u>Rental</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Multi-family</u>
Responses	241	80	34	1	15	6
Percentage of total	63.9%	21.2%	9.0%	0.3%	4.0%	1.6%
Total Responding	377					

2 Are you a tenant?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Responses	27	318
Percentage of total	7.8%	92.2%
Total Responding	345	

3 Are you a full or a part time resident?

	<u>Full time</u>	<u>Part time</u>
Responses	241	93
Percentage of total	72.2%	27.8%
Total Responding	334	

4 If you are not living here full time, do you anticipate living full time in Taghkanic in:

	<u>1 - 3 years</u>	<u>4 - 6 years</u>	<u>7 - 10 years</u>	<u>More than 11 years</u>	<u>Never</u>
Responses	15	31	19	10	20
Percentage of total	15.8%	32.6%	20.0%	10.5%	21.1%
Total Responding	95				

5 How many years have you lived in Taghkanic?

	<u>0 - 5 years</u>	<u>6 - 15 years</u>	<u>16 - 25 years</u>	<u>More than 25 years</u>
Responses	52	82	58	103
Percentage of total	17.6%	27.8%	19.7%	34.9%
Total Responding	295			

6 What most influenced your decision to live here?

	<u>Born or raised here</u>	<u>Work / commute</u>	<u>Close to family / friends</u>	<u>School district</u>	<u>Rural character</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Crime rate</u>	<u>Town services</u>	<u>Housing cost</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Responses	52	38	74	10	219	40	19	1	63	38	41	
Percentage of total	8.7%	6.4%	12.4%	1.7%	36.8%	6.7%	3.2%	0.2%	10.6%	6.4%	6.9%	
Total Responding	595											
									Equates to	1.7	average influences per respondent	

7 What would influence your decision to move from here?

	<u>School district</u>	<u>Change in rural character</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Crime rate</u>	<u>Town services</u>	<u>Housing cost</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Work / commute</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Responses	25	189	196	48	14	36	19	26	37	
Percentage of total	4.2%	32.0%	33.2%	8.1%	2.4%	6.1%	3.2%	4.4%	6.3%	
Total Responding	590									Equates to 1.7 average influences per respondent

8 Do you operate a home based business in Taghkanic?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Responses	48	259
Percentage of total	15.6%	84.4%
Total Responding	307	

9 How do you rate the need for the following services in Taghkanic?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Personal Services					
Post Office	75	68	186	13	342
Retail shopping	16	38	251	10	315
Pharmacy	28	52	246	10	336
Bakery	16	40	271	9	336
Grocery store	45	96	192	7	340
Liquor store	7	13	294	15	329
Gas Station	89	105	134	9	337
Other	20	14	96	42	172
Town Services					
Town Hall	91	141	96	12	340
Senior Services	56	126	133	30	345
Cable TV	63	77	193	11	344
High Speed Internet	132	93	100	17	342
Youth Activities	51	102	153	34	340
Community Center	38	91	181	33	343
Public Parks	61	90	168	21	340
Library	38	76	208	19	341
Police	80	108	136	13	337
Other	23	5	34	30	92
Other	17	3	34	29	83

10 How concerned are you about the following?

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Concerned</u>	<u>Not concerned</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Traffic increase	141	114	86	7	348
Noise pollution	148	97	98	4	347
Population increase	122	125	92	4	343
Rural character	206	84	52	7	349
Shopping availability	21	64	256	9	350
Burden on Town services	78	144	86	22	330
Recreational facilities	31	85	207	17	340
Open space	176	80	78	9	343
Preservation of property rights	188	90	41	16	335
Lack of housing diversity	34	62	196	31	323
Preservation of agriculture	188	101	51	8	348
More residential density	111	86	90	24	311
Less residential density	40	52	184	27	303
Lack of well water	92	91	132	21	336
Scenic preservation	200	76	69	7	352
Affordable housing	57	113	151	21	342
Excessive speeds on roads	123	121	95	8	347
Senior services	44	135	141	25	345
Other	25	5	22	25	77
Other	11	2	23	25	61

11 Which of the following businesses and services would you patronize or support in the Town of Taghkanic?

	<u>Strong need</u>	<u>Moderate need</u>	<u>Not needed</u>	<u>Opposed to</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Additional restaurants	40	101	156	33	13	343
Appliance/electronics store	7	25	218	79	13	342
Book Store	18	60	212	43	13	346
Clothing store	7	27	234	63	13	344
Convenience store	40	123	121	41	14	339
Dry cleaner	7	29	206	86	16	344
Fabric/craft store	7	24	229	60	24	344
Garden/nursery store	18	101	180	30	15	344
Grocery store	50	121	137	30	7	345
Health food store	19	39	224	44	16	342
Home improvement store	11	34	187	102	13	347
Large scale box store	1	10	149	170	16	346
Multi-store mall	8	22	130	179	8	347
Doctor/Dentist office	27	103	158	42	16	346
Mini storage	2	23	173	135	12	345

Response to question 11 continued

	<u>Strong need</u>	<u>Moderate need</u>	<u>Not needed</u>	<u>Opposed to</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Theater/movies	9	31	180	113	15	348
Music store	6	17	213	89	20	345
Business cluster plaza style	8	31	127	171	12	349
Sporting goods store	14	28	187	96	21	346
Other	6	3	39	28	28	104

12 Would you support more business zoning in Taghkanic?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Responses	110	171	56
Percentage of total	32.6%	50.7%	16.6%
Total Responding	337		

13 Would you support industrial zoning in Taghkanic?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Responses	78	232	33
Percentage of total	22.7%	67.6%	9.6%
Total Responding	343		

14 Should the Town have local controls for the following?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Timbering/land clearing	169	151	15	335
Used car sales in residential areas	226	104	17	347
Noise pollution	249	87	11	347
Flea market	162	152	33	347
Yard sales	71	247	27	345
Signs: type and size	223	104	19	346
Dog kennels and number of dogs	197	118	29	344
ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles on private land	169	161	15	345
Night lighting for dark skies	166	142	30	338
Burning of garbage	193	134	18	345
Unattended pets	253	78	10	341
Junk cars/unlicensed vehicles	260	72	13	345
Litter	292	43	7	342
Other	22	20	26	68
Other	7	20	26	53

15 To help the town to develop recommendations for managing and addressing community resources, please indicate the importance of each of the following to you:

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Agriculture	209	105	20	10	344
Rural Character	241	73	24	10	348
Property rights	216	65	35	14	330
Town purchasing develop. rights	102	86	72	51	311
3rd parties purch. of devel. rights	110	67	68	60	305
Tax base	199	98	20	11	328
Scenic views	202	77	50	11	340
Property values	210	93	23	9	335
Open space	210	71	48	10	339
Protection of historic resources	197	83	43	16	339
Protection of scenic landscapes	198	68	55	17	338
Protection of working farms	230	75	23	14	342
Protection of small/hobby farms	185	88	51	19	343

16 Do you believe Taghkanic should have:

	<u>Tighter land use regs.</u>	<u>Looser land use regs.</u>	<u>No change to present land use reg.</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Zoning Law	138	40	135	22
Subdivision Regulation	158	34	118	22

17 Drinking water source: have you experienced any of the following problems?

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Quantity/capacity	229	75	9	313
Color	237	63	16	316
Taste	217	68	31	316
Odor	198	74	50	322
Contamination	261	41	10	312
Other	59	18	11	88
Use bottled water	118	98	56	272

18 Well: Did your well driller have any difficult time finding adequate water?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Do not know</u>	<u>Totals</u>
20	179	110	309

19 To assist the Town in identification of important aquifers, please provide us with the following well data:

Average Well Depth per respondent is: 215 ft. There were 156 responses to this question

20 Senior Services: Would you be in favor of any of the following to help Senior Citizens?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Meals on wheels	250	48	45	343
Senior meeting place	182	89	66	337
Senior transportation (auto)	213	72	52	337
Senior bus route	167	113	59	339
Assisted living housing	136	136	64	336
Parks & recreation facilities	146	119	69	334
Senior citizen housing devel.	105	161	67	333
Other	14	21	30	65
Other	8	21	30	59

21 Are you aware of services available through Columbia County Office of the Aging?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Responses	149	186
Percentage of total	44.5%	55.5%
Total Responding	335	

22 Should Taghkanic establish a position in the town to coordinate senior citizen outreach?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Responses	148	145
Percentage of total	50.5%	49.5%
Total Responding	293	

23 How satisfied are you with town services?

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Satisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Ambulance/rescue squad	92	129	26	90	337
Fire protection	141	132	6	61	340
Town Board	41	121	91	83	336
Planning Board	43	105	79	105	332
Zoning Board of Appeals	37	90	78	127	332
Building inspector	48	133	52	104	337
Assessors	37	127	120	53	337
Board of Assessment Review	28	79	108	115	330
Highway Department	85	149	61	44	339
Animal Control Officer	39	123	22	152	336
Preservation of town records	34	106	32	162	334
Town Clerk	86	150	19	82	337

24 How satisfied are you with access to the following town government services?

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Satisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Town Hall (hours)	37	120	72	110	339
Phone access to officials	46	122	55	113	336
E-mail access to officials	22	69	67	175	333
Response to residents	32	102	71	128	333
Town records accessibility	29	94	61	151	335
Public notification	31	108	102	95	336

25 Grant Writer - Would you support a "Grant Writing" position for the Town to research and write grants to help pay for town projects?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Responses	180	79	71
Percentage of total	54.5%	23.9%	21.5%
Total Responding	330		

26 Number of people in household per age bracket.

	<u>0 - 5 yrs</u>	<u>6 - 12 yrs</u>	<u>13 - 18 yrs</u>	<u>19- 21 yrs</u>	<u>22 - 30 yrs</u>	<u>31 - 45 yrs</u>	<u>46 - 55 yrs</u>	<u>56 - 65 yrs</u>	<u>66 - 80 yrs</u>	<u>81+ yrs</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Respondent totals	23	28	33	15	22	71	128	136	93	17	566
Number responding	19	24	23	12	17	52	89	97	63	14	410
Ave. by household responding	1.21	1.17	1.43	1.25	1.29	1.37	1.44	1.40	1.48	1.21	1.38

27 The person answering this survey is?

<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Average Respondent Age (yrs)</u>
134	185	57.1

28 - 33 These questions are included in Appendix A

34 Where do you live in the Town of Taghkanic?

Tax Grid #	<u>142</u>	<u>143</u>		<u>172</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>174</u>	
Total	0	10		65	18	15	
Tax Grid #	<u>152</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>185</u>
Total	23	8	9	6	4	14	22
Tax Grid #	<u>162</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>164</u>				
Total	35	46	22				

APPENDIX A

28. What do you consider Taghkanic's three strongest assets?

Beautiful landscape Places of Worship	The Taghkanic Creek Volunteer Fire Department	The State Park Highway Department Snow Removal
Trees, Rural Environment Trees Volunteer Fire House Tranquility of an agricultural community Small Anonymity Location - just close enough & far enough from NYC, Albany Ruralness	Sparse Population Sparse Population Volunteer Ambulance Services Rural Open Range Rural Character	High Cost of Ownership No Subsidized Housing Farmers Quiet No Strip Clubs Transportation- Taconic, Amtrak, Albany Airport
Location-accessibility to parkway, near lake, rural atmosphere	Variety of local eating places	Local country store- Farm fresh produce & flowers, fire co.
Rural Character Low restrictions on living and working	Quiet	Landscape
Rural Character Rural Character Ability to live and work without intrusive Town laws Rural Character Local People	Access to Highways Sparse Housing Open Character State Park(s) Rural	Abundant Water Low Industry Location near Parkway Scenic Views Open Space
Agricultural Community Rural Beauty Rural Nature Rural Character Scenic Beauty Rural Character Rural Environment - peaceful & historic Rural Character Supervisor Young The Supervisor Supervisor Young Supervisor Young Beautiful Rural Setting/Character Farms Rural Character Scenic Views	Taconic Parkway Agricultural Community Proximity to NYC, Hillsdale, & Great Barrington Working Farms Low Density Population Natural Beauty Peace & Quiet The farms/farmers still in operation Assessors Assessors My neighbors whom I trust and who trust me Scenic Views Beautiful Vistas Farms	Friends & Family Proximity to Golf Access to Parks Scenic Views Proximity to Cultural Centers Scenic Beauty The absence of housing developments/dense housing Locality Taconic State Parkway Privacy Rural Character Tranquil, Peaceful, Quiet Atmosphere Rural Character

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Natural Beauty Rural Character	Rural Nature Scenic Beauty	Taconic Neighbors Association Low Population
Rural Atmosphere	Quiet Country	
Rural Atmosphere Our Town Clerk who goes out of her way and above duties Rural Character of the Town	The view of the mountains and landscape	
Rural Character and Township Mix of meadow and forest Rural Character Forested Hills	Low Density Population The natural environment dominates scenery Privacy Plenty of good water	Open Land Low population Beauty Quiet nowhere place
Rural Character of the Town	Lack of overly burdensome rules & regulations	
Open Space/Rural Character Low Population Density - Light use of land Rural Low Density; rural character	Agriculture Countryside is beautiful Farmers Emphasis on agriculture	History Good supply of lake, streams; water table is good Open Space Natural beauty
Rural Character Rural Character Scenic Beauty Rural Character	Open Space People (natives & weekenders) Rural Character Quality of Services (i.e. Highway Department)	Route 11 Scenic Drive (Beauty Highway) Low Population Density Cost of Living
Sparse Population	Trees- or forested hills	Open undeveloped lands/water
Having the Taconic State Park nearby	Rural Atmosphere	
Rural Character/Low Density Rural Character	Dirt Roads/Stone Walls/old barns & fields Low Traffic	Small town government

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Open Space/beautiful views/quiet pace of life	The Taghkanic creek running through town	Friendliness of residents & caring of one another
Open Space	Rural Character	Friendliness
Rural Character	Agriculture	Proximity to Taconic Pkwy, Hudson, Berkshires, Amtrak, NYC
Rural Surroundings	Sparse Population	Location
It's (basically) unsullied terrain & vistas	It's low density of buildings (of all sorts)	It's agricultural character
Wooded parcel and open fields	Watershed	Limited Population, but also diversity of population
TSP	Rural Character	
Rural Character	Rural Beauty	Peaceful
Scenic Beauty	Rural Character	Low Population Density
Scenic Beauty & Rural Character	Low Population Density	Proximity to areas w/exciting culture
The landscaping	Highway Department	
Quietness	Live & let live attitude	
Rural Character	Farms	Scenic Beauty
Rural Character		
Rural Character	Low Population	Privacy
Rural Character		
Rural Character	Open Land	Operating Farms
Rural Landscape	Open Farm Land	Operating Farms
Near to State Park	Highway Grid	
Lake Taghkanic	"Estate like" houses on large tracts of land	Rural Character and Jo-Jo's
Agriculture	Scenery	
Scenic Beauty	Rural Nature	
Scenic Beauty	Farms	Natural Resources
Rural Character	Recreation Facilities	Scenery
Rural Character	Quiet, uncrowded	
Rural/Agricultural Character	Low Population Density	Open Spaces, Quiet Roads
Rural/Agricultural Character	Low Population Density	Open Spaces, Quiet Roads
Beauty of the area	Rural Quality	Pleasant quality of life
Rural Character	The town's people	Fire department
Rural Character	The Parkway (TSP)	Proximity to NYC, Boston, Albany
Rural Character	Scenic Views	Lack of Urban "sprawl" & housing developments
People	Landowner rights - little interference	Rural Area
Can't think of even one!		
Rural Character	Low Population	Quality of living
Rural Character	Agriculture	People
Openness	Scenic Beauty	Quiet

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"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Town's Natural Beauty	Easy access to Major Roadways	
Minding your own business!!		
Open Space	Scenery	Rural Character
Our Open Space	Good well water	The mix of people
Rural Character	Quiet	Dark Night Sky
Rural Character	Farms	Quiet
Lake Taghkanic	Agriculture/Open Space	Scenic Views (remaining)
Open Scenic spaces/agriculture/produce	Taconic Hills aquatic/exercise/events	Lake Taghkanic
Natural Beauty	Relative Isolation	Peace & Quiet
Land/Views	Rural Character	
Rural Character	Not close to city lights- star gazing	Privacy
Rural Character	Small population of the Town	Current amount of undeveloped land - (open space)
No Industry	Agricultural	
Taghkanic State Park	Rural Characteristic	
Live near family	Rural Character	Natural Beauty
Lake Taghkanic	Parkway	
Rural Character	Location within Northeast	Natural Richness
The beautiful Scenery	Overall Friendliness	
Central location to MA & Catskills	Taghkanic Park	
Scenery	Lack of industrial zones	Large plot zoning
Scenery	Agricultural Community	Zoning Enforcement
Open Landscape	Agricultural Quality	
Parks	Land	Lakes
Taghkanic State Park	Convenience to main roads/bridges/parkways	
Husband goes - wife stays home		
Rural	Scenic	Quiet
Country Views	Not overly populated	Original rustic homes
Beauty	Rich land for agriculture	
Fire Company	First Respond	
Country Setting	Schooling	No industry
Preservation of Property rights		
Deer Population	Open Space	State Park

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"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Natural Beauty	Rural Character	Peace & Quiet
The two fire houses	New Forge Road area	Lake Taghkanic
Rural Character	Historic Setting	Historic situation & housing
Rural Character	Scenic Views	Low Population
Beauty	Rural	
Open Areas	Deer & wildlife	Lake Taghkanic
Elizabeth Young	Carolyn Sammons	William Hilscher
Scenic outlook	Rural Qualities	People
Rural Character	Peace & Quiet	Open Space
Clean	Nice Land	Quiet
Scenic	Quiet	Great Highway Dept. in winter time for the most part
It's rural character	Closeness to Lake Taghkanic State Park	
We have a beautiful lake, beach, camping etc. (Lake Tagh.)	We still are not commercialized	We still have farm land
Mrs. Young and her committees	Right now Rural areas but will be lost to over population	Our Town Clerk who does an excellent job
Town Supervisor	Town Clerk	Town Judges
Town Clerk	Supervisor	The Judges
Elizabeth Young, Carolyn Sammons, Bill Hilscher	Ed Waldron	Art Griffith
Elizabeth Young as supervisor	Carolyn Sammons	William Hilscher
Scenic View	Open Space	Quietness/peacefulness
Open Spaces	Low Population	Lack of Noise pollution (quiet)
Agricultural Land	Thriving Ecosystems	History
Scenic Character	Lake Taghkanic	Beautiful Old Houses
Nice People	Nice Area	
Access to Parkway	Land Availability for well planned development	
Taconic Hills School	Rural Character	Lake Taghkanic Recreation
Beauty	Proximity to cultural resources & NYC	Character & mix of residents
Scenic Beauty & quality of rural character	Easy access to other places/services	Lots of room
Beautiful Countryside	Quiet - lack of development	Lovely landscape
The rural character of the county	Accessibility to Lakes & Skiing	Quietness, beautiful night skies, woods
Beauty of Landscape	Hunting	Climate
Rural Character	It's long time residents (20+years)	It's easy going, non regulated style
It's School (Taconic Hills)	The other services can be gotten from other cities. (i.e. Hudson)	
It is fine, mostly agricultural, part business.	Scenic Landscape	Quiet
Rural Character	Ag. Freedom to pursue	Good Highway Department -Esp. Winter!
Rural		

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"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Open Spaces	Scenic View	Rural Character
Low Traffic Flow	Easy access to Parkway	Community minded service peoples
Our history/rural & agricultural culture	Town Clerk	Quiet
Open Space	Clean Air	Quiet
Protected Land	Local Farmer's Markets	Shooting opportunity
Hunting opportunity	Deer Herd	
It's quiet	People who work hard for the town & get nothing but complaints	Reasonable Taxes
Rural Character	Recreation (Lake Taghkanic, High School)	Proximity to Farmland
Low Population/low density housing	Rural Character	Low Density
Agricultural Zoning	Rural Location	Non commercial nature
Beauty	Good People	Access to Taconic Parkway
Rural Quality	Natural Beauty	Proximity to Hudson & Shops
Rural & Agricultural	Unspoiled Natural Beauty	Quiet
Rural Character-views-open lands	Low population limited auto presence	
Fire Company		Natural Beauty
Everybody wants to live here, look at them moving in	Friendly Neighbors	Taxes
Rural Character, low density population	Low crime rate	
Rural Character		No commercial buildings
W.T. Fire Co. strength	Highway Department	Neighbors
Rural Character/farmland	Peace & Quiet	Enough retail w/ diner/gas station
Highway Department	Rural Character	Religious facilities
Rural Character	Scenic Beauty/farm traditions	Scenic Views
Rural Nature	Proximity to NYC	
Rural Character	Farms	
Natural Beauty		Close to Taconic Parkway
Rural Beauty	Highway Department	
Getty Gas Station	Lake Taghkanic	Fire House
Familiar to me	Like the country	Like my location
Agriculture	Rural Character	Property Rights
Rural Scenery	Wildlife	Air Quality

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"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Closeness to T.S. Pkwy. & easy access Rural, Beauty-convenience to Parkway Rural Setting Rural, Quiet	Rural Character- landscape & quiet Family	Lack of big business, condo, etc. = development Scenic Views
Rural Character Rural Settings Rural Character Rural Location Landscape	Family ties Open Space Quite Neighborhood Natural Resources (creek, lakes, ponds)	Local history Scenic Views Access to Stores Rural Character
Maintenance Rural Rural Character Rural Nature It's ag district	Ease of living-relative freedom from over-regulation Beauty It's scenic	Openness to newcomers and new homes State Park It's North Dakota type fields & meadows
Environmental beauty of the area Deer Population Landscape	Quite, Serene area Open Space Lack of development	Safe, rural community State Park Quiet
Hunting Rural: Open Fields, Wooded Land	Nice Roads	Happy People
Rural Character Rural	Quiet Scenic Route	Minimal retail business Open Space
Rural Nature	Liberal & supportive neighbors	
People! Rural Character Scenic Views	People! Scenic Open Space Working Farms	People! No commercial area Historical Buildings
Potential to develop into a truly desirable place to live in future	Great govt. representation due to small population	Small efficient government

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"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Modern, educated, community oriented Fire Dept. Rural Nature	New Forge Road Scenic beauty	Views of the rolling hills and mountains Low Taxes
Rural Character		
Rural	Beauty	State Park
Working Together Ample public access to scenic beauty	Honesty The variety of strength & talent & diversity among residents	Caring about Neighbors Proximity to NYC and Boston
The View	Most of the residents	The space
Large homes that don't belong in the town or county Rural Setting Rural Character Beauty of the countryside Rural Character	Housing that are put up for sale Low Crime rate Dispersed Population Very little traffic	Need no more 4 to 5 hundred thousand dollar houses Scenic Views No Large Government Structure Very low crime rate
Access to Parkway Rural Nature Location Country Living Rural Character Scenic Beauty Rural Lands Rurality Topography	Taghkanic Park Small, widely-dispersed population Scenery Quiet, Peaceful Low Population density-small town feel, quiet! Country Living Woodlands Rural Spaces (farms)	The views Friendliness of inhabitants People View Located close to park, Taconic, Hudson, etc. Old Fashion Values State Park Forested areas
Rural Environment Rural Environment Rural Character Open Spaces Rural Area	Clean Air Access to Parkway & Misc. Locations	Rural State Park & it's services
Rural Character Scenic Location	Fire Company Quiet	People People are nice (neighbors)

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"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Low Crime	Few People	Peach & Quiet
Rural Beauty	Small Town feel/great neighbors	
Rural Character	Town Board	Town Clerk
Rural Character	Town Board	
Low Population Density	Rural Beauty	Taghkanic Creek and Lake Taghkanic
Taghkanic Lake	Keeping Taxes down	Rural Scenic
Rural Beauty	Low Population density	Lake Taghkanic
Farm Land	Rural Setting	Wildlife Habitat
Rural Nature	Low Population Density	Proximity to Lake Taghkanic
Rural Setting	Farmland	Wildlife
Quiet for the most part	Most everyone is courteous & friendly	
The simplicity of the Town Hall-real country	Jo-Jo's Pizza	Ivonne Scherrer
Taghkanic Lake	Fairly low taxes	Rural Scenery
Proximity to Taconic Parkway	Proximity to Lake Taghkanic	Gas Station
Rural Character	Low Crime rate	"Nice People"
Rural -scenic character	Proximity to NYC	Affordable land values
Rural		
Rural Character	Small town feel	Still affordable
Rural Character	Sparse Population	Low costs of homes/land
Agriculture	Open Space	Sense of History
Rural Character		
Quiet	Rural Flavor	Lack of heavy commercial areas
Rural Character	Scenic Views	Low Population Density
Wetlands, Open scenic vistas	rural environment w/working farms	Excellent new school
Rural Character	Wetlands	
Scenic	Quiet	Taghkanic State Park
Rural Character	Close enough to retail services (i.e., Hudson)	Lake Taghkanic
Views & open space	Low density housing	Central location
Supervisor	Native People	Rural Atmosphere
One of the more beautiful country scene in Hudson Valley	Common sense if called upon	Potential to be professional in government
Beautiful scenery		

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"Responses to Question 28 Continued" - Three strongest assets

Agriculture
Rural character
Agriculture
It's an agricultural community
Affordability
Views

Rural Quality
Proximity to NYC by TSP
Open Space
Small town feel
Zoning
Rural roads & landscape

Good Neighbors
Scenic area
Rural
Privacy
Agriculture
Low Density

29. What do you consider Taghkanic's three greatest weaknesses?

Spiraling taxes High Taxes for Landowners	Vulnerability to sprawl Litter on Sides of Land Not able to vote	Bunch of Junk on Land Owners Property, seen from roads
New Residents trying to change the community Liberal far left thinking-we don't need low income housing Property Taxes too High Town Services Not Open to Diversity Lack of strip clubs No Town Center or Post Office Roads could be better	Reckless Promotion of greenway land conserv. restrictions A small core of new residents who think they know best Not open to all citizens & opinions input No High speed internet or cable if wanted	Liberal thinking and Promotion of social programs No high speed internet, just considering deed restriction Good Ol' Boy/Girl Run Government Library where we could meet neighbors, no sense 2 diff. zip's
Lacks a brand name hotel	Could mow & trim more-to pull out of driveway for better visual.	No Post Office or Laundromat
Local Government Increasing intrusions from the Town	Lack of Town Law Enforcement	Highway Cleanup & Road Repair
Inclusion in the Hudson School District Town Leadership/Specifically - Head of Town Council * Attempts to change character by Officials, real estate brokers, & develop'rs Real Estate Taxes (amount & frequency of increases)	Rising Taxes Littering * Towns non-digital way of doing business (poor info. access)	Services not commensurate with taxes Adversarial relationship between Local leaders & new residents Development pressures
* Minority who want to impose more rules and reg's on others Can't get DSL or Cable TV Soaring Taxes		
Noisy Neighbor Mobile Homes Unsightly trailers	Unsafe Driving Badly maintained properties	No restaurants or bakeries
Lack of electronic access - i.e. internet Political Infighting The amount of city-idiot's that live here City people trying to take over Taghkanic Press Town Government insularity and resistance to public input Poor Zoning * Town Super. who limits appt. positions to select group of longtime res. Town Government	City people taking over High taxes Providing recreation for children Fire Department Town Government Lack of Post Office and website Lack of a Comprehensive Plan	Fire Department- (too involved in politics) Can't get high speed internet Lack of affordable housing Taghkanic Neighbors Lack of Comprehensive Plan No Website that post min. of meetings & other important info Inadequate Zoning

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

Threat of development Lack of interest in the opinions of the entire community	Division between full time & part time residents Unequal application of the law	Lack of cable and internet service
It was wonderful till the city people moved in to take over		
City people influx Nothing to do for youth i.e.: roller skating, bowling, other The existence of Taghkanic Neighbors b/c they are dividing the Town	Traffic increase No town baseball games for youth	No high speed internet
Route 82 Development No village or village center Cooperation among residents * Gov't that may not appreciate it can/should pres. town's unique quality	Lack of encouragement by Board for citizen participation High Tax assessments Government does not lend itself to development	
* The existence of Taghkanic Neighbors - they are dividing the town		
Taxes Taxes Lack of action seeking funding for land preservation Lack of activities for youth or elderly, few meeting places Lack of interest in working together w/supervisor & chairwoman Lack of circumspect zoning policies City people trying to run things and change to their liking. High property taxes. Town Supervisor (not working with the Town Board) Unwelcoming attitude to new comers Question conflict of interest in local government Lack of Town Offices for Public Officials The development on Rte 82 is an eyesore No Town Hall with appropriate facilities	Taxes Taxes Need stronger support for agriculture Secretive Town management, until recently apathetic residents. Lack of open government Part time resident -full time "Split" un-even property assessments Highway Superintendent Secretive Town Government. Lack of proper zoning The lack of a unified standard for dirt roads Lack of accessibility of Town officials	Taxes Taxes Proliferation of pre-manufactured housing & building on ridgelines Insufficient communication of both town & popular subjects Keeping the population divided w/ this local/weekender issue Lack of Town "meeting place" civic hall Lack of Communication on major issues. Cronyism Maintenance & consideration for the aesthetics of traveled routes
Uncontrolled development Traffic Overlapping personnel in town agencies Vulnerability to housing developments & speculators	No noise ordinance or that is not enforced Noise Pollution Insufficient citizen interest in open minded town discussions Property owners who neglect property	No hunting restrictions/ordinances Small town government

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

<p>Some members of Town Board do not have open minds Speeding-lack of traffic control on Rt 82 "downtown" Town looks run down Abandoned cars & junk on properties It's extraordinarily long tenure of some town board officials Secretive old-style town government Present Town Hall</p>	<p>Excessive speeding on Route 82 Secretive Town Board & other Boards Car detailing business in town is an eye sore Intersection of 82 & Taconic Pkwy. Appointments *see attached note* Average age of highway dept. & lack of high speed internet No rescue squad</p>	<p>Secretive issues/attitude of most boards. Lack of recreational facilities for children Pruning of road trees need better maintenance Town Hall has shoddy (in appearance) exterior & interior Persons on zoning & planning boards who are uninterested Burning of garbage</p>
<p>Abundance of open space-attracting development Lacking a strong unified sense of community Zoning Board Loss of so much farming land</p>	<p>Possible lack of awareness of the neg. impact of dev. Large weekend population & understanding economic implic. Zoning Board (one of the ZB members is unprofessional disgrace) Attempts of developers to profit mightily masking "destruction"</p>	<p>Understanding implication of large scale development Zoning Board (zoning in this town is a nightmare) By calling it "development"</p>
<p>Lack of community feel Long time one political party control</p>	<p>Lack of Town Park Long time inflexibility to cable in town</p>	<p>Lack of Post Office</p>
<p>Lack of Zoning</p>	<p>Lack of Specific Zoning Regulations</p>	
<p>Influx of Wall Street transplants make taxes go up</p>	<p>Gun Shop</p>	<p>Terrain</p>
<p>Lack of Town Hall with offices and staffed hours</p>	<p>Divided community</p>	<p>Aggressive, ill mannered, unprofessional people who hold town positions</p>
<p>Tax increases Although, I go to the gas station often it could look nicer No plan for the future Taxes The inequality of tax assessment. Insular Town Government Insular Town Government</p>	<p>Noise pollution Noise pollution Junk cars/unkept properties Ignores facts other than comparable price (taxes) Lack of long range planning for the future Lack of long range planning for the future</p>	
<p>Town Supervisor The allowance of burning household garbage Lack of clearly architectural vision for maintaining character Lack of high speed internet How assessments are done! Citidiots</p>	<p>Town Clerk Lack of adequate Town Hall No High speed internet No others How poorly, assessors come up with property value Politics</p>	<p>Town Highway Superintendent Lack of Rescue Squad/Ambulance Property assessments are too high!</p>

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

Poor Road Lighting	Insufficient public phone or roadside phones for emergency	
None (yet) accordingly to this survey		
Constant bickering & back stabbing over nothing	Difficulty in enforcing rules for junk etc.	Too much open government!
Unreinforced laws, rules & policy	Gossip from those that know better	Our lack of vision to control change
Traffic on Route 82		
No Senior meeting place	No Youth Center	Cell Tower that are necessary
No Senior programs	No youth centers/activities	Necessary cell towers
Electronic Isolation (T.V., Internet)	Jobs & Housing for young people	
Lack of Grocery Stores/Restaurants	Land Taxes too high	Garbage/farm dumps
Could use our own post office	Town Center lacks character	
Small Town Politics	Current reactive government instead of pro active	
Taxes	Taxes	Taxes
Roads		
Unequal Taxation	Unattractive government building	Unattractive downtown
Lack of qualified workers (highway)	Lack of qualified workers administration	No Town Center
Lack of government openness	Poor highway maintenance/garage	Wrong people appointed to important positions
None	None	None
Over development	Housing Costs	
No Cable	No high speed internet	Not enough cell towers
No Post Office	Lack of Shopping - Business Service	Lack of Town
No Post Office	No Town to Speak of	No Shopping Area
Noise pollution	Garbage/junk cars/cars in plain view	dumping
Front yard junk piles	Dumping	ATV usage
Control of dogs	Police presence-several break-ins have occurred, incl. myself	Burning Garbage (plastic, etc.) on personal property
Roads Improved	Stores	
Taxes	Taxes	Taxes
Taxes	Taxes	Taxes
Trailer homes	Not enough food courts open late hours	Overly neglected homes should be restored
Poor internet speed		
Assessors	Town Board	The Town Board and Assessors need new blood
High Taxes	Pompous Board Members	Lack of Senior Services & Community Services
Being influenced by outside NYC influences		
Supervisor Betty Young	Zoning Board Chair B. Hermance	Planning Board

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

Increasing Interference Town Hall Poor response to routine questions Not much sense of community	People trying to change character of town No Town Park Lack of stores Lack of stores	Betty Young Little sense of community
Betty Young The new council persons w/own agenda and finger pointing Divisiveness Lack of Public Services Not enough business The corner of Cty. Rte. 10 & Taghkanic Churchtown Town road maintenance in pot hole control could be better Taxes too high for type, age, land formations on houses Fighting between people Taghkanic Neighbors Assoc. (creating wedge) Taghkanic Neighbors Assoc. (creating wedge) The new council person w/her own agenda and finger pointing Erin Edwards High property taxes. High property taxes.	Barbara Hermance Unneighborly ways Lack of Coordination Property Taxes No place for kids to play like other towns Not enough money for Road Supervisor to work with The possibility of an eminent domain rule Writer & Taghkanic Press Taghkanic Press The unneighborly ways that have been brought out Unneighborly ways all for me and the hell with you Unattended pets	Planning Board Richard Graham Caught between Hudson & Hillsdale Property Taxes No regulations for people accumulating garbage Town trying to keep up with the next Big Town Raising taxes as people coming in are paying way too much Not enough businesses & industry Need more business A man w/personal vendettas telling lies Richard Graham and his lies Bears
Loss of agricultural land & open space Proliferation of new housing Turning into Copake!	Lack of protective policies Hunting problems (deer shot in yard)	Perceived differences between "locals" & "newcomers" Lack of attractive village downtown
Developing attitude in Town on limiting personal use of prop. Over development Lack of sense of community	Use of Comp. Plan for zoning to intrude on personal prop. Rights Allowing excessive junk & cars to build up in yards Access to information & awareness of local gov. ser. & people	Attitude toward outsiders sometime negative Division between "weekenders" & "locals"
Terrible tax assessment process Need to pave New Forge Rd from 27 to Klein Rd. Arbitrary property value assessments The new direction towards limiting personal/property rights None Non Responsive Town Government	Town government which is an inbred group School bus, trucks, cars, tractor trailers speeding on New Forge Unpredictability of assessment increases The new trend towards urban conveniences Flawed Assessment Process	Too many hunters Zoning Enforcement The mindset of some officials that we need a Comp. Plan

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

<p>Taghkanic Press Town Workers do not have any regard for private property Rich Graham Bad Neighbors Lack of garbage pick-up Town Supervisor, Young</p>	<p>Taxes out of control Taghkanic Neighbors Greedy Land Speculators Lack of grocery store, no cell phone service Assessor, Griffeth</p>	<p>Erin Edwards Vicious dogs on the loose School taxes imposed on part-time residents Zoning Chair-Barbara Hermance</p>
<p>People with personal vendettas Strict Zoning & Enforcement The lack of responsiveness/availability of Town officials Potential over-development No high speed web access 3 acre zoning should be 7-10 3 acre zoning should be larger No Post Office Fire Chiefs truck should only be used for fire co business. Elected officials cannot make a decision w/o bringing politics Vulnerability of emergency services (fire, paramedic) Lack of fire protection</p>	<p>People who don't respect different opinions Town Services (Road Repair, Infrastructure) The assessment review board Lack of recognition of importance of second home owners Taxes too high Allowing mobile homes Mobile Homes The rampant nepotism of town government Fire truck not for personal use who pays for the gas? Too many people trying to convince the rest how they should live Inflated tax assessments</p>	<p>Rude people/new councilwoman Amenities (restaurants, good food shopping, internet access) Important town mtgs. On weekday evenings-not all can attend No grocery store Tolerating junk on properties Allowing junk cars on lawns It's too easy for outsiders to take over the town Lack of land use plan</p>
<p>Cost of gas for chief's truck for personal use - for shame No real "town" to speak of Taxes Sudden rise in property values/taxes</p>	<p>Nor services at all--can't buy milk or even a newspaper Tax assessment procedure Not enough information re: town planning for part time res.</p>	
<p>Lack of gun control</p>	<p>Racist attitudes</p>	
<p>Potential over control of prop. Rights & decrease in value land Too many junk cars on property</p>	<p>Lack of residents to clean up their property</p>	<p>Absentee landlords who aren't responsible for the outlook</p>
<p>Blight to the town such as: Unkempt property Nothing Too many family members involved in politics</p>	<p>Junk cars- uncontrolled appearance of homes Town Clerk not in office at Town Hall</p>	
<p>Taxes</p>		
<p>Poor & late mailings about town affairs</p>	<p>High Tax assessments</p>	

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

Lack protective zoning		
Lack of vision for the future This is not a community! High Taxes Poor Road - i.e. New Forge Rd. 2	Being vulnerable to "city-money-power" 7 acre zoning No community center for kids	Old timer GOP attitudes High traffic No access to town officials
Over regulated (building codes) Development Taxes Increasing amount of second home residents	Lack of input by long time residents! Taxes Price of Homes Lack of services of competition	No children's parks/7 acres zoning Housing Cost Speed of Traffic Proximity to the parkway
Can't think of any. I'd be happy if Tagh. Continues as is Services for taxes High Taxes Town Services Too close to New York City	Bad School District Too little faith	Same people in office too long. It's the stop between New York City & Florida
Level of taxes (too high) vs. community services (not enough) Supervisor Betty Young Lack of control on new development	More effort to balance budget instead of raising taxes. Zoning Board Chair B. Hermance Lack of support for farmers	Planning Board
Systematic Valuation based on town	Services & desirability of house & land in addition to current factors	
Taxes not commensurate with service-too high! Lack of high speed internet	No communication from Town Board re: mtgs, activities Lack of cable TV	Too much control over private properties-subdiv; buildings. Increase in mobile homes on scenic drives
Lack of cell phone service (Sprint)	Lack of cable or local TV service	
Lack of a Post Office No DSL Over Population	Dilapidated appearance of highway garage	
Lack of plan to guide the town to become desirable place	Lack of recreational park lands (town)	Loss of open space

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

Town failure to be proactive to preserve the Town
Beginning of new development

ATV'S/Snowmobiles

Services for taxes

New comers don't understand rural life
A secretive "old way" town infrastructure

No Cable internet
Town Roads

Letting more people move on the land then sell
High Taxes
Policy of influenced by non-residents
Junked care & other trash allowed
Lack of a Town Center

The Board
Policy of influenced by non-residents
Too many subdivision regulations
Highway Dept. gives poor service
Population Increase
No community center
High Taxes on rural land
No Town Newsletter
Speeding on roads
Accountability in gov't

Lack of broadband internet-wifi, cable, etc.
Yearly tax assessments

Lack of town park
Too much litter on roadsides (garbage)

Speed

Rights being given away to appease others
Lack of affordable access to high speed internet

Letting people build on hay lots
Lack of enforcement of zoning (etc) cost of litigation
No high speed or cable/internet access
High Taxes (School)

No control on the prefab homes
Business Dist. Should be more attractive
Taxes
Too much development

No high speed internet

Speeding of Vehicles on many roads
Quality of some "all weather" roads
More open in board meetings

Town Hall Building
No post office

Lack of town clerks office
Lack of certain services such as garbage pick up

Taxes

No common sense-\$1,800 worth of flowers could have helped seniors
Class based resentment between full and part time res.

Us taxpayers are paying for them big houses

Declining Agriculture

Slow resistant to tighter changes of environmental concerns
Inability to enforce zoning
Moratorium
Too much traffic @ high speeds

No access to organic food

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

High property taxes. 55 mph through West Taghkanic on 82 I am not aware of any, except do not have own Post Office	High School Taxes Lack of communication from officials	Too many democratic politicians which will drive out residents
Lack of Post Office Hudson's drinking water being taken out of Tagh. Creek Assessment Review Hudson getting its drinking water from Taghkanic Creek!! Over development Elevation in Taghkanic Creek due to diversion of water to Hudson Over development Very poor phone service (also internet) No garbage pickup Assessment Review Board	Internet access (DSL) Slow to establish proper speed limits on well traveled roads Town needs some new scenery No cable High Speed Internet Access Very poor choice for television service Small minded politics Towns need a wake up	Living at the end of unpaved Sopok Rd. Slow internet service-no cable Town Hall building Slow internet Poor secondary road conditions No place for children to gather & play Thanks to Grif! Town Hall building
Road Maintenance Tax increases if they continue Town is too small	Grass Cutting lack of zoning plan (It is very good if now being done) Roads need to be improved	Culvert Maintenance Lack of services like cable, etc.
Too many weekenders who don't contribute to community Lack of cohesion on town committees (like town board) Small views	Pickering between parties (republication/democrat) Old ways are fine	School district (Hudson) State highway speeds & traffic
Lack of high speed internet Taxes are too high for services provided	Meddling outsiders Lack of high speed internet access	Communication & dissemination of information Lack of stricter zoning laws
Mobile homes with trash Inadequate zoning to preserve rural character	Litter & trash deposited on sides of roads	Lights on at night at school waste of energy
No there enough Higher & Higher taxes High property taxes.	No opinion Poor road maintenance	Not enough to do
Road Maintenance	Grass Cutting	Culvert Maintenance
Bickering lack of professionalism No town center	Not enough openness in local government Lack of "community" feeling b/c of no town center	Too much sophomoric conduct by town board members

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"Responses to Question 29 Continued" - Three greatest weaknesses.

Town Hall building/access	Road repair	No post office
Lack of services	Poor dirt roads	Narrow dirt roads w/ obstacles on corners (trees)
Road Repair	Lack of Post Office	Town Hall building
Fear of losing 3 strongest assets listed		
Fine as is		
Dog noise	Burn barrels	Speeding on low speed road segments in hamlets

30. Of the issues addressed in this survey list three you consider to be good uses of municipal funds.

Anything that would help preserve farm lands Meals on Wheels	I am not interested in a lot of infrastructure Senior Transportation Lowering taxes	Improve the Town Hall Senior Services
Road up grades/Maintenance Road up grades/Maintenance Services for Seniors	Internet access - advocacy Paying for Town workers Bus Transportation for Seniors	Advocating for High Speed Internet
Preserve Records NOW Parks and Recreational Facility Need some "glue" i.e.. Post Office, library, ball field, mtg. hall Park - Playground	Road Maintenance Roads	Regular Professional Assistance- Planning & Zoning Mtg.
Fire Company	Roads- Plowing and Repair	
Historic Preservation None, to be honest	Rural Preservation	Stop Subdivisions/Protect Environment
Planned Land Use Development management Grant Writer Protection of Rural Character (farms, scenic views, open space)	Protection of Environment - Natural Resources Preservation Rural Character	Consideration of Senior Services Traffic Restrictions
Cutting taxes		
Improve the Town Hall Building Keeping Planning/Zoning Laws current & in logical order	Enforce Ordinances (if we have any) New Town Hall & Highway Department Building	
Rural Preservation Land use regulation Preservation of Rural Character Increasing Internet Access New Town Hall Programs for Senior Citizens New Town Hall Town Park Preservation of Rural Character Improve Roads Creating a Comprehensive Plan that will preserve rural char. Purchasing Development Rights	Farmland Preservation Preservation of rural character through conservation trust Sustainable agriculture development Scenic Preservation Senior Services Park for the Children Town Park New Town Hall Completion of Comprehensive Plan & Follow-up Purchasing Land High speed internet for all residents Better Communication with Town Government	Sensible Zoning Laws Preservation of family farms Road Maintenance Outreach to Seniors - low income Town Park Preservation of Agriculture Senior Services Senior Services Useful Town Website Paying Professional to Write Comprehensive Plan Town purchasing development rights Better Zoning and Planning

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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

<p>This Survey Zoning Enforcement</p>	<p>Protection from noise & other environmental pollution Unable to answer because we don't know how the money is spent</p>	
<p>Town Roads Having a grocery store to our area Maintenance of Town Roads</p>	<p>Town Government Dentist office to our area</p>	<p>Youth activity for all ages, esp. teenagers</p>
<p>Fire Department Highway Improvement Compensation for elected personnel Maintenance of Town Roads</p>	<p>Elected Officials Salaries Senior Services Fire Department</p>	<p>Plowing Roads in Winter Keeping roads open in the winter</p>
<p>Land preservation New Town Hall with community meeting place Open Space Thoughtful zoning</p>	<p>Protection/support of farming for young farmers Explore using Fire Co. for meeting place for civic groups Help for Farmers Preservation of rural character</p>	<p>Regulations on environmentally damaging practices Explore commercial alliances to get cable, cell, & internet Emergency Encouragement of agriculture</p>
<p>Highway Department Beautification of Town More adequate town hall Senior Services Town Hall New Town Hall to accommodate all town services</p>	<p>Fire Protection Restoration of historic buildings/sites Marketing facilities for communicating groups Fire Dept./Rescue/ all Service Highway Garage Fire Dept. and elected officials salaries</p>	<p>Senior Services Fixing Dirt Roads (Paving) Activities for youths & seniors Purchase for new Town Hall Winter snow removal on roads</p>
<p>Helping senior citizens live more independently</p>	<p>Create and enforce a noise ordinance (i.e. ticket loud vehicles)</p>	
<p>Completion/implementation of the comprehensive plan ASAP Traffic Signs</p>	<p>Town Website Road Maintenance & Plowing</p>	<p>Central Town Record Storage/Access</p>

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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

Parks, Open Space & Recreation Recreation Facilities Protect open spaces Mountain Rural nature Do Municipal fund apply to P.O.? If so Yes spend it Keeping Taghkanic rural Fire Company Town purchase development & rights Work w/ Columbia Land Conserv. & explore cons. Measures Bringing Taghkanic into the 21st century Parks Post Office Protect Land Protecting Rural Character Highway Department Road Maintenance PT Coordinator for Seniors Road Maintenance Development of Comprehensive Plan Development of Comprehensive Plan Noise pollution enforcement Preservation of town record Rescue Squad/Ambulance Creating clear character to maintain rural character Fire-Rescue Services Highway Department	Proper Town Hall & hours of operation A proper Town Hall with more accessibility Enforce zoning Enforce zoning Ambulance Service Planning for smart and limited growth Rescue Squad Encouraging Agriculture Explore community preservation act Planning Town Park Ambulance/Rescue Squad/ Fire Department Police PT Grant Writer Protection of rural/agricultural character of the town Protection of rural/agricultural character of the town Enforcement of zoning laws Grant Writer Sanitation Service Highway Services	Tree plantings and green strips Restrict & discourage developers Increase zoning requirements Funds to keep land developers from so doing Park Preserving rural character Explore programs to encourage farming Town Hall High Speed internet access Preservation of open space Preservation of open space Preservation Town Hall/Town Park Fire Protection
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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

Upgrade all roads lighting		
Noise Control		
Salt Shed is needed	New Town Hall & Storage	Voting Machine update
Update our master plan	Build legal town hall offices	Buy required voting machines
Senior Services	Zoning to preserve rural character & town buying dev. Rights	
Repair of "Town Roads"	Any ponds cleared of algae	Ditches in front of lawns cleaned out of sand & stone from rd.
Keep our roads in good condition -small roads also	Removal of road trees which pose a problem	Necessary funds for Town Board, Assessor, Clerk - etc.
Maintaining rural character	Improving TV, internet access	Senior Services
Keep up roads	Enforcement of zoning	Excess lights/noise (not agricultural)
Build a new Town Hall & Records room	Rec Center for youth(s)	Fixing bad town roads
Plowing & Road Maintenance		
Lower Taxes	Roads	Lower Taxes
Keeping Rural Character	Keeping Agriculture	Senior Services
Maintenance of Town Buildings		
Purchasing Development Rights	Maintenance & Appearance of Town Buildings	
Grant Writer Position		
Attract Business & Service		
Attract Business & Service		
Creation/enforcement zoning & noise regulations	Emergency services	Beautification of town property
Emergency Services	Conservation	
Maintaining good drainage of water on roads/done regularly	Snow Plowing	
Help Seniors	Housing	
Roads	Snow Plow	
Roads	Snow Plowing	
No opinion		
Upkeep of roads		
Senior Services	Youth Center/Activities-rather than posting Town Hall Area	Town Services
Giving it back to tax payers		
Senior Center	Highway Services	Small Business (i.e. grocery store)

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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

Fire Department New Town Hall	Route 82 Business District	New Town Park
Road repair & upkeep Road Maintenance	Snow Plowing	
Senior Services Youth Parties Establishing appropriate zoning Youth Facilities	Highway Services Four Town Community Day Coordination of population issues (i.e. aging) High speed Internet	Small Businesses Senior Program meals, drivers, flu shots Assessment & issues for all Community Center
Town Park with more than one park bench Support for Fire Companies Highways #1 To update Town Clerks equipment to keep up with state Town Park New Town Hall Youth parties & Senior programs and community days Community Day for Town	Public Events Any schooling necessary to keep everyone on same page New Town Hall Rec. Park Highway Dept. Youth Parties	Highway Garage Highway equipment updates to keep town in good shape Senior Housing Senior Services Assessors Senior help meals, driver, flu shots
Helping Seniors Support for agriculture Preservation of old buildings	Preservation of ecosystems Open space acquisition	Preservation of open space Tax break for farms
None-spend money on roads, fire protection & ambulances		
Maintaining Roads Enforce regs. concerning excessive junk & cars on Bershire Rd. The survey itself Roads Strong Zoning! Paving dirt roads used by commercial vehicles Police Highway Department Police Stronger Zoning Laws	Fire Protection General maintenance of roads & infrastructure Zoning, planning board, bldg. permit issues Limit Sub-divisions Trash collection (recycling) Roads Fire Protection Fire Highway Maintenance	Ambulance Service Better Town government & open process Town Board Business Cluster Plaza Style More open & accessible Town Government

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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

Preserving Rural Character

Garbage collection or a town refuse drop off with no fees
Town Clerk
Control of land speculators
Free garbage

Town Hall
Strict Zoning control enforcement
Road Maintenance
Examination of zoning code
High speed web access
Fire Protection
Stricter zoning
Road Maintenance

Repairing the towns roads
Emergency Services

Town road repairs - necessary
Cleaning up people's junk-abandoned cars, falling down blgs
Meals on Wheels
Zoning Enforcement

Roadside litter control

Policing
Senior Projects

Highway Department
Highways

Fire Department

Ambulance & Fire protection

Fire Protection
Control of zoning to favor large lots

Grant Writer
Town Recreation Facilities
Senior Services
Road care
Road repair
Snow Plowing/Road Maintenance
Financial preservation awards

Spend tax monies to see everyone pays his/her fair share
Targeted development rights

Restoring the church in hamlet of E. Taghkanic on Rte. 27
Scenic Views
Senior support/outreach

Enforcement of zoning codes

Highways

Senior Citizens Bus
Fire Company

Police Dept.

Control of speed on roads

Highway Department
Encourage more agriculture

Etiquette Lessons
Road Improvement
Environmental Protection
Emergency Services
Helping the under privileged
Establish Preservative standards
Nature reserve

Enforcement of plan

Highway department

Ambulance

School Dist.

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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

Seniors		
Really developing a plan to keep the rural character	Develop controls to keep the "abusive" behaviors at bay	
Keeping our road litter free		
Park	Keeping rural setting	Notification of changes going on
Road pave New Forge Rd!		
Highway Department		
Children parks	Keeping rural setting	Notify long time residents of pending changes
Senior Center	Rec. Park	Cable/High Speed Internet
Road Repair	Programs for the residents	Repair Town Garage (we don't need flower beds along 82!)
Highway maintenance	Schooling Taghkanic Hills H.S.	
Highway Department	Senior Citizen Transportation	
Roads	Fire Protection	Police Protection
Target Range for gun & bow	Hunting Land for public use	
Better development control	High speed Internet access	Protect more land
Highway	Fire Protection	Ambulance/Rescue Squad
Recreation Facilities	Scenic Preservation	Obtaining high speed internet access
Grant Writers	Stricter enforcement of zoning laws	If possible, purchase of building rights
Fire Protection		
Protection of natural resources & farmland	Affordable housing options	Balance growth with quality of life
Town Hall	Park/recreation center w/adequate parking & meeting space	
Highway Maintenance	Fire Department	
Preserve our greatest asset- open space	Town Parks & trails/bikeways	High speed internet

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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

Grant Writer Libraries	Town center development Parks	Clarifying town zoning & planning laws Police
Highway Department A town hall/community center	Fire Company Scenic Preservation	Ambulance/Rescue Squad High Speed internet access
No opinion Fire Protection Long range planning re future development Supporting Agriculture	Highway Maintenance Planning for Senior Citizen needs	
Alternative Energy Fire Department	Senior Services Road maintenance	Protecting green spaces Response to public concerns
Senior Services	Shopping/Stores	Tighter regulations for res. Zoning
Post Office Road Services Safety of residents Monitoring (enforcement) of development (zoning & planning) Road & Equipment upkeep	Health Food Store Planning Building codes	Library Zoning Life & safety suggestions to older residences to get up to code
Roads Roads	Rescue Squad Rescue Squad	Library Library
Farmland Protection Road Improvement	Environmental Protection Water/Air Emergency Services (Fire)	Highways
Animal control-leash law & fencing for pets & farm animals	Noise	Unlicensed vehicles

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"Responses to Question 30 Continued" - Three good uses of municipal funds.

Highway Too Vague a question	Cable & high speed internet	Communication-email
To preserve Taghkanic's rural & agricultural character Roads Protect & preserve farming & rural character	To control burning of garbage & dilapidated blgs & trailer parks 4th of July fireworks @ Lake Taghkanic Control burning of garbage/litter	To control junk yards- (used junk cars) Control junk & unlicensed cars
Helping seniors Bring all roads up to state codes! Safety is an issue! Lowering Taxes Roads Preserving local character/zoning	Better communication services No new Town Hall/Invest in what you have Fireworks at Lake Taghkanic Speed limit enforcement	Senior citizens services Garbage pick up Environmental preservation/pollution control
Maintain rural character Improve Town	Old people (protection of) Improve Roads	Add services
Grant Writer Scenic Preservation Town Hall Town Roads Research what it would take to get cable & high speed internet Providing high speed internet access and/or cable TV	More frequent staffing of Town Hall Preservation of rural character Speed & traffic controls Fire Protection Bandwidth cable Otherwise I would prefer lower taxes	Kids activities More access to technology (cable/internet) Recreation Find ways to reduce taxes
Develop tighter zoning to control development	Snow removal and road maintenance	
No opinion Highway repair Better road maintenance	Cheap transportation for seniors cable TV & cable broadband service	Fair & accurate property assessments
Long range plan to prevent booming Develop business center	No predictability in tax issues; go slow Diversify housing choices	

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New Town Hall	Town Park	Road Maintenance
Better roads - more paving of dirt roads	Lower property taxes	More fair assessments
Park	New Town Hall	Road Maintenance
Grant Writer	Better notification of events	
If its not broken don't fix it		
Road Maintenance	Fire	Ambulance (shared with Greenport)

31. Please list three favorite spots in the Town.

The State Park Extra Mart	Taghkanic Creek Jo-Jo's Pizza	Williams Lumber Center
Home Home Williams Lumber	Beauty Highway Beauty Highway Taghkanic Diner and Star Restaurant	Jo-Jo's Post Hill & Nostrand Road Intersection Extra Mart
Beauty Highway Our House New Forge Falls and State Forest Our House	County Rt 10 between Taconic & 27 Lake	Farms Our house & Road- 200 yr. old house & old walls, etc.
Wooden Nickel & Jo-Jo's	Taconic Orchards, Lake Taghkanic	Meth. Church Hall (enjoy their flea markets & suppers)
Taghkanic Reservoir Skoda Farm	Taghkanic Creek West Taghkanic Diner	Lake Taghkanic
State Park Route 82 Diner So subjective a question as to be ridiculous Lake Taghkanic State Park	Old Route 82 County Route 11	Jo-Jo's Route 23 Diner
State Park Lake Taghkanic Park State Park My Home Beauty Highway County Route 27	Old Forge Our House Taghkanic Diner State Park Lands County Rte. 11 between 23 & Woodland Road Beauty Highway	Home View of the Mountains Wooded areas I still have access to for hiking Back yard
West Taghkanic Diner Beauty Highway Lake Taghkanic	Manor Rock Road Martindale Road	Taghkanic State Park New Forge Road
Lake Taghkanic Lake Taghkanic My Home Route 11 - Beauty Highway Manor Rock Road - beautiful dirt road Beauty Highway	Forges Forges Lake Taghkanic State Park Tompkins Road County Rte. 11 - Beauty Highway Reservoir Road	Taghkanic Creek Taghkanic Creek State Forest Reservoir Road Route 82 Diner in West Taghkanic Churchtown-Taghkanic Road

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

My own property The Beauty Highway (11)	Hickory Trails - Land Conservancy	All protected lands- forests, farms
My Home	Lake Taghkanic	People getting along with each other
Lake Taghkanic		
My house & property view of the mountains Lidos Game Farm	Lake Taghkanic State Park	
Tompkins Road Maryburgh Forges Every place where you see forested hills & open fields	Route 27 from East Taghkanic to Route 7 Lake Taghkanic	
Lido's Game Farm		
Farmlands Bridge over creek on County Rte 10 Route 11 My home	Wetlands County Rte 27 & Taghkanic Churchtown Road Lake Taghkanic Route 11A between Beauty Highway and 23.	Woodlands County Route 10 & 11 through East Taghkanic Diner in West Taghkanic/ Jo-Jo's Snydertown Road
Most of Taghkanic Beauty Highway Drive along Taconic Parkway New Forge My Property Every example of mid-19th century architecture My house Lake Taghkanic	Wooden Nickel Scenic beauty of East Taghkanic Highway 11 There is no one wonderful place- all the hills and meadows My property Jo-Jo's Pizzeria with gas pumps	Jo-Jo's Pizza The road I live on
My home (but I don't like its surroundings as much)	New Forge State Forest	Area at intersection of Rte 27 & New Forge 1

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

Views of Catskills, Taghkanic Creek, & Beauty Highway Taghkanic Creek Churchtown Taghkanic Road Taghkanic State Park New Forge Road by the Creek Views from Cty. Rte 10 Lake Taghkanic	Views of Skoda Farm & surrounding area. Beauty Highway Beauty Highway Taghkanic Churchtown Road Former Hamlet of Taghkanic (Rte 27) Open fields on Cty. Rte 11	Animals on numerous farms and 3 very nice restaurants Several view of the Catskills Reservoir Road
New Forge Forest where the water tumbles down the rocks New Forge Forest My Home	Cty. Rte. 10 looking East above Stromier Road Scenic view on Cty Rte. 10 down hill to Route 27 Lake Taghkanic	Manor Rock Rd. entering from Craryville Rd. Beauty Award Highway
Lake Taghkanic My Home Route 27 Beauty Highway Beauty Highway My Property	Cty. Rte. 11 Taghkanic High School Pool Falls @ New Forge Falls @ New Forge Forge	Any "back" road to walk on View towards Taconic Range @ Rte. 27 & New Forge Rd. Route 7 from Copake Lake to Beauty Highway
Lake Taghkanic My Home & Property Lake Taghkanic My Yard & Garden Lake Taghkanic Cows on Cty. 10 The road I live on The road I live on Beauty Highway New Forge Rd. Jo-Jo's View from Post Hill Rd. Of blackhead mtn. Our Home My Home My Home Taghkanic Diner	Taghkanic Creek DEC Falls Views on County 11 & 11A County Route 11 - Beauty Highway County Route 11 - Beauty Highway Beauty Award Highway Lake Taghkanic View of Berkshires What else is there!! New Forge Park	County Rte. 10 Beauty Highway My House

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

Jo-Jo's Pizza	Wooden Nickel	Lake Taghkanic
All		
Town Highways & back roads & views	Forge Stream & bridges	Lake Taghkanic that really is Gallatin
Manor Rock	New Forge Forest	Our place
My Home		
Lake Taghkanic State Park	Taghkanic Creek	
Lake Taghkanic	Taconic Hills Community Events	Taconic Hills Pool & Exercise Room
Taconic Hills school events, aquatic area	Lake Taghkanic	On Route 82 (3 restaurants existing)
Beauty Highway	Martindale Road	New Forge Road
My own property	Driving along rural roads	
New Forge Bridges (Water way underneath)	Beauty Award Highway	View shed while driving on County Route 10
My home		
My Property	Farms	Lake Taghkanic
Lake Taghkanic	My Yard	
Cty 10 view of Berkshires	Taghkanic Creek upstream from parkway	Home
The Beauty Highway (11A)	The Taghkanic Creek	County Road 10
Copake Lake		
Lake Taghkanic		
Lake Taghkanic		
New Forge Road	Beauty Highway	Taghkanic-Churchtown Road
Beauty Highway	Churchtown Reservoir	Churchtown Road
My House	Churchtown Road- Beautiful	
Lake Taghkanic	Claverack Library	
Lake Taghkanic Park	Hunting	
Old 82	Taghkanic State Park	Taghkanic Lake
Where I live	Lake Taghkanic State Park	
Corner of Reservoir Rd. & Route 27		
New Forge State Park	Parkway Auto	West Taghkanic Diner
Martindale Road	Beauty Award Highway	
Jo-Jo's	State Hunting Property-New Forge & Cty. Rte. 10	Chief Taghkanic Diner

"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

My Home Lake Taghkanic	New Forge Road	The Diner
My house & land		
Jo-Jo's Lake Taghkanic My Home	Taghkanic Diner Route 82 My Neighborhood	State Hunting Property Beauty Highway Back Roads
Jo-Jo's My House Lake Taghkanic State Park Lake Taghkanic Lake Taghkanic Lake Taghkanic Lake Taghkanic Route 82 Route 82	Getty My house New Forge State Forest My land looking over scenic views and not so far being destroyed The Forge The Forge Beauty Highway and its views Lake Taghkanic	Diner My House All the dirt Country roads we still have! My House My House My back yard Lake Taghkanic Beauty Highway
Farmland View from parkway at top of hill N bound Our Place Diner	Farmland View south on Taghkanic Churchtown Road Jo-Jo's	Farmland Wooden Nickel
My own property Empty Taghkanic Lake My Home & Property Beauty Highway	Lake Taghkanic State Park Empty and farm fields hiking environs throughout land conservancy areas Manor Rock Road	Taconic Hills School , Jo-Jo's Lake Taghkanic
The "Forge" & Falls Zap's Falls Lake Taghkanic Park	Taghkanic Creek at "27" Taghkanic Creek - New Forge Jo-Jo's Pizza Restaurant	View from Rt. 27 at Post Hill Rd. area My home/property

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

Our house/property	Taghkanic State Park	
Taghkanic Creek	Church Town Reservoir	State land on Cty. Rte. 10
My view	Drapers Falls	Taghkanic State Park
My own land & any open fields	Lake Taghkanic	Any county road with birds
Jo-Jo's	Lido's Game Farm	New Forge State Park
New Forge Forest & Waterfall	Beauty Award Highway	
Taghkanic Park (off Rte. 82)	County Route 11	New Forge Road
Taghkanic State Park		
Beauty Hgwy and its bucolic, non-developed views	Tagh.-Churchtown Rd. & rural views	Snydertown Rd between Rt. 27 & Taconic Parkway
My house	The road that cuts north east from the pkwy. Toward 23	The lake
Sitting on terrace watching the pond & birds	That curve on Rte 10 where the view opens east	Lunch at the diner
Old church & cemetery	Old houses in Town center	Taghkanic Creek & Beauty Highway
New Forge Road	Beauty Highway	My campsite along Taghkanic Creek
View from Route 10		
My living room	State property New Forge Road	Fishing Taghkanic Creek where not posted
View from Tagh.-Livingston road	View from route 10	Tagh State Park
Above all the land & views	My house and land	
Lake Taghkanic		
Churchtown/Taghkanic Road	View of Catskills from County Rte. 10	
Own Home	Open spaces & views	Walk on dirt road by Churchtown Reservoir except for litter
Churchtown Road		
Taghkanic Lake	My house	My daughter's house
Future Dance Hall	Happy Clown	
My Home	The Church	Lake Taghkanic
Chiefs Taconic Diner (route 82)	Agway (Claverack)	Churchtown Fire Dept.
Our home		

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

My home What is the "town" ??! Lake Taghkanic My Property	The Taghkanic Creek Home Jo-Jo's	West Taghkanic -Churchtown Road
The Tyler Farms	Lake Taghkanic	Old Forge
My home My home	Diner Lake Taghkanic	State Park All the hilltops in town
Diner My home West Taghkanic Diner	The Wooden Nickel State Park	Old Churchtown Rd. and the Church off 82
Zapp's Lower waterfalls on Taghkanic Creek	Lake Charlotte	The Forge series of Falls (water)
Our residence State Forest on New Forge Road Taconic Lake State Park	Churchtown Reservoir Lido's Game Farm Martindale Road	Copake Golf Course Jo-Jo's Pizza County Route 11
State Troopers speed trap on Parkway		
My home Churchtown-Taghkanic Road	Anywhere I can see the Catskills County Route 10	Diner W.T. Diner
Bird sanctuary	Post Hill Road	
My home Taghkanic State Park	Lake Taghkanic State Park	New Forge St. Forest
Not too familiar New Forge State Forest near creek	My front yard overlooking the creek & pasture	Views from TSP

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

New Forge Rd. Route 11 (Beauty Highway)	Crow Hill Rd. Taconic Park	Thompkins Rd. Bird Sanctuary in Hillsdale
Lake Taghkanic		
My home	State Park	
My front yard Views of wooded hills, fields, Southern Berkshires	My back yard Craryville Road, between Manor Rock Rd. & Co. Rte. 11	State Parks Crow Hill Rd. about 1/2 mile in from Co. Rte. 27
Recreation Park	The Wooden Nickel	My house
Lake Taghkanic No Opinion Taghkanic State Park Beauty Highway-magnificent views	Nice small time My property-view of the Catskills	Public Parks
My house My own home/yard	The park Taghkanic State Park	The reservoir
My home/land		
Church School House New Forge Road Where I live Home Lake Taghkanic	Diner Taghkanic State Park Lake Taghkanic Beauty Highway	Park Taghkanic Creek Beauty Highway Part of the State Park
Taghkanic State Park Copake Lake Vicinity	Copake Lake Vicinity Taghkanic State Park	
Lake Taghkanic	Home on County Rte. 15	
Home Home	Lake Taghkanic Taghkanic Park (Lake Taghkanic)	New Forge Rd. #2 State Forest Jo-Jo's Pizza

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

Lake Taghkanic	Carlos Pizza	
Old Forge Rd. -falls, etc. Diner My own property and neighbors Lake Taghkanic	Taghkanic Churchtown Road Jo-Jo's Old Forge Beauty Highway	Lake Taghkanic Park Churchtown -W. Taghkanic Road
Lake Taghkanic Work hard-don't get out much! Jo Jo's Pizza Diner Jo Jo's Pizza	Beauty Highway The drive on W. Taghkanic-Churchtown Road Jo-Jo's Diner	Lake Taghkanic Gas Station (convenience only)
Only where you can see well kept houses on "Tiller" Road		
Beautiful country roads Center strip of W. Taghkanic (rte 82) Route 10 & 11	New Forge Rd. & State Park New Forge area	Anywhere with open scenic mountain views Churchtown Road
Lake Taghkanic	Scenic Highway	Land I grew up on
Beauty Award Highway		
State Park (I guess this is it in town) My property Tompkins Road view to Ancramdale My home	New Forge State Forest Lake Taghkanic	Churchtown Road Taghkanic Pkwy.
Vistas hilltops Beauty Award Highway	Route 10	East Taghkanic to Ancram views

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"Responses to Question 31 Continued" - Three favorite spots.

My farm	New Forge Road (falls)
New Forge	TS Park
My farm	Old Forge Road Falls
My home	Lake Taghkanic State Park
High School public facilities i.e. pool, gym	Lake Taghkanic State Park

Manor Rock Road
Taghkanic Creek
State Park
Getty

32. Please list three of your least favorite spots in the Town.

Town Hall Used Car Sales Lot's (Unattractive)		0
Junk Home on Route 27 by Reservoir Junk House on Route 27 by Reservoir Used Car Lots	Dirt Roads with Pot Holes Unkempt Garages for fixing cars	0 Exit from Snydertown Road onto Parkway dangerous Property Owners who don't keep up property seen from rds
Route 82 "Strip"	Any Property with abandoned cars and junk	
Motel	Old vacated gas station next to Jo-jo's (is an eyesore)	
Residence on Rt. 27 used as chop shop/dumping	Newly installed campsite/trailer on Rte 27/Parkway	
Town Hall * Won't answer, may be prejudicial against neighbor, & hope I'm not targeted	Trash along cnty Rte 11 littered by Tag. Hill Students	Highway Dept. unsightliness poor upkeep of area
Town Hall Trailer Park	Abandoned Craryville Grocery Store	
Town Hall Shuzzum's 1961 County Route 27 Town Maintenance Bldg. & yard - disgraceful 1961 Route 27	Unfinished Pond/hole on New Forge Road Trailers Parked in Front of Houses * Inside Town Hall - small bulletin board, junky appearance Commercial Strip on 82 West of Parkway	Highway Department Garage Yards that are Junk Yards Route 82 West Taghkanic, needs street trees. Town Garage

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"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

Businesses along Rte 23 from 11A - Taconic
 Unmaintained properties, especially those on visible from 27

Schzam's Auto Detailing Place (dirty & rundown!!)
 Any run down or unmaintained property

Town Hall Building
 Disarray and size of Town Garage

Maintenance shed
 Any run down or unmaintained property

Route 82 Commercial area
 Swampy area south of Town Hall- it is a mess!
 Public Works
 "Fork" at Post Hill Rd. & Nostrand - needs stop sign

The property between Churchtown Res. & rte. 27. Mess.
 Yards that are strewn with junk
 Junky areas along parts of Livingston Rd. & Old 82
 Salt Shed on 27 (eye sore)

Town Garage- it gets worse and worse each year

Route 82 and Taconic Parkway interchange

Any place where garbage/litter is dumped
 Corner of Route 10 and Churchtown Road

Route 82 in West Taghkanic

Every place where someone leaves it like a junkyard

New pre-manufactured structure (speculation house) Rt. 10
 Falling down house at junction of Churchtown Rd. & Rt. 10
 Junkie Lawns & Yards
 The beaten up Lutheran Church on 27

Ill-kempt area along business section of Rt. 82
 Lido's game farm (Berkshire Road)

Every property or home that makes itself into junk heap.

Shazzam is an eyesore and traffic is too much

The Town's "business district"

Yellow House on hill top (seen from Route 82)

Yellow House on prominent ridge in W. Taghkanic

Ridgeline housing structures
 Creek side near bridge on Old Rte 82
 Worn down & damaged dirt roads
 The thought of Beauty Highway losing its beauty.

Town Hall & storage of Highway Maintenance supplies

Route 82 in W. Taghkanic

The intersection of East Klein Rd and New Forge Rd 1

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"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

<p>Route 82 unlawful speeding and passing Shabaz "junkyard" on 82 Intersection Tag. Churchtown Rd.& City. Road 11 Intersection of 82 & TSP "Downtown" West Taghkanic (for its appearance) Town Hall Highway Department</p> <p>Route 82, commercial area in West Taghkanic Route 82 across from Town Hall The growing junkyard on 27</p> <p>Town Hall Area Town Hall</p>	<p>Town Hall needs a lot to be desired The high speed of traffic on 82 "downtown" Town itself has poor lighting & is not attractive Intersection of 27 & Reservoir Rd. Highway Maintenance HQ (Rte. 27 & Pumpkin Hollow Rd.) Yellow house on ridge line above W. Taghkanic Town Hall</p>	<p>Town Hall not large enough, poor air quality, unattractive Town Hall it's a mess and moldy Perhaps some trees along 82 -flower tubs & xmas trees</p> <p>The "shanty" housing cluster @ Rte. 10 & Tagh. Church. Road Old church in East Taghkanic b/c it's in such a sad state</p>
<p>New School on Rt. 11 New School Bus Garage- No trees!! 1897 County Rte. 10</p> <p>Town Hall</p> <p>None</p>	<p>New house on Meadow @ Rte 10 near 27 New house on Rt. 10 near 27 419 Rte. 27</p> <p>Highway Garage</p>	<p>New House on meadow @ Rte. 10 near TSP New house on Copake Lake Rd. (near Beauty Hwy)</p>
<p>The dirty home sites on County 27</p> <p>Can't think of any Town Center on Rt 82 Town Garage Route 82/23 area behind Town Hall Have None Next door, Property</p> <p>The parkway south that takes me away from Taghkanic</p>	<p>The dirty town roadside next to Highway Dept. on Rt 2</p> <p>Yellow House on top of hill off of 82 Town Hall</p>	<p>The dirty unfinished Highway Dept. site on Rt. 27</p> <p>Highway garage</p>

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"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

None
 None
 Old Rt 82 Clutter
 Any junkyard-multiple car site
 Any unshielded bright lights

 Town Roads not Paved
 Roads with pots holes, etc.
 Town Center/Town Hall
 Taghkanic Town Hall (very dumpy looking)
 None
 Yellow House on hill over looking West Taghkanic

 None
 Shazam
 Car Place- Shazam
 Shazam
 Bridge

 What Town?

 Town Hall (82/10)
 Route 82 & Route 10 intersection
 Trailers on Old 82
 Empty Gas Stations

 None
 None

 Next door neighbor
 Wooden Nickel

 Town Hall

Junk Yards & cars various areas
 The town highway Garage area

 Any unkempt private visible lawns with debris strewn in
 Ponds filled with algae

 General area around route 82/Taconic Parkway

 Current Route 82 strip from W. Taghkanic to the TSP

 Town Garage
 Town Garage
 Route 82 from Parkway to Livingston Road
 Jo-Jo's

Empty Stores

Taconic Motors

My house
 Downtown s.r. 82

 Any ponds with algae
 Any unkempt private visible lawns with debris strewn

 Looking at Reesa Road and its houses on the hilltop

 Town Hall
 Town Hall
 Town Garage

Town Garage-Looks Dumpy!

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"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

Barbara Hermance's house	Highway Garage- looks bad!	Town Hall- looks bad! Clean them up!
Town Hall Junk cars Route 23 in parts Car Detailer next to Church	Unmowed grass School!!	Sazama's Parts of Rte. 27
The corner of Cty. Rte. 10 and Taghk-Churchtown Rd.		
Town Centre (so called auto repair garage) Looking at top of mountain being scalped 419 Route 27 (all junk around) #419 Route 27 Sazamas Sazamas	Town Highway Garage Rte 82 with people who speed and then complain about tickets Town Hall (need a new one) Shazam's garage Junk Cars Places that aren't made to keep up yard	Town Hall building, structure in particular Shizem Station Route 82 Town Hall Unmowed grass Junk yards
Route 82 Commercial Zone Downtown near Town Hall		
None The gas station on 82 next to Taconic Diner Section on Rte. 23 where motel is located across from x-mart	Area around Lido's on Bershire Rd. Rte. 82 near Taconic Pkwy.	
Junky trailers scattered about		
Houses that are kept as junk yards West Taghkanic retail store (Rt. 82)		

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"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

Town Hall, why the no trespass signs There is no No. #1, I love my town Craryville center slummy buildings Wooden Nickel (run-down & unattractive) Town Hall	The junk yard on Rte. 82 Town Hall All the rusty trailers Closed motel next to Jo-Jo's	419 County Rte. 27 Rusty trucks in front yards
Old house & corner of Taghkanic Rd. & Livingston Rd. Route 82 development (West Taghkanic)	County Rte. 27 adjoining reservoir junkyard	419 County Rte. 27
East Taghkanic Church and its mess	Radical private landscaping on Post Hill Road	Very dangerous corner of Post Hill Rd. & Nostrand Rd.
The abandoned trailer on Livingston Road near 82 Houses w/junk cars in front The commercial center Rt. 82 - Town Hall	House trailers in disrepair The slum behind the fire house	Auto junkyard on Rte. 82 The town garage area
Rough dirt road/mud The abandoned gas station on Route 82 None	other abandoned bldgs, structures in disrepair all over	
Trailers near bridge House on E side of Pkwy with regular target practice	Convenience store Littered areas	Unattractive waterway near bridge Yards with junked cars, boats
Parts of frontage on Rt. 82 Corner of Cty. Rte. 10 & Taghkanic Churchtown Road		
Nothing		
None		

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

Area intersection of County Rte. 10 & W/Taghkanic Chur. Rd.

Intersection of County Rt. 10 & Churchtown Rd.

The "new" auto repair shop next to Jo-Jo's-awful looking!

Are none

Old Route 82 (all of it)
Parkway

Nothing about the town displeases me at all.

Where the outhouse lived by the bridge for 10 years

Neighbor's junked front yard (looks like a dump!)
The Town Hall
Copake Lake

Wooden Nickel- they don't accept credit cards?!!
First part of Churchtown-Tagh. Rd/village to Skoda Farm

Around the 82 exit on the Taconic Parkway

Highway Garage-because of general appearance

Higher density areas of W. Taghkanic

Old Mobile Gas Station

Town Hall
Shazam (old mobile station)

The old Michalko place

The general litter along sides of town roads

Route 23

State Troopers speed trap on Parkway

Corner of Living.-Tagh. Rds-who put ugly reinforcement blocks
Route 82

Jo-Jo's

The Hudson Reservoir (water supply)

Taconic Motors-Clean it up!!

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

Town Hall
Abandoned property on Route 23

Used Car Lots

Taghkanic Neighbors.com
Large yellow house on hill looming above Route 82

Old Mobil Station Route 82
Intersection of Taghkanic & Livingston Rds. Litter & junk
Intersection of Route 82 & TSP

Town Hall
Unightly old Mobil Station on Route 82

N/A
None
Pile of gravel & rusting machinery parts by Town Hall
Pulling up to Rte. 82 from Cty. Rte. 10

Town Garage
Abandoned run down buildings
Abandoned run down buildings

Town Hall-we need a new one w/parking & good handicap

Town Garage

Friends of Hudson
Town Highway Garage

The new firehouse - ugly bldg. in great need of prof. landscaping

The corner of 10 & Churchtown Road

It is often necessary to pull almost into north lane

Town Hall

Business center on Rte. 82

Any establishment to congregate
Town Hall

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

West Taghkanic Speedway		
Dilapidated houses & trailer parks Car detailer on 82 Junked & unlicensed cars along Old Rte. 82	Front entrance to Motel	
County Rte. 27 - second house on right before Reservoir rd. Hoyle Road (just the road) Wooden Nickel Car detailer on 82 next to Church Motel	Shazaam Auto	
Trailers, unkempt land		
Rt. 82 near the parkway-Jo-Jo's, auto detailing etc. Congested low income housing on old rte 82 "Downtown" West Taghkanic	Not because of the businesses but the shabby appearance Any dirt road that is not maintained like Near Rd. & New Forge Rt. 82	
High intensity lights around school on Beauty Award Hwy.	Any run-down garbage filled junk heaped property	
No opinion		
Rte. 82 near Taconic Pkwy. (strip near diner) Firehouse	None	None
Skodas unkempt trailers-sloppy tenants Town Garage	Churchtown corner unkempt multiple dwelling	Trailers and mobile homes among well established residences

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 32 Continued" - Three least favorite spots.

Town Hall

Route 82 - Views along it i.e. design of businesses

33. Comments

* Not interested in a lot of infrastructure, more stores, more buildings, people or traffic. But know they are coming. Hope we can shape growth that will preserve the unique and beautiful rural character of town.

Need Post Office

Too many of the ques./ans. can be manipulated either way by whomever has access and/or a personal agenda and the ability to present them wherever. I don't believe that the goals of this study and the concerns of the "counter group", "concerned citizens"... are really in conflict we'll all benefit from the outcome of this project It all depends who is asking the question as to how one should answer and I don't know the specific agenda of the person in power. I am 83 - Started on a farm in 1923 - Never could get used to people. Leave farms alone - cut taxes.

Please do not add silly regulations

We are very concerned that our taxes will be used to pay for infrastructure costs generated by 3rd party developers, as well, noise generated by increased auto traffic.

* Live here by choice - easy going life - but am skeptical/suspicious of the survey questions. If individual subdiv's want to create restrictions for new residents, fine. Impose these on Town residents -major mistake.

It amazes me that people that have their home steads aren't happy unless they can tell other people what to do with their land and property. We should ban us having pitbull's, Need access to DSL and Cable TV, Need improvement on rec. park.

* We need to update current zoning/planning laws, major change not needed. Please define "open space" we have lots of undeveloped land but it is so constricted by landowners it is not "open". Re: Question #9 - having "important" services in nearby Hillsdale is adequate. No need to have them in Taghkanic. Re: Quest. #10 - I am opposed to increased residential density.

There is a need to open up communications among the Town's residents and it's government agencies.

* Overall I feel that the Supervisor's & Town Board's reluctance to use the enormous talents, accumulated wisdom, and capabilities of many of their resident's is the largest problem.

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

Taghkanic has been our home for 24 years and we very much want it to maintain the lovely rural character and scenic beauty it holds. We oppose sub-divisions and commercial development. Unable to respond to question #16 as worded. Topics of subdivision and zoning are complex - but to question as worded is too broad. Unable to respond to question #16 as worded. Topics (subdivision & zoning) are very complex - but the question's as asked is very broad.

* Barns & Farms Realty should at least mow there lawn so I can try to see the pretty buckets w/flowers my tax \$ spent to slow people down through that area. Don't want tax \$ spent on town park. We should view planning & zoning as our founding fathers viewed government. It is a necessary evil and we should have as little of it as absolutely necessary.

Planning & Zoning should be designed to protect health and human safety. Anything beyond that is an infringement on property rights.

- * There is a strong need for support of existing farmers & agriculture practices. There are grants & programs available which would support town's in this.
- * It grieves me that sometimes there is division between old long term residents & new residents. I want to see better communication & comraderie between us.
- * Some Town officials are so hostile towards the majority of this town's citizens. Should not matter if full or part time- we all pay full time taxes. Stop this behavior Betty!
- * Taghkanic is in the position to set itself apart from the rest of Col. County. Set an example of careful, forward thinking & planning. Town could be "jewel" of Col. Cty.

We do not need a new Town Hall. What do they think we are, New York City!
Town officials need to be more sympathetic to resident needs & queries. Town officials are "public servants" remember this! "Smart" growth very important.
* We should be able to get along better w/ fellow residents, consider arguing points of view, greater efforts to improve the economic growth of the town & county.

* I suggest that we look at other town plans for both ideas and values.

* I wish all involved w/ the Comp.Plan process would pretend there're on jury duty. If you've already made up your mind, won't listen to evidence/facts, won't discuss & consider views you're not qualified

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

- * The rural character must be preserved. If any development takes place it should be small. We need an architectural review board, Board should travel to observe other communities.
- * I fear a Fairview Ave. strip mall on our Rt. 82. I worry about developers like Toll Bros. coming in and putting up huge , ugly developments. Need an architectural review board.
- * Taghkanic is a beautiful "treasure". There have been large tracks of land purchased by developers. Town must "police" what is going on. Zoning must be watched & addressed.

Lower Taxes

- * Please do not allow Taghkanic to victimized by the same threat that looms over Copake and Pine Plains.
- * Please publicize comp. plan committee meeting & activities. Please let public know of other specific activities that will take place to get them involved.

- * Taghkanic is a beautiful, rural town. Moved here years ago to escape the neg. aspects of NYC. Would be a shame to destroy what we have here b/c some people like to profit from devel..
- * Not much of a town center. It is important to keep character of our town and not allow it to become big & dense w/population or business.

* Leave things as they are, landowner should have the choice to do whatever he or she wants, Don't want wealth weekenders to dictate to others what can be built & where
 The information mtg on June 2 and I would have liked to attend. This survey arrived on June 5. Zoning should be strict enough so that the signage development etc. should all be unified.
 I am very concerned about preserving the natural beauty of Taghkanic.

This is a difficult questionnaire, took a lot of time, a number of questions are ambiguously phrased. I salute you for the effort, but get some issues clarified.

* I hope the town can work together to establish a comp. plan & related zoning & land use regulations which will preserve the rural character which we all value
 We hope the town can work together to establish a comp. plan & related zoning & land use regulations, while allowing for reasonable gov. & affordable housing.

- * Please ensure that suburban sprawl doesn't come to Taghkanic or our real estate values will plummet. No "clear cutting"
- * Keep things as they are-don't go along w/other towns which are effectively halting growth and tax base growth-too many people leaving this high taxed state.
- * Most of the people in town are unfriendly, no helping each other, nothing here-no stores or recreational facilities

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

Let's not overpopulate this beautiful town with any type of commercial business.

* You probably wouldn't want to hear my comments about the premadonna politicians. I believe you people should work for a living.

This will be a long struggle as you can't please more than two people at any given time over anything!

* Thanks for your efforts to date, but your choice of Advice guy who spoke of Fishkill 2000 senior affordable homes shocked many. Action speaks louder than words.

It is disconcerting that the PB delivered this survey to my house after the June 2 informational mtg, but thank you for your efforts in planning Taghkanic's future. Preserve the peace & quiet!

Allowing further devel. would drain town resources, b/c of incr. demands for services. Develop a plan that will preserve rural character in a manner that sustains agr. & affordable housing.

Don't want Large developments, condos, etc.

No Large developments of multi-condos, etc.

I hope we can preserve the rural character of the town and discourage over development and noxious subdivisions

Can we get a new sign for the Taghkanic Town Hall? Something other than what is currently on the building- maybe a nice wood sign?

Unable to attend the informational mtg. on June 2, but am grateful for opportunity to contribute to the future of Taghkanic. I love the rural, dark nights, peace, quiet, & privacy

Leave things alone. We voted for years against the new school that looks like a State Prison. It wasn't needed on the 1969 Beauty Award Highway.

* This is a rural/country town I hate to see it turn into another NYC-High Taxes-unnecessary & expensive services & unnecessary gov. interference.

Invite & support Volunteerism, Be creative with funding, grants, etc., be creative with alternative energy on both the consumer and producer (raw mat.) ends.

I do not want Taghkanic to turn into another Hudson. It's what separates our town from the rest. It's the beauty and the friendliness.Word.

* Because I am not sure as to the exact purpose and consequential impact of this survey, I am reluctant to complete it.

* Although there is little a town govt. can do about housing costs, it does have the power over Zoning!

We are in the modern age of computers, phones, etc. & we have none of these services. Ecology is good but progress is progress.

* We don't need land use regulations-increased taxes will force more landowners and farmers to sell & move to areas w/lower taxes & "more services"

We don't need more zoning laws we need more business & service areas we need industry for jobs. Our taxes go up & up & we get nothing in return.

* Zoning restrictions & enforcement are essential to maintaining & enhancing the Town's appeal, leading to higher property values & tax revenues.

* I'm concerned about the # of break-ins into sheds & barns. Unleashed dogs chase people who use the roads to run, bike.

I think you have a well run town. Don't change it.

Some trailer home should not be exposed on residential streets it decreases the value of people who fix and restore there homes. It's really an eyesore!

* My assessment was raised. No improvements since '93. Went to Assessor no reduction.

Very nice to have an informational meeting on the day before the survey was received. Typical poor planning and/or attempt to railroad something else past the local residents.

If you want to maintain rural character do it through property purchases w/non tax payer money. Restricting land rights is robbery!

Highway Services (i.e. snow plowing) are poor! Nepotism in Town Services reigns supreme! Betty Young's family is everywhere!

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

Some of your questions were vague & could be interpreted in many ways. I love Taghkanic being small, undeveloped and naturally beautiful. Have more public input in the process of the Comp. Plan. Town should clean up Town Hall & Highway Garage- they look terrible!

* Would like an announcement of how my taxes are spent printed in the local paper or mailed to residents.

Less Government=Best Government Leave well enough alone!!
Poor Highway Services. Nepotism (Young!!)

* We don't need a new town hall. Just update & refurbish the old one. For a couple of meetings a month we shouldn't have to pay more taxes.

* We don't need to "Keep up with the Jones. "don't need a town hall. To become like Ancram and not have enough money to fix the roads to get to it.

* Living here all my life I have seen mostly bad changes. We lived well then the trouble hit. Friends of Hudson, Taghkanic Neighbors, etc.

Nobody should be allowed to tell me what I can do with my property. Zoning Laws are adequate and should not be changed. I am in favor of ridge top housed.

I feel there should be stronger guidelines to control numerous junk cars on properties in the town. I don't want anyone telling me how to use my property.

Planning should address both support for agricultural & open space while allowing for smaller parcels in some areas to support affordable housing.

* This is a rural town that I don't want urbanized. I enjoy the peaceful atmosphere & don't see any need to make any additional changes to zoning laws.

Good work on this survey Thanks

Need communication from Town Government must address conflicts on board

* Think it was a waste of money to buy radar for State Troopers. Money would have been better spent on paving & improving rds.

* Current zoning regs are adequate. More services mean more taxes and my family has had enough. I have owned my 61 acres for 20 yrs. being forced to sell b/c of outrageous tax increases.

Leave our property rights and existing zoning laws alone. Add zoning to encourage business development on Route 82.

It's fine the way it is & should have no further interference from "Green zones" or business zones.

Town elected officials do not send newsletter or use web for any communication should have stronger conflict of interest and ethics policies

Do we really need more "plans" in our town - is it another excuse to tell people what they can do or not do with their own private land?

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

We moved to Taghkanic because of its beautiful open spaces & rural character. We will be strongly opposed to changing that. I'm a fairly new resident. I hope that one day I may be able to give & put in more opinions. Thank You.

The history of our town could continue if it were not for the "citidiots" who have moved in and want to now throw away the key and not let anyone else in. We need deer control- they cause too many car crashes. Need permits to take does or to catch and & sterilize them.

Elect an honest Supervisor. Have Planning Board changed. Get rid of Hermance. Use the local law properly.

* Restrict Trailers to only part of the town, don't want hilltop restrictions. Figure out what will happen to taxes before you do anything.

* I very much appreciate the town's attention to second home owners & I hope they will continue to be integrated in a positive way. Please preserve zoning rules that limit subdivision in rural areas maximize set back space between where a house may be built & another person's property.

* Of course I am concerned about raising taxes but I feel it is important to keep the rural character of our town. Once squandered it is lost forever.

Historic preservation of houses & large farms is currently ignored by township-we have a great past that needs preserving.

* I found several question very vague.

New Forge Road 2 needs to be paved a little at a time.

I believe the taxes are too high for the quality and quantity of services. Make this your major issue.

Hope survey creator wasn't overpaid

* People like to have their property look presentable, so when they improve the looks of their property why are they punished w/increased taxes.

Nothing should be proposed for the Town unless there is a full analysis on how it would affect the tax base and potential effect on prop. Values.

Looking forward to see how many improvements this survey will bring I'll be looking!!!

Install drop box at Town Hall

Leave Taghkanic as is

I don't like big change; as is

Would not like to see an increase in commercial land use. Lets maintain the rural beauty!

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

I received this notice of meeting 2 June on 30 May -That's not right!

* The only complaint I have & it is universal. I do not think it is fair that an individual w/o children should pay full pop on school taxes.

* Like the idea/concept of this survey-keep it up! We need more input & avenues for it-then just the status quo Nov. elections

I received notification of meeting the day after the meeting! Bad communication

Didn't answer most because it was written so any answer given could be taken anyway

7 acres zoning does not let children of long time residents stay or build in there own area. We as locals are being driven away by high taxes!

We need more restaurants, light retail, and a better convenience store that offers more & provides competition.

My only wish is that the town not develop a spirit of exclusiveness and over- protection of the environment to the detriment of sensible growth within the ag. Framework of the area.

Don't waste your time - it's not worth it.

Our town is so involved w/many services with Copake, we would like to see a legal merging of the two townships. It would broaden our resources & fulfill the needs lacking.

Get the lead out and get on with it!

* Loved this survey. First time I felt like the town gave a damn. Need monthly calendar. If I want to build a deck or shed I shouldn't need Towns involvement

Change 3 acre zoning to 5 acre. Stop hilltop developments. Preserve as much farmland as possible.

We recently moved here from the Town of Greenport and wouldn't be happier with more.

My thanks to the committee.

Trees could be planted in appropriate places Important to control accumulation of junk in front yards. Maintain present character of Taghkanic.

Have to reside in this Town a little longer to make comments.

* Originally from LI, I see how places w/the most restrictive development are the most desirable places to live; this is our chance. Our open spaces are our greatest asset.

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

- * The town is being torn apart, services are suffering & time will not heal wounds. Everyone must swallow a bitter pill & compromise.
- * This survey contains questions the responses to which rely on understandings of terminology (e.g., Property rights, open space, tax base) that are not universally shared.

No Tax Increases - Cable internet would be nice - Fewer second home residents
Need junk day, like our neighboring Towns- Hillsdale & Copake. Need salt shed at town garage. Less signs along our highways. Elective officials who get paid when they don't appear at Town mtg.

- * Taghkanic should take a look at the land and give a break to the owner of the farm land, lets keep the country and wildlife here.

More effective and uniform enforcement of existing codes & restrictions

- N/A
- * A grant writer would be useful to find funds to improve the look of the "downtown" area.

Consider laws for buildings which can easily be seen from the Taconic Parkway.

The beauty of this area should not be underestimated. I am very concerned that greed will invite big shopping malls & other businesses damaging to the land

- * This form is poorly designed; for example-"excessive speeds on roads" does this mean people drive too fast or is the road speed too high.
The town needs a post office. We have a little over 1/2 acre, and assessment went up \$17,000. It's gone up every year we've lived here.

* indicates response has been paraphrased.

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

- * I hope Taghkanic is not going to follow in the footsteps of Chatham, Copake and Red Hook by not allowing controlled developments which would increase tax base.
- * Last year the fireworks at Lake Taghkanic were set off from a point of land on the beachside of the lake. A lot of litter still not picked up.
- * Please leave Taghkanic just the way it is. Don't need a police force, nor garbage pickup. Services are expensive & raise our taxes.

See #32 above - County Rt. 27 Second house on right before Reservoir Rd.
It would be nice if everyone had the basic standards that some have in our area & maybe we could all grow together. Some just keep getting more & others just stand still
Pass a law to not let anymore Alvarez homes to be put on our beautiful land. Too ugly! Instant gratification until a strong wind blows them away. Poo poo on vinyl siding.

* Town should be mindful that when encouraging additional business care is given to preserve local character.

* I don't know enough about Taghkanic to be of help but I applaud your effort.
Taghkanic needs to improve its image by creating a better town and improving roads and services.

* We love Taghkanic & moved here b/c of the rural character & affordable housing. Our biggest concern is being able to afford our taxes!

* I think a slow approach using technology w/low impact can address many/most desires here removing the "need" to put up physical structures

Views expressed are from person(s) from New York City vacation, weekend getaway.
Received this survey on June 8. The letter mentioned an informational meeting on June 2. Was this a planned delay to keep us in the dark?? Will our inputs ever be considered?

* I applaud the effort to consider how to protect beauty and value of homes. I hope there can be a mending of minds between opposing points of view.

"Responses to Question 33 Continued" - Comments

* I would like to see the town require every one prior to purchasing real estate receive a flyer about agriculture district. Wetlands need protection.

I would like the town to stay much the way it is now. With slow growth.

Don't raise the taxes

* I believe Taghkanic should consider its services and policies together w/ those of adjacent communities.

APPENDIX B

“Other” list for Question 6 - What most influenced your decision to live here?

Lower real estate taxes	Lots of farms and farmland	Its beauty
Rural character; but still close to our NYC jobs	Peaceful	Close to work in NYC
Amount of space between properties	Family	It was for sale
Beautiful architecture; 2 hours to NYC	Skiing	Hunting, fishing & shooting
Train Service	Husband hunts	Open roads / lack of congestion
Marriage	Hunting, Golf, Lake Taghkanic	Living in harmony, using good common sense to govern & remembering their neighbors
Close to work	Price was right	
Moved here from Greene County born and raised	Ambience	Views and quiet
Agricultural zoning	Land owner only	Family hunting camp
At one time, low property taxes	Vacation; second home	Marriage
Marriage	Married a life time resident	Possible future part-time/small family/retirement/vacation
Wanted to live in a quiet area	Hunting & fishing	Hilltop, dark @ night, no farms nearby or power lines
Train service (Amtrak & Metro North)	Beauty of environment – quite private	Price of house, quiet area, work, nights
Relative remote location & low-density bldgs. & population	Near Hudson Town & River	Proximity to NYC
Work	Went to college in area (Dutchess County)	Summer home
Beauty of natural surroundings	Liked the look of the area	Bought land from friends
Beautiful landscape; low population density	Hunting, fishing	

“Other” list for Question 7 - What would influence your decision to move from here?

Loss of train service, suburbanization, industrialization	More community living Town Village	Belligerent people taking over, those who have no concept of rural living, those who will no compromise caused by stupidity, selfishness, willful spending causing tax increases
Health reasons	Desire for Village life	
Sickness	There are no services	Fatigue from the bitterness & animosity many here exhibit towards my friends and me
Over development – crowding	Taxes and Assessor	
City people trying to run us out	Overbearing, pompous politicians	More housing on country land, more traffic
Loss of train service	Obnoxious people and tax increases in years to come	Personal health issues
	Over regulation of property rights	Vacation home
Housing developments! Less than occasional allow. for subdivision	Restrictive regulations	
	Would not move from here now!!	Indiscriminate, unplanned low-grade use of property for trailers, mobile homes, fabricated homes
Personal circumstance – family related people moving here or part time residents who feel the need to tell the rest of us how to live	Hunting and shooting	
	Nasty opinionated people	Lack of central services
Not specifically Taghkanic, but NY taxes	Over-development	Agricultural area
Type of population	Old age and inability to function	Noise pollution
Death	Health	
	Unable to maintain house & property	
	Family not here	
	Loss of open spaces/congestion	

“Other” list for Question 9 - How would you rate the need for the following services in Taghkanic? Personal Services

Recreation Areas – Very Important
 Cell Tower for cordless phones
 General Store – Important
 Restaurant – Very Important

 General Store (less than a grocery/greater than a convenience store) – Important

High Speed Internet – Very Important
 Farmers Market – Very Important
 Medical & Dental Office – Very Important
 Gun & Archery Range – Very Important
 Restaurant – Important
 Restaurant/Diner – Important
 Gun Store – Not Important
 Gun Store – Very Important

Fast Internet Service – Very Important
 Stewarts – Very Important
 Convenience Store – Very Important
 Restaurants, cafes – Very Important
 Medical – Very Important
 Bank – Important

“Other” list for Question 9 - How would you rate the need for the following services in Taghkanic? Town Services

Walking Trails
 Updated Fire Dept. – Very Important
 Fire Protection – Very Important
 Useful Town Website – Very Important
 Highway workers & the job they do – Very Important
 Medical Center – Very Important
 Access to Records – Very Important
 Fire Department - Important
 Public Transportation – Important
 Hunting & Fishing - Important
 Enforce Zoning Laws – Very Important
 Gun Store – Not Important

Park & Ride Facility – Very Important
 Land Preservation Office - Important
 Bulletin Boards – Very Important
 Historical Preservation - Important
 Town Website – Very Important
 Highway Services – Very Important
 Central records Storage
 Shooting Range – Very Important
 Town Historian – Important
 Gun Smith – Very Important
 Beautification Comm. – Important
 Bakery

Town Website – Very Important
 Sports Store
 Easy Access to Town Information – Very Important
 Gun Range – Very Important
 Volunteer Fire – Very Important
 Archery Range – Very Important
 Highway Garage – Important
 Hiking Trail System - Important
 Fire – Very Important
 Promote neighbors annual gathering – Very Important
 911 – Very Important
 Remove all zoning – Very Important

“Other” list for Question 10 - How concerned are you about the following?

Lowering speed limits to unrealistic levels – Very Concerned

 People who do not understand rural living making unfair changes; then moving after destroying Town dynamics

 High School Tax – Very Concerned
 High Property Tax – Very Concerned
 Good Zoning – Very Concerned
 Good long range plan – Very Concerned
 Government Ethics – Very Concerned
 Trailers – Very Concerned
 Trash in front yards – Very Concerned

Wildlife Preservation – Very Concerned
 Conservation – Very Concerned
 Taxes – Very Concerned
 Assessments – Very Concerned
 Taxes – Very Concerned
 Valuation/Taxes – Very Concerned
 High Speed Internet – Very Concerned
 Stop Signs – Very Concerned
 True people rep. on county & state level – Very Concerned
 Light Pollution – Very Concerned
 Gun Store run by an insane man – Concerned
 Honest Government – Very Concerned

Cell Tower
 Dumping Litter – Very Concerned
 Light Pollution – Very Concerned
 Protecting Ridgelines
 Ground Water
 Lack of Cell phone service – Very Concerned
 Lack of Cell phone service – Very Concerned
 Lack of internet & cable services – Very Concerned
 Garbage dumping/litter – Very Concerned
 Open Government – Very Concerned
 Functioning town web site – Very Concerned

“Other” list for Question 11 - Which of the following businesses and services would you patronize or support in the Town of Taghkanic?

General Store – Moderate Need	Gun Store – Not Needed	Higher School tax – Opposed to
Gun Shop – Opposed to	Gun Store with wack running it – Not Needed	Higher Property tax – Opposed to
General Store – Moderate Need	Gun Store – Strong Need	Car Repair – Strong Need
Gun Shop – Strong Need	Post Office – Opposed to	Pharmacy – Moderate Need
Gun Shop – Strong Need	Gun Shop – Strong Need	

“Other” list for Question 14 - Should the Town have local controls for the following?

Future Subdivision	Gun Store	Accumulations of visible yard debris
Set backs from Creek	Gun Store with wacko running it	Speed limits
Limits on size of subdivisions	The less government interference the better	Junk on yards & streams
No Pit bulls	Storage of personal property outside	Lowering property tax
Trailers (Mobile Homes)	Trailer Parks	Home businesses
Ensuring Water Quality	Hunting	Bed & Breakfasts
Front Yard junk storage	Quality of life issues	Mobile home parks
Zoning Violations	No Zoning	Target practice on your property
Front lawn free of debris	No loss of property rights	Trailers

“Other” list for Question 17 - Drinking water source: Have you experienced any of the following?

Hard Water – Regularly	Filter	Sand – Rarely
Carbon Flakes – Rarely	Iron & Sulfur – have water filter	Filtered
Hard Water – Regularly	Iron – Regularly	Hard – Regularly
Cloudy – Rarely	Hard – Regularly	Sand – Regularly
Sulfur – Regularly	Hard – Regularly	Cloudy - Rarely

“Other” list for Question 20 - Would you be in favor of any of the following to help Senior Citizens?

Oversight for seniors living alone
Parks
Ambulette Service
Tax Reduction
Senior Advocates
Delivery services for seniors who no longer drive
Medical Center
1st time homeowners

Additional comments made on surveys

Claverack is sufficient for Post Office and Retail Shopping.

New Parks are not important.

What does preservation of Property rights imply/mean (multiple comment).

Business and services not needed as these occur in Greenport and Claverack.

Size and appearance is important for senior and assisted living housing.

Good to share some senior citizen services with other Towns.

Would support a part-time, contracted Grant Writer.

Want less residential density.

What does 3rd party purchase and Town purchase of development rights mean (multiple comment).

Want to see the Town require everyone prior to purchasing real estate receive a flyer about Town's agriculture district and what it means to live in such an area. Both positive and negative aspects like noise, smells, hours of work, animals escaping, slow moving vehicles on the road, etc. Flyer should have a sign and return area indicating understanding.

Too many complaints regarding living next to or near agricultural activities.

Wetlands should be protected as a first priority. No draining, polluting or built on or within.

Open space and preservation of agricultural land should be an important consideration in the Town.

Encourage keeping rural character but allow cluster development.

Received survey on June 3.

Allowing industrial zoning would depend upon building appearance, traffic and being non-polluting.

Applaud a thoughtful process on real, hard issues.

The map is not too accurate.

Don't know current business zoning but should have business zoning in areas like Route 82.

Don't know current subdivision regulations but do not want large-scale subdivisions or cluster housing.

Grant writer would be very important.

We should specialize in businesses and services where we do not compete with other Towns.

My taxes went up 100% in the last 3 years. Want a Grant Writer only if it fixes Hoyle Road.

Schoolbus driver is out of control.

Would like to see Smart Growth.

Assessor is unresponsive to letters.

Did not know there was an animal control officer (multiple comment).

Will not agree to anything that will raise property taxes.

What does excessive speeds on roads mean.

Copy of laws and regulations were not included.

Question 16 is not clear.

Laws regarding unattended pets should be within reason. Not like Stockport or Stuyvesant chicken law.

How can we support the services from question 11.

We already have meals on wheels.

No more housing - sickening - "Save the Country", please.

A Town Hall and Community Center could be combined.

No police but more radar detection.

Should ban mercury vapor lights.

No plastic "Big Box" signs.

Additional comments made on surveys

Taxes given as a reason for leaving primarily due to school, county and state, not Taghkanic as far less than 10% goes to Town.

A Post Office in Taghkanic is very important both from the standpoint of strengthening the town's identity and sense of community, and because it would offer residents from throughout our town the opportunity to congregate and interact on "neutral ground". Retail shopping and public services seem unwarranted as they can be obtained elsewhere. Taghkanic would not be appropriate for a village-like setting.

A public park would be outstanding. Town leaders have exhibited no inclination for the attractive creation and maintenance of a park. Town has an austere mentality.

Don't know what burden on Town services refers to. Historically, town services have been minimal and there seems to be formidable resistance to expanding them. Perhaps more burdens on town services might inspire a revisitation of what the term public service means come election time.

Preservation of property rights is obviously a code term for the specious notion that a property owner has some fundamental and inalienable right to do anything he or she pleases with their land. When we privilege individual property rights over community benefit, the logical progression of conflict dictates that we will steadily degenerate into a community of warring individuals exercising their property rights at the expense of their neighbor.

I'm confused by the suggestion that there is a lack of housing diversity. Most housing stock in town falls between \$100,000 and \$5,000,000. Contrary to this prompt, one of our greatest assets is diversity of housing. Sparsely populated towns such as Taghkanic cannot efficiently offer special services to any high-need group and should not allocate its few public resources in an attempt to do so.

The quality and quantity of public access to Taghkanic's government services is perhaps the least satisfying aspect of living in this town. Town Hall hours are minimal. Saturday hours would be good to accommodate those part-time residents who pay full-time taxes. Officials should post e-mail addresses. Officials are routinely hostile, passive aggressive or rude. Access to town records is gained only through foiling and this is adversarial. Public notification of meetings is often done as late as possible and without helpful information.

Senior Services should be private only, not governmental.

Question regarding age and gender is not relevant and invasive.

Would patronize any local merchants over going to Hudson, and wasting gas.

Rural character and property rights are not inconsistent.

Town seems to be a bit closed to all the talents that are around.

Any additional town services should be volunteer and part time (multiple comment).

Question 14 items are really the obligations of being a good neighbor not things we should enforce by Town law.

Regarding question 23, Ambulance/Rescue Squad and Fire Protection are not town services; the remaining items not relevant – will be addressed at next election.

Regarding property rights, what about overall welfare of the community and the rights of the community as a whole? As population grows this must become the higher consideration if anyone has quality of life.

Increasing the tax base is meaningful only in relation to costs. Costs tend to outstrip tax income when population increases.

It is impractical and not realistic to expect so many nearby services when those businesses will not get enough patrons to cover their expenses.

Having a place for residents to meet learn and interact is important.

Town does not have enough population to make it attractive for a business to open and have enough customers to make a profit.

Enforce existing state and county laws that's enough local control.

Farms are protected by the tax structure. You cannot protect them more if the farmers cannot make a living wage.

Actions and conduct of business by town is not transparent or adequately reported to residents.

Town Hall is not well configured for office holders to have meetings or storage space.

Business zoning is useful in establishing a hub or center and will limit sprawl.

Leave things alone.

Map too small unable to read or locate property (multiple comment).

Age or sex should not matter.

Retail in Taghkanic is not important now, but will be important in the future as gas prices escalate.

Additional comments made on surveys

One survey respondent added categories for "patronize or support" to question 11.

Regarding question 20, when I read this question and those that follow I wonder; where are the questions about children and daycare and nurseries/ preschools and playgrounds, etc.

Regarding question 23 unanswered questions are not relevant to a comprehensive plan survey; these questions get answered at the polls in the future.

We feel the town needs a non-partisan organization to advise us. The Open Space Institute is excellent.

We are in favor of parks and recreation for all ages so there will be greater socialization, but not to have separate facilities.

What are the property rights you are speaking of in the survey?

Taghkanic does not need retail shopping.

May support additional business zoning and industrial zoning if appropriate to Taghkanic.

Already have senior services through county.

A little respect and friendliness would go a long way towards raising satisfaction levels with Town services.

Sometimes a high impatience level with the public is felt at town meetings.

One of our challenges is the large weekend population and understanding the economic implications.

Many of the questions are very confusing.

I am very concerned about preserving the natural beauty of Taghkanic.

Would have liked to see a "not necessarily important" column in the survey.

More business zoning and industrial zoning would be a tragedy.

While scenic views are important it should not encroach on landowner/homeowner property rights.

The question regarding well data is none of your business.

Taghkanic Hills School needs to turn down lights and loudspeakers.

No new positions in town.

When I wanted a 911 sign I could not reach town officials and had to get sign from Copake.

If you own atv's, dirt bikes, or snowmobiles you should be able to do what you want.

Senior services are available through county and office of aging.

Town should be listed in phone book under Taghkanic should have answering machine at Town Hall.

The town should leave things as they are. They are presently protected by state, county, and town regulations do not interfere with free property development.

Too many town regulations already.

We need offices in town hall.

Extremely opposed to malls or box stores in Taghkanic.

We are assessed on the value of other homes in area of comparable or higher prices – why aren't the unkempt houses taken into consideration.

Mail always sent too late for town meetings.

How come Taghkanic has not been modernized?

Our concern is the lack of town services available now not in the future.

Many categories in the survey are unclear.

Concerned about the cost of doing any and all of this.

Very concerned about the implications of purchasing development rights.

Very upset at the poor qualifications and/or background of appointed personnel.

Do not allow Taghkanic to be victimized by the same threat that looms over Copake and Pine Plains. Recommend that strict attention be given to subdivisions and variances applied for by anonymous buyers. Do not waste funds on a beautification of Route 82.